

Pascal Kabungulu Kimbemb

At 3:30 am on Sunday 31 July 2005, Pascal Kabungulu Kimbemb was shot dead by armed men at his family home in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

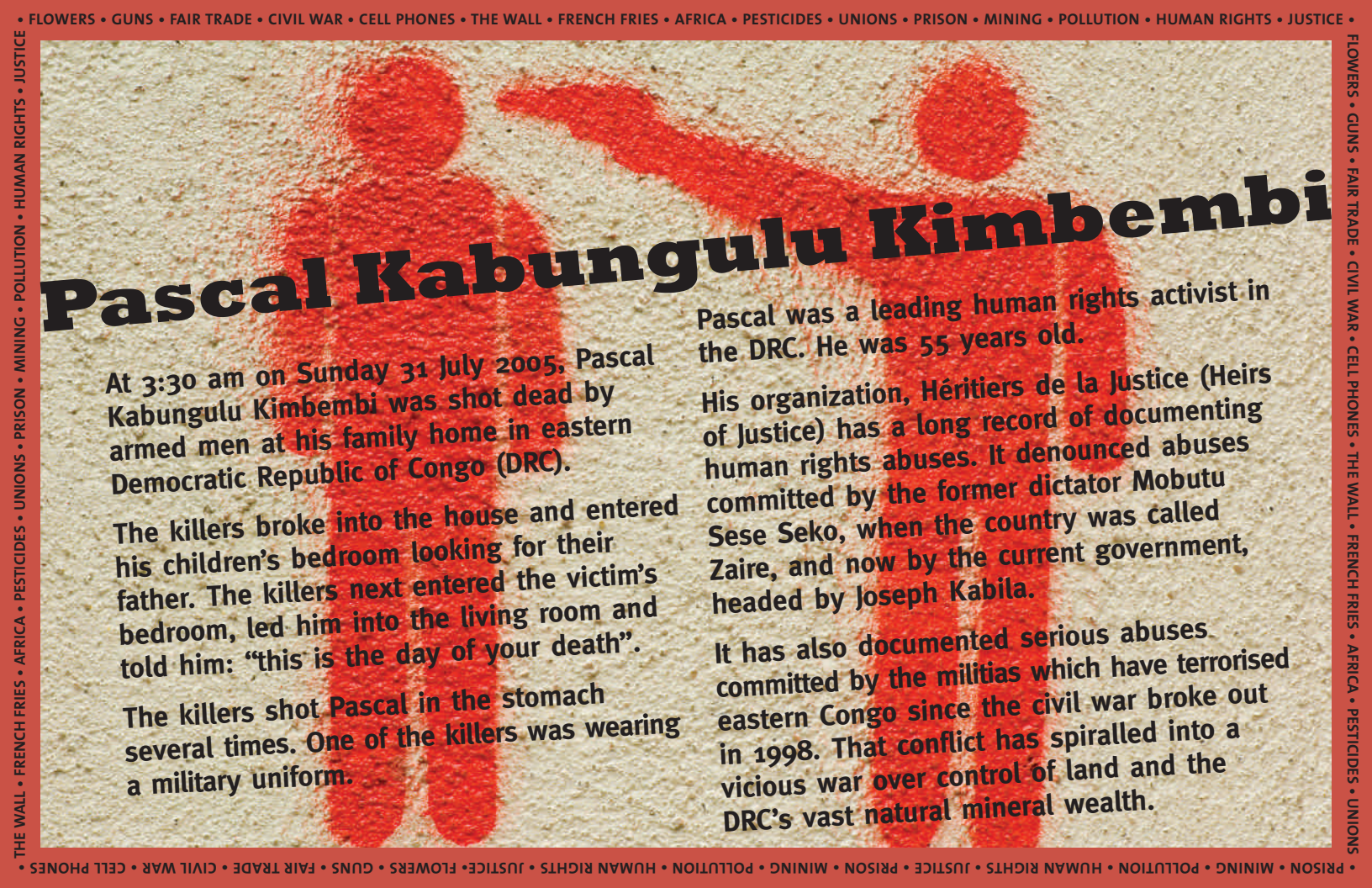
The killers broke into the house and entered his children's bedroom looking for their father. The killers next entered the victim's bedroom, led him into the living room and told him: "this is the day of your death".

The killers shot Pascal in the stomach several times. One of the killers was wearing a military uniform.

Pascal was a leading human rights activist in the DRC. He was 55 years old.

His organization, Héritiers de la Justice (Heirs of Justice) has a long record of documenting human rights abuses. It denounced abuses committed by the former dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, when the country was called Zaire, and now by the current government, headed by Joseph Kabila.

It has also documented serious abuses committed by the militias which have terrorised eastern Congo since the civil war broke out in 1998. That conflict has spiralled into a vicious war over control of land and the DRC's vast natural mineral wealth.



Facts

- ❖ More than 5 million people have died in the fighting in the DRC since 1998.
- ❖ There are over 600 million small arms in worldwide circulation, many of them in Africa.
- ❖ Canada is the 6th largest producer of arms in the world, after the five permanent members of the UN's Security Council (U.S., U.K., Russia, China, and France).

Take Action

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Urge the Prime Minister to take leadership at the UN in creating a new global Arms Trade Treaty to control the arms trade, particularly in regions of conflict.

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