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RWANDA: CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS. (U)
AS OF 2221Z 21 MAR 91
1. (Θ) REBEL AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INITIALED A
CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT.
2. (Θ) THE ACCORD WAS REACHED IN ZAIRIAN-SPONSORED TALKS BETWEEN
THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) AND THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT DURING
THE SECOND WEEK IN MARCH. THE AGREEMENT WAS INITIALED ON THE 19TH,
AND IF IT IS RATIFIED BY BOTH SIDES, IT WILL BE SIGNED ON THE 29TH
IN KINSHASA. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE IS TO BE MONITORED BY
A PEACEKEEPING FORCE SPONSORED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.
HOW THE FORCE WILL BE FUNDED OR WHO WILL PARTICIPATE ARE
UNDETERMINED.
3. (Θ) DESPITE THE PROGRESS AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, THE RPF HAS
FORMALLY REJECTED PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S OFFER ON THE 14TH TO GRANT
AMNESTY TO THOSE REBELS WHO ABANDON THEIR WEAPONS AND CROSS INTO
RWANDA AT DESIGNATED POINTS. THE RPF CALLED THE OFFER A "TROJAN
HORSE FOR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER," BUT IT NONETHELESS REITERATED
ITS COMMITMENT TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION AND TO A CEASE-FIRE.
APPEARENTLY, HABYARIMANA'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS TIMED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
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OF RECENT REPORTS OF LOW MORALE WITHIN THE RPF. RPF RECRUITMENT
EFFORTS HAVE STALLED, ACCORDING TO KIGALI SOURCES, AND YOUNG RWANDAN
REFUGEES ARE FLEEING CAMPS IN TANZANIA TO AVOID BEING IMPRESSED INTO
THE RPF.
4. (Θ) ON THE 16TH AND 17TH, RPF FORCES REPORTEDLY FIRED ON A RED
CROSS UNIT AT THE DESIGNATED REBEL REENTRY STATION IN ORDER TO
PREVENT OTHER RPF TROOPS FROM SURRENDERING. ALTHOUGH RPF PERSONNEL
HAVE THUS FAR FAILED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMNESTY, RWANDAN
OFFICIALS ARE STILL HOPEFUL. THEY ARE CONSIDERING EXTENDING THE
AMNESTY PERIOD BEYOND THE 29TH IF REBELS BEGIN TO TRICKLE ACROSS THE
BORDER FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT'S FORMAL SIGNING.
5. (Θ) COMMENT: THIS CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, UNLIKE THE ONE IN
FEBRUARY, MAY ACTUALLY BE RATIFIED AND IMPLEMENTED. THESE
NEGOTIATIONS WERE FORMAL, RATHER THAN AD HOC, AND BOTH PARTIES,
RATHER THAN JUST ONE, WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. AT
THIS POINT, EACH SIDE IS POLITICALLY COMMITTED TO THE CEASE-FIRE AND
COULD UNDERMINE ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION IF IT EITHER REPUDIATES OR
VIOLATES THE AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, IF THE RPF HAS BECOME
FACTIONALIZED AND IS EXPERIENCING MORALE AND DESERTION PROBLEMS, A
CEASE-FIRE AT THIS TIME COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE REBEL
LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER, RIPTS WITHIN THE RPF COULD ALSO MEAN THAT THE
CEASE-FIRE WILL EVENTUALLY COLLAPSE, PARTICULARLY IF A HARDCORE
FACTION EXISTS AND DECIDES TO BREAK WITH THE LEADERSHIP. (DECL OADR)

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