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RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT  
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The cold-blooded murders and other vile atrocities being committed against innocent and unarmed Rwandese civilians by "President" Habyalimana and his army reflect a blatant violation of human rights, negate the whole concept of acceptable conduct of conflicts and call for unequivocal condemnation by the global community.

Since the Rwandese Patriotic Front (Inkotanyi) took up arms - the last and only viable alternative given Habyalimana's intransigence - to fight a war of liberation against Habyalimana's 17 years old dictatorship, the man and his armed cohorts, in concert with Zairean soldiers (this particular special brigade sent to Rwanda is best remembered for their massacre of hundreds of Zairian students at Lubumbashi, a few months ago) set into motion a wave of gross human rights abuses that have left many innocent civilians, including priests, intellectuals, businessmen, women and children, dead or unlawfully incarcerated. The tragedy of these brutal acts was even more compounded by the cold-blooded murder of a foreign national, one Ouma Karuma, a Kenyan.

The horror of mass massacres have been reported by the international press. On October 10 1990 the world heard of the heartless orgy of killings in North Eastern Rwanda that left 1,000 civilians dead. At the time, foreign Minister, Casmir Bizimungu, claimed the dead were "rebels killed in combat only to be contradicted by his own ambassador in Washington who said that the dead were civilians killed by the Rwandese Patriotic Army". Obviously, the minister and his emissary had not had time to synchronize their lies. This brutal massacre by Habyalimana's army and the attempts by his officials to cover-up this national tragedy in falsehoods shows a government that has no public accountability, lost direction and therefore the right to govern. Let it go on record that the Rwandese Patriotic Front does not kill civilians. Our Army's mission is to liberate the Rwandese people.

The murder of the 1,000 innocent villagers by soldiers who went into the countryside and blindly let out machine-gun fire and hand-grenades is not the only act of transferred aggression committed by Habyarimana and his men. Our sources tell of execution squads on rampage over the whole country.



Today, Habyalimana's army is reported to be busy "chopping-off the hands of tutsi men so that they could not fight." In Kigali, the Capital, the smell of death hangs in the air and except the soldiers, no one is sure of tomorrow.

Into Nyamirambo Open-air stadium, in Kigali, thousands of people (estimated at three now) have been herded like cows. Only recently, people with homes, these men, women and children are now forced to live like animals, unprotected from the scorching sun of the day and the biting cold of the night. Non-existent sanitary conditions threaten these unlawfully held prisoners with an epidemic that may claim their lives. But even before this happens, these men, women and children are undergoing a slow death. Denied food, their crimes not spelt out, without assurance of proper recourse to the due process of the law, surrounded by trigger-happy armed men and muzzled, their psychological trauma must be intense, their hope of survival-NIL. Their hope lies in the international conscience waking up to the reality of this tragic situation and unreservedly condemning Habyalimana and his men who have created it.

The present conflict in Rwanda has a historical and political justification which the Habyalimana regime finds convenient to ignore. In order to keep his murderous, clannish and kleptocratic regime in power, Habyalimana and his aides have tried to mislead the world by explaining away the present conflict as a HUTU-TUTSI problem and our movement as a TUTSI UPRISING. These explanations should be dismissed as mere fossilized theories whose best place is in the dust-heap of history.

The Rwanda Patriotic Front is a national rather than a tutsi based organisation with a composition that embodies the entire national character (with the exception of the likes of Habyalimana). Our war is not against the hutus because to do so would be like fighting oneself. It is rather a war against the Habyalimana dictatorship which has stifled the nation's spirit and potential for democratic growth. Had Habyalimana been a TUTSI or TWA the Rwandese Patriotic Front would still be in battlefield it is in today. We fight not on ethnic grouping (should we be talking of ethnic groups in a country with the same language and culture?) but rather a deep-seated dictatorship so that our country may grow into the future on a democratic foundation.

Habyalimana would rather have none of this. Since the break-out of Rwandese Patriotic Front war of liberation, he has been busy drumming-up ethnic differences setting the HUTUS up against



TUTSIS (RPF abhors this classification) and psyching brother to murder brother. His army took the cue and the result has been the gory reports of massacres that the world has heard of, courtesy of the international press. While the generalised stories of killings have continued to bombard the international conscience, our sources across the country have been able to specifically identify the dead and feared dead in Habyalimana controlled areas as hereunder itemised:-

CONFIRMED DEAD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPECIAL INFORMATION</u>
1. Rubangura Vedaste	Businessman, Kigali
2. Muvunyi Jean Paul	(Whole family)
3. Sisi Evariste	Businessman, Kigali
4. Kabeja Thomas	Lecturer Nyakinama Campus
5. Sakumi Anselme	Businessman, Kigali
6. Mulenzi (Customs Officer)	Whole family
7. Karambizi Michel	Whole family (Including a 22 year old fighter pilot son)
8. Colonel Ruhasya Epimaque	In Habyalimana's army
9. Kantengwa Adela	Together with her son
10. Ouma Karuma	Kenyan (Ambassador's driver)
11. Tom Karakire	Businessman
12. Asinapore Rwigara's Family	Mother and four children
13. Munyandamutsa Isacaar	Businessman
14. Israel Nsengiyumva	Kigali
15. Rutungura Martin	Kigali
16. Musoni	Kigali

FEARED DEAD

1. Rev. P. Epimaque	Kamonyi Mission
2. Nsengiyumva Anatole	Kigali
3. Mukarumongi Beatrice	Corwaco, Kigali
4. Semazima Jacqueline	
5. Ntashamaje Gerald	Bralirwa, Kigali
8. Kabeja Thomas	Lecturer, Nyakinama Campus
9. Rugema Donat	Min. of Planning
10. Munyembaraga N.	Director, Min. P&T
11. Kamugundu Evariste	Butare
12. Karekezi Seraphin	Butare
13. Gakuba Paul	Butare

14. Mutamuliza Marie-Therese	Butare
15. Ntagwirumugara Egide	Lecturer
16. Bisalinkumi Nandoni	
17. Mbaguta Jean	Kigali
18. Gakwaya Etienne	
19. Mutanganda Fidel	Kigali
20. Munyampundu Francois	Kigali
21. Shalita Epimaque	Priest
22. Kyamazima Jacqueline	Kimenyi's sister
23. Kayinamura	Commandant, Kigali
24. Habimana Joseph	Deputy Governor (BNR)
25. Twizere Aloys	
26. Mukulira Stanislas	
27. Verena	
28. Bertina Mukuza	Proprietor FOAM
29. Rutayisire	Lt. Colonel
30. Gatera Celestin	Kigali
31. Musafiri Egide	
32. Mutabonwa Cecile	Butare
33. Kayiranga Xavier	
34. Major Sebakunzi	Kigali
35. Kantengwa Marie	
36. Harelimana Faustine	
37. Munyampundu Francois	Kigali
38. Rutungura Martin	
39. Iyakaremye Faustin	
40. J M Vianney Kabagabo	Businessman
41. Nduwayezu	Director (national security)
42. America	Businessman
43. Pauline Tuyisenge	Secretary (UNICEF)
44. Florence K Ngirumpatse	Secretary (PNUD)
45. Karinda Callixte	Businessman
46. Gashagaza Charles	Businessman
47. Karekezi Francois	Businessman
48. Mudenge	Businessman
57. Landouard	Proprietor (hotel Lando)
58. Narcisse Munyandamutsa	Minister of Transport and Communications

The Rwandese Patriotic Front will continue to expose Habyalimana's excess to the world. The killings and arbitrary arrests and dehumanising imprisonment in Kigali during this conflict have been explained by Habyalimana as a response to the battle in Kigali between "rebels" and his troops. We would like to state that his is a fabrication. Our men have never been to Kigali let alone engage the enemy soldiers. The fighting is best explained as a result of a split within Habyalimana's army which is clearly seen in the arrests of the Director of Military



Intelligence (Mr Nduwayezu), Lt. Colonel Rutayisire and the arrest and murder of Colonel Ruhashya Epimague. Further proof of this division is reflected in Habyalimana's distrust of his own army best shown in his soliciting foreign military support when the war broke out. Today, his body guards are foreign soldiers.

By trying to project the current challenge to his rule as a Hutu-Tutsi problem Habyalimana seeks to conceal from world attention the fact that his 17 years political itinerary is littered with corpses; as well as other Human Rights abuses. Worse, he seeks to create a justification for setting ethnic hostilities aflame and encourage blind murder of Rwandese by fellow Rwandese.

In his book, LE GENERAL MAJOR HABYARIMANA, J B Shyirambere writes:-

"The neutralisation of civilian power on July 5, 1973, was a bloodless event, but the arrests which took place led to liquidations." While a court martial was constituted to try those arrested he adds "At the end of the trial, when the accused were led back to prison, it was for each one of them, a one way Journey." Hereunder is a list of those people who by walking back into prison walked into the hands of death.

NAME

SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Munyaneza Augustine	Minister (Gitarama)
2. Bizimana Andre	Minister (Gitarama)
3. Harelimana Gaspard	Minister (Gitarama)
4. Nyilabakwe Godefroid	State Secretary (Gitarama)
5. Minani Frodouald	Minister (Gitarama)
6. Nzanana Fideli	Minister (Kibuye)
7. Kaberuka Emmanuel	Ambassador
8. Ndahayo Claver	Deputy Secretary to the National Assembly (Gitarama)
9. Mbarubukeye Athanase	Executive Secretary of the Ruling Party (Gitarama)
10. Niyonzima Maximilien	Regional Secretary of the Ruling Party
11. Hodali Alipe	Presidential Private Secretary (Gitarama)
12. Kanani Aminadab	Court of Appeal President (Gitarama)
13. Muryandamutsa, Philippe	Court of Appeal President (Kigali)
14. Gakire Jean	General Secretary (Gitarama)
15. Kalisa Narcisse	General Secretary (Gitarama)
16. Ndadali Gaspard	Administrator (Rwanda National Bank)



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| 17. Muvunankiko Gerard   | Member of Parliament<br>(Gitarama)           |
| 18. Misago Mathias       | Member of Parliament (Butare)                |
| 19. Shumbusha Francois   | Director General (Gitarama)                  |
| 20. Ugirashebuja J-Eric  | Director General (Gitarama)                  |
| 21. Bizindori Louis      | Director, L'ONACO (Gitarama)                 |
| 22. Mivumbi Damien       | Director General (Gitarama)                  |
| 23. Ndahimana Stanislas  | Director General                             |
| 24. Nyamwasa Gallican    | Officer (Butare)                             |
| 25. Twagirayezu Aloys    | Officer                                      |
| 26. Zihinjishi Oscar     | Officer                                      |
| 27. Niyoyita Dominique   | Officer (Gikongoro)                          |
| 28. Bisabo Aloys         | Officer                                      |
| 29. Habimana Mathias     | Officer                                      |
| 30. Habimana Siridion    | Officer                                      |
| 31. Muganifura Aphias    | Member of Parliament                         |
| 32. Ntirushwa Siridon    | Member of Parliament                         |
| 33. Nubashyifura Charles | Member of Parliament                         |
| 34. Nyabuhene Fideli     | Member of Parliament                         |
| 35. Ndutiye Justin       | Member of Parliament                         |
| 36. Mporanyi Prosper     | National Intelligence<br>Agent               |
| 37. Turatsinze Desire    | Director, National Social<br>Security Fund   |
| 38. Ntaganzwa Alexandre  | Director                                     |
| 39. Miss Kabarenzi Agnes | Civil Servant                                |
| 40. Kanakuze Omar        | Trader (Gitarama)                            |
| 41. Gasamunyiga Melchior | Director General, Office<br>of the President |
| 42. Kabandana P Celestin | Minister without Portfolio                   |
| 43. Sebagabo Athanase    | District Inspector                           |
| 44. Twagirayeze Epimaque | National Intelligence<br>Agent               |
| 45. Musabe Jules-Simon   | Diplomat                                     |
| 46. Bizimana Isaie       | Civil Servant (Social<br>Security)           |
| 47. Semanyenzi Alfred    | Civil Servant (Ministry of<br>Agriculture)   |
| 48. Twagirimana Boniface | Civil Servant (Ministry of<br>Agriculture)   |
| 49. Bitsinduka Alphonse  |  |
| 50. Mbaraga Augustin     |  |
| 51. Ndukebuka Godefroid  |  |
| 52. Niyibizi Canisius    |  |
| 53. Nkurunziza Cyprien   |  |
| 54. Neanzishuli David    |  |



Recent prominent victims of Habyalimana's brutal repressive machine include:-

Name - Felicita Nyiramutarambirwa

Killed August 1989. Member of Parliament from the south and a former employee of LE DIALOGUE MAGAZINE. Thought to have overstepped the mark through her critical public utterance.

Name - Father Silvio Sindambiwe

Killed November 7 1989 in what has come to be known as a state planned road accident. A prominent and vocal Roman Catholic Priest and former editor of Kinyamateka, a weekly newspaper. His criticism of the Habyalimana administration earned him state directed persecution, the highlight being the event when one security officer poured a whole bucket of excrement over him.

Name - Mr Muganza

A former Minister of Health, killed because of his criticism of the regime.

Name - Colonel Muyuya, Army Officer.

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Like all present day dictatorships, Habyalimana's reign in Rwanda has been a horror story to Rwandese inside the country and to the two million refugees he has heartlessly condemned to a state of perpetual exile. The foregoing list is but only a microcosm of the terror this man has brought to bear on our motherland, yet his apologists would have the world believe that he has had a "relatively good human rights record." The Rwandese Patriotic Front thinks he has not. RPF thinks that only one of his crimes against his countrymen is enough to indict him. Certainly his simplest crime is greater than Nixon's watergate scandal. Nixon went, Habyalimana should go.

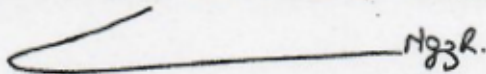
Had Habyalimana been fairer to the Fourth Estate, the world would have known that his record was bad. But he muzzled the press, persecuted and instigated the killing of those like Father Sindambiwe, who chose to speak out against injustice in Rwanda.

His latest attempt at muzzling the Press was the arrest and imprisonment in July 1990 of editors of two independent periodicals in Rwanda: Mr Vincent Rwabukwisi of Kanguka and Mr Ngeze Hassan of Kangura. The logic is simple, stifle the Press and let "the skeletons remain in the closet."

In this national conflict, those foreign powers which intervene on Habyalimana's side are trying to prop-up a man who has become a monster to his own people. The Rwandese Patriotic Front finds this offensive. Habyalimana is our brother and countryman. If he were right, we would stand up in his defence. But he has been wrong for 17 years and we should know better because we have lived the pain of injustices all this time.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front seeks to put an end to this pain; to cleanse our society of dictatorship and mould a democratic society for the benefit of Rwanda's children, born and to be born.

Once again we strongly appeal to foreign powers to desist from interfering in the internal affairs of OUR COUNTRY.

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For \_\_\_\_\_  
Rwandese Patriotic Front

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