

SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 533 PUBLISHED ON MARCH 01, 2026

This report of SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 21 to 28 February 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 mentions a case of one (1) person who is missing in the province of Bujumbura.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Friday, February 20, 2026, during the day, the lifeless body of a woman identified as Jeanine Nkuzimana, 25 years old, was found lying in the Nyakijanda River, on the hill of Buhinda, in the commune and province of Gitega.

According to eyewitnesses, the body of Jeanine Nkuzimana, from the same hill, was in an advanced state of decomposition. Family members say the young woman had been missing since February 15, 2026 and believe she was killed elsewhere before her assassins abandoned her body there.

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

2. Case of abduction or enforced disappearance

- Since the evening of Monday, February 23, 2026, Gabriel Ndikumana, a driver with the NGO¹ World Vision in Cankuzo in the province of Buhumuza, has been missing

¹ Non-governmental organization.



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and his service vehicle was found parked in front of the Alexstel Hotel located in the Nyakabiga district of Bujumbura where he was staying during his service mission.

According to family members and colleagues, Gabriel Ndikumana left the hotel on the evening of February 23 for dinner and never returned. Since then, his phones have remained switched off. His relatives say that Gabriel Ndikumana had no known dispute or political commitment that would have motivated his enforced disappearance.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the police to immediately initiate a thorough investigation to find the fate of Gabriel Ndikumana and to reveal the place where he would be detained in case there is any offence against him.

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.