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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 28 February to 7 March 2026. 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.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, in the morning, two lifeless bodies of young Imbonerakure¹, Ndayishimiye Kondo, 30 years old, and Nsabimana alias Kadogo, 31 years old, were found on Ngoma hill, Rubona zone, Mugina commune, in the province of Bujumbura, near the Ruhwa River, on the border with Rwanda, not far from the district of Bweyeye.

According to eyewitnesses, the two Imbonerakure were killed with sticks and clubs and their bodies bore deep wounds on their faces. Local administrative authorities suspect the Imbonerakure of the locality of being the perpetrators of this double crime and evoke the suspicions of involvement of the victims in smuggling activities, a version denied by the families and neighbors of the deceased who claim to know the alleged perpetrators of the murder of these young Imbonerakure.

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

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

- On Sunday, March 1, 2026, during the day, the lifeless body of a man known as Cyriaque Manirambona, 44 years old, widower and father of 5 children, was discovered on the hill of Mugutu, in the commune and province of Gitega, some twenty meters from his home.

According to eyewitnesses, the perpetrators and motives for the crime have not yet been clarified. The victim's body was buried the same day.

- On Sunday, March 1, 2026, in the night, a night watchman named Raphaël Ndaruzaniye, 70 years old, was killed with clubs by unidentified individuals in the commune and province of Gitega.

According to police sources, the killers first forced the doors of a shop he was guarding and also stole several goods, including 120 kg of rice, 150 kg of beans and a scale. The body of the victim was transferred to the morgue of the regional hospital of Gitega.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of these crimes, bring them to justice and punish them in accordance with the law.



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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.