



SOS - Torture/Burundi

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This report of SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 13 to 20 December 2025. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, one (1) man was seriously injured by his wife in Bujumbura province.

The report also notes the case of one (1) teacher who was kidnapped by agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) and the Imbonerakure in the province of Gitega.

1. Violation of the right to physical integrity

- On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at around 5 a.m., a police officer known as Police Corporal Suavis Nshimirimana seriously injured her husband Pierre Nihorimbere, by pouring hot water on him (see photos) below). The victim is also an officer of the Burundi National Police (PNB). The incident occurred at their home, located in the Nyabagere district, Gihosha area, Ntakangwa commune, in the province of Bujumbura.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for an impartial investigation to arrest and punish the perpetrator in accordance with the law.



2. Cases of abduction or enforced disappearance

- On Sunday, December 14, 2025, at around 4 a.m., agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR), in collaboration with Imbonerakure ¹, abducted Tharcisse Ndirekuramba (42), a teacher at Saint Pierre de Nyangwa High School, in Gishubi commune of Gitega province, and drove him to an unknown destination in a double-cab pickup truck with tinted windows without license plates.

According to eyewitnesses, three SNR agents, one of whom was in PNB uniform, accompanied by two Imbonerakure named Augustin (director of the Rubamvyi primary school) and Sosthène (local SNR informant), burst into their vehicle at the residence² of Tharcisse Ndirekuramba (also an activist of a wing of the CNL³ party near Agathon Rwaswa) on the hill of Kariba, commune of Mwaro, in the province of Gitega. They woke him up immediately, without presenting a warrant and gave him

¹ Members of the youth league affiliated to the ruling party, the National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD).

² His home is in the city of Bujumbura.

³ National Congress for Freedom.



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some time to get dressed. Then, they tied him with his hands behind his back with a rope before unceremoniously loading him into their vehicle.

According to family members, no information has been provided on the whereabouts of his detention or the reasons for his abduction.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the General Administration of the SNR to reveal the fate and place of detention of Tharcisse Ndirekuramba.

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.