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From the military point of view – the battle for Ruhengeri is continuing. The situation in Kigali is tense. Various shattering examples which have been mentioned in the press and which the Secretariat has repeated clearly demonstrate the disintegration of any authority on the govt side. An enormous concentration of refugees has been confirmed in Rwamagana in the East of the country, in addition to another one on the Tanzanian side of the border which the world press has been reporting on.

The parties did not meet in Arusha: as we suggested yesterday, the RPF refuses to meet with the RGF because it does not recognize this, in RPF's view criminal government. They negotiated via in-betweens. The objective is a statement on a cease-fire, in general terms, which the soldiers would then flesh out in detail.

The SG has written to 20 African countries requesting units and is waiting for replies. For example Nigeria would be ready to contribute. The problem is, neither the mandate nor the timing is clear – but how do you set a mandate if you don't know how many soldiers will be available? There are fears this might turn into a chicken-and-egg problem.

*(Vastly more documents are available, including from the RPF. We're not sure, however, to what extent are HQ interested in detailed documentation concerning this far-away country. However, we'll happily accommodate your needs.)*