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Kigali - Rwanda

"Pour un Etat de Droit, la Democratie et l'Egalité de chances"; "For the rule of law, democracy and equal opportunity"

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DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN RWANDA VISITS MS. VICTOIRE INGABIRE MAXIMUM PRISON CELL.

On April 1st 2011 late afternoon, His Excellency Mr. Frans Makken, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Rwanda heading a delegation of many Dutch nationals, paid a courtesy call to the opposition leader Ms. Victoire Ingabire, the Chair of FDU-INKINGI, in her maximum prison cell. The visit lasted 30 minutes and discussed the conditions of her detention, the judicial process and the Dutch development aid to Rwanda.

Ms. Victoire Ingabire expressed her support to the development aid for population assistance, channeled to the people.

As for her situation in prison, she clearly indicated the lack of independence of the current judicial, the permanent meddling of the government and the impossibility to have a fair trial.

The place of Victoire Ingabire is not in jail and that's what everybody expects foreign governments to make President Kagame understand.

An apparatus of courtesies was set up in place to facilitate the visit of His Excellency the Ambassador and the Dutch youth group "Unity is Strength Foundation". The maximum prison security detail allowed even photo sessions. But the next day the prison rejected a scheduled visit of children who wanted to see Ms. Victoire Ingabire: only 5 children escorted by the party Treasurer Ms. Alice Muhirwa, were allowed in and 7 others kept away.

While the incumbent was elected with a Stalinist 93.5%, Rwanda current regime is notorious for democracy deficit, severe misconduct against the opposition, the independent media and civil society. It's not an accident if all the key leaders of the opposition are in Kigali maximum prison under politically motivated charges: Ms. Victoire Ingabire Chair of FDU-INKINGI, Bernard Ntaganda Founding President of PS Imberakuri, Deogratias Mushayidi Leader of PDP Imanzi and Charles Ntakirutinka Leader of PDR-Ubuyanja. The Vice President of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda, Mr. André Kagwa Rwisereka, was beheaded a few weeks before the August 2010 presidential elections. A critical newspaper Editor, Mr. Jean-Léonard Rugambage, was gunned down and several independent newspapers banned and journalists sentenced to hefty jail terms. This is the level of democracy we have in Rwanda. That is the side mirror of the massive international and bilateral aid granted to the regime in the past and now.

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The party FDU-INKINGI advocates a democratisation development policy or a “democracy assistance strategy”. The citizen should be the focus instead of the state machinery.

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