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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 27 December 2025 to 3 January 2026. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, one (1) person was abducted by agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) and the Imbonerakure¹ in the province of Bujumbura.

1. Cases of abduction or enforced disappearance

- On Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at around 7:45 a.m., agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in uniforms of the Burundi National Police (PNB) and Imbonerakure in civilian clothes abducted Bosco Nyandwi alias Ntaco (45), married and father of 12 children, while he was waiting for a means of transport on the Bujumbura-Bubanza Road in Muzinda to go to Bubanza for a land trial in court.

According to eyewitnesses, Bosco Nyandwi, a resident of 12th Avenue on Kirekura Hill in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura province, left his home to go to the Bubanza court for a land trial. Arriving on the road leading to Bubanza, a white double-cab SNR vehicle with veiled license plates, looking new, stopped in front of him and six agents abruptly disembarked and threw Bosco Nyandwi into this vehicle before storming back to an unknown destination in the direction of the city of Bujumbura.

The same sources said that before his arrest, an Imbonerakure known as Jean de Dieu Sibonama was seen prowling around Bosco Nyandwi's home, communicating with his phone. Residents of Muzinda then apprehended him after the kidnapping of Bosco Nyandwi and took him to the police station for an interrogation that led to the

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).



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identification of two of the kidnappers, a soldier called Pacifique Bigirimana and a well-known Imbonerakure in the locality named Amos Niyokwizera.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the General Administration of the SNR to reveal the fate and place of detention of Bosco Nyandwi as well as the reason for his abduction.

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.

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