

VIII. Annex: Documented Cases of Police Abuse in Rutegama Commune ¹²⁵

Victim	Date of Incident/ Period of Illegal Detention	Accusations against Victim Made by Police at Time of Arrest	Type of Mistreatment
A. Victims Detained at Kaniga Health Center			
1. Businessman	October 8-13, 2007	FNL membership, weapons possession	Beaten with batons and clubs on hands, legs, buttocks, and back; slapped in the face
2. Farmer	October 8-13, 2007	Weapons possession, FNL membership	Beaten with batons on entire body; mock execution; paid 120,000 Fbu for release ¹²⁶
3. Demobilized FDD combatant	October 8-16, 2007; continued detention in Muramvya through November 7	FNL membership, weapons possession	Beaten with clubs and batons on the buttocks; mock execution
4. Woman	October 9-16, 2007; continued detention in Muramvya through November 7	FNL membership, theft, weapons possession	Beaten on the buttocks with a baton while handcuffed on the ground
5. Demobilized FDD combatant	October 10-19, 2007	Weapons possession, FNL activity	Picked up by arms and legs, beaten by eight police agents with batons and clubs on buttocks; rocks placed in mouth; threatened with death with an iron

¹²⁵ The table summarizes 21 cases of abuse committed by GMIR officers and local police officers working with them. The list is non-exhaustive but represents the types of abuse suffered both by detainees at Kaniga and by non-detained civilians in Rutegama town. 16 of the victims listed here – 11 of the detainees and all five people beaten in Rutegama town – were interviewed by Human Rights Watch. Information about the other five detainees was obtained through BINUB, Muramvya judicial authorities, and other victims. Human Rights Watch obtained the names of six additional detainees, but could not verify specific details concerning their detention. As noted above, one police officer present estimated that about 50 detainees passed through the center.

¹²⁶ 1000 Fbu, or Burundian francs, is equivalent to just under one U.S. dollar.

			bar; forced to watch torture of others ; 22,000 Fbu taken during beating
6. Laborer	October 10-16, 2007; continued detention in Muramvya through November 7	FNL membership, weapons possession	Beaten on buttocks, stomach, and hands with a club; mock execution; paid 14,000 Fbu for release, but detained further because he was unable to produce another 6,000 Fbu
7. Chef de colline (local official)	October 12-17, 2007	Failure to arrest a thief	40 blows with batons and clubs on the buttocks and stomach; paid 35,000 Fbu for release
8. Woman	October 13, detained for a period of hours	Weapons possession	Beaten
9. Teacher	October 13-16, 2007	FNL membership	Picked up by arms and legs, beaten on buttocks and stomach with batons about 50 times; death threats; cloth placed in mouth during beating
10. Teacher	October 13-19, 2007	FNL membership, weapons possession	Picked up by arms and legs, beaten on buttocks and stomach; death threats; paid 40,000 Fbu for release
11. Farmer	October 16-19, 2007	Selling stolen cattle, weapons possession	Picked up by arms and legs, beaten on buttocks with clubs; rocks placed in mouth
12. Man	October 16-19, 2007	Selling stolen cattle, weapons possession	Picked up by arms and legs, beaten on buttocks with clubs; rocks placed in mouth

13. Man	October 16-19, 2007	Selling stolen cattle, weapons possession	Beaten
14. Man	October 16-19, 2007	Selling stolen cattle, weapons possession	Beaten; paid unknown sum for release
15. Police officer	October 25-26, 2007	Insulting GMIR Commander	Beaten
16. Man	October 29, 2007	Motorcycle theft	Beaten at Kaniga
B. Victims Beaten in Rutegama Town			
17. Teacher	October 25, 2007	Challenging arrest of previous victim	Beaten in town of Rutegama; death threats
18. Resident of Internally Displaced Persons' Camp	October 25, 2007	In company of previous victim	Slapped in face, kicked on legs and buttocks in town of Rutegama
19. Man	October 26, 2007	Observing beating of another victim	Slapped and threatened in town of Rutegama
20. Farmer	October 26, 2007	FNL membership	Beaten with a club on the buttocks in town of Rutegama
21. Police officer	October 26, 2007	Telling GMIR agent not to harass a woman	Beaten by 8 or 9 police in town of Rutegama