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*“Pour un Etat de Droit, la Démocratie et l’Egalité de chances” ; “For the rule of law, democracy and equal opportunity”*

**PRESS RELEASE**

**8<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION OF THE LAUNCH OF THE NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENT FOR  
DEMOCRACY BY Mrs VICTOIRE INGABIRE UMUHOZA VICTOIRE.**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 Mrs Ingabire Umuhoza Victoire landed in Kigali to launch the nonviolent movement for democracy, peace and justice for all, the day that she gave a serious hammer blow to the corner stone of the regime fortress, i.e. fear. The fortress is shaking, the fear has shifted from democrats and peace makers to the regime, as reflected in erratic diplomatic behaviour and more repression. [The regime has been totally exposed.](#)

To her supporters she was a hero, to her critics she was naïve, to the ordinary minds it was too risky to take on President in his heyday of power. However, those close to her know well that she was sowing a mustard seed of democracy and genuine reconciliation, and was ready to pay the highest price for these values: prison of death. Hence the message to the Rwandan General Prosecutor, who wanted to convince her to apologise and abandon her opposition to the regime in return for her freedom: *“the cause is bigger than me; whether you decide to keep in prison, release me or kill me the movement for democracy is unstoppable”*.

She was undeterred by the fact that the Prosecutor was relaying the message of his boss President Kagame who had told a news reporter of the Ugandan Newspaper the Monitor saying: *“This woman will certainly be where she belongs; now the outsiders who want so badly Ingabire to be an opposition leader here or later on be our President, well, they may wait for a while”*.

The mustard seed has grown with new martyrs in her party that we also need to remember today. Those who were killed, kidnapped and tortured and we have no idea about their fate now and those are languishing in prison for four months while the prosecution is trying hard to concoct evidence against them. We are proud of them and may their courage, sacrifice inspire us all to work for greater good, well aware that the cause we are fighting is greater than ourselves and an honour to pay ever the ultimate price.

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The list includes:

**Prisoners:**

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza<br>President   | 6. Miss Leonille Gasengayire |
| 2. Boniface Twagirimana<br>First Vice-President | 7. Theophile Ntirutwa        |
| 3. Sylvain Sibomana<br>Secretary General        | 8. Venant Abayisenga         |
| 4. Fabien Twagirayezu                           | 9. Anselme Mutuyimana        |
| 5. Gratién Nsabiyaemye                          | 10. Evode Mbarushimana       |
|   | 11. Norbert Ufitamahoro      |
|   | 12. Ernest Nkiko             |

**Disappearances**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Samuel Hitimana           | 5. Valens Nsabimana       |
| 2. James Nigirente           | 6. Dominique Shyirambere  |
| 3. Aimable Rusangwa          | 7. Emmanuel Ntakirutimana |
| 4. Jean Damascène Iyakaremye |                           |

**Assassinated:**

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| 1. Jean Damascène Habarugira | 6. Jean Damascène Munyeshyaka |
| 2. Eric Hakizimana           | 7. Phocas Habiyaremye         |
| 3. Mrs Illuminée Iragena     | 8. Serge Ndanyuzwe            |
| 4. Chadrack Niwungize        | 9. Emmanuel Kamanayo          |
| 5. Eugène Siborurema         | 10. Jean Paul Habimana        |

[This list is not exhaustive](#) as some relatives fear that the publication of their names would bring them trouble with the regime.

The FDU-inkingi would like to make an appeal to all peace-loving people, institutions and governments, and more particularly the Netherlands - Great Britain - Belgium- the USA - the EU, to put pressure on the tyrannical regime of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) headed by President Paul Kagame, to release all political prisoners and those who are in prison for having expressed their opinions.

Done in London, on January 16, 2018.

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