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**Side A:****0.0min:****Unidentified Speaker:**

I would like to ask you, the French and English language journalists, to make the international community aware of these deplorable acts this very day.

**Journalist:**

That was the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs telling us his point of view with regard to the wickedness of the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi*. We shall shortly give you more detailed information on these deplorable acts committed by the *Inkotanyi* in a special broadcast at 8.30 p.m.

Dr. André RWAMAKUBA, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, is also shocked by the maliciousness of the enemies of Rwanda. Regarding the maliciousness of the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi*, the Minister of Primary and Higher Education, Dr. André RWAMAKUBA, gave us the following explanations. The Minister of Primary and Higher Education:

**0.7 min:****Dr. RWAMAKUBA:**

Because the Minister of Health is away on a visit abroad, and I being doctor by profession, I am closely following matters relating to health in the country, with the assistance of a team of workers from the Ministry of Health. Well, the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs has already talked about the deplorable acts being committed by the *Inyenzi*, by the RPF-*Inkotanyi*, and we have informed the international community about it, though we feel that the latter seems to have turned a deaf ear. We shall, however, insist on it because, as we have already said, the government is based here in Kigali, where I have been based for some days now. The last time I was here, the RPF committed deplorable acts by shelling our television station, the television that gives us guidance, killing our workers and

some visitors at the station. These acts are therefore aimed at killing civilians and journalists. I am even wondering why the journalists have not yet lodged their complaint with the International Tribunal to stop the RPF from violating the law with impunity, as if they were given the power to rule the country the way they want, with such dictatorship! We cannot stand this! That is why I would like to urge our journalists to write reports, ...to send out news reports left and right so that we accuse the RPF of the disgraceful acts committed against our country, especially since this is not the first time they are doing it.

When I visited the hospital to take account of these deplorable acts, I also saw some other deplorable acts meted out to the television station last week. And now this week, the rebels again bombed patients, children and pregnant women! The hospital was strewn with corpses, but that will not discourage us. I noticed that the doctors are determined to treat and assist the sick, which is quite commendable, which makes me ask. ...congratulate the doctors at CHK, particularly for their readiness to offer assistance, despite the RPF's intent to discourage us so that they get a way through. The more the RPF continue to kill, the more they incite us into fighting. Let them know that Rwanda belongs to all of us. If they want to come peacefully, let them lay down their arms. All we want is peace.

**Journalist:**

If the *Inkotanyi* were sensible, they should know that each human life is like another and therefore stop the nasty things they are doing to innocent people, the sick, and other persons who have nothing to do with the fighting.

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Faustin TWAGIRAMUNGU has been in Paris since yesterday, on his way from Brussels in Belgium. According to AFP, Faustin TWAGIRAMUNGU is on a visit to France at the invitation of the French government. The spokesperson of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Catherine Calona, said that Faustin TWAGIRAMUNGU is scheduled to meet with the French Minister of Foreign

Affairs. Reports say that the invitation to Prime Minister-Designate Faustin TWAGIRAMUNGU is in line with the firm commitment by France to assist Rwanda in restoring peace, as always manifested by France even when the President of the Republic, His Excellency Major General Juvenal HABYARIMANA was still alive. France has therefore undertaken to meet all the belligerent parties in Rwanda with a view to listening to their respective points of view and to assist Rwanda and all its citizens in finding a solution to their problems, namely problems pertaining to politics and the war.

The German government is ready to support the UN humanitarian efforts by providing German army cargo planes to transport emergency aid items for the war-affected people in Rwanda. This was said by Vita VOGEL, the German government spokesman, who added German Government could not send its troops to Rwanda, for the simple reason that there is a controversial clause in the current constitution forbidding the German army from participating in operations outside the country's territory.

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However, some German journalists support the proposal of sending doctors and nurses of the German army to Rwanda, but the German Ministry of Defence is so far opposed to the idea.

**Journalist:** ... and now, the news in detail:

Prime Minister Jean KAMBANDA has received the UNAMIR commander, General Romeo Dallaire. Their discussions centred on UNAMIR I, whose bases have on several occasions been used as sanctuary by the Rwandese Patriotic Front. Hyacinthe BICAMUMPAKA gives us the details:

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**Hyacinthe BICAMUMPAKA:**

The Prime Minister, Honourable Jean KAMBANDA, met the UNAMIR Commander, Brigadier General Romeo Dallaire, today, 19<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.05 p.m. The General went to see the Prime Minister in order to exchange views on a new Security Council resolution of 17 May, regarding the sending of a new assistance mission to Rwanda. General Romeo Dallaire made it clear that this new mission would basically be a humanitarian one, whose objectives would be to facilitate a rapprochement between the two belligerent parties for them to enter into negotiations which should culminate into a cease-fire; assistance to those people who wish to freely move...

**6.5 min:** ...and settle in areas of their own choice outside military combat zones; and the transportation of food and medicine to the war-displaced people. It should be noted that this issue has serious implications on the security of the country because it has been proposed that Kanombe Airport be made a neutral ground, which should be put under the control of UNAMIR to allow, as General DALLAIRE said, for the transparent surveillance of the utilization of the Airport for non-military ends. Regarding the continuation of negotiations, added General DALLAIRE, the UNAMIR is pleased to note that the Government has, up to date, opted for a negotiated solution. He again recalled that on this matter, UNAMIR approached the RPF, but...

**7.1 min:** ...regarding the negotiations, he noted with regret that the RPF has always turned down the proposals made. Finally, General requested for the removal of roadblocks, a proposal which the Prime Minister quickly rejected, saying that this was a popular force which shall always be maintained as long as the RPF does not accept to lay down their arms, in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions. He added that it was the wish of the Rwandan people, as well as that of the

international community, to let the population live in peace. After General DALLAIRE's lengthy remarks, the Prime Minister clarified all the proposals that had been made, either by the Security Council or by General DALLAIRE himself.

Regarding the proposal to make Grégoire KAYIBANDA airport a neutral ground, whereas this airport is within an area fully controlled by our armed forces, the Prime Minister did not mince his words. "How would you, General DALLAIRE, explain the fact that the positions held by the UNAMIR have, up to this moment, been used as military bases for the RPF?", asked the Prime Minister. To illustrate this, the Prime Minister highlighted the preoccupation of the entire Rwandan population by pointing out that Rebero *l'Horizon*, King Fayçal Hospital and Amahoro Hotel are currently a sanctuary for enemy, and yet they were all supposed to be under UNAMIR control. The Prime Minister added that as long as the Rwandan people are not assured that UNAMIR will not continue to use the airport as a shield to protect the enemy and allow their infiltration, the government will never accept his proposal. He said that moreover, airports in the neighbouring countries such as Goma airport could be used to bring in food supplies from abroad.

On this issue, which became a subject of discord between the two interlocutors, General DALLAIRE evasively admitted that the RPF had pitched camp right by UNAMIR positions, but denied that UNAMIR had assisted the RPF in doing so, because the latter had simply taken advantage of UNAMIR's immunity so far.

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Concluding discussion on this subject, the Prime Minister promised that the government would send its reply to General DALLAIRE tomorrow. Apart from this issue, the Prime Minister again expressed the government's apprehensions with regard to the embargo unilaterally

declared by the Security Council, which he said, only affects the invaded country, whereas the aggressors receive their supplies normally. He requested the UNAMIR commander to raise this issue with the United Nations Secretary General.

Regarding foodstuffs and the freeing of people, the Prime Minister clearly pointed out that Rwanda accepted the proposal, adding that the idea of allowing the people free movement had been aired on the Radio by the government and heads of political parties. He pointed out, however, that Rwanda should not be the only party to be forced to do so, but that the RPF should also be pressurised to release the hostages taken at the ETO, King Faycal Hospital, Amahoro Hotel and other remote areas under RPF control, adding that the people in those places are living in fear, following the atrocities committed on tens of thousands of them.

In reply to UNAMIR's request to have a contingent within the government in order to facilitate regular contacts, the Prime Minister said that the liaison officer who had recently been appointed shall soon take up his duties.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister once again reiterated his wish to meet the United Nations Secretary General's special representative Dr. Jacques Roger BOOH-BOOH, with whom he would hold more detailed discussions on all the related issues, for which he was the only one capable of giving an answer. He once again stated that the government was ready to negotiate, but that it would never accept the RPF's tricky demands, saying that the RPF had always wanted to negotiate with the Rwandan Armed Forces.

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### **Journalist:**

The *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi* continue to shell civilian targets... For some time now, Kigali town has come under intensive shelling but the population remains vigilant in order to stop any infiltration by the enemy. Yesterday, Kigali Central Hospital again came under artillery fire from the Rwandese Patriotic Front. The shells killed more than thirty people and several others, including patients, were injured.

Today, two Ministers from the Rwandan government, Dr. André RWAMAKUBA, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education and his colleague the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Mr. Jean De Dieu HABINEZA, visited the scene of the disaster. Dr. Andrea RWAMAKUBA is saddened by the wild acts of the *Inyenzi Inkotanyi*. Here is the Minister's voice through the microphone of our colleague Martin MUKWIYE:

**Dr. André RWAMAKUBA:**

I was very shocked by what I saw, in my capacity as a doctor. I am very shocked about what happened at the hospital.

**12.1 min:**

Bombs falling on the hospital! It is really deplorable. What our aggressors are doing is deplorable. The RPF-*Inkotanyi*, who claim, ...who claim to be bringing us democracy, and yet they are massacring people in the hospital! We have here some thirty mutilated bodies, ...pieces of human flesh strewn here and there. It is really a horrible sight. And the destruction of building which we acquired through the efforts of the population and the Belgian cooperation; this really shows that the RPF has bellicose and monstrous intentions of decimating the population, ...of killing whoever they find in this country. Okay, if they intend to decimate the population, I believe the international community should rise up and take action, ...should take action, because the Rwandan government,

...the Rwandan government, among its objectives, it has, ...it is for peace. One of its objectives is to bring about peace in order for reconstruction to take place in our country and that is why we have extended a hand of friendship to our opponents since the government, which...

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...the current government has extended a hand of friendship to the enemy, who is instead simply killing people, and the government is making every effort and is continuing to issue peace messages because we believe, we always believe in peace and I believe that we are making an appeal to the international community and those who support the RPF to stop supporting them in committing massacres.

**Journalist:**

Let us now listen to the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Mr. Jean DE Dieu HABINEZA, who is also giving us his comments through the microphone of Martin MUKWIYE.

**Mr. Jean De Dieu HABINEZA:**

I heard of the sad news of the multiple bomb attacks on CHK by the RPF while I was in Gitarama, where we had received General DALLAIRE, accompanied by some other UNAMIR officers. Immediately upon hearing this news, and that was around 11.30 am, my first reaction was that the UNAMIR be asked to come and witness what had happened, because the international community...

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...has never wanted to accept the wickedness of the RPF. I insisted that the UNAMIR come and see for themselves that as we have always been saying, the RPF is involved in acts of violation of human rights. It is incomprehensible that a hospital which is supposed to accommodate the poor, the sick, the children and the elderly - and we know, moreover, that this hospital is also accommodating war displaced people - it is incomprehensible that someone who claims to be a guardian of human rights, who wants international conventions respected, targets and bombs a hospital. It is a deplorable act, which must be strongly condemned. I

insisted that the UNAMIR comes to see what had happened so that they in turn, can inform the international community, because the international community has never believed that the RPF is committing atrocities. We have always been telling all the journalists we have met that the RPF has been committing massacres as it advances. And yet the international community is only talking of massacres committed on the side of the government forces.

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This is an obvious case of atrocities committed by the RPF. It is, by the way, in addition to hundreds and hundreds of others which have never been verified. Therefore, what is important here is that the international community is sufficiently informed so that it takes necessary action in order to exert pressure because we believe, ..the government believes that the solution to this country's problems is not weapons. We must negotiate, and as everyone has noticed, the example is not far-fetched, it is the implementation of the peace accord and you know very well the delaying tactics that have all along been played and the RPF has always caused the delays. It is high time therefore, with this example, that the international community noted how the RPF is destroying the country and how it is destroying human lives, so that it puts pressure on the super powers in order to bring the RPF to the negotiating table...

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...so that this war is brought to an end, because we cannot tolerate a situation whereby people are perpetually massacred and the infrastructure is endlessly destroyed. Finally, not only will reconstruction be difficult to achieve, but also, who will carry out this reconstruction because there will be no more people left?

**Journalist:**

Having said that, forty-eight hours after the passing of UN Security Council resolution which provides for the sending of five 5500 Blue Helmets to Rwanda, France plans a regional summit bringing together Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire. Paris thinks that it is necessary to bring President Mobutu face to face with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni who supports the Rwandan Patriotic Front.

What Paris expects out of this summit is nothing but a cease-fire between the Rwandan government and the Patriotic Front. On its part, Bonn has declared its readiness to support a UN assistance mission to Rwanda. Germany intends to send a military transport plane.

**20.00 min**

**Emérence MUTUYEMUNGU:**

Dear youths, it is now forty-four days since a tragedy befell our country when our Head of State, the hero, His Excellency Major General Juvenal HABYARIMANA passed away. You will recall that he was on his way back from a meeting in Dar-es-Salaam, a meeting that was meant to bring us peace, when he was shot down together with the Burundi President, His Excellency Cyprien NTARYAMIRA, along with their entourages. All the members of the PSD across the country sympathise with the bereaved families. This death was followed by a war between the RPF on the one side and the population and the Rwandan army on the other. Several politicians, including the chairman of the PSD party, Frédéric NZAMURAMBAHO, have perished in this war. We therefore urge the members of the PSD to be courageous and discerning. The PSD party pledges its unwavering support for the current President of the Republic, His Excellency Théodore SINDIKUBWABO and for the government led by Jean KAMBANDA. The PSD party strongly condemns the RPF-*Inkotanyi* for having resumed the fighting in a bid to capture power after the death of the President of the Republic. The RPF's pretext is that they want to avenge the death of innocent people, whereas they are the ones committing vile acts against the innocent. The PSD party appeals to the RPF to stop fighting and opt for negotiations, for the population will never submit to the RPF's dictatorship.

Regarding the on-going war, the PSD party appeals to the government to continue explaining to the people who our real enemy is, so that they can work in harmony without mutual suspicion. The PSD party urges the government to officially reject

General Dallaire's leadership of the UN troops, because several people have died under the passive eyes of the UNAMIR forces and the General has shown that he is biased in favour of the RPF.

Regarding the countries that should send in peace-keeping forces, the PSD party urges the government to insist that the new UNAMIR force is not composed of the same elements as the previous ones. To ensure more efficiency, the bulk of the peace-keeping forces should be from French-speaking countries.

Kigali, 19 May 1994.

Emérence MUTUYEMUNGU,

Treasurer-General of the *Parti Social Démocrate*, PSD

**Gaspard RWAKANA:**

The *Préfet* of Gitarama *préfecture*, Fidèle UWIZEYE, has sent to all the *Bourgmestres*, the instructions to be followed while manning roadblocks, in an effort to check enemy movements, intercept stolen vehicles and arrest deserting soldiers. *Préfet* Fidèle UWIZEYE has instructed the *Bourgmestres* that roadblocks be manned by brave people. There must be someone in charge of each roadblock; and it is forbidden for people to rest at the roadblocks or wait for lifts from there. Furthermore, those who do not work at the roadblocks are not allowed to move about around those points. In the same instructions, advice has been given on how checking should be done, either for pedestrians or passengers in vehicles. Pedestrians fleeing combat areas must be stopped at some distance from the roadblocks. They must advance in small groups to facilitate the checking. As for other passers-by, each individual must present his identity card together with a *laissez-passer*, for those who are not in their home *communes*, except for those fleeing from the war zones. For those travelling by vehicle, the owner of the vehicle must have his identity card, together with the vehicle logbook in his names. If the logbook does not bear the names of the owner, he/she must explain

why. Private vehicles must have been issued with a laissez-passer, indicating the names of the people on board.

These instructions to the people manning roadblocks also state that soldiers and *gendarmes* who are travelling must carry their duty cards issued by their camp commander. Any soldier without those documents shall be considered a deserter and as such, he must be arrested, taken to the communal authorities and disarmed. The same instructions from *Préfet* Fidèle UWIZEYE also remind those in charge of roadblocks that government and military vehicles must also have a laissez-passer indicating the names of the people on board and another document certifying that such vehicles are on duty.

The *Préfet* of Gitarama *préfecture* reminds the people that checking is not only done at the roadblocks: even unknown people using village paths must be checked. The *responsables de cellules* are therefore asked to take the necessary steps to ensure security in their *cellules*. Still within the framework of abiding by these orders aimed at repelling the enemy, the people living in the *communes* bordering the Akanyaru river, namely Ntongwe, Mugina and Runda *communes*, are urged to keep a particularly sharp eye. *Préfet* Fidèle UWIZEYE therefore calls upon each Rwandan to continue fighting until the enemy is defeated once and for all. Gaspard RWAKANA, Gitarama.

**Journalist:**

...they are dropping shells all over the country, especially in Kigali town, killing innocent people, and now they are attacking patients in hospitals. As we reported in yesterday's news and even today, the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi* unleashed bombs on Kigali Central Hospital, killing more than thirty people and causing massive damage.

Today, the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Dr. André RWAMAKUBA and the Minister of Social Affairs, Mr. Jean de Dieu

HABINEZA, visited the hospital to witness these shameful acts. In a short while, we shall bring you the interview our two colleagues Vénuste BASINGIZE and Martin MUKWIYE had with the two Ministers. They had an interview with the Ministers to hear their view about this hospital and the shells that left innocent patients dead. Let us first listen to how the incidents unfolded, as narrated by one of the hospital administrators:

**Jean Damascène MUNYAMASOKO:**

I am Jean Damascène MUNYAMASOKO, the Administrator of Kigali Central Hospital. What happened yesterday is really terrible. Around 4 p.m., the hospital was hit by a volley of shells, killing many people and causing massive destruction. The first shell landed on the office of the Hospital director and the entire office was completely shattered. In the vicinity, there were some patients and people who had come for medicine at the pharmacy. Many of them were injured and others were killed in such a way that it was very difficult to identify the bodies: their bodies were mutilated and scattered all over the place. We had to gather different bits of bodies in an effort to reconstitute and evacuate them.

The second shell landed near the paediatrics ward, killing a mother and her child. The window panes of the maternity ward were all shattered and some women who were in there were injured. Fortunately, nobody there was killed. Another shell landed between the internal medicine building and the ENT department. There too, the equipment was damaged. Another shell landed on the room (laboratory) used for preparing serums, and three of our employees there were killed. In all, seven shells landed on the hospital, without counting those that landed in the vicinity of the hospital. I am sure you saw for yourselves the human and material damage caused. We counted some thirty victims and the majority of them were patients, who were able to walk and had come to have their wounds dressed. The other victims had accompanied the patients or had brought them food. All those who were unlucky enough to be hit by the bombs are dead. So, when we are told that the RPF is fighting to restore democracy in Rwanda, I think those who can

differentiate right from wrong can easily see that we are talking of a democracy that comes to destroy the hospitals, kill patients and their attendants, as well as the doctors! That is the type of democracy the RPF is fighting for. I therefore think that any sane individual should doubt the intentions of those who come chanting that they are bringing democracy, but at gunpoint, subjecting the people to an atrocious deaths wherever they pass, disemboweling them, crucifying them; in a nutshell, torturing them to death. In short, that is all I had to say. Let me add that this was not the first time the RPF shelled Kigali Central Hospital. On the first occasion, they fired a shell on the X-Ray building, causing serious damage to several items, including doors, which were badly damaged. We have not yet done the estimates for the repairs, but I guess it will be quite costly. On the second occasion, the bomb landed near the morgue, injuring people and damaging buildings but, fortunately, nobody was killed. Yesterday, Sunday, it was the worst. One therefore wonders whether the RPF really wants to live with the others, or they want to kill the people they find in the country and live alone. Keep your eyes and ears open.

**Martin MUKWIYE:**

We actually noticed that there was a lot of damage, buildings were destroyed, etc.. Your equipment was damaged, how do you envisage continuing to treat the survivors?

**Jean Damascène MUNYAMASOKO:**

We are committed to continue safeguarding the life of the majority. Though we have been shelled the whole day, we have not been discouraged, and we cannot in any way, think of packing up and abandoning the patients. We tried to reassemble the equipment that was not damaged. You noticed for example that in the pharmacy, a lot of drugs were spoiled, but we tried to sort out those which remained intact, so that we can at least be able to dress the patients' wounds. As you noticed, the buildings as well as equipment were damaged. We are trying to assemble those which are intact or those which are repairable, and putting aside

those which are beyond repair. The staff believe that saving lives is a contribution to the efforts of the Rwandan Armed Forces in fighting the enemy.

### Side B

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...insecurity. There are some who were killed by the RPF, some others have become disabled after being hit by RPF bombs, but those who are still able to walk, in spite of their weak condition, still come to lend us a hand in saving lives of the patients here at Kigali hospital.

#### Vénuste BASINGIZE

Thank you. Thank you. You have just explained to us the situation prevailing here at Kigali hospital. This hospital welcomed two visitors, who are members of the "Abatabazi" government, ministers who visited this hospital. Honourable Minister, can you introduce yourself to our radio listeners, and then tell us what you think about these barbaric acts against Kigali hospital, after you were shown the damage done?

#### Jean de Dieu HABINEZA

Yes, thank you. My name is Jean de Dieu HABINEZA; the Minister of Social Affairs. Em, ...immediately I heard of the sad news that the CHK had been hit by several bombs, causing a lot of deaths, that was around 11.30 a.m., I was told, from where I was, that some fifty people had been killed. I decided to go to the CHK to witness these horrid acts. In Gitarama, where I was, we had hosted a UNAMIR team and we judged it absolutely necessary that the UNAMIR people come and see for themselves what had happened, for the...

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...Rwandan government had always been accused of perpetrating killings, perpetrating atrocities and nobody had ever denounced the atrocities committed by the RPF. We therefore requested the officer in charge of the UNAMIR team to do everything possible to allow his team go and see what happened and if possible, interview people on the spot, because we just cannot keep quiet over such a thing. Hence, the UNAMIR team accompanied us to see what happened here. We have been able to see all those places the Hospital Administrator has just mentioned. What we saw is terrible. Buildings have been destroyed, equipment damaged, drugs completely spoiled and people killed; the bombs are very powerful. The bodies are beyond recognition: they are just bits and pieces flesh lying here and there. There is blood all over the place. It is really pathetic situation. I think the Hospital Administrator said enough about the RPF spitefulness; I will not add anything. If those people who claim they want to govern this country want to govern an uninhabited country, they are mistaken. What actually happened in Rwanda should be an eye-opener for the Rwandans and the international community. I appeal to you to do everything possible to inform the international community of the atrocities committed here, for the RPF people have all along been considered to be saints, as people who do not work (sic), who do not kill, who respect human rights. I therefore want to request you the French or English language newsmen to prepare a report on these atrocities so as to inform the entire international community about it this very day.

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**Vénuste BASINGIZE:**

Honourable Minister of Social Affairs, you have just seen how the *Inyenzi* shot at innocent patients, which is deplorable. What urgent action do you intend to undertake in order to assist the Kigali hospital so that it can continue treating the injured or other patients whose numbers keep going up?

**Jean de Dieu HABINEZA**

Yes, it is true I am in charge of the people's wellbeing. As you are aware, some regions had suffered serious famine before the fighting resumed. In the southern part of the country, and I will point out Butare, Gitarama and Gikongoro *préfectures*, without forgetting the others, and we had up to 3,000 war-displaced people there. Since the RPF resumed fighting, the famine problem was aggravated by the problem of the war-displaced people, who are currently numbering 2,500,000. With the residents of Bugesera also on the move now, I was told this morning that number of war-displaced people has now risen to three million. You can therefore see that the country is in trouble. Let me tell you that out of the two and a half million people fleeing, about one million have not had food for a month. We were forced to resort to foreign aid but...

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...since the RPF has maintained its smear campaign against us, branding us killers and accusing us of not respecting human rights, aid has not been forthcoming. However, following the various missions carried out by the members of the government during which they explain what is happening – I personally have been to Bujumbura and I met donors who later came to Rwanda – assistance has started flowing in. The only problem is that the numbers are huge: three million people! It is not very easy to find them foodstuffs. That means therefore that we are obliged to seek assistance here and there. In short, we are trying all possibilities and we are soliciting the support of all donors. As for this hospital which has been completely destroyed, the hospital as a matter of fact was contributing to the wellbeing of the people – I am not going to promise heaven and earth, but I can tell you that I will talk to our donors and ask them to include CHK on the possible assistance programme. It is good to have food, but people should also have a place to go for treatment. It is useless for the people to eat if they did not have facilities for treatment when they fall sick. So, let me assure you that I will mention the rehabilitation of the CHK among the requirements we shall present to our donors.

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**Journalist:**

Honourable Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, you have just visited the place bombed by the enemy, the RPF-*Inkotanyi*, you personally witnessed the human and material damage at the hospital, what are your comments on what you have just seen?

**Jean de Dieu HABINEZA:**

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...be difficult to achieve, but also, who will be involved in this reconstruction because there will be no more people left? It is high time therefore, that the international community exerted pressure on the RPF and its supporters.

**Journalist:**

Hon. Minister, would you please introduce yourself and add something to what the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs has just said?

**Dr. André RWAMAKUBA:**

My name is André RWAMAKUBA. I am the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education. In the absence of the Minister of Health who is on mission abroad and personally as a doctor, I am closely following up matters relating to people's health in the country, with the assistance of a team of workers within the Ministry of Health. Yes, with regard to the despicable acts of the *Inyenzi*, of the RPF-*Inkotanyi*, the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs told you that we informed the international community about it, though they seem to have kept a deaf ear. We

shall however insist on informing them for, as we have already said, the government is based in Kigali; I have personally been in Kigali for some days now. The last time I was here, the RPF committed atrocities by attacking our television station. The attacks were aimed at killing civilians, who include journalists. I am even wondering why the journalists have not yet sent a complaint to the international tribunal to make the RPF stop...

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...violating the law with impunity, as if the country was given to them to govern it the way they please, subjecting us to such dictatorship! We cannot stand this. That is why I want to insist that our journalists make reports, ...write reports and send them to various destinations in an effort to let them know of the deplorable acts the RPF is committing against our country, especially since this is not the first time they do so.

When I visited the hospital to see what had happened, I noticed that last week, the television station had also been attacked. Now, this week, the rebels again bombed patients, children and pregnant women! The hospital was littered with corpses, but we shall not lose heart. I noticed that the doctors are determined to treat and assist the sick, which is very commendable and I wish to thank the doctors at CHK for their particularly kind hearts, in spite of the fact that the RPF wants to discourage us so that it gets a weak point. However, let the RPF know that the more they kill people, the more they encourage us to fight. Let them know that Rwanda belongs to all of us. Let them put down their weapons and come peacefully. What we want is peace.

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We are against the RPF's style of democracy, which consists of fighting dictatorship by imposing another military dictatorship. My advice to them would be that they stop fighting, so that those who still have the heart to pardon them do not give up. Let those RPF extremists stop fighting. If they bank on KAGAME, whom they call a great warrior, ...personally, I am a civilian. We are civilians in

our government and we support the Rwandan Armed Forces defending our borders. We would have been pleased if KAGAME helped us secure our border with Uganda. If it is a question of soldiers who deserted his army to come and shoot us, we should offer each other mutual assistance in maintaining the security of our country instead of shooting people under the pretext that he is bringing us democracy, in collaboration with MUSEVENI. If their intention is to impose themselves in power after killing countless numbers of Rwandans like they did for MUSEVENI, they had better know their rule shall not be accepted. The best thing would be for us to sit down together and we accept to forgive them. They should also pity the population they are now killing with those rockets. Let them pity the peace-loving population, the peace we enjoyed in the past, but which they are...

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...now depriving us of. That is the peace we want. Let them stop fighting if they want mutual forgiveness. Let them stop there and listen to the advice given to us by the international community. Let the UN resolution calling for elections be implemented. That is what is meant by democracy. The RPF attacked the country right from 1990 and up to now continues to shoot Rwandan citizens who are only fighting in self defence ... Let them come to their senses and we sit around the negotiating table and reach compromise, for Rwanda belongs to all of us. We must share the fruits of our efforts and if they have something good to bring to us, let them do so. But let them not come with bullets to kill us. That way, we shall be building Rwanda and not destroying it. If they want to destroy the country, thinking that you build a nation by destroying it, then they should know that Rwanda belongs to us as well. That is why we are clinging on to it. On our part, we do not see the need to continue fighting. However, if they want to continue fighting, we shall defend ourselves. But we want peace. Our primary objective is peace; we are not interested in fighting. It took us thirty years to build Rwanda. If they want to destroy our thirty years of achievements, then that is not the type of people we want. They should not come shooting us.

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What we want are people who are prepared to live with those they will find in the country and to share with them the modest achievements they find here, rather than destroying them. Therefore, the RPF people who are bent on causing destruction should refrain from doing so. Let them, together with their protector, MUSEVENI, stop causing destruction. Let MUSEVENI, their protector, understand that the Rwandans cannot stand the what the RPF is doing with his support. They should let the Rwandans live in peace. If they want to assist them, let them help them in reaching a peaceful reconciliation, rather than adding oil to the fire and continuing to set the country ablaze. Burning is not synonymous with construction. There you are. I would like to stop there for the time being and to request the journalists to help us make the international community understand the nature of the problem. They should be made to understand that we want peace; that the intention of the *Abatabazi* government is not to destroy, but rather to build the country; that we want to reach a compromise with the RPF; that we want peace for the entire Hutu, Tutsi and Twa population; that we do not want any single ethnic group to mete out revenge on another.

**Journalist:**

Excuse me, Hon. Minister, I had another small question: we know that some countries namely Uganda, Belgium and some others, are officially supporting the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi*. Furthermore, the *Inyenzi* today issued a statement in which they declared that they will never support the idea of sending any UN peace-keeping forces to Rwanda. As you are a regular traveller and an ambassador of the people, we would like to ask you whether some other countries which we would refer to as friends of Rwanda are prepared to help us in one way or another in confronting those countries supporting the *Inyenzi*?

**Dr. André RWAMAKUBA:**

Let me tell you that Rwanda belongs to us, it is ours, the Rwandans. If we admit that fact, then we are the ones who must defend it by asking for assistance from friends. That is why we should first come together, ...gather our forces instead of scattering them, so that we can counter the attack mounted by the RPF-*Inkotanyi* and Uganda. As a matter of fact, it is Uganda attacking us. The RPF is not

stronger than our Rwandan Armed Forces. Instead of supporting them, Uganda should encourage them to go for negotiations. That would be better than continuing to fight. You saw yourselves that when we were attacked, some friends rendered us assistance. There were also some others...

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...who fled the war and withdrew. I cannot enumerate all those countries now. But I must tell you that some countries want peace. There are some countries which want peace. They want peace and so do we. As to whether there are any countries assisting us, I do not think we lack friends who can assist us. No. However, what is important is to go for peace talks. Nevertheless, we must be committed while defending ourselves. Rwandans must know that they are responsible for their own lives. I must stress this point. We must insist on the defence of our territorial integrity. We shall use the meagre resources at our disposal. We shall assemble the modern and traditional weapons at our disposal. As a matter of fact, we must not run away when the enemy says: "I will exterminate them at any cost". We must stand firm and not move. We must all review our plans and pool together our energies. As for me, well... those we are calling for assistance will come later when we have already mobilised ourselves. That is what I wanted to add. However, we do not lack friends who can lend us a hand.

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We must not delay, because we want peace. Those people are supported by Uganda, but Uganda is just misleading them because they are destroying their own country. We thought they would use bullets and not bombs. We expected them to be... all the political parties agreed and we already know how many they are. I therefore think that it is Uganda which is giving wrong advice to the RPF to destroy their own country. As far as we are concerned, we do not want destruction; we want it to end.

**Journalist:**

You have just seen the damage caused to Kigali Central Hospital by the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi*. What are your comments on what you saw, Hon. Minister?

**Dr. André RWAMAKUBA:**

As a Doctor, I was shocked to see a hospital bombed! What our aggressors are doing is deplorable. The RPF are claiming to be bringing us democracy, and yet they are massacring people in hospitals! Here, we have some thirty mutilated bodies, pieces of human bodies strewn here and there! It is a horrible sight.

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And the destruction of buildings which we acquired through the efforts of the population and the Belgian cooperation, ... This really shows the RPF's bellicose and monstrous intentions of decimating the population they will find in this country. I believe the international community should rise up and take action, ...should take action, because it is ... it advocates for peace, it banks on the re-establishment of peace in order to reconstruct our country. It was along these lines that we extended a hand of friendship to our opponents. Since the current government took office, it has extended a hand of friendship to the enemy, but who is simply killing people. And the government has continued to issue peace messages, because we believe, we always believe in peace and we call upon the international community and those who support the RPF to stop being its accomplices in the massacres. At this juncture, I would like to point an accusing finger at Uganda and its President, Museveni, who supplies the RPF with what they use in committing the massacres. All we want of him is to assist the RPF see sense, so that it can believe in peace. And also, if they want real reconciliation, it is high time they stopped, ...stopped killing people, stopped the massacres...

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As for the government, the government has always... has always set itself the objective of bringing peace to the entire country, to put an end to the chaos that followed the assassination of the Head of State. And I believe that peace is returning to those areas controlled by the government; and we call upon all peace-loving people to do likewise, ...to ask the RPF to stop the massacres and to sit around the negotiating table with a view to ...solving our problems. So, if it is a

question of political problems, ...political problems are never solved through the use of arms. We believe in peace, in order to have reconciliation and to rebuild our country. We do not believe in... Therefore, if the Rwandans want to be victorious, if the government and the RPF want to be victorious, they must accept a cease-fire and sit down [and negotiate], and let the population go back to their homes. The war-displaced people must return to their homes, the RPF should stop the hostilities and think peace and go right to the negotiations, so that we can rebuild our country.

**Journalist:**

Sir, the Kigali Hospital Administrator, I believe you have something to add, with regard to the bombing of the hospital.

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**The Hospital Administrator:**

What I can say in addition to what I said in the national language is that among those who came to witness the human and material damage resulting from the RPF bombing were the UNAMIR people, led by General Dallaire. What I would like to know from him is that last time he was asked whether he accepted that the RPF was involved in killings, but he did not make any comment. He...left the journalists in ambiguity. Now that he has seen the deaths caused by the RPF bombing, for he saw the bits and pieces of human bodies scattered all over the place... I told him that about a hundred people had been killed and others had been injured and are admitted here in Kigali... who came for whatever assistance... Now that he saw with his own eyes, I would like him to reply to the question put to him last time, that is to say, whether he accepts that the RPF is killing people. There have been persistent reports to the effect that the RPF is killing the elderly, children, mothers, ...they are cutting everyone's throat...

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...they are not sparing anybody, except for one ethnic group! Therefore, the people who saw what happened today should say the truth, declare what they saw,

so that the international community is fully informed, because to-date, people believe that it is the *Interahamwe*, or some members of the Rwandan armed forces who kill people. I personally believe that the members of the RPF, ... The members of the Rwandan Armed Forces do kill those who are fighting and not the innocent people, while the RPF kill innocent people all along their way. Look, a hospital which accommodates patients without distinction of ethnic group, gender, race, or anything, being bombed all over! There is human and material damage. Therefore, the people who saw what happened, namely the UNAMIR, must say exactly what they saw...