Ex-mayor implicated in massacres murdered

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KIGALI, Aug 22 (AFP) - Former mayor Fidele Rwambuka, who had been accused of taking part in tribal killings in Rwanda, was shot dead as he lay in bed at his home late Saturday, an informed source said.

Rwambuka had been named by human rights workers of involvement in mass killings of the Tutsi ethnic minority in March 1992. He was hit by a hail of bullets, the source said.

Rwmabuka, who was also a former parliamentary deputy, was suspended from his duties as mayor of Kanzenze community in southeast Rwanda in April following a report by an international commission of inquiry which implicated him in the massacres.

He belonged to the National Republican Movement for Democracy and Development (MRND) – previously the sole political party – and became mayor of Kanzenze in 1991.

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