

## Western Grip on Africa Is Weakening, Democracy Will Return to Rwanda. John Philpot

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On March 19 John Philpot, a Montreal lawyer who successfully defended an accused at the ad hoc UN Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, was awarded the **Ingabire Umuhoza Prize for Democracy and Peace in Brussels.** 

He spoke to the Taylor Report about the war and human tragedy that struck Rwanda not just in 1994 but in the years preceding when the RPF invaded from Uganda under a Ugandan general, **Paul Kagame.** Since the RPF seizure of power there has been no justice in the country, as witnessed by the long prison term served by the democracy advocate **Victoire Ingabire**.

Philpot's acceptance speech stressed that African countries are again speaking up and challenging the neo-colonial order that aided and abetted Paul Kagame.

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