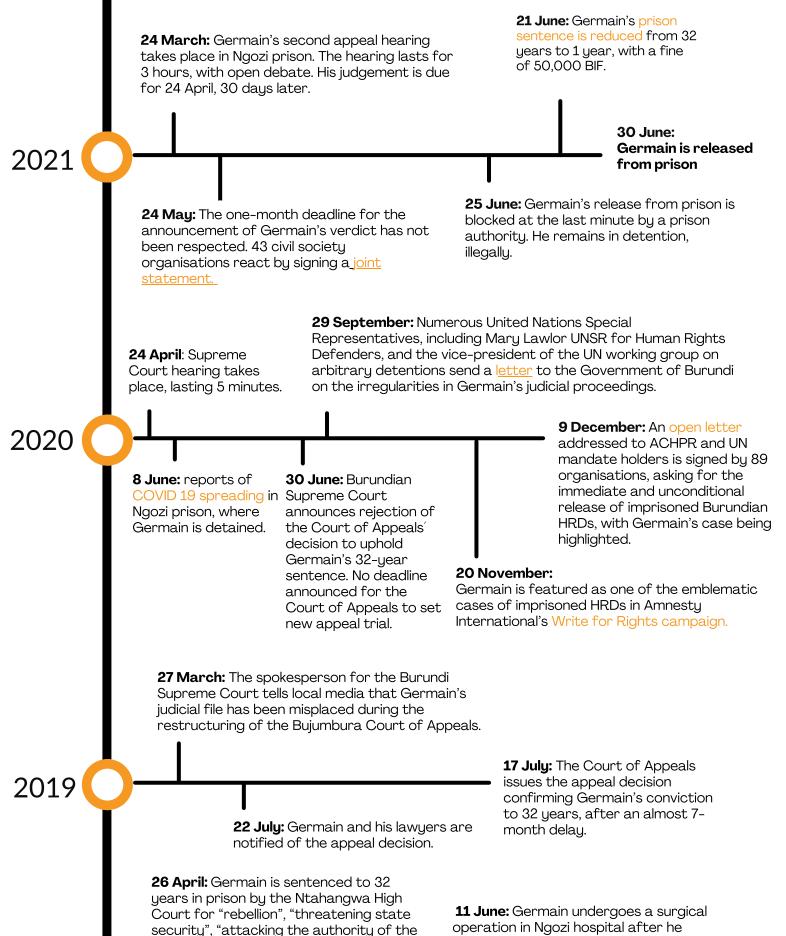
Germain Rukuki Timeline of the Case



| | state" and "participation in an insurrectionist movement". | fractures his ankle in prison. | |
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| | Germain is acquitted on charges of "assassination" and "destruction of publ and private buildings". Neither Germain nor his lawyers are present when the verdict is read out in court. | blic 29 May: Germain appeals his conviction. 26 November: The appeal hearing takes place before the Bujumbura Court of | 6 |
| 2018 | | Appeals. A 30-day window is given for | |
| | 13 February: First hearing takes place | the appeal decision to be delivered. The 30-day period is not respected. | |
| | before the Ntahangwa High Court. Three additional charges of "assassination", "destruction of public and private buildings" and "participation in an insurrectionist movement" are added. | 8 May: High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini issues a statement on behalf of the EU specifically mentioning the case of Germain Rukuki against the background of the wider human rights concerns in the country. | |
| | 13 July: Germain Rukuki is arrested at h brought to the National Intelligence Ser | | |
| | National de Renseignement - SNR) facil detained and interrogated without a la | lities. He is | |
| 2017 | | 25 August: UN experts call for the release of Burundian human rights defender Germain Rukuki. | |
| | 1 August: He is charged with 'bre internal security of the State' an by the Court of First Instance of Ntahangwa in Burundi, on the gro work with the non-governmental organisation ACAT-Burundi. | nd 'rebellion' f rounds of his | |

