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ANOTHER SERIOUS TENSION IMPLICATION IS RISING IN MADAGASCAR, WHERE THE PRESIDENT IS CLAIMING AN ATTEMPTED COUP AFTER PARTS OF THE MILITARY JOINED MASS PROTESTS DEMANDING HIS OUSTER (OW-STER).

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PRESIDENT ANDRY RAJOELINA (RAH-JOH-EE-LEEN-AH) SAYS AN ILLEGAL POWER GRAB IS UNDERWAY AFTER ELITE TROOPS MARCHED ALONGSIDE DEMONSTRATORS AND DECLARED CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES. THAT SAME TROOP UNIT DENIED STAGING A COUP BUT ANNOUNCED A NEW GENERAL TO LEAD THE ARMY, DEEPENING THE POLITICAL CHAOS. PROTESTS THAT BEGAN OVER POWER AND WATER SHORTAGES HAVE NOW GROWN INTO A LARGER MOVEMENT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.