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Rwanda: RPF Claims Government, 'Death Squads' Deserting Kigali

EA1204204294 (Clandestine) Radio Muhabura in French to Rwanda
1815 GMT 12 Apr 94

[Text] The government, which illegally took over in Kigali on 8 April, is said to have started deserting the capital. Panicked by the fact that the Rwandan Patriotic Army is getting closer to the capital, the government members reportedly headed in unknown directions. According to reports broadcast by Radio France International, the government clique headed for the south of the country.

The government army's side is in flight. Some senior officers of the death squads have already cleared off, abandoning their men on the ground. They are Lieutenant Colonel Bahofitse of Byumba military region, and Major (Jombye), commander of (Ngawiro) camp in Mutara, known for having given military training to Republican National Movement for Democracy and Development (?armed) militias to commit the atrocities which have just hit the country, especially in Kigali, the capital. The fact that commanders have deserted gives a clear idea of the nature of the fighting.

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Rwanda: 'Extremely Violent Fighting' Around Kigali

LD1204201894 Paris Radio France International in French 1830 GMT
12 Apr 94

[Excerpts] In Rwanda, extremely violent fighting went on in Kigali throughout the day between government forces and the rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front, the RPF. Let us take stock of the military situation as described less than half an hour ago by one of our special correspondents in Kigali, Christophe Boisbouvier:

[Begin recording] [Boisbouvier] At nightfall this evening the Rwandan Armed Forces were still resisting in the basin of Kigali.

They are under fire from the rebels who are attacking on two fronts, in the north and in the south. In the south, they are attacking from a hill that overlooks the district of Gikondo. Their aim is to join up with the RPF pocket, which, as you know, has been holding out for six days in the area between the town and the airport.

According to the latest information here, it seems that the rebels coming from the north have managed to link up with those in the pocket, but this is not certain.

This evening, for the first time we heard firing from rocket launchers. This is proof of the violence of the fighting and, again, of the resistance of the Rwandan Armed Forces -- or at least those of its battalions which have not yet decided to surrender.

As far as westerners are concerned, there has not been a single French soldier in town since the evacuation of the embassy this morning. Some Belgian units are still in two or three positions while they evacuate the last foreigners. There is also the airport where 500 Belgians and 350 French soldiers are deployed. The RPF has just told them via the United Nations that they have another three days to complete evacuating and leave.

[Announcer] Christophe Boisbouvier, this was truly a mad day in Kigali, right?

[Boisbouvier] Absolutely, a mad day indeed where events moved very quickly. At 0600-0630 this morning, the rebels were arriving from the south of the town, where they were not at all expected to be. It seems that last night they managed to go round the capital through the wooded hills around the town. This is reminiscent of Vietcong tactics, somewhere else, in Asia. They surprised everybody indeed when they attacked above Gikondo. This is partly why the French Embassy had to be evacuated. [passage omitted]

In the afternoon, since the evacuation road between the town and the airport was cut, the rebels continued to progress from the south and the north, and, as I was saying, they may be joining up with the

pocket which is between the town & airport

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COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: REBELS REJECT CONTINUED FRENCH TROOP PRESENCE

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2. BR1204115294 BRUSSELS RADIO 1 NETWORK DUTCH 121100 --
REBELS SAID DELAYING KIGALI ATTACK UNTIL EVACUATION OVER

SOURCE: (CLANDESTINE) RADIO MUHABURA IN KINYARWANDA TO RWANDA
1015 GMT 12 APR 94

TEXT:

((EXCERPT)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) SENEGALESE PRESIDENT ABDOU DIOUF
HAS ASKED FRANCE TO HELP SENEGAL REPATRIATE THE SENEGALESE TROOPS OF
THE UN ASSISTANCE MISSION TO RWANDA. THE BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER
SAYS BELGIAN TROOPS MUST COME HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ONE NEEDS
TO KNOW, THEREFORE, IF FRANCE WILL BE THE ONLY COUNTRY TO KEEP ITS
TROOPS IN RWANDA. THE FRENCH DEFENCE MINISTER SAID RECENTLY THAT
EVEN IF THEY REMAINED IN THE COUNTRY THEY WOULD NOT FIGHT. NO ONE
CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THEY SHOULD REMAIN. IT IS WORTH RECALLING THAT

THE RWANDA PATRIOTIC FRONT SPOKESMAN IN KAMPALA RECENTLY SAID THAT
IF THE FRENCH TROOPS GOT IN THE WAY OF THE RPF THEY WOULD CERTAINLY
BE FIRED AT. THEY BLEED JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))
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*If the Senegalese
French get out,
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Congo's troops aren't
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SERIAL: LD0904155594

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: BELGIAN UN COMMANDER ON GENERAL EVACUATION PLANS

REF: LD0904112594 PARIS FRANCE-INFO RADIO FRENCH 091045--
BELGIAN COMMANDER ON EVACUATION OF FRENCH NATIONALS

SOURCE: PARIS RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL IN FRENCH 1230 GMT
9 APR 94

TEXT:

// ((INTERVIEW WITH BELGIAN COLONEL LUC MARCHAL, UN COMMANDER IN
KIGALI, BY MURIEL POMPONNE ON 9 APRIL; PLACE NOT GIVEN -- RECORDED))

((TEXT)) ((MARCHAL)) WHEN THE ORDER IS GIVEN TO CARRY OUT THE
EVACUATION OF UN PERSONNEL, OUR PLAN IN RWANDA IS TO SET UP A SYSTEM
ENABLING US TO PULL UNITS DEPLOYED IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BACK
TOWARD KIGALI SO AS TO ENSURE, WITH THESE UNITS, A DEFENSE SYSTEM
WITHIN THE TOWN AND AT THE AIRPORT TO SET UP A SECURITY SYSTEM
ENABLING THE EVACUATION OF UN PERSONNEL. IN THE PLAN AGREED, WE
ALSO MADE CONTINGENCIES FOR THE EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES. HOWEVER,
SINCE A JOINT FRANCO-BELGIAN UNIT IS ON THE MOVE, IT WILL MAINLY
TAKE CARE OF EXPATRIATES. COORDINATION WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE
EVACUATION PLAN SINCE WE CANNOT HIDE THE FACT THAT UNITS CURRENTLY

UNDERWAY KNOW THE PLAN. THEREFORE, WE WILL IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN WITH

REINFORCED UNITS.

((POMPONNE)) WILL ALL FOREIGNERS BE EVACUATED FROM RWANDA?

((MARCHAL)) EACH COUNTRY WILL DECIDE FOR ITSELF. IN OTHER WORDS,
A SECURITY SYSTEM WILL BE DEPLOYED AND COUNTRIES THAT DECIDE TO
EVACUATE THEIR NATIONALS ARE WELCOME TO DO SO. THEY WILL
PARTICIPATE OR USE THE SYSTEM. AS FOR COUNTRIES THAT LEAVE THEIR
NATIONALS TO DECIDE, THE SITUATION WILL DEPEND ON THE REACTIONS OF
THESE NATIONALS. THIS APPLIES ALSO TO COUNTRIES THAT CALL ON THEIR
NATIONALS TO LEAVE; THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE
INDIVIDUAL DECIDING TO LEAVE OR NOT. THE SYSTEM IS THERE AND
EVERYONE CAN USE IT.

((POMPONNE)) DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE FOREIGNERS HAVE BEGUN TO
ASSEMBLE?

((MARCHAL)) NO, IT HAS NOT STARTED YET. WE MUST FIRST SET UP THE
SYSTEM ENSURING THE SAFETY OF MOVEMENT IN TOWN AND ON THE ROAD TO
THE AIRPORT. WE WILL GIVE THE ORDER, OR RATHER THE ADVICE, TO MOVE
ONLY WHEN THIS SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING. AT THIS POINT, EXPATRIATES
WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO THE ASSEMBLY POINTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED.
THEY WILL THEN BE MOVED UNDER ESCORT TO THE AIRPORT TO BE EVACUATED
BY PLANE TOWARD KENYA OR THEIR HOME COUNTRY.

((POMPONNE)) ARE FRENCH TROOPS IN KIGALI ITSELF BY NOW?

((MARCHAL)) NO. THE TASK OF THE FRENCH TROOPS THAT ARRIVED THIS
MORNING WAS TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY AND THE CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT.
THIS FRENCH UNIT IS DEPLOYED ON THE AIRPORT.

((POMPONNE)) ARE YOU WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS THAT WILL GO TO
TOWN TO ASSEMBLE THE FRENCH, FOR INSTANCE?

((MARCHAL)) YES. THIS IS THE MISSION OF THE UNIT CURRENTLY
FLYING, TO GUARANTEE SAFE EVACUATION. UNAMIR ((UN MISSION IN
RWANDA)) WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN WITH ITS FORCES.

((POMPONNE)) I UNDERSTAND A UNIT FLYING FROM BELGIUM IS ALSO

EXPECTED?

((MARCHAL)) ABSOLUTELY. ALL THIS IS PART OF THE SAME PLAN.

((POMPONNE)) SO BELGIAN NATIONALS WILL LEAVE THE COUNTRY TOO?

((MARCHAL)) PROBABLY. I DO NOT KNOW IF THE AMBASSADOR ALREADY
GAVE ADVICE TO THAT EFFECT, BUT CONSIDERING THE WAY THE SITUATION IS
DEVELOPING AND BAR A MAJOR REVERSAL OF THE SITUATION I BELIEVE THAT
WE ARE MOVING TOWARD THIS ISSUE.

((POMPONNE)) WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE FOR THE EVACUATION OF
FOREIGNERS?

((MARCHAL)) I BELIEVE THAT WITH THE UNITS THAT WILL ARRIVE LATER
THIS EVENING THE SYSTEM CAN BE DEPLOYED DURING THE NIGHT AND FULLY
IN PLACE BY DAWN. THE EVACUATION CAN THEN PROCEED.

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SERIAL: LD0804083894

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: UN OFFICIAL GIVES DETAILS ON DEATHS OF BELGIAN SOLDIERS

REF: LD0704184494 BRUSSELS LA UNE RADIO FRENCH 071800 -- BELGIAN
OBSERVERS' DEATH DENIED; 10 SOLDIERS CAPTUREDSOURCE: BRUSSELS LA UNE RADIO NETWORK IN FRENCH 0700 GMT 8 APR 94
TEXT:

((EXCERPTS)) THE SITUATION IN KIGALI HAS DETERIORATED
DRAMATICALLY: THIS SUMS UP THE REACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY AFTER THE UNLEASHING OF VIOLENCE FOLLOWING THE DEATHS OF
THE PRESIDENTS OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.
YESTERDAY, ARMED RIVAL FACTIONS FOUGHT IN KIGALI, WHERE ARMED MEN
CARRIED OUT A VERITABLE CLEANSING OF POLITICAL CIRCLES AND THOSE IN
FAVOR OF DEMOCRATIZATION. PRIESTS ALSO PAID THE PRICE IN THIS
SETTLING OF SCORES, AS WELL AS BELGIAN SOLDIERS. THE SPOKESMAN OF
THE UN FORCE IN RWANDA -- 2,000 SOLDIERS IN ALL -- THIS MORNING
RELEASED THE NAMES OF 10 BELGIAN PEACEKEEPERS SHOT DEAD BY RWANDAN
SOLDIERS. THE SOLDIERS, ALL BELGIANS, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING
THE SAFETY OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MADAME UWILINGIYIMANA. ((PASSAGE
OMITTED)) LISTEN TO WHAT COLONEL (MARSHAL) HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT -- HE
LEADS THE BELGIAN CONTINGENT IN RWANDA:

((BEGIN (MARSHAL) RECORDING)) THE SOLDIERS WERE PART OF THE
MORTAR PLATOON OF THE BATTALION, WHICH WAS CARRYING OUT ESCORT DUTY
FOR MINISTERS AND VIPS, IT WAS A SECURITY ESCORT. YESTERDAY, DURING
THE DAY, SOME OF THEM WERE SEPARATED FROM THEIR MINISTERS, BECAUSE
THE MINISTERS WERE EITHER KILLED OR ABDUCTED, AND THEY FOUND
THEMSELVES IN THE MIDST OF THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES. THEY WERE
DISARMED, TAKEN TO A DISTRICT IN THE CENTER OF TOWN, THE KIGALI CAMP
((AS HEARD)), AND THERE, APPARENTLY, THEY WERE MALTREATED BY CERTAIN
SOLDIERS AND SHOT DEAD. ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) ((END RECORDING))
((PASSAGE OMITTED)) APART FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, THE SPEAKER OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
WERE ALSO MURDERED, AS WERE SEVERAL LEADERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES,
ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THE PRESIDENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE
WAS SHOT DEAD BY SOLDIERS WHILE SHE WAS SPEAKING ON THE TELEPHONE TO
A BELGIAN INTERLOCUTOR. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

THE BELGIAN REACTION WAS RAPID: A MEETING OF THE CABINET WAS
HELD YESTERDAY EVENING UNTIL 0100 ((2300 GMT)) THIS MORNING. THE
PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, DEHAENE AND CLAES, WHO ARE VISITS
ABROAD, HAVE BEEN RECALLED TO BELGIUM, AND A FURTHER MEETING OF THE
CABINET IS DUE TO BE HELD THIS MORNING. THE KING AND THE QUEEN, WHO
ARE ALSO VISITING ABROAD, ARE ALSO RETURNING TO BELGIUM.
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COUNTRY: BELGIUM

SUBJ: TEN BELGIAN SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY EXECUTED IN RWANDA

REF: AU0804070694 PARIS AFP ENGLISH 080606 -- BRUSSELS CONFIRMS
SLAYING OF 10 BELGIAN TROOPS IN RWANDA

SOURCE: BRUSSELS BELGA DATABASE IN FRENCH 0513 GMT 8 APR 94
TEXT:

//((ARTICLE SIGNED EDG/MAE: "TEN BELGIAN SOLDIERS FROM FLAWINNE
KILLED IN RWANDA"; AS RELEASED BY BRUSSELS BELGA DATABASE))

((EXCERPTS)) BRUSSELS 8 APR (BELGA) -- THE FOLLOWING UNAMIR ((UN
PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN RWANDA)) PRESS RELEASE, ISSUED FRIDAY MORNING
BY COLONEL VAN DEN WEGHE, DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN IN BRUSSELS,
ANNOUNCED THE SAD NEWS CONCERNING OUR COUNTRYMEN, WHO DIED WHILE
SERVING AS BELGIAN UN TROOPS IN RWANDA. ALL THE SOLDIERS BELONGED
TO THE 2ND COMMANDO BATTALION FROM FLAWINNE.

"THE BELGIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE THE PAINFUL DUTY TO INFORM YOU

THAT 10 BELGIAN UN SOLDIERS, WHOSE NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW, WERE
KILLED ON 7 APRIL BY RWANDAN SOLDIERS," THE PRESS RELEASE EXPLAINS.
((PASSAGE OMITTED))

"THESE 10 SOLDIERS ALL CAME FROM THE MORTAR PLATOON OPERATING IN
RWANDA AS A RECONNAISSANCE GROUP IN JEEPS, FROM THE 2ND COMMANDO
BATTALION FROM FLAWINNE."

THE PRESS RELEASE ADDS THAT "THESE BELGIAN SOLDIERS WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF PRIME MINISTER MRS. AGATHA
UKUTINGIYAMANA, WHOSE RESIDENCE WAS ENCIRCLED BY RWANDAN TROOPS.
SHE ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. OUR SOLDIERS WERE APPREHENDED WHILE OPENING
UP A PATH FOR HER ESCAPE."

"THE BELGIAN SOLDIERS WERE THEN DISARMED AND LED OFF TO A
MILITARY CAMP IN THE TOWN OF KIGALI WHERE THEY WERE EXECUTED," THE
DEFENSE MINISTRY STATEMENT GOES ON.

"THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN INFORMED," IT CONCLUDES.
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Rwanda: Kigali Remains Insecure as Killings Continue

EA2302165194 Kigali Radiodiffusion Nationale de la Republique
Rwandaise in French 1115 GMT 23 Feb 94

[Text] The town of Kigali remains at the mercy of insecurity.

Hospital sources inform us that since last weekend the Kigali hospital admitted around 10 dead and injured people. This morning, five dead and 22 injured people were registered, while on 21 and 22 February the hospital registered seven dead and 21 injured people.

Informed sources say numbers are growing as the killings in various suburbs continue. Police sources say that the most affected area is Gikondo where this morning a woman and her two children were killed, while last night seven dead were taken away. Another affected suburb is that (Gasaka), but the police have not yet informed us about the human and material losses there.

Kigali remains a ghost town. Government employees did not go back to work because the public and private transport is at a standstill. Shops did not open. The streets are empty except for the cars of expatriates which are circulating.

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TROOPS PATROL DESERTED RWANDAN CAPITAL

By Thaddee Nsengiyaremye

KIGALI, Feb 24 (Reuter) - Rwandan government soldiers and U.N. peacekeepers are patrolling the deserted streets of the capital Kigali, abandoned by people fleeing an upsurge in tribal violence.

Frightened residents stayed holed-up in their homes and state radio broadcast an appeal for calm, asking Rwandese to return to work on Thursday.

The latest violence between the majority Hutu and minority Tutsi tribes flared on Monday after unknown assailants gunned down Public Works Minister Felicien Gatabazi and two of his bodyguards. At least 37 other people have died in clashes in Kigali.

"State radio has been broadcasting messages appealing to the people to resume their normal lives and return to work on Thursday," one resident told Reuters.

"Kigali is now totally calm but it is uneasy. Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring for us," he said.

A ceremony to swear in a new government was called off on Wednesday after several political parties staged a boycott, accusing President Juvenal Habyarimana of manipulating the political process to his advantage.

There were reports of tribal killing and looting in several areas of the sprawling central African city but residents said it was impossible to have an accurate figure of the numbers of dead and wounded.

The Belgian Red Cross said at least 37 people had died in the latest upsurge of violence in the former Belgian colony.

It said seven dead had been taken to Kigali's main hospital on Tuesday night. Medical teams touring the streets of the city early on Wednesday found another 30 bodies.

Habyarimana was forced to abandon plans to swear in a new government after he found himself addressing a half-empty ceremony with political parties and the current prime minister boycotting it.

Habyarimana, in power since 1973, maintained going ahead with a new administration was the only way of averting more bloodshed, but opponents accused him of taking advantage of the current crisis to consolidate his hold on power.

Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu stayed away from the ceremony which Habyarimana had pledged would go ahead despite

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SERIAL: BR2202103594

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS ASSASSINATED

SOURCE: BRUSSELS BELGA IN FRENCH 0640 GMT 22 FEB 94

TEXT:

//((ARTICLE SIGNED RAY/MTH: "MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS FELICIEN
GATABAZI ASSASSINATED"; AS RELEASED BY BRUSSELS BELGA DATABASE))

((TEXT)) KIGALI, 22 FEB (BELGA) -- ON THE NIGHT OF MONDAY TO
TUESDAY, RWANDAN PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER FELICIEN GATABAZI WAS
ASSASSINATED BY UNIDENTIFIED ARMED INDIVIDUALS AT THE ENTRANCE TO
HIS HOME IN KIGALI, REVEALED AN OFFICIAL RWANDAN SOURCE.

MR. GATABAZI WAS KILLED BY AROUND 10 BULLETS WHEN HE WAS
PREPARING TO ENTER HIS HOME. NO INDICATION HAS BEEN GIVEN AS TO THE
IDENTITY OF HIS ASSASSINS.

MR. GATABAZI WAS A MINISTER IN THE OUTGOING GOVERNMENT AND HAD
BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO OFFICE TO SERVE THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WITH
AN EXTENDED BASE, WHICH IS STILL TO TAKE SHAPE.

MR. GATABAZI, ORIGINALLY FROM BUTARE (IN SOUTHERN RWANDA), WAS A
MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (PSD), A GROUP OPPOSING
PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. THE VICTIM WAS KNOWN FOR HIS CANDID VIEWS
AND FOR HIS STRONG CRITICISMS OF THE CURRENT REGIME.

THE NIGHT OF MONDAY TO TUESDAY WAS ALSO MARKED BY NUMEROUS OTHER
INCIDENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH MANY SHOTS WERE
HEARD AND GRENADES WERE THROWN.

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LESS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

THE BELGIAN UN TROOPS WERE NOT HURT, SPECIFIED THE SPOKESMAN.

THE AMBUSH OCCURRED BETWEEN MULUNDI, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FPR IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE CAPITAL KIGALI.

THE FPR ESTIMATES THAT THROUGH HIS COMMUNIQUE, PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA IS SEEKING TO IMPOSE ON THE POLITICAL PARTIES THE NAMES OF THOSE DEPUTIES AND MINISTERS HAVING TO TAKE THE OATH, IN DEFIANCE OF THE ARUSHA AGREEMENTS WHICH HE SIGNED. THE FRONT ALSO ACCUSES HIM OF SEEKING TO DISTRACT THE ATTENTION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OPINION FROM THE POLITICAL CRIMES THAT HE IS CURRENTLY SPONSORING AND COMMITTING.

AS A RESULT, THE FPR BELIEVES THAT IT CAN NEITHER GO ALONG WITH NOR ENDORSE THE INVESTITURE CEREMONIES PLANNED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY. IN THE MEANTIME, IT REITERATED, THESE CEREMONIES OF TAKING THE OATH FOR THE TRANSITION PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN POSTPONED "SINE DIE."

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COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: FPR ACCUSES PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA OF POLITICAL CRIMES

REF: LD2302182494 BRUSSELS LA UNE RADIO NETWORK FRENCH 231700--
40 DEAD IN TENSE KIGALI; BELGIUM'S CLAES COMMENTS

SOURCE: BRUSSELS BELGA IN FRENCH 1438 GMT 23 FEB 94

TEXT:

///((ARTICLE SIGNED RHR/GGD: "RIOTS: FPR CONVOY UNDER MINUAR ESCORT FALLS INTO AMBUSH"; AS RELEASED BY BRUSSELS BELGA DATABASE))

((TEXT)) BRUSSELS, 23 FEB (BELGA) -- ON WEDNESDAY, THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPR)) ACCUSED PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA AND THE AUTHORITIES IN KIGALI OF CARRYING OUT A "PLAN TO EXTERMINATE THE LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION," AFFIRMING THAT, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF MINISTER FELICIEN GATABAZI, THE DEPUTIES AND MINISTERS OF THE FPR HAD THEMSELVES BARELY ESCAPED DEATH WHEN ONE OF THEIR CONVOYS ESCORTED BY UN TROOPS FROM THE MINUAR ((UN MISSION IN RWANDA)) FORCE FOUND ITSELF UNDER FIRE FROM AMBUSHING GOVERNMENT GUNMEN.

A BELGIAN SPOKESMAN FOR THE BELGIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY EFFECTIVELY CONFIRMED THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 FPR TROOPS BEING ESCORTED BY BELGIAN UN TROOPS, HAD FALLEN VICTIM TO AN ATTACK DURING WHICH ONE RWANDAN MEMBER OF THE FRONT HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED, AND ANOTHER

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COUNTRY: RWANDA
SUBJ: CHAIRMAN OF CDR PARTY REPORTED KILLED

REF: LD2202153494 KIGALI RADIODIFFUSION NATIONALE DE LA
REPUBLIQUE RWANDAISE FRENCH 220430 -- ENERGY MINISTER
GATABASI ASSASSINATED IN AMBUSH 21 FEB

SOURCE: KIGALI RADIODIFFUSION NATIONALE DE LA REPUBLIQUE RWANDAISE
IN ENGLISH 1615 GMT 22 FEB 94

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((TEXT)) LATEST REPORTS FROM BUTARE SAY THAT BUCYANA MARTIN,
CHAIRMAN OF THE COALITION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC, CDR FOR
SHORT, WAS KILLED IN (MBAZI) COMMUNE, BUTARE PREFECTURE. HE WAS ON
THE ROAD IN HIS CAR AND WAS KILLED TOGETHER WITH THE DRIVER. MORE
INFORMATION ON HIS DEATH WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOU IN THE NEXT
BULLETIN.

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SERIAL: BR1702161994

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: UN PEACEKEEPING UNABLE TO BREAK POLITICAL IMPASSE

REF: BR1702160794 BRUSSELS LA LIBRE BELGIQUE FRENCH 16 FEB--
UNITED NATIONS ISSUES SERIOUS WARNING

SOURCE: BRUSSELS BELGA IN DUTCH 1314 GMT 17 FEB 94
TEXT:

/(ARTICLE SIGNED ARS: "UNITED NATIONS DID NOT LEARN LESSON
FROM PEACE MISSION IN CAMBODIA"; AS RELEASED BY BRUSSELS BELGA
DATABASE))

(EXCERPTS) BRUSSELS, 17 FEB (BELGA) -- THERE IS A GROWING
NUMBER OF VOICES CALLING FOR A CHANGE TO THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE
IN RWANDA (UNAMIR).

DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF SOME 1,300 UN TROOPS, INCLUDING 450
BELGIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL, ROGER JACQUES BOOH-BOOH, UN SPECIAL
ENVOY TO RWANDA RAISED THE ALARM WEDNESDAY. UNAMIR HAS PROOF THAT A
GREAT MANY WEAPONS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE POPULATION IN THE
FORMER BELGIAN MANDATE. MOREOVER, SAID THE SENIOR UN OFFICIAL,
THERE ARE ALSO TRAINING CAMPS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL.

THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE WAS UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT SEVERAL
INCIDENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT ARMY AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN THE

DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

FINALLY, UNAMIR APPEARS TO HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON THE CREATION OF A
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA, WHICH IS BLOCKED BY THE
OBSTRUCTION OF PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA AND DIVISIONS WITHIN A
NUMBER OF OPPOSITION PARTIES, DESPITE THE UN THREAT TO WITHDRAW FROM
RWANDA IF NO PROGRESS IS MADE. EARLIER, THE DEPLOYMENT OF 1,200
ADDITIONAL UN TROOPS WAS MADE CONDITIONAL ON PROGRESS IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA PEACE AGREEMENTS.

THIS AUTOMATICALLY MAKES ONE THINK OF THE SITUATION IN WHICH THE
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CAMBODIA FOUND ITSELF AFTER A YEAR OF
OPERATIONS. DESPITE THE ULTIMATELY FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF THE MISSION
IN THAT SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY -- WHERE A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
WAS FORMED, FOLLOWING THE UN-ASSISTED ELECTIONS, WHICH HAS SO FAR
SECURED STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY -- THE UNTAC (UN PEACEKEEPING
FORCE IN CAMBODIA) FOUND ITSELF IN A GENUINE CRISIS AFTER A YEAR OF
OPERATIONS. (PASSAGE OMITTED)

THE SIMILARITIES WITH THE SITUATION IN RWANDA ARE STRIKING. THE
UNAMIR IN RWANDA MUST GUARANTEE THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY, DISARM THE
ARMIES OF BOTH SIDES, AND SET UP A NEW NATIONAL ARMY DURING A 22-
MONTH TRANSITION PERIOD WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

HOWEVER, THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO START TO ONE IMPORTANT PHASE --
THE CREATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BY ALL THE PARTIES,
TOGETHER WITH THE SETTING UP OF A PARLIAMENT IN WHICH THE MEMBERS
ARE DETERMINED BY THE PARTIES.

"IN RWANDA, THERE IS A GENUINE POWER STRUGGLE UNDER WAY BETWEEN
THE VARIOUS PARTIES. THE FATE OF THE RWANDAN POPULATION HAS TAKEN
SECOND PLACE," SAID A WELL-INFORMED BELGIAN OFFICIAL WHEN DESCRIBING
THE CURRENT POLITICAL IMPASSE. "PERHAPS THE UNAMIR MANDATE SHOULD
BE REVIEWED," HE ADDED.

AN INITIAL PROBLEM IS, PERHAPS, THAT THERE ARE TOO FEW UN TROOPS
IN RWANDA, WHICH EXPLAINS THE MASSIVE DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS AND

THE INCREASING LACK OF SECURITY.

MOREOVER, THIS IS APPARENTLY A RESULT OF THE POWERS OF THE UNAMIR
SOLDIERS. ACCORDING TO THE OPPOSITION AND THE RPF (RWANDAN
PATRIOTIC FRONT), A GENUINE MILITIA, THE YOUTH DIVISION OF THE
PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S PARTY, THE MNRD (NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
MOVEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT), CAN ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS AT IMPORTANT
TIMES THAT ARE ACCOMPANIED BY SMALL INCIDENTS WITH LEADERS OF THE
600-MAN-STRONG RPF FORCE IN KIGALI. IN ADDITION, BELGIAN SOLDIERS
THEMSELVES ARE REGULARLY CRITICIZED, ACKNOWLEDGED FOREIGN MINISTER
WILLY CLAES THIS WEEK IN THE CHAMBER.

MORE IMPORTANTLY IS THE POLITICAL VACUUM IN RWANDA, A COUNTRY
WHICH NO LONGER HAS A GOVERNMENT AND IN WHICH THE HEAD OF STATE, WHO
ACCORDING TO THE ARUSHA AGREEMENTS HAS LOST MAJOR POWERS, IS STILL
OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OLD CONSTITUTION. HABYARIMANA WAS
RECENTLY ABLE TO MAKE INDICATIONS IN THIS DIRECTION TO THE HEAD OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF RWANDA.

FINALLY, THERE ARE INCREASING SIGNS THAT TENSIONS ARE RISING
WITHIN UNAMIR REGARDING INTERNAL OPERATIONS. ACCORDING TO A NUMBER
OF PRESS REPORTS, THE BELGIAN UN TROOPS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE GETTING
ALONG WITH THEIR COMMANDER, ROMEO DALLAIRE, WHO THEY
REPROACH FOR HIS LACK OF "KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AFRICA."
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