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8. ~~(C/NF)~~ **RWANDA**-UGANDA: THREE UGANDAN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND 13 INJURED BY SHRAPNEL FROM 120MM SHELLS FIRED INTO UGANDA BY RWANDAN TROOPS ON 23 AUGUST, ACCORDING TO UGANDAN PRESS. MOST OF THE REBELS WHO BEGAN THE 11-MONTH-OLD INVASION OF **RWANDA** LAST OCTOBER WERE UGANDAN ARMY DEFECTORS. THE LATEST REPORT, IF TRUE, WOULD MARK THE FIRST CASUALTIES AMONG ACTIVE DUTY UGANDAN FORCES. THE UGANDAN ARMY IS MUCH LARGER THAN **RWANDA'S**, AND SPOKESMEN HAVE DENIED RWANDAN CHARGES THAT IT COLLABORATES WITH THE REBELS. ANY ACTIVE DUTY UGANDAN CASUALTIES WERE PROBABLY ACCIDENTAL, AND THE RWANDAN SHELLS WERE MOST LIKELY MEANT FOR REBELS IN THE BORDER AREA, ALTHOUGH **RWANDA** PROBABLY WOULD NOT MIND SPOOKING UGANDAN SOLDIERS IN THE AREA. THE UGANDAN ARTICLE MAY JUST BE THE LATEST JAB IN A VICIOUS TWO-WAY MEDIA DUEL BETWEEN UGANDA AND **RWANDA**.

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