

Press release:**THE KAGAME REGIME IN THE PLANNING OF MACABRE ACTS****Rwandans, Refuse to Be Involved in Atrocities!**

The Seth Sendashonga Institute for Democratic Citizenship (ISCID asbl) is deeply concerned about the extreme acts of violence occurring in our country, targeting primarily survivors of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, as reported by the government itself and various organizations. In addition to the survivors, these acts of violence also affect other citizens in what seems to be retaliatory acts, often perpetrated by those tasked with ensuring security. A recent example from Gishali, in the Rwamagana district, illustrates this: Samuel Kabera, accused of killing Emmanuel Sibomana, a survivor, was killed without trial, even though he was in the custody of security forces.

In a statement released on November 20, 2024, the Seth Sendashonga Institute condemned remarks made by the head of state during the Unity Club meeting on November 16, 2024. In his speech, he attributed these murders to opponents of the RPF regime, specifically targeting Mrs. Victoire Ingabire. These accusations were reiterated on December 12, 2024, during the swearing-in of the president and vice-president of the Supreme Court.

The Seth Sendashonga Institute is concerned that these crimes are not being thoroughly investigated, that their perpetrators are not brought to justice to explain their actions, and that the truth about these acts and their motivations is not being brought to light. Instead, these crimes are being manipulated for political purposes to silence those advocating for change in our country.

It is alarming to hear President Paul Kagame, whose responsibilities include upholding the Constitution and laws for the general interest of the country, declare that he plans to resort to illegal methods to put an end to this violence. As shown by his regime's track record, such illegal methods translate into new atrocities, always carried out in the interest of his politics.

It is essential to understand that these political interests of President Paul Kagame primarily revolve around his project to cling to power, even if it means dragging the country into a spiral of violence.

Observers of events in our country have no doubt that the RPF regime has exploited the 1994 genocide to monopolize power and maintain its grip. The recent crimes against survivors appear to follow this pattern of political manipulation. Otherwise, how can one explain the police arresting a person accused of a crime allegedly motivated by genocidal ideology, only to execute them instead of presenting them to justice?

The Seth Sendashonga Institute strongly condemns what seems to be the grim schemes planned by the Kagame regime. It calls on Rwandans not to be drawn into crimes and other atrocities, as has happened in the past in our country's history. A regime in its death throes should not make citizens instruments of its misdeeds, as they are the ones who suffer the most severe consequences. Let the criminals face the repercussions of their actions alone.

The Seth Sendashonga Institute reminds everyone that the illegal path announced by President Paul Kagame is not new for him. What is new is that he openly declared it before judges and members of parliament. Throughout his reign, Paul Kagame has been marked by assassinations, forced disappearances, arbitrary detentions, harassment, poisonings, and more.

Today, as his regime gradually collapses, the war he initiated in the Democratic Republic of Congo has plunged Rwanda's economy into a deep crisis. Unable to find a way out through negotiations due to the repercussions this would have on him, as evidenced by his refusal to sign the Luanda agreements in Angola on December 15, 2024, it is clear that his current actions reflect desperation and a willingness to sow chaos in the country. This is how dictators meet their end.

Forewarned is forearmed!

The Seth Sendashonga Institute also wishes to extend its wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025 to all Rwandans and friends of Rwanda.

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