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**ICTR CASE PROFILE**

**The Prosecutor v. Joseph NZABIRINDA**

**(ICTR-2001-77-T)**

<b>Born</b>	1957, Butare, Rwanda
<b>Career</b>	Managing Director of SECOBE
<b>Indictment</b>	Initial Indictment: 13 December 2001 Amended Indictment: 11 December 2006
<b>Arrested</b>	21 December 2001: Belgium
<b>Transferred to ICTR</b>	20 March 2002
<b>Initial Appearance</b>	27 March 2002: Pleaded not guilty
<b>Guilty Plea entered</b>	14 December 2006
<b>Trial Chamber Judgement</b>	23 February 2007
<b>Sentence Served</b>	Released after serving sentence

**CHARGES**

Count 1: Crime against Humanity (Aiding and Abetting Murder)

**TRIAL**

<b>Pre-sentence Hearing</b>	17 January 2007
<b>Composition of the Bench: Trial Chamber II</b>	Judge Arlette Ramaroson, Presiding Judge William Hussein Sekule Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa
<b>Judgement</b>	23 February 2007

**Case Summary**

Nzabirinda was indicted and tried on one count before the ICTR.

**Trial Phase**

**Count 1: Crime Against Humanity (Aiding and Abetting Murder):** Pleaded guilty

The Chamber found Nzabirinda guilty of aiding and abetting murder as a crime against humanity.

The Chamber found that, in relation to the murder of two individuals, Nzabirinda was criminally responsible not only for the attendance and encouragement that he provided as an approving spectator at the preparatory meetings, but also for his presence as an approving spectator close to the locations where the two were murdered.

**Sentence**

The Chamber sentenced Nzabirinda to seven years imprisonment.

He was released on 19 December 2008 after serving sentence.