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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 14 to 21 March 2026. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, one (1) person was murdered in Gitega province.

The report also denounces the case of one (1) girl who was raped in the province of Burunga.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Saturday, March 14, 2026, in the morning, the lifeless body of a young teenager identified as Cédric Irankunda, 14 years old, was found on Kanyonga hill, in the commune and province of Gitega.

According to eyewitnesses, the body of Cédric Irankunda was discovered in a small bush and had injuries, particularly in the lower limbs. Residents of Kanyonga Hill say the boy had been missing since March 12, 2026. The circumstances of this death remain unclear.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for an immediate and thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of the crime and punish them in accordance with the law.

2. Gender-based violence

- On Sunday, March 15, 2026, during the day, a 5-year-old child named Joyeuse Inyishu was raped by an individual not yet identified at her parents' home located on the hill of Nyagasaka, Buruhukiro zone, commune of Rumonge, in the province of Burunga.



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According to the victim's neighbours, the child was found crying alone at home while her parents were working in the fields. They then inspected the child and noticed traces of blood on his clothes and on his private parts. The victim was immediately taken to the Nyagasaka health center for medical care, but the circumstances and the perpetrator of this sexual assault remain to be determined.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of an immediate and thorough investigation to identify and arrest the perpetrator of this rape so that he can be brought to justice and punished 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.