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

During this period, five (5) people were severely beaten, then arbitrarily arrested and detained in the same province of Bujumbura.

These new cases are in addition to those documented in the previous report, which reported one (1) child killed and one (1) injured by a grenade explosion in Bujumbura province and two (2) Burundi National Police officers arbitrarily arrested and detained in the same Bujumbura province.

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## 1. Violation of the right to physical integrity and the right to freedom of movement

- On Monday, October 26, 2026, at around 8 p.m., Noël Nshimirimana, chief of the Cabiza hill, in the Mudubugu zone, Mpanda commune, Bujumbura province, accompanied by Imbonerakure[1], violently beat five people: Jean Miburo alias "*Masogisi*", Issa, François Butoyi, Christine named "*Kiramvu*" and a person nicknamed "*Mbarasi*". The facts took place at the 2nd transversal of the Cabiza hill, during a spontaneous demonstration aimed at denouncing the illegal reallocation of certain plots that had been incorporated, for more than 10 years, in the Rukoko nature reserve.

  According to eyewitnesses, the chief of the Cabiza hill is said to have allocated, on the basis of corruption, plots of land to people who were not involved in the

[1] *Members of the Youth League affiliated to the ruling party, the National Council for the Defence of Democracy-Forces for the Defence of Democracy (CNDD-FDD).*

expropriation process by the Burundi Office for the Protection of the Environment (OBPE)

, including people from the city of Bujumbura, Gihanga and Mpanda.

The same sources specify that the five people arrested, considered to be the leaders of this popular protest movement, were arbitrarily arrested at around 10 p.m., then taken to the Gihanga police in the vehicle of the head of the Cabiza hill. They were released two days later, on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to take urgent and appropriate measures to help the populations in distress and to punish those responsible, 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.