

SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI REPORT NO. 546 PUBLISHED ON MAY 31, 2026

This SOS-Torture Burundi report covers the period from 23 to 30 May 2026. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, two (2) informants of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) were kidnapped in the province of Bujumbura.

1. Cases of abduction or enforced disappearance

- On Friday, May 22, 2026, at around 7 p.m., two informants of the National Intelligence Service (SNR), Vincent Nsengiyumva alias Master and Anicet Nsengiyumva were kidnapped by as-yet-unidentified individuals while they were sharing a glass of beer with their friend named Franck, another military intelligence informant (G2), in a bar-restaurant called Mina Resto Bar located in district I of Nyabugete, Ruziba zone, commune of Mugere, in the province of Bujumbura.

According to eyewitnesses, Anicet Nsengiyumva, 44 years old, a resident of the Nyabugete district, received a phone call asking him to go downstairs. He then asked his friend Vincent Nsengiyumva, 33 years old and living in the Kinama zone, to accompany him to see these people who had just called him, while their companion Franck remained on the spot.

Since that moment, Anicet Nsengiyumva and Vincent Nsengiyumva have disappeared suddenly. Nevertheless, an astonishing fact, Anicet's VOXY-type vehicle, FA9379 with license plate, was found abandoned at Nyabugete Beach, very close to Lake Tanganyika, with the ignition key and their mobile phones inside. This vehicle was later recovered by police officers from Kanyosha position.

Sources from Nyabugete claim to have seen individuals in a white double-cab van who abducted Vincent Nsengiyumva and Anicet Nsengiyumva and drove them to an unknown destination.



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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 calls on the police and administrative authorities to carry out an immediate and thorough investigation to find the traces of these SNR informants and communicate on their fate.

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.