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4. ~~(S)~~ **RWANDA**: FRENCH TROOPS ARRIVE TO BOLSTER GOVERNMENT FORCES.

-- ~~(S)~~ OVER ONE HUNDRED FRENCH TROOPS, INCLUDING A MILAN ANTI-TANK MISSILE BATTERY, WERE AIRLIFTED TO **RWANDA** ON 6 JUNE TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY AS THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES REPELL REBEL ATTACKS NORTH OF THE CAPITAL. THE TOWN OF BYUMBA, STRUCK ON 5 JUNE BY RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) REBELS BASED IN UGANDA, IS NOW FIRMLY IN THE HANDS OF GOVERNMENT FORCES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, TWO RPF BATTALIONS BRIEFLY OVERRAN THE TOWN, SHOOTING DOWN AN ARMY HELICOPTER BEFORE RETREATING. BY 6 JUNE ONLY SPORADIC FIRING WAS REPORTED IN THE AREA, LOCATED 25 MILES NORTH OF THE CAPITAL OF KIGALI. OF NOTE, THE ATTACK COINCIDED WITH PLANS TO RESUME PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE RPF AND **RWANDA**'S THREE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTIES IN PARIS. IN VIEW OF THEIR FEAR OF ADDITIONAL RPF ATTACKS, POSSIBLY SUPPORTED BY THE UGANDAN ARMY, THE GOVERNMENT REQUESTED FRENCH MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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