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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 21 to 28 March 2026. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

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

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Friday, March 27, 2026, in the night, a young Imbonerakure[1] identified as Innocent Nahimana stabbed to death a young man known as Elvis Ndikuriyo, 28, on the hill of Nkanda, in the Bugendana commune of Gitega province.

  The circumstances and motive for this murder remain to be determined.

  SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of an immediate, independent and thorough investigation in order to arrest the perpetrator of the crime, bring him to justice and punish him in accordance with the law.

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[1] *The Imbonerakure League is a youth political movement affiliated to the ruling party, the National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD).*

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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