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~~(C)~~ PEACE TALKS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE 16 MARCH SEEM TO BE STUCK ON ISSUES INVOLVING SECURITY ASSURANCES FOR THE REBELS WHEN THEY FINALLY LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS. THE OBSERVERS ARE REPORTEDLY TRYING TO PERSUADE THE REBELS TO AGREE TO CANTON THEIR TROOPS AND RELINQUISH THEIR HEAVY WEAPONS TO A NEUTRAL FORCE. HOWEVER, THE REBELS SEEM DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THEIR WEAPONS IN CASE THE PROCESS FAILS AND THEY ARE FORCED TO RESORT TO WAR. AN INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE CAPABLE OF ENSURING THAT GOVERNMENT

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FORCES COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A PEACE AGREEMENT WOULD PROBABLY RELIEVE THE REBELS' ANXIETY, BUT SUCH A FORCE MAY NOT BE IN PLACE FOR SOME TIME. ~~{DECL OADR}~~

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