



7 April 2014 – No one believes genocide could happen in their own society. Yet it has happened, over and over, across the world. Today, twenty years ago, Rwanda fell victim to this atrocity.

As neighbour turned against neighbour, more than 800,000 innocent people lost their lives. Thus, today we commemorate the [Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide](#). We remember those who were killed, honour the survivors and commend, though tragically few, those who came to the defense of their fellow human beings.

Yet, from the ashes of the genocide, Rwanda has forged a new path towards a more peaceful society. Today the nation's representatives, political and in civil society, act as ambassadors to the world. They teach about the dangers of genocide, and warn us of how it starts.



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