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**The former attorney general of Kagame's Rwanda blames the killings of Hutus in Congo. Gerald Gahima, refined and fled to the U.S. in 2004, made a declaration against the Rwandan president in the [Spanish] National Court [La Audiencia Nacional].**

The Rwandan army killed thousands of Hutu refugees during their raids in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1998. This was said on Wednesday by former attorney general of Rwanda and the former vice president of that country's Supreme Court, Gerald Gahima, before the National Court's Judge Fernando Andreu, who is maintaining his legal accusations against 40 citizens of this country, for crimes of genocide and war crimes as well as the alleged murder of nine Spanish aid workers and religious. Gahima, who had to flee the country and took refuge in the U.S. in 2004 after being purged by the regime in Kigali, confirmed that the party of President Paul Kagame, the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), is funded in part by the illegal plundering of Congolese natural resources such as coltan.

Gahima's version overlaps with the final report [**Mapping Exercise**] of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. This document claimed that Rwanda may have committed genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity after 1996, by killings thousands of Hutu refugees who fled to Congo. Deaths, "including women, children, elderly and killed with a hammer, stabbed or burned-lived" can not be considered accidents arising from the war, "according to a recent UN document claiming that these facts were investigated" by the competent court, the International Criminal Court. This alleged genocide began two years after committed by Hutus on Tutsis, which resulted in 800,000 deaths and is being investigated by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda based in Arusha (Tanzania).

The statement by the former attorney general also overlaps with other United Nations report. **The group of experts on the illegal exploitation of resources in Congo** said in another dossier published in 2001 that three of the companies that drew coltan and other commodities of that country to Kigali (the Rwandan capital), Air Navette, Jambo Safari and New Gomair belonged to people close to Kagame, the wife of his minister of finance or business of their immediate environment. The reports claimed further that most of the companies benefiting from illegal logging belonged to the government or leading personalities of the party, the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) and among them he cited the holding Tri-Star Investments of Kagame, Gahima also quoted in his statement to Andreu.

On Wednesday Gahima filed to the Spanish judge a document prepared by him together with three other disgraced Rwandans entitled "**Rwanda Briefing**". Among them is former General Faustin Kayumba Nyamwasa, Kagame's former right hand during the crime and one of the major players involved in the case opened in Spain. Nyamwasa, "indicted for genocide, war crimes and for ordering and overseeing the death of Joaquim Catalan religious Vallmajó in 1994 and the members of Medecins du Monde Flors Sirera, and Luis Manuel Madrazo Valtueña three years later, he is a refugee in South Africa injured after

being shot in Johannesburg in June in an attack attributed to the general Kagame's secret services. The Spanish Government, at the request of Judge Andreu, last week requested his extradition to Pretoria to answer for their crimes before the Court.

The document Gahima Nyamwasa and points directly against Kagame and solely responsible for the massacres in the Democratic Republic of Congo and, in general, as a great beadle of the destabilization of the entire Great Lakes region to have ordered the invasion twice of that country. Also drawn as a corrupt and authoritarian dictator whose power is sustained by repression and guilt for the deaths of opposition activists and journalists prior to the Rwandan presidential elections, which was re-elected.

Legal sources interpret the statement of Gahima in the High Court as an approach to research Nyamwasa proceedings in Spain against him and 39 others charged RPF officers. After responding to questions from the prosecution and Judge Andreu, former Rwandan prosecutor presented as representative of the alleged genocide and called for everything having to do with his prosecution to be communicated to him personally.