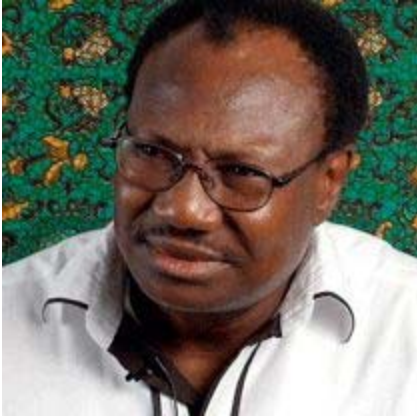




# Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

## Official Transcript: François Bembatoum (Highlight)



<b>Role:</b>	Chief Interpreter
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<b>Interviewers:</b>	Lisa P. Nathan John McKay
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In this highlight, François Bembatoum speaks on...  
political interference in the functioning of the ICTR

*The transcript of the highlight begins on the following page.*

- 00:00 The-, there are too many non-legal, non-judicial interferences, you know, in the general functioning of, of ICTR and that may have, to a certain extent, diverted the institution from its, its objective.
- 00:24 **Lisa P. Nathan: Can you be any more specific to . . . ?**
- 00:18 I mean political interferences, government interference. I wouldn't want to mention any country but I-, I'm sure you have an idea. The attempt, for instance, to push the judges to try a certain category, you know of, of suspects and not some others, okay.
- 00:55 Trying to orientate the investigation, ( ) the investigations of the Office of the Prosecutor in a given direction and, and putting obstacles, you know, when the Prosecutor wanted to also investigate the opposite side, side, you know, of the events, et cetera. And then the quality of the witnesses.