Subject: Re: Advocacy on Zaire reports  
From: Max GLASER at MSF-Amsterdam  
Date: 3/06/97 15:42

Reuters reports today: Monday the EU Foreign Ministers expressed their concern over Congo's moves to democracy. I.p. they "expressed deep concern over the reports with regard to human rights violations, particularly in Eastern Congo". Van Mierlo said that sending an EU envoy at this particular time was not yet appropriate. The aim of an envoy would be to investigate the future relations with Congo i.p. to suspended development aid.

On the other side, the US has sent an USAID mission to Congo to investigate the resumption of development aid suspended for six years now. Formerly the US was sending some 40 million annually for a period of 15 years (= 600 million). The aim of resuming the assistance is primarily to boost the electoral process.

However, Bill Richardson is due to leave for Congo this week to express his concerns over human rights violations in Congo a.o.

Yesterday, Akashi attacked Kabila in a letter in the International Herald Tribune, mentioning MSDF reports.

Kabila has refuted allegations and attacked the UN, EU and the US for the allegations. He did this as he was departing to Harare for the OAU summit. Till date, he has denied to receive lower level missions from the EU and the US.

So, indeed this is what silent diplomacy can do, but we are still not safe from the possible back-fire of the public report with which Kabila is flung with. The worst being MSF called to explain the basis of proof for the allegations stated, as this will become an issue of international importance, for Kabila's survival, as for the international interest for stable mineral markets. This is a double edged sword.....

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This is what silent diplomacy can do, greetings Wilna
Good news Eh!!!

Subject: Advocacy on Zaire reports
Author: Ruud HUURMAN at MSF-Amsterdam
Date: 03-6-97 14:32

for your info from Germany

Subject: Advocacy on Zaire reports
Author: Petra MEYER at MSF-Bonn
Date: 03-6-97 10:56

Dear all,

this is just to inform you that after handing over the two reports (Zaire) to the German government, the minister of Foreign Affairs, Klaus Kinkel, yesterday said on the occasion of a meeting of the EU Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg: "I've got information that massacres have been carried out on the Rwandan hutu population in Eastern Zaire." He also said that aid agencies oughtn't be used by the military as lure in order to trace and kill refugees. Kinkel called on Kabila to stop these killings immediately. He announced that next Wednesday (tomorrow) a mission of the EU together with representatives of the USA would present their protests to Kabila's government.

MSF was not quoted as source of information.

This message was on the main TV current affairs programmes yesterday evening.

Best regards, Petra