

# 11,000 victims of Rwandan genocide were buried in Uganda

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KAMPALA, Jan 18 (AFP) - About 11,000 bodies dumped into River Kagera during last year's ethnic massacres in Rwanda were buried in Uganda, according to a report by the relief agency which coordinated the the burial effort.

The World Lutheran Federation (WLF), which along with other agencies funded the project, said a total of 10,995 bodies retrieved from River Kagera and Lake Victoria were buried in six mass graves in central Uganda, and in the southwestern shores of the lake, between April and July.

The burial exercise is estimated to have cost some 300,000 dollars.

More than 500,000 people were killed in Rwanda in ethnic massacres that erupted after the death of Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana when his plane was shot down over the capital, Kigali on April 6.

The violence mainly pitted the majority Hutu ethnic group against the minority Tutsi, many of whom were either hacked or clubbed to death and dumped in River Kagera which flows into Lake Victoria.

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