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Rwandan Victims Demand Justice for RPF/A Crimes.

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An international news story breaking on the front pages of major newspapers across the world is striking the wounded hearts of millions, including a courageous Abbotsford resident.

It's a profoundly troubling story.

A judge in Spain last week issued arrest warrants for 40 military leaders in Rwanda for genocide and war crimes committed a dozen years ago when an estimated 800,000 to one million people were slaughtered in one of the worst massacres in recent history.

Jéan De Dieu Hakizimana, who lives in a quiet cul-de-sac near Peardonville Road, experienced horror almost beyond imagination.

Yet, the men charged with the war crimes continue to run the African country – a shameful testimony to the slow wheels of justice, according to Hakizimana.

In an exclusive interview with The Abbotsford News, the UCFV student spoke passionately about his willingness to testify that he witnessed countless murder victims buried in a mass grave site. The arrest warrants give him the first glimmer of hope for justice he's had in a long time.

"I saw exactly where they buried those people," he said.

Extraordinarily courageous, Hakizimana's dream for justice now hangs on the willingness of Interpol to arrest the men, and on the international community – including the government of Canada – to use diplomatic power to press for the trying all the war criminals.

Will this occur? It must. Hakizimana said his parents were killed, his village burned to the ground, he was arrested and beaten, and witnessed innocent victims tortured and bodies buried in a mass grave.

Studying to be a priest when the genocide exploded all around him, he didn't pick up a gun, but, chose to overcome evil with good, by rescuing children living in garbage dumps. While humans committed the darkest of demonic deeds, this man, who washed the lice and grime off the "dump children" nobody else cared about, lets us know that it counts in this life to pursue what is noble and good.

What can we do to help the kids still living in deplorable conditions? Check out Hakizimana's non-profit organization Neighborhood Care International on the web.

Meanwhile, the UN International Crime Tribunal for Rwanda must complete the job of justice it set out to do, without neglecting new evidence. Posted by David B Labels: [Canada](#), [Rwanda](#)