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Further information on UA 318/01 (AFR 16/045/2001, 12 December 2001) - Fear of torture and ill-treatment / "disappearance"

BURUNDI Victoire Nyabenda (f)]

Obed Safari (m) ]

Fridolene Sibomana (f)]detained at Gatumba *brigade*

Moïse (m)]

Ndaduduye (m), aged 17, ]

Rémy Ntuyahaga (m)]

Gaspard Hungano (m)]detained at Gakumbu military camp

Patrick Hatungimana (m)]

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The eight people named above from Rukaramu, Mutimbuzi commune, detained on 10 December 2001 on suspicion of involvement in the murder of a soldier have been released without charge.

The five people detained at Gatumba gendarmerie *brigade* were ordered to pay a fine of 20,000 Burundian francs before being released.

The three other men, feared to have "disappeared", were detained in Gakumbu military camp where they were severely ill-treated. They are now receiving medical treatment for their injuries with the assistance of a local human rights organization, the *Association Burundaise pour la Défense des Droits des Prisonniers* (ABDP), Burundian Association for the Defence of Prisoners' Rights.

No further action is required. Thanks to all those who sent appeals.