

## **SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 519 PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

This report of SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 15 to 22 November 2025. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, four (4) people were murdered in the provinces of Bujumbura and Gitega.

The report also denounces the case of one (1) person who was kidnapped in the province of Bujumbura.

### **1. Violation of the right to life**

- On Thursday, November 13, 2025, in the morning, the lifeless body horribly mutilated of a young agricultural worker known as Labani Nsengiyumva, 19 years old, was found in an irrigation canal of rice fields on the hill and zone of Gihanga, commune of Mpanda, in the commune of Bujumbura.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's body was found tied up, his eyes gouged out, and had numerous machete wounds.

The same sources said that the young Labani Nsengiyumva had been missing for three days, precisely when he had just been released on the evening of November 10, 2025, after a week of detention in the cell of the Gihanga communal police station. Her employer, an Imbonerakure named Ayloy Akimana, had accused him, without proof, of having stolen two rabbits, a chicken and a sum of five hundred thousand Burundian francs (500,000 FBU). After Labani Nsengiyumva was released on the enlistment of his parents, Ayloy Akimana threatened to kill him herself. His body rests in the morgue of Mpanda General Hospital

SOS-Torture Burundi has learned that the alleged perpetrator Ayloy Akimana will be detained for investigative reasons.

The organization is calling for a thorough and impartial investigation to determine the exact circumstances of the killing, identify the perpetrators and punish them in accordance with the law.

- On Saturday, November 15, 2025, in the morning, the lifeless body of Emmanuel Rucumuhimba, 70 years old, was found in a coffee field located about 500 meters from his home on Rutegama hill, Buhevuyi zone, Rutegama commune, Gitega province.

According to eyewitnesses, Emmanuel Rucumuhimba's body was decapitated by as-yet-unidentified individuals who also stole his bicycle and a bag of rice that he had just shelled. Neighbors of Emmanuel Rucumuhimba say that he had just won a land dispute case at the court of residence against some members of his family.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of a thorough and impartial investigation in order to identify the perpetrators of the crime and punish them in accordance with the law.

- On Sunday, November 16, 2025, in the morning, the lifeless body of Isaac Nahimana, 27, was found in a house under construction in the Masenga district in the commune and province of Gitega.

According to eyewitnesses, a rope was found near the victim's body. Residents of the Masenga district believe that Isaac Nahimana was killed elsewhere by individuals who have not yet been identified, then his body brought back to that place in order to simulate a suicide and thus distort the leads of a possible investigation.

- On Monday, November 17, 2025, in the morning, the lifeless body of an unidentified young man, in his twenties, was found in a gutter in the Zege district of the commune and province of Gitega.

According to the Zege district chief, the perpetrators and motives for the murder remain to be determined. No suspects have been arrested. The body was evacuated to the morgue of the Gitega Regional Hospital pending burial.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for a thorough and impartial investigation to elucidate the exact circumstances of these killings and identify those responsible so that they can be brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law.

## 2. Cases of abduction or enforced disappearance

- On Friday, November 21, 2025, in the afternoon, around 5 p.m., a young man known as Yves Irakoze, 27 years old, has been abducted as he was at his service at the "Restaurant-Traiteur chez Béa" in the Kinindo district, south of the city of Bujumbura.

According to members of his family, Yves Irakoze, originally from the Gasenyi district, Muyinga commune, in the province of Buhumuza and residing in the Asian quarter in the city of Bujumbura, received a phone call and immediately informed his colleagues that he was temporarily absent to answer a call. Since that day, no one has seen him again.

Members of his family tried to locate Yves Irakoze's phone and found that it was near the Regina Mundi Cathedral, suggesting that it could be at the headquarters of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in Bujumbura.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the General Administration of the National Intelligence Service to communicate the place of detention of Yves Irakoze.



## SOS - Torture/Burundi

*Monitoring sur les cas de torture, les arrestations arbitraires, les disparitions forcées et les exécutions sommaires au Burundi*

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.