

# Rwanda genocide: 100 days of slaughter

Over just 100 days in 1994, ethnic Hutu extremists killed around 800,000 people in an attempt to exterminate Rwanda's minority Tutsi community, which had long dominated the country



■ **1990:** Rebels of Tutsi-dominated **Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF)** invade Rwanda from Uganda

■ **Apr 6, 1994:** **President Habyarimana** – ethnic Hutu negotiating peace with RPF – killed along with Burundian president when their plane is shot down over Kigali

■ **Apr 7:** Hutu extremists seize control of army and government, and begin massacre of Tutsis

■ **Jun 23:** France launches UN-sanctioned **Operation Turquoise** to set up safe zones

■ **Jul 4:** Backed by Uganda's army, RPF – led by **Paul Kagame** – captures Kigali

■ Two million Hutus flee to Zaire, where conflict – drawing in several countries – has since claimed some 5 million lives






 RPF-controlled area

 Demilitarized zone

 Operation Turquoise

**RPF advance**

 April  
 May-June  
 July