

VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE  
AFRICAN BUREAU OF THE US STATE DEPARTMENT,  
MS PRUDENCE BUSHNELL,  
TO RPF IN MULINDI

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Reasons for visiting the RPF.

**Ms Bushnell.** The US is concerned with the continued impasse and the outbursts of violence. Peace-keeping operations are too costly for President Clinton. The visit of an RPF delegation to the US made a good impression. The US did what it was asked, it did not lead to success. On 5 April 1994, the Security Council will adopt a resolution on whether or not to extend UNAMIR's mandate. The US will make its recommendation next week, but so far there is nothing positive to say.

Without transitional institutions Rwanda will be losing funds. Already two million dollars, which were initially earmarked for Rwanda, have been offered to other countries in Africa. Frankly speaking, every day that passes without resolution of the impasse makes Rwanda lose respect of the international community. A solution is needed. We thank the RPF for keeping its promise of accepting the compromise of the Liberal Party.

Discussion about CDR and Art. 61 of the Arusha Agreement

**Ms Bushnell.** We believe that all children (all parties) ought to be inside the house (BBTG). There will be challenges for the RPF after the transitional institutions are in place.

**Ms Bushnell.** The US has been a friend of Rwanda for 30 years, but if there is no solution, we will have to recommend the withdrawal of troops which can cause problems to the country. No institutions, no business.

**Ms Bushnell.** We are running out of time. If there is no Government, there will be no support.

**Maj Gen Kagame.** Something went wrong. What went wrong must be known by the international community. The problem with CDR is a security problem: they are criminals, gangsters, they threaten to kill people. RPF rejects CRD for this reason. The problem is that people in power abuse this power. The RPF is not blind about what is good for us.

**Ms Bushnell.** People in power using threats is not right, but if the international community doesn't see the transitional institutions in place, you run the risk of losing the peace-keeping forces.

**Maj Gen Kagame.** It is a blackmail party. You can ignore it and fight.

**Ms Bushnell.** No violence.

**Maj Gen Kagame.** Controlled use of violence isn't bad.

**Ms Bushnell.** No violence.

Closing of the meeting, polite words

**Ms Bushnell.** Do your best, cease violence. Political problems can be solved. Violence in Rwanda can be catastrophic. We will do our best but you should also do your best.

**Maj Gen Kagame.** If we don't blame the right ones, we cause problems.