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Human Rights Field Operation
in Rwanda
(HRFOR)

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**HRFOR Expresses Profound Preoccupation
Over Series of Murders in Gikongoro and Gitarama Prefectures**

The Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (HRFOR), following the brutal murder of eight Rwandans, among which was one religious authority and two sub-prefects from the Gitarama and Gikongoro prefectures, expressed its profound preoccupation today and called on the Government of Rwanda to step-up its efforts to stop such murders.

On July 27 a sub-Prefect from Gitarama was killed with four members of his family, on August 1 a priest and a civilian were killed in separate incidents, in the same prefecture, and on August 2 a sub-Prefect was killed in the Gikongoro prefecture.

The HRFOR called on the Government of Rwanda to take essential precautions necessary to protect all Rwandans and to intensify the effort to seek those guilty for these crimes.

The HRFOR, which has over 100 Human Rights Field Officers around the country, is intensifying investigations into these killings and other incidents in these prefectures. The HRFOR appealed to Governments with the necessary investigative personnel to urgently send a team of experts, under the auspices of the High Commissioner, to assist the Government of Rwanda to more thoroughly investigate these murders.

"This is a very worrying development," said W. Clarence, Chief HRFOR, "we are working on every level to help the authorities prevent further murders. The Government of Rwanda has a responsibility to bring those guilty of these crimes to justice. We will continue to closely follow the developments, and very much hope that a forensic team of experts will be seconded to the Operation in order to assist in this matter."

The HRFOR, which was established in September 1994, is the first Field Operation under the auspices of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Part of the mandate of the HRFOR, which is based upon an agreement between the High Commissioner and the Government of Rwanda, is to investigate human rights violations and to facilitate short-, mid- and long-term solutions to human rights violations. The HRFOR has been supported by a number of countries since it began in September 1994 and presently has more than 30 human rights field officers provided by the European Union.

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1. FURTHER TO OUR SITREP AND INCREP FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED AS REQUESTED:

- A. M8609, PTE AMONI CHIMALIRO WAS SHOT ON THE RIGHT LEG NO BONE DAMAGE, MINOR FLESH WOUND ONLY.
- B. M8631, PTE CHIDOTHI WAS SHOT IN THE RIGHT ARM, MINOR FLESH WOUND.

2. DETAILS OF NEXT OF KIN.

A. M8609 PTE AMON CHIMALIRO:

NOK: NGWIRA MODEL (MOTHER)
KACHELENJE LGA SCHOOL
BOX 537
SALIMA
MALAWI

B. M8631 PTE CHIDOTHI RABSON

NOK: CHRISTOPHER CHIDOTHI
NJESE FP SCHOOL
BOX 1
LILONGWE
MALAWI

3. ABOUT 1330 HRS MALAWI S/SGT WAS DRIVING A UNAMIR LANDROVER (ON AN UNAUTHORIZED TRIP) IN TOWN WITH SOLDIERS IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE AS PASSENGERS WHEN HE VIOLATED ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. THE GENDAMARIES WERE IN THE VICINITY AND AFTER STOPPING HIM THEY APPROACHED HIM DEMANDING TO TAKE HIM TO THEIR BRIGADE HQ TOGETHER WITH HIS VEHICLE. HE REFUSED TO DO SO. DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS A MALAWI OFFICER CAME AT THE SCENE. AS THE OFFICER STARTED NEGOTIATING WITH THE GENDAMARIES THE S/SGT'S VEHICLE FLED THE SCENE WITH ABOUT 8 PERSONS ON BOARD AND WITH THE GENDAMARIES

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IN PURSUIT FOLLOWED BY THREE RPA VEHICLES. AFTER ABOUT SIX KILOMETRES FROM KAMEMBE TOWN THE RPA VEHICLE TRIED TO OVERTAKE AND BLOCK THE ROAD WHICH THE S/SGT AVERTED. LATER ON HE STOPPED AFTER BEING PRESSURISED BY PASSENGERS ON BOARD. DURING A BRIEF DISCUSSION AND OR SCUFFLE (UNCONFIRMED, SINCE STATEMENTS VARY) THE RPA OFFICER AND ONE OF HIS SOLDIERS STARTED FIRING INJURING THE TWO MALAWI SOLDIERS. ONE WAS SHOT ON THE LEFT LEG AND THE OTHER ON LEFT ARM. BOTH CASUALTIES WERE REFERRED TO GIHUNDWE HOSPITAL AND ADMITTED. THEY HAVE SINCE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE UNAMIR HOSPITAL AT AUSMED FOR OBSERVATION. THE DRIVER FLED THE SCENE WITHOUT INJURIES. OUR TROOPS WERE UNARMED EXCEPT FOR ONE GUARD. WHEN THE MALAWI OFFR ARRIVED AT THE SCENE, HE AND 7 OTHER PASSENGERS INCLUDING THE TWO CASUALTIES, WERE TAKEN TO GENDAMARIE STATION AND WERE KEPT IN CUSTODY. THEY WERE RELEASED AT 1805 HRS.

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