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**WITH A GROWING CONCERN OF LOSING THE POLLS, A DESPERATE REGIME
RESORTS TO REPRESSIVE TACTICS**

Several news agencies have reported that several rwandan political activists have been arrested and brought to police stations for questioning. They were allegedly accused of "divisionism, sectarianism, and posing threat to national security" in the current electoral process fostered by Paul Kagame and his government. Although the Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda (FDLR) have on several occasions denounced the current electoral process, they would like to denounce in strongest terms possible the intimidation, repression, abduction, wrongful imprisonment, even assassination prevailing in Rwanda against anyone who dares to challenge Kagame and Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) ideology.

Here is the motto of the current regime: everything will be done to ensure Kagame's electoral victory including simulating rebel attacks as denounced in FDLR Communique SE/No. 4/Jul/2003 dated July 28, 2003. And to get there, the political opposition will be silenced if needed. To justify the repression, the Rwandan Government is staging "rebel attacks". These tactics are meant to scare people in order to entice them in voting for Kagame.

The FDLR have also learned that the RPF has massively been registering voters in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) regions under the Rwandan Patriotic Army (RPA) control. This indicates that the current regime is willing to rig the process in case Kagame was unable of securing enough votes to get elected.

The FDLR call upon the international community to witness the anti-democratic nature of the current electoral process. The international community should pressure the rwandan Government to engage in a constructive dialogue with the opposition. Only this dialogue will ensure the establishment of political institutions that are genuinely representative of the Rwandan society and will form the foundation of a transparent political transition. Without such a process, the FDLR warn the Rwandan Government and the international community that, whatever the outcome of these elections, the rwandan political situation will not get better as long as the political opposition

would be either silenced or sidelined.

Thus, the FDLR applaud the recent decision made by the Government of the Netherlands to withhold any financial aid intended for the on-going electoral process.

The FDLR would like to call upon human rights organizations to investigate the cases of arrested activists and monitor the repression and intimidation subjected to the rwandan people by the Kigali's regime.

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