

SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI REPORT NO. 565 PUBLISHED ON 12 OCTOBER 2026

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 4 to 11 October 2026. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, one (1) person was murdered in the province of Burunga, one (1) young schoolgirl was raped by an Imbonerakure¹ in the province of Bujumbura and one (1) refugee from the Banyamulenge community was kidnapped by agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in the province of Buhumuza.

These new cases are in addition to those documented in the previous report, which reported two (2) cases of murder in Buhumuza province, one (1) assault of a journalist by police officers in Bujumbura province as well as one (1) kidnapping of a person by individuals in police uniforms in the same province of Bujumbura.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Wednesday, October 7, 2026, in the morning, a lifeless body of an unidentified woman, aged about 70, was discovered in the waters of Lake Tanganyika, near the Minago zone, in Rumonge commune, Burunga province.

According to local administrative sources, the circumstances of the death of this woman, who is believed to be from the Minago zone, have not yet been clarified.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to shed light on the exact circumstances of this death and to open an independent, credible and thorough investigation without delay in order to identify the victim and possible perpetrators of the crime.

¹ Members of the Youth League affiliated to the ruling CNDD-FDD (National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy) party.

2. Violation of the right to physical and sexual integrity: case of rape of a minor

- On Monday, September 7, 2026, at around 8 p.m., a 12-year-old girl, a student in the fourth grade, was raped by Jean Marie Minani, nicknamed "Bidodo", chief of the Imbonerakure, on the hill of Buhurika, in the Musigati zone, Bubanza commune, Bujumbura province.

According to eyewitnesses, Jean Marie Minani raped the girl in a bush near a public fountain where she had gone to fetch water. Imbonerakure on a night patrol caught him in the act of rape, then arrested him and took him to the cell in the commune of Musigati for the purposes of the investigation, while the victim was taken to the local health center for psycho-medical care.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to open an impartial investigation, bring the alleged perpetrator to justice and punish him in accordance with the law.

It also urges them to guarantee the victim appropriate medical and psychological care and protection of his moral and physical integrity.

3. Case of Kidnapping or Disappearance

- On Friday, October 2, 2026, at around 12:30 p.m., Pastor Alexis David Musore (see his photo below), a 45-year-old Congolese refugee from the Banyamurlenge community who has been living in the Bwagiriza camp since 2011, in Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province, was arbitrarily arrested at his home by agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR). The latter then took him in their vehicle to an unknown destination.



According to members of his family, Alexis David Musore, born in Masata, in the group of Bijombo, territory of Uvira, province of South Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). His arrest, which amounted to a kidnapping, took place in the presence of his wife, without these SNR agents presenting him with an arrest warrant or providing him with explanations on the reasons for his arrest.

The same sources said they had no trace of Alexis David Musore since his arrest and that they searched for him in all the cells, without success.

The SNR agents also snatched his two phones: his personal phone and the one he used in his telephone money transfer business. Apart from this commercial activity, Alexis David Musore carries out pastoral functions within the Community of the Assemblies of God in Burundi.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to shed light on the disappearance of Alexis David Musore, to reveal without delay his place of

detention, to guarantee his physical and moral integrity and to proceed with his immediate release, in the absence of sufficient charges.

It also calls on the same authorities to prevent all forms of arbitrary and incommunicado detention, and to ensure that those responsible for this arrest are identified and prosecuted in accordance with the law.

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.