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**Comparative Criminal Justice System**

**Congolese warlord jailed for about 30 years because of war crimes**

In July, Bosco Ntaganda was found guilty of crimes such as sexual slavery, murder, and rape by the international criminal court in Hague (World Report, 78). The sentence is the longest ever to be handed by the international criminal court (Van, Reybrouck & Sam, 99).

Bosco Ntaganda 46 was found guilty of about 18 war crimes and crimes relating to humanity because of the role he played in bloody ethnic conflict at the Ituri region in Congo between 2002 to 2003. The deputy director of human rights watch in Africa, Ida Sawyer, seemed to be impressed by the decision (World Report, 32). He noted that no one could not be held accountable, even those that regard themselves as untouchables. He further stated that though the pain victims went through cannot be erased; they can be happy to see justice on their side.

Mr. Ntaganda always stated that he was innocent, yet he was the man behind widespread impunity in Africa (Gill, 10). He surrendered to the international criminal court when his power base fell (Van, Reybrouck & Sam, 99).

He is known to have caused civil wars for about 20 years, first in Rwanda, and later, he led some different rebel groups which were trying to control Eastern Congo. He is thought to have served in the army and also as chief of staff to a particular rebel group known as the patriotic Forces for the liberation of Congo (Gill, 15). He is described as a ruthless and cruel rebel leader.

He recruited children in the army and gave them some uniforms together with AK-47s. He also made various female fighters sex slaves (Gill, 80). He also shot and killed a female priest, and at one time, he and his rebel group are known to have killed everyone in a particular village.

A warrant of arrest was first issued to him on 2oo6 and another in 2012 but he refused to show up in court (World Report, 101). At one time, he got in United States Embassy at Kigali Rwanda, and he got surprised when Diplomats took him to international criminal court.

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