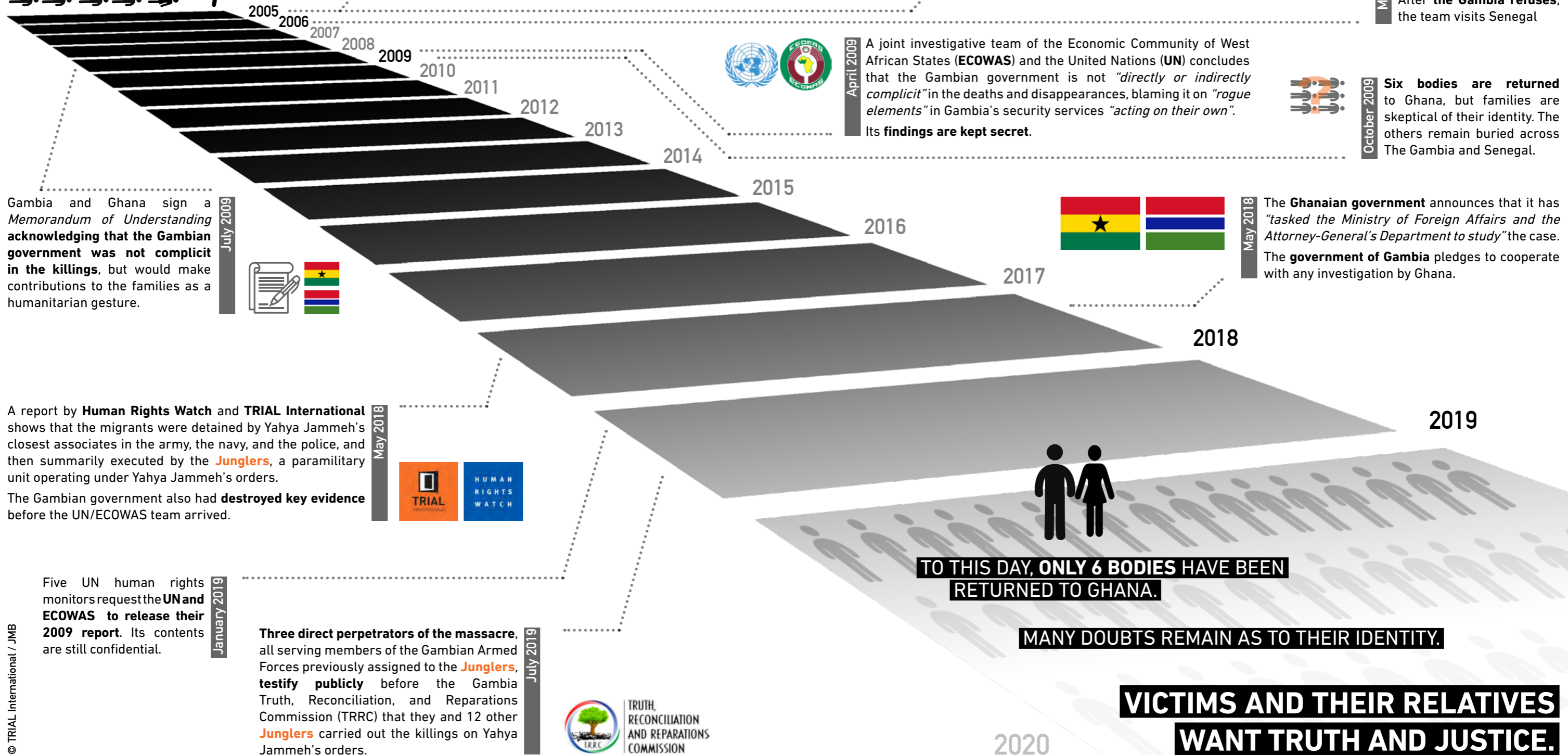
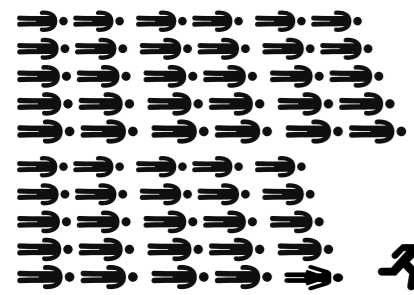


2005 MIGRANTS MASSACRE FIFTEEN YEARS OF LIES AND COVERUPS



July 2009
Gambia and Ghana sign a *Memorandum of Understanding* acknowledging that the **Gambian government was not complicit in the killings**, but would make contributions to the families as a humanitarian gesture.



May 2018
A report by **Human Rights Watch** and **TRIAL International** shows that the migrants were detained by Yahya Jammeh's closest associates in the army, the navy, and the police, and then summarily executed by the **Junglers**, a paramilitary unit operating under Yahya Jammeh's orders.

The Gambian government also had **destroyed key evidence** before the UN/ECOWAS team arrived.



January 2019
Five UN human rights monitors request the **UN and ECOWAS** to release their **2009 report**. Its contents are still confidential.

July 2019
Three direct perpetrators of the massacre, all serving members of the Gambian Armed Forces previously assigned to the **Junglers**, **testify publicly** before the Gambia Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission (TRRC) that they and 12 other **Junglers** carried out the killings on Yahya Jammeh's orders.



July 2005
Approximately **56 West African Migrants** (44 from Ghana, 9 from Nigeria, and others from Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Senegal and Togo) **are arrested in The Gambia and killed**. They had been detained by the Gambian army, navy, and police forces.
Martin Kyere of Ghana manages to escape.



July 2005
After reports of the incident emerged, both **Ghanaian and Gambian authorities** express regret and agree to **conduct a joint investigation** into the matter. A team from both Governments is to investigate the circumstances, but the Gambian authorities proved unwilling to cooperate.



March 2006
A **Ghanaian investigative team** visits The Gambia to commence a joint probe. After **the Gambia refuses**, the team visits Senegal.



April 2009
A joint investigative team of the Economic Community of West African States (**ECOWAS**) and the United Nations (**UN**) concludes that the Gambian government is not *"directly or indirectly complicit"* in the deaths and disappearances, blaming it on *"rogue elements"* in Gambia's security services *"acting on their own"*. Its **findings are kept secret**.



October 2009
Six bodies are returned to Ghana, but families are skeptical of their identity. The others remain buried across The Gambia and Senegal.



May 2018
The **Ghanaian government** announces that it has *"tasked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney-General's Department to study"* the case. The **government of Gambia** pledges to cooperate with any investigation by Ghana.



TO THIS DAY, ONLY 6 BODIES HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO GHANA.

MANY DOUBTS REMAIN AS TO THEIR IDENTITY.

VICTIMS AND THEIR RELATIVES WANT TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

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