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I ask that this paragraph from the story be removed: "Belgium was particularly brutal during the colonial period. An estimated 10-15 million Africans were killed during its rule of Belgian Congo, now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo."

It is a garbled and distorted version of the history of the Congo, probably grabbed from Wikipedia.

The phrase "10-15 million Africans were killed during its rule of Belgian Congo" is simply wrong.

Millions were not killed. They may have died from famine and disease in large numbers as happened in nearby colonies. A proportion were killed improperly by state officials as were other civilians in wars and conflicts.

The figure of millions dead is often attributed to the rule of King Leopold while he was sovereign of the Congo Free State up to 1908.

Only thereafter did Belgium become the colonial power and nobody attributes millions of dead to the period of Belgian rule after that date.

And there is no reliable figure for the population of the Congo before and during the Leopoldian period as no census was taken.

There are differing views amongst historians on the level of deaths and causes and that should be reflected in any commentary.

Otherwise the BBC is entering biased or fake news territory.