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TWAGIRAMUNGU'S ALLEGATIONS OF HUTU MASSACRES BY RPA

1. Allegations of the massacre of **"at least 300 000 persons"** by the RPA were first made by the ex-Premier in the Netherlands on 2 November 1995.
2. Similar allegations were made on 27 November 1995 in Brussels by the former Prime Minister, with a discrepancy in figures: massacre of 250 000 people in revenge killings.
3. Claims have been made of **"documentation available"** in the first interview and of **"irrefutable proof"** in the second interview, without any substantiation.
4. UNAMIR's reaction in case of press questions:
 - ◆ Until recently, UNAMIR patrols covered the entire country, assisted by over 300 Military Observers (MILOBs) and about 85 Civilian Police (CIVPOLs). Concurrently, for over a year, Human Rights Monitors have been in every part of the country. UN agencies and major NGOs are equally spread across Rwanda. There is a wide network of the international community, which covers every prefecture and nearly every commune. While it is possible for some scattered minor incidents of human rights violations to escape the notice of all these agencies, the cover-up of the purported mass killings would appear to be beyond belief. The UN-NGO network in the country would surely not fail to uncover the elimination of such a large number of people.

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COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE

SG/SM/5611
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PRESS RELEASE

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**SECRETARY-GENERAL, DEPLORING INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES AGAINST
UNAMIR, URGES ALL SEGMENTS OF RWANDESE SOCIETY
TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT**

The following statement on Rwanda was issued today by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General:

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has been informed by his Special Representative in Rwanda of a demonstration held outside the headquarters of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) today.

The Secretary-General deplores the fact that speeches of a highly inflammatory nature, and containing completely unfounded allegations, were made against UNAMIR and the United Nations. He particularly regrets that some responsible officials in Rwanda attended the demonstration and are reported to have made unfortunate statements.

The Secretary-General calls on all segments of Rwandese society to exercise restraint at this critical time in order not to exacerbate tensions further. He also hopes that the Government of Rwanda will do everything possible to ensure that UNAMIR receives, at every level, the cooperation necessary for carrying out its mandate.



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DAILY PRESS BRIEFING, 6 April 1995

At today's noon briefing, Ahmad Fawzi, Deputy Spokesman for the Secretary-General, informed correspondents that the Secretary-General was in Washington, D.C., today where he was meeting with the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus.

Earlier today, the Secretary-General had met with United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher with whom he discussed the Middle East including the peace process and the evolving Palestinian question. They also discussed Libya and Iraq, on which a report by Executive Chairman of the Special Commission monitoring the disarmament of Iraq, Rolf Ekeus, was expected to come out next week. The financial status and the administrative reform of the United Nations were also discussed. The Secretary-General briefed Mr. Christopher on the measures taken so far and the United States Secretary of State expressed his Administration's support for the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General in that regard. The Secretary-General and Mr. Christopher also discussed Haiti and expressed their satisfaction at the way the transfer of power from the Multinational Force to the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) had proceeded so far.

Mr. Fawzi then read a statement of the Secretary-General on Rwanda:

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The Deputy Spokesman went on to say that a statement was issued yesterday following the visit of King Hussein Ibn Talal of Jordan, who met with the Secretary-General and then attended a luncheon given in his honour by the Secretary-General. According to the statement, the Secretary-General and the King of Jordan reviewed the latest developments in the Middle East, particularly the peace process and United Nations assistance to the Palestinians. His Majesty expressed his appreciation and support for the various activities undertaken by the United Nations to back the implementation of the peace process, especially in the Palestinian territory.

The Secretary-General thanked King Hussein for Jordan's contribution to United Nations peace-keeping operations, as well as for the various Jordanian manifestations to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. The Secretary-General reiterated his invitation to King Hussein to attend the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations to be held in New York in October.

Mr. Fawzi said that another statement had been issued yesterday after the Secretary-General had met in Washington with the President of Egypt, Mohamed Hosni Mubarak. According to the statement, during the meeting which lasted 45 minutes, they conducted a general review of the situation in the Middle East, including Iraq, Libya and the various aspects of the peace process, in particular the evolving Palestinian situation. The situation in Burundi was also discussed. The Secretary-General thanked Egypt for continuing to provide troops to United Nations peace-keeping operations and renewed his invitation to President Mubarak to attend the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

Mr. Fawzi then informed correspondents about an address by King Hussein of Jordan to the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish organizations today at 12:30 p.m. at the Regency Hotel in New York.

Returning to the activities of the Secretary-General, Mr. Fawzi said that last night, the Secretary-General addressed the



PRESS RELEASE

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**THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARY-GENERAL ANNOUNCES THE FORTHCOMING
ARRIVAL OF JUDGES FOR RWANDA COURTS**

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Ambassador Shaharyar M. Khan, held today his weekly press briefing, in which he spoke on the current commemoration of the genocide anniversary, the expansion of prisons and restoration of the national judicial system as well as the assistance for the reopening of secondary schools.

Having observed that the ceremonies marking the unleashing of last year's tragedy had revived great anguish among the Rwandese people and deep sorrow in the international community, the Special Representative deplored the fact that some officials had added their voices to yesterday's demonstration, held at UNAMIR's Headquarters, to protest against the UN Assistance Mission. "The speeches made by Rwanda's President and Vice-President should remain the guidelines for the country's normalization process," said Ambassador Khan.

On the issue of overcrowded prisons and poor state of the judicial system, the Special Representative pointed out that UNAMIR has just launched, in cooperation with the Government authorities, an operation to help ease congestion in certain prisons and to improve conditions in some others. This entails the transfer of prisoners from overcrowded prisons to ease congested jails and plans to expand some of the prisons.

Ambassador Khan also said that the first trial having been opened, it is important that courts start functioning even though the judicial system is not yet fully operational. He further indicated that expatriate judges are expected to start arriving in Kigali by mid-May to supplement the efforts of the Rwandese judiciary. The majority of those judges will come from African countries.

Concerning the assistance to secondary schools, the Special Representative showed that UNAMIR had helped in the reopening of some schools, adding that a lot of work remained to be done, especially with regard to repair of school buildings, installation of electricity and food supply to students, who are almost exclusively school boarders.

In answer to a question from one journalist, Ambassador Khan stressed that the reconciliation to be genuine and durable, it must permeate through the whole Rwandese society and, especially, at grassroot level.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Spokesman in Kigali: Ext.: # 11075 or 11066.