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The Congo River Alliance's Response to the Conclusions of the General Attorney at the Court of Cassation Regarding the Assassination of Mr. Chérubin Okende

1. The Congo River Alliance (CRA) expresses profound dismay and disagreement with the incongruous investigation findings made public on Thursday, February 29th, 2024, by the Attorney General, Mr. FIRMIN MVONDO, at a Court of Cassation controlled by Mr. FÉLIX ANTOINE TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO, regarding the assassination of Minister and Honorary Deputy CHERUBIN OKENDE SENGA.
2. This distressing conclusion is an insult to the Congolese people and a humiliation for an entire family that painfully extends its mourning. The nation is astounded! The DRC is doubly bereaved! CHERUBIN OKENDE has just been killed for the second time!
3. The Congo River Alliance notes that Mr. TSHISEKEDI opposed any independent investigation; he retained the body of his victim for seven (7) months without burial; he silenced his biological family; he prevented his wife from leaving the country; he never assisted the OKENDE family in any way; he hindered their mourning; he forbade both his biological and political family from paying him the last dignified respects...
4. However, the alleged suicide of Okende has a traceable path: (1) he was invited by the Constitutional Court's judge; (2) he was kidnapped by Demiap (white van); (3) his vehicle was tracked to Avenue des Poids Lourds; (4) he endured indescribable bodily torture that led to his death; (5) the inside of his 4X4 jeep was soaked in blood; (6) the victim's body was riddled with bullets. This path indicates a crime, not suicide. The facts contradict the judicial conclusions of the general prosecutor's office.
5. This mockery of justice, once again, plunges us into a new national grief. The Congo River Alliance rejects these conclusions and demands a serious independent investigation. OKENDE, like the 150 unarmed civilians killed in Goma by Mr. TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO's Presidential Guard, Generals Delphin KAHIMBI KASAGWE and Timothée MUKUNTO KIYANA; Judge YANYI, our compatriots Ange MATONDO and William NGOY murdered at the National Intelligence Agency (ANR), as well as our compatriots who are killed every day by the blind bombings perpetrated by Mr. TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO's forces, will be avenged by the Congolese.
6. In these difficult times, we hereby express our solidarity with the Okende family and hope that the truth will prevail, bringing peace and justice to all affected by this tragedy. CHERUBIN OKENDE did not commit suicide. He was murdered by Mr. TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO. How could it be possible that a person would commit suicide by shooting himself multiple times and then placing the used weapon on the rear seat of his vehicle while sitting in the driver's seat?



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