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Rwanda's MDR Party Repudiates Faustin Twagiramungu

the Democratic Republic Movement Party

Faustin TWAGIRAMUNGU
(Phonetic: twahgearahMUHNgoo)

RWANDA

Prime Minister (since 19 July 1994)

Addressed as: Mr. Prime Minister

Faustin Twagiramungu, a Hutu, heads a five-party coalition government that was formed by the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) after it defeated the forces of the interim government formed after the death of former President (1973-94) Juvenal Habyarimana, according to press reports. Twagiramungu, who leads a faction of the Democratic Republican Movement (MDR), had been designated Prime Minister of a transition government to be formed as part of the Arusha Accord--an agreement between the Habyarimana regime and its opponents, which was signed in August 1993 but never implemented. Publicly supportive of ethnic reconciliation, Twagiramungu was forced to flee in April 1994 after Habyarimana's death sparked renewed ethnic and political violence, according to press reports. He returned to Kigali in early July 1994.

Twagiramungu was born in Cyangugu in southwestern Rwanda in 1946. He holds a degree in business administration from the University of Ottawa, a BA in international relations from McGill University, and a MA from the University of Quebec. Twagiramungu worked for the government's transportation parastatal for several years before forming his own transportation company in the 1980s. After Habyarimana legalized independent political parties in 1991, Twagiramungu founded the MDR.

Twagiramungu is the son-in-law of independent Rwanda's first President (1962-73), Gregoire Kayibanda, who was overthrown by Habyarimana. The Prime Minister speaks French and English in addition to his native Kinyarwanda.

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**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC MOVEMENT PARTY
(MDR)****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

We, members of the political committee and other levels of authorities of the MDR Party:

After analysing the declarations by Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin in Bruxelles, Belgium inciting refugees not to return to their country; in LaHaye, Netherland, alleging that the government for which he was the Prime Minister killed 300.000 people; in Montreal, Canada, stating that the present government is worse than HABYARIMANA's regime, and in New York, Washington, where he appealed to the International Community to stop giving aid to the rwandese government for the reason that he was dismissed as Prime Minister;

Having noted that Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin has demonstrated his greed of power for selfish motives and interests with contempt for national interest for the population as a whole;

Having realised that Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin has a systematic aim of discrediting the rwandese government of which the MDR party is mandated to lead by acting against the government fundamental principles and programmes for the national unity;

Having understood that in his discrediting declarations against the present government, Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin is using his former title as Prime Minister of Rwanda and as the current president of the MDR party;

In conformity to the fact that the MDR party is within the current rwandese government and was intrusted its leadership;

We hereby announce to the rwandese people and to the International Community the following:

1. The MDR party has never asked Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin to go wondering arround places and make such declarations. Consequently, all his speeches are from his own opinion because the MDR party never gave him any form of related mandate.
2. All members of the MDR party and all rwandese people should not pay any attention to what Mr. TRWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin is publicising because his declarations are aimed at misleading people, perpetrating hatred among the rwandese people and bringing misunderstanding between the government of Rwanda and the International Community.

- 3. The rwandese refugees must realise that when Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin incites them not to return home it is only for his selfish political interests. Thus, his propaganda is similar to the one used by so called government of "ABATABAZI" (the genocidal government) who led them in a bottomless pit.
- 4. The International Community should not listen to false declarations of Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin. Instead, the International Community should continue to support and help the rwandese government of the national unity in its undertaken programme of bringing home refugees, of rehabilitating and reconstructing a country which has been devastated by last year genocide and massacres.
- 5. Given that Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin is determined to oppose to the current rwandese government of which the MDR party takes part and that the MDR party was inducted to lead the same government; this is enough evidence that Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin is in contradiction with the fundamental principles and objectives of the same political party.

Henceforth, We have decided from now that Mr. TWAGIRAMUNGU Faustin is no longer the president of the MDR party be it at the national or prefectural levels.

Done in KIGALI on 21 November 1995

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