

Thursday, 07 April 2011

Commemorative March and Remembrance Evening

19h00 : Commemorative March
From Place Royale to Palais de Justice
(Place Poelaert)

Arrival : Metro - Parc
Bus 38, 60, 71 et 95; Tram routes 93 et 94
Place Royale stop

20h00 : Departure for Auderghem Cultural Centre
Boulevard du Souverain, 183
1160 Bruxelles

20h30 : Remembrance Evening
At Auderghem Cultural Centre
Arrival : Metro - Station Hermann Debroux
Bus routes 34 et 96, Hermann Debroux stop
Contribution to costs: 3 EUR

Opening speech by Mr Albert Gakumba,
IBUKA President

Testimony of a survivor of the Tutsi genocide

Messages of solidarity

Commemoration songs and poems

00h00 : Vigil

With the sponsorship of :

The municipality of Auderghem,
The Auderghem Cultural Centre,
The Rwandan Embassy in Brussels,
The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe,
The Belgian French-speaking Community,
Rwandan artists,
IBUKA European Associations (France, Netherlands and Switzerland)
under the aegis of the IBUKA-Europe umbrella organisation,

together with other organisations and individuals
who showed their solidarity.



IBUKA-Mémoire et Justice is a nonprofit organisation founded in Brussels in August 1994, representing the survivors of the genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in Rwanda in 1994, their families and all those concerned with the memories of the victims and the fate of survivors.

You can make donations in support of IBUKA via the following bank account: **IBAN: BE45 0011 5493 9489**

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17th Commemoration of the 1994 Tutsi Genocide in Rwanda

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*Never forget that this has happened.
Remember these words.
Engrave them in your hearts,
When at home or in the street,
When lying down, when getting up.
Repeat them to your children.
Or may your houses be destroyed,
May illness strike you down,
May your offspring turn their faces from you.*

Primo Levi, If this is a man.

1994 - 2011. 17 years have already passed since over 1 million people (men, women, infants, children and the elderly without distinction) were massacred throughout Rwanda over a period of no more than 100 days simply because they were Tutsis.

The genocide of the Tutsis in Rwanda was the last genocide of the 20th century. Having been planned well in advance and orchestrated by 'Hutu Power', this most heinous of crimes against humanity was committed in the shadow of international diplomacy and against the backdrop of the struggle between western countries for ascendancy in the African Great Lakes Region.

While a number of these countries and the UN have gone some way to recognising their share of responsibility for the genocide of the Tutsis, very little action of substances has been to secure redress for surviving victims, who are continuing to suffer the consequences in many different ways as a result of attempts to negate and trivialise the gravity of this crime and conceal the true nature of the horrors inflicted, not to mention numerous attempts by the perpetrators themselves to shift the blame and conceal evidence in the hope that the genocide of the Tutsis will be forgotten.

It is therefore essential that the memory of the genocide of the Tutsis should not be extinguished and that the flame be kept alive to remind humanity that, despite the fine resolutions and speeches which followed the genocides of the Armenians and Jews, another such act occurred. If future generations are to be taught the value of human life, it is of paramount importance to keep this memory alive and make suitable preparations to prevent or to curb any attempted genocide or genocidal act, while doing everything possible to stiffen the resolve of the surviving victims.

It is for this reason that the IBUKA is organising the 17th commemoration of this event which it invites you to attend in order to help keep the memory alive.

Tuesday, 29 March 2011

Conference:

Justice put to the test by the Tutsi genocide

Organised by **IBUKA-Mémoire et Justice asbl**, with the support of **Mr Niccolò Rinaldi**, Vice-Chair of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

Venue : European Parliament
Altiero Spinelli Building, Room PHS 5B001
Rue Wiertz, 60
1047 Bruxelles

Arrival : Bus or train, Bruxelles Luxembourg station (Quartier Léopold)

Programme

- 09h00: Arrival
09h15: Introduction and welcoming speech by
Mr Niccolò Rinaldi, MEP, Vice-Chair of the ALDE.
09h30: Opening speech by
Mr Albert Gakumba, IBUKA President.
09h45: Work of the Gacaca tribunals and consequences of their closure.
Ms Domitille Mukantaganzwa, Executive Secretary of the National Service of Gacaca Jurisdictions, Rwanda.
10h15: Failures of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).
Dr Jean-Damascène Bizimana, lawyer.
10h45: Non-extradition and failure on the part of European national courts to initiate legal proceedings: Is Europe in danger of becoming a haven for those presumed guilty of genocide?
Mr Jürgen Schurr, Legal advisor, REDRESS, United Kingdom.
11h15: Coffee break
11h30: Reparations following judgements handed down in Belgium.
Me Luc Walley, lawyer, former ASF President.
12:00 Discussion panel:
Mr Guy Verhofstadt, **Mr Louis Michel** et **Mr Charles Goerens**, MEPs.
13:00 Lunch

Session chaired by: **Mr Alain Ngirinshuti**, Vice-president of IBUKA-France.

14h30: Some sunshine in cold water? The case of ETO Kicukiro, Kigali.
Pr Eric David, professor of international law, Brussels Free University.

15h00: Role of international organisations in seeking reparations for the victims of crimes against humanity (speaker to be confirmed).

15h30: View taken by civil society of the legal process in the wake of the genocide
Representatives of IBUKA-Rwanda, IBUKA-Europe and AVEGA-Agahozo.

16h00: Coffee break

16h15: Debate, with contribution by:
Dr Jean-Pierre Dusingizemungu, President of IBUKA-Rwanda and Commissioner at National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide (CNLG), Rwanda;
Me Michel Mahmoudian, Chairman of the Belgium Armenian Committee.

16h50: Summary by
Mr Pamphile Sebahara, Researcher at GRIP, Bruxelles, Belgium.

17h00: Summing-up by **Mr Albert Gakumba**, IBUKA Président.

Session chaired by: **Dr Rosine Uwongkunda**.

For the conference at the European Parliament, the deadline for registration is 23/03/2010, by email: info@ibuka.net or kayitakire@gmail.com by telephone: 0486 / 32 77 04 ou 0475 / 79 60 61