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Africa Truth Forum blames FDR for Ruanda missionary murders
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The International Forum for Truth and Justice in Africa, which is preparing legal proceedings in the cases of the deaths of nine Spaniards in Ruanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, claims that it has forty witnesses who will testify that the Ruanda Patriotic Front (FPR) was responsible. According to lawyer, Jordi Palou-Loverdos, who was speaking at a press conference in Figueres (Lleida) yesterday, the witnesses actually saw the killings and all now live in Europe, "We have proof that the FDR was responsible for the murders of all the Spaniards," he said.

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Among the victims were the missionaries; Joaquim Vallmajo and Isidro Uzcudun Pouso; the Marista brothers, Servando Mayor Garcia, Julio Rodríguez Jorge, Miguel Angel Isla Lucio and Fernando de la Fuente de la Fuente; and Medicos Del Mundo volunteers, Maria Flors Sirera Fortuny, Manuel Madrazo Osuna and Luis Valtueña Gallego.

Mr Palou-Loverdos explained that the witnesses include a Ruandan priest who managed to escape the massacre and who saw the murders of the three Medicos Del Mundo volunteers. Another witness was present when the missionary Joaquim Vallmajo was killed, "in this case, the witness was the bodyguard for current Ruandan president, Paul Kagame, who was present immediately prior to his execution," said the lawyer, who went on to explain that, "our case is not against the tutsi people, but the leaders of the FDR, who are directly responsible for the murders of the Spaniards, but we also want to show that bosses of multinational companies involved in the local gold and diamond mining industries must share the blame for these war crimes."

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