



**Reported Attacks of Persons with Albinism (PWA) – 1 Page Summary**  
**Date of report: September 19, 2023**

**TOTAL cases recorded: 710**

(Including 241 Killings)

**Total Countries: 31**

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“Attacks” include survivors of attempted killings, mutilations, violence, rape, grave desecrations, trafficking of persons and body parts, missing persons, grave desecrations (often including exhumations and theft of remains), asylum & refuge cases (featuring instances of attacks).

**Benin, 18 reports: 5 killings / 5 survivors / 7 missing / 1 grave desecrations – Most recent July 3, 2022**

**Botswana, 4 reports: 3 survivors / 1 killing – May 24, 2023**

**Burkina Faso, 9 reports: 2 killings / 6 survivors / 1 asylum - Most recent, Aug 14, 2012**

**Burundi, 41 reports: 23 killings / 13 survivors / 5 grave desecrations - Most recent, Feb 2, 2022**

**Cameroon, 12 reports: 3 killings, 2 survivor, 6 asylums, 1 grave desecrations - Most recent, Sep 2, 2021**

**Congo Brazzaville, 7 reports: 7 killings – Most recent, Feb 1, 2016**

**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 74 reports: 18 killings / 37 survivors / 1 missing / 11 grave desecrations / 7 asylums - Most recent, Feb 1, 2023**

**Egypt, 1 report: 1 asylum – Sept 16, 2011**

**Gabon, 2 reports: 2 survivors – Most recent, March 11, 2022**

**Ghana, 3 reports: 1 killing / 3 survivors – January 1, 2023**

**Guinea, 16 reports: 5 killings / 6 survivors / 5 asylums - Most recent, Sept 20, 2018**

**Ivory Coast, 30 reports: 9 killings / 13 survivors / 4 missing / 2 asylums / 2 abandoned - Most recent, June 30, 2017**

**Kenya, 13 reports: 5 killings / 8 survivors - Most recent, Sept 20, 2015**

**Lesotho, 1 report: 1 killing – Oct 2015**

**Madagascar, 30 reports: 9 killings / 6 survivors/ 13 abductions/ 4 Missing - Most recent, March 9, 2023**

**\*Malawi, 69 reports: 20 killings / 31 survivors / 7 missing / 11 grave desecrations – Most recent, September 6, 2023**

**Mali, 20 report: 8 killings / 3 survivors / 2 missing / 7 asylums - Most recent, April 22, 2022**

**Mozambique, 56 reports: 19 murders, 17 survivors, 6 grave desecrations, 15 missing – Most recent, March 22, 2023**

**Namibia, 5 reports: 2 killings / 3 survivors - Most recent report, March 22, 2022**

**Niger, 1 report: 1 missing – Aug 6, 2012**

**Nigeria, 14 reports: 4 killings / 1 missing / 5 asylums / 4 survivors - Most recent, June 25, 2023**

**Rwanda, 1 report: 1 grave desecrations – July 2, 2013**

**Senegal, 9 reports: 3 alleged killings / 4 survivors / 2 asylum - Most recent, June 17, 2015**

**South Africa, 10 reports: 4 killings / 2 missing / 3 survivors / 1 grave desecrations - Most recent, June**

**Swaziland / Eswatini, 12 reports: 4 killings / 8 survivors - Most recent, Nov 25, 2019**

**Tanzania, 206 reports: 78 killings / 98 survivors / 1 missing / 26 grave desecrations / 3 asylums - Most recent, November 3, 2022**

**Togo, 1 report: 1 killing - Sept 23, 2017**

**Uganda, 9 reports: 8 survivors / 1 asylum – Most recent, Dec 16, 2020**



**USA, 2 reports: 2 survivors - 1899**

**Zambia, 28 reports: 10 killings / 14 survivors / 4 grave desecrations – Most recent, July 18, 2023**

**Zimbabwe, 2 reports: 1 killing 2011 / 1 asylum - Most recent, Nov 29, 2012**

\*In Malawi more cases have been reported. In 2017, 102 cases were reported by the UN Independent Expert on albinism in the report of her official visit to Malawi. See UN document number: [A/HRC/34/59/Add.1](#) (March 2017). A few months later, in October 2017, the association of persons with albinism in Malawi reported 122 cases (Source: Malawi News Agency (MANA); *Lack of finances stalls 122 cases of people with albinism*; Wednesday, Oct 25, 2017; <http://www.maravipost.com/lack-finances-stalls-122-cases-people-albinism/>).

Under The Same Sun (UTSS) officially records cases after it has received a sufficient source and data: name of victim, type of attack, date, location, etc. Without access to such detail, UTSS is unable to enter these cases into its records for now; but recognizes that these reports are probably credible due to their sources.

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**NOTE 1:** The actual number of attacks & killings of PWA are likely much higher than indicated above since many are never reported or documented. These ritual attacks frequently find their roots in ancient ancestral beliefs and have been going on since time beyond memory.

**NOTE 2:** Countries known to be involved in the cross-border trade of PWA and their body parts: Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland,

**NOTE 3:** UTSS gathers this data from its own field research and also from its partners on the ground. We record cases that have been thoroughly verified. However, this is not always possible. In such cases, we record cases from partners, media and civil society that are reasonable and prima facie credible.

**NOTE 4:** This is a living document. It will be updated from time-to-time to reflect new data and clarifications/updates on data that was previously published.