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COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

The Minister of Defence deeply regrets to announce to the Rwandan people the sudden death of the Head of State, His Excellency Major General Juvénal Habyarimana, which sad event took place on 6 April 1994, around 8:30 p.m. at Kanombe. The plane bringing him back from Dar-Es-Salaam was brought down by yet unidentified elements in unclear circumstances.

On board the same plane was the President of Burundi, His Excellency Cyprien Ntaryamira, who died together with two of his ministers accompanying him.

The Rwandan Army Chief of Staff, Major General Déogratias NSABIMANA, Ambassador Juvénal RENHAZO, Col. Elie SAGATWA, Dr. Emmanuel AKINGENEYE and Major Thaddée BAGARAGAZA and all the crew also perished in the tragic accident.

The Minister of Defence hereby calls upon the Rwandan people not to lose courage as result of this painful event and avoid any act that may jeopardize public safety.

He particularly urges the Armed Forces to remain vigilant, ensure the security of the population and remain courageous and perceptive as they have always been in such trying moments.

He equally urges the population to remain indoors pending further instructions.

Signed by order.

Col. Théoneste BAGOSORA

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