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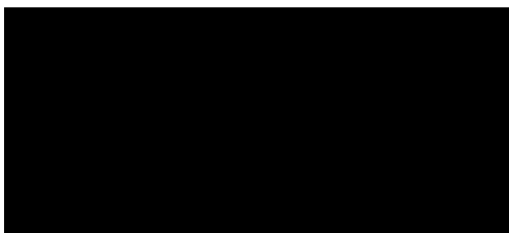
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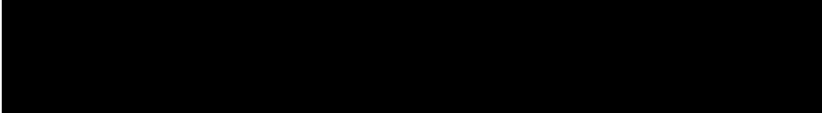
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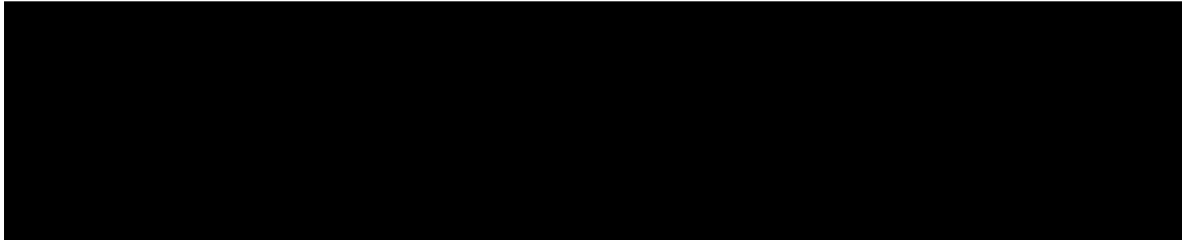
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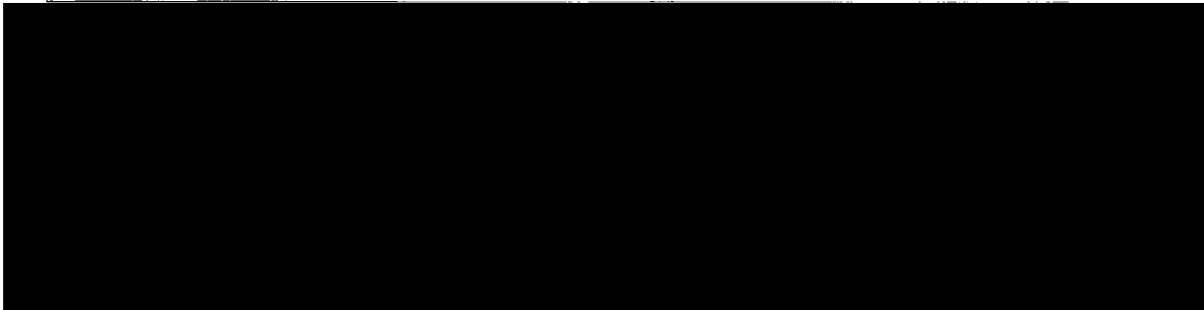
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Senior Rwandan military officers have agreed to a cease-fire with the Tutsi rebels, but fighting by renegade Hutu military units and the presidential security guard has increased in Kigali and has spread into the countryside. The Tutsi rebel leader has told [REDACTED] officials that his forces, which may number 3,000 troops, are moving the 80 km toward the capital to protect fellow Tutsis and to restore order.

— If the Tutsi rebels advance toward Kigali, they risk renewing the civil war and placing 4,000 foreign nationals including 300 Americans at an even greater risk. [REDACTED]

The French landed 200 paratroopers from the Central African Republic and secured Kigali airport early today, [REDACTED]. An 800-man Belgian paracommando battalion was scheduled to arrive later in the day to reinforce the French and prepare to evacuate the 1,500 Belgian nationals. Canadian officials say Ottawa will send a transport aircraft to Rwanda to evacuate roughly 200 Canadian citizens, according to press reports.

— Unless a cease-fire holds, the 2,500 lightly armed UN forces may also require evacuation. [REDACTED]

The International Red Cross already convoyed aid workers from southern Rwanda into Burundi yesterday, and [REDACTED] the UN World Food Program is moving aircraft into the region to evacuate its workers.

— The withdrawal of foreign aid workers puts at risk 350,000 internally displaced Rwandans who depend on humanitarian food aid. [REDACTED]

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