

Subject: Re: 17 schools burnt by Hutu rebels!**Date:** Mon, 27 Oct 1997 20:43:28 -0500**From:** Nephtali Ntahimpera <ntahimpera.1@OSU.EDU>**Reply-To:** Friends of Burundi Discussion List <BURUNDIF@UAFSYSB.UARK.EDU>**To:** Multiple recipients of list BURUNDIF <BURUNDIF@UAFSYSB.UARK.EDU>

Jean-Claude:

D'autres informations donnent un point de vue different de celui du gouvernement.

Lis ce qui suit:

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COMMUNIQUE No 100

Massacre of 161 Hutu

Criminal Arson at 18 Schools by the Army of BUYOYA

1. The CNDD denounces the massacre of over 161 Hutu civilians and criminal arson at 18 primary and secondary schools perpetrated between October 15 and 21 in the same province of Rural Bujumbura. That odious crime was plotted and committed by the army of Major Buyoya, which is in rebellion against democratic changes since October 21, 1993. The communes especially hit were Kabezi, Mutambu and Kanyosha. Eighty-eight people were killed in commune Kabezi (82 in Rugembe, Gitenga and Masama; and 6 in Gakungwe). 52 people were killed in commune Mutambu (Manda and Burima) and 21 in Kanyosha (Nyamaboko). Most of the victims were women, children and old people.

2. The fact that all schools destroyed were located in the province inhabited mostly by Hutu exposes the responsibility of the Monoethnic Tutsi Army. The declaration of the military junta ruling in Bujumbura asserting that the FDD might have been responsible for those destructions are therefore ridiculous and can not hold. Considering these blatant and evident facts, it is absurd to give even little credibility to the proposition developed by the military junta.

3. Concerning the barbarity of such a violence, the CNDD urges once again the "International Community" to come out from its state of lethargy and energetically condemn the genocide in which the putschist army of Major Buyoya is engaged since October 21, 1997.

4. To constrain the same army to return to the negotiations started on May 1, 1997 according to the Agreement of Rome of March 10, 1997, the CNDD requests the Organization of the African Unity (OAU) and Presidents of our region:

4.1. to increase pressure on the putschist regime of Major Buyoya by reinforcing the control of embargo violation, especially the Congolese port of Uvira through which smuggled oil flows toward Bujumbura.

4.2. to quickly take additional measures as promised in case of any obstruction of negotiation process by the "warmonger" Major Buyoya. Major Buyoya, whose apparent willingness to negotiate for a lasting peace in Burundi is a malicious lie, presided over the genocide in 1988, 1991, and 1993-1997.

For the CNDD,

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