

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM RWANDA

Summary: 238 foreign nationals, including 204 Rwandans, were evacuated this morning to Bujumbura by air in two round trips.

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(1) The following (106) people were on the first flight:

- Twenty-two members of the Russian representation in Rwanda, including the Ambassador
- One diplomat from the Burundian Embassy in Rwanda and his family
- Nine Rwandans from the Air France Agency in Kigali, who have already left on a Lufthansa flight to Nairobi
- About 70 Rwandans, including the following personalities:
  - + Mr Sylvestre Nsanzimana, former Prime Minister and his family
  - + Mr Nrubito, Prosecutor General and his family
  - + Mr Ferdinand Nahimana, Minister designate for Higher Education and his family
  - + The wives and families of a number of ministers, including the Ministers of Planning, Higher Education and Youth
  - + The wife of the late FAR Chief of General Staff.

(2) The second flight had 132 people on board:

- Seven reverend sisters, including four Canadians, two Belgians, and one Spanish
- One hundred and twenty-five Rwandan nationals, mostly senior government officials and their families. The Secretary
- The MP *cum* Secretary of the National Assembly as well as the families of the Ministers of Employment and Health were also on board.

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1. On arrival in Burundi, most of the above Rwandan refugees requested to leave, citing security concerns.
2. For their part, senior Burundian government officials appear to be particularly worried about the reactions of the Rwandan Tutsi community.

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