

This is the first time that I am meeting with ICTR investigators. I am able to go to Arusha and testify only if the ICTR assures me of my personal security, and that of my three children.

I married my late husband TURATSINZE Jean Pierre Aboubakar in 1990 in Shyorongi and we were later blessed with three children. When I married my husband, he was working as a driver at Kibuye Prefecture. He was actually driving the Prefect of Kibuye who was called HAKIZIMANA Donat, who had just been transferred from the office of the President in Kigali. The Prefect of Kibuye was later, I think in 1991 transferred to Kigali to go and work in the Office of the President as an intelligence officer. This was the time that my husband was also transferred to Kigali. Whilst in Kigali, my husband was working as a driver in the Office of the President, intelligence unit. I am not sure whether my husband continued driving HAKIZIMANA Donat or not, although they were in the same unit.

Whilst in Kigali, my late husband got involved in politics, particularly the MRND party, although I am not exactly sure in which year this was. As days went by, my late husband told me that there were divisions within the MRND and that the party was going to break up into two that is one group from the North (BAKIGA) and the other group from NDUGA. My late husband did not come from any of the two warring parties, and according to what he told me, the party was planning to commit some massacres of people. He further told me that if he remained within the MRND, it would mean that he would start by killing me, and his mother. Because I am Tutsi, and his mother was Tutsi, I understood this to mean that the massacres were going to be against the Tutsi population. As a result of this, my husband wrote a letter of resignation from the party. I think that this was either at the end of 1993 or the beginning of 1994.

In early 1994, my husband went to Tanzania to go and prepare where we would go and stay and started some business. We were however getting in touch. In February 1994, he sent a message that I should go with the children and join him. So, I left and went to join him in Tanzania. He actually met us at the Rusumo border crossing on the Tanzanian side. My late husband had family members in Tanzania and some of them were RPF members. These are the ones who convinced my late husband to join the RPF. My late husband told me about his intentions to join the RPF and left about two weeks before president HABYARIMANA Juvenal died. He actually went with our SUZUKI motor vehicle.

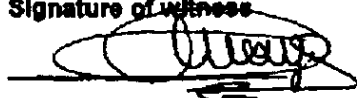
One month later, some of my late husband's relatives who had joined the RPF came back, but they distanced themselves from me. When I tried to inquire about my husband, they used to tell me that he was well and that he was in very good books with senior members of RPF at MULINDI, Byumba.

I came back to Rwanda in September 1994. In a month I cannot exactly recall, but towards the end of the year, my late mother in law, NGUTEGURE Hadija told me that she had been told, by Minister Abdoul KARIM that my husband had been killed in battle. If and whether he is surely dead, I did not bury him and I do not know how he died and where.

The pictures that I have given to ICTR investigators are showing my husband. On one picture, where I also appear, it was the occasion of giving names to our twin children in January 1994, whilst the other one that looks like a passport photo, where he is alone, I got it from his bankbook. The third photograph, which is a portrait in black and white, is also that of my husband. I think it was taken in Tanzania.

Finally, I would appreciate any information regarding the death of my husband and possibly where he could have been buried.

DATE: 10/03/04/2008
Signature of witness



Signature(s) of interviewer(s)

