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SIDE A

Radio Rwanda journalist (0.0)
.....roadblocks all around the city.

Radio Rwanda journalist (0.1)
Could you tell me your name?

Emmanuel Ntorano (0.2)
Yes, my name is Emmanuel Ntorano, I am the “*Nyumbakumi*” (neighbourhood leader in charge of a group of ten households), for Cyahafi very near the roadblock here at the bridge. We are manning the roadblock. Some of the local people fled, but we—I and the members of the group of ten households I am in charge of—are holding out.
Perhaps only three or four families left, because they had many underage children; they were afraid of not being able to flee with the children if the situation became critical. But other than that, the rest, including men and young people, are all with me; we are doing just fine; we have no problem whatsoever.

Radio Rwanda journalist
Er...How are you doing here at this roadblock in Cyahafi? Do you think you are ready to respond should the *Inkotanyi* come here?

Emmanuel Ntorano
Woe betide any *Inkotanyi* coming to our roadblock; they would meet the same fate as other *Inkotanyi* all across the country. However, I should tell you that we discovered about five small-time *Inkotanyi* among the refugees at the *Sainte Famille* church. Needless to say, we treated the same way their fellow *Inkotanyi*, and carried on with our task of maintaining security.

Radio Rwanda journalist
Hum mmm! And how did you go about identifying these *Inkotanyi*? Could it not be individuals who had simply lost their identification papers but not necessarily *Inkotanyi*, ordinary citizens who were fleeing like many others?

Emmanuel Ntorano (1.4)
We started out by asking them all kinds of questions in order to find out everything about them. The thing that gave him [sic] away, something he was unable to explain was that the fact that he had dollars on him. We asked him how he obtained the dollars, but he was unable to explain. We asked him if he was a money changer, but he answered that he was not. In fact, he said that he did not know any money changers. He said that the money had been sent to him by his people; so we concluded that the people he was referring to were the *Inkotanyi*. We also had searched him and noticed that the marks he had on him showed that he had carried weapons, traces of the gun he had carried. As he was unable to explain his case, so we immediately dealt with him.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(2.1)

You see, in the city, we hear explosions and so on. Now, as you have decided to remain in the city, how do you protect yourself against these shells? How do you protect yourselves, considering that you have not dug trenches as instructed? Don't you think a shell would kill you if it landed here?

Emmanuel Ntorano

(2.3)

As regards trenches, the truth is that the area we are in is sort of out of the way; when we hear a blast, we hide behind this earth bank - - we hide behind this earth bank; that way when the shelling begins, we move closer to the earth bank, out of harm's way.

Thus far, no one here has been hit by a shell, with the exception of a neighbour's child. In fact, the child was not killed here; he was over there at a neighbour's house, he was walking with other children; what's more, it happened at the very beginning of the attack; by then, we did not know how to handle that.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(2.9)

I see! You have remained in the city; you are still holding out. What would you say to those people who have fled the city before or those who are fleeing at this time?

Emmanuel Ntorano

(3.1)

Seeing people flee the city continues to amaze us; it makes us laugh, to put it simply. We seize this opportunity to urge those who are manning the roadblock at the Nyabarongo [River] to consider which measures to take against the people who have fled; especially the men and young people, should they decide to return once security is restored. No one can claim that they are fleeing death, as it is omnipresent. Moreover, if we had all fled, the *Inkotanyi* would already be at the Nyabarongo. When would we stop fleeing?

Radio Rwanda journalist

(3.7)

You should urge them to return, in view of the current situation, so that you can join together to fight the enemy, as it has failed to capture the city?

Emmanuel Ntorano

(3.8)

Some of those who have fled—if they really consider themselves to be real men, level-headed men—ought to realise that nothing has changed since they left, that we are still where they left us, and that should they decide to return, they will find us here. They should return quickly and lend us a hand. However, if they decide not to return, we shall have no alternative but to do what we have to do.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Does anyone have anything to add? Yes, come over here. What's your name?

Jean Baptise Ntagwabira

My name is Jean Baptise [sic] Ntagwabira[.]

Radio Rwanda journalist

Where are you from?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

I hail from here, in Cyahafi, Kanyanza *cellule*[.]

Radio Rwanda journalist

Hum mmm!

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

As you can see, I work here; we are toe to toe with the enemy, and we shall defeat it at whatever cost[.]

Radio Rwanda journalist

How will you go about defeating it?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

(4.4)

We shall defeat it, because we are united. We shall not flee; we shall defeat it by not fleeing. Whenever the enemy launches shells, we will take cover in our trenches or behind houses. It cannot exterminate us all.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(4.5)

Have you already dug trenches here?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

(4.6)

I have not dug trenches, but my neighbours have. I will join those who are here with me here at the roadblock.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(4.7)

And what do you do at night? *Ah! I see* obviously, you are out of harm's way at the roadblock, but at night, the *Inyenzi* can hide and reach the roadblocks. How do you handle that?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

(4.8)

We check the identification papers of anyone passing here at night. We detain all those without identification papers and take them to the competent authorities or to the local station, because we have our own station; we do not arrest people arbitrarily.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(5.0)

You do have a station?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

I beg your pardon.

Radio Rwanda journalist

What kind of station is it?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

(5.1)

We set up a station, because some people have a very high temper. For example, if we happen to arrest someone while waiting to call in the army, we hold the person at the station in the intervening period. If not, high-tempered people may grab a hold of the person. So the idea is to keep the person temporarily at the station, and not

Radio Rwanda journalist

(5.3)

In other words, this is a place where you put suspects in order to protect them from attack by impulsive individuals.

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

Yes.

Radio Rwanda journalist

...yes....yes, that's what I mean. Do you have guns at your roadblock?

Jean Baptiste Ntagwabira

(5.4)

Yes, we do have guns.

I beg your pardon.

Yes.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(5.4)

What's your name?

- My name is Alfred Uwizeye[.]
- Where are you? How are you doing at the roadblock? Which roadblock is it? Wait! Wait! Which roadblock is it? How are you doing?

Alfred Uwizeye

(5.6)

Here, we are doing very well. As you can see, our guns, for example.... They are very efficient! Only recently, we managed to eliminate 15 *Inyenzi* right here. They were trying to cross our positions at the roadblock here, at Sera's house, in Kimisagara. In short, as you can see, we are doing very well, we have no problem. Whenever shells land, we take cover in our trenches; in short, we immediately take cover.

Unidentified

Hum mmm!

Alfred Uwizeye

You see? What I am trying to say is that we have no problem here except for the *Inyenzi* trying to cross our positions. If they want, they can come via another route and gather here; we shall kill them all.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(6.0)

Do you think these *Inyenzi* can defeat us?

Uwizeye

Not a fat chance! In my view, they cannot! It's impossible! Because, judging from situation the way it stands, I think they have already been defeated; the ones among them who have survived should surrender, otherwise we shall crush them all. Hum mmm! That's the way I see it...

Radio Rwanda journalist

What about shells? Have you taken any measures to protect yourselves against shells?

Uwizeye

(6.3)

Eh!! This is a very serious matter! As you can see, here..., this is our camouflage, for example. This is where we take cover when the shells explode. If a shell were to land here, for example, we would immediately go inside...and after the explosion, we would come out and continue our journey. Yesterday, for instance, it landed over there, it may have killed two rats; it landed on the *periphery* and only broke one stone, nothing else.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(6.5)

And some people flee the city, er! What message do you have for them, especially the young?

Uwizeye

(6.6)

My message to those people is that they should try and return to the city, because, the way I see it, there is no problem, none; personally, I don't see why they fled. I don't know what makes them flee, because the city is safe; for example, here in Kimisagara, we have no problem whatsoever; no one has fled their houses, except two ladies I saw leaving yesterday, otherwise everyone else is still in his house....in other words, there is no problem.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(7.0)

I can see that you are healthy young men; in Gatsata and Gisozi, there are reports of small-time *Inkotanyi*; there are no more than 15 of them. Why haven't you captured them yet?

Uwizeye

Oh! You mean those? If they are the ones you mean, we are in the process of devising a strategy. Soon, we, the *Interahamwe*, will launch an attack and capture those small-time *Inkotanyi*. They think they are invincible, but we shall see who is stronger!

Radio Rwanda journalist

(7.3)

Does anyone have anything to add? *[Interruption]* Your name is? ...

Gustave Habiyakare alias Ninja

(7.4)

Er... Thank you! My name is Gustave Habiyakare alias Ninja

Now, the roadblock we man, yes, is called the "*amahoro*" roadblock. Our strategy is toyou see these small-time *Inkotanyi* in Gatsata....in Jari, we are setting them aside for elimination after "picking up" the fools over there in Kacyiru; we think there are many of them, this is why we are setting them aside for dessert; we shall swallow them whole;

Radio Rwanda journalist

(7.9)

What about the people passing through the roadblock? People say: "The people manning the roadblocks harass us." A person can flee Kanombe without identification papers. Do you endeavour not to harass them, treat them with tolerance, check whether they are *Inkotanyi* or not?

Gustave Habiyakare

(8.2)

In fact, as you might expect, this is a secret which must not be revealed on the radio, but you know an *Inkotanyi* when you see one; the *Inkotanyi* are skinny due to hunger; whenever we see someone without identification papers among the refugees, we ask the older people in the group if they know him. If they say that they do,...at other times, we use another method to find out whether the person in question is an *Inkotanyi* or not; we focus on whether the person has done military service or not; if we realize that the person knows nothing about the matter, we allow them to proceed.

On the other hand, there is something we do not quite understand as to why people flee; personally, I do not understand why people flee; food is cheap, alcohol is available, we have the momentum, the young people are there; I urge those who have fled the city to return, or to write saying that they will not return. That way we will know that their houses are available for allocation to people living in rented houses, etc, so as to prevent the small-time *Inkotanyi* from infiltrating them, as we would have to deal with flushing them out. As you can see, here we have young people, old people, women, there are all kinds of people here, who are determined and ready to assist us.

I urge those wishing to buy at low prices to come to our area, they will be able to find food products, alcohol, everything... Kimisagara is a peaceful. No one will leave the area, as the *Inkotanyi* are afraid to venture there.

Yes! We urge the authorities in particular - - Recently, the head of government visited the combat zone, Kigali sector, but that's not enough. Among all the political authorities, it is Donat Murego that we see most often in the area, and he just happens to be passing through. We urge all the others not to work in Gitarama only. We are told that the government intends to work closely with the people; we thus urge the government members to come to us; we are here waiting for them; we are in the city. Unless they have discovered another Kigali elsewhere! As for us, we know of only one Kigali in the country; they should thus return and work from here. They should not be afraid of bombs; the President of the Republic will have close protection, so will the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet; they should thus return to Kigali; the bombs will not last long; as a matter of fact, the *Inkotanyi* do not have any more than four of them left. I thus see no reason for the government to flee; they should return closer to us; they should come and feed us, give us rice and other food items. If not, how will they know the problems facing us if they are far-away from us?

Yes! They should return and dig trenches too; they should dig trenches and work from there. The government should return and work from trenches, like us, that way, we shall engage in merciless combat; that way, we shall fight the decisive battle against the damned *Inkotanyi*.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(10.6)

I also see a lady here, I don't know whether she is guarding this roadblock. I can see that her eyes are red; she must be among the people fighting the *Inyenzi*; she must have engaged in combat, and has never left the city. What's your name?

Halima Mukashyaka

- My name is Halima Mukashyaka
- How are you faring at this roadblock?

Halima Mukashyaka

(10.8)

I am doing very well; I am the one who feeds the people manning the roadblock. I am the one providing them with a source of energy.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(10.9)

What would you do if an *Inyenzi* showed up?

Halima Mukashyaka

(11.0)

If they showed up, I too would....

Radio Rwanda journalist

Would pick up a stone?

Halima Mukashyaka

I would take a spatula.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Would you take a spatula and strike them with it?

Halima Mukashyaka

Yes.

[Laughter] Radio Rwanda journalist

(11.2)

Here at Kimisagara, we passed soldiers who were returning from the battlefield in Shyorongi. They told us that they too are in doing just fine. I can see that some are carrying "streams" [?] grenades, I can see....so, they have everything they need, arms and ammunitions have arrived, everything is there. What's your name?

Anastase Harelimana

(11.4)

Er! My name is Anastase Harelimana, I belong to the 51st *Battalion*.! Currently, I am on duty at Shyorongi; this morning, we dealt with someone who was lying in ambush waiting for journalists. He wanted to kill them; but to put it briefly, we managed to engage and overpower him; let me put in this way: he paid with his life. The journalists will make a full report; we have asked them to inform you about it.

Radio Rwanda journalist.

(11.9)

What kind of individual was he? Was he *Inyenzi*?

Anastase Harelimana

This person claims to be *Interahamwe*. In reality, he is an accomplice, because, looking at his acts... he killed people, he killed a large number of people at Shyorongi.

Radio Rwanda journalist**(12.2)**

It is absolutely necessary to warn those killers, who attack people, who forget that the very people they kill, are the ones who are supposed to fight the *Inyenzi*. What's your name?

Private Emmanuel Gahunga**(12.3)**

I am Private Emmanuel Gahunga. Er! I have just returned from Shyorongi. Er! We were on duty there. Er! We were taken ill there, but we have recovered. Er! As recently as yesterday, contemptible *Inyenzi* came to the area, and we engaged them, they paid with their lives. At present, we are going to fight pathetic *Inyenzi* here in the city, and we will defeat them easily.

Radio Rwanda journalist**(12.6)**

You have no grenade nor other weapon, how do you defend yourself?

Unidentified

The fact of the matter that here, I am with young people, and we have guns. We only have two guns, but there are about 10 of us young people. We urge the government supply us with more weapons, in larger numbers, as you can see, we only have a few guns.

Radio Rwanda journalist**(12.9)**

There are reports of about fifteen pitiful *Inkotanyi*, on the other side at Gatsata and Gisozi; are you ready to go there immediately and capture them?

Unidentified

In fact, those pitiable *Inkotanyi* who are on the other side, in Jari, are very few in number; in fact, soon, we will attack and drive them out with the assistance of the elements from the Rwanda army.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Are you sure you can capture them?

Unidentified.

Of course.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Huh?

Unidentified

Yes, of course!

Radio Rwanda journalist

And you, you hail from Musasa; is that what you said?

Unidentified

Yes.

Radio Rwanda journalist

What's your name?

- Bonaventure Bazarama, originally from Gihande, Mabago *cellule*. I used to live in Gikondo, but when the goddam *Inyenzi* came, they shot at us on a regular basis; this is why we fled. We did not live far, we returned to our homes, but now and then, I return and walk around Kigali to see on the situation. I think our army is in good shape, and everything is it should be. I take this opportunity to say to the people of my area, Musasa, that everything is okay in Kigali. Whoever wants can come and see for themselves; they will realise that we are in good shape at this time; we have no problem; here the Rwanda army is doing just fine.

Unidentified

- And how about the people?

[Bonaventure Bazarama]

- They are all here. The people of the city are all here...is virtually the way it was before. I urge the people to return and join the others. Personally, I think there is no problem in Kigali, none.

[Unidentified]

Andy you, what's your name?

My name is Georges Habyarimana, I am Burundian. We have just undergone a two-month military training and am waiting to commit for military action. My problem is that every time we are called up for duty at Camp Kigali, we are told that the people at the front are not yet ready to be relieved. As the fighting is quite fierce, these troops should be told to withdraw so that we can take over from them, otherwise, they continue to lie to us. For example, only recently, we were sent to the regional stadium. When we arrived there, we noticed that the fighting was quite fierce. We then returned to Camp Kigali and were told that we were due to be called up for duty soon. We don't want to be held back in that manner; we want them to speed up the process, to enable us to wear army uniform and assist the Rwandan army.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Er! Here at Kimisagara, we have found soldiers who were obviously returning from Shyorongi. What's your name?

Private François Xavier Mpazayabo

(15.1)

Yes! I am Private Jean François Xavier Mpazayabo, I am from the 51st battalion. I have just returned from Shyorongi; I just arrived a few moments ago. I want to inform you that yesterday, the goddam *Inkotanyi* tried to launch a "suicide" attack thinking that they could block the road leading to Shyorongi. This is when, we, the soldiers, immediately intervened; we engaged the imbeciles, and defeated them soundly! A large number of pathetic little nobodies were killed and others were evacuated by their companions to their den at Jari, Gatsata, they headed in that direction as they fled.

I ask my parents, who had taken refuge at Muhura, to tell me how they doing; I also ask my uncle, Brother Joseph Rushigajiki, of the Marist Brothers, at Rwabuye, Butare, to tell me how he is doing. I ask my elder brother, Faustin Iyakaremye, of Electrogaz in Kigali to tell me about the situation, so I can go see him. That is the message I wanted to convey.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(16.3)

What's your name?

- Grégoire Uzaribara.
- What is the name of the roadblock you are guarding?
I am at the Kimisagara roadblock.
- What is it you want? How are you feeling? What is it you want?

Grégoire Uzaribara

(16.6)

I want the people who fled to return and join us in fighting the enemy. Yes! They should stop living in squalid conditions; for example, we see men who are worried, because their family members living in poverty in make-shift dwellings; they should come back, so that we may join forces. We must drive the enemy out. How are we expected to be here and fight for people living in Gitarama? They must come and fight with us.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Hum mmm!

Uzaribara

Yes!

Radio Rwanda journalist (sic)

The trenches are in place. They must come and live trenches and caves; that way we will join forces and fight the *Inkotanyi*.

Uzaribara

- As for us, we have no problem; we have already dug trenches.
- Yes.
- And we are in good shape here at Kimisagara
- Does anyone have anything to add?

Unidentified

- No.

Unidentified

Speak louder, will you!

Radio Rwanda journalist

Tell us who you are.

Unidentified

Thank you. As far as I am concerned, the problem is lack of resources for those of us who man the roadblock; we use machetes and spears. So we need modern weapons. As regards patrols, we are doing just fine, as always; we are killing them day in day out, we are capturing them and forcing them to put their hands in the air, by threatening them with our machetes.

However, we are concerned about the fact that most of them say to us: "We refuse to fight without guns and grenades, while others have some"; "You don't expect me to use a machete against a person who is armed with a gun."

For example, over there, our people being killed with bullets; if those people didn't have guns, they would not be able to shoot at them.

That is my concern; you must provide us with what we need to fight those people.

Radio Rwanda journalist**(18.0)**

Also, we must not forget the problem of hunger. Those who man roadblocks also need to eat. Can anyone tell us how to deal with this problem so that the young men guarding the roadblock have food?

Unidentified**(18.2)**

As regards this issue, as you just mentioned, if they returned to fight....

- Who? Who?
- The people who fled. They are the ones who are responsible for the lack of food we are facing, because when they flee, the enemy grabs the property [Incomprehensible segment]. Once the road is clear, they must return and join us; that will mean an end to the food shortage. Yes.
- What's your name?
- My name is Ahimana
- Are you also guarding this roadblock?
- Yes.
- Hum mmm! So if an *Inkotanyi* were to show up here, how would do you deal with him?
- I would throw stones at him.
- Throw stones?
- Yes.
- Do you know how to take cover, how to take shelter in trenches?
- Yes, I do.
- How do you go about it?
- I go into a trench and hide.
- When do you do that?
- Around midnight.
- In what circumstances?
- What?
- In what circumstances do you go into trenches?
- When Katusha [rockets] are launched, I go into a trench and hide.

- You go into a trench! So you have no problem fighting the war, when the bombs explode, you take cover in the trenches, and after the blast, you come out, look around and remain at the roadblock.
- Yes.
- Hum mmm! Another kid? What's your name?
- Hashim Gatera
- Speak louder!
- Hashim Gatera
- Speak louder!
- Hashim Gatera [*Laughter*]
- Which roadblock do you guard?
- The one at Kimisagara.
- Kimisagara!
- Tell me something, do you too know what to do if an *Inkotanyi* were to show up here?
- Yes[.]
- What would you do?
- If I saw one, I would call the people who are older than us to fight him.
- And how about you, what would you do, since you don't have a stick, tree branch or stone...
- A stone[.]
- You do have a stone? Yes. And can you throw it?
- Yes[.]
- Yes, without a slingshot?
- With or without a slingshot, I can throw it.
- So you do know?
- Yes[.]
- Ok, and you, what's your name?

Alphonse Tabaro**(19.8)**

- My name is Alphonse Tabaro. My problem is that I lost my ID while undergoing military training; I have tried everything to obtain another one, but in vain. The thing is that most of us want to go and assist the army; we want to assist them to defeat the enemy which is attacking us. However, we do realise that we lack the means to do so, being at roadblocks and, moreover, without the right weapons; all we have are machetes and stones. We think this is a major problem; we are bringing this problem to your attention so you may find a proper solution; tell us what to do to obtain the identification papers that would enable us to join the army and assist it in the combat.

Radio Rwanda journalist**(20.6)**

As for identification papers, have you contacted the local authorities, such as *conseillers* and others?

- Huh? We were asked to bring photos in order to be issued IDs.
- And why haven't you obtained the photos?
- Huh? Most of us do not have a job; we don't have the money to have our pictures taken; but we still think that it is possible to issue a document signed by the authorities; the photos can be added to the document at a later stage;

- Does anyone have anything to add?
- Me, I live --, my name is Joseph Ntuyekunkiko; I want to send my greetings to my parents, who live in Rutsiro *commune*, Kibuye *préfecture*. I want them to know that I am still at Kimisagara, we did not flee, and I want to take this opportunity to say to all those who fled Kigali, on the pretext that it had been captured, that Kigali is now safe. We have no problem whatsoever. That's all I have to say, greetings to my parents.

Radio Rwanda journalist

- Your name?
- Joseph Nshimiyimana, I live in Kimisagara. I want to say hello to my parents who live in Kibuye, Rwamatamu *commune*; I want them to know that I am alive; I ask them to continue praying for me; I will go visit them in due course.
- My name is Dusabemungu; my advice to the the *Inyenzi* is that they should cease [combat], because we are not prepared to negotiate with them. We will fight them until such a time as human rights are respected.

Radio Rwanda journalist

- Until you win victory you mean?

Dusabemungu

Until we win victory; until they realise that they no longer have a force here in Kigali; I also wish to urge members of the public who fled Kigali to return to their homes.

- Your name?

Dusingizimana Budunduri

(22.0)

- My name is Dusingizimana Budunduri.
- I want to inform my brothers in Gafunzo *commune*, Ruginga *secteur*, Bunyenga *cellule* that I lost my ID, that I am in Kimisagara and that I am toe to toe with the enemy; I lost my ID while undergoing military training. To that end, I ask Kubwimana Nzigiyimana to send me identification papers to enable me to try and join the Rwandan Armed Forces. Thank you.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(22.4)

I can see in front me a very energetic young girl; I can see that she is doing well here at the Kimisagara roadblock; she is wearing a *pagne* over a pair of shorts... What's your name?

Florence Uwiduhaye

(22.6)

My name is Florence Uwiduhaye. I live here in Kimisagara; I want to ask you to give us guns, so that we, the women, and young girls who are here can fight the enemy.

People say that we, the girls in Kimisagara, Cyahafi and Nyakabanda, that when they arrive, the *Inkotanyi* want ...I don't know.... So, I want to - - you can reach the higher authorities, I want you to tell them that we want to be given weapons in order to fight the enemy.

- Yes!

Radio Rwanda journalist

(23.1)

And you, what's your name?

Ephraim Kwitonda

Ephraim Kwitonda

(23.1)

On behalf of all my colleagues here, I want you to put this message across to the competent authorities; we want to be given weapons; we want to pick up all the goddam *Inyenzi*, who are driving us crazy; we want to drive them out of our country, and of this world.

Innocent Nsanzineza

(23.6)

As for me, I realise that the *Inyenzi* want to use negotiations as a trick to take over [the country] without warning. The authorities concerned must provide us with weapons so as to enable us to fight and defeat them at whatever cost. We do not have to negotiate with them, all we need it to defeat and throw them out of the country.

What's your name? (*Radio Rwanda journalist*).

Gabriel Safari

(24.1)

My name is Gabriel Safari. I am here at the second roadblock, counting from the Kimisagara bridge. Here in Cyahafi, there are several roadblocks without firearms, including the one I am speaking to you from. We only use machetes, clubs and stones; we do not have a single firearm. I urge the government to do all in its power to provide us with weapons so as to enable us to fight the *Inkotanyi* enemy, instead of rushing into negotiations with the *Inyenzi*; we, members of the public, are opposed to negotiations. Here, there are young men; we need the firearms. We do not want to negotiate with them; all we want is to fight each and every one of them. If need be, either they all die or we we all die. They can lead the country without us.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Some people fled Kigali, but you remained behind, what do you think about that?

Gabriel Safari

I should mention that I am speaking from here, in Cyahafi, where we are. I want them to know that they can return to Cyahafi, that there is no problem. They fled due to the Katusha rockets, but the situation has not changed. As I speak, a shell has just exploded close by, but there is nothing unusual. I urge them to return and take care of their homes, because their houses are falling apart.

We also address the same request to the government, which has now has its seat in Gitarama. We, members of the public, urge the government to return and work from here in Kigali in a spirit of transparency and listen to the people's needs. I think it is responsible for the fear among the people, because they feel abandoned here in Kigali. I don't see how the government working from of Gitarama can keep abreast of the problems facing the people in Kigali.

Moussa Butera

(26.0)

My name is Moussa Butera, I am at Cyahafi very near *KIM Talon*. We are at the roadblock and are toe to toe with the *Inyenzi*. We are waiting for an *Inyenzi* to venture here; we shall take him

by surprise and deal with him. I urge all those who are manning roadblocks to be extra vigilant, because the *Inyenzi* are very cunning. Some of them carry mats, bags and mingle among the people fleeing; in fact, don't think the latter are actually fleeing. No effort should be spared in searching their mats and bags for ammunition or dismantled guns. Those people must be extra vigilant. As for us here in Cyahafi, we are in a state of alert, no *Inyenzi*, no matter where they come from, can infiltrate the area, not even from Gatsata, where they are reported to be. We conduct patrols all the way up to Nyabugogo, at the laboratory, looking out for *Inyenzi*.

I thus urge the people in the rural areas, in particular my area, Nyabikenke, to step up the search for *Inyenzi*, because I gather that they want to go to Ndiza. Those people must comb the whole of Ndiza and make sure that no *Inyenzi* infiltrates the area. As for us, we are here at the roadblock. However, I have been unwell of late, I am now recovering, I am back at the roadblock, I am doing fine, I have no problem.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(27.2)

But some people say: "Some people are assaulted at roadblocks Kanombe, because a person coming from Kanombe without the required papers may get killed due to poor judgement on the part of the people manning the roadblock. What's the situation in Cyahafi?"

Moussa Butera

(27.4)

The only person likely to be harassed is the one who claims not to have the required papers, and when checked, after having removed their clothes, are discovered have hidden them in their clothes. These are the people who get into problems. If a person has clearly misplaced their papers, we turn them over to the authorities of the area to look into the case, and if they determine that the person has genuinely lost their papers, they issue them with a certificate attesting that they are fleeing Kanombe.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(28.0)

And how do you go about reassuring the people who fled to the rural areas to return and collaborate with the others here in the city?

Moussa Butera

(28.1)

Some of the people who fled to the rural areas did so out of fear. To those people, we say that in Cyahafi, Kimisagara, Nyakabanda, Kicukiro, Gikondo, Biryogo, that people from all these places are at the front; that they should return and join the others and take care of their homes.

Others fled, because they depended on money, but no longer earned any. I cannot blame them, because they fled owing to lack of food. However, I think that we can longer watch over the homes of persons who abandoned them in Kigali. They must return and help us to protect them and fight the enemy in case of attack. We can longer continue to fight for their sake, whereas they are waiting to return to Kigali once we win victory. If they return, we shall turn them away.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(28.9)

What's your name?

François Bizimungu

(28.9)

My name is François Bizimungu. I live in Cyahafi, Akanyanza *cellule*. Let me come back to the people from Kanombe, the ones who were reported to have been assaulted when they reached Cyahafi. I don't think it was assault as such. Assault only happens when you strike and kill a person when they fail to present the identification papers you ask for. As for us, we do operate that way. We turn such people over to the authorities to look into their cases, and that is what was asked of us at the meetings with our *conseillers de secteur*, who have training in other matters. They told us not to take it upon ourselves to mete out punishment. So no assault occurred. Whenever we find such people, we turn them over to the authorities, who determine whether to punish them, as they are the ones who know which punishment to mete out, or whether to release them, because the State of Rwanda has decided to work towards law and order. Therefore, you must not engage in wrongdoing; that would amount to sabotaging the State of Rwanda, particularly our government, the *Abatabazi* government. As for those who fled, I urge them to return to their homes, because I cannot protect my house and watch over six others for the neighbours. I cannot conduct night patrols, after spending the whole day at the roadblock. They must return. We are safe in Cyahafi, we have no problem. As a matter of fact, the *Inyenzi* are afraid of us. As you have heard, they themselves have said that we refused to flee. We shall not budge. In fact, our government can return to Kigali so that we can work together here in Kigali. The government moved elsewhere, and the public thought that they had to follow suit. If it returns, the members of the public will follow suit. This is what I had to say.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(30.5)

The person sitting at the roadblock asking for identification papers, can you tell me your name and describe the situation at the Cyahafi roadblock.

Brigitte Mukamana

(30.6)

My name is Brigitte Mukamana, I am a member of the Gakinjira *cellule* committee. I will begin by talking about those who fled their houses, whereas they had no reason to. Many members of the *cellule* committee fled. But, I, a woman, stayed put and I am dealing with the *Inyenzi* at this roadblock. I am also speaking about the women who abandoned their homes and fled.

SIDE B

Brigitte Mukamana

(0.5)

....we are toe to toe with the *Inyenzi* .

Radio Rwanda journalist

(0.5)

How do you deal with the *Inyenzi*? What would you if you heard people shouting that the *Inyenzi* were coming?

Brigitte Mukamana

(0.6)

I am with men, and we are dealing effectively with the *Inyenzi* ...we hide somewhere and repel them.

[Radio Rwanda journalist]

A lady in Kimisagara said: "I prepare meals for the young men manning the roadblock. But when an *Inyenzi* shows up, I take my spatula and when he is within striking distance, I knock him out." How about you, what do you use? A spatula, a stone?

[Brigitte Mukamana]

- I have grenades, a firearm, I have it all, I am ready for them.

[Radio Rwanda journalist]

- ...What's your name?

Félicien Munyezamu.

(0.8)

My name is Félicien Munyezamu, I am the *Interahamwe* president here in Cyahafi *secteur*. We are dealing with the *Inyenzi*. The day before yesterday, the *Inyenzi* came up along the Mpazi from SODEPARAR and Nyabugogo. *[Incomprehensible segment]* ... we lack the means to protect Mpazi. However, we have requested some, and we hope it will be provided *[Incomprehensible segment]*.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(1.6)

With regard to security, people from Kanombe and Gikondo pass through the roadblock here at Cyahafi. Are such people harassed if they do not have the required identification papers? How do you explain to those who man the roadblock that they cannot harass these people, considering that they too are members of the local population?

Félicien Munyezamu

(1.9)

It is true that we have seen very many such people, and this was, indeed, a problem. We assigned people to the roadblocks for the purpose of screening people. We allowed those who had the required papers to proceed. As for those who didn't, we proceeded with caution, and made sure that they hadn't lost them. We did not arrest anyone, except for two *Inyenzi*, who did not have a single document with "Rwanda" marked anywhere. They claimed that they had lost them, but the proof that they were *Inyenzi* was that each of them was wearing four pairs of trousers, three shirts and an overcoat, and it was clear that they had not washed up for quite some time. When asked

which *commune* or *secteur* they came from, they drew a blank, they muttered something to the effect that they had moved and were fleeing. We asked them what they were fleeing, what their problem was, what they had done. We did what we were required to do, because we had no choice!

The attitude of the authorities poses a big problem. I wonder how a person who leads more than seven million people ... maybe the *Inkotanyi* have now exterminated them. Whatever the case, as a leader, you cannot jump ship. The people flee first, and you, as the leader, are expected to be after everyone else. What kind of leadership is that? What made them flee?

Anastase Hakizimana

(3.2)

My name is Anastase Hakizimana.

- In which *secteur* is this roadblock situated?
- This is Chahafi *secteur*. I am here at the roadblock, and I am here all day long. My problem is that I do not have a gun. I need a firearm to deal with any guerilla fighter who dares approach me. I would enjoy crushing them *Inyenzi* dogs, because they are particularly arrogant. I would love to fight one of them.
- Anything else on your wish list?
- I want to thank the people working at this roadblock. They are really courageous. We conduct patrols day and night, we are always on alert and have no problem. This is what I had to say.

Jonas Iyeze (policeman)

(4.2)

Radio Rwanda journalist

Known as Polisi.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Yes!

Jonas Iyeze

I am here at the Cyahafi roadblock. We have everything under control. Our only concern is the Mpazi water main, from the Nyabugogo bridge up to Nyamirambo stadium. The pipe is guarded. As the president stated earlier, seven *Inyenzi* came up, we dealt with them, and whoever shows up will meet the same fate. In other words, we have everything under control.

- Some people in Cyahafi say that they need weapons. Do you have any? Have you used them against them [the *Inyenzi*]? How did you deal with them [the *Inyenzi*]?
- We used traditional weapons, axes and so on ... in other words, we used any weapons available. We have few firearms, but traditional weapons do the job. We used bows and arrows, hoes and axes, pestles and chased them down. If any others came, we would deal with them in the same way.
- Some people, including authorities, left the city, but you stayed put. What do you have to say to them?
- Those people left the city, whereas we had the situation under control. My message to them is that they can return, if they want, so that we may fight, because we know why we are fighting. They should return, get into the trenches and live there, as we are doing. I

want them to know that if they do not return within the time when we need them, we will turn them away [if they return] and we treat them like enemies, especially the authorities. The authorities should work from Kigali to enable us to fight for them. They can hide in trenches, and will cover them, while at the same time dealing with the *Inyenzi* and the white people whose legs and arms we shall amputate, so that they will return to Belgium without arms.

- You are the Cyahafi roadblock. Would you go to the front to assist the Rwandan Armed Forces if asked?
- Ah! I have been to the front often; it would not be the first time. My comrades spend the night over there in Kinamba. We are now getting ready, many of us strong young men. Those without firearm should grab machetes or axes, and we shall protect them. We capture *Inyenzi*. In other words, we are ready to go toe to toe with the *Inyenzi* who are going up to Rwampara and Nyamirambo, but there are very few of them left. The *Inyenzi* are not strong. In fact, I think that the people fleeing are fleeing ghosts. Other than that, we are strong, we are fighting [back], my comrades and I go to the front.
- What's your name?
- My name is Albert Niyibizi; I am a police officer at the PVK.

Radio Rwanda journalist

Yes!

Albert Niyibizi

Yes!

Radio Rwanda journalist

You are here at the Cyahafi roadblock, I don't know whether you live here or if you are manning this roadblock. Having been a soldier, you are used to combat. According to you, how do members of the public prepare themselves to deal with the enemy at Cyahafi? (7.4)

Albert Niyibizi

It is true that I live in Cyahafi, and work hand in hand with the *Interahamwe* of Cyahafi.

It is difficult for the enemy to penetrate Cyahafi. We have the situation under control, and it is difficult for the enemy to enter our zone. All the roadblocks are on alert and the enemy cannot enter our zone. We have weapons, although not in sufficient numbers, we are requesting more. Still, the enemy cannot infiltrate our area.

- Some people say that if the people returned, the *Inyenzi* would not longer occupy the houses they left behind, and that if the country's leaders returned to Kigali, the people would feel reassured and stop fleeing. Do you agree with this view?
- Yes, of course, and I would add that the members of the public flee in order to follow their leaders. When the authorities leave, members of the public think: "The leaders are more intelligent than us and understand matters better than we do; they know what kind of war this is. Therefore, we must follow them." We urge the authorities to return, so that we can face the enemy together. We are fighting for them. In Kigali, we have sturdy houses; they (the authorities) can go into the basement, if there are no trenches, we will dig some for them to enable them to work from here, and deal with any major problems

right here. The members of the public can follow them. They (members of the public) cannot leave. Otherwise, when the members of the public leave, the *Inyenzi*, cunning as they are, do not force the doors open, they dig holes nearby and gain access to the houses whose owners are away. They then shoot without being seen. We thus urge those people to return, especially the authorities, in order to reassure the citizenry. The authorities are partly to blame for making people panic. If, you, the authorities, abandon your people, what do you expect them to do? We urge them to return immediately, in order for the members of the public to feel that their leaders are close to them. That way, they will not be inclined to flee.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(9.3)

Can you tell me your name and which roadblock you guard?

Gerdi Sakindi

(9.4)

My name is Gerdi Sakindi; I guard the roadblock opposite the forensic laboratory. I want to share my views about the government and the war we are fighting. We know that this is a government of the *Abatabazi*, and that it strong and enjoys support. It is unlike the former one, which was infiltrated by *Inyenzi* and their accomplices who said whatever they wanted on the radio. Here at the roadblock, we encounter many problems and share them with those members of the public, who became afraid and fled. This is why we want the government to return to Kigali, because we see no *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi* in Kigali. If necessary, we shall build bunkers for them to move into, if they are afraid of Katusha rockets, if they are afraid of dying. There are many of us at the roadblock, and we lack food. Many employees do not receive their salaries, and the public knows that. Given that they no longer had the means to support themselves and that no authorities were left in Kigali, they decided to leave. We urge the government to return to Kigali, we shall help them, and they will help resolve our problems, because they will be closer to us. That way, the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi* will realise that the government is here to stay, and will become disillusioned. Those are the concerns we wanted to put across to you the journalists for you to pass them on for an immediate solution. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

- Besides the concern regarding the government—concern that we find understandable—how do you deal, are you prepared to deal with the *Inyenzi* if they came here?
- Here opposite the forensic laboratory, we are with our armed forces. They are trained in urban guerilla warfare; they taught us some techniques, which we have mastered, ... As you can see, I have a gun; in the past, I did not know how to use a gun; I can therefore tell you that we were told that we were due to fight them in the city, and as you know, they are afraid of the city. They know that the people in the city are prepared to crush them, and this is why they are afraid of the city. They should not venture here, otherwise they will pay with their lives. We have the situation under control in Kigali and we urge the government to return and give us money for our needs. Yes.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(12.7)

I do note that your work hand in hand with the Rwandan Armed Forces and the gendarmerie, who have taught you combat tactics. I want them to tell us about that. What's your name?

Corporal Gérard Munyakyanza

(12.9)

I am Corporal Gérard Munyakyanza, I am at a place known as "*Criminologie*", *C.R.C.D. (Centre de recherche Criminelle et de documentation)*. We are here at the roadblock with strong young men. They are in high spirits and are ready to face the enemy.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(13.4)

Members of the public say that if the government moved back to Kigali, they would cease to flee, would be motivated and that they would drive out the *Inkotanyi* within no time. Do you agree?

Corporal Gérard Munyakyanza

(13.7)

We are here waiting for the enemy. However, we know that our authorities are not here close to us in Kigali, that they are elsewhere, whereas they should be close to us keeping us abreast of the situation, reassuring us and encouraging us; we would thus do our job knowing that we enjoy the support of the authorities. We thus urge the authorities to come closer to us, close to the people so that they can explain the situation and make sure that they enjoy public support. We urge the authorities to come close to us and the armed forces, so as to assure us of their support. Such is our wish! We have the situation under control, and we want to defeat the *Inkotanyi* once and for all.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(14.6)

Thank you. What's your name?

Twagirumukiza

(14.7)

My name is Twagirumukiza. I hail from Mushubati *commune*. Here at the roadblock opposite the place called *Fichier*. We are doing just fine, and we are in high spirits. We do have firearms and would like others to be given some, so as to enable us to prepare to fight the enemy, but it will never get anywhere near Kigali.

- Are you certain about that?
- Yes.
- Before I finish, I want you to be saved by Jesus...

Radio Rwanda journalist

What's your name?

Juvénal Habyarimana

(15.0)

My name is Juvénal Habyarimana, I hail from Runda *commune*, Cyaro *secteur*. I am at the roadblock opposite the MDR headquarters, we are prepared to face the enemy; it has not yet reached the city centre. We understand that the enemy is in the outskirts of the city. The *Inkotanyi* were brought to the CND by UNAMIR in vehicles, to our surprise, they attacked us. Therefore their being in the outskirts of the city comes as no surprise.

We ask that everyone at the roadblock be given a gun to enable them to deal with the *Inyenzi* should they venture into the city. As a matter of fact, I think we would not even waste our ammunition; we would catch them by surprise.

Radio Rwanda journalist

(15.7)

What do you have to say to those who fled the city?

Juvénal Habyarimana

It is not surprising that people fled the city, but they should return to their home areas; that way, we shall develop a position together. We assume that the *Inkotanyi* have occupied their houses. How will they go about throwing them out? Unless they set fire to their houses and engage in close combat. I would advise them to return and deal with the enemy instead of living in anxiety: inclement weather, mosquitoes, malaria, and so on. They should return to their homes and deal with the enemy. We hope to defeat it, in fact we already have. Last but not least, I wish to send my greetings to my family in Kamuhozo *cellule*, Gihara. These greetings are from Juvénal Habyarimana, who works at Karamira's house. I want them to know that I doing very well.

Corporal Munyakayanza

(16.7)

I am Corporal Munyakayanza, I am at the place called "*Fichier*". I would like to say something to my family, who used to live in Kibungo. I want to say hello them, and let them know that I am alive. Wherever they are, they should not lose heart. Thank you.

Geredi Sakindi

(17.1)

I would also like to say to my family that I, Geredi Sakindi, am alive. I want to ask them to tell us how they are doing if they happen to meet any journalists.

Twagirumukiza

(17.3)

I, Twagirumukiza, want my family members to know that I am doing just fine here in the city opposite *La Permanence*, I want them to ensure security in their areas. If I die, they will know. I am not afraid. [*Laughter*]

Donat Nyamashinga

(17.6)

My name is Donat Nyamashinga. My messages is for the young people in Gikongoro.

- How are you doing at this roadblock?
- I am doing very well here at the roadblock in Kigali. I urge the young people back in our area in Nyamagabe, Gikongoro, to be courageous and to fight for their country.
- Here I see a soldier, rather a gendarme, with whom you collaborate opposite the forensic lab. I want him to tell us how he collaborates with the young people, who are simply members of the public and not used to combat tactics; I want him to tell us about the situation, and if we shall win the war.

Joseph Harerimana

(18.1)

My name is Joseph Harerimana. Here at the roadblock, we work hand in hand with the local population. We are protecting the city, and are doing very well. I want my parents in Gatware *commune*, Cyangugu *préfecture*, to know that I doing just fine and that I thank the Good Lord.

- What's your name?

Jean Marie Vianney Ndikumana

(18.5)

My name is Jean Marie Vianney Ndikumana. I am here at the roadblock opposite the forensics lab I want all the people of Rwanda to know that we are dealing with the *Inyenzi*. We can

eliminate those who move around in the city. We own the city. It is us, Rwandans, who should live in the city; we don't want to see *Inyenzi* here in the city. If they come through the right channels, we shall be welcome them. We don't want them to shoot their way here. They are welcome only if they come in without violence, and if they do, we shall negotiate with them. That's what I had to say.

- What's your name?

Alias Misago

(19.1)

My name is Alias Misago, I am currently at the roadblock opposite the forensics lab, and we are facing the *Inkotanyi*. We urge the young people in Butare, notably the ones in Ruhashya to confront the *Inkotanyi* and, above all, I wish them to enjoy peace.

- If you were asked to proceed to the front at Gisozi and were told that there are about a fifteen *Inyenzi* there, and that there were about a dozen of them at Gatsata, would you go there immediately?
- What we need is to be given a plan of attack immediately so as to enable us to silence the ones in Gisozi.
- Would you also go there immediately?
- I totally agree.
- *Hello*, what's your name?
- My name is Jean Ntezimana.
- Yes. Which roadblock do you guard? How do you deal with the enemy?

Jean Ntezimana

(19.7)

No, I am an RTLM employee.

- Ah ha!
- Yes.
- All right!
- We have been fighting them for a long time, but personally, I disapprove of people fleeing. I urge the cowardly young men who are in Ruyenzi, Nkoto, Gitarama doing nothing to return to Kigali, because Kigali has food, people go to the market, we have things to eat, we have enough to eat.
- Yes.
- Yes. They should return so that we may fight the *Inyenzi*.

Music...

(20.0)

Radio Rwanda journalist

(20.1)

...may be, because the light has arrived there. That is why your ideas much reach us, and once we receive them, we pass them on to the members of the public for their information and implementation, in a democracy, priority is given to constructive ideas. If an idea is not constructive, we do not broadcast it. We must broadcast constructive ideas from enlightened members of the public so that others can become aware of them and implement them. That, we shall develop our country together and defend its territorial integrity, to prevent the enemy from wrecking havoc in our country. This is why we must come together in order to fight the *Inyenzi* with determination, and once we defeated them once and for all, we shall resume our normal activities and things will return to normal.

Radio Rwanda journalist, Dhani Prospère Kananira

(21.2)

...that you follow. In order to urge the country's higher authorities and the people as a whole to defend our capital, Kigali, and repel the enemy, Radio Rwanda is preparing an editorial.

In view of the hard times we are facing at this time, the Ministry of the Interior and Communal Development has a message for the people of Rwanda.

- In order to lend support to the enemy which attacked our country, Uganda's President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, stated in Oslo, Norway, that in his view, his country is not involved in the war in Rwanda except for the young Ugandans who are fighting alongside the RPF-*Inkotanyi*. At the end of this news bulletin, we shall bring you Martin Mukwiye's interview with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Mr Jérôme Bicomumpaka, who has just returned from a tour of Europe and America. This news is brought to you by Dhani Prospère Kananira. In view of the hard times we are facing currently, the Ministry of the Interior and Communal Development has a message for the people of Rwanda.

Minister of the Interior and Communal Development

(22.2)

To the men and women of Rwanda, as you heard on the radio, on 28 May this year, the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior and Communal Development, [and] the *préfets* of all the *préfectures* in Rwanda held a meeting in Gitarama. The meeting was about the war imposed on us by the RPF-*Inkotanyi*, and Radio Rwanda wishes to inform you of some of the decisions taken at the meeting. Today, I think it is necessary to revisit some of the recommendations made, in order to urge all the leaders to adopt them and reassure the people in their areas during the difficult times our country is facing.

1. I wish to commend the people of Rwanda as a whole for complying with the directives of the His Excellency the President of the Republic, and those of the *Abatabazi* Government led by Honourable Minister Jean Kambanda, directives that are aimed at restoring peace in the country, as security was compromised by the resumption of hostilities and the acts of violence that the RPF perpetrated against the people. I wish to take this opportunity to urge you to redouble your efforts in protecting your families and property, and to ignore the rumours spread by the *Inyenzi* who are seeking to terrorise you in order to grab your property easily. Members of the public are urged to continue supporting our country's armed forces as they continue to defend our country selflessly and bravely and to have confidence in them.

However, the public should not pay attention to the soldiers who desert, let me repeat, any soldier who deserts who tries to scare them by claiming that the enemy will catch them by surprise. Instead, they should condemn their conduct. The truth is that they do that in order to conceal the fact that they are cowards and to make you abandon your homes so that they can loot them. The fact of the matter is that such people are not any different from the enemy which attacked Rwanda. This is why at their meeting, the *préfets* strongly recommended that the army command punish such people severely, as envisaged in the army rules in times of war, such as the one we are experiencing, instead of simply confiscating their weapons and leaving the people at their mercy, and not punish them any further. We once again urge the *préfets*, *bourgmestres* and *conseillers* to continue keeping a close eye on the deserters, who are now hiding among the people, and are trying to demoralise them. It is said that some of the soldiers who abandoned their colleagues at the front returned to their homes clandestinely in order to avenge the death of

their family members during the unrest. Members of the public and the authorities ought to identify them and foil their criminal designs.

2. At the meeting, the *préfets* once again recalled that leaders are supposed to serve as models to the people they administer. They thus urged all the local administrators, namely the *bourgmestres*, *conseillers* and *responsables de cellules*, to be courageous instead of being the first to flee for no good reason. Communal officials are to use communal vehicles, when available, and instruct communal police staff to go around the *secteurs* urging people to remain calm by supplying them with correct information. They are also to tell them how to deal with the enemy. The leaders in areas where people are already displaced must visit those people and listen to their concerns, reassure them and help them get reorganised.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people for the way they responded to the government's decision to supply them with what they required to back up the armed forces in their struggle against the enemy instead of fleeing, because their flight allows the enemy to break through. In this regard, I wish to remind the people of Rwanda that the Ministry of the Interior and Communal Development will do everything in its power to ensure that such items are available quickly and that they are distributed to the people. I just wish to remind those who have already received such items—we do recognize that there are not many of them—that they must use them only as indicated. If they feel that they are being forced to abandon their positions, they must turn over such items instead of fleeing with a weapon, as doing so is not permitted in Rwanda.

We wish to commend those who conduct patrols all across the country, and all those who man roadblocks everyday in order to catch the enemy. We commend them, and appreciate their commitment. I simply wish to remind you that to exercise diligence so as to avoid confusing innocents with the enemy. The reason is because doing so would prove right those who through their acts and unfounded pronouncements have a real go at the government, accusing it of offences committed by the *Inyenzi* whereas it is the latter who are continuing to kill innocents in Rwanda. I urge them to cease engaging in such acts. Everyone's individual rights and property must be respected.

3. As for accommodating persons who are displaced due to the massacres perpetrated by the *Inyenzi*, I ask the *préfets* and *bourgmestres* to use the government employees in their areas in finding ways and means of assisting such displaced persons. In this regard, I also wish to urge government employees and everyone with compassion and goodwill to perform humanitarian work by helping the local authorities in assisting the people in distress due to the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi*.

4. One of the strategies used by the *Inyenzi-Inkotanyi* consists in starving populations. They wait for the harvest in order to drive them out and grab the harvest. We remind the people that they must not wait for help from elsewhere, that, wherever possible, they must go ahead and harvest their crops, as the harvest season is due to start in the next two weeks. The people must not waste their harvest. We urge people to work, even during the dry season. For example, we urge them to grow sweet potatoes and beans in the valleys, irrigate the crops wherever possible, because work is the only weapon that will help us out of the predicament we are in due to the

Inyenzi. Each one at their own level must work tirelessly to do what they are required to do. As the Prime Minister has said time and again, if necessary, the people will stop to deal with the enemy, and resume work once the enemy has been driven out.

Before I end, let me once again commend the people of Rwanda and the Rwandan army for the courage, commitment and bravery they have consistently shown in the fight against the enemy which attacked Rwanda.

My fellow Rwandas, I urge you to remain courageous and determined, without a doubt, Rwanda will come out victorious. Long life!

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