



Federació PSM- ENTESA NACIONALISTA

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International Crimes against Humanity, Great Lakes of Africa

The Rwandan Government has called presidential elections for August this year. The leaders of the opposition party "Democratic Forces United" (FDU) who returned to Rwanda after years in exile to run in the upcoming elections, have now been the victims of an attempt of lynching in a Government building as well as having their documents that would allow them to register as a legal party in the country, stolen. One of the members has been detained and falsely accused and their family members condemned for false crimes in courts that do not guarantee transparency and objectivity.

Joseph Ntwangundi, member of the board of FDU, still convalescent after a serious attack, has been arrested and falsely accused of having participated in the 1994 genocide (it is widely known that Ntwangundi was not even in the country at the time). Victoire Ingabire Umuhiza, leader of the party and presidential candidate, has also been a victim of physical attacks and has had her documents stolen.

Victoire Ingabire arrived back in Rwanda at the end of January of this year in order to run as a candidate in the elections. Ingabire has insisted constantly in her belief to a pacific and non violent approach in order to fight together against an unjust political system and to work towards a true democracy based on freedom and to build a country in which all of children can be raised happily in peace and with respect. Rwandan press and the and President Paul Kagame have announce that they will use the force of the institutions to block Ingabire's party from registering and running in the elections and have accused her of instigating and encouraging ethnic hate. She could be imprisoned for this last accusation. Her elderly mother has already been arrested, accused and imprisoned for 30years after an irregular court ("gacaca") proclaimed her to be guilty of genocide crimes which supposedly happened 16 years ago.

In addition to this situation, 40 military and political high ranking people in the current Rwandan government have been accused by the Spanish Courts (Audiencia Nacional) accused of genocide, war crimes, rape, and also the murders of 9 Spanish nationals. An international arrest warrant has been issued for these 40 people.

For this reason Federació PSM - Entesa Nacionalista requests the EFA General Assembly, the EFA parliamentary group and the EFA MEP's to instigate the European Union;

- 1 – To send international observers to Rwanda in order to guarantee a clean and democratic electoral process and to guarantee the safety of all candidates.
- 2- To request the United Nations to take necessary action in order to guarantee the safety of all candidates and their families in the upcoming electoral process in Rwanda.

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