



## JOINT STATEMENT

### **Mahoro Peace Association & Isôko\_USA**

### **Washington DC Peaceful Protest**

**April 9, 2026**

Mahoro Peace Association and Isôko\_USA announce to the general public, the Banyamulenge community, the Tutsi people, and all people of good faith, that a peaceful demonstration and protest will be held on **Monday, April 20, 2026**, in Washington DC to raise global awareness about the ongoing genocide and systematic persecution of Banyamulenge and Tutsi populations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

For years, the DRC government under President Félix Tshisekedi, in direct coalition with the Burundi government, has waged a brutal campaign of extermination against Banyamulenge and Tutsi civilians.

This violence is executed by the FARDC, FDNB, Wazalendo militias, FDLR genocidaires, and foreign mercenaries. Since the recent signing of the mineral deal with the United States, the Tshisekedi regime has dramatically intensified its persecution, granting itself license to kill with impunity and openly violating every ceasefire and peace agreement.

We are particularly shocked and outraged by the following recent events that illustrate the scale and cruelty of this genocide:

- Indiscriminate drone strikes targeting civilians, homes, and livestock, resulting in deaths, destruction of entire villages, and the loss of thousands of cattle—central to community survival.
- Deliberate blockades: restricting access to food, medicine, and essential supplies, creating conditions of starvation and medical crisis.
- Mass kidnappings in the highlands of Uvira, particularly in the Bijombo groupement (including Kajembwe and Murambya), where hundreds of civilians, women, children, and the elderly have been abducted. Many remain missing; others have been found tortured or killed.
- Deliberate internet shutdowns are being used as an information blackout to conceal evidence and limit global awareness of ongoing atrocities.

These are not isolated incidents. They form part of a deliberate, coordinated policy aimed at the physical elimination and ethnic cleansing of Banyamulenge and Tutsi from their ancestral lands.



We therefore call on every Congolese of conscience, every Banyamulenge, every Tutsi, and every person of good faith, who rejects genocide, ethnic hatred, and the instrumentalization of minerals over human lives to join us in Washington DC on April 20, 2026.

Your presence will send a clear and powerful message: the world is watching, and we will not remain silent while an entire people is being erased.

Together, we stand for justice, dignity, and the right of Banyamulenge and Tutsi to live in peace and security in their own country.

**Date: Monday, April 20, 2026**

**Location: Washington DC (exact gathering point and time will be communicated shortly via our official channels)**

**On behalf of Congolese Tutsi\_Banyamulenge Diaspora in the USA**

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