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The situation in the country continues to be complex. The Amb of Nigeria informed about the meeting of Dr Salim, OAU SG, with the RPF Vice-President. They confirmed that the Arusha peace agreements continue to be the basis for a peaceful solution. The text of the statement is attached.

Amb Gharekhan informed about the continued fighting in Kigali (K). Unamir doesn't have staff outside K and therefore cannot inform about events in the provinces. The RPF controls the north of K. but its progress has slowed – whether intentionally or because of resistance. Killings continue, possibly even more intensively. The RPF refuses a truce until the killings stop. (Note: This indirectly confirms the view of the CZ delegation that in general it's Hutus massacring Tutsis.) Nevertheless, according to the Rwanda Amb., the RPF is to meet government representatives on 25 April in Arusha.

The last Belgian Unamir forces left yesterday. The deployment of Ghanaian forces at the airport is nearing completion. The last 300 Ghanaians are also transferring from the former DMZ in the North of the country. Two have been lightly wounded. The Amb of Bangladesh spoke to the SC President. He said they are ready to continue serving but ... in essence he felt uncomfortable.

The humanitarian situation is getting worse.

We're enclosing an interesting piece from the NYT about the relationship of UGANDA and the RPF.