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CASSETTE No. 0103 SUMMARY

SIDE A

- Jean Bosco Nsengiyumva interviews Froduald Karamira about security in Kigali.
- Pacification message by Chief of Staff of the army, Augutsin Bizimungu, to the people.
- Military situation on various fronts.

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SIDE B

- RPF calls for the denunciation of the new government and the disbanding of the Presidential Guard while Rwandans call on RPF to stop the shootings and the massacres immediately.
- Military situation.
- Message by President Sindikubwabo urging the people to be united and strong in their fight against RPF.
- Appointment of *préfets* by the Cabinet.
- Announcement of the withdrawal of UNAMIR Belgian peacekeepers and their replacement with a Ghanaian contingent.
- OAU Secretary General appeals to the warring parties to cease hostilities.
- Stanislas Simbizi of CDR criticizes the conduct of the Belgian contingent in the implementation of their mission and appeals to them not to destroy the Rwandan national airport.

Speaker: Jules Nizeyimana, Radio Rwanda journalist

...Yesterday evening, the meeting ended without the adoption of a resolution on the future of UNAMIR's mandate (United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda). Colin Kising, Chairman of the UN Security Council, stated that both parties to the conflict must first respect the cease-fire.

(French news signature tune)

Speaker: Jean François Nsengiyumva, Radio Rwanda journalist

...yesterday, Colonel Augustin Bizimungu was promoted to the rank of Major General and appointed Chief of Staff of the Rwandan army in replacement of ... the... Major General Nsa... eh... Déogratias Nsabimana. RPF and the Rwandan Armed Forces are expected to meet; the pre-conditions set by this warring party are known: in particular, RPF has called for the dissolution of the new government and the disbanding of the presidential guard. The parties... the Rwandans are insisting on the immediate cessation of shootings and military operations.

In Zaire, the opposition is accusing the ... where massacres are still taking place and in areas where the people are more interested in going back to work in order to encourage the gradual return of life to normal. The RPF-Rwandan Armed Forces meeting...

Speaker: Augustin Bizimana, Chief of Staff of the Rwandan Army

...Radio RTL and Radio Muhabura to renounce any declaration that may cause division among Rwandans because many people have already lost their lives and the situation must not continue like this.

Speaker: Unidentified

It is high time we began to work for peace. It is high time we silenced the guns because the people want peace. Let the war stop so harmony can reign again among the people. It is high time the people returned to the farm to fight famine. (Song: "Amahoro atanga amahoro" [Peace calls for Peace] by Simon Bikindi and his Ilindiro group.)

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Signature tune for the news in Swahili

Speaker: Abdallah Nzabonimpa, Radio Rwanda journalist

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Speaker: Abdallah Nzabonimpa

Original in Kiswahili

... and Abdallah Nzabonimpa. The headlines: In his daily message on the military situation since the war broke out between the Rwandan and RPF armies, the Ministry of Defence today announced that there have been no significant changes at the various fronts.

The Cabinet met yesterday in a meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Jean Kambanda. At their session, the Cabinet promoted several officers.

The conditions laid down by RPF are so difficult and cannot be met. It would be difficult to start direct negotiations between the Rwandan military delegation and RPF.

(Musical interlude)

The news in full:

In his daily message on the military situation since the war broke out between Rwandan and RPF armies, the Ministry of Defence announced today that the Rwandan army controls Nkumba and Cyeru *communes* in Ruhengeri *préfecture* where a lot of youths have voluntarily registered to join the army. According to the Ministry of Defence, this action is encouraging for the soldiers.

In Byumba *préfecture*, the situation remains almost the same as it was yesterday. Apart from Gabiro where, according to information received, military operations continue, there has been no violent fighting at the front.

In Kigali and its environs, *Inkotanyi* soldiers have attacked and tried to take over communication installations at Mount Jari which overlooks Kigali. The Rwandan army brought down the attack. The message issued by the Ministry of Defence states that: "RPF surely has some mercenaries within its ranks because in Rulindo area, at the Rulindo front, it was noticed that some whites were fighting alongside RPF soldiers".

Fifteen trousers and 29 shirts were found at the house of Froduald Harerimana, the director of REDEMI, a tin mining company. They were to be worn by RPF youths to celebrate their easy victory if RPF soldiers won the war. Also, communications equipment was found at the same location: a radio transmitter/receiver used to gather information from RPF. Still according to the same message, violent fighting broke out yesterday in the Kabagali area, Meridien Umubano and Urugwiro village. RPF soldiers even launched an unsuccessful attack on UN peacekeepers who were returning to Hotel Meridien from Remera. The Rwandan army repulsed all these attacks. Additionally, we were informed in the same message that RPF reinforcement had arrived at Bumbogo.

Clothes with the photographs of RPF soldiers bearing the inscription “we are united” have been found. These clothes were found by Mr. Mutarekanwa, former judge at the Kigali court, at the house of his neighbour and RPF chairman, Alexis Kanyarengwe.

In a message made public this Sunday, the Ministry of Defence informed us that in Maraba *commune* in Butare *préfecture*, fighting had erupted between the Tutsi and the Hutu but explained that it was a ploy by RPF to create inter-ethnic hatred, particularly, among ordinary citizens. With respect to the departure of the Belgian peacekeepers, the most recent information we received is that the troops will leave after training the Ghanaian soldiers, who are to replace them in handling the military equipment that they used. According to the message by the Ministry of Defence, violent fighting continues in the National Assembly neighbourhood where RPF soldiers in charge of protecting their leaders in Kigali and at the Meridien Umubano Hotel area are residing, and right up to Urugwiro village and Reboro hill. The message aired by the Ministry of Defence today, 17 April, concludes by stating that all RPF attacks failed. Thus, they have failed to attain the RPF objective which was the capture of Kigali in record time.

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The journalists wanted to know why shooting can be heard in many neighbourhoods in Kigali. They were told that the *Inkotanyi* had deployed small groups of soldiers to various areas in Kigali. People become aware of this only when the shooting commences. This tactic, as well as the *Inkotanyi* targets, were discovered by the Rwandan army. As a matter of fact, the civilian population denounced them before they had the opportunity to start a war in Kigali. That was why the RPF goal to capture Kigali failed.

On that occasion, the journalists learnt that, in the four months since they arrived in Kigali, the *Inkotanyi* have shuttled between Kigali and Mulindi where their headquarters was located. They pretended that they were searching for things that they needed such as food, clothing ... whereas, in actual fact, they were preparing for war since they had brought in extra troops who were deployed in several neighbourhoods, in particular, in Kigali and its environs. It has been confirmed today that the helicopters that the Ministry of Defence called PUMA are in actual fact “Augusta Bell” helicopters used by the Ugandan army but, strangely enough, they resemble PUMA helicopters. That was the Ministry of Defence’s message on the military situation yesterday.

Pascal Basigayabo, Radio Rwanda

Yesterday, the Cabinet held a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Jean Kambanda. There was only one item on the agenda: the promotion of some senior army officers of the Rwandan Army. In that regard, Colonel Augustin Bizimungu who was Ruhengeri military operations *secteur* Commander was promoted to the rank of Major General and replaced the late Déogratias Nsabimana as Chief of Staff of the Army. Colonel Marcel Gatsinzi who was *ad interim* Chief of Staff of the Army was promoted to the rank of

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Brigadier. Colonel Léondias Rusatira, Commander of the *École Supérieure Militaire* (ESM), was also promoted to the rank of Brigadier and retained his job. Colonel Gratien Kabiligi was also promoted to the rank of Brigadier and replaced Augustin Bizimungu as Ruhengeri military operations Commander.

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The Prime Minister, I mean, the Rwandan Minister of Defence, Augustin Bizimungu, appeals to the people to support the army in maintaining security. The killings have to stop in areas where they are being perpetrated. People should go back to work in order to help restore peace and security in Rwanda.

Abdallah Nzabonimpa, Radio Rwanda

Still in our country, the conditions imposed by RPF are so difficult that it would be impossible to meet them. It was not easy to begin direct negotiations between the two warring parties. RPF stated that the government in power in Rwanda is illegitimate and that a press release condemning the said government in Rwanda was aired on Radio Rwanda. RPF stated that the government in place in Rwanda usurped power. Besides, RPF insisted on the immediate disbanding of the Presidential Guard. For its part, the Rwandan Government is insisting on the cessation of hostilities so negotiations and a series of meetings may be held in an atmosphere of confidence. The Government also insists that both parties must cooperate more so that the perpetrators of serious crimes, that is, killings, be they soldiers or civilians, may be brought to book. Apart from the exchange of accreditation letters which took place on Friday among the heads of delegation of the two parties to the conflict, that is, the Rwandan Army and RPF, to date, the negotiations in question have not taken place ... (inaudible).

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Speaker: Unidentified

Original: Kinyarwanda

... RPF has resumed hostilities here in Kigali and in the north of the country. After one week, what is the situation like in Kigali? That is one of the questions our colleague, Jean François Nsengiyumva, asked Froduald Karamira, the MDR second vice-chairman.

Jean François Nsengiyumva, Radio Rwanda:

Second vice-chairman of MDR: one week, it's been more than one week since the decision by the *Inkotanyi* to resume hostilities in our country and they intend to capture Kigali in a few hours. On your part, you have spent the entire week closely monitoring problems related to the fighting and, in particular, examining how the people can organize themselves to kick the enemy out of our territory. Can you tell us what the situation is like in the country after one week?

Froduald Karamira, MDR second vice-chairman:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express myself on Radio Rwanda about the situation for those who are not in Kigali as well as for the inhabitants of Kigali who are unable to visit some areas. It is true that this war surprised a lot of people. In areas where security is an issue, the problem is that, at the moment, people do not trust each other, do not speak to each other and are therefore not in a position to find out about family members. However, generally, people were not taken hostage as had been originally planned. They did not desert their neighbourhoods as was to be expected. In fact, it was noticed that many of them sought ways of putting their wives and children in safe places while they remained in their houses in order to protect them. This was a laudable act on the part of the people who have assisted the Rwandan Armed Forces by not abandoning their houses, for if they had, the houses would have been used as hideouts by the *Inyenzi*. That is very important.

However, something must be strongly condemned. Some people leave their neighbourhoods to carry out acts in neighbourhoods they have not been sent to without consulting their *conseiller*. Therefore, we are calling on the people to pay more attention to security issues in their neighbourhoods. Those who have received equipment must realize that it is to be used solely in their neighbourhoods and not to be used to escort people in vehicles as that is a duty for the soldiers and the gendarmes. The equipment is not to be used to inspect what is going on in other neighbourhoods. The security of a neighbourhood must be the duty of its inhabitants, with the approval of the *conseiller* who must know what is going on in his *secteur*. We are therefore appealing to the people who received equipment for use as protection of existing roadblocks to use them solely at these roadblocks and in their neighbourhoods. It is not meant to be roamed about with, to escort vehicles, to accompany those crossing the river to get into Gitarama or elsewhere. The equipment is to be used for protection and to prevent infiltrations.

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It is our duty to inform the people of Kigali that they must assist and facilitate the movement of Red Cross vehicles. As a matter of fact, these vehicles serve everyone and, as far as we are concerned, the Red Cross must be trusted. This message is the outcome of the meeting which we held with the Red Cross head and the *préfet* of Kigali who asked party leaders to appeal to their members to allow the Red Cross to help the needy.

Also, we must say something about the situation prevailing in Kigali. This is information obtained from abroad and it is our duty to pass it on. The information is that Kigali has been captured. We are calling on those who are in a position to call the *Inkotanyi*, especially their colleagues in Bujumbura and elsewhere, to inform them that this bad propaganda will contribute to the annihilation of their families and an ill-timed clash with the people. Unfortunately, with this propaganda, we are unable to resolve the security problem and ensure the protection of everyone. I am revisiting this simply because this problem is becoming increasingly serious and because it could be blamed on those who believe that the Belgians or others, will help capture Kigali. This rumour must be snuffed

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out. This is not possible because the town belongs to the people. I have travelled around, I have observed the behaviour of the population and I have noted nobody can capture their town. This cannot happen. Even if they are in possession of weapons from abroad and succeed in overrunning the country, they will be in charge for only one day and will not exercise any authority. Anyone who feels that this can happen, especially because there are many RPF soldiers in many neighbourhoods in town hiding among the people, should become undeceived because the soldiers can no longer meet and work together because the people know who many of them are. Thus, they must abandon the idea of killing people and stop the fighting if possible, go back to where they came from or go back home as refugees. We prefer the last option as long as the fighting stops for it is decimating the people.

18 min. 05 sec

You want the fighting to cease. It is true that no matter the nature of the war, the quantity of weapons, the war will take the country nowhere especially as the attackers' weapons will not serve the purpose they had expected. Since the putting in place of his government one week ago, His Excellency Jean Kambanda, has tried to seek ways and means of restoring security in the country through messages to Rwandans, religious leaders, the *Inkotanyi* and to all others who can help bring an end to the war and restore peace. Throughout the past week, the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and all the ministers preached the restoration of security for which all Rwandans must fight.

We would like to have your assessment, in the context of party policies, of this week during which you have struggled for this peace and security as well as to the lasting restoration of peace and security.

Yes, we were indeed surprised that week by the death of the President of the Republic. This provoked anger among the people who resorted to acts incompatible with the security they were meant to ensure, which made our life difficult. However, the main problem which is in itself a security threat is that nobody knows who the Rwandan soldiers are fighting. In fact, the RPF people who are here in town have mingled with the civilians; they are dressed like the civilians and are armed. Thus, the armed forces cannot state on what front they are fighting as they are not fighting soldiers. That being the case, I would dwell a little longer on the problem of security in town for I grew up there. It is attributable to the fact that there are armed people among the population. Moreover, those who received weapons do not know one another; we were unable to put them in touch with each other and cannot follow-up and ensure that they use them advisedly. Thus both parties are disrupting security. What is going to happen? On the one hand, RPF people hiding among the population are armed and on the other, the people are not!

This is the issue being raised by the entire population, at the borders and roadblocks. How do we man the roadblock unarmed and face people who are armed? Obviously, these people are not soldiers; they do not wear a military uniform so they cannot be identified. How do we recognize them? Do we give up protecting ourselves? How do the soldiers fight people in mufti they cannot recognize who are scattered all over the

hills in Kigali? You do realize now that this is a war among the people, and, as a result of this, there have been abuses and death of those who are not meant to die. The population have stated, in particular, that they are worried because they do not have weapons - the factor which complicates security in Kigali and its surroundings is that the unarmed members of the population are fighting RPF members who are armed. When the soldiers arrived, they do not fight one or three individuals because people are saying that the *Inkotanyi* are everywhere though they are few. That is the problem. However, people have kept their children and wives in safe places and are seeking ways and means of searching houses for people in hiding, people who have refused to go on night patrols with them and those who have failed to turn up. Such persons are suspected of possessing weapons because those who possess weapons but do not wear a military uniform hide among the population. I believe a solution would be found to the problem gradually. One cannot claim to find an immediate solution but, as houses are searched again, those who have hidden people will be found, suspicions will fade when nothing is found and security will be restored.

I would like you to explain the role played by political parties in the restoration of security. How do you work with other political parties in the country to speak with one voice and be in a position to appeal to the people to get back on track?

The most important role played by political parties was to form a government for that was our first mission. However, we are aware that the government that was installed during that tumultuous period was unable to take up all its responsibilities as it would have done during a period of peace. The problems faced by political parties, are in fact, the same faced by the government. Our mission, as political party representatives, is to be aware of the expectations of the population after we contact them. We work as intermediaries by presenting all their problems to the leaders so that they too may find a solution to them. Thus, political parties must represent the people, supervise them, know their needs and inform the authorities so they can take care of them. Usually, the parties should not play the role of the leaders or of the government. They should simply serve as intermediaries between the population and the government.

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Thank you. (music)

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Jules Nizeyimana, Radio Rwanda journalist

Augustin Bizimana is calling on Rwandans to militate in favour of peace and renounce what causes division among them. The Rwandan armed forces are still fighting the RPF-*Inkotanyi* in Kigali. In Ruhengeri and Byumba *préfectures* the regular army is in control of its positions.

With respect to assistance to the Rwandan Armed Forces, the ADEHAMU Association whose goal was to promote development projects in Mutare area in Kibuye *préfecture* has just donated five tons of potatoes. My name is Jules Nzeyimana ...

The Cabinet met yesterday in a meeting chaired by the Prime Minister Jean Kambanda. It endorsed the appointment of Major General Augustin Bizimungu as Chief of Army Staff of the Rwandan Army.

General Bizimungu called on Rwandans to fight for peace and renounce everything that causes divisions among them. Let's listen to his address to Rwandans.

Major General Augustin Bizimungu, Chief of Staff

Rwandans,

After the tragic death of the Head of State on 6 April 1994 people unjustly attacked their neighbours throughout the Rwandan territory, mainly because they were angry. The disturbances resulted in the death of many innocent victims. Rwandans, you know that the enemy who attacked Rwanda did not spare anyone. You also know that in order to attain its objectives, one of its strategies is to cause division among Rwandans. This is why we are calling on you to depart from anything that can stir trouble among you. Rather, you should cooperate more in order to defeat once and for all the enemy who invaded the country. The local authorities are being called upon to do their best to put an end to the disturbances wherever they erupt. They have to organize meetings of the people and encourage them to live in peace with one another, to protect themselves more and look for the enemy wherever he may be and defeat him once and for all. I am making a passionate plea to all radio stations, particularly Radio Rwanda, Radio RTLM as well as Radio Muhabura wherever they may be transmitting from, to stop airing information which stirs up dissension among Rwandans. We cannot allow the bloodshed to continue. These media houses should help cultivate the spirit of tolerance among Rwandans; may the people stop killing one another so that peace may be restored in our country.

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Jules Nizeyimana, Radio Rwanda

The Rwandan Armed Forces are still fighting the RPF-*Inkotanyi*. The regular army is fighting valiantly in Kigali as well as in Ruhengeri and Byumba *préfectures*. According to the communiqué issued by the Rwandan Armed Forces Headquarters, the army is fighting valiantly in Nkumba and Cyeru *communes* in Ruhengeri. The military commander of the *secteur* continues to register many youths who want to join the army in order to defend their country. The regular army controls Rulindo region. In the last few days, the *Inkotanyi* have attacked Mount Jari but the Rwandan Armed Forces repulsed them. Once again yesterday, we noticed that whites were fighting alongside the *Inkotanyi*. We would like to remind you that two white men were killed yesterday during

an attacked launched by the *Inkotanyi* on the mountain. In that same Rulindo region, the regular army seized a lot of military uniforms which the *Inkotanyi* had planned to wear after capturing Kigali. The uniforms, as well as communications equipment, were found at REDEMI centre.

At Byumba, the situation remains the same. The Rwandan armed forces are in control of their positions. They are preventing the enemy from entering the area where we continue to see Ogusta Bella planes which are usually used by the Ugandan Armed Forces.

In Kigali, the *Inkotanyi* bombarded Kacyiru camp yesterday. They also launched a quick attack from Kabagari and the Meridien Umubano area. They were heading towards Urugwiro Village.

All the quick attacks were repulsed by the regular army. The *Inkotanyi* fired intensely on UNAMIR vehicles at Kacyiru. The presence of *Inkotanyi* was reported in Bumbogo, Nduba and Rutongo. They want to assist their colleagues here in Kigali. Yesterday, the regular army also seized t-shirts belonging to the *Inkotanyi* in Rugenge *secteur* from the house of the lawyer named Mutarekanwa. Thus, the Rwandan Armed Forces are on the verge of freeing Rebero hill. Generally, in the outskirts of Kigali, the *Inkotanyi* have been seen at the CND, that is, the *Conseil national de développement* area and on Rebero hill. There is also tension among the people in Nyakizu and Mabara *communes* in Butare *préfecture* and in some areas in Gikongoro. However, administrative bodies in charge of security are trying to ease these unhealthy tensions. The headquarters of the Rwandan Armed Forces is urging the people to avoid those who are pitting people against one another because that is one of the tools used by the enemy.

Regarding UNAMIR, that is, the UN Forces based in Rwanda, the Chief of Staff of the Rwandan Armed Forces explained that it would be better for UNAMIR to remain in Rwanda until lasting peace is restored.

With respect to assistance to the Rwandan Armed Forces, the ADEHAMU Association whose objective is the promotion of development projects in Kibuye *préfecture*, particularly in Mukara, has not hidden its unwavering support for the Rwandan Armed Forces. It has commended them for the sustained courage and patriotic sacrifice they have demonstrated at the front. In that regard, ADEHAMU donated five tons of potatoes

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SIDE B

Speaker: Jules Nizeyimana, Radio Rwanda journalist

... the negotiations with the *Inkotanyi* did not take place. I should remind you that the day before yesterday, that is Friday, both parties met at Hotel Meridien Umubano, Kigali,

but left before the conclusion of the negotiations. However, they promised to meet again the following day, Saturday.

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During the negotiations, the RPF-*Inkotanyi* put its discussion partner in a very embarrassing situation just like it did during previous negotiations held with the Rwandan Government delegation. According to an *Agence France Presse* press release rendered public yesterday, in a UNAMIR document containing the conditions laid down by the parties to the negotiation, RPF-*Inkotanyi* spoke harshly and called for the resignation of the Government currently in place and supported by the people, as well as the disbanding of the former Presidential Guard of the Head of State Major General Juvénal Habyarimana. For their part, the Rwandan Armed Forces called for the cessation of hostilities and wanted negotiations to be held often between RAF and the RPF-*Inkotanyi* to restore confidence in both parties and thereby put an end to looting and crime.

Kigali it has been reported that there are RPF combatants at Kacyiru between the ministries and the Hotel Meriden, around the old CND building and on Rebero hill. Yesterday, Camp Kacyiru came under intensive RPF bombardment as well as attacks from Kabagari, behind the ministries and that entire area right up to the Meridien Hotel. Urugwiro Village was also targeted. During the attack, the RPF even fired at a UNAMIR team on patrol, according to officers ... eh ... govern ... officers of the Rwandan Armed Forces who gave us a briefing this morning. The enemy also tried to launch an attack on Camp Kami but was repulsed. It was also reported that t-shirts and a transmitter/receiver were seized near the house of Colonel Kanyarengwe here in Kiyovu *secteur* as well as at the house of a judge at Rugenge *secteur*.

In the south of the country, that is in Butare, inter-ethnic tension continues but the local authorities and the gendarmes are at work to calm the people. These same people are once again being called upon to help the law enforcement agents ensure security in the entire country.

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ORIGINAL: KINYARWANDA

The Rwandan Armed Forces are still fighting the *Inkotanyi*. Around 1 p.m., Katyusha shells were fired by the enemy. Some of the shells fell on the RTLM house damaging the radio station and wounding two people. The firing came from Kagugu and Gisozi. After 3 hours of silence, radio RTLM resumed transmission but nobody knew where they were transmitting from.

It was reported that in Angola, two planes of the International Committee of the Red Cross crashed. The collision occurred as they were about to land at Bengwela airport. Fortunately, there were no victims.

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SPEAKER: Jean François Nsengiyumva, Radio Rwanda

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ORIGINAL IN FRENCH

Dr. Théodore Sindukubwabo once again addressed the nation, the message was in the country's national language and we are now going to ... follow the translation of Téléspore Kagaba our colleague in the production unit.

Speaker: Téléspore Kagaba, Radio Rwanda

Message by the President of the Republic of Rwanda to the nation Kigali, 17 April 1994.

"Rwandans, residents of Rwanda, 8 April 1994, following the death of the President of the Republic His Excellency Major-General Juvénal Habyarimana, we have prepared a message to inform you.

Speaker: Jules-Maurice Kagina, Radio Rwanda

Yesterday, his Excellency the President of the Republic, Dr Theodore Sindikubwabo, addressed a pacification message to Rwandans and residents of Rwanda.

The President called on the people to forgive and be tolerant.

The Cabinet met yesterday in a meeting chaired by the Prime Minister Jean Kambanda. The Cabinet considered administrative matters. It appointed *préfets* for *préfectures* which did not have any and transferred others.

Yesterday, the Archbishop of Kigali, Vincent Nsengiyumva, addressed the christians in his jurisdiction, Kigali. It was a message of peace in the wake of the war and disturbances facing Rwanda. The Archbishop Vincent Nsengiyumva appealed to the warring parties to cease hostilities.

One of the members of the CDR (*Coalition pour la Défense de la République*) bureau, Stanislas Simbizi, was displeased with the conduct of UNAMIR Belgian peacekeepers dispatched by the United Nations because of the acts of vandalism and hooliganism they perpetrated before leaving Rwanda. My name is Jules-Maurice Kagina.

Let's listen to Stanislas Simbizi, Chairman of the committee in charge of information and also CDR Chairman for Ruhengeri *préfecture*.

Stanislas Simbizi, CDR Chairman for Ruhengeri *préfecture*

I strongly condemn the conduct of the UNAMIR Belgian soldiers whose mission was the monitoring of the implementation of the Arusha Accords. They did indeed misbehave

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and created bitterness among Rwandans as well as that of their Belgian leaders who preferred to recall their citizens. These Belgian soldiers were disenchanted because their plan to topple power in Rwanda failed. Thus, they decided to resort to deplorable acts of hooliganism on the way, to cooperate with the *Inkotanyi* and to kill members of the population. Arrived at the airport. What an irony!

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The Belgians settled at the airport while waiting to be repatriated. However, rather than wait calmly, they invaded the office of the airport commander (inaudible), looted and broke everything including vehicles (inaudible) and people at the airport could not believe that those acts were being perpetrated by people who were getting ready to return home (inaudible). The damage is enormous! We wonder if Belgium is prepared to pay compensation (inaudible). The aircraft that was meant to take them back left empty with pilots and equipment. The UNAMIR Belgian contingent did not leave. It is preparing for the arrival of the *Inkotanyi* (inaudible). It is regrettable. While it is true that they were authorized to guard the airport, they did not have to allow the *Inkotanyi* use the trenches they had dug and subsequently claim they have captured the airport whereas in actual fact it was the work of the Belgians.

What upsets me even more is that it is becoming increasingly clear that the Belgians are fighting for the *Inkotanyi*. They are determined to undermine communications between Rwanda and the outside world. After the death of two Belgian soldiers at Mt Jari, the Belgian contingent bombarded Radio RTL M causing a lot of damage and provoking Rwandans.

I have been reliably informed that the Belgians are angry and have vowed not to leave until they destroy Kanombe airport. If they do not succeed, they will destroy what they can and leave the *Inkotanyi* means to destroy the airport.

You see, the airport cost millions of money borrowed from countries and allies such as the Abu Dhabi Funds belonging to the Arabs as well as from elsewhere. The French who helped us build expected the airport to be useful to Rwanda. However, the Belgians want to destroy the airport though they did not contribute a penny to its construction. It is sad that they are trying to destroy Rwanda by starting with its access to the outside world.

I am calling on the Rwandan Government to lodge a complaint about the Belgian acts of vandalism with the United Nations Security Council and prove that Belgium is not assisting Rwanda but has, on the contrary, attacked the country. The Belgians were responsible for providing protection at the airport. They caused the death of the Rwandan President and subsequently demolished everything that was intact, looted imported goods, destroyed the airport, documents and files, stole money; in short, they demolished everything. I feel that the Belgians must replace everything. Meanwhile, I am calling on the Rwandan Government to lodge a complaint against Belgium.

The Rwandan Government must get prepared and be vigilant. It must ask our Ambassador with the United Nations to lodge a complaint against Belgium for attacking Rwanda. However, Belgium is not the only country involved. There are also other

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countries and the United Nations know the countries assisting the *Inkotanyi* and which must be prosecuted. We must not allow a country like Belgium who colonised Rwanda long ago, a country that trained Rwandan intellectuals, to come and destroy the fruits of labour of these intellectuals they trained and openly assist the *Inkotanyi*.

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The destruction of the airport is of great concern to me. This plan was brought to the knowledge of many. It was being said publicly that Belgium wanted to avenge its soldiers. The Belgians want to leave after destroying the airport as broadcast by RTLM yesterday. They wanted to leave after destroying RTLM and indeed, that is what they have done today. The airport will suffer the same fate. That is why the Rwandan Government must request our Ambassador to the United Nations to lodge a complaint against Belgium in the wake of these shameful acts perpetrated in Rwanda by the Belgians under the United Nations umbrella. For, these Belgians soldiers came into Rwanda on the United Nations ticket.

Before their departure, I insist that the Belgians abandon their criminal plan immediately. They must stop the destruction of Rwanda. They must stop the destruction of the airport and the RTLM (inaudible). The entire international community must condemn them strongly. As for the Rwandan Government, it must seek support from the international community and inform the United Nations that Rwanda too has a right to seek assistance from friends to face the Belgians who want to destroy our country. That is all I have for you. Thank you.

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Speaker: Jean-François, Radio Rwanda

Eh ... this night until morning, heavy shooting could be heard shortly after 5 a.m. from the Kacyiru area but at the moment, everything is quiet. Imminent departure of the UNAMIR Belgian peacekeepers; a Belgian spokesman stated yesterday in Brussels that the 430 Belgians soldiers are to leave Rwanda probably tomorrow, that is Tuesday. According to the Belgian spokesperson, this departure will probably be by road via Tanzania. The Belgians peacekeepers will wait for the Ghanaian contingent who will replace them to arrive. They would ensure security in Kigali. These Ghanaians are currently... and in any case, that was until very recently... stationed in the... north of the country, around Byumba which was until last a demilitarized zone. The Belgian spokesperson added that the Belgian paracommandos who had been sent to Rwandan the previous week to evacuate Belgian citizens and other

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