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More French implicated in Genocide to be named

By Nasra Bishumba

A NEW LIST of senior French politicians that were complicit in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi will soon be released, Foreign Affairs minister Louise Mushikiwabo has said.

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The development comes barely a month after the National Commission for the fight against Genocide (CNLG) released a list of 22 senior French army officers that knowingly aided the planning and execution of the Genocide in which more than a million people were killed.

Speaking to journalists in Kigali, yesterday, Mushikiwabo, who also doubles as the Government spokesperson, said it was time to release information that clearly indicated the role of some of the politicians, intelligence and military individual's role, adding that Rwanda was fed up with what she called 'French judicial bullying'.

"We, as a country, have reached a point where we have to say that the activities, the unrepentant, the belligerent attitude and actions of France are no longer acceptable.

"In the very near future, and for the next many years, we as a country believe that we need to put out in the open, all important information, clearly showing the implication of various French officials the military, politicians, intelligence and all individuals that played a role in the Genocide," she said.

Mushikiwabo told journalists that despite the Government's commitment toward mending the strained relationship, the French government seemed to be uninterested.

"We knew from the word go that it was not going to be easy to conduct normal good bilateral activities with France. We

decided that we should figure out to mend the relationship, eventually and progressively to reach a collaboration that is normal.

"We have reached a point where, 22 years after the genocide, we realise that France is not interested in a good relationship with Rwanda," she said.

Mushikiwabo added that the ties between the two countries continued to sour because of the actions and involvement of France as a state as well as specific individuals in the French establishment, both military and political.

"Officially, France says one thing but another level of activity in different institutions does the opposite. There have been a number of negative activities towards Rwanda in different circles, in the multi-lateral world, sometime in our neighborhood sometimes through different conflicts and of course what they call a judicial process yet it is politics being played through a court system," she said.

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Last month, CNLG named 22 senior French military officers who were operating in Rwanda at the time of the genocide and reportedly played a significant role in the killings that saw over a million people lose their lives.

France announced recently that it was considering plans to re-open investigations into the shooting down of the plane



that was carrying former President Juvenile Habyarimana.

This has been perceived as one of the multiple attempts by France to undermine Rwanda and divert responsibility for their role in the Genocide.

"Let me say two things about this plane crash which France has been clutching onto and trying to hold above our heads. One, the Genocide was not caused by a plane crash. That is a fact. It was premeditated and planned and just waiting for a signal to get started.

"Two, if there is a country beyond Rwanda that was aware and that was active in the preparation of the Genocide back in the 1990s, it is France. France had political advisers to the genocidal government, France had military advisers and trainers

THE MILITARY LIST

Gen Jacques Lanxade
 Gen Christian Quesnot
 Gen Jean-Pierre Huchon
 Gen Jean-Claude Lafourcade
 Col Gilbert Canovas
 Col Jacques Rosier
 Col Didier Tauzin
 Col René Galinié
 Col Bernard Cussac
 Col Dominique Delort
 Col Jacques Hogard
 Col Jacques Rosier
 Col Patrice Sartre
 Lt Col Michel Robardey
 Lt Col Jean-Jacques Maurin
 Lt Col Eric De Stabenrath
 Capt Etienne Joubert
 apt Paul Barril
 Comm Grégoire de Saint Quentin
 Comm Denis Roux
 omm Marin Gillier

Mushikiwabo briefs the media. T. Kisambira.

for both the army and the militias that were involved in committing the Genocide. France had detached intelligence officers to the genocidal government. There are names, faces. This is not something that is fabricated; it is information that is out there," Mushikiwabo said.

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AU reforms process to impact on commission set-up – Mushikiwabo

By Collins Mwai

THE ONGOING African Union reforms process is set to impact on the

"Organisational, that is the technical work on the commission itself and its set-up and how

from nine African countries, earlier this month had a two-day consultative meeting in Kigali

"The recent activities in various African countries have to do with

opportunities as well as expanding the