

Editorial

Whatever the narrative, facts will always win the day

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There is a letter circulating on the internet that should be a good source for sincere research in the Rwandan political history that many so-called experts find it convenient to ignore.

The letter, written in March, 1965, was from the then Minister of Finance and Public Service and it was addressed to all Prefets (Governors).

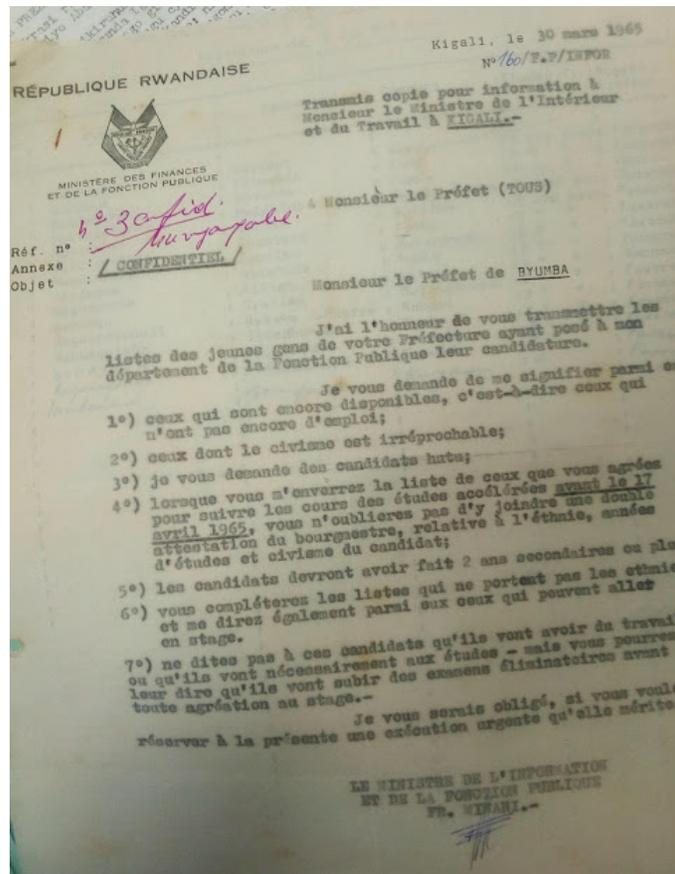
Attached for each administrative area were lists of candidates who had applied for work in the civil service. The instructions were simple ; the Prefets were to identify the ethnic group of each candidate and retain ONLY Hutus for employment and possible internship abroad.

Remember, that was just three years after independence, a time when the country needed to bring people together, but that regime would have none of that. They were busy stoking up the fires and laying the groundwork for the crime of the century two decades down the road- the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

But those are not the kinds of documents the Genocide deniers and their champions will ever bring to light ; they are busy trying to sell their own version of facts while slyly sidestepping the facts.

No satisfaction is better than popping out undeniable facts in the face of lies and fairytales. Many of the virulent critics and Genocide suspects were products of the politics embossed in the above letter, and most are irredeemable.

Their guilt and shame that their grande plan to eliminate a section of the population was defused will not let them be ; they will always be coming up



Froduct Minani, ministre de l'Information et de la Fonction publique, Lettre à tous les préfets, 30 mars 1965

with new narratives to mask the crime. But as long as they are confronted with physical evidence, theirs will be a battle lost in advance.