



Burundian Association for the Protection of Human Rights and Detainees, "APRODH"

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I. INTRODUCTION

Our report gives an account of the human rights situation in Burundi, by noting in particular the various human rights violations committed in different localities during the month of September 2022.

- Our report proceeds above all through a contextual analysis of the security, political, legal and social situation in our country.
- Then, it pays particular attention to cases of violations of the right to life and physical integrity of persons, by dealing with:
 - cases of people killed and people injured, while highlighting as much as possible the categories of perpetrators,
 - cases of torture, inhuman, cruel and degrading treatment,
 - cases of SGBV in general and those of rape in particular.
- Finally, we analyse the prison situation at the end of September before concluding on a proposal of some ways to improve the human rights situation in Burundi.

II. SECURITY, POLITICAL, LEGAL, SOCIAL CONTEXT.

II.1. security context.

At the security level, the main factors disturbing the peace and tranquillity of the population were, in places, the following:

1-Bururi province, Rutovu commune: Two people injured.

September 1, 2022, in the morning, on Munyinya hill, Muzenga zone, Ruvunzo Jean Claude and Eddy Habimana, from the same parent were injured with a machete by Eloge Niyoyankunze, Kevin Bigabo and the named Igor. The victims fell into an ambush, not far from their home, by these two men when they were going to supervise their employees who were preparing the charcoal. Eddy was seriously injured in the head and his Android phone and a sum of 500,000 FBU were stolen by the same group. Land disputes between their families were at the root of this incident. These attackers were arrested and taken to the cell of the communal police station in Rutovu.

2-Bujumbura Mairie province, Ntakangwa commune: More than 50 motorbikes burned.

On September 8, 2022, at the terminus of 12th avenue, Kamenge zone, more than 50 motorcycles, which were in a queue to be served with fuel at Gabriel Ntisezerana's BUPP service station caught fire. The owners are demanding compensation as soon as possible because this station was insured.

3- Kirundo Province:

✚ Wicked destruction of banana plantations in Bugabira commune.

On the night of September 9, 2022, on Rusugi sub-hill, Ruhehe hill, a 250m by 30m banana plantation belonging to Aloys Bigirimana was destroyed by unidentified people. The police and the administration conducted investigations to identify the perpetrators of this crime.

✚ Eight cows killed in Bugabira commune.

September 11, 2022, on Gitwe hill, Kigoma zone, 8 cows belonging to François Mushengezi, a former internally displaced, who voluntarily returned to his hill, were killed in the barn by unidentified people. No investigation has been made to identify the perpetrators.

✚ Ransoming of traders in Kirundo commune.

September 24, 2022, around 10 am, in the city center, Kirundo commune, a group of Imbonerakure forced traders who did not show up for community work to pay a sum ranging from 1,000 to 5,000 FBU. No receipt was issued to them. Shops belonging to Mbera, Nizigama, Nkuranga and Nkinzingabo respectively were closed for failure to pay the ransom.

4-Mwaro province, Bisoro commune: Three people injured

September 19, 2022, around 11 p.m., on Kanka hill, Vianney Irankunda, Emmanuel Nshimirimana and Emile Nkurunziza alias Siyoni, trader at the Kanka center who were returning home from the cabaret at Emile Nkurunziza alias Siyoni, were injured following an explosion of a grenade thrown by unknown persons. These wounded were first taken to the Kanka health center before being transferred the next day to Kibumbu hospital for surgery. No suspects were apprehended.

5-Cibitoke Province

✚ **Two miners killed in Bukinyana commune, September 22, 2022,** on the Bumba hill and zone, Claude Ciza and the named Mpawe were killed following the landslides. Local residents tried to rescue them but failed due to heavy rain. They were buried by their families.

✚ **Three miners killed in Murwi commune, September 26, 2022,** on Gisaba hill, Buhindo zone, Gérard Nganji, Japhet Sinarinzi and the named Karikurubu, were killed following landslides. They were buried by their families.

6-Province and commune Kayanza: A beaten child

September 25, 2022, on Kirema hill, Kayanza commune and province, Parfait Iteriteka, aged 12, was beaten with a big stick by his father, Cyprien Minani, for not having washed his clothes which he had entrusted. His right arm was fractured. The child was taken to Kayanza hospital by his parents for medical treatment.

II.2. From the political context.

1- Kayanza province, Gatara commune: Prohibition of three hill notables from the CNL party to take an oath

On September 22, 2022, on Rubagabaga hill, Hassan Ngabiye, Jérôme Barakamfitiye and Chantal Manirakiza from Gisyo hill, elected officials from the CNL party were banned from taking the oath as notables elected on September 12, by hill chiefs, members of the CNDD-FDD party. They were replaced by members of the CNDD-FDD party who followed them on the list. They were accused of having cheated on the required age (at least 35 years old to be notable hillside).

2-All the provinces of Burundi: Demonstration march

September 24, 2022, in the capitals of all the provinces of the country, the provincial authorities organized demonstration marches to thank the President of the Republic, Evariste Ndayishimiye for his actions. By way of illustration:

- ✚ **In Karuzi province**, the participants in this demonstration march were mainly made up of Imbonerakure and CNDD-FDD members who wore their party's uniforms. In his speech, the Governor of this province indicated that the people of Karuzi strongly support the president and the new government. The governor indicated that the population is against those who want to disturb the peace and those who have no respect for the president.
- ✚ **In Bujumbura-Mairie**, the demonstration march was organized by the Bujumbura Mairie Provincial Section of the CNDD-FDD, under the responsibility of the National Secretary of the CNDD-FDD party in charge of political, administrative and legal affairs, Godeliève Nininahazwe. In the background of the speech and the slogans, the demonstrators supported the action of HE Evariste Ndayishimiye (General Major), President of Burundi, and President of the Council of Elders of the said party who, according to them, has achieved, in recent days, a brushstrokes towards many Bagumyabanga who forgot to be political representatives, preferring to become real wheeler-dealers.

II.3. From the social context.

Here, we will target the management of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as governance attitudes administrative observed in the administration during the month of September 2022.

1- On the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic in Burundi

In Burundi, COVID-19 has been brought under control. However, respecting and applying barrier measures remains a social problem. Similarly, awareness sessions are no longer carried out by the authorized services.

2-Muramvya province and commune: Misappropriation of 8 bags of sugar

September 1, 2022, on Burambana hill, Jérôme Bigiraneza alias Simeyoni, head of Burambana hill, CNDD-FDD party member, was arrested by the Provincial Police Commissioner, Police Colonel Edouard Mukoko. He had just been surprised in possession of 8 bags of sugar at his home when he was supposed to have distributed it on his hill. He was released by the Public Prosecutor a few days later.

3-Karuzi Province

✚ ***Commune Gitaramuka: Authorities accused of embezzlement of funds intended for the rehabilitation of schools***

September 7, 2022, around 4 pm, Serges Ntungumburane, aged 42, DCE from Gitaramuka and Félix Nshimirimana, aged 31, communal engineer from Gitaramuka, all members of the CNDD-FDD party, were arrested by police officers on an arrest warrant from the Public Prosecutor of the République in Karuzi and were taken to the commune jail in Gitaramuka. They were accused of embezzling 17,000. 000 FBU, funds intended for the rehabilitation of certain classes of public establishments in this municipality. These funds had been given to the schools by the NGO PADESCO which supports the Ministry of Education.

✚ ***Bugenyuzi commune: Administrative officials involved in the ransom***

September 15, 2022, on Gashanga hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karuzi province, a 43-year-old CNDD-FDD party member, Soter, was caught at his home with several bunches of bananas he had just stolen from his neighbors. Soter has been caught several times in fields stealing. The hill authorities imposed a fine of 175,000 FBU on him, which he paid after selling a piece of his property.

4-Makamba province, Nyanza-lake commune

September 25, 2022, during a meeting of the Communal Council of Nyanza-lac, Marie Goreth Irankunda, Administrator of this commune was accused of embezzlement. In September 2020, the municipal council had voted in 2020 a budget for the purchase of a motorcycle used for travel for the recovery of municipal taxes. This authority, on the contrary, rented its own motorbike. Fuel and all costs related to repairs are borne by the municipality in addition to 10,000 FBU of daily rental and this constitutes a shortfall of more than 7,000,000 FBU for the rental costs of this motorcycle alone.

5-Muyinga province and commune: Seizure of a stock of hidden drinks

September 21, 2022, from 4 pm to 6 pm, during a search carried out by the provincial police station of Muyinga in collaboration with the communal and provincial administrative authorities in a construction site of Asumani Bucumi located at the Mukoni sub-hill, Kwibuye hill, 270 lockers filled with Primus beer, 49 lockers filled with large Amstel, 29 lockers filled with Amstel bock, 10 lockers filled with Viva, 116 lockers with Fanta were seized during a search.

6-Kirundo province, Bwambarangwe commune: Arrest of a provincial chief of Imbonerakure for corruption

September 27, 2022, on Budahunga hill, Abraham Bucumi, provincial leader of the Imbonerakure was arrested and taken to Ngozi prison by intelligence agents from Bujumbura Mairie. They accused him of having distributed a sum of 5,000,000 FBU that Abraham had given him to corrupt members of the communal council. This money was distributed in full meeting of the said council whose object was to dismiss Kanyoni, communal Administrator. The latter had been accused of having sold an electric pump granted to the cooperatives of members of the Imbonerakure militia of this commune to irrigate their fields.

On September 30, 2022, the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, Martin Ninteretse sent a letter to the Governor of Kirundo province for the observation of the vacancy of the post of Communal Administrator of Bwambarangwe and to organize elections to replace the fallen authority.

7-Ngozi province and commune: Seizure of drugs

September 27, 2022, around 6 pm, on Rusuguti hill, the police who ensure the security of COCO Ngozi arrested two people including Jeannette Kamariza, aged 33, on board of Toyota RAV4 vehicle registered E 3754 A coming from Rwanda, transporting a large batch of drugs. The owners of these drugs were on board of this vehicle and were arrested and taken to the COCO Ngozi cell.

II.4. From the judicial context

During the month of September 2022, the number of people arbitrarily arrested and illegally detained by Imbonerakure, intelligence agents, administrative officials continued to increase overnight according to the testimonies of the population. But, because these people are often arrested clandestinely, only a few cases could be identified by our human rights observers. Four cases of kidnappings were recorded. In this section, we will also present cases of people convicted in flagrante delicto judgments.

In short and without being exhaustive, at least 68 people were arbitrarily arrested and illegally detained, 4 people were abducted and 6 people tried and sentenced to heavy sentences by TGI, throughout the month of September 2022.

II.4.1. People arbitrarily arrested by Imbonerakure, National Intelligence Service agents and administrative officials.

DATE	LOCALITY	VICTIMS	REASON INVOKED or SUPPOSED	COMMENTS
September 3, 2022	On Nyentakara hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province,	Léonce Sakubu, member of the CNL party	Fuel fraud	He was arrested and taken to the cell of the communal police station in Kayogoro by Antoine Ndayiragije, administrator of Kayogoro commune, accompanied by some members of the Imbonerakure militia from this hill. His household was searched and searched without a warrant by this municipal authority. He was released on September 7, 2022, on the order of the Regional Police Commissioner in the south of the country.
On September 6, 2022,	On Musema hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province	Jérédie Ndayizeye, Medical Director of this hospital, Janvier Kadodo in charge of management and Ernest, pharmacist	Accused of embezzlement of approximately 150,000,000 FBU.	They were arrested and taken to the police station of the PJ Kayanza. The staff of this hospital reportedly sent correspondence to the authorities, including the administrator of Butaganzwa commune, Janvière Kanyana, the Chief Medical Officer of the Musema Health District and the Medical Director of the province Health of Kayanza, Dr Pascal Niyonzima, in which he denounced the authoritarian attitude of Dr Jérédie Ndayizeye and his interference in the accounting services as well as his mismanagement of the finances allocated to this hospital establishment.
September 11, 2022, around 7 pm	On Kivuvu hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province	-Eric Sikubwabo, 20 years old and Juvénal Sibomana, 28 years old, all of Rwandan nationality, -Simon Manirakiza, 40 years old, Burundian, shopkeeper	Illicit cross-border trade	They were arrested and taken to the Kabarore communal cell. Simon had provided the two Rwandans with 97 kilograms of beans they were carrying. The next day, all three were taken to the cell of the Kayanza police station located on Kinga hill in the commune and province of Kayanza.
September 13, 2022	On Musenyi hill, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province	César Niyonganji, 14 years old and Anselme Ngendakumana, 15 years old	These two children were accused of stealing two piglets	They were arrested and taken to Nyabiraba commune police station cell by police officers. The two children showed where they had sold these piglets and whoever had bought them was able to be reimbursed while the owner of the piglets collected them. Even though their parents repaid the money, these children remained detained in the cell.
September 17, 2022,	Commune Rutana	Niyongabo, trader	Refusal to give up his diesel canister to the Governor who demanded it - Denigration of an authority	He was arrested by the Governor of Rutana province who took him to the Rutana communal police station cell. Niyongabo was carrying a can of fuel oil when he met the Governor, Olivier Nibitanga. Niyongabo was released on September 20, 2022.

<i>September 19, 2022, around 9 pm</i>	On Buruhukiro sub-hill, Musagara hill, Muramvya commune and province	Honoré Ntandobeke, 51years-old, single, member of the MSD party, demobilized, ex-FAB	Collaboration with rebels.	<i>He</i> was abducted from his home before being taken to jail by people including Ernest nicknamed Kinogo, demobilized, ex-FAB aboard a Toyota Probox brand vehicle. The kidnappers who were in this vehicle arrived at the entrance to Honoré Ntandobeke's home. Ernest called Honoré who came to meet him. Honoré was immediately tied up and shouted for help before being pushed into the vehicle which then drove at full speed. Alert to the police by neighbors, vehicle intercepted in Bugarama Honoré brought back to Muramvya and taken to the dungeon before transferring him to Muramvya prison after questioning with the prosecutor
<i>September 27, 2022</i>	On Mukoro hill, Bugendana zone and commune, Gitega province	Naboth Irankunda, 14years-old , and Trésor Kubwimana, 16 years-old	Accused of stealing maize belonging to the ANAGESA Project	They were arrested and taken to the jail of the Judicial Police of Bugendana commune after being interviewed by the OPJ Burikukiye in the presence of their parents and the Communal Representative of FENADEB. They admitted the facts.
<i>September 27, 2022</i>	Muha Commune, Bujumbura City	Etienne Sahabo, Lawyer Sandra Ndayizeye, Béatrice Baranyizigiye, Claver Manonko, Notary Didace Rudaragi and Innocent Museremu	. All are being prosecuted in the Kira Hospital case	They were arrested and interviewed by the Muha Republic Prosecutor's Office, Bujumbura Mairie. Except for Museremu, Head of Internal Intelligence at the SNR, and the notary Rudaragi who were released around noon, the others were interviewed until 9 pm. These people joined Christophe Sahabo who had been arrested a few months before.
<i>September 28, 2022,</i>	On Nyenzi hill, Gatonde zone, Nyabikere commune, Karuzi province	Aaron Ndayizeye, 29 years old and Aurélie Kubwimana, 27 years old, all members of the CNDD-FDD party, respectively hill representative and district chief	Escape forward: Jeanne Helene Ndereyimana resorts to the administrator, her friend, to thwart these people who have come for the reconciliation with a parent whose child she had beaten	They were arrested and taken to the commune cell on the order of the administrator, Claudine Murekerisoni. As Héléne has relations with the administrator, she went to lodge a complaint with the administrator, telling him that these administrators at the base had beaten her. The administrator ordered them to be arrested without questioning them

<i>September 28, 2022, around 8 am</i>	on Musave hill, downtown Kayanza, commune and province Kayanza	Sylvestre Nduwimana, 48 years old, representative of traders in Kayanza and Kajibwami province, 64 years old and Eric Girukwishaka, 34 years old, all traders	Seizure of 1,356 bags of cement, 187 bags of FOMI fertilizers and 2,320 liters of oil-type fuel; at Eric Girukwishaka, Seizure of 7 bags of sugar while at Eugénie, 15 bags of sugar and 110 bags of FOMI fertilizers	They were arrested and taken to the police station cell at Kinga Hill. They were arrested after a search conducted at their home by certain authorities of Kayanza province, including the Governor of Kayanza province, Colonel Rémy Cishahayo, the public prosecutor, Isaac Niyongabira, the director of the office in charge of the Protection of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Adelin Niyonsaba, the police commissioner in Kayanza and the person in charge of the National Intelligence Service accompanied by the northern regional police commissioner. Eugénie was not arrested because she indicated that these products belonged to the representative of the traders in Kayanza
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II.4.2. Abductees

<i>On August 30, 2022,</i>	On Budahirwa hill, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province	Calixte Bukuru, mason and member of the CNL party, residing on this hill and originating from the Muzinda zone, Rugazi commune, Bubanza province	Reason remained unknown	He was arrested by the name Richard, communal leader of the Imbonerakure accompanied by Louis Nsabiyumva, also Imbonerakure. Calixte was taken to Nyabunyegeri hill, Rubirizi area where Salvator Horihoze, head of the intelligence was waiting for him. The latter took him in his vehicle to an unknown destination. His family members looked for him everywhere without success.
<i>On September 24, 2022,</i>	In Kayanza commune and province	Jibril Minani alias Syoti residing in the Kigwati district, motorcycle mechanic and CNDD-FDD party member, the named Evariste residing in the Gati district, sentinel at the anti-corruption brigade in Kayanza and the named Jérémie residing in the Mukoro district, retired	- Debate around the achievements of the President of the Republic, - Absence from the demonstration march in support of the President	They were abducted one by one from their homes by intelligence agents accompanied by Léonard Ngendakumana, provincial official of the National Intelligence Service, in a vehicle. In the afternoon, members of the CNDD-FDD took part in a demonstration march to thank the President of the Republic for the works carried out. -Syoti recorded them and sent an audio message in the WhatsApp group called "bene Samuragwa" (descendants of the heir) of the members of the said party.

II.4.3. Convictions of people pronounced in TGI.

DATE	JURIDIC-TIONS	PREVENTED	CHARGES	SENTENCES PRONOUNCED AND OBSERVATIONS
<i>On August 31, 2022,</i>	<i>High Court of Rutana</i>	Epipode Majambere, from Bugenyuzi commune, Karuzi province, Eric Twibukimana alias Abdoul, Pascal Nibigira, Ephrem Ninganza and Jean Ndayishimiye, all from Ruhororo commune, Ngozi province	Involvement in human trafficking especially children .	The main sentence of 7 years imprisonment. They had been arrested the day before at the Tanzanian border in the Nyabihori valley in Bukemba commune, Rutana province with 15 minors heading for Tanzania.
<i>September 19, 2022</i>	High Court of Gitega	Pauline Nyandwi, 23, Mirama hill, Mubuga zone, Gitega commune and province	Killing a newborn child she had just given birth on September 13, 2022	The lifeless body of this newborn was found in a hole behind the family home Pauline was arrested and auditioned by the high court of Gitega. She confessed to the murder, indicating that she committed this act out of fear of the reaction of her parents, especially since she did not know the author of the pregnancy. She was sentenced to 20 years of SPP.

III. ATTACKS ON THE RIGHT TO LIFE AND HUMAN PHYSICAL INTEGRITY

III.1. General presentation.

We are dealing here with cases of violation of the right to life and physical integrity in terms of people killed and injured. Thus, as the days go by, human lives disappear without investigations being carried out in order to identify the perpetrators of the crimes in order to bring them to justice and punish them in accordance with the law. The cases of people killed are dominated by corpses found in various places, which cases are mainly attributed by the population, to the Imbonerakure and to National Intelligence Service agents.

Briefly and without being exhaustive, at least 23 people were killed and 19 others injured during the month of September 2022

III.2. The distribution summary table of violations' cases of the right to life and physical integrity of persons by province and by categories of perpetrators

Categories of authors locality	<i>Military</i>		<i>policemen</i>		<i>civilians</i>		<i>Armed groups</i>		<i>Not identified</i>		<i>Totals</i>	
	T	B	T	B	T	B	T	B	T	B	T	B
Bubanza	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Bujumbura City Hall	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Bujumbura Rural	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Bururi	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cankuzo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cibitoke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Gitega	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	2
Karusi	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	2
Kayanza	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3
Kirundo	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Makamba	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Muramvya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muyinga	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Mwaro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ngozi	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
rumonge	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	1
Rutana	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ruyigi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	0	0	1	5	12	14	0	0	13	0	23	19

IV. CASES OF TORTURE, INHUMAN TREATMENT, CRUEL AND DEGRADING.

During the month of September 2022, most of these acts of torture and ill-treatment have not been identified because they are committed in clandestine cells set up by National Intelligence Service officials in various localities of the country and at the headquarters in the Town Hall of Bujumbura. The cases identified are 8 in number.

1-Gitega Province:

✚ Commune Giheta: A tortured child

On August 30, 2022, on Bihororo hill, Giheta zone, Papias Sibomana, 16 years old, a 7th grade student at ECOFO Giheta I, was beaten by Richard Hatungimana, a teacher at this school. This teacher found this child in a family took him, broke his fingers.

The next day, his parents filed a complaint with an OPJ in Giheta. The latter summoned the teacher but refused to appear. Thanks to the intervention of the Public Prosecutor of Gitega, the teacher was arrested, but only spent three days in jail before being released without having been heard.

✚ Bugendana commune: A tortured child

September 5, 2022, on Mukoro hill, 16-year-old Joël Tuyisenge was arrested and taken to the Bugendana commune police cell, where, unjustly accused of stealing a telephone, he was beaten by a policeman. After 5 days of detention, the OPJ Léonidas Ndikumana interviewed only Joseph but he refused to listen to the accused and his witnesses.

He rather indicated that Joel must pay 150,000 FBU. On September 13, 2022, the victim's parents, accompanied by defense witnesses, presented themselves to the OPJ, but the latter rejected them.

2-Bubanza Province and Commune:

✚ A man tortured by police

On the night of September 4 to 5, 2022, in downtown Bubanza, 22 year-old Jean Irankunda, a motorcycle taxi driver, was very seriously beaten before being taken to jail by police officers from the provincial police station in Bubanza, for not having complied ordered to stop when they wanted to search it. Following his worsening state of health, the following morning, he was hospitalized.

✚ An National Intelligence Service informant and member of the Imbonerakure militia tortured

On the night of September 9 to 10, 2022, around 8 pm at the bar Atlantique located on the downtown hill, David Hagabiyaremye, member of the Imbonerakure militia and intelligence informant in Bubanza commune, was beaten by Jean Marie, head of the Bubanza provincial police station and S3 of the Bubanza provincial police station. Bubanza police on the orders of Alexandre Ngoragoze, Provincial Secretary of the CNDD-FDD party.

Arrested and taken to the cell of the Bubanza provincial police station, the fellow prisoners refused her detention given the precarious state of her health. The victim was admitted to Bubanza hospital. David had denounced to the authorities a theft of sugar and chemical fertilizers committed by Alexandre Ngoragoze.

✚ Gihanga Commune: A tortured person

On September 23, 2022, on Buringa hill and zone, Jules Ndayishimiye, a native of Kigwati II hill, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province was almost killed in the Rukoko nature reserve by Lionel Nshimirimana, driver at the National Intelligence Service, a man named

Moses and a nicknamed Sniper. Jules Ndayishimiye was arrested and tied up by these Imbonerakure who later took him to this nature reserve of Rukoko to kill him, had it not been for the intervention of the inhabitants of this hill. Jules had been accused by them of stealing a cell phone.

3-Kirundo Province and Commune: A Tortured Imbonerakure

On September 11, 2022, at the Shinge-Rugero hotel belonging to the colonel named Anastase, Callixte Ndikumana, nurse, member of the Imbonerakure militia, was beaten, injured in the forehead before being thrown into a gutter of this hotel by Hadji Ndorimana, member of the Imbonerakure militia and teacher, accusing him of spying on them at the time of the meeting of Colonel Anastase and his allies. The following day, Calixte Ndikumana was arrested at his home by the police and taken to the prosecution for detention.

4-Rutana province and commune. A tortured person

Following a conflict related to the sale of fuel, which opposed the Governor of the province, Olivier Nibitanga with a certain trader Niyongabo, the latter was taken to the cell of the communal police station on September 17, 2022.

Arrested in his office by the provincial official of the intelligence in Rutana, Pépin Habimana, the merchant Nisubire was beaten up in the presence of the Governor of this province, Olivier Nibitanga, until he urinated blood. This incident followed a message that he had just sent by telephone to his friend Niyongabo while the telephone was in the hands of the head of the intelligence. The message was to inform the President of the Republic that he and his friend, all traders, were being abused by the Rutana authorities more than other traders.

5-Bujumbura Mairie province, Mukaza commune: A student tortured

September 25, 2022, around 11 pm, at the Mutanga campus, Nyakabiga zone, Emile Mairo Nduwimana was beaten and injured by fellow Imbonerakure on patrol. Although he showed his documents for identification, he was taken to pavilion 9, the headquarters of these imbonerakure, where he was beaten and stabbed in the throat. His friends took him to the hospital, but the students (Imbonerakure) were not worried.

V. CASES OF SGBV

During the month of September 2022, eight cases of SGBV victims were identified.

<i>Date</i>	<i>locality</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Victim</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>August 29, 2022</i>	On Kabondo hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba Province	RAPE,	AZ, 17 years old, student at ECOFO Nyanza-Lac	Olivier Irankunda, unemployed	The offender was arrested and detained in the police station cell at Nyanza-Lac after having unsuccessfully attempted amicable negotiations between his family and that of the victim under the aegis of the hill administration.
<i>September 3, 2022, around 7 pm</i>	on the hill and Buhinyuza area, Buhiga commune, Karuzi Province	BLOWS AND WOUND S	Jeanine Uwamahoro, 34 years old	Her husband named Jacques, member of the CNDD-FDD party, 52 years old and sentry at the high court of Karuzi	She was beaten and injured with a knife on her right ear. The victim was taken to the Cinquantenaire hospital in Karuzi. The husband, meanwhile, was arrested and taken to the Karuzi provincial police station cell.
<i>September 12, 2022, around 11pm</i>	on Kivuruga hill, Gatara commune, Kayanza Province	BLOWS AND WOUND S	Jeanine Niyokindi, 38 years old	Her husband, Etienne Nzigamasabo, aged 45	She was beaten and her arm was broken from being punched when he came home drunk. The next day, a meeting of the husband's family members and those of the victim was held. Husband admitted wrongdoing and agreed to pay medical bills
<i>September 18, 2022</i>	on the hill and Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura Rural province,	ATTEMPTED RAPE	PM, 11 years old	Evariste Ndekebasabe, 55 years old	<i>The</i> girl had gone to Evariste to visit her friends. Evariste gave her 11,000 F to convince her to have sex, but the child refused. The child reported the facts to his parents who went directly to file a complaint at the Mubimbi commune police station, but the alleged perpetrator was not arrested, while Burundian law punishes such behavior as an act of rape.
<i>September 18, 2022, around 8 pm,</i>	on Rwingoma hill, Buhiga zone and commune, Karuzi province	BLOWS AND WOUND S	Mediator Niyonzima, 38 years old, community animator,	her husband Muco Claude, aged 42, demobilized from the FDN	He kicked her in the chest with his shoes until she lost consciousness. Neighbors evacuated her to Buhiga Hospital where she was bedridden. The woman had just asked her husband to give her money to buy school uniforms for their 3 children.
<i>September 22, 2022</i>	on the Canzara hill, Kayanza commune and province,		Renilde Butoyi 38	her husband, Mathieu Barakamfitye, 44 years old.	She was beaten and had her arm broken. The couple had just gone 10 years childless. The victim had just told her husband, who was coming home drunk, to stop wasting the family property by buying beers that he offered to his concubines.
<i>September 24, 2022</i>	on Mwangi hill, Kizuka zone, Rumonge commune	RAPE ON A MIDNIGHT	a 4 year old girl	A suspect	The suspect was arrested the same day by the police and taken to the cell of the communal police station for investigation.
<i>On the night of September 26, 2022</i>	in a house used for the sauna in Mahwa	RAPE ON A MIDNIGHT	NG, 16 years old, student in 9th grade at L.communal Gishiha, Matana commune, Bururi province	Fabrice Maneno, Imbonerakure, trader at the Matana market	The victim was taken to Matana hospital for medical treatment. Fabrice Maneno was arrested and taken to the cell of the communal police station in Matana for investigation reasons.

VI. THE PRISON SITUATION IN BURUNDI

VI.1. Summary table of the prison population on September 30, 2022

Prison	Accommodation capacity	Prison population	Number of defendants		Number of convicts		Minors charged		Convicted minors		Escaped	Death	infants		Occupancy rate
			M	W	M	W	B	G	B	G			B	G	
Bubanza	200	487	201	13	252	18							4	2	243.50%
Bururi	250	375	246	20	97	12							3	1	150.00%
Gitega	400	1260	493	51	646	70							7	10	315.00%
Mpimba	800	4639	3404	212	950	71							17	15	579.88%
Muramvya	100	789	402	34	349	12							5	2	798.00%
Muyinga	300	484	124	12	316	32							2	1	161.33%
Ngozi (W)	250	191		74		91		3		23			19	13	76.40%
Ngozi (H)	400	1608	617		991										402.00%
rumonge	800	1002	333	30	614	25							5	2	125.25%
Rutana	350	582	268	13	293	8								2	166.29%
Ruyigi	300	791	301	34	427	29									263.67%
CMCL Ruyigi	72	59					21		38						81.94%
CMCL Rumonge	72	47					7		40						65.28%
TOTALS	4,294	12,323	6,389	493	4,938	371	28	3	78	23	-	-	67	50	286.98%
			6,389+493 =6,882		4,938+371 =5,309		28+3=31		78+23=101				67+50=117		

The prison population is 12,323 inmates + 117 infants = 12,440

The total number of defendants is 6,882 adults + 31 minors = 6,913

Total convicted is 5,309 adults + 101 minors = 5,410

VI.2. Comments

The monitoring of violations of the rights of detainees during the month of September 2022, supplemented by the table of the prison situation presented above, shows that overcrowding remains alarming in prison environments in our country and has risen excessively compared to past months. Indeed, the prison population is 12,440 people; prison population represents 2.87 times the capacity of all prisons in the country, which is 4,294 people.

This overcrowding is also reflected in very alarming occupancy rates: 11 out of 13 prisons in the country have occupancy rates that are above 100%. Only the CMCL of Rumonge and the prison of Ngozi for women have rates lower than 100% with respectively 65.28% and 76.40%. The situation is such: most of these prisons in the country have very horrible occupancy rates: Muramvya (798.00%), Mpimba (579.88%), Ngozi for men (402.00%), Gitega (315.00%), Ruyigi (263.67%), Bubanza (243.50%), ...

Comparative table of staff for the past 9 months.

Categories Month	Prison population	Occupancy rate	defendants	condemned
January 2022	12.571	290.17%	6.486	5.974
February 2022	12,667	292.13%	6.198	6.346
March 2022	12.798	295.36%	6.335	6.348
April 2022	12.563	292.57%	6.119	6.319
May 2022	12.525	288.98%	6.260	6.149
June 2022	12.557	289.64%	6.310	6.129
July 2022	12.469	287.84%	6.787	5.573
August 2022	12.812	295.62%	6.945	5.713
September 2022	12,440	286.98%	6.913	5.410

VII.CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Taking into account this human rights situation which is deteriorating overnight in our country, the Association for the Protection of Human Rights and Detained Persons once again issues a cry of alarm and recommends the following:

- ***To the Government of Burundi***
 - ✓ To take appropriate measures to stop these flagrant human rights violations,
 - ✓ To carry out prompt and conclusive investigations to identify the perpetrators of human rights violations so that they can be brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law,
 - ✓ To cease arbitrary arrests and detentions with a view to relieving congestion in penitentiary establishments.
 - ✓ To reorganize penitentiary structures and emphasize strict respect for the rights of prisoners.

- ***To TFPs***
 - ✓ To strengthen support for Burundi in all areas and especially in the judicial and security system,
 - ✓ To finance Burundi in its activities, in particular those related to the maintenance of peace and security and the protection of human rights.

- ***To the population***
 - ✓ To remain serene and united, maintain peaceful coexistence and go about development activities and turn their backs on political manipulation.
