



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II (left) receives Rosemary Kobusingye Museminali



## Rwanda minister scraps Belgian trip amid arrest threat to official

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BRUSSELS (AFP) — Rwanda's Foreign Minister Rosemary Museminali scrapped an official visit to Belgium after being told that a member of her delegation would be arrested upon arrival, a Belgian diplomatic source said Friday.

"Belgium has told (on Tuesday) the Rwandans that one person in their delegation is being sought. According to Belgian law, if someone is sought then when they cross our border they must be arrested," the diplomatic source told AFP.

On Wednesday, Rwanda announced the cancellation of the official visit, due to take place on Thursday and Friday, he added.

The official in question is Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Nzabamwita, Rwanda's number two official for external security.

He is one of 40 Rwandan army officers for whom a Spanish court has issued arrest warrants on accusations of genocide.

"The Rwandans probably took it badly because they see it as interference in the make-up of their delegation, but that's not the case," the Belgian diplomatic source said.

Spain's top criminal court on February 6 announced it would prosecute the Rwandan officers for genocide, crimes against humanity and terrorism related to events that took place between 1994 and 2000.

Current Rwandan President Paul Kagame's then rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front in July 1994 put an end to the 100-day slaughter of about 800,000 people, mostly from the Tutsi minority, by Hutu extremist militias and government troops.