

***BURUNDI, RWANDA, TANZANIA,
UGANDA & ZAIRE: RWANDAN AND
BURUNDIAN REFUGEES***

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EMERGENCY REPORT - KIVU CRISIS

Latest events

Goma •

No changes in the security situation were reported after a new military governor has been appointed as of yesterday by the central government. Contrary to what reported by some news agencies, late afternoon radio contacts between Goma sub-Delegation and the Red Cross volunteers in Katale and Kahindo camps confirmed that no population movements took place today. No problems were reported in moving Red Cross trucks to and from the airport.

Bukavu •

It was impossible to establish contacts with the Red Cross Society of the Republic of Zaire in Bukavu, therefore it is impossible to report first hand information on a situation which, according to the international media, could assume the character of an open conflict. The Head of sub-Delegation, debriefing in Geneva after Monday's evacuation, confirmed a dramatic situation with widespread fighting and the town littered with bodies.

Rwanda •

Situation fairly stable on the border with Zaire nearby the town of Gisenyi, where practically no cross border movements were reported at all. The relocation of the Zairian refugees from Umubano camp to an unspecified location in the region of Kibuye was started today by the Rwandese authorities.

Burundi •

The number of Burundian refugees returning from the region of Uvira grew rapidly today, as at the end of the day approximately 6,000 were reported to have reached the Federation-run transit camp of Katumba.

Red Cross/Crescent Action

Goma •

While the distribution of the food transported yesterday to Mugunga 2 camp kept the volunteers of the Red Cross busy, the second Hercules flight, carrying 19 MT of relief items, including one rubb hall and large quantities of medicines, was unloaded in Goma airport in the early afternoon. Meanwhile, the Fed01 aircraft brought back all the delegates who were still in Nairobi, so that the sub-Delegation is now strong of 10. As anticipated, more staff is expected to fly in tomorrow.

Burundi •

Preparation work continues in Katumba transit camp, foreseeing a more sustained influx for the next days.

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