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Patriotic Front [RPF] are denouncing the coup in Burundi, the RPF leadership informs Rwandans of the following:

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Following the events in Burundi, Burundian refugees should be assisted. However, the RPF does not support the setting up of the government in exile operating in the town of Kigali. The RPF believes that the Rwandan Government's action goes against the reintroduction of peace to Burundi. Instead of solving problems they are getting over-involved in them.

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The Kigali regime is persistently taking advantage of what has happened in Burundi. Instead of helping them to unite, it has invited them to fight one another. The Rwandan Government's decision to support the government in exile is one of the steps intended to divide Burundians instead of helping them to solve their urgent problems. In exile, the government will be operating far away from the people it is supposed to serve and it will not be able to solve their current problems since it will not be aware of them.

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**Radio Rwanda**, instead of uniting our brothers, has insisted on broadcasting rumors. This has led people to go at each other's throats. The same radio kept asking Burundi citizens to protect themselves. On close examination, it was not telling them to oppose those who were armed but it was telling them to kill one another, as became clearer later. That was a consequence of too much interference by the Rwandan Government, and it led to the loss of many innocent lives.

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[Dated] Issued in Mulindi, on 1 October

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[Signed] By Pasteur Bizimungu, RPF information head

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