



## **Reported Attacks of Persons with Albinism – Most Recent Attacks Included**

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**PWA = Person(s) with Albinism**

**PFI = Press Freedom Index for 2014 (180 countries surveyed)**

<http://rsf.org/index2014/en-index2014.php>

**(PFI for Canada = 18 & USA = 46)**

**Total Killings: 129**

**Total Attacks: 181** \*Attacks include survivors of mutilations, violence, grave violations, asylum cases\*

**Grand Total: 310**

**Total Countries: 23**

### **Benin, 2 reports: (PFI 75 of 180) 2 killings**

**In 2012**, a 20 year old woman with albinism was found dead in a bush at Togba, in the town of Abomey-Calavi, Benin with her genitals removed. In their statements to the Criminal Investigation Department, the criminals declared they sell them to make money. (Source: Cotonou, December 01, 2013@ Koaci.com; Posted by Sekodo, <http://koaci.com/articles-87884>; media's contact in Abidjan: [www.koaci.com](http://www.koaci.com) Tel: +225 08 85 52 93)

**In 2012** a male with albinism was sent from Dogbo, Benin to Nigeria by his own siblings for the purpose of selling him. In their statements to the Criminal Investigation Department, the criminals declared they sell them to make money. (Source: Cotonou, December 01, 2013@ Koaci.com; Posted by Sekodo, <http://koaci.com/articles-87884>; media's contact in Abidjan: [www.koaci.com](http://www.koaci.com) Tel: +225 08 85 52 93)

### **Botswana, 3 reports: (PFI 41 of 180) 3 survivors**

**Survivor account: In September of 1998**, a 27 year old woman with albinism by the name of Ofentse Serurubele narrowly escaped a second plot against her life. The incident took place at Kanye, her native village in Southern Botswana. Although Serurubele was a primary school teacher in the city of Jwaneng, Botswana, she was pregnant and staying in her native village at the time. On this near fateful day, her young brother encountered three guys in the village night club who knew Serurubele. They offered him some beer to get him drunk, hoping to manipulate him into joining their murder plot against his sister. Fortunately he sensed something was wrong and secretly managed to replace the beer with water while pretending to be drunk. The guys asked him: "Where is your sister, the albino teacher?" "Your sister could actually make the deal: She is albino and pregnant!" "We want her flesh...!" Serurubele's brother lied, telling them she was teaching in Jwanenge City but would be home for the weekend and that they could find her then. When he got home from the club that evening, Serurubele's brother told her everything and warned her to leave immediately to Jwaneng city for her safety. After that incident, Serurubele stayed in the city for a long time. (Source: Personal interview by UTSS on January 22, 2014 with Mrs. Ofentse Serurubele, founder & chair of PWA Tshimologo Association Botswana, mobile number +267-72-962-779; Botswana Gazette, January 16, 2014, Understanding Albinism by Kago Komane, <http://www.gazettebw.com/?p=6718> )

### **Burkina Faso, 9 reports: (PFI 52 of 180) 2 killing / 6 survivors / 1 asylum**

**Most recent killing: On August 14, 2012** a 12 year old boy with albinism was killed



in Gaoua, Burkina Faso. Witnesses report that the body was found with his head and genitals removed. (source: "L'Express du Faso" on Wednesday, August 15, 2012)

**Other killing account (date unknown):** A 16 year old *person with albinism* (PWA) was allegedly murdered by François Compaore, brother of Burkina Faso's president at that time. It is believed that the killing was related to human sacrifice. In the newspaper "L'Indépendant", a former soldier by the name of Delma Daogo, who was in active service to Compaore at that time, gave an interview where he explained: *François Compaoré (the president's brother) sent David Ouedraogo (his driver) to Ouagadougou Central Mosque, a place where PWA congregate to appeal for money, in order to bring one of them to him so that he could make a sacrifice. David brought a 16 year old PWA for the alleged purpose of making prayers in the compound of François Compaoré. The driver was then given 50.000F (about 100 US dollars) and asked to go home. Once at his home, David realized he had forgotten his wallet and returned to pick it up. When he arrived, he saw that they had killed the PWA and cut him into pieces.* (Source: l'Indépendant - link to article no longer active - This newspaper was founded by the late journalist, Mr. Norbert Zongo who was allegedly assassinated by President Blaise Compaore's regime due, in part, to the publication of this article about a PWA murder.)

**Most recent abduction: On April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012,** Dr. Pius Kamau, an American physician originally from Kenya, was an eye witness at the Nairobi airport to three aggressive African men being allowed to transport a young boy with albinism out of the country without a passport. He said the men had come from Tanzania and were headed to Ouagadougou, in Burkina Faso and that they used loud, offensive language as the airline attendant asked for the missing passport -- they had three passports and none for the child. Dr. Kamau is now convinced that the three-year-old boy with albinism is no longer a baby headed to a loving family, but a sacrifice at some altar of a cruel witchcraft ceremony. (Source: HUFF POST: IMPACT - The BLOG; Three Year Old Albino – Victim of Witchcraft Sacrifice by Pius Kamau, Posted: 05/01/2012 at 4:00 pm)

**Burundi, 28 reports: (PFI 142 of 180) 17 killings, 7 survivors, 4 grave robbery.**

**Most recent killing: On May 6, 2012 between 12:30 and 1:00 AM,** a 19 year old girl with albinism by the name of Chantal Ngendakumana was murdered in Bunjumbura Rural, Kabezi Ward in Burundi. Two kilometres from the home where Chantal was abducted she was beheaded, her legs and arms were chopped off and what remained of the girls' body was thrown into a ditch by the criminals.

**Most recent survivor: On October 21, 2013,** a 4-year-old girl with albinism by the name of Alvère CITEGETSE narrowly escaped abduction in an eastern province of Burundi bordering Tanzania in the area of NYAMUGARI, in the town of CENDAJURU, Cankuzo province. The child was playing with some other children when a man wearing a coat covering his whole body took Alvere, hid her inside his coat and ran into a banana plantation where he came across a woman called Pascasie NIYONZIMA. She asked him why there were screams coming from inside his coat. He panicked, released the child and ran away. The woman recognized the little girl and took her back to her family. The town's Chief of Police, Mr. NDAYIZIGA, showed no concern about the attempted abduction saying; "I thought it wasn't a big deal". He took no initiative to mobilize a team in order to find the kidnapper. Suspected for this crime is a local man by the name of Samuel, recently released from prison for being implicated in the murders of several PWA. Burundi's PWA Group, ASF, have requested local authorities to conduct investigations and are hoping to see justice served. (Source: Moïse NKENGURUTSE, Secretary General of Burundi PWA group "Albinos Sans Frontières"; Address: Nyakabiga, 5è Av.N°12; Tel: +25779323225; Email: [mose.nkengurutse@yahoo.fr](mailto:mose.nkengurutse@yahoo.fr))

**Graver robbery: In August of 2012,** the grave of a woman with albinism by the name of Tabu was violated by unidentified criminals and her head was stolen. Eight months earlier, Tabu had succumbed to an extended and tragic battle with skin cancer and was buried in the cemetery of the Bugarama area, in the town of Muramvya in the province of Muramvya. Her son Venuste, also a PWA, was informed of his



mother's exhumed body and immediately reported it to the leaders of the Burundian PWA Association called "Albinos Sans Frontieres". (Source: ASF – Burundi PWA Association)

**Cameroon, 7 report: (PFI 131 of 180) 2 killings, 1 survivor, 3 asylum, 1 grave robbery**

**Killing account: In August of 2009**, the foot of a young girl with albinism whose identity remains undisclosed was found in a garbage can in Douala, the capital of the region of Littoral, Cameroon. She reportedly worked in a Snack Bar in that area. Her foot was kept in the morgue of the Laquintane Hospital in Douala. (Source: Information provided to UTSS on July 03, 2013 by Kakmeni Wembou Raphael, the leader of Cameroon Association for the Promotion of Albino CAPA)

**Survivor account: As of August, 2013**, there is a pending court case in which a young girl with albinism confronts a Bailiff, to whom she allegedly refused to offer her hair for witchcraft purposes. The bailiff, Celstine AKONO, decided to bring an action for slander against Colette AMBOMBO, the girl with albinism, since she allegedly told different local media that she had been harassed and jailed by Celestine AKONO for having refused to offer her hair. Colette was summonsed along with Chief Editor and another Journalist of Cameroon Weekly **LE SOIR**. (For further details on this case, please contact the Lawyer of Colette AMBOMBO, Mr. Luc Wendelin MBEDE BOMBA Phone: +237-95-12-88-13)

**Asylum account: In April of 2009** a man with albinism from Cameroon was granted asylum in Italy. (Source: AFRICA, April 13, 2009, The hunt for Albinos is still on)

**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 27 reports: (PFI 151 of 180) 7 killings / 16 survivors / 4 grave robberies**

**Most recent killing: KALONJI ARON**, a 15 year old PWA, was killed on February 22, 2012 in Kasai Oriental, MBUJI- MAYI. (Source: PWA group in DRC called: ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROTECTION ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA PEREDONNE ALBINOS APRODEPA)

**Most recent survivor: NTUMBA GERTRIDE**, a PWA, escaped a murder attempt on July 08, 2013 in Kasai Oriental, MBUJI- MAYI. (Source: PWA group in DRC called: ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROTECTION ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA PEREDONNE ALBINOS APRODEPA)

**Most recent grave desecration: On December 21, 2013**, DRC National Radio station RTNC announced that the grave of a 5 year old girl with albinism was desecrated. The incident occurred in the province of Maniema next to the Oriental province of North and South Kivu in the Eastern DRC. Servain Ndumba, the leader of a local albinism group called APRODEPA, notified Under The Same Sun about this incident via email and telephone. They are working with local human rights defenders to investigate this case. (Source: DRC National Radio RTNC, December 21, 2013 and Servain Ndumba, the leader of DRC albinism association APRODEPA)

**Egypt, 1 report: (PFI 159 of 180) 1 asylum – September 16, 2011**

**On Friday, September 16, 2011**, Hazem Abd Elkade, a 28 year old man with albinism from Egypt told journalist Sophie Bond about his life in Egypt and his new found asylum in New Zealand. He contrasted the profound discrimination facing people with albinism in Egypt with the amazing and equal opportunities he has found in New Zealand. Hazem's lawyer says: "He was seriously maltreated at multiple levels including such things as deliberate cigarette burns from supposed educators.... The hostility toward him was serious at best because of his Albinism. He has now been able to both marry and continue his studies. He is one of the nicest and most considerate people I have met in a long time and doing very well." Hazem says; "I want to be a professor in the university. The first time I ever got a salary was here in New Zealand. I can support myself and my research. I don't want to go back to Egypt, not even for a visit." (SOURCE: The Aucklander (online) - New home for Hazem, By Sophie Bond, Friday 16 September 2011, [http://m.nzherald.co.nz/aucklander/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503378&objectid=11040952](http://m.nzherald.co.nz/aucklander/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503378&objectid=11040952) ; Hazem's lawyer Allen Little QSM,JP)



**Ghana, 1 report: (PFI 27 of 180) 1 survivor – July 16, 2009**

**On July 16, 2009**, in the country of Ghana, a 2 year old boy with albinism (unnamed) was kidnapped by an 18 year old woman named Akua Linda. A week later on July 22, 2009 Linda was apprehended and confessed that a man named Biyanka sent her to feign playing with the boy so that she could steal him. Linda continued that Biyanka took the boy to Asuoyeboah, another Kumasi suburb, after which he was taken to an unknown destination. Akua Linda, according to the Police Capo, noted further that Biyanka returned the boy to her yesterday morning, explaining that what he intended to use the boy for could not work out as expected. Linda was therefore on her way to return the child to his mother when someone saw them at the Kejetia Bus Terminal in Kumasi, Ghana, and raised the alarm leading to her apprehension. Investigations continue. (Source: Daily Guide posted by Ghana Pundit; Thursday, July 23, 2009, “Girl Arrested for Stealing Albino” <http://ghanapundit.blogspot.ca/2009/07/girl-arrested-for-stealing-albino.html> )

**Guinea, 9 reports: (PFI 86 of 180) 2 killings / 4 survivors / 2 asylum / 1 permanent residency**

**2 Most recent killings: 1<sup>st</sup> Killing:** On a Sunday in September of 2010, at the area of *La Carrière*, in the town of Matam, district of Conakry, the body of a PWA was found with the eyes missing— very likely removed with a knife. According to our source, the unnamed PWA used to wander daily in that area with some friends, looking for their daily bread. Their life is made up of begging at the big market of Matam’s main station and on the streets of the Capital City. One morning his lifeless body was found laying on the sidewalk. **2<sup>nd</sup> Killing:** At very much the same time in 2010, at the Matoto Market, in the town of Matoto, another PWA was killed in some unexplained circumstances. His body was found completely dismembered; the attackers having made off with many of the body parts. These two PWA lifeless bodies have made the headlines of all local media including the National Broadcaster RTG. Many Websites and Private Radios have used these murders in their headlines. But unfortunately, no investigation has been considered as if PWAs have no rights. This silence and impunity make fragile the life of PWA in the republic of Guinea and everywhere in Africa.

**Most recent survivor account: On February 6, 2011**, a young boy with albinism escaped an abduction attempt in Matoto (Conakry) in the country of Guinea. As the boy crossed the marketplace several young men approached him and asked why he was walking alone at that time of day. Suddenly one of the men grabbed him by the neck. The boy replied that as a Guinean citizen he was free to walk where he pleased. At that point one of the other criminals brought out a knife and warned him not to scream. Thankfully a pickup truck drove by at that moment and the people inside released him while the criminals fled. (Source: testimony provided by Mr. Sow to [www.aminata.com](http://www.aminata.com) – Translation by Amadou Diallo of UTSS)

**Another survivor account: In October of 1994**, Amadou Diallo, a 19 year old teenage boy with albinism was assaulted in the Capital City of Conakry in his native country of Guinea. One day while walking to his home Amadou was approached by two unfamiliar men who stepped out of a military vehicle and surrounded him. He remembers them saying; “*This is the meat we were looking for. We’ve now got it.*” Amadou was knocked unconscious with a sharp cutting object. His next memory is of regaining consciousness two weeks later in a local hospital with a sever wound to the back of his head and a piece of skin missing. Several years later he realized the attackers intended to get his body parts. The injury to his head still troubles him to this day.

**Permanent Residency: On June 4, 2013** Amadou Diallo, a man with albinism from the country of Guinea was granted Permanent Residency status in Canada. Originally, Amadou fled Guinea to Norway and from 2008 to 2012 urgently sought asylum there. He was held in a refugee camp for 3 of these years during which time his asylum request was denied 4 times even though 2 persons with albinism had been murdered in his home country. UTSS worked extensively with Amadou’s case during this time, providing written testimony on the plight of PWA in Guinea. We also worked with the Canadian government and on



July 16, 2012 he was granted a work permit and moved to Canada. On Tuesday, June 04, 2013, the country of Canada received Amadou with open arms by offering him permanent residency status.

**Asylum: On May 12, 2011** a person with albinism from Guinea was granted asylum in Spain.

(Source: UTSS was informed by the Spanish Lawyer in charge of this case on May 12, 2011)

**Ivory Coast, 25 reports: (PFI 101 of 180) 6 killings / 11 survivors / 4 missing / 2 asylums / 2 abandoned**

**Most recent killing: On March 10, 2011**, three PWA, including a woman, were abducted in the town of Duékoué (Western part of the country). Mr. Bamba, a local representative of the NGO BEDACI, who lives in the town of Touba (located at 176 Km North side to Duékoué) later confirmed the murder of all 3. (source: A PWA NGO by the name of BEDACI from Ivory Coast)

**Most recent survivor: On the night of March 6, 2014**, Brou Yao Serge, a 25-year old man with albinism living in Port-Bouët (Gonzakville), in the district of Abidjan, Ivory Coast narrowly escaped abduction and possibly death. At around 9:30 that evening, Serge was stopped by two young men as he was walking from his Brother's home. When he asked why they had stopped him, a quarrel ensued. As Serge tried to push his way past the attackers, they grabbed him by the neck saying they wanted his head. Fortunately Serge was able to defend himself and managed to escape. This incident has been reported to the police by Ivory Coast's albinism society, BEDACI. (Source: PWA Group - Bien-Etre Des Albinos de COTE D'IVOIRE (BEDACI); Adresse: 10 BP 1989 Abidjan 10; Tel: 24 00 31 20 /21 24 28 34/ 07 67 43 26; Email: [ongbedaci@gmail.com](mailto:ongbedaci@gmail.com))

**Another survivor account: On August 9, 2012**, a 28 year old woman with albinism by the name of Julienne managed to escape a second attack in her homeland of Ivory Coast. This date is branded in her memory. It was pouring rain on her way home from the marketplace in Abidjan when man offered to give her a ride. Julienne hesitated but finally decided to accept the offer. After a few miles the driver bluntly told Julienne he was sick and to get healed, his witchdoctor told him to have sex with a woman with albinism. The car was heading to the forest of Banco at the edge of the city of Abidjan to a place where mystical practices often take place. Fortunately Julienne was able to open the car door and jump out. On August 13, 2012, just 4 days after this second attempted attack, she fled her native Côte d'Ivoire to Tunisia. (Source: French Daily Paper "Le Monde" published on May 20, 2013; <http://emiliennealfatto.blog.lemonde.fr/2013/05/20/julienne-29-ans-refugiee-dermatologique/>)

**Asylum account:** Julienne is a 29-year old woman with albinism and a mother of a 13-year old daughter and an 8-year old son who, just four days after narrowly escaping a second attack due to her albinism, fled her native Côte d'Ivoire on August 13, 2012 to Tunisia. She was hoping to find a better life in another African country. Shortly after her arrival in Tunisia she obtained refugee status from the UNHCR. Despite her refugee status in Tunisia, Julienne's life has not improved as much as she had hoped, summarizing her experience by saying: "Here, people slap me, insult me and mock me. I don't have a job and I am unable to become integrated". (Source: French Daily Paper "Le Monde" published on May 20, 2013; <http://emiliennealfatto.blog.lemonde.fr/2013/05/20/julienne-29-ans-refugiee-dermatologique/>)

**Kenya, 12 reports: (PFI 90 of 180) 3 killings / 8 survivors / 1 unknown status**

**Most recent missing: On Sunday, March 4th, 2012** Mrs. Muzungu took her daughter Joyce Mbuchi to church for the evening prayers. The pastor was having individual prayers with his congregation therefore he asked that all children be taken out of the church to play outside. After prayers Mrs. Muzungu couldn't find Joyce. She approached the pastor to enquire on the whereabouts of Joyce since he is the one who ordered all children to be taken out of the church. The pastors responded by telling her to be patient and wait for Joyce by the rock outside the church and keep praying. The evening became darker Mrs. Muzungu couldn't wait any longer, she went to the neighborhood looking for Joyce but there was no success. On Monday the Pastor called Mrs. Mzungu stating he has Joyce and they should meet on Thursday





afternoon so as to reunite her with Joyce. That Thursday afternoon all the villagers gathered at the church. Instead of the Pastor coming he sent his assistant, which provoked the villagers to beat him. The Pastor sought police protection which triggered the villagers to burn down the church. Up to today Joyce Mbuchi Muzungu has never been found. The pastor relocated to another place. (Source: UTSS Agent, Jayne Waithera in Kenya.)

**Most recent survivor: On Friday, March 15, 2013, a 7 year old boy with albinism in**

Embu, Kenya managed to escape relatives who tried to sell him for ritual purposes. He was kidnapped by his uncle together with other relatives who attempted to take off to an unknown destination where they were to meet the buyers. The boy said that the kidnappers threw him out of the window of a moving vehicle when he screamed. (Source: Citizen News, March 15, 2013; by Patricia Wambui)

**Malawi, 3 report: (PFI 73 of 180) 2 survivors, 1 missing**

**Most recent survivor: On June 3, 2013, a 20 year old man with albinism by the name of**

Yohane Kamwendo from Area 9 Machinjiri Blantyre, Malawi, escaped traffickers in Chipata Zambia. (Source: The Albino Association of Malawi (TAAM), Executive Director Bonface Ophiyah Massah, Email: [bonmassah@gmail.com](mailto:bonmassah@gmail.com) - Cell: 0881006474/0995442346)

**Missing: On July 2, 2013, an 8 year old girl with albinism by the name of Maliya Kosta from** Mayaka in Mukhweya village, T/A Chikowi Zomba, Malawi went missing. Her mother believes she has been killed. (Source: The Albino Association of Malawi (TAAM), Executive Director Bonface Ophiyah Massah, Email: [bonmassah@gmail.com](mailto:bonmassah@gmail.com) - Cell: 0881006474/0995442346)

**Mali, 8 reports: (PFI 122 of 180) 2 killings / 2 survivors / 1 missing / 3 asylum**

**Most recent killing: In 2008, in the region of Segou, a seventy-year-old man, by the name of**

DEMBELE killed a six-year-old boy with albinism, chopped off his hand and disposed his body in an abandoned well. The young boy regarded the old man as his Grand-father. The reason for this - local belief is that a dried hand of a PWA has some therapeutic virtues against impotence. (Source: S.O.S. Albino Report)

**Most recent survivor: In 2011, an ashamed young mother attempted to throw her 7yr old** daughter with albinism into a well. Fortunately, she was stopped by a neighbor who threatened to call the police. The girl was safely placed with authorities. A few weeks later the girl was united with her biological father after proving his paternity and commitment to protect his daughter. Since that time the mother and her daughter were reunited and relocated to Burkina Faso.

**Asylum: On December 29, 2009** a man with albinism from Mali, was granted asylum in the Spanish Canary Islands. (Source: CEAR, the Spanish Immigration Authority)

**Mozambique, 2 reports: (PFI 79 of 180) 1 survivor, 1 unknown status**

**Survivor account:** According to a report on July 29, 2009, four year old Derton Termo Zabo, from Mbulaua community in the central Gorongosa district of Mozambique spent the first three years of his life hidden inside their house because his parents did not want neighbours to know that they had a son with albinism. Zabo was saved by a nurse, Nildo Chigavale, who approached the mother after receiving some information on the hidden child. Zabo's fate is a reality to most Mozambicans who are born with albinism and they suffer constant discrimination from their families and society. (Source: Club of MOZAMBIQUE BLOG; Child Lost Three Years of Life Due to his Albion Condition <http://www.clubofmozambique.com/solutions1/sectionnews.php?secao=mozambique&id=15813&tipo=one>)

**Unknown status account:** In 2009 a family in the Northern Province of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, sold their son to foreigners because he had albinism. A year later, on September 24, 2010, this incident was told to Mozambican President Armando Guebuza by Ana Gabriela, chairperson of a local PWA association. This report was made to express her deep concern for the dire conditions faced by her



fellow citizens with albinism. (Source: allAfrica, Mozambique: Guebuza Receives Albino Association - <http://allafrica.com/stories/201009250010.html>)

**Namibia, 2 reports: (PFI 22 of 180) 1 survivor / 1 killing**

**Most recent killing: In June of 2010** Ananias Shifotoka, a young man with albinism from Uukwiyuwuushona Village in Oshikoto Region was found brutally murdered days after he went missing. His decomposing body was found in a bush cut into pieces with his head removed as well as his genitals, tongue, hands and toes missing. (Source: NEW ERA News Paper for a New Namibia, 29-June-2010)

**Most recent survivor: On Thursday, May 12, 2012** a 16 year old girl with albinism claims to have been raped by 44 year old man. Prior to the rape he had been visiting the victim and enticed her with money and promises of a shiny car, cattle and marriage. They went for a ride that day and on their return to the village, the accused forced his victim into one of his abandoned buildings, where he is alleged to have raped her. This was confirmed by the victim herself. On Monday, May 21 2012 the suspected rapist was denied bail in Oshakati Magistrate Court. The accused, Jonas Mathias, known as Iingumu Netsali (44), was from a village near Ongwediva where he was arrested by the police. The case of Mathias was postponed by Magistrate Mika Namweya to 27 June 2012 for further investigation. (Source: Informante', May 23, 2012)

**Nigeria, 8 reports: (PFI 112 of 180) 4 killings / 1 missing / 1 asylum / 1 kidnapping / 1 attempted kidnapping**

**Most recent killing: In April of 2013** a woman with albinism was found dead with some of her body organs missing at Okuta, a border town at Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State, Nigeria. (Source: TheGuardian Nigeria, Friday, April 19, 2013, 19:32; From Abiodun Fagbemi, Ilorin)

**Missing report: In April of 2013** a woman with albinism went missing according to her relatives. She was a resident around Saw Mill area in the city of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria. (Source: TheGuardian Nigeria, Friday, April 19, 2013, 19:32; From Abiodun Fagbemi, Ilorin)

**Asylum report: On February 16, 2011,** a man with albinism from Nigerian was granted asylum in the state of Florida, USA. (Source: UTSS served as expert witness)

**Rwanda, 1 report: (PFI 162 of 180) 1 grave robbery**

**On July 2, 2013,** authorities of the Macuba sector in Nyamasheke district in Rwanda were notified that the grave of Nyirahakuzimana Consolee, a woman with albinism buried eight months earlier, had been found desecrated and empty. Nyamasheke district mayor, Habyarimana Jean Baptiste, confirmed the grave tampering. He noted that it was difficult to determine who was behind the incidence, but that the coffin and cloths of the deceased were found scattered about 700 meters from the grave. (Source: Online media: Ciel d'Afrique – Article published on July 03, 2013 <http://oeildafrique.com/le-cadavre-dun-albinos-vole-au-rwanda/> ; IGIHE.com Published on 3-07-2013 <http://en.igihe.com/news/body-of-albino-stolen-from-grave.html>)

**Senegal, 7 reports: (PFI 62 of 180) 3 alleged killings / 3 survivors / 1 asylum**

**3 alleged killings:** Three unproven murders of people with albinism are alleged to be linked to the March, 2012 elections in Senegal. Several different sources have purported 1 killing in 2012 and 2 killings in 2010. These charges were actually made by President Abdoulaye Wade but apparently not at the same time:

- In 2012 during the electoral campaign, President Abdoulaye said before the steering committee of his own political party (the Senegalese Democratic Party PDS): **“Some people told me that Pape DIOP killed a PWA they brought from Mali”**. (Source - Article: “Another GRAVE revelation from Wade”, Wednesday, May 30, 2012, <http://www.rewmi.com/> & Article: “MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF



THE PDS: Wade accuses Pape Diop of killing an albino”, Wednesday May 30, 2012, <http://www.walf-groupe.com/> )

- In July of 2010 Abdoulaye Wade accused the regime of his predecessor Abdou DIOUF and his political party, the Socialist Party (PS), “*of the mysterious deaths of two young female albinos whose disappearance was never clarified*”. (Source - WikiLeaks, December 17, 2010)

**Most recent survivor: Late in 2011** in the months leading up to the elections in Senegal, a group led by a politician kidnapped a young girl with albinism from her home in North Senegal. A hood was forced over her head and she was dragged to a cemetery. Fortunately, she was able to find a way to escape. (Source: ANPRAS, a nationwide organization representing persons with albinism in Senegal)

**Asylum: In 2008**, a 15-year old schoolgirl with albinism from Senegal fled to Belgium having experienced herself a big lack of safety due her albinism in Senegal. She used that occasion to move to France where *Genespoir* assisted her in legal and administrative procedures. She is currently a student at the university and has a legal stay in France. (SOURCE: France major PWA group *Genespoir* share a non-comprehensive list of asylum cases pertained to PWA in which they have been / are currently involved.)

**South Africa, 4 reports: (PFI 42 of 180) 1 killing / 1 missing / 1 survivor / 1 grave robbery**

**Most recent killing: On November 11, 2010**, Mr Sithole, a priest with albinism was killed.

Belonging to the Assemblies of God Church, he was killed and then burnt on his way to church in Kwaggafontein Village.

**Most recent survivor: On February 22, 2013**, a 6 year old girl with albinism by the name of Ntandane Kgomotso went missing at Sandy River near Hazyview in Mpumalanga, South Africa. She was abducted while playing in the yard on Friday afternoon. The community pulled together and combed the bushes and after hours of searching, found Ntandane unhurt in the bushes. She was tired and hungry and her mother fears the kidnapper may try again. The incident was reported to the police (Source: NewsBites, November 5, 2013 <http://www.zimkasi.com/index-id-news-zk-14983.html>)

**Swaziland, 9 reports: (PFI 156 of 180) 2 killings / 7 survivors**

**Most recent killings: On Wednesday, August 18, 2010**, an 11-year-old girl with albinism by the name of Banele Nxumalo was abducted, shot and beheaded on the banks of Sigudvuma River at Ondiyaneni in Shiselweni. This incident comes hardly five months after another 11-year child with albinism was murdered and mutilated while in the company of a relative who managed to escape. (Source: Times of Swaziland by Sizwe Maziya on August 20, 2010 & The Swazi Observer, August 20, 2010 by Starsky Mkhonta)

**Most recent survivors: 4 SURVIVORS OF THE SAME ATTACK: On September 02, 2013**, 4 men with albinism were attacked and seriously injured in the town of Mankayane next to Manzini, in Swaziland. Mr. Vilakati received this information from the victims’ families and reported it to UTSS. He was able to visit 2 of the 4 victims in hospital; one called Thulane (19) and the other Ndzinisa (24); the other 2 remain unidentified. (Source: Mr. Dalton Vilakati, a PWA and recently appointed Member of Parliament in Swaziland - Phone number: +268-763-604-80)

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**Tanzania, 139 reports: (PFI 69 of 180)** All Tanzanian information on killings and attacks are gathered by UTSS through its field work and research; reports from victim's families and police reports in Tanzania.

**72 killings**

**49 survivors; most are severely mutilated**

**16 grave robberies**

**2 failed grave robbery attempt**

**Most recent killing: On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013**, Lugolola Buzari, a 7 year old boy with albinism was brutally murdered in Kanunge Village, Kinondoni Hamlet, Ulyankulu Division, Kaliua District in Tabora Region. The attackers slashed his forehead, right arm, left shoulder and chopped off his left arm just above the elbow disappearing with it in the dark. Lugolola's grandfather (95yrs) was also killed as he tried to protect his grandson. His father and grandmother survived with serious injuries.

**Most recent survivor: On December 15, 2013**, at around 10:00 at night a 15 year old girl with albinism by the name of Milembe Michael Mbiti encountered three men in hoods and heavy coats who attempted to attack her. This incident took place in Simbaguji Village, Kasamwa Ward, Geita District. The girl was sleeping with her mother, Justina Katwale, at their home while the father was out drinking. The family dog continuously barked at the assailants as they stood in front of the house. This attracted the attention of Milembe's mother as well as her great uncle, Katwale Kapunze, from a nearby house. When they approached the men, they fled. During the UTSS team visited to Milembe's home they realized that the house is not safe and is in a very remote area. Since then UTSS has moved Milembe to Lake View School as one of our education scholarship fund (ESF) students. She is safe there. (Source: Personal interview with victim and / or family in their home by UTSS team in December 2013)

**2<sup>nd</sup> most recent survivor: On October 24, 2013**, Elisha Simon, a 4 year old boy with albinism from Magenge Village, Geita region, was approached by men with weapons while he played with some friends outside his grandmother's house. As they tried to grab him the frightened children screamed for help and neighbour's ran to the rescue. Elisha was saved. This is the fourth attempt on Elisha's young life. His mother took him to the police station for security.

**3<sup>rd</sup> most recent survivor: On February 15, 2013** Mwigulu Matonange, a 10 year old boy with albinism was attacked and his left arm chopped off above the elbow by two unidentified men in Msia Village, Sumbawanga Rural District of Rukwa Region in western Tanzania. Mwigulu asked his father to find another school; "a school where the bad men cannot find me and chop off my other arm". UTSS promised Mwigulu to find a good school for him where he would be safe. Three men have been arrested in connection with the attack.

**4<sup>th</sup> most recent survivor: On February 11, 2013 at 2:00 AM**, Maria Chambanenge, a 39 year old woman with albinism narrowly escaped death after 5 armed men (including her husband) chopped off her left arm while she was asleep with 2 of her 4 children. Rukwa Regional Crime Officer, Peter Maganga Ngusa, told UTSS that the incident occurred in Western Tanzania in Mkowe Village, Miangalua, Sumbawanga Rural District, Rukwa Region. He went on to say that five men have been arrested and on February 15th the police recovered Maria's arm, which was buried near a bridge by a small river.

**NOTE: The first actual police documented murder of PWA in Tanzania was that of Arif in 2006.**

**Zambia, 1 reports: (PFI 93 of 180) 1 killing**

**In December of 2011 a 5 year old girl with albinism was killed in Lusaka, Zambia.**

She was found with hair missing on the side of her head according to John Chiti, Director of the Albino Association of Zambia (Zambian Watchdog).



**Zimbabwe, 2 report: (PFI 135 of 180) 1 killing / 1 asylum**

**In 2011 the severely mutilated body of a 26 year old woman with albinism was discovered.**

Professor John Makumbe was contacted by Zimbabwe police and taken to the morgue to assist in identifying the body. He noted that she had albinism and that her breasts and genitals had been removed. (Source: Professor John Makumbe, a professor of political science at the University of Zimbabwe and president of the Zimbabwe Albino Association (Zimas))

**On November 29, 2012,** a woman with albinism from Zimbabwe was granted asylum in Atlanta, Georgia. (Source: UTSS served as expert witness in this case)

**NOTE 1: 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, South Africa, Swaziland,

**NOTE 2: Many attacks & killings of PWA in Africa are not documented or reported.**

UTSS is certain that *crimes of colour* against PWA are common in various parts of almost all African countries. **LEGENDS & MYTHS ABOUND, AND UTSS HAS YET TO HEAR OF ONE THAT IS HUMANIZING.** Most myths reduce PWA to ghosts, magical beings or curses, etc. On rare occasion the discrimination is reversed and the PWA are “deified” into “gods”. Either way, they rarely get to enjoy their status as normal human beings. Many countries have stories about the mysterious disappearance of PWA. There is a growing, documented truth to these rumors. We know that PWA have been kidnapped, mutilated and killed by fellow citizens (sometimes family members “friends” or neighbours) for the purpose of witchcraft related rituals. Muti murders or “medicine” killings have a deep, longstanding history, and are a familiar concept to most Africans.