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4. ~~(S)~~ **RWANDA:** RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT ATTACK ON BYUMBA.

-- ~~(S)~~ RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) REBELS ARE SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FRIDAY MORNING ATTACK ON BYUMBA, A TOWN IN THE NORTH WHICH IS 25 MILES FROM THE CAPITAL OF KIGALI. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN EMBASSY REPORTS, NON-MOTORIZED REBEL FORCES ATTACKED FROM THE UGANDAN BORDER AND PROCEEDED ON FOOT TO BYUMBA. THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION ON THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES. A FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT THE TOWN WAS IN CONTROL OF RPF, ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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STATED THAT THE RWANDAN ARMY HAD HELD CONTROL. THIS ATTACK INTO THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY REPRESENTS THE FARTHEST RPF MOVEMENT SINCE JANUARY 1991, WHEN IT BRIEFLY OCCUPIED THE TOWN OF RUHENGERI IN THE NORTH. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FRENCH TROOPS BE SENT TO HIS COUNTRY, EITHER TO ENGAGE THE RPF OR TO REINFORCE THE EXISTING COMPANY OF 150 FRENCH TROOPS. AS OF FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON THIS REQUEST SINCE THE CABINET HAD NOT YET VOTED UPON THE PRESIDENT S REQUEST.

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GOVERNMENT TROOPS WILL PROBABLY COUNTERATTACK ON SATURDAY IF THE RPF HAS NOT ALREADY PULLED BACK ON ITS OWN. ADDITIONAL FRENCH TROOPS FROM THE NEIGHBORING CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC WILL LIKELY BE USED ONLY IF THERE APPEARS TO BE AN RPF BREAKTHROUGH TOWARDS THE CAPITAL.

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