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It is with deep sadness that the Minister of Defence announces to the people of Rwanda the untimely death of the Head of State, His Excellency Major-General Juvénal Habyarimana, on 6 April 1994 at around 20.30 in Kanombe. The plane carrying the President back from Dar es Salaam was shot down by unidentified persons under still unexplained circumstances.

Aboard the same plane was His Excellency Mr. Cyprien Ntaryamira, President of the Republic of Burundi, who died with two of his Ministers accompanying him.

The Chief of Staff of the Rwandan Army, Major-General Déogratias Nsabimana, Ambassador Juvénal Renzaho, Colonel Elie Sagatwa, Dr. Emmanuel Akingeneye and Major Thaddée Bagaragazi and the entire crew also perished in the disaster.

The Minister of Defence requests the people of Rwanda not to lose courage in the wake of this painful incident and to refrain from any actions that could undermine national security.

He specially requests the Armed Forces to remain vigilant, to ensure the security of the people and to keep up the courage and clear-sightedness that they have always shown in difficult times.

I also recommend to the population to stay at home and to await new orders.

Signed by order  
Colonel Théoneste Bagosora, BEMS  
Directeur de cabinet of MINADEF

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