

Journalists asks UN to stop Rwandan "propaganda"

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GENEVA, Dec 9 (AFP) - Media pressure group Reporters sans Frontieres (RSF) Friday called on UN Security Council members to ban the activities of exiled Rwandan journalists and stop their "propagandist" publications in Zaire and Kenya.

The RSF called on the UN Security Council to ask UN members to bar the Association of Rwandan Journalists in Exile (AJRE) and its publications.

The group said the AJRE was made up of former senior figures at the defunct Mille Collines radio station which from April to July exhorted Hutus in Rwanda to massacre Tutsis.

Up to a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in massacres in Rwanda this year in attacks blamed on Hutu supremacist militias and government troops.

The chairman of the AJRE, which has been set up in Zaire, is Jean-

Baptiste Hategekimanana and its deputy chairman is Thacien Hahozayezu, formerly a writer with the Interhamwe journal distributed to the Hutu militias, RSF said.

RSF said the Kangura paper, which is apparently printed in Kenya, has started appearing in Zaire, predicting a return of Hutu troops to Rwanda by the end of the year.

Meanwhile in Paris, RSF awarded Rwandan priest and journalist Andre Sibomana, the editor of the twice-weekly Catholic paper Kinyamateka, its Reporters sans Frontieres-Fondation de France prize for 1994.

Sibomana won the prize for his fight for the freedom of information in Rwanda and in homage to the 48 Rwandan journalists killed between early April and mid-July, RSF said.

The prize is worth 50,000 French francs (around 9,200 dollars)

The RSF supports a dozen Rwandan newspapers and is helping with

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