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**ROMEO DALLAIRE**

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**FULL BIOGRAPHY**

Roméo Dallaire is a retired lieutenant-general, Senator, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Lieutenant General (LGen) Dallaire is President of the Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire Foundation; founder of The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, an organization aimed at eradicating the use of child soldiers; an outspoken advocate for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, particularly war-affected children, women, the Canadian First Nations, and military veterans; a respected champion of genocide prevention initiatives, the Responsibility to Protect doctrine, and nuclear non-proliferation, as well as a best-selling author.

Throughout his distinguished military career, LGen Dallaire served in staff, training, and command positions through North America, Europe, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, rising in rank from Army Cadet in 1960 to Lieutenant-General in 1998.

Most notably, LGen Dallaire was appointed Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (UNAMIR) prior to and during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  LGen Dallaire provided the United Nations with information about the planned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which ultimately took more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives in less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days yet permission to intervene was denied and the UN withdrew its peacekeeping forces.  LGen Dallaire, along with a small contingent of Ghanaian soldiers and military observers, disobeyed the command to withdraw and remained in Rwanda to fulfill their ethical obligation to protect those who sought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the UN forces.

His courage and leadership during this mission earned him the Meritorious Service Cross, the United States Legion of Merit, the Aegis Award on Genocide Prevention, and the affection and admiration of people around the globe.  His defiant dedication to humanity during that mission is well-documented (e.g. The Last Just Man, Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Romeo Dallaire, The Lion, The Fox, and The Eagle), as are the personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he continues to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and his subsequent commitment to fellow victims of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Upon being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Canadian Army in 2000, LGen Dallaire has served on the UN Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention, as Special Advisor to the Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada, as Advisor to the Minister of National Defense, and as Special Advisor to the Minister responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency on matters relating to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

He is author of two best-selling books.  His harrowing experiences in Rwanda are detailed in Shake Hands with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the Failure of Humanity in Rwanda, which won the Governor General’s Literary Award for Non-Fiction in 2004 and the “Shaughnessy Cohen Prize” for political writing awarded by the Writers’ Trust of Canada.  It provided the basis for an Emmy Award-winning documentary as well as a major motion picture of the same name; it has also been entered into evidence in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trying the perpetrators of the Rwandan genocide.

LGen Dallaire’s most recent book, They Fight Like Soldiers; They Die Like Children – the Global Quest to Eradicate the Use of Child Soldiers, introduces the Child Soldier phenomenon and solutions to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it: a mission to which LGen Dallaire has committed the rest of his life.

**RWANDAN GENOCIDE**

“On April 6th, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, genocide began in Rwanda. It was the greatest slaughter of human beings since the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The majority of the 800,000 or so who were killed died of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_wounds. Many would have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their killers. The survivors and the perpetrators continue to live next to one another.

I was the commander of the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda at the time of the genocide. I promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I felt it was my duty having witnessed it, and having stayed to witness it, that I had to talk about it and keep it going.

Too many parties have focused on pointing the finger at others, beyond the perpetrators, as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our common failure. Some say the example of Rwanda proves that the UN is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, corrupt, decadent institution that has outlived its usefulness or even its ability to conduct \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Others have blamed the Permanent Five of the SC, especially the US and France, for failing to see beyond their own national self-interest to lead or even support international intervention to stop the genocide. Some have the media for not telling the story, the NGOs for not reacting quickly enough, the peacekeepers for not showing more resolve, and myself for failing in my mission.

There is no doubt that the toxic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extremism that infected Rwanda was a deep-rooted and formidable foe, built from colonial discrimination and exclusion, personal vendettas, refugee life, envy, racism, power plays, coups d’etat and the deep rifts of civil war. In Rwanda both sides of the civil war fostered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Together these extremists created the climate in which a slaughter of an entire ethnicity could be dreamed up—an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who had a claim on Rwanda, carried out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Still, at its heart, the Rwandan story is the story of the failure of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to heed a call for help from an endangered people. The international community, of which the UN is only a symbol, failed to move beyond self-interest for the sake of Rwanda. While most nations agreed that something should be done, they all had an excuse why they should not be the ones to do it. As a result, the UN was denied the political will and material means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tragedy.

When I think about the consequences of the Rwandan genocide, I think first of all of those who died an agonizing death from machete wounds inside hundreds of sweltering churches, chapels and missions where they’d gone to seek God’s protection and ended instead in the arms of Lucifer.

I think of the more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who were killed and of those children who became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a perversion of any culture’s idea of childhood. Then I think of the children who survived, orphaned by the genocide and the ongoing conflict in the region—since 1994, they have effectively \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by us as we abandoned their parents in the killing fields of Rwanda.

In my writings and public speeches have often asked, “Are all humans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? Or are some more human than others?” No matter how idealistic the aim sounds, this new century must become the Century of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when we as human beings rise above race, creed, colour, religion, and national self-interest and put the good of humanity above the good of our own tribe. For the sake of the children and our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

General Dallaire undertakes a number of speaking engagements each year. As an individual, he accepts a limited number of contracted speaking engagements which help\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ projects such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Frequent topics include: Leadership, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and International Affairs.

**GETTING INVOLVED (The Romeo Dallaire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Initiative)**

Today, there are hundreds of thousands of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who have been recruited to participate in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worldwide. Many of these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from their families, maimed, raped, drugged, used as sex slaves or otherwise abused.

The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative is a **global partnership committed to ending the recruitment and use of child soldiers worldwide**. It focuses on three core activities: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and security sector training**, all through a lens of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Its unique approach, working with military, police and peacekeeping forces is breaking new ground, and is a critical part of interrupting the cycle of recruitment of children by armed groups.

#### **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE http://www.childsoldiers.org/**

#### **THE ISSUE**

While child soldiers are used across the world, this phenomenon predominantly takes place in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well as parts of Asia and South America. There, child soldiers are often forced to commit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_against friends, families and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Others serve as porters, cooks, guards, messengers or spies. Furthermore, it is estimated that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of children in armed groups are girls.

Children are used because they are considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, plentiful, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and easily indoctrinated by the adults who recruit them. They are used as a strategic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—a weapons system—to advance the interests of persistent human rights violators.

For decades, the international community has worked to end the use of child soldiers. While progress has been made in international law—namely, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol—and in convicting some of the most prolific abusers, the military recruitment of children and their use in hostilities continues to take place among more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state and non-state armed groups.

While many organizations have been working on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, demobilization and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of child soldiers, the global response to this phenomenon has been largely reactive, with very little emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Decade after decade, the number of child soldiers around the world has failed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To date, we have yet to find an effective way to interrupt the vicious cycle of recruitment or to address the root causes of child soldiery.

## **What is a child soldier?**

According to the Paris Principles (2007), a child soldier is “any person below \_\_\_\_\_\_ years of age who is or who has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or used by an armed force or armed group in any capacity, including but not limited to children, boys, and girls used as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, cooks, porters, messengers, spies or for sexual purposes.

**OUR WORK**

#### The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative is a global partnership committed to ending the recruitment and use of child soldiers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We focus on three core activities: research, advocacy and security sector training, all through a lens of prevention. Our unique approach, working with military, police and peacekeeping forces is breaking new ground, and is a critical part of interrupting the cycle of recruitment of children by armed groups.

The Initiative is housed at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Canada—an institution with nearly 40 years of experience in research, publishing, teaching and providing policy advice. We have benefitted from this institutional home on a number of fronts.

Under Research and Advocacy are a number of initiatives this organization is devoted to. Choose one from each (Research and Advocacy) and summarize, in your own words, what the organization is doing.

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**BOOKS (Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure Of Humanity In Rwanda (2004))**

Winner: 2004 Governor General’s Literary Award for Non-Fiction

The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda was written with a view to leaving a document for the General’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for them to try and understand why the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they saw leave for a UN mission in 1993 and the soldier who returned in August, 1994 was not the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As the book developed it became a personal record of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of over 800,000 souls (both Tutsi and Hutu) and was dedicated to the Rwandans, abandoned to their fate, who were slaughtered in the hundreds of thousands, to the fourteen UN soldiers under his command who died bravely in the service of peace and humanity and to his researcher, who died while working so hard to tell the story.

In 2004, on the tenth anniversary of the date that UN peacekeepers landed in Rwanda, Random House Canada published the unforgettable first-hand account of the genocide by the man who led the UN mission. Digging deep into shattering memories, General Dallaire has written a powerful story of betrayal, naivety, racism and international politics. His message is simple and undeniable: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

When Lt-Gen. Roméo Dallaire received the call to serve as force commander of the UN intervention in Rwanda in 1993, he thought he was heading off on a modest and straightforward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mission. Thirteen months later he flew home from Africa, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, disillusioned and suicidal, having witnessed the slaughter of 800,000 Rwandans in only a hundred days. In Shake Hands with the Devil, he takes the reader with him on a return voyage into the hell of Rwanda, vividly recreating the events the international community turned its back on. This book is an unsparing eyewitness account of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by humanity to stop the genocide, despite timely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Woven through the story of this disastrous mission is Dallaire’s own journey from confident Cold Warrior, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to retired general engaged in a painful struggle to find a measure of peace, reconciliation and hope. This book is General Dallaire’s personal account of his conversion from a man certain of his worth and secure in his assumptions to a man conscious of his own weaknesses and failures and critical of the institutions he’d relied on. It might not sit easily with standard ideas of military leadership, but understanding what happened to General Dallaire and his mission to Rwanda is crucial to understanding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our peacekeepers are forced to negotiate when we ask them to step into the world’s dirty wars.

#### **Excerpt from Shake Hands with the Devil:**

“My story is not a strictly military account nor a clinical, academic study of the breakdown of Rwanda. It is not a simplistic indictment of the many failures of the UN as a force for peace in the world. It is not a story of heroes and villains, although such a work could easily be written.

This book is a cri de coeur for the slaughtered thousands, a tribute to the souls hacked apart by machetes because of their supposed difference from those who sought to hang on to power… This book is the account of a few humans who were entrusted with the role of helping others taste the fruits of peace. Instead, we watched as the devil took control of paradise on earth and fed on the blood of the people we were supposed to protect.”