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\* i. security

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\* 60 children were killed on 14 june at ste famille by government militia. the children were between the ages of 13 - 17 years. the militia claimed that more rpf people were evacuated to 'safe areas' that rpf, and they killed the children to redress the balance. radio mille collines has broadcast messages that militias should not attack ?innocent people? but should fight against the rpf.

\* on thursday 16 june the rpf raided on st paul church to evacuate 200 people. they killed a number of gendarmes in the process.

\* on friday 17 june a uruguayan major was killed and a bangladeshi major badly injured when the rpf fired a rocket propelled grenade at the un vehicle they were driving. the rpf claimed that they fired at the vehicle because the rpf drives a number of stolen vehicles with un markings.

\* on the same day the militia attacked the hotel mille collines. the rwandan army sent in two tanks and gendarmes to protect the people from the militia. nobody was injured or killed. the following day 300 people were evacuated from mille collines (including 69 local un staff). as of today, only 40 people remained in the mille collines.

\* on sunday 19 june a local red cross worker was killed and at least three other people wounded when a mortar hit the icrc hospital in kigali. another mortar hit the compound later, but nobody was injured.

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\* the un humanitarian coordinator for rwanda issued a public  
\* statement protesting the flagrant violation of un/icrc immunity  
\* from attack, following the attack on the unamir vehicle on 17  
\* june and the mortar attack on the icrc compound on 19 june.

\* rgf lost ground to the rpf in kigali and the south west.  
\* fighting occurred on the outskirts of butare and in and around  
\* ruhengeri.

\* the un/ngo humanitarian team in kigali reported that there was  
\* heavy shelling in nyamirambo throughout the week. there was also  
\* shelling around the hotel mille collines and meridien hotel.  
\* access remains difficult to downtown areas of kigali.

\* the french government announced during the last week that they  
\* are considering sending troops to rwanda. the operation would  
\* come under a chapter vii mandate (which is peace making and  
\* therefore allows the force to operate without approval from the  
\* belligerents) as opposed to the chapter vi mandate that unamir is  
\* operating under (which is purely peace keeping and only allows  
\* self defence). the rpf have denounced the offer. today, the rpf  
\* said that they would request unamir to leave rwanda if the french  
\* army arrives. the french ambassador in nairobi said that between  
\* 15 - 20 french troops are already in goma, zaire.

\* ngos and un agencies have expressed concern that security is  
\* going to deteriorate in rpf held areas. medecins du monde have  
\* left gahini following problems with the rpf due to rpf hostility  
\* to french military involvement in rwanda.

\* there were security problems in ngara, tanzania throughout the  
\* last week. fourteen men suspected of perpetrating and inciting  
\* killings in rwanda, including bourgmestre mr jean baptist gatete,  
\* were released from tanzanian protective custody on the condition  
\* that they did not go to the refugee camp at benaco. they then  
\* went to the camp. when unhcr demanded that these men leave the  
\* camp a riot developed. the refugee leaders claimed that these  
\* men were their leaders. death threats were given and all  
\* international staff expect the german red cross and the tanzanian  
\* red cross were evacuated to ngara. talks were held on 17 june  
\* with the refugee leaders. following these talks in which the  
\* leaders gave security assurances to the international community,  
\* all un agencies and ngos except msf and aicf agreed to return to  
\* the camp. it is proposed that mr gatete and his commune should  
\* be moved to a site 2-300 km from the rwandan border. the number  
\* of police in benaco camp will be increased from 50 to 300. five  
\* people have been murdered since the beginning of june in the  
\* refugee camp.

\* in burundi the security situation continues to deteriorate. on  
\* 13 june 96 hutu refugees were killed in the province of kirundo.  
\* on 14 june, fighting between tutsi led government troops and hutu  
\* armed bandits took place in the northern province of kayanza. on  
\* 17 june a french resident military adviser was shot dead by  
\* gendarmes in bujumbura when he tried to enter a public building.  
\* another frenchman was badly injured.

\* ii. disaster management team activities

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\* the un humanitarian coordinator for rwanda and heads of un  
\* agencies have approached both the rpf and rgf authorities to  
\* allow a comprehensive needs assessment to take place in rwanda.  
\* the rpf attitude up until recently was very positive, but changed  
\* during the last week into one of procrastination and delay. no  
\* explanation was given, and the rpf area assessment which was due  
\* to start on 21 june has been postponed. meanwhile, talks with  
\* the rgf have not yet taken place in earnest regarding assessments  
\* of government held areas.

\* the contingency plan has been finalised and sent to donors. it  
\* will be discussed at a donors meeting scheduled for friday 24  
\* june. this planning will help with un agency preparedness,  
\* particularly in the south-west.

\* the disaster management team continued to prepare the  
\* consolidated appeal. the appeal will be divided into the  
\* following areas:

- \* - executive summary
- \* - introduction
- \* - response of un agencies, icrc and ngos during the first 40  
\* days
- \* - priority areas for future assistance
- \* - country specific project descriptions for displaced/affected/  
\* refugees
- \* - operating structures and collaboration with other agencies
- \* - monitoring system
- \* - resource requirements
- \* - annexes

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\* iii. population movements

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\* wfp and unhcr estimate that there are no more than 40,000 burundi  
 \* refugees in rwanda.

\* unicef reported that in ngara district, tanzania, msuhuru is  
 \* being kept as a 'contingency' site for the relocation of refugees  
 \* from benaco, and kayonza has been identified as the third site  
 \* for the movement of refugees.  
 \* unhcr has revised the figures for refugees in tanzania as  
 \* follows:

* benaco	330,000
* lumasi	8,500
* other ngara	5,000
* lukole	8,000
* karagwe	62,400
* burigi	5,000

\* unicef reported that the numbers of refugees arriving in ngara  
 \* district has increased substantially. over the past week there  
 \* have been an average of 3,000 people arriving per day. this has  
 \* led unhcr to revise their planning figure for the region to  
 \* 500,000.

\* iv. logistics and access

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\* kigali airport remains closed. the rpf have put rocks on the  
 \* runway and the rgf has not agreed not to fire at incoming planes.

\* the un/ngo assessments of the rpf held areas have been postponed  
 \* after the rpf withdrew their support. this is going to seriously  
 \* affect the consolidated appeal.

\* the unicef, who, and wfp rapid needs assessment for rpf camps in  
 \* the prefecture of byumba will return to kabale on saturday.  
 \* oxfam, care and concern (italy) will also be present.

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\* wfp reported that 90 mts of food are being transported from  
\* uganda to kigali today. this comprises 60 mts unamix and 30 mts  
\* maize.

\* 30 wige trucks are being redeployed from ethiopia to bujumbura by  
\* wfp.

\* icrc delivered 217 mts of food to 12,000 persons at butare and 80  
\* mts of food to 17,000 persons at rwamagana. on 19 june, about  
\* 400 citizens of zaire were evacuated by the rgf to goma (zaire)  
\* from kigali.

\* 1,412 cartons of wfp biscuits were distributed by the un/ngo aht  
\* in kigali.

\* unesco is collaborating with unicef in providing education kits  
\* to the refugee camps in tanzania.

\* v. health  
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\* the un/ngo aht reported that critical needs in kigali are medical  
\* supplies, especially dressings and blood for the icrc hospital.

\* unicef reported that 2,563 women and children have been  
\* vaccinated between 11-19 june in kigali. a unicef unaccompanied  
\* and traumatized child specialist travelled to bujumbura today.  
\* she will begin an assessment of displaced children in burundi.  
\* unicef reported that 69 percent of deaths in benaco are people  
\* who come from rusumo district in rwanda. many of the new  
\* arrivals are coming in a poor health condition.

\* icrc reported that they are doing a medical assessment in  
\* kiramuruzi camp (near murambi, in government held territory in  
\* the north west). an evacuation of patients from muhura parish  
\* (with 3,200 displaced) to gahini hospital will take place. icrc  
\* held talks with the rgf who agreed not to come within 500 mt of  
\* the icrc. however, since then two mortars hit the hospital.

\* save the children fund has a staff member in kabale who is  
\* looking into the problem of unaccompanied children in rwanda.  
\* the research will have to be long term (3-5 years) with  
\* registration, documentation and databases being set up. scf is  
\* currently developing forms to record information.

\* who reported that the presence of bodies in lake victoria does  
\* not pose an additional public health threat for people eating the  
\* fish or drinking the water. an independent microbiological and  
\* biochemical study was carried out. the study found that although  
\* there are significant levels of pollution in the lake, there is  
\* no evidence that the pollution is either new or related to the  
\* presence of the corpses. untreated water from lake victoria is  
\* not recommended for human consumption.

\* at a ngo meeting in kabale icrc reported that the situation is  
\* not disastrous? yet but the next two months will be crucial for  
\* the harvest and the food situation. msf reported that people are  
\* harvesting crops in the south east. samaritans purse reported  
\* that several thousand people in rutare have left the camp to go  
\* home. scf reported that 1,000 people in manyagiro have returned  
\* home. the harvest in the northwest area should begin

## \* VI. Water and sanitation

\* msf is working in two areas: kidaho and butare. water samples  
\* taken in kidaho indicated that the water is in good condition.  
\* dysentery figures are increasing in kidaho. butare camp has  
\* around 50,000 persons (displaced and local) with a weekly  
\* increase of around 200 persons. springs are available, but they  
\* are in poor condition and in scattered villages.

\* amref-scf/uk are working in manyagiwo in 4 camps with an  
\* estimated population of 20,000. there is an urgent need for  
\* water there. they are also working at yaaramba with an estimated  
\* population of 8,000 and kivuye with an estimated population of  
\* 8,000. main concerns are the lack of pit latrines and water.

\* adm is working in gahini and rwamagana. the current water source  
\* is a lake 150m from the camp. a storage tank with a capacity of  
\* 15,000 litres has been installed. the main problem is  
\* distributing water to the 12 sites.

## \* VII. general

\* the un human rights commission has completed its preliminary  
\* research in and around rwanda. a field officer/logistics team  
\* remains in nairobi to continue investigations.

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