



## ICTR CASE PROFILE

# The Prosecutor v. Georges RUGGIU

(ICTR-97-32-I)

<b>Born</b>	12 October 1957, Verviers, Belgium
<b>Education</b>	Journalism
<b>Career</b>	Journalist and broadcaster for RTLM Radio
<b>Indictment</b>	Initial Indictment: 9 October 1997 Amended Indictment: 15 May 2000
<b>Arrested</b>	23 July 1997: Kenya
<b>Transferred to ICTR</b>	23 July 1997
<b>Initial Appearance</b>	24 October 1997: pleaded not guilty
<b>Guilty Plea to all counts</b>	15 May 2000
<b>Trial Chamber Judgement</b>	1 June 2000
<b>Sentence Served</b>	Granted early release

### CHARGES

Count 1: Direct and Public Incitement to Commit Genocide

Count 2: Crime against Humanity (Persecution)

### TRIAL

<b>Pre-sentence Hearing</b>	15 May 2000
<b>Composition of the Bench: Trial Chamber</b>	Judge Navanethem Pillay, Presiding Judge Erik Møse Judge Pavel Dolenc
<b>Judgement</b>	1 June 2000

### Case Summary

This case marked the only Belgium national accused and tried at the ICTR.

### Trial Phase

Ruggiu was indicted and tried on two counts before the ICTR.

#### Count 1: Direct and Public Incitement to Commit Genocide: Pleaded guilty

The Chamber found Ruggiu guilty of direct and public incitement to commit genocide.

The Chamber found that on 18 June 1994, Ruggiu made a broadcast on RTLM radio that there remained Tutsis in Gitwe who had not yet been killed. He directed that road blocks be reinforced so no one would escape. The Chamber found that following this broadcast, more than seventy families mainly of Tutsi ethnic group were killed.

#### Count 2: Crime against Humanity (Persecution): Pleaded Guilty

The Chamber found Ruggiu guilty of persecution as a crime against humanity.

The Chamber found that Ruggiu made broadcasts advancing the theme that the 1959 revolution was unfinished and called for the population to eliminate the Tutsis.

### Sentence

The Chamber sentenced Ruggiu to twelve years imprisonment.

Ruggiu was granted early release on 21 April 2009.