

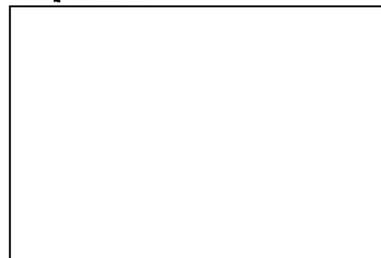
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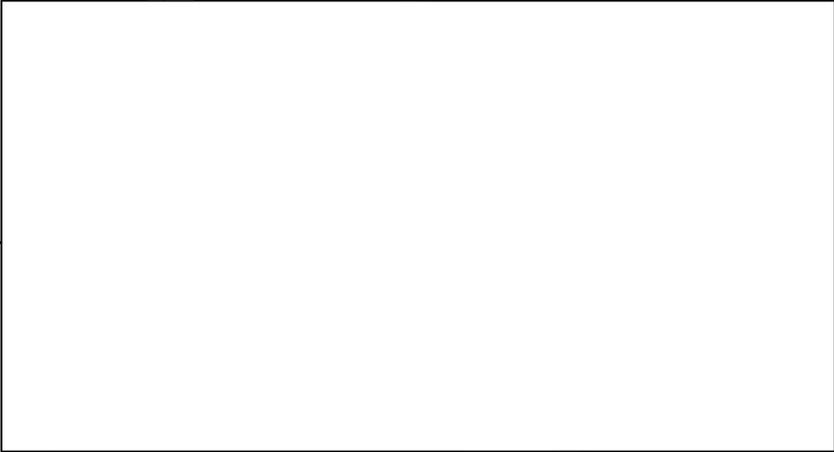
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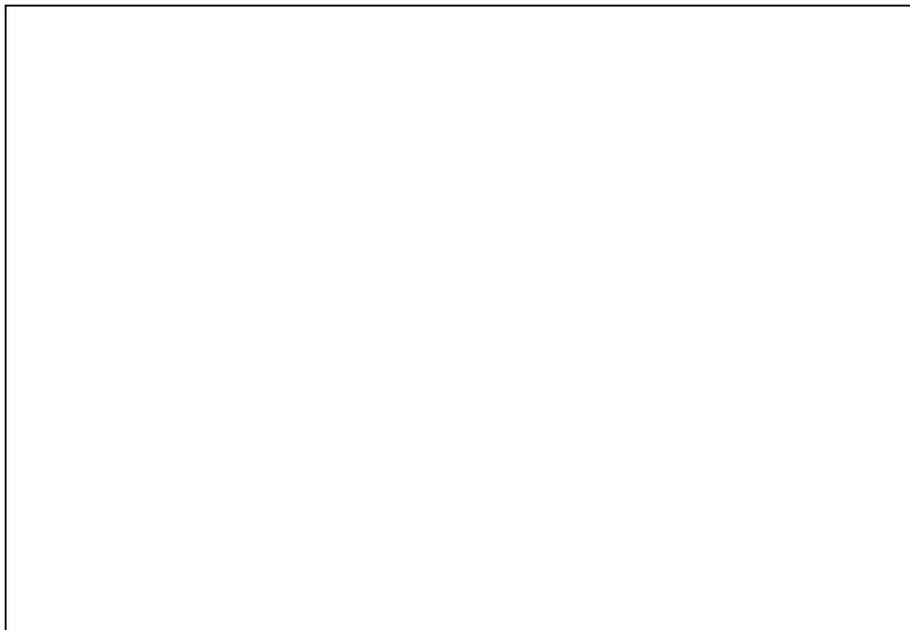
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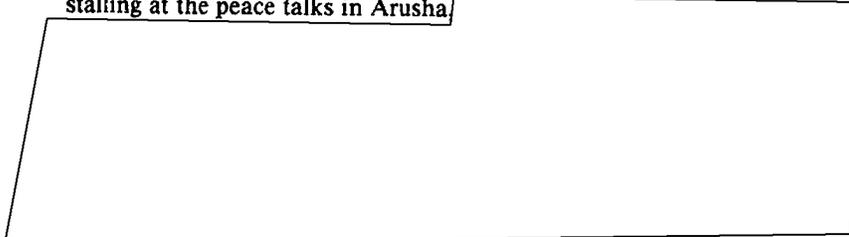
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**RWANDA: Government Fears New Rebel Offensive**

Rwandan officials believe ethnic Tutsi rebels are preparing to attack the Hutu-dominated government this week and are deliberately stalling at the peace talks in Arusha



**Comment:** The rebels almost certainly are capable of launching a new offensive but may believe the mere threat of an attack will be enough to force Kigali to be more accommodating at the peace talks. By seizing Ruhengeri, the rebels may hope to give more legitimacy to the idea of an ethnic Tutsi homeland. A more aggressive campaign that included moving against Kigali risks a confrontation with French troops.



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