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SUBJ: **RWANDA**: REBELS ATTACKED. ~~(CONF)~~

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TEXT: 1. ~~(CONF)~~ GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE STAGED A COMEBACK AFTER LOSING THE NORTHERN BORDER STATION AT GATUNA OVER THE WEEKEND OF 3 NOVEMBER.

2. ~~(CONF)~~ THEY ATTACKED RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) POSITIONS AROUND GATUNA, PUSHING THE REBELS TO WITHIN 6 KM OF THE UGANDAN BORDER, AND CAPTURED 10 REBELS DURING OPERATIONS IN THE 2,600-SQUARE-KM AKEGERA NATIONAL PARK. LEADING THE RPF COMBATANTS SINCE THE DEATHS OF MAJ GEN FRED RWIGYEMA AND MAJ BAINGANA IS MAJ PAUL KAGAMI, WHO QUIT AN OFFICERS' TRAINING COURSE IN THE US LAST MONTH TO JOIN THE INVASION FORCE. HE WAS WITH THE RPF DURING ITS RECENT CONVENTIONAL WARFARE DEFEATS AND HAS DECIDED TO ATTEMPT A GUERRILLA WAR.

3. ~~(CONF)~~ COMMENT: KAGAMI'S EXPERIENCES IN THE BUSH WAR OF THE 1980S IN SUPPORT OF UGANDA'S PRESIDENT MUSEVENI, AS WELL AS THE RPF'S LATEST SETBACKS, MAY HAVE INFLUENCED HIS DECISION TO TRY UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE. DESPITE THE RPF'S ATTEMPTS TO CONDUCT SMALL-UNIT UNCONVENTIONAL OPERATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT'S MOP-UP OPERATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS THE REBELS RECEIVE REINFORCEMENTS SOON.

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