

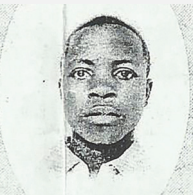
Appendix I: Victims of Extrajudicial Executions

July 2016 – March 2017

	Name	Dates	Location	Alleged Offense	Perpetrator
1.	Flavien Muke, alias Basare	Executed on July 27, 2016	Cell: Kabilizi Sector: Rugerero District: Rubavu	Injuring a cow	Shot dead by police
2.	Jean Damascène Ntiriburakaryo	Beaten to death on July 30, 2016	Cell: Burinda Sector: Rubavu District: Rubavu	Absence at <i>Umuganda</i> (mandatory community labor)	Beaten to death by military
3.	Jean Kanyesoko 	Executed on August 2, 2016	Cell: Kavomo Sector: Nyundo District: Rubavu	Stealing sugar cane	Shot dead by military
4.	Ernest Tuyishime 	Executed on August 5, 2016	Cell: Rukoko Sector: Rubavu District: Rubavu	Stealing a cow	Shot dead by military
5.	Daphrose Niyabavakure	Executed on August 10, 2016	Cell: Nkora Sector: Kigeyo District: Rutsiro	Stealing manioc	Beaten to death by DASSO
6.	Jean de Dieu Bihibindi	Arrested on September 9, 2016 Body found on September 11, 2016	Cell: Ngoma Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing a cow	Arrested by DASSO

7.	Pascal Nsabiyeze	Arrested on September 15, 2016 Body found on September 17 or 18, 2016	Cell: Mubuga Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing	Arrested by DASSO
8.	Juma Ntakingora 	Executed on September 21, 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military or police on Lake Kivu
9.	Alphonse Majyambere	Executed on September 22, 2016	Cell: Nyagahinika Sector: Kigeyo District: Rutsiro	Stealing cows	Shot dead by police or DASSO
10.	Innocent Mbarushimana	Executed on October 11, 2016	Cell: Basa Sector: Rugerero District: Rubavu	Stealing bananas	Shot dead by Inkeragutabara
11.	François Buhagarike	Executed between October 19 and 20, 2016	Cell: Busuku Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing cows	Shot dead by military
12.	Alexandre Bemeriki 	Executed in October 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military
13.	Innocent Nshimiyimana	Executed on or around November 5, 2016	Cell: Kiraga Sector: Nyamyumba District: Rubavu	Stealing bananas	Shot dead by military

14.	Jean de Dieu Habiwaremye 	Arrested in late November 2016 and executed two days later	Cell: Ngoma Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing a cow	Arrested and shot dead by military
15.	Pierre Hakizimana	Arrested on November 27, 2016 Executed on November 28, 2016	Cell: Busuku Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing	Shot dead by military
16.	Pierre Bizavaho	Executed on November 27, 2016	Cell: Busuku Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing	Shot dead by military
17.	Jovan Karasankima	Killed between November 28 and 29, 2016	Cell: Ngoma Sector: Nyabirasi District: Rutsiro	Stealing a sheep and a lamb	Arrested by village leader and beaten to death by <i>Inkeragutabara</i>
18.	Fulgence Rukundo 	Executed on December 6, 2016	Cell: Kiraga Sector: Nyamyumba District: Rubavu	Stealing a cow	Shot dead by military
19.	Basabose Hakuzimana 	Executed on December 6, 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military or police on Lake Kivu

20.	Thaddée Uwintwali 	Executed on December 13, 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutiro	Stealing a goat	Shot dead by military
21.	Samuel Minani 	Executed on December 15, 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military or police on Lake Kivu
22.	Jeannine Mukeshimana 	Executed on December 16, 2016	Cell: Rukoko Sector: Rubavu District: Rubavu	Smuggling marijuana	Shot dead by military
23.	Benjamin Niyonzima 	Executed on December 16, 2016	Cell: Rukoko Sector: Rubavu District: Rubavu	Smuggling marijuana	Shot dead by military
24.	Amulani Bazangirabate 	Executed in late December 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military or police on Lake Kivu
25.	Emmanuel Hanyurwabake 	Executed in late December 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military

26.	Naftal Nteziriza 	Executed in late December 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military on Lake Kivu
27.	Vedaste Renzaho 	Executed in late December 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military on Lake Kivu
28.	Emmanuel Nzitakuze	Executed on or around January 11, 2017	Cell: Haniro Sector: Manihira District: Rutsiro	Stealing a motorbike	Shot dead by military
29.	Donat Nsamwitakuze	Executed on or around January 11, 2017	Cell: Haniro Sector: Manihira District: Rutsiro	Stealing a motorbike	Shot dead by military
30.	Gasore	Executed on January 12, 2017	Cell: Kageshi Sector: Busasamana District: Rubavu	Stealing shoes and clothes	Shot dead by military
31.	Emmanuel Niyigena	Executed on January 25, 2017	Cell: Rukoko Sector: Rubavu District: Rubavu	Smuggling marijuana	Shot dead by military
32.	Innocent Habimana	Executed on February 17, 2017	Cell: Rubona Sector: Nyamyumba District: Rubavu	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military on Lake Kivu
33.	Vincent Nshimiyimana	Executed on March 9, 2017	Cell: Rusura Sector: Busasamana District: Rubavu	Illegally crossing the border	Shot dead by military

34.	Prosper Iradukunda	Executed on March 9, 2017	Cell: Rusura Sector: Busasamana District: Rubavu	Illegally crossing the border	Shot dead by military
35.	Joseph Mukeshimana	Executed on March 12, 2017	Cell: Rusura Sector: Busasamana District: Rubavu	Illegally crossing the border	Shot dead by military
36.	Emmanuel Ntamuhanga 	Executed in March 2017	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military or police on Lake Kivu
37.	Elias Habyarimana 	Executed on March 25, 2017	Cell: Gabiro Sector: Musasa District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Shot dead by military or police on Lake Kivu

Appendix II: People Killed by Civilians after Encouragement from Local Authorities

August 2016 – April 2017

	Name	Date	Location	Alleged Offense	Perpetrator
1.	Théoneste Nzamituma	Killed on August 15, 2016	Cell: Mukondo Sector: Nyondo District: Rubavu	Stealing a bicycle	Killed by civilians after local authorities announced that anyone caught stealing should be killed
2.	Claude Barayavuga 	Killed on April 27, 2017	Cell: Kavomo Sector: Nyundo District: Rubavu	Stealing light bulbs	Killed by a civilian after the chief of the village announced on April 23 that Barayavuga should be killed if caught stealing

Appendix III: Enforced Disappearances

(Victims believed to have been executed, but no body was found or seen by witnesses interviewed by Human Rights Watch)

April 2016 – December 2016

	Name	Dates	Location	Alleged Offense	Perpetrator
1.	Moïse Tuyisenge	April 26, 2016	Cell: Karambi Sector: Kivumu District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Military or police on Lake Kivu
2.	Jean Damascène Ntahondereye	Last seen on April 27, 2016 Authorities confirmed death on April 29, 2016. The military told the family his body was already buried.	Cell: Kageshi Sector: Busasamana District: Rubavu	Smuggling goods from Congo	Military
3.	Tharcisse Nsanzabera	Last seen on October 17, 2016 Authorities confirmed his death on October 28, 2016	Cell: Bahimba Sector: Nyundo District: Rubavu	Stealing	Police or military
4.	Nzabandora Ndayishimiye	Last seen on December 6, 2016	Cell: Bushaka Sector: Boneza District: Rutsiro	Fishing with illegal net	Military or police on Lake Kivu

Appendix IV: Letter to Minister of Justice¹

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July 5, 2017

His Excellency
Johnston Busingye
Minister of Justice
Ministry of Justice
Kigali
Republic of Rwanda

Dear Minister Busingye,

I am writing to you to share Human Rights Watch's research findings on extrajudicial executions of suspected petty offenders in Western Rwanda between July 2016 and March 2017 and to request the government's response to our findings.

We would be grateful for a response to our questions by July 12.

Findings

Human Rights Watch documented the extrajudicial killings by Rwandan security forces of at least 37 suspected petty offenders in northwestern Rwanda, between July 2016 and March 2017. Human Rights Watch also documented three enforced disappearances of people who are believed to have been killed by security forces but their bodies were never found. We also documented two cases of suspected thieves who were killed by civilians after authorities encouraged them to do so.

Human Rights Watch's findings are based on interviews conducted between January and June 2017 with over 110 witnesses, family members of victims, others knowledgeable about the arrests and executions. The cases documented by Human Rights Watch took place in Rutsiro and Rubavu districts, in northwestern Rwanda. Human Rights Watch received information about several other cases, which it continues to verify.

Most victims were accused of minor offenses, such as stealing, smuggling marijuana, illegally crossing the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo, or using illegal fishing nets on Lake Kivu. There seems to have been no procedure preceding the execution to establish their guilt. Human Rights Watch received multiple reports of threats by civilian and military officials against family members who attempted to inquire into the killings of their loved ones.

Most victims were shot by the military. Others were arrested and/or killed by other security forces, such as the police, members of the *Inkeragutabara*



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¹ Human Rights Watch confirmed an additional enforced disappearance after this letter was delivered to Rwandan authorities.

or the District Administration Security Support Organ (DASSO). Some were ill-treated before their death. In several cases, local government officials, from levels ranging from district mayor to village head, were involved in the arrest or in justifying the execution to local residents after the fact.

Post-mortem medical examinations were only carried out in a few cases, but even in these cases, family members never saw any medical records and questioned the examination's independence.

Many people whom Human Rights Watch spoke to said that prior to or after the killings, military, police, and/or local officials told community members that all criminals should be arrested and executed. In several cases, victims were named in meetings, apparently to set an example and to encourage others not to break the law.

Please see the annex to this letter for details on the specific cases documented by Human Rights Watch, including names of victims, date, alleged offense, and perpetrator.

Questions

1. Has the Rwandan government received any reports about summary killings, especially in the western province? If so, would it be possible to share with us any details about these killings, any investigations that were conducted into these killings, and any sanctions against the perpetrators?
2. Is the ministry aware of any formal or informal directive to local civilian and military authorities to arrest and execute petty offenders?
3. Have there been any investigations, prosecution and/or trials of military officials involved in summary executions? If so, would it be possible to share any details you might have on this? Has any compensation been provided to the families of the victims?
4. What is the legal framework for the involvement of military, police, *Inkeragutabara* and DASSO in arresting suspected criminals, and for the use of force by those security officials against civilians? Which sanctions are being foreseen within this framework in case members of these groups used unjustified force?
5. Are there any internal mechanisms within the Rwanda Defence Force, the police, the *Inkeragutabara* or DASSO to monitor human rights compliance by its forces? If so, would it be possible to share any information with us on its procedures and reporting?
6. Who were the officers in charge of military positions in the districts of Rutsiro and Rubavu in the period covered by our research (July 2016 to March 2017)? Could you provide us with their full names, ranks, and postings during that period?

As indicated above, we would be grateful for a response to our findings and questions by July 12.

Also, as mentioned above, several family members of victims have been threatened by members of the Rwanda Defence Force, the Rwanda National Police, the *Inkeragutabara* and DASSO for inquiring into the circumstances of their loved ones' death. **We encourage you to make public and clear statements forbidding any individual from the state security forces from intimidating or threatening family members of the victims.**

I would also like to request a meeting to further discuss our findings, and I would be grateful for your help in discussing our findings with the relevant local civil and military authorities, as well as the appropriate people at the ministry of defense and the ministry of local government.

I look forward to your reply and to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Bekele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" and last name "Bekele" clearly distinguishable.

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