



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.