## **Rwandans sentenced** for genocide crimes

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A Rwandan court has found 18 people guilty of massacring thousands of citizens seeking refuge in a church.

Those found guilty were among the leaders of militias and civilians who attacked Nyarubuye Roman Catholic Church, Kibungo, in April 1994, killing almost all the 20,000 fleeing Tutsis and Hutu sympathizers who had sought refugee in the church.

The attackers returned to the church the following day to "finish off" survivors of the previous day's massacre, the state prosecutor, Martin Rwisumbula, had told the court.

A leader of the group responsible for the killings, Gitera Rwamuhizi, was sentenced to 25 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to having killed 10 people. The rest were sentenced to terms ranging from seven to 16 years.

In June 2002, the Rwandan government launched the Gacaca justice

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system - which merges western and traditional court structures - in a bid to expedite trials for more than 100,000 genocide suspects who are held in the country's congested prisons.

At a separate trial, held in Tanzania, two Rwandan radio station executives were convicted of genocide crimes and sentenced to 35

years in prison for broadcasting messages to "exterminate" Hutus and moderate Tutsi and also broadcasting the names and addresses of individuals to be killed.

A Rwandan newspaper editor was sentenced to life for a similar incitement.

At least 800,000 people died during the April-June 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

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Thursday Thu. night Partly sunn and windy.

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Forecast for Charlotte, NC

Friday

Saturday Partial sunshine. 52/34

Sunday A chance of rain. 50/38



THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday Tuesday Mostly sunny

Mostly sunny and cold.

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