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9. ~~(S/NF)~~ **RWANDA**-ZAIRE: ON 10 SEPTEMBER, A ZAIREAN CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT ON A REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM **RWANDA**'S CAPITAL TO BENI, ZAIRE, WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AS IT OVERFLEW **RWANDA**'S VOLCANO PARK. IT LANDED SAFELY IN NEARBY GOMA, ZAIRE, WITH ONE ENGINE ON FIRE; 2 OF 13 PASSENGERS WERE INJURED. THE TYPE OF MUNITION FIRED AND THE EXACT SITE FROM WHICH IT WAS FIRED ARE UNKNOWN, BUT RWANDAN REBELS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ACTIVE IN THE AREA. ZAIRE HAS NOT YET REACTED TO THE INCIDENT. ZAIRE BRIEFLY PROVIDED TROOPS TO HELP THE RWANDAN ARMY COMBAT THE REBELS LAST FALL AND IS TO PARTICIPATE IN A REORGANIZED **RWANDA** MILITARY CEASE-FIRE OBSERVER GROUP AND IN THE REGIONAL DIALOGUE SCHEDULED TO OPEN 14 SEPTEMBER.

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