



# The Daily Delegate

## VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN CONGO AND RWANDA

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News of border conflict between Congo and Rwanda has reached the United Nations. Rwandan military forces are confirmed to have crossed the disengagement line that has divided Congo since the signing of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement in 1999. On one side of the line, Rwandan troops back rebels that aim to overthrow Joseph Kabila, the current President of Congo.

Congolese troop mobilization has been confirmed in retaliation to the Rwandan violation of the disengagement line. In response, the Rwandan president has criticized the Congolese government for their failure to contain and control the CNDP rebels, citing a lack of monopoly in the internal use of force to question Congolese sovereignty. Today, it has been revealed that the CNDP have boldly taken Nigerian workers as hostages. There is speculation that the CNDP will attempt to use them to prevent Nigerian involvement in the regional conflict.

There has been no more news of confirmed fatalities, and officials and UN members hope to prevent any escalation of violence. Having reached a critical climax, many view this border confrontation as being the result of decades of historical tension, dating back to the Belgian occupation of Congo in the 1960s. Following the Rwandan massacres of 1994, civil war erupted in Congo and Mobutu Sese Seko was replaced by Laurent Kabila.

Rwandan support for Kabila then dwindled and led to a Rwandan backed rebellion against Kabila. The region spiraled into a state of turmoil as surrounding African states backed different sides of the regional conflict.

The UN Security Council has been scheduled to meet and is in the middle of discussing diplomatic methods of ending border violence, which has wrought many injuries and possible unreported civilian fatalities. Sources from within the Security Council Committee reveal there are mixed reactions to the crisis.

There is talk of possible foreign aid to be sent to the region's already displaced civilians, numbers of which are expected to rise exponentially should the conflict continue. As well, possible international intervention and peacekeeping missions are being considered. As the international community is aware, the Congo is rated just before Zimbabwe as the second last of 169 countries in terms of global wealth, poverty, health and education on the UN Human Development Index. Congo has been plagued with a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in its population, and issues related to widespread starvation, even before the onset of this border conflict. Hopefully, the region will regain some semblance of peace before more civilians suffer further displacement or fatalities.

## MUN MUSINGS, AN INITIAL EXPOSÉ BY DALLIN MENDENHALL

Another HSMUN conference has begun. Two exciting days lie ahead of us for learning and debating, and scheming, and basking in the glory that is High School Model United Nations. Truth be told, though, I'm always a little anxious as this first day of the conference. I wonder constantly, will the delegates really get passionate about the work in front of them? Will the in-committee antics be as epic as I remember them? Will this conference be truly great?

I 'took to the streets', as it were, to find answers to my questions. A few high school press delegates and I spent the evening talking to delegates, sticking our heads into various committees, and getting the low-down on what's been happening this first night. So just how, you may be asking, is HSMUN going down so far? Well, I saw a lot of things this past evening, including many extremes...

I saw both the über-prepared and the 'average student'. In one committee, during an unmoderated caucus, I asked two delegates what they were going to do to make sure the needed monetary resources for their proposed solutions get to the right place. The delegate from Bosnia Herzegovina replied simply, "I'm gonna debate hard." On the other hand, the delegate from Germany was more than willing to talk my ear off about UN involvement and policy-driven expenditures and even about innovative programs the

German government had implemented to bring compassionate care to the needy. I was impressed by her wealth of knowledge; only the end of the caucus was able to bring our conversation to a close.

I saw both rational approaches to divisive issues and 'less rational'. The Security Council, grappling with the issue of Cross-Border terrorism (before they received news of the developments in the Congo and Rwanda, at any rate), spent this past evening discussing the root causes of terrorism. The delegate from Lebanon characterized terrorism as a natural response to the aggression actions of other nation-states: "If they're gonna kill my family, I'd kill their family, too." The cool-headed delegate from Germany, however, reminded the Council that "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth makes the whole world blind".

I saw authentic ethnic garb, more slovenly dressed delegates, and everything in between. I saw friendly international relations and not-so-friendly international relations (Israel, apparently, wants Lebanon to 'stop beaking'). I saw both rules-of-procedures pros and more confused delegates. I saw focused delegates and also delegates who were studying biology in-committee. I saw variety in just about every aspect of this past evening's goings-on.

So, will this conference be truly great? Judging from what I've seen so far, absolutely.

# BACK TO LIBYA, PART I BY ANDREW DOUGLAS

Ask Marty McFly, or Dr. Emmet Brown: Libyans are not to be trifled with. That's especially true if you stole plutonium from them. So all of you aspiring time travelers should keep your Deloreans under lock and key. For the average Libyan though, time-traveling to 1955 doesn't seem nearly as crazy as the things that Brotherly Leader and Guide of the Revolution of Libya-one Muammar Gaddafi has been saying lately.

Gaddafi, has recently called the anti-government protesters "rats and mercenaries". This is a somewhat ironic statement considering the fact that Gaddafi has hired mercenaries from Zimbabwe, Chad, Niger, and Sudan. These mercenaries have been added to Gaddafi's existing troupe of forty all-female body guards armed with assault rifles. Of course, Gaddafi can't expect to stay in five star hotels in Rome or Paris. His dwelling of choice happens to be a gigantic Bedouin tent where he stays and conducts political business when on foreign missions. Gaddafi also said yesterday that, "It is obvious now that this issue is run by al-Queda." Apparently, he is attempting to blame the Islamist group (and by some accounts, Osama Bin Laden himself) for the popular uprisings that have taken control of the eastern city of Bengazi.

He also claims that young people have been given hallucinogenic drugs to incite them to protest, stating that Libyans have "no reason to complain whatsoever". Gaddafi also expressed his will to speak to the young people. Unfortunately, however, it was raining in Tripoli leading the truly bizarre umbrella speech. So for a man who thinks that the al-Queda and drugged up youth are coming to take over a country from him, the idea of a hover skateboard in 2015 doesn't seem all that bizarre.

What can we learn from all of this? In the future don't watch movies in your regular frame of mind, watch them like your mind has been supplanted by Muammar Gaddafi's. Yeah, it's a time traveling car powered by a flux capacitor, but if you believe a bunch of drugged up teenagers are coming to get you and only your brigade of Amazon warriors can save you, science fiction is basically reality. If you want to live in a world where all your movie-based fantasies come true, just resort to insanity and become the ruler of an oil rich nation – because anything is possible when you're a delusional dictator.



# BEING DEPOSED? MAKE A FABULOUS RESORT-GETAWAY

BY KAITLYN GRANT

Are you on the wrong side of the tracks with the UN? Did you say the wrong thing at the wrong time in council? Feeling the need to lay low for a while, drop of the radar, or avoid the media?

Perhaps you are looking for that delegate who did not show up for committee this morning, or the billionaire who dropped off the map and still owes money to whatever "organization" helped you build your fortune. There is no need to fret! The Daily Delegate, after much deliberation and research, has compiled a list of the top locations for those seeking political asylum, a secret lair, or a conspicuously missing person.

If the stay will be short, we recommend checking into the Rongbuk Monastery Guesthouse on the North Face of Mount Everest. It is just shy of Death Zone, which provides an easy getaway from intruders who are unlikely to follow you further into the snowy abyss of little oxygen and low chances of survival. You will have to be careful and plan ahead for an escape, but you will find that the Death Zone provides a rather convenient get away from this get away location. (Alternatively, when searching this location for a runaway, be sure to block off their pathway to the Death Zone, or might find yourself risking your life at new heights.)

If you are looking for something that will keep you away for a long time, try a secluded cabin in the territories of Canada. There will be hard, manual labour to survive since there will be no electricity, running water or heat, but that might make it the last place anyone would look for you. Plus they are extremely difficult to get to. Only in the far North of Canada do Canadians often use dog sleds to get places, so you are in for the real Canadian Experience whether you are staying or just on the lookout for someone!

Looking for something more elegant, that caters to your every whim and desire. By going to a hotel, chateau, or resort, you may think that you are increasing your chances of being found by the media, but really you can outsmart everyone by going somewhere SO obvious they will never look there. So, search the European country side for an abandoned castle, or mysterious island shrouded in legends and myths complete with a ghost haunting, and your only concern will be trying to avoid being recognized by pesky tourists. Good Luck!

**Overheard at HSMUN**  
 The Holy See read a passage from the Bible as an opening statement (Ephesians 6:10-18) and was greeted by thunderous applause from all. (If you're wondering, that particular passage is about the armour of God.)

"Just a note, I don't know my country's foreign policy, 'cause I didn't bother to... do it. So I'll just be on Google later." -Israel

(To the press team member, on relations with Russia:)  
 "We've had our good times, we've had our bad. It's like your girlfriend." -Saudi Arabia

"We need to explore other reasons and root causes for terrorism, and, you know, just take it easy." -India

"If we're going to win their hearts and minds, we have to win their hearts and minds, not blow them up!" -Nigeria

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