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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 27 September to 4 October 2025. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, two (2) people were murdered in Bujumbura province.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Thursday, September 30, 2025, at around 10 a.m., a lifeless body of an unidentified man of about 60 years old was found lying near the home of a colonel nicknamed Ryara, in the Gikungu rural district, Gihosha zone, Ntakangwa commune, in the province of Bujumbura, in a locality called "*Ku kibarabara kwa Ntiba*".

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's body had his hands tied with a rope and had a gaping wound at the back of his head.

The same sources said that judicial police officers (OPJ) dispatched to carry out the first investigations only searched the pockets of the victim's clothes before taking away his national identity card, leaving the body on the spot.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for an immediate, thorough and impartial investigation to identify the victim and discover the perpetrators of the crime so that they can be brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law.

- On Friday, October 3, 2025, at around 4 a.m., Police Colonel Stany Niyizonkiza shot and killed a man known as Christophe Nimbona at his home in the Gisyo district, Kanyosha zone, Mugere commune, Bujumbura province.

According to local sources, residents of the Gisyo district heard gunshots and alerted policemen at the Kanyosha police station. These policemen, accompanied by the Gisyo district chief, then went to the home of Colonel Stany Niyizonkiza from where the shots had been fired and found the body of Christophe Nimbona (native of Mutambu in Bujumbura province) lying on the ground, in a pool of blood. The police colonel tried to explain the tragedy by the fact that the victim had come to steal his chickens, taking advantage of the darkness, due to the power cut at the time.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of a thorough, profound and impartial investigation in order to elucidate the circumstances of the murder of Christophe Nimbona, to bring the perpetrator of this crime to justice and to punish him in accordance with the law.

SOS-Torture/Burundi was initiated with the aim of informing national and international opinion about the serious human rights violations underway in Burundi through monitoring reports, particularly on torture, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, sexual violence and summary executions.

This initiative to inform about the realities of the country followed the carnage of a hundred people killed during the day of December 11 and December 12, 2015 by police and soldiers under the pretext of pursuing rebels who had just attacked military camps located on the outskirts of the capital.

The affected areas are said to be protest areas of President Nkurunziza's third term, namely Musaga, Mutakura, Cibitoke, Nyakabiga, Jabe, the last two being located in the center of the Bujumbura City Hall.