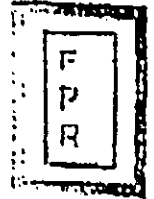




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PRESS RELEASE

FRANCE RECOGNIZES MURDEROUS AND CRIMINAL REGIME IN RWANDA

Despite a resolution by the EEC to condemn the perpetrators of genocide in Rwanda, it is shocking to learn that a civilised nation like France can, in view of the horrifying massacres of innocent Rwandese people, recognise a criminal and murderous regime set up by the presidential guard. The French action confirms beyond reasonable doubt what many human rights organizations have exposed as complicity between France and the presidential guard. It is important to recall that France was actively involved on the side of the Rwandese army throughout the three year armed conflict.

France's role in the Rwandese conflict has, in particular has been; to supply arms to the Rwandese army; to offer command and logistical support during active combat; to train and arm the presidential guard and the MRND-CDR militia. Given the horrific actions of the presidential guard and the MRND-CDR militia in the past weeks, one can only conclude that they were good students of their French military trainers.

We further wish to inform the International community that, in addition to France's known role in the Rwandese conflict, there are attempts by France to rearm the presidential guard by flying planes into neighbouring Zaire and claiming to be delivering humanitarian aid to Rwanda. What could be more absurd!

The violation of the unilateral ceasefire declared by the RPF and which went into force on Monday at midnight local time, is an indication of the Rwandese army's newly gained confidence as a result of France's moral support and a promise of more military aid. The Rwandese Patriotic Front will hold France, the Rwandese Army and the Rwandese criminal interim government equally responsible for the slaughter of thousands of innocent Rwandan children, women and men.

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