

*In memory of persons with albinism from Tanzania who have been attacked, traumatized and murdered.*

Victim List of Names & Dates: Police documented cases to date.

**NOTE: Since the documenting of this original list below, UTSS has been made aware of several other attacks. They will be noted in RED at the bottom of each of the 3 sections below. We will also indicate IF the case was NOT police documented.**

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### **Part # 1: MURDERED PERSONS WITH ALBINISM**

NOTE: For various reasons, the police have not release the names of some although they have records of the bodies found.

1. Arodia Augustino, 16yrs : 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2008
2. Solomon Laurian, 28yrs: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009
3. Michael Petro,6yrs: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009
4. Sauda Ibrahim: 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2008
5. Rebecca Machungwa, 10 yrs: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008
6. Magdalena Andrew, 30 yrs: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008
7. Jovin Majaliwa, 46 yrs: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008
8. Nyerere Rutatiro Ludayila:
9. Zawadi Magindu, 22: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008
10. Vumilia Makoye, 17yrs: May 2008
11. Eunice Bahati, 14 yrs: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009: 45<sup>th</sup> victim
12. Aaron Nongo, 42 yrs:
13. Jessica Charles, 23 yrs:
14. Rwegamoyo Kilanga, 62: 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2007
15. Mariamu Emmanuel, 5 yrs: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008
16. Naimana Daudi, 4 yrs: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010 **Naimana Daudi, a four year old girl was brutally murdered in Kibondo Western Tanzania. She was kidnapped from her**

**home where she was sleeping with other siblings in the same room with their parents. The killers severed her left arm and left leg and dumped her mutilated body by the footpath about 300-400meters from her homestead compound. The area is bordering Burundi.**

17. Gaspar Elikana, 10: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009
18. Wazia Balyehle, 9 yrs: 01<sup>st</sup> February 2008
19. Jonas Maduka, 48 yrs: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009
20. Esther Charles, 9 yrs: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007
21. Matatizo Dunia, 10 yrs:
22. Ng'wama Kimbishi, 65 yrs:
23. Amon Arip, 35: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2006
24. Shitakelelwa Shitoberwa, 45 yrs: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007
25. Mabala Silas, 12: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007
26. Kija Marachu, 7 month old: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008
27. Henry Mwakajila, 17 yrs: 05<sup>th</sup> February 2008.
28. Japheti Kaliita, 28 yrs: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009:
29. Sifa Yuvenary, 5yrs: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 (31<sup>st</sup> victim)
30. Lyaku Willy, 54: 06<sup>th</sup> December 2009
31. Kulwa Gilibha, 7 yrs: 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2009
32. Nyamiti Nyamakanya, 33 yrs: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008
33. Winfrida Giayati Oluoch, 22yrs: 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2008
34. Zacharia John, 40yrs: 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2008
35. Ibrahim Shaban, 45yrs: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008
36. Muhanda Sitta, 4yrs: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009
37. Juma Mgendi Singisha, 46yrs: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009
38. Ezekiel John, 47yrs
39. Remi Juma, 12yrs: 2008
40. Zacharia Juma, 8yrs: 2008
41. Veronika Gati, 26: 08<sup>th</sup> January 2008
42. Arusha child with albinism, 18 months murdered by his father : September 2008
43. Lindi man with albinism, 20 – 30yrs: body found on a river bank 05<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**44. Man with albinism, 25 – 40yrs whose arm was found in Zanzibar on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**45. Girl with albinism whose head was exported to DRC: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

**46. No Name person with albinism in Ruvuma**

**47. No Name person with albinism in Rukwa**

**48. No Name person with albinism in Mtwara**

**49. No Name person with albinism in Mwanza**

**50. No Name person with albinism in Mwanza**

**51. No Name person with albinism in Mwanza**

**52. No Name person with albinism in Mwanza**

**53. No Name person with albinism in Mwanza**

**54. No Name person with albinism in Tarime**

**55. No Name person with albinism in Mara**

**56. No Name person with albinism in Mara**

**57. No Name person with albinism in Mara**

**58. On December 31, 2010, five month old Neema was abducted from her parents' home in Ruyigi, Burundi and carried across the border to Tanzania where she is said to have been hacked to death for her body parts. This was documented by police.**

**59 – 61. Rosemary Mathayo (girl age 16); Pracseda Mathayo (girl age 14) and Focus Mathayo (boy age 4) were 3 PWA children from the same family who were poisoned and died on the same day in Kagera Region in 2000. This report is based on Mr. Mathayo (the fathers') testimony to UTSS on April 28, 2011. The deaths were reported to police at the time of their occurrence but it appears that the Tanzanian police department did not begin to document the attacks and killing of PWA until 2006.**

**62. Doto Mbiti - On May 13, 2011, a 14 month old boy with albinism died. Doto was poisoned by a relative who did not want a child with albinism in the family. Two hospitals were unable to treat the poisoning and he passed away in Sengerema Hospital. The news of Doto's murder was delivered to UTSS by his parents in August of 2011. The parents did not report the alleged homicide to the police because the grandfather had warned them that if they did they would never survive the Sukuma tribes'**

**traditional revenge. Sukumas cannot stand relatives who reveal family secrets to the authorities.**

## **Part # 2. ATTEMPTED MURDERS RESULTING IN MUTILATIONS, LOSS OF LIMBS AND TRAUMA**

- 1. Emmanuel Petro, 7yrs: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007: arm hacked off; fingers of the other hand chopped off**
- 2. Mariamu Staford, 28yrs: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008: arms hacked off**
- 3. Bibiana Mbushi, 12yrs: December 28, 2007: leg hacked off**
- 4. Said Abdallah, 41yrs: April 10, 2010: arm hacked off**
- 5. Kabula Nyankalango, 13yrs: April 26, 2010: arm hacked off**
- 6. Rukia Khalfan, 33yrs: February 8, 2010: head injuries**
- 7. Fatma Mohammed, 12months: February 8, 2010: leg injuries**
- 8. Thomas from Mara, 35yrs: arm chopped off**
- 9. Mtoba Malosa, 2yrs: January of 2009: head and arm injuries**
- 10. Juma Kapela, 3yrs: February 9, 2011: recovered 4 days later with minor cuts**

**11 & 12. On April 28, 2011 UTSS was told about 2 attempted murders of a 12 month old infant with albinism by the name of Meimosi and her 22 year old pigmented mother Sabina Ntobi . The attacks occurred on Ukerewe Island. The first attack occurred in December of 2010, the second attack in February of 2011. Sabina told UTSS that both attempted killings were reported to the police at the time of their occurrence.**

**13. On October 14, 2011 in Nyaruguguna Village, Nyanhalwe District in Geita Region, Tanzania, Adam Robert, a 12 year old boy with albinism was attacked with a machete. He was left lying in front of his home with multiple wounds including three fingers which were severed from his right hand and stolen. Adam survived the brutal attack and told police that his father, stepmother, older brother, and another male relative were involved in this criminal act. His testimony was confirmed by neighbours and the perpetrators were arrested the following day. Adam is currently in hospital suffering from severe wounds and trauma. He says he can never go home to his family.**

**14. In January of 2011 in Kasemi Village, Senga Ward, of Butumbwe Division in Geita Region, Tanzania, 4-year-old Meriki was abducted or a few hours during which time the boy's hair was cut for witchcraft purposes. Meriki's grandmother noticed that part of his head had no hair and asked who cut it. He said it was their neighbour Robert**

**Matage (40yrs). The matter was reported to the police. Robert Matage was questioned, and later released. On October 17, 2011 Tanzanian police told the media that the matter was dealt with between the neighbours and that the police could not interfere.**

**15. On October 21, 2011 in Mbizi Village, Mega Ward, Msalala Division in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, a 15 year old girl with albinism by the name of Kulwa, was attacked in her home. UTSS spoke with Kulwa's mother, Mrs. Habi Lusana (48 yrs), who said her daughter had been attacked at around 1:00 AM by three masked men. Kulwa had been sleeping with another sibling in a shed near the main house. The three assailants managed to open the door without force and, knowing exactly where Kulwa was sleeping, used a machete to sever her arm below the elbow. In response to her screaming, the father came out of the main house but was immediately attacked by one of the masked men. The mother also tried to rescue Kulwa but it was too late. She saw the men disappearing with her daughter's arm wrapped in one of the men's coats. At the time of this report Kulwa was still in Kahama District Hospital with her father, Mr. Lusana (75 yrs). Police are investigating.**

**16. Angelina Bunzair (24) is the mother of 2 little boys with albinism; Mawazo Simon (5) and Elisha Simon (3). The boys' father has been shaving Mawazo's hair since birth (2006) against his wife's will. Angelina decided to move out of the home at which point Mr. Simon started sending people (most of them work in the mines) to his wife's home to shave the hair of Mawazo. Many times she had to flee her home. When she complained to the authorities about her husband's behaviour and intentions, her family disowned her. While the exact location of this family is unknown, they live in Geita Region and the shaving has been ongoing since Mawazo had hair to shave. (NOTE: The attached picture was taken in 2009 when Mawazo was 3 and his brother was 9 months)**

### **Part # 3: GRAVE ROBBERIES OF PERSONS WITH ALBINISM**

**1. Nalيسي Valentino**

**2. Kwila Tabu Elias, 3yrs**

**3. Zeuria Yustace: Body snatched in 2010**

**4. Hilda Angelo, 60yrs: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**5. Zawadi Magindo, 22yrs: July 2010**

**6. Choheirwe Tindamanyile: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**7. Benedict Riziki, 9 months**

**8. Gabriel Ramadhani, 10 months**

**9. Tabu Masasa, 50yrs**

**10. Veronika Gati, 26yrs**

**11 & 12. The graves of 2 sisters, Rosemary Mathayo (age 16) AND Pracseda Mathayo (age 14), were robbed in Kagera Region one month after their burial in 2000. This report is based on Mr. Mathayo (the fathers') testimony to UTSS on April 28, 2011. The robberies were reported to police at the time but it appears that the Tanzanian police department did not begin to document assaults on PWA until 2006.**

**ATTEMPTED & FAILED GRAVE ROBBERIES:**

**1 & 2. Two failed attempts were made to rob the grave of Doto Mbiti, a 14 month old boy with albinism who died on May 13, 2011. Doto lived & died in the village of Ibanda in Geita Region.**

**END NOTE: Due to the numerous attacks, killings and other profound discriminatory acts, many persons with albinism in Tanzania now feel threatened and have left their homes and regions to live elsewhere. They have now become displaced in their home country as they seek sanctuary.**