



ICTR CASE PROFILE

The Prosecutor v. VINCENT RUTAGANIRA

(ICTR-95-1C-T)

Born	1 January 1944, Kibuye, Rwanda
Education	Motor mechanics and traditional medicine
Career	<i>Conseiller communal of Mubuga secteur</i>
Indictment	Initial Indictment: 28 November 1995, Amended Indictment: 6 May 1996
Voluntary Surrender to ICTR	4 March 2002
Transferred to ICTR	4 March 2002
Initial Appearance	26 March 2002: pleaded not guilty
Guilty Plea entered	8 December 2004
Trial Chamber Judgement	14 March 2005
Sentence Served	Released after serving sentence

CHARGES

Count 1: Crime against Humanity (Extermination)

TRIAL

Pre-sentence Hearing	17 January 2005
Composition of the Bench: Trial Chamber III	Judge Andréia Vaz, presiding Judge Flavia Lattanzi Judge Florence Rita Arrey
Judgement	14 March 2005

Case Summary

Rutaganira was indicted and tried on one account before the ICTR.

Trial Phase

Count 1: Crime against Humanity (Extermination): Pleaded guilty

The Chamber found Rutaganira guilty of extermination as a crime against humanity.

The Chamber found Rutaganira had prior knowledge of attacks which took place at Mubuga church in April 1994 where thousands of Tutsi civilians were killed. Despite his position and prior knowledge of the attacks, the Chamber found that Rutaganira failed to protect the Tutsis either before or after the attacks.

Sentence

The Chamber sentenced Rutaganira to six years imprisonment.

Rutaganira was released on 2 March 2008.