

**Open letter to H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta
President of the Republic of Kenya**

Copies to:

- H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
- The Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya
- The Director of Investigations, Republic of Kenya

RE: Call for Justice in Seth Sendashonga murder in Nairobi, on 16th May 1998, by President Paul Kagame's killing squad

My husband, Seth Sendashonga, was murdered in cold blood in Nairobi Kenya, on 16th May 1998, in what was clearly Rwanda government organized crime. Some suspects were arrested and prosecuted. However, the High Court of Kenya in Nairobi acquitted all the suspects for lack of evidence beyond a reasonable doubt.

In his testimony during trial, the Police Inspector said that the Police's efforts to investigate my husband's murder case had been frustrated by Rwanda government embassy officials' refusal to cooperate. The Police Inspector was categorical in his testimony during trial "after falling out with Rwanda government and after the first attempt on his life, Seth Sendashonga's elimination was imminent".

While acquitting the suspects for lack of evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, the presiding Judge of the High Court of Kenya observed that "I am persuaded that the murder of Seth Sendashonga was political". Some of the suspects in my husband's murder were Rwandan diplomats who enjoyed diplomatic immunity in Kenya.

President Paul Kagame often brags, in public, about killing my husband. For example, during the recent government of Rwanda officials' retreat in Gabiro, on 9 March 2019, President Kagame alluded to Sendashonga's killing and said that "in meeting with Generals from Uganda, Seth Sendashonga had crossed the line and that is how he came to die. I am also not apologetic about it".

Furthermore, in an interview with the weekly francophone magazine Jeune Afrique No. 3038 (covering the period 31 March to 06 April 2019), President Kagame boasted that "Seth Sendashonga's death had to do with his enterprise to destabilize Rwanda with the help of certain high level officials in the Ugandan Government such as General Salim Saleh, a brother of Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni". In the same interview, President Kagame once again bragged that

he does not regret what he calls his government enemies' death. These statements constitute Admission at law.

The people who killed my husband have not yet been brought to justice. It is my prayer that the Government of Kenya indicts, arrests and prosecutes all the culprits who had a hand in murdering my husband.

To the dead we owe justice and Justice delayed is Justice denied.

Signed, 16th May 2019

Mrs. Cyriaque Nikuze Sendashonga, widow of the late Seth Sendashonga