



International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Judge Khalida Rachid Khan, Presiding
Judge Lee Gacuiga Muthoga
Judge Emile Francis Short

Registrar: Mr. Adama Dieng

Date: 2 May 2005

The PROSECUTOR

v.

Casimir BIZIMUNGU
Justin MUGENZI
Jerome BICAMUMPAKA
Prosper MUGIRANEZA

Case No. ICTR-99-50-T

*ORAL DECISION ON QUALIFICATION OF PROSECUTION EXPERT SEBAHIRE
DEO MBONYIKEBE*

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Oral Ruling on Qualification of Expert Witness Mbonyinkebe, 2 May 2005

Our ruling on the qualification of Professor Sebahire Deo Mbonyikebe as an expert witness is as follows:

The Chamber has considered the submissions of the parties, as well as the *Curriculum vitae* and a list of selected publications of Professor Mbonyikebe.

The role of an expert is to assist the Chamber in understanding the context in which the events took place. The expert must possess a relevant specialised knowledge acquired through education, experience, or training in his proposed field of expertise.

The Chamber notes that Professor Mbonyikebe has extensive qualifications in the field of Social and Cultural Anthropology, in which he obtained a PhD in the *Universite Catholique de Louvain* in Belgium, in 1989.

He also has relevant practical experience. Before assuming the position of Associate Professor at the National University of Butare, in Rwanda, he held the post of Assistant Lecturer in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. He has also conducted research and published widely in the field of social anthropology. As an example of his applied research, he has produced studies connected to social problems in Rwanda for the World Bank and USAID.

Professor Mbonyinkebe has several publications on the events occurring in Rwanda in 1994. These are listed on his CV and Prosecution Exhibit P94.

The Chamber finds that Mr. Mbonyikebe's education and experience qualify him as an expert witness on issues of social and cultural anthropology in relation to the events of 1994 in Rwanda.