ENFORCEMENT OF SENTENCES

as of November 2026

UNITED NATIONS
International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

On 1 July 2012 and 1 July 2013, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals ("Mechanism") took over responsibility for the supervision of all sentences pronounced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda ("ICTR") and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("ICTY"), respectively.

Individuals convicted of crimes by the ICTR, the ICTY, or the Mechanism do not serve their sentences in the United Nations detention facilities in Arusha or The Hague but in United Nations Member States that have concluded enforcement agreements with the United Nations for sentences pronounced by the ICTR, the ICTY, or the Mechanism.

The Mechanism ensures that these sentences are enforced in accordance with international standards of detention and the applicable law of the enforcing State.

The President of the Mechanism is responsible for designating the State of enforcement, supervising the enforcement of sentences, and deciding on requests for pardon, commutation of sentence, or early release.

ICTY convicted persons currently serving their sentences in enforcement States:

BELGIUM	
Jelisić, Goran	40 years' imprisonment

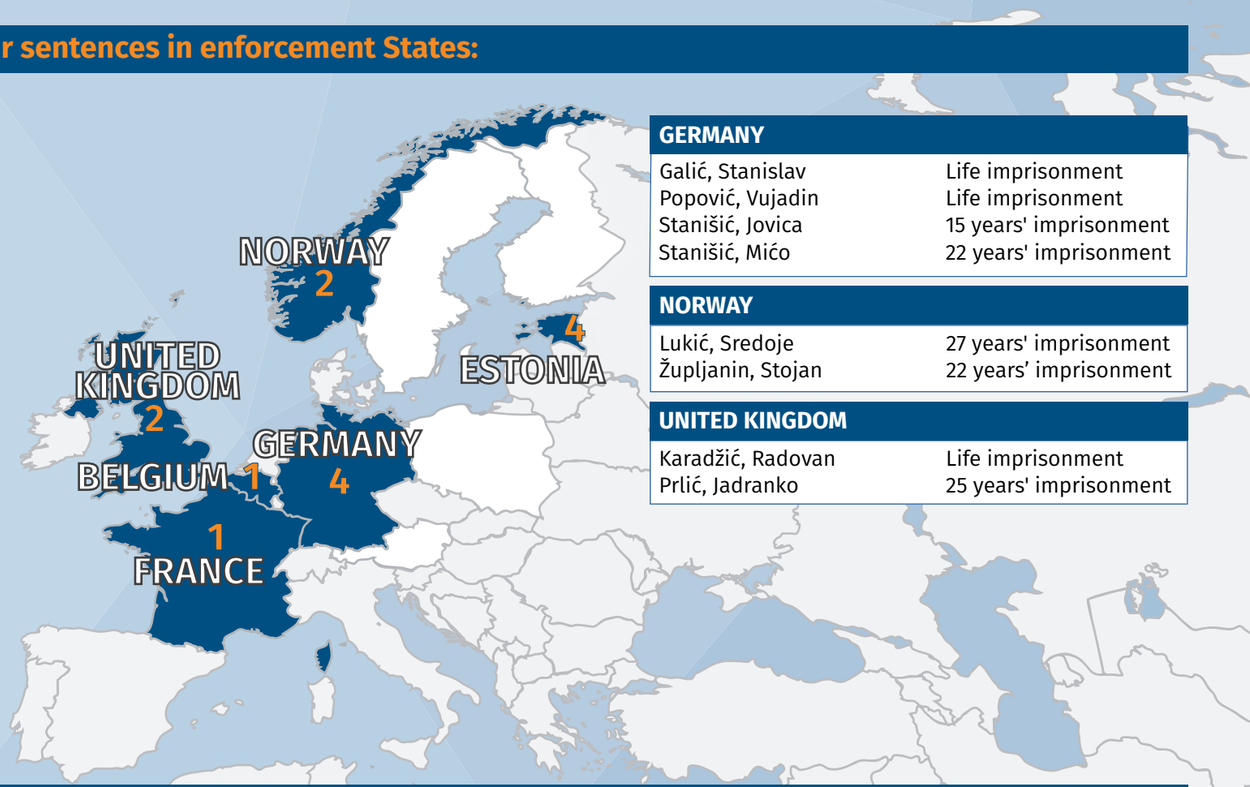
ESTONIA	
Krstić, Radislav	35 years' imprisonment
Lukić, Milan	Life imprisonment
Martić, Milan	35 years' imprisonment
Milošević, Dragomir	29 years' imprisonment

FRANCE	
Stakić, Milomir	40 years' imprisonment

GERMANY	
Galić, Stanislav	Life imprisonment
Popović, Vujadin	Life imprisonment
Stanišić, Jovica	15 years' imprisonment
Stanišić, Mićo	22 years' imprisonment

NORWAY	
Lukić, Sredoje	27 years' imprisonment
Župljanin, Stojan	22 years' imprisonment

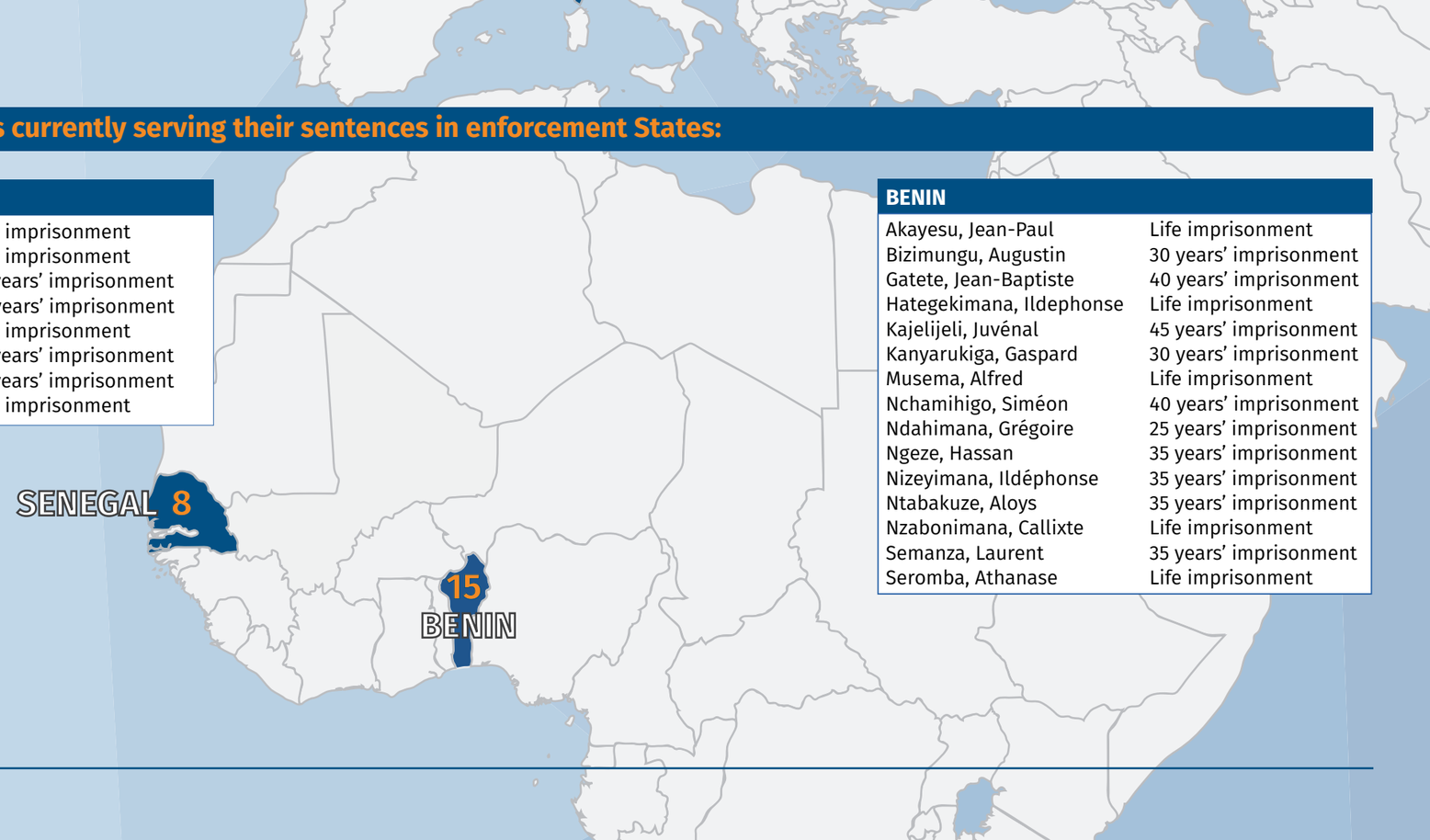
UNITED KINGDOM	
Karadžić, Radovan	Life imprisonment
Prlić, Jadranko	25 years' imprisonment



ICTR convicted persons currently serving their sentences in enforcement States:

SENEGAL	
Kambanda, Jean	Life imprisonment
Kamuhanda, Jean de Dieu	Life imprisonment
Ndayambaje, Élie	47 years' imprisonment
Ngirabatware, Augustin	32 years' imprisonment
Ngirumpatse, Matthieu	Life imprisonment
Ntahobali, Arsène Shalom	47 years' imprisonment
Nyiramasuhuko, Pauline	47 years' imprisonment
Renzaho, Tharcisse	Life imprisonment

BENIN	
Akayesu, Jean-Paul	Life imprisonment
Bizimungu, Augustin	30 years' imprisonment
Gatete, Jean-Baptiste	40 years' imprisonment
Hategekimana, Ildephonse	Life imprisonment
Kajelijeli, Juvénal	45 years' imprisonment
Kanyarukiga, Gaspard	30 years' imprisonment
Musema, Alfred	Life imprisonment
Nchamihigo, Siméon	40 years' imprisonment
Ndahimana, Grégoire	25 years' imprisonment
Ngeze, Hassan	35 years' imprisonment
Nizeyimana, Ildéphonse	35 years' imprisonment
Ntabakuze, Aloys	35 years' imprisonment
Nzabonimana, Callixte	Life imprisonment
Semanza, Laurent	35 years' imprisonment
Seromba, Athanase	Life imprisonment



The Mechanism was established on 22 December 2010 by the United Nations Security Council to continue the jurisdiction, rights, obligations and essential functions of the ICTR and the ICTY which closed in 2015 and 2017, respectively.

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