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SERIAL: BR3001143595

COUNTRY: RWANDA

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER INDICTS FORMER OFFICIALS, ARMY OFFICERS

SOURCE: ANTWERP GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN IN DUTCH 27 JAN 95 P 6
TEXT:

//((UNATTRIBUTED REPORT: "KIGALI HAS 200 MAIN ACCUSED"))

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) KIGALI -- THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL SOON PUBLISH A LIST WITH 200 NAMES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ARMY OFFICERS OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, WHO ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN PLANNING THE GENOCIDE IN WHICH AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION PEOPLE WERE KILLED, PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU STATED ON THURSDAY.

THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GRANT AMNESTY TO ORDINARY HUTUS WHO TOOK PART IN THE KILLINGS BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY LAST YEAR AFTER PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA WAS MURDERED.

THE AMNESTY IS SCHEDULED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE LIST WITH 200 NAMES OF FORMER POLITICIANS, OFFICIALS, AND ARMY OFFICERS, AGAINST WHOM THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS IT HAS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THEY ASSISTED IN "PLANNING, INSTIGATING TO, AND CARRYING OUT OR HAVING CARRIED OUT THE KILLINGS."

ACCORDING TO TWAGIRAMUNGU, THE REFUGEES WILL BE REASSURED AFTER THE LIST'S PUBLICATION, AND BE INCLINED TO RETURN, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER ALL OF THEM TO BE CRIMINALS. HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER, HIMSELF A HUTU, STATED THAT THE REFUGEES MUST

EXPRESS THEIR REGRET FOR THE TRAGEDY

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SERIAL: BR2102144995

COUNTRY: BELGIUM

SUBJ: MAGISTRATES TO PROVIDE JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA

SOURCE: BRUSSELS LA LIBRE BELGIQUE IN FRENCH 17 FEB P 7
TEXT:

//(UNATTRIBUTED REPORT: "BELGIAN AID FOR RWANDA -- TO RESTORE
JUSTICE THROUGH THE FORMATION OF POLICEMEN AND MAGISTRATES")

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT)) ON THURSDAY ((16 FEBRUARY)), JUSTICE
MINISTER MELCHIOR WATHELET RECEIVED 10 MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL
POLICE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR RWANDAN
POLICEMEN AND MAGISTRATES. SOME OF THESE BELGIAN POLICEMEN WILL FLY
TO KIGALI ON 20 FEBRUARY.

THE PROGRAM, WORKED OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH RWANDAN JUSTICE
MINISTER N'KUBITO, MUST RECONSTRUCT THE ENTIRE JUDICIAL APPARATUS
WHICH WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED IN LAST YEAR'S GENOCIDE. NO
INFRASTRUCTURE WHATSOEVER REMAINS AND THE COURTS' STAFFS HAVE BEEN
REDUCED TO SOME 30 PERCENT OF ITS INITIAL SIZE. THE TRAINING
PROGRAM WILL BE IN TWO PARTS. FROM LATE FEBRUARY THROUGH MARCH, 150
RWANDANS WHO HAVE ATTENDED A JUDICIAL TRAINING SINCE EARLY JANUARY,
WILL BE INSTRUCTED IN INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES BY 10 INSPECTORS OF
THE BELGIAN JUDICIAL POLICE. THEREAFTER, FROM APRIL THROUGH AUGUST,
RWANDAN MAGISTRATES WILL BE TRAINED.

THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMS BELGIUM'S SUPPORT TO THE RWANDAN

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS. THE IDENTIFICATION AND THE TRIAL
OF THE PERPETRATORS, AUTHORS AND ACCOMPLICES OF THE GENOCIDE (SOME
15,000 INDIVIDUALS ARE IN PREVENTIVE DETENTION) ARE UNANIMOUSLY
CONSIDERED AS THE CONDITION SINE QUA NON FOR THE COUNTRY'S
RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

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COUNTRY: FRANCE

SUBJ: COOPERATION MINISTRY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT RWANDA

SOURCE: PARIS LE MONDE IN FRENCH 9 FEB 95

TEXT:

// (UNATTRIBUTED REPORT: "FRANCE WILL HELP RWANDA RESTORE RULE-
OF-LAW STATE")

((FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT: AFTER HAVING APPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR TO
RWANDA, PARIS CONTINUES WITH THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING ITS
RELATIONS WITH RWANDA. ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY, THE COOPERATION
MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD ALLOCATE 4 MILLION FRANCS TO
ENCOURAGE THE RESTORATION THE RULE OF LAW IN RWANDA. THE
COOPERATION MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE STIPULATES THAT "THIS CONTRIBUTION
WILL ALLOW THE SENDING OF FRENCH-SPEAKING MAGISTRATES IN THE
FRAMEWORK OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THE RESTRUCTURING OF LAWS, THE
SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE SENDING OF OBSERVERS

ON FACT-FINDING MISSIONS."

"THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS PART OF A CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AGENCY PROGRAM AIMED AT RESTORING THE RULE OF LAW IN
RWANDA," THE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES. THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES ANNOUNCED IN GENEVA ON TUESDAY THAT 40,000 RWANDANS WHO HAD

SOUGHT REFUGE IN ZAIRE AND BURUNDI HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME
COUNTRY.

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