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BURUNDI

SECURITY SITUATION

1. SIX PEOPLE WERE REPORTED KILLED ON SUNDAY, 18 FEB 96 DURING THE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TUTSI DOMINATED ARMY AND THE SUSPECTED HUTU REBELS. IN THE FIGHT THAT LASTED 45 MINUTES, THE HUTUS USED GRENADES WHILE THE ARMY RESPONDED WITH CANNONS FROM TWO ARMoured VEHICLES THAT WERE DEPLOYED. THE FIGHTING IS SAID TO HAVE STARTED WHEN A GROUP OF REBELS INFILTRATED DOWN FROM THE SURROUNDING HILLS TO STEAL FOOD IN THE NORTHEASTERN SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL.
2. MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN BURUNDI SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF THE COUNTRY'S FIRST FREELY ELECTED HEAD OF STATE, MELCHIOR NDADAYE, A HUTU, BY THE TUTSI SOLDIERS.

UN DEPLOYMENT IN BURUNDI

3. FEARING BURUNDI WILL DESCEND INTO GENOCIDAL MASSACRES, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, DR BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI, SAID THE UN SHOULD BEGIN PLANNING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION FORCE. HE SAID THE TROOPS WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND BE READY TO BE DEPLOYED AT SHORT NOTICE. HE SUGGESTED A STRENGTH OF 5 BRIGADES REPRESENTING A TOTAL OF 25,000 TROOPS WHICH WOULD BE DEPLOYED BY STRATEGIC AIR AND SEA LIFT. THE CONTINGENTS COULD INCLUDE PARACHUTE MOTORIZED, MECHANIZED UNITS, ARTILLERY AND COMBAT ENGINEERS AS WELL AS LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION UNITS. THEY COULD BE COMPLEMENTED BY CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ATTACK HELICOPTERS. ALL PARTIES WOULD BE WARNED THAT ANY ATTACK ON THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE WOULD DRAW AN IMMEDIATE AND FORCEFUL RESPONSE.
4. THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAD OBJECTED TO THE EARLIER PROPOSAL OF STATIONING A STANDBY FORCE IN NEIGHBOURING ZAIRE, SAID WASHINGTON WOULD CONSIDER ASSISTING WITH LOGISTICS BUT WOULD NOT SEND TROOPS. FRANCE, BRITAIN AND BELGIUM ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT DISPATCH SOLDIERS TO BURUNDI.

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5. MEANWHILE, THE MAJORITY **FRODEBO** PARTY WELCOMED THE REQUEST BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL FOR A RAPID INTERVENTION FORCE TO BE ASSEMBLED IN CASE THE ETHNICALLY DIVIDED COUNTRY PLUNGES INTO GENOCIDE, BUT OPPOSED THE IDEA OF STATIONING IT IN ZAIRE SAYING IT WOULD REACT QUICKER IF IT WERE IN BURUNDI.

6. TEN BELGIAN UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS HAD DIED IN RWANDA IN THE AFTERMATH OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN 1994, AND PUBLIC OPINION IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IS UNLIKELY TO BACK ANOTHER TROOP COMMITMENT TO THIS TENSE AFRICAN STATE.

REFUGEE SITUATION

7. STATISTICS SHOW THAT OUT OF THE 8,650 RWANDAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, MORE THAN 6,000 HAD COME FROM BURUNDI ALONE. BURUNDI IS HOME TO 90,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES. A MILLION OTHERS ARE IN ZAIRE AND 493,000 IN TANZANIA. THE CAMPS IN BURUNDI ARE SMALLER, LESS POLITICIZED, LESS MILITARIZED AND LESS RADICAL THAN THOSE IN ZAIRE.

COMMENT

8. THE CLASHES ON SUNDAY, 18 FEB 96, ARE THE SECOND IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. ON 02 FEB 96, HUTU EXTREMISTS HAD ATTACKED MILITARY AND POLICE POSITIONS IN THE CAPITAL, WHERE HUTUS WERE DRIVEN INTO THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING BUJUMBURA. IT APPEARS THAT BURUNDI IS GRADUALLY SLIDING INTO A FULL SCALE CIVIL WAR, AND UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS TO NEGOTIATE WITH BOTH THE HUTU EXTREMIST GROUP AND THE TUTS~~S~~ HARDLINERS, THE SITUATION IN BURUNDI IS LIKELY TO BECOME WORSE.

10. THE DEPLOYMENT OF A UN FORCE IN BURUNDI WOULD BE A MAJOR STEP IN ENSURING THAT NO MORE KILLINGS TAKE PLACE IN BURUNDI. THE PRESENCE OF THE FORCE ALONE WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE FIGHTING FACTIONS AS TO HOW SERIOUS THE WORLD IS, ABOUT THE INDISCRIMINATE KILLINGS IN BURUNDI.

11. THE MORE THAN NORMAL REPATRIATION OF RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI COULD BE BECAUSE THE REFUGEES ARE CONSTANTLY CAUGHT UP IN THE VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE BURUNDIAN ARMY AND THE HUTU MILITIA OPERATING IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE. BECAUSE OF THE VOLATILE

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SECURITY SITUATION IN BURUNDI, AID WORKERS ARE NOT ABLE TO GIVE ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES, AS IS THE CASE IN ZAIRE, WHERE REFUGEES ARE SAID TO HAVE NEARLY ALL THE FACILITIES THAT GO WITH NORMAL LIFE.

ZAIRE

ZAIRIAN TROOPS RING REFUGEE CAMPS

12. THE MAIN POINT OF FOCUS IN ZAIRE FOR THE WEEK GONE-BY, WAS THE ENCIRCLING OF KIBUMBA REFUGEE CAMP IN GOMA AND NYANGAZI IN BUKAVU. THE NYANGAZI OPERATION TOOK AID WORKERS BY COMPLETE SURPRISE BECAUSE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES HAD EARLIER SAID THAT THEIR SECOND DEPLOYMENT WOULD BE AT KASHUSHA (ALSO IN BUKAVU) WHICH IS HOME TO THOUSANDS OF EX- FAR AND FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. ANTICIPATED DEPLOYMENT AT KASHUSHA HAD RAISED FEARS OF VIOLENCE BECAUSE THIS CAMP IS THE MOST POLITICISED CAMP IN THE ENTIRE REGION, AND IS LIKELY TO BE A HOT-BED OF BREWING TROUBLE.

13. ON 17 FEB 96, ZAIRE EXTENDED THE BAN ON COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BY THE REFUGEES TO INCLUDE TAXIS AND MINI-BUSES. IT FURTHER BANNED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. A POLITICAL PARTY KNOWN AS **RDR** (DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLY FOR THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO RWANDA) HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CONDUCTING POLITICAL MEETINGS IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZAIRE. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A REPORT THAT OPERATIONS OF ICRC WOULD BE BANNED. LATER IT WAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE ORGANISATION WAS IFRC AND NOT ICRC. THE THREAT OF CLOSURE OF IFRC IS PROBABLY PROMPTED BY THE FACT THAT THEY HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT APPROX 2 WEEKS AGO IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOVT ACTIVITIES IN GOMA. THIS STATEMENT HAS POSSIBLY EVOKED THIS RESPONSE.

14. IT WAS CONFIRMED BY SOURCES THAT REFUGEES IN ZAIRE HAVE TURNED SOME OF THE CAMPS INTO SMALL CITIES, HOTELS AND DISCO PLACES.

15. ON THURSDAY, 15 FEB 96, ZAIRIANS ARRESTED TEN ALLEGED REFUGEE INTIMIDATORS WHILE TWO WERE DETAINED IN NYANGAZI ON SATURDAY IN A BID TO BREAK THE INTIMIDATORS' HOLD ON THE REFUGEES WHO ARE SEEKING TO MAINTAIN A POWER BASE THERE. BOTH MOVES APPEARED NOT TO HAVE SHAKEN THE DEFIANT REFUGEES STANCE. THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO ARE RETURNING STILL REMAIN WELL BELOW DESIRED LEVELS.

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BECAUSE OF THE INHUMAN CONDITIONS OF THEIR DETENTION.

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3. On 26 Feb 96 in the early hours of the morning at 04.00hrs (GR 9199) Kibangira secteur of Bugarama commune, 4 people were shot dead, one missing and 2 children injured. The attackers are suspected to be FRGF men from Zaire.

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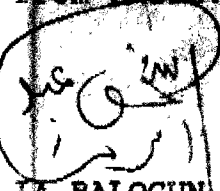
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