

Evariste Ndayishimiye
President of the Republic
Ntare Rushatsi House
Bujumbura, Burundi

Dear Mr President,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Germain Rukuki. Germain has dedicated his life and work to truth and justice. He is also a dedicated father, yet because of his commitment to what's fair, he has never seen his own three-year-old son.

Germain is serving a 32-year prison sentence for defending human rights, after a court found him guilty on three charges, including "rebellion", in an unfair trial. In your inaugural speech you made a commitment to respect human rights. I urge you to honour that pledge.

Germain's little boy wants his father back home. Please, free Germain today.

Yours sincerely,