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Zambia: Rwandans to Lose Refugee Status

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Zambia said it had begun revoking the refugee status it granted 6,000 Rwandans who fled genocidal wars in that nation in the mid-1990's and is urging 10,000 more war refugees from Congo to leave its northern regions and return home. Many Rwandans, Congolese and Angolans have effectively resettled after long years as refugees in Zambia and have long resisted returning to their homelands despite assurances that they would be safe. Some have clashed with native Zambians over food and land, and the government says international donors do not offset its cost of caring for the refugees.

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