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RWANDA: Prospects for Peace at Risk

By trying to overturn the recently negotiated peace accords that would bring the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front into the government, President Habyarimana has triggered ethnic violence that may be spiraling out of control. [REDACTED] the ruling party's Hutu-dominated youth wing has gone on a rampage this week, killing at least 80 people—mostly Tutsis—and forcing thousands to flee their homes. [REDACTED] violence is spreading across the north. Although Kigali remains calm and all US citizens are reported safe, Rwandan staff members of an international development agency operating in the northwest were recently attacked [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Habyarimana and his supporters, fearing they will have little power in a new coalition government, have little incentive to stop the violence. Their persecution of Tutsis, however, increases the risk that the RPF will resume the civil war. Even if the RPF adheres to the current cease-fire, the ruling party's role in undermining the peaceful transition to a multiethnic government will rob Habyarimana of credibility in any future negotiation. [REDACTED]

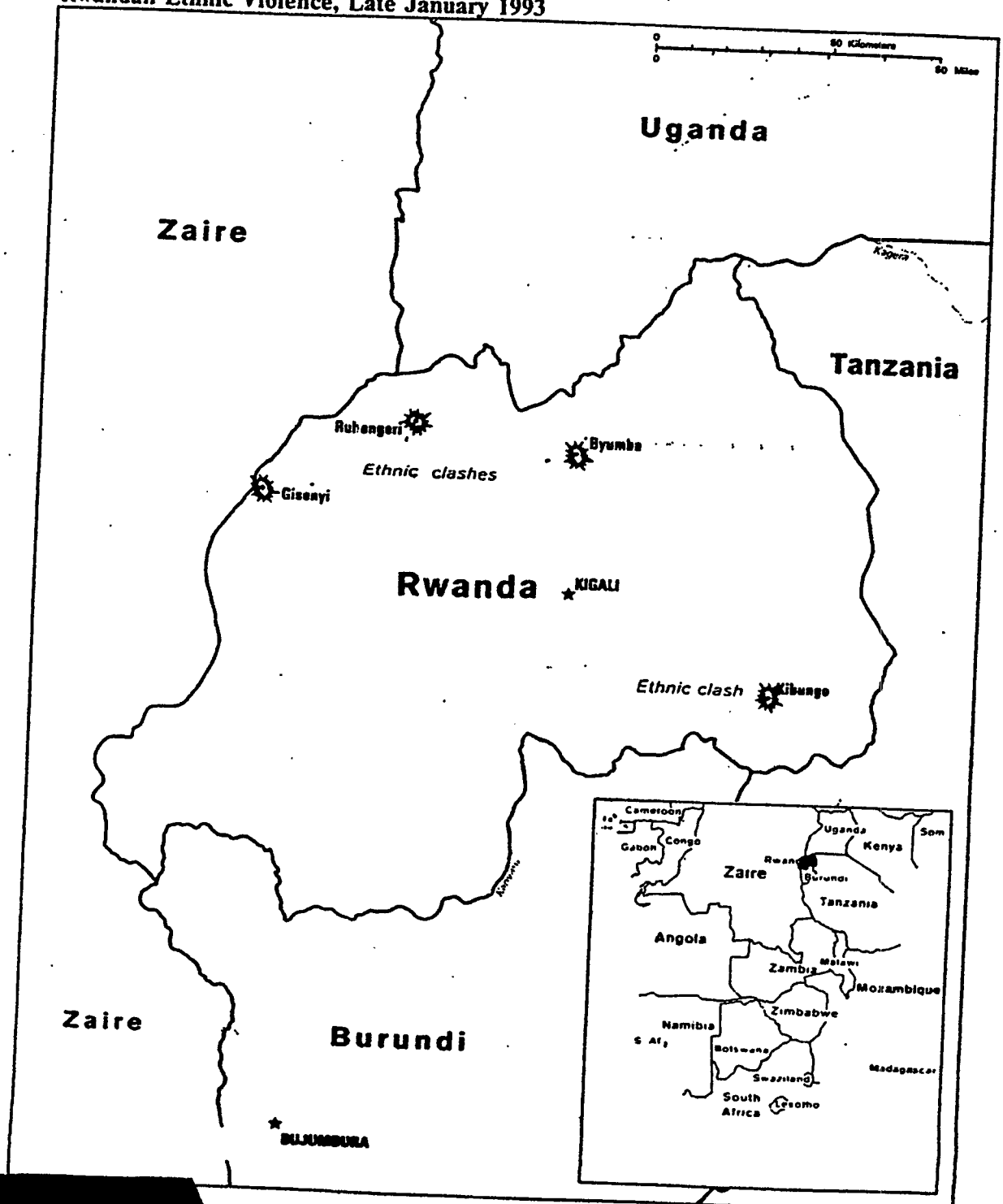
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