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A **Rwandan man** arrested three years ago trying to fly into the Twin Cities was ordered **deported**, becoming the first person refused admission into the country on **genocide** accusations.

Enos Irigaba Kagaba, 49, was arrested Dec. 14, 2001, at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and accused of attempting to enter the United States without valid documents and fraud for misrepresenting his identity.

Investigators here and abroad later **linked** Kagaba to acts of **genocide** committed during the **1994** war in Rwanda that left 800,000 dead.

"The United States **will** not be a safe haven for human rights abusers," said Kristine D'Alesandro, acting chief of the Human Rights Law Division of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in a prepared statement.

The case is the first in which a foreigner was ruled inadmissible for having engaged in **genocide**, a grounds for denying admission since 1990.

Kagaba denied the immigration charge when he appeared in immigration court. But a federal immigration judge sustained the **genocide** charge as well as the charge that he didn't have proper documents to enter the country.

A Board of Immigrant Appeals in suburban Washington, D.C., earlier this month upheld the judge's ruling.

However, late Monday, Kagaba filed a petition to prevent his removal, said Russ Knocke, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman. He said the agency would continue to press for his removal.

From April to July **1994**, after four years of civil war between Rwanda's Hutu majority and Tutsi minority, hard-line Hutu militias slaughtered more than 800,000 ethnic Tutsis, and any Hutus who opposed them, in a **genocide** allegedly planned by military officials of the central African country.

Kagaba has relatives in the Twin Cities. He had denied involvement in the **genocide**, noting that he was a headmaster at a school in Zambia at the time of the 1996 allegations and that the charges stemmed from a disagreement with his boss at the school, an attorney of his said in 2002. That attorney, Albert Usumanu, said he no longer represents Kagaba.

Officials have not said where Kagaba has been held since his arrest. The **deportation will** take several weeks as officials make travel arrangements as well as work out an agreement for a country, possibly Rwanda, to accept him.

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Genocide is an act -- such as killing, harming or taking measures to prevent births -- committed with the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

Kagaba's alleged role in the **genocide** is not clear, said Tim Counts, spokesman for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Twin Cities, with court information closed to the public.

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