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... yesterday by Prime Minister Jean KAMBANDA. The interview focused on UNAMIR's dubious neutrality in the RPF-imposed conflict. About a dozen countries from the North and South are planning to participate in the new-form UNAMIR, and then in Libya, any person guilty of illicit enrichment will henceforth have his hand chopped off. In this way, Colonel KADHAFI is seeking to discourage corruption. So, Prime Minister Jean KAMBANDA granted audience yesterday to the UNAMIR commander, General Romeo DALLAIRE. They discussed UNAMIR II, which is due to arrive in Rwanda. Both men also reviewed the initial UNAMIR I, which most often did not meet expectations, the 150 (inaudible) having served as a military base for the Rwandan Patriotic Front. Here are the details of the interview, according to Hyacinthe BICAMUMPAKA.

The Prime Minister, His Excellency Jean KAMBANDA, granted audience to the UNAMIR Commander today, 19 May, at his office.

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Brigadier General Romeo DALLAIRE came to see the Prime Minister in order to exchange views on the new resolution passed by the United Nations Security Council on 17 May, to send a new assistance mission to Rwanda. The new mission, as General Romeo DALLAIRE pointed out, would essentially deal with the humanitarian aspect, mainly bringing the two protagonists around the negotiation table to work out a cease-fire. There was a component involving assistance to the needy who desired to move around freely and settle wherever they chose to reside outside the areas reserved for military operations; there was also the component involving aid delivery [food and medicines] to the war displaced persons. It must be noted that the last component had serious

implications on the security of the country, since proposals had been made for the Kanombe airport to be neutralized and placed under UNAMIR command

And this, according to General DALLAIRE, in order to allow for transparency in the surveillance of the airport to make sure that it is used only for non-military purposes. Regarding the prosecution of negotiations, General DALLAIRE added that UNAMIR was pleased with the position adopted by the Government, which had so far opted for a negotiated settlement. He also recalled that UNAMIR had approached the RPF, but regretted that the RPF has always rejected all the proposals made to that effect.

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Lastly, General DALLAIRE demanded the dismantling of the roadblocks along the roads. The proposal was promptly rejected by the Prime Minister on grounds they had been erected by a popular force that would still be maintained as long as the RPF refused to put down their arms, as demanded by UN Security Council resolutions. This will also be in keeping with the aspirations of the Rwandan people to peace and the desire of the International Community to see peace return to Rwanda.

After the long discourse by General DALLAIRE, the Prime Minister shed light on all the proposals made either by the Security Council or General DALLAIRE himself. Talking about the neutrality of the Grégoire KAYIBANDA Hotel located at the airport in an area entirely under the command of the Rwandan Armed Forces, the Prime Minister did not mince words. He asked, "General DALLAIRE, how do you explain the facts that all the UNAMIR positions have today been taken over as military bases for the RPF?" To illustrate the point, he expressed the pre-occupations of the entire Rwandan population, by pointing out that the Irebero, the Horizon, the King Faisal hospital and Amahoro Hotel have today become the sanctuary for the enemy, whereas those places were held or continue to be held by UNAMIR.

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As long as UNAMIR does not offer guarantees the people of Rwanda that the airport will not become a shield to protect the enemy and allow him to infiltrate, the government will not accede to that proposal. All the more so as the airports in neighbouring countries, for instance, the Goma airport, could be used to bring in food supplies from abroad. On this controversial point, General DALLAIRE evasively acknowledged that the RPF was in the UNAMIR positions not with UNAMIR help, but because the RPF thought they could use it as a ruse to acquire similar immunity to what UNAMIR has been enjoying so far. As a conclusion on that topic the Prime Minister promised that the government would forward their response to General DALLAIRE the following day.

Apart from that issue, the Prime Minister once more expressed the government's apprehensions to General DALLAIRE. With regards to the embargo imposed on the countries which is being attacked and living the aggressor free to get supplies abroad, the Prime Minister requested the UNAMIR Commander to raise the matter with the UN Secretary General. Talking about food supplies and the release of prisoners, the Prime Minister clearly indicated that Rwanda was agreeable to the proposal especially as this would facilitate the free movement of persons, just as the government and political leaders had declared on the Radio.

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However he urged UNAMIR to bring pressure to bare not only on Rwanda which agrees with the proposal, but also on the RPF to free the hostages they took at the E.T.O., the King Faisal hospital, Hotel Amahoro and in the most remote regions under RPF control. They should also release the people who have been traumatised by the exaction committed against tens of thousands of civilians by the RPF. In reply to the request by UNAMIR to have a contingent near the government in order to facilitate regular contacts, the Prime Minister stated that

the liaison officer who was recently attached to UNAMIR would assume those responsibilities. The Prime Minister concluded by reiterating his wish to meet the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General, Dr. Jacques Roger BOH-BOH, with whom he may discuss related issues in-depth and get answers which only he can give. He also stated that the government was ready to negotiate, but would never bow to the booby-trapped demands by the RPF, which always wants to negotiate with Rwandan Armed Forces.

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About twelve countries are planning to participate in UNAMIR. According to a United Nations spokesman, those twelve countries declared yesterday at the UN that they envisaged contributing men and equipment for the new United Nations Humanitarian Mission to Rwanda.

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According to the spokesman, Canada indicated that she would seriously look into the possibility of contributing troops and equipment. France and the United Kingdom talked of only equipment, Australia, Ghana, Senegal, Zimbabwe, the Netherlands, Congo, Zambia, Mali and Egypt contemplate sending one infantry of support units. The day before yesterday, the *Inyenzi* Inkotanyi once more brought tragedy to the Kigali hospital centre, where their bombs killed thirty patients. Yesterday afternoon, Ministers André RWAMAKUBA and Jean De Dieu HABINEZA visited the scene. After the visit the two members of government gave their impressions to our colleague Martin MUKWIYE. Let us first listen to the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, André RWAMAKUBA.

André RWAMAKUBA: Confronted with this scene as a Doctor, I was quite shocked about what happened in the Central hospital. Bombs fell on the hospital and it is deplorable for our RPF *Inkotanyi* aggressors who claim to be in a

position to usher in democracy, whereas they are busy massacring patients in hospitals.

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Here we have around thirty bodies torn to bits, strewn all over the place. It is indeed a horrible sight.