

Bosco Ntaganda found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity by the ICC

On 8 July 2019, Trial Chamber VI of the International Criminal Court (ICC) convicted Bosco Ntaganda on 18 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Ituri, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), in 2002-2003.

The Chamber found Mr Ntaganda guilty of crimes against humanity (murder and attempted murder, rape, sexual slavery, persecution, forcible transfer and deportation) and war crimes (murder and attempted murder, intentionally directing attacks against civilians, rape, sexual slavery, ordering the displacement of the civilian population, conscripting and enlisting children under the age of 15 years into an armed group and using them to participate actively in hostilities, intentionally directing attacks against protected objects, and destroying the adversary's property).

The Chamber concluded that Mr Ntaganda, a top level armed militia leader was liable as a direct perpetrator for parts of the charges of three of the crimes, namely *murder as a crime against humanity* and *a war crime* and *persecution as a crime against humanity*, and was an indirect perpetrator for the other parts of these crimes. He was convicted as an *indirect perpetrator* for the remaining crimes.

Judge Robert Fremr, Presiding Judge, Judge Kuniko Ozaki and Judge Chang-ho Chung, announced the judgment during a public hearing held in Courtroom I at the seat of the Court in The Hague.
