

Shooting is continuing in Kigali. The RPF controls the hills above the city and the North and North-West of the country. They control the town of Byumba in the North. The RGF (Rwanda Government Forces) control the North-East and the South. A representative of Medecins sans frontiers (MSF) which had been taking care of a hospital in the southern town of Butare visited the SC President. Soldiers of the RGF and of the Presidential Guard recently entered there, murdered all the Rwandan personnel of the hospital, then returned and murdered all the patients. According to the MSF representative, his organization never experienced anything of the sort, anywhere.

The meeting in Arusha did-didn't take place: the RPF deputy didn't have the mandate to negotiate anything with govt representatives. He did, however, announce a unilateral cease-fire which the RPF will declare at midnight local time, 25 April. However, whether the RPF will extend it, will depend on conditions (which Gharekhan did not specify).

Note: This situation leaves the SC quite perplexed, also because the Rwandan sits there, albeit usually silently. A clear genocide is taking place, of the governmental and presidential-guard Hutu units against the Tutsi. No matter how one considers the numbers, there used to be some 1.2 million Tutsi before the war and certainly 100,000 of them have been killed off. The regional organization (OAU) looks at the situation from the point of view of the country's stability or possibly of the legitimacy of the government: it is striving for a cease-fire, holds both parties on the same level. Is this not as though we wanted Hitler to reach a cease-fire with the Jews? (Sure the comparison is wanting but the proportions are the same.)

The CZ Delegation will talk to some colleagues from among the "non-non", to see whether we couldn't react in some other way than by withdrawing UNAMIR, of which only 450 men remain in the country.