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6. (U) **RWANDA**: POLITICAL DISCONTENT

-- ~~(C/NF)~~ OVER 50,000 DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED IN THE CAPITAL OF KIGALI YESTERDAY, CALLING ON PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA TO RESIGN AND BLAMING HIM FOR BLOCKING THE COUNTRY S TRANSITION TO A MULTI-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEM. THE MARCH COMES DAYS AFTER PRIME MINISTER DISMAS NSENGIYAREME, A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION, ACCUSED THE PRESIDENT OF TRYING TO OBSTRUCT THE PEACE PROCESS. THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED MERCHANTS BY NOT OPENING THEIR SHOPS AND MARKETS, /***** BEGINNING OF SECTION 004 *****/

WAS CALLED BY NSENGIYAREME S OPPOSITION PARTY, IN ALLIANCE WITH TWO OTHER POLITICAL GROUPS, TO CHALLENGE HABYARIMANA S "DICTATORSHIP". HABYARIMANA HAS BEEN PRESIDENT SINCE JULY 1973 AND RUNS THE COUNTRY WITH MILITARY APPOINTEES THROUGH A ONE PARTY SYSTEM.

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