

stand accused in Kigali of being part of the massive Genocide machine - later to flee into Congo. They are to be forced out next month from DRC.

Following the aftermath of the Genocide, the subsequent years would be marked by bloody military campaigns by ALIR in North Western Rwanda. They were attacking Rwanda from bases in Zaire (now DRC).

"So confident was ALIR/PALIR in its hold over the northwest that a year later, by mid-July 1996, the leadership had set up a base and a training centre for non-commissioned officers in cellule Cyanika, sector Cyanika in commune Nyamutera, Ruhengeri", writes African Rights in a recent report.

Maj. Gen. Paul Rwarakabije and Brig Gen. Jerome Ngendahimana were among the top five commanders of ALIR. The two surrendered to government forces in 2003 along with other junior soldiers.

Maj. Gen. Paul Rwarakabije is now Vice President of the Demobilization and Reintegration Commission, and Brig Gen. Jerome Ngendahimana is a top aide to the Army Chief of Staff.

Humanitarian?

Through his purported humanitarian project 'Rwanda Hope Society', Mr. Hakizimana received massive funding from U.S. and Canadian organisations since he moved to Canada in 1996. He claims the project is supporting orphans in Rwanda.

With the same humanitarian cover, Mr. Hakizimana raised funds, lectured at seminars, and had previously been invited as guest speaker in numerous functions in Canada and the United States.

Since the allegations against the two Rwandans officers who are now Lt. Gen. Charles Kayonga and Maj. Gen. Fred Ibingira, RNA has tried several times to contact him but he has not responded.

Mr. Hakizimana has also been turned back at various U.S. border posts as he tried to enter the country from Canada. On October 26, 2003 he was denied entry and detained in Washington by security personnel who informed him that they had 'confidential information' that bars him from U.S. soil.

In April 2004, he also tried to enter the U.S. through New Jersey, apparently for a seminar but was nabbed and held for 14 hours. He would later be escorted back to the Canadian side of the border post.

Last week, when RNA put the allegation against the two Generals by Mr. Hakizimana to Foreign Minister Dr. Charles Murigande, he just laughed off.

"You know some people do not even know how to lie. Maybe if he had said that the Generals ordered other junior soldiers to do that. Generals in our army are not known to torture people", Murigande said.

Sources that have followed up this issue also tell RNA that since Mr. Hakizimana came out with his faked testimony last week, the accusations have caused bitter internet exchanges amongst the Rwandan community in Canada.

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