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RWANDA - HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

Department of Humanitarian Affairs
(Information from communications received by DHA
as of 0800 Monday 18 July)

1. As at 1245 local time, Sunday 17 July, the UN Rwanda Emergency Office (UNREO) Liaison in Goma reported that more than one million Rwandese had crossed the border into Zaire. Goma was being shelled, reportedly by RPF forces. This resulted in the closure of the airport.

2. The UN Humanitarian Relief Coordinator, Arturo Hein, stresses that a ceasefire is an urgent necessity and that a political solution to the conflict in Rwanda must be found as a matter of urgency. The enormous number of refugees is likely to destabilize the area with consequences for the security of the local population, refugees and humanitarian staff and has unpredictable consequences for Zaire. The Humanitarian Relief Coordinator emphasizes that although emergency humanitarian efforts are the first priority, a rehabilitation effort should be conceived immediately in order that it can be put into effect without delay.

3. It should be borne in mind that the zone protected by the Franco-Senegalese forces may also produce an influx of refugees into Zaire, especially after the departure of these forces. Some 2.5 million to 3 million people are estimated to be in the protected zone. The estimated 600,000 internally displaced people in the Gikongoro region are reported to be exhausting local food supplies, destroying woods. This group is in dire need of proper camp organization, hygiene and healthcare. No sanitation is being provided. WFP is organizing food deliveries and several NGOs are undertaking food distribution and health activities in the area. It has also been reported that 150,000 people are moving from the French protected zone in the southwest towards Bukavu in Zaire.

4. UN operational agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP), together with ICRC and some 29 NGOs are supplying assistance, coordinated by UNREO, established under the aegis of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA) and headed by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator. UNREO is headquartered in Nairobi, with an advance humanitarian team in Kigali and branch offices in Goma, Kabale and Bujumbura. UN agencies have all strengthened their staff in the region and have expedited emergency stocks, both from facilities in the region and from warehouses at Amsterdam and Copenhagen.

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5. Despite the coordinated efforts of the humanitarian organizations in Goma, the means available are wholly inadequate. The only stockpiles in Goma (Oxfam's 16,000 blankets and ICRC's 1,100 tons of food, 800 rolls of plastic sheeting and 4 mt of medical supplies for cross-border operations), are insufficient.

6. Estimated humanitarian needs in Goma:

- a. Food - 800 to 1,000 tonnes per day
- b. Water - 30,000,000 liters per day
- c. large quantities of shelter, sanitation and health supplies
- d. Immediate mobilization of massive logistical support

7. Food and other assistance is not being distributed in Goma itself, only in camps.

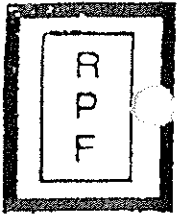
8. The airport came under shell fire on Sunday and has been closed to all but [French] military aircraft. Zaire's air traffic controllers have had difficulty in reaching the airport due to chaotic conditions in the area. No aircraft fuel is available in Goma. Offloading facilities are poor and slow. No storage is available at the airstrip. Aircraft are expected to take off immediately after offloading. UNREO is asking that the normal landing fee of \$2,500 be waived for humanitarian flights.

9. WFP is working to organize airlifts of supplies from elsewhere in the region to Goma. An airlift of up to 160 tons of maize and maize meal per day from Mombasa to Zaire has been organized. Supplies are available in Dar-es-Salaam, some of which will be allocated to Goma. Another 20-30 metric tonnes of food is being expedited from Burundi to Goma. WFP Kampala is arranging local purchase of 4,000 metric tons of food, which will take two days to transport.

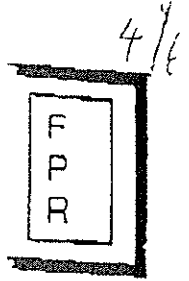
10. UNHCR's resources already seriously strained by an outflow of more than 600,000 refugees from Rwanda since late April. Another 500,000 Burundi refugees and returnees in the region are dependent on UNHCR humanitarian assistance. For its part, before the mass exodus from Rwanda to Zaire Goma, WFP was providing 40,000 tons of food per month to Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Zaire and Uganda to cover a planning caseload figure of 2.5 million people.

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RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT



New York, 18 July 1994

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United Nations Secretary General
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H.E. Jamsheed K.A. Marker
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New York, New York 10017

Your excellencies,

The Rwandese Patriotic Front wishes to inform you, members of the United Nations Security Council and the international community as a whole, that the forces of the Rwanda genocidal rump government have been completely defeated and war in Rwanda has come to an end. There is now an effective ceasefire throughout the country.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front further wishes to inform you that it has nominated Mr. Pasteur Bizimungu as the new President of Rwanda. Mr. Bizimungu and his cabinet will be sworn into office on tuesday, 19 July 1994.

Finally, your Excellencies, the Rwandese Patriotic Front wishes to inform you that there continues to be hostile activities emanating from the South West of the country and requests that you authorise the immediate deployment of UNAMIR troops into the region in order to avert confrontation between our forces and French troops.

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Rwandese Patriotic Front
Representative to the United Nations



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LETTER DATED 15 JULY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Acting on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following. The presence of the "President" of the "Interim Government" of Rwanda and four of his "Ministers" has been observed in Cyangugu in the safe humanitarian area in south-west Rwanda. The French authorities have given official notice that they will not tolerate any political or military activity in this safe area, which is strictly humanitarian in nature, and that they will take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with the rules applicable to the area.

The French authorities are ready to lend their support to any Security Council decision relating to the persons in question. The French authorities are at the disposal of the United Nations to consider any decision in respect of which the Organization might wish France to lend its support.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hervé LADSOUS



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The French Government has asked me to inform you urgently of the deterioration of the situation in Rwanda and in the region near Goma, where the humanitarian aid operation for the Rwandese refugee population is based.

As you are aware, artillery bombardments coming from the east and, therefore, from Rwanda, and very likely carried out by forces of the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF), were directed today at the village of Goma. These bombardments have already left some 60 civilians dead and many wounded, particularly in the airport zone. The humanitarian lifeline from the Goma airport established by the United Nations with the assistance of French forces had to be immediately suspended. The refugee population, whose situation was already tragic, is even more directly threatened today.

The French Government condemns these bombardments, which are directed at the refugee population and are impeding the humanitarian operations established by the international community in response to a tragedy of immense proportions. It calls once again for the immediate implementation of the cease-fire ordered by the Security Council.

I must also inform you that armed RPF elements attempted this afternoon to enter the humanitarian safe area established in south-west Rwanda. An encounter ensued with the French forces responsible for ensuring that the humanitarian character of this area is respected.

The French Government will of course ensure that this character is respected and French forces will, as announced from the outset, continue to oppose the entry of all armed persons, no matter what their origin, into the humanitarian safe area, where all military activity is by nature prohibited.

I would be grateful if you would draw these developments to the attention of the Security Council by transmitting this letter to it as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Hervé LADSOUS
Chargé d'affaires a.i.