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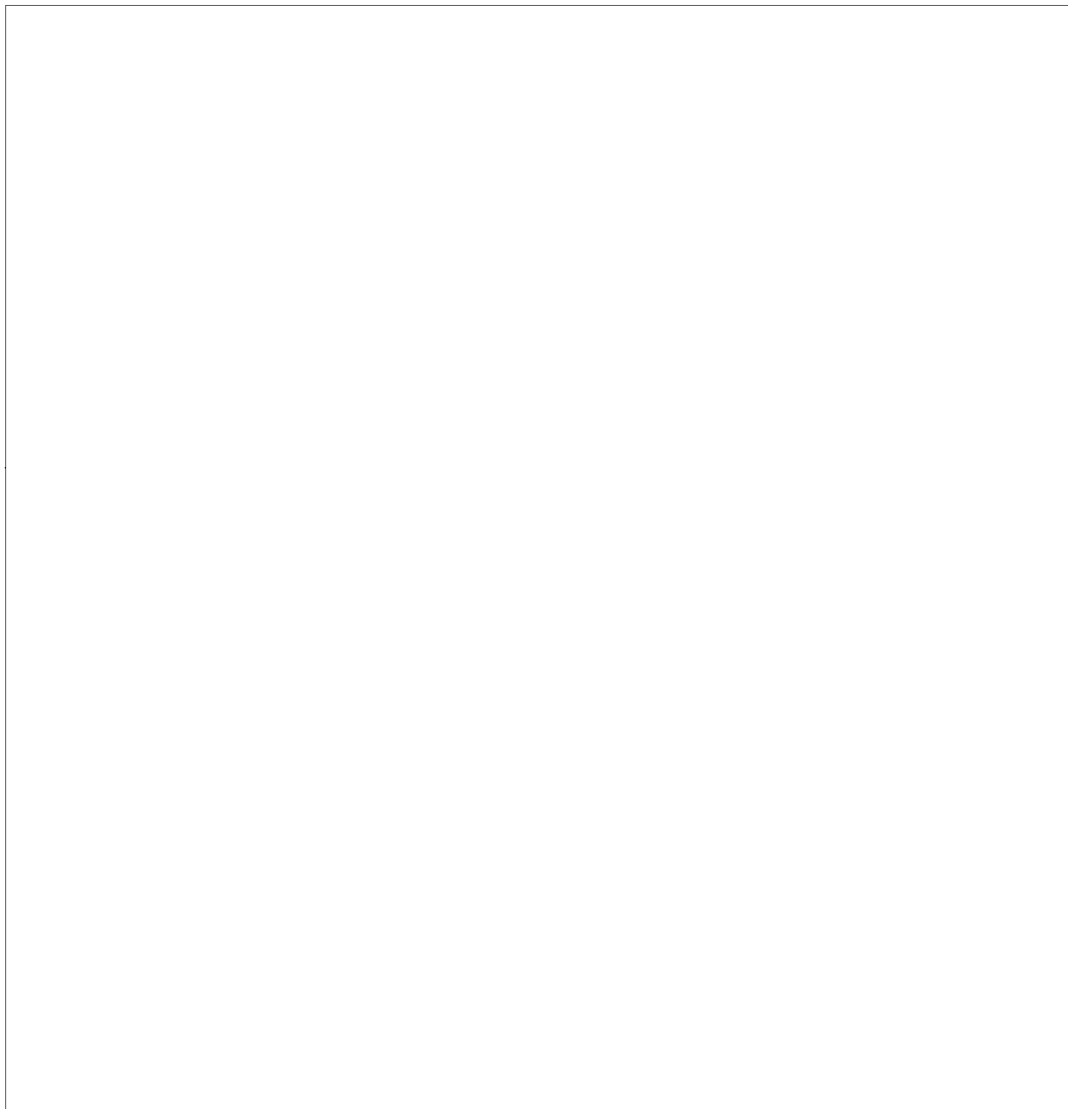
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14. Malawi

[redacted] the anti-Banda guerrilla activity in Malawi is fading. There have been no major attacks on Malawi towns since the raid on Fort Johnson in February, and the much-touted attack on the capital of Zomba never came off. Malawi forces continue to pursue the rebels who appear to be disorganized and leaderless in the countryside. Rebel leader, Henry Chipembere, evidently is no longer in Malawi to lead the rebellion. Some of the roving bands who continue to commit violence may be engaging in common thuggery.

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There is evidence that Tanzania has given limited assistance to the rebel ministers in the form of money and some guerrilla training. Five of the rebel ministers remain in Dar es Salaam. Several armed bands have infiltrated the Tanzania-Malawi border during recent months, but they were

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dispersed by Malawi police before having any significant impact in Malawi. Tanzanian aid to the rebels might pay dividends in the long run, but the rebels' effort to date seems to have been half-hearted.

Prime Minister Banda has become more confident and has been moderating his repressive measures. He is taking steps to eliminate discontent--e.g., giving pay raises to the discontented civil servants, putting a rein on his Malawi Youth gangs--and has released large numbers of captured rebels.

As the rebellion falters, however, the danger of assassination of Banda increases.



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Rebel leaders reportedly believe this is the only way to overthrow him.



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If Banda should be assassinated, it is almost certain that Chipembere would succeed him. While Chipembere would adopt a more African nationalist line than has Banda, we believe such a regime would be basically pro-Western.



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