

REPORT NO. 555 OF SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI PUBLISHED ON 2 AUGUST 2026

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 25 July to 1 August 2026. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, two (2) people were killed in the provinces of Bujumbura and Gitega.

1. Violation of the Right to life

- On Saturday, July 25, 2026, at around 10:00 p.m., the lifeless body of Désiré Nsabimana, a married man and father of two children, was discovered on the hill and zone of Muramba, in Bubanza commune of the Bujumbura province.

According to members of his family, Désiré Nsabimana received a telephone call that evening before leaving his home. He was later found dead, having sustained severe head injuries, apparently inflicted with a spike.

His body was transported that night to the Muramba Health Center, before being transferred the next day to the morgue of the Bubanza Hospital.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to promptly open an independent, impartial, thorough, and effective investigation in order to identify the perpetrators of this murder, to shed light on the circumstances of this crime and to bring those responsible to justice, in accordance with the law.

- On Monday, July 27, 2026, in the morning, children who were going to the Nyakararo Valley to water crops discovered the lifeless body of a young man identified as Buzoya, 23 years old, on Buhandu hill, in Gishubi commune, in Gitega province.

According to eyewitnesses, the young man was stabbed to death by unidentified individuals and had injuries to his nose and abdomen. The perpetrators of this murder have not been identified. He was preparing to celebrate his wedding next September.

The same sources said that the body of the young Buzoya was buried on the same day it was discovered, even though the circumstances and motive for the crime had not yet been established.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to immediately open an independent, impartial, effective and thorough investigation to establish the circumstances of this murder, identify the alleged perpetrators and bring them to justice, in accordance with the law.

SOS-Torture/Burundi was established with the aim of informing national and international opinion about the serious human rights violations taking place in Burundi through monitoring reports, particularly on torture, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, sexual violence, and summary executions.

This initiative to raise awareness about the realities in the country followed the massacre of around one hundred people on December 11 and 12, 2015. The victims were killed by police and soldiers under the pretext of pursuing rebels who had allegedly attacked military camps located on the outskirts of the capital.

The affected neighborhoods were reportedly those that had opposed President Nkurunziza's third term, namely Musaga, Mutakura, Cibitoke, Nyakabiga, and Jabe, the latter two being located in the center of Bujumbura City.