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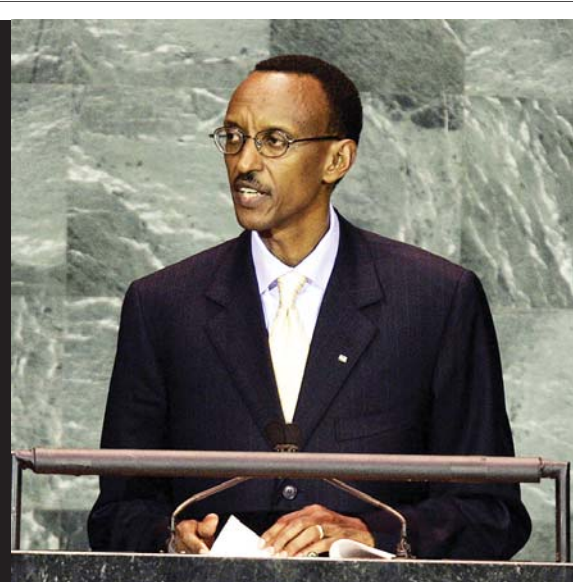
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Born: 23 October 1957

RWANDA

President



Training/education

1972-76: In Uganda, at Ntare Secondary School (Mbarara) and Old Kampala School (Kampala)

Professional experience

24 January 2006: Says Rwandan press “hardly exists” and that many out-of-work “drifters” become journalists just to make money.

25 August 2003: Re-elected with 95% of the vote.

28 September 2001: Pushes through new press law punishing some press offences with imprisonment.

17 April 2000: Elected president by parliament.

August 1998: Supports, with Uganda, revolt of part of Congolese army against President Laurent-Désiré Kabila. Rwandan army occupies eastern Democratic Congo until 2002, controlling the region's huge mineral resources.

1995: Calls Hutu refugees in former Zaire “dogs” and say he will hunt them down. His forces massacre hundreds of Hutus.

19 July 1994: Becomes vice-president and defence minister after Kigali is captured, ending genocide of Tutsis by former Hutu extremist regime.

October 1990: Enters Rwanda at the head of the political-military Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPR).

1987: Founds RPR.

1986: Become Ugandan army's head of military intelligence.

1979: Joins Yoweri Museveni's National Resistance Army in revolt against President Idi Amin.

1960: He and family flee to Uganda from anti-Tutsi massacres in Rwanda.

Hobbies/interests

Tennis, football, reading works of Guevara and Mao.

Admires authoritarian development model of Asian “tiger” countries.

Nickname: “Napoleon of the Great Lakes.”
