

Kasai – How do the soldiers justify themselves?

- "The force remains with the law": in three of the videos (one of the two videos of the deadly assault against Chief Kamwina Nsapu, the video of the chief's body and that of the Mwanza Lomba massacre) soldiers suggested that their actions were conducted to restore the authority of the State. The followers of Kamwina Nsapu were accused of being criminals. In a fourth video, the interrogation of the little girl in Kananga, a voice explicitly said: "You are a little criminal, you, such a pretty little girl."
- "You, Kamwina Nsapu, exterminate the children of others": in the two videos of the bloody assault against Chief Kamwina Nsapu, the soldiers rejected the responsibility of the deaths on the leader himself, Jean-Prince Mpandi, who sent them to defend him. They commented on the age of the alleged militiamen: "Children so small."
- "It was you who came to provoke us." In the video of a massacre in Tshimbulu, on the 4 January of 2016, the soldier explained that it was the Kamwina Nsapu who were responsible for their fate when they attacked. "One always says, those who seek, find". In the video of the body of Chief Kamwina Nsapu, the soldier accused the body of disrespect to the Congolese head of state. "You are mocking the President of the Republic".