

Rwandan genocide suspect arrested after 23 years on the run

He was behind the radio station whose hate-filled **invectives** turned Rwandan against Rwandan, neighbor against neighbor, even spouse against spouse.

invective 咒骂; 抨击

One of the most-wanted **fugitives** of the 1994 Rwandan **genocide**, Félicien Kabuga, 84, was arrested on May 16 in a rented home just outside Paris, protected by his children, the French authorities said.

fugitive 逃亡者; 逃犯

genocide 种族灭绝

His arrest — considered the most important **apprehension** by an international **tribunal** in the past decade — could help bring long-awaited justice for his actions more than a generation after the killing of at least 800,000 and perhaps as many as 1 million ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus in the small central African nation.

apprehension 理解; 恐惧; 逮捕

tribunal 法庭; 裁决

Believed to have been one of the most powerful men in Rwanda before the genocide, Kabuga, an ethnic Hutu, made his fortune in trade. Through the marriage of a daughter, he was linked to a former president, Juvénal Habyarimana, a Hutu, who was killed after his plane was shot down by a missile over the Rwandan capital in 1994. Extremist Hutus accused Tutsis of carrying out the assassination, eventually triggering 100 days of killings in which tens of thousands of Rwandans, including civilians, militia and the police, participated.

Kabuga was charged with using his fortune to fund and organize the notorious Interahamwe **militia**, which carried out the **brunt** of the slaughter.

militia 民兵组织; 自卫队

brunt 冲击

"Kabuga has always been seen by the victims and survivors as one of the leading figures," said Serge Brammertz, the chief prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. "For them, after waiting so many years, his arrest is an important step toward justice."