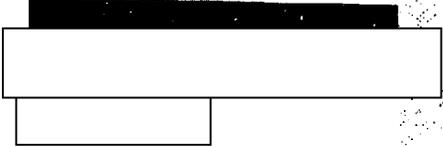


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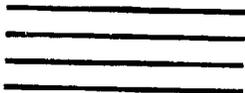


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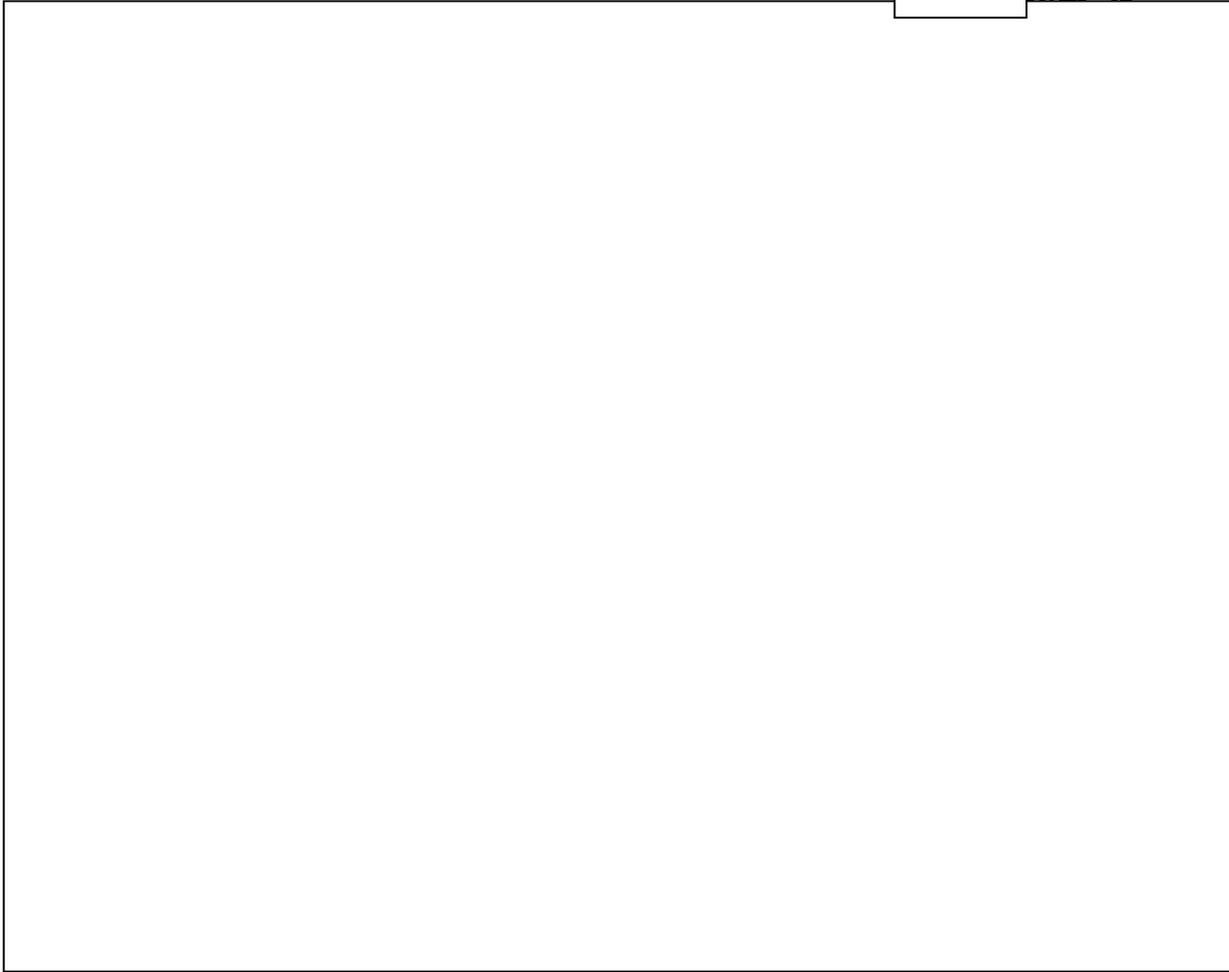
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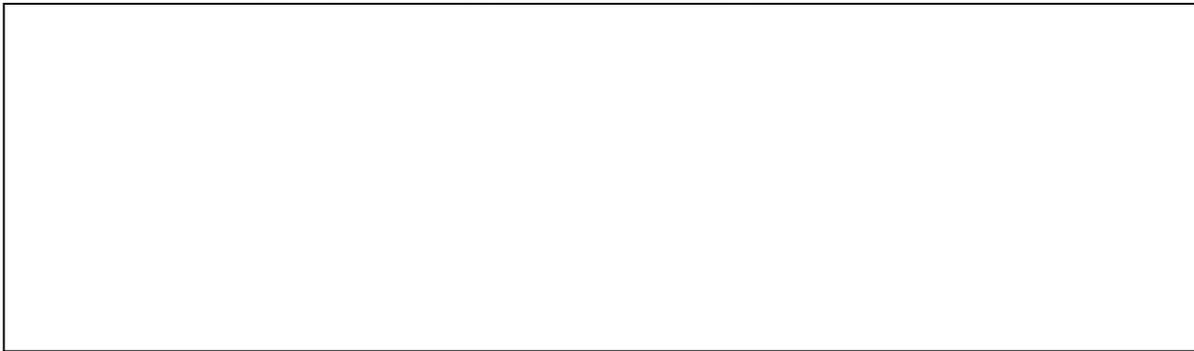
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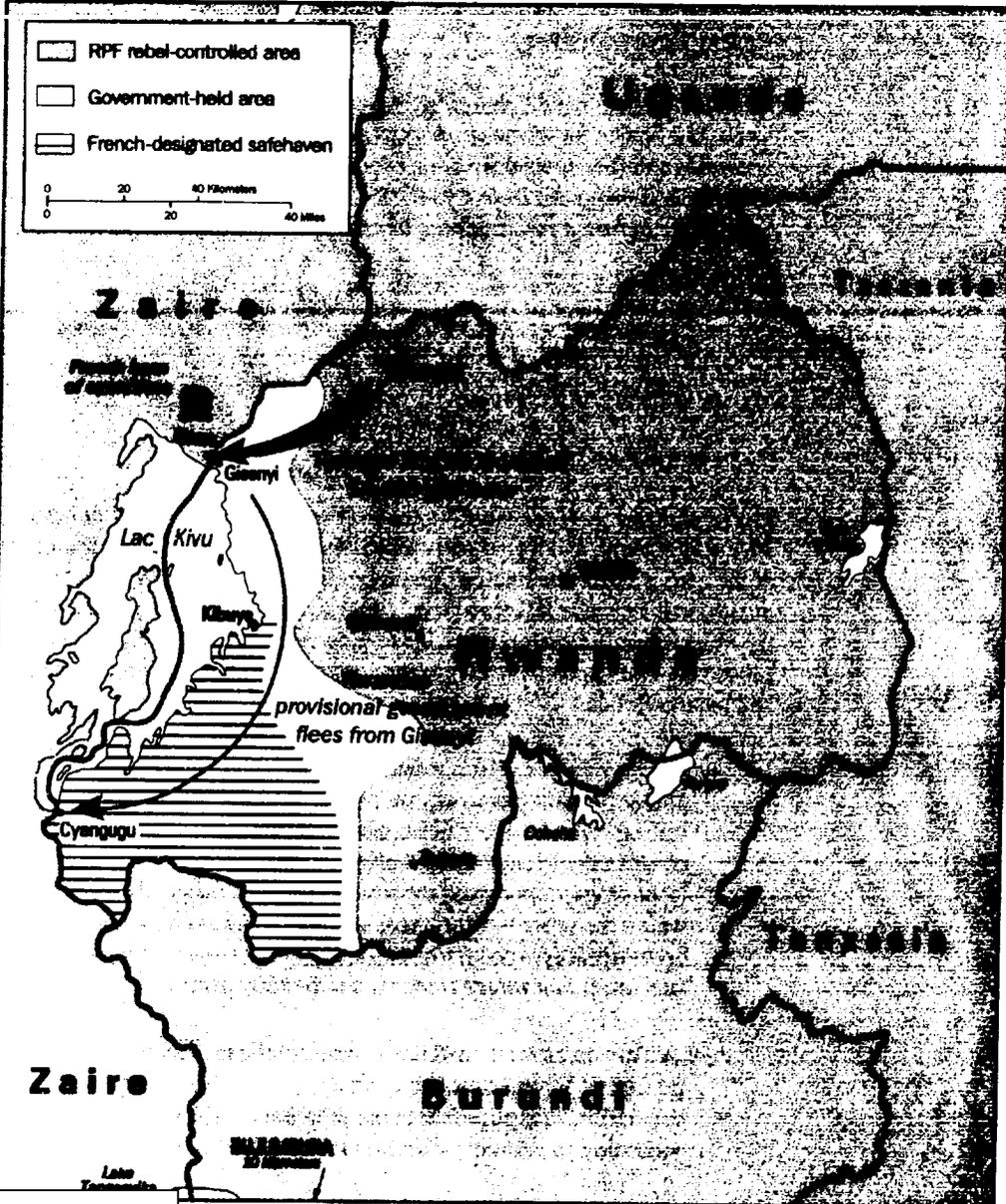
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International relief officials say that more than 200,000 Rwandan Hutus have crossed into eastern Zaire since Wednesday as the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front closed in on government forces. Some humanitarian groups think that at least 800,000 more Rwandans could cross the border by today 

— Food stocks in eastern Zaire are minimal,  Press reports say that  Zairian military forces are steering from refugees, and corruption and poor infrastructure will probably impede relief operations.

— As local residents begin to compete with the Hutu and Tutsi refugees for scarce food supplies, the prospects for violence will rise. The Zairian military reportedly is allowing armed Rwandan government soldiers to cross the border. 

Meanwhile, the interim government has fled to Cyangugu in the French humanitarian zone, and the RPF may pursue them, risking a clash with French forces. 

Yesterday, the UN Security Council called for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire in Rwanda, and the French Government has also asked that African states in the region meet to discuss the crisis.



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