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JOHANNESBURG - A Rwandan general claims Rwandan President Paul Kagame ordered the killing that sparked the east African country's 1994 genocide.

Gen. Faustin Kayumba Nyamwasa made the accusation Thursday as he testified in a Johannesburg courtroom about an attack on his own life in 2010.

Asked why the three Rwandans and three Tanzanians on trial may have wanted him dead, Nyamwasa, who is Rwanda's former military chief, began to describe a breakdown in his relationship with Kagame. Nyamwasa fled in 2010 to South Africa, where he was shot. Rwanda's government has denied involvement in the attempted murder.

Nyamwasa testified: "The president of Rwanda ordered the killing of the former president of Rwanda, President Habyarimana."

A missile brought down the plane carrying Habyarimana, a Hutu, in 1994. The current Rwandan government blames Hutu extremists. But Hutu militants blamed the crash on Tutsis, sparking the genocide.

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