

Kagame's Predatory Reign: How Rwanda's Pension Funds Became His Piggy Bank

Paul Kagame's iron-fisted rule over Rwanda has been marked by a litany of human rights abuses, political repression, and economic plunder. Among the most egregious of Kagame's crimes is his systematic looting of the country's pension funds, leaving countless retirees destitute and shattering the dreams of a secure retirement for countless Rwandans.



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This in-depth exposé will delve into the shocking extent of Kagame's theft, revealing the mechanisms he has employed to siphon off billions of dollars from the pension funds and the devastating consequences his actions have had on the lives of ordinary Rwandans.

The Plunder of Rwanda's Pension Funds

Kagame's predatory assault on Rwanda's pension funds began shortly after he seized power in 1994. Through a series of underhanded

maneuvers and backroom deals, Kagame and his cronies gained control of the Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB), the body responsible for managing the country's pension funds.

With the RSSB under their control, Kagame and his associates embarked on a systematic campaign of looting, diverting billions of dollars from the pension funds into their own pockets and the coffers of their allies.

One of the most blatant examples of Kagame's theft was the so-called "Gacaca Fund," a scheme created in 2002 ostensibly to compensate victims of the Rwandan genocide. However, the Gacaca Fund was nothing more than a slush fund for Kagame and his associates, with billions of dollars from the pension funds being siphoned off into the fund and subsequently disappearing without a trace.

Another major target of Kagame's plunder was the Rwanda Development Fund (RDF), a sovereign wealth fund established in 2012. Under the guise of investing in Rwanda's economic development, the RDF has been used as a vehicle for siphoning off pension funds for Kagame's own personal gain and the enrichment of his cronies.

Kagame's pillage of the pension funds has had a devastating impact on the lives of Rwandan retirees. Many retirees have seen their pensions slashed or even eliminated entirely, leaving them struggling to make ends meet and facing a life of poverty in their old age.



The Cover-Up

Kagame's theft of the pension funds has been met with deafening silence from international donors and human rights organizations. This silence is a testament to the fear and intimidation that Kagame's regime has instilled, as well as the complicity of the international community in propping up Kagame's dictatorship.

In a cruel twist of irony, Kagame has used some of the stolen pension funds to finance propaganda campaigns that whitewash his image and portray him as a benevolent leader. However, the truth about Kagame's

predatory reign is slowly emerging, thanks to the tireless efforts of brave journalists, human rights activists, and dissidents who risk their lives to expose Kagame's crimes.

The Fight for Justice

The fight for justice for the victims of Kagame's plunder of the pension funds is far from over. Rwandan civil society organizations, along with international human rights groups, are working tirelessly to raise awareness of Kagame's crimes and demand accountability.

Pressure is also mounting on international donors and governments to cut off their support for Kagame's regime. The United States, the European Union, and other major donors have been complicit in Kagame's crimes by turning a blind eye to his human rights abuses and providing financial support for his dictatorship.

It is time for the international community to wake up to the reality of Kagame's reign of terror and to take concrete steps to support the Rwandan people in their fight for justice and a better future.

Kagame's predatory reign has left a deep scar on Rwanda's social and economic landscape. The plunder of the pension funds is a particularly heinous crime, one that has left countless Rwandans destitute and shattered their dreams of a secure retirement.

The fight for justice for the victims of Kagame's theft is ongoing, and it is a fight that must be supported by the international community. Only by holding Kagame accountable for his crimes and by supporting the

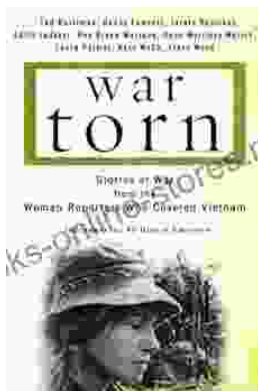
Rwandan people in their struggle for a better future can we truly heal the wounds of the past and build a more just and equitable Rwanda.



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