



## Reported Attacks of Persons with Albinism (PWA) – 2 Page Summary

Date of report: January 23, 2026

**TOTAL cases recorded: 841**

(Including 260 Killings)

**Total Countries: 31**

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

**Benin, 18 reports:** 5 killings / 5 survivors / 7 missing / 1 exhumation – Most recent March 23, 2019

**Botswana, 4 reports:** 1 killing / 3 survivors – Most recent, 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 exhumations - Most recent, March 06, 2022

**Cameroon, 12 reports:** 3 killings, 2 survivors, 6 asylums, 1 exhumation - Most recent, August 29, 2021

**Congo Brazzaville, 7 reports:** 7 killings – Most recent, Oct 5, 2017

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

**Egypt, 1 report:** 1 asylum – Nov 25, 2011

**Gabon, 2 reports:** 2 survivors – Most recent, March 02, 2022

**Ghana, 4 reports:** 1 killing / 3 survivors – Most recent, Jan 1, 2023

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

**Ivory Coast, 31 reports:** 10 killings / 13 survivors / 4 missing / 2 asylums / 2 abandoned - Most recent, March 07, 2024

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

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

**Madagascar, 41 reports:** 12 killings / 6 survivors/ 15 abductions/ 8 Missing - Most recent, June 01, 2025

**\*Malawi, 168 reports:** 25 killings / 54 survivors / 32 abductions / 10 missing / 47 exhumations – Most recent, January 13, 2026

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

**Mozambique, 61 reports:** 22 killings, 18 survivors, 6 exhumations, 15 missing – Most recent, June 7, 2025

**Namibia, 5 reports:** 2 killings / 3 survivors - Most recent, Feb 18, 2022

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

**Nigeria, 14 reports:** 5 killings / 3 survivors / 1 missing / 5 asylums - Most recent, June 24, 2023

**Rwanda, 1 report:** 1 exhumation – July 2, 2013

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

**South Africa, 10 reports:** 4 killings / 3 survivors / 2 missing / 1 exhumation - Most recent, June 16, 2023

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

**Tanzania, 214 reports:** 79 killings / 102 survivors / 1 abduction / 1 missing / 27 exhumations / 4 asylums - Most recent, April 15, 2025

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

**Uganda, 9 reports:** 8 survivors / 1 asylum – Most recent, Dec 12, 2020

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

**Zambia, 38 reports:** 11 killings / 20 survivors / 7 exhumations – Most recent, Jan 08, 2026

**Zimbabwe, 2 reports:** 1 killing / 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 is 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.