



# Weekly Report

## Burundi

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### ***U.N. warns Burundi leaders against stoking political violence***

- In the wake of rising civil and political tensions ahead of next year’s elections, the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is warning leaders that those who incite violence could face international prosecution.

- Source: Reuters

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCABREA3923Q20140410?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

### ***US urges Burundi to drop constitution changes, avoid “dark days”***

- On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations visited Burundi and urged President Nkurunziza to abandon his planned constitutional amendments which threaten to disrupt the fragile ethnic balance in the country.

- Source: Reuters

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN0CV01020140409>

### ***Burundi cable on arming young called alarming by Power, dodged by France***

- There are reports out of Burundi that on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 a cable was sent from the UN in Burundi to three top UN officials about weapons being distributed to the youth-wing of the Hutu aligned CNDD party.
- US Ambassador Samantha Power has confirmed that she has seen reports along these lines and has been in close touch with her UN colleagues.
- The cable is being likened to the “genocide fax” from Rwanda to the UN which was largely ignored in advance of the 1994 genocide.
- Source: Inner City Press

<http://www.innercitypress.com/burundi3uncableicp041014.html>

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*“Burundi needs international attention now to ensure that it doesn’t return to the dark days of its past.”*

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