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GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. The past week the situation in the mission area was calm. However still tension is observed on the increase after a fourth unsuccessful attempt to install the broad based transitional government and the transitional national assembly on 25 Mar 94. UNAMIR took necessary security and protocol arrangements for the planned swearing-in ceremonies. The ceremony did not come to a conclusion because of disagreement amongst RPF and some of the parties. All authorities including the president of the Republic, except the RPF reported for the ceremony.
- B. On 241800 Mar 94 A/FC in consultation with SRSG decided to change the UNAMIR Force readiness status from yellow to red in view of the swearing-in ceremonies for the Broad Based Transitional Government and Transitional Institutions on Friday 25 Mar 94. State of alertness continues in anticipation of possible installation of BBTG on Monday 28 Mar 94. But the Broad Based Transitional Government (BBTG) could not be installed and UNAMIR continues to pursue all efforts to unblock the situation.

C. MAIN INCIDENTS

On 221545 Mar 94, RPF Chairman escorted by 16 RPF Armed soldiers went out of the CND compound without UNAMIR armed escort. After some time the UNAMIR armed chased and caught up with the convoy. RPF is often impatient when they request for escorts. On 23 Mar 94 at about 0300 Hrs four unidentified armed miscreants attacked the chief of Kambuga Sector (A7626) and his wife. The victims sustained injuries and admitted at Kirambo Hospital. Attackers used explosives. On 232000 Mar 94 a grenade exploded at Mimuli (B2840). Out of the explosion six persons were killed and two injured. The injured pers were evacuated to the hospital at Ngarama. Investigation ongoing. During the night of 23/24 Mar 94 unknown burglars broke into a storehouse at Kigali International Airport. They removed two UN-Mail Bags and one Belgium Diplomatic Mail Bag and ripped open letters. Civpol is investigating.

Main events of the week for UNAMIR Military Division D. are: (1) On 221430 Mar 94 A/FC visited the MILOB Teams at Gisenyi and Ruhengeri. Also he visited Byubat HQ at Byumba. He received an operational briefing by DMZ Sector Comd. One Byubat Coy (+), about 200 troops, were transferred from DMZ Sec to Kigali Sec (Operation On 221700 Mar 94 an operational Boomerang). (2) briefing was conducted by the staffs of Ops Branch to the Deputy Asst Secy of the African Bureau of the US State Department, Mrs. Prudence Bushnell, and the Director of the office of Central Africa, H.E. The Ambassador Mrs. Arlene Render, Accompanied by H.E. The Ambassador of the United States Mr. David Rawson and the counselor of the US Embassy, Mrs. Joyce leader. A/FC presided over the briefing. (3) On 230800 Mar 94 Force HQ received a US Delegation led by Dy Asst Secy the Department of Defence Responsible humanitarian and refugee affairs, MS patricia Irvin, Col Bruce Bartolain, the plans and policy Directorate Officer for the Middle East/African affairs and MS Yael Aronoff, the special Asst to the Dy Asst Secy. They were briefed on humanitarian The Defence activities and mine clearance. (4) Minister of Rwanda paid a visit to RUTBAT from 1100 Hrs to 1400 Hrs on 23 Mar 94. He was accompanied by the Chief of the RGF, Chief of the Gendarmerie and Senior Officers of the Government Forces. The Defence Minister was received by the Acting Force Commander, Kigali Sector Commander and RUTBAT Commander. (5) On 241500 Mar 94 A non-denominational service was organized for late Mr. J.P. Stevelinck, Security Officer UNAMIR, and late Ms. Shireen Causey, Secretary to the CAO. SRSG, A/FC and CAO attended. ((6)

On 26 Mar 94 was the 23rd Independence Day of Bangladesh. SRSG, A/FC, RGF Representatives, RPF Representatives and other VIPs attended a ceremony organized by the Bangladesh Contingent on this occasion.

2. POLITICAL

- A. The main political events continued to focus on efforts to install the transitional institutions. The SRSG intensified his contacts and consultations to this end with the various political leaders as well as with members of the diplomatic corps, including in particular the representative of the Facilitator and the observer states to the Rwandese peace process.
- B. During the period under review, there were two unsuccessful attempts to set up the institutions, on 25 and 28 March. Both efforts failed when agreement could not be reached on the request by CDR to be included in the institutions. It is to be noted that CDR, which had previously opposed the Arusha Peace Agreement, has subsequently stated its support for that Agreement and applied for inclusion in the institutions envisaged under the Agreement.
- C. On 28 March, the SRSG signed a joint statement with the representative of the Facilitator, the Ambassadors of the observer states (Belgium, France, Germany and United States, Burundi, Uganda, Zaire) and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, in which they appealed to Rwandese political leaders to reach a compromise which, inter alia, would allow CDR to participate in the transitional institutions, and thus allow those institutions to be set up without further conditions.
- D. Also during the period under review, the SRSG received at UNAMIR headquarters the Deputy United States Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs who, accompanied by the Director of the Central African Office in the State Department, was on an official visit to Rwanda.

3. MILITARY

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A. FORCE HQ

Normal staff duties were carried out. On 251700 Mar 94 A/FC called for a staff meeting to debrief the UNAMIR deployment for the swearing-in ceremony and gave orders on subsequent actions to be followed in anticipation of the installation of BBTG.

B. UNOMUR SECTOR

The general situation in the UNOMUR area continues to be calm. There is no significant change. Election campaigns in UGANDA followed by rallies were organized. All went peacefully. The British High Commissioner in Uganda accompanied by his wife paid a courtesy visit to Mission HQ on 21 Mar 94. During the period under review total 73 patrols including 21 night patrols were carried out. The following border crossing were observed:

OPS	NO OF VEHICLE CROSSED THE BORDER		NO OF PEOPLE CROSSED THE BORDER		WITH LOAD
	TO RWANDA	TO UGANDA	TO RWANDA	TO UGANDA	
KATUNA	34 (*) 44 (WFP) 32 (ICRC)	43	59	184	28 TONS OF MAIZE(3) 19 TONS OF BEANS

Most of the movements were of routine nature. All veh carried food and supplies. The attitude of the NRA and RPF towards UNOMUR ptl found to be normal along the border. Operational activities could not be maximized due to shortage of vehicles and Absence of helicopters. They received two (02) helicopters on 24 and 25 Mar 94. One of them went to Kigali on 27 Mar 94. Eleven (11) vehicles have arrived at Kampala and expected to reach Kabale by next week.

C. DMZ SECTOR

The situation in the DMZ area was calm. Extensive patrolling was carried out by the six UNMO teams and BYUBAT. The following incidents occurred: (1) On 22 Mar 94, at about 1100 hrs, BYUBAT ptl base at NGARAMA (B2628) heard 10 rounds small arms fire from the gen area of GR (B2527). Ptls confirm RGF were testing wpns on Hill-Top at GR (B2522). (2) At 1230 Hrs on 22 Mar 94, a loud explosing was heard 300M Ne of B Coy HQ at NGARAM (B2829) from the Dir of GR (B288288). Ptls and EOD sent to spot suspected fragments of device to be HE bomb. Samples of fragments collected for further investigations. (3) On 23 Mar 94, Comd of RGF Bn at NYAGATARE reported of RPF presence at WARUFU (B320517) across the DMZ line. Report was being investigated. (4) Letters received on 23 Mar 94, indicated RPF planned activities as fols:

- (a) Intended to carry out a peaceful demonstration on 26 Mar 94 in protest against current political impasse by marching from CYUNGO to KINIHIRA. A protest has been sent to RPF by DMZ Sector not to carry out the planned demonstration.
- (b) Deploy along ridge KINIHIRA and within CYUNGO community pending any interference by the RGF.
- (c) Houses of Mr. HUSIRIKARI and KARYABWITE at KINIHIRA as well as that of Mr. ALLOY NDIMUKIHE at KABAKABWA were earmarked by RPF as grouping points.
- (5) Complaints received from residents of CIABAYAGA (B3243) by team F indicates that 2 locals were molested by RGF soldiers. (6) BYUBAT EOD team DML fol at NGARAMA on 21 Mar 94:
 - (a) $2 \times M26$ HE hand grenade.
 - (b) 1 x M75 HE hand grenade.
 - (c) 1 x M40 HE hand grenade.
 - (d) 1×60 MM HE Bomb.
 - (e) 1 x 60MM Mor Fuse.
 - (f) 1 x Apers.
- (7) RPF representative at NGARAMA, MR. ALPHONSE meretse visited BYUBAT Coy at KINIHIRA and intimated that RPF does not intend org demonstrations on 26 Mar 94 But rather wants to hold political rallies to know the views of the public on current political issues. He was told to pass through the proper channel with such proposals. (8) Force Engr Coy provided security at NGONDORE, continued with repair works and recovered qty 25 rounds small arms ammo (7.62) from A house adjacent to the meeting place. (9) Force Engr Coy carried out road recce from BYUMBA to KAGANDU -BURENGA KARAMA TUMBA and KIRAMBO.

D KIGALI SECTOR

Conducted 347 vehicles and 51 foot patrols in Kigali City in order to ensure Kigali Weapon Secure Area (KWSA). Established 34 check points at different places in KWSA. Random patrols and check points saturation being monitored by Force HQ. Tunisian Coy (-) ensured the protection of the RPF battalion and

RPF VIPs at CND complex. BYURAT GOLF provided security to the Force HQ, Kigali Sector HQ and Private residences of the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister Designate, the President of the constitutional court and five opposition ministers and the residence of SRSG, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Social Affairs and to the residence of Mr. NGULINZIRA BONIFACE and Mr. NGANGO. Kigali Sector also provided 46 UNMOS escorts and 46 armed escort during this period. Operational situation of RUTBAT improved significantly since their vehicles and equipments arrived in the mission area.

E. MILOB GROUP

- (1) General Situation. This week was marked by the preparation for the installation of the BBTG which as usual failed to take place. The majority of the population is disappointed with this failure. The overall situation is calm. Due to the recent clashes in BURUNDI the number of refugees in the camps in the south of RWANDA is increasing. The situation is still under control of the local, UN and NGO authorities. UNMOs are monitoring closely.
- MILOB GP HQ. CMO met Gen KAGAME on 21 Mar 94 at MULINDI. He discussed general situation and the difficulties faced by UNMOS since the restriction on the free movement last week. Gen KAGAME assured the CMO of his co-operation and that of his troops. MILOB HQ Staff and Sector Staff conducted familiarization program with 5 newly arrived MILOBs from MALAWI.
- Changes in appointments and (3) RPF SECTOR. promotions have taken place in RPF hierarchy. Lt Col JAMES has replaced Lt Col CEASER as Ops Officer in Gen HQ RPF. Lt Col CEASER assumed command of a Bn. US delegation led by the Dy Asst Secy of the Department of Defence responsible for humanitarian and refugee affairs, MS PATRICIA IRVIN met with RPF Chairman and Chairman of the RPA High Command on 231130 Mar 94. The delegation also included Lt Col BRUCE BARTOLAIN, the plans and Policy Directorate Officer for the Middle East/African Affairs and Ms YAEL ARONOFF, the special Asst to the Dy Asst Secy. The delegation also visited Milob HQ in MULINDI. Sector Comd briefed on operational and refugee situation. The RPF soldiers seemed to be disappointed on the failure to install the BBTG. On 26 Mar 94 Gen KAGAME was observed by UNMOs talking to the soldiers at NGONDORE check point probably to boost maorale.

- On 23 Mar 94 refugees at camp sake RGF SECTOR. D 4354 demonstrated against a catholic nun, whom they accused to be responsible for inadequate distribution of food in the camp. No casualties reported. On 23 Mar 94 a demonstration of approx GISENYI. locals took place in 1000 demonstration was against the refugees from UGANDA and their use of the land of the Gisenyi Citizens. A similar demonstration took place on the 24 mar 94 near the post office because of the same reason. The original owners want their land back. Requested local authorities to take appropriate measures. No casualties reported.
- On 25 Mar 94 team 705 visited SOUTH SECTOR. (5) refugee camps NGOZI F6990, KARAMA F7096, AKANKUBA F76099 border check point NGOZI. Team obtained information about influx of refugees from BURUNDI to RWANDA. The reason for the influx was the recent massacres in BURUNDI in which according to refugees and international news several hundred people have been killed. No major problems reported from the camps. Following VIPs arrived in refugee camp of BUGARAMA in the prefecture of CYANGUGU: Mr. LOSANZE Augustine, Mr. HAKIZIMANA DEOGRANY, BOTH POLITICAL ADVISER to the Burundese President, Debutee Mr. NDIKAMANA Nastal, the Secretary of the Assembly and the wife of the Presidents Cabinet with children.

F. FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

- (1) The Engineer Coy is deployed in the DMZ area at BYUMBA. Their major equipments have arrived from BANGLADESH. It seems that there are still deficiencies. However the unit is checking the equipment and preparing them for use. Mine detectors also arrived. FC tasked the unit to study and to test the feasibility of mine clearance in Rwanda with this equipment. If it is revealed that this equipment is not effective the field operations division (FOD) will be asked for appropriate action.
- (2) Log Coy provided security to the UNAMIR workshop and UNAMIR supply and communication warehouse. Dry, fresh and frozen food were issued to the various components of UNAMIR as usual. One section (10 drivers) carried out training on the local road and traffic system.

G. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

UNAMIR strength is almost at its maximum which is 2,548. Current strength is 2,538. All troops are on

ground and few observers are yet to arrive. Please find enclosed the weekly personnel state as of 290800 Mar 94.

H. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

The UNAMIR field hospital is installed in King Faycal hospital. They provide medical care to UNAMIR personnel and local population. The hospital has a serious lack of supplies. About 94 UNAMIR personnel and 56 locals receive normal treatment on a weekly basis. Problems occur with the local population in the critical periods. They have confidence in the UNAMIR field hospital and are not willing to be transferred to the governmental hospital (KIGALI Hospital) after their emergency treatment. The Kigali hospital also demonstrates no positive attitude in getting these patients. They don't answer the phone and deny sending ambulances to get the patients, solutions to this problem are being negotiated. medical supplies are urgently required. Discussions are ongoing with ICRC/UNICEF in getting their support for delivering supplies to UNAMIR for treatment of the local population by UNAMIR field hospital. It is observed that the umber of patients with malaria is on the increase. A/FC issued a memorandum to motivate the UNAMIR personnel to use the preventive medicine provided by the UN.

4. UNCIVPOL

A. CIVPOL carried out mixed patrols together with Gendarmerie in the various places in Kigali City.

B. <u>Incidents</u>

- (1) On 21 Mar 94 between 1110 Hrs and 1205 Hrs there was an illegal manifestation going on workers of ELEKTROGAS, in Kigali town, because they had not been paid since long. The Gendarmerie intervened and struck the demonstration apart by the means of teargas and batons. The strikers agreed to go with the local Gendarmerie to the Pirmature, to discus their matter. The whole manifestation had no political background.
- (2) There is a general mobilization of security forces in Kigali to monitor, manifestations planned by some political parties, which do not agree with the planned BBTG.
- (3) On 21 Mar 94 at 0900 Hrs a journalist, IYUBAHUMPATSE Jean Baptiste, who is working for the French BBC Service, was assaulted by locals in his Gikondo residence. The reason was for an article that he had written about the political situation in RWANDA. The CIVPOL PMT asked the Ede Comd of Kicukiro to patrol the neighborhood.

- (4) The Gendarmerie of NYARUGENGE, arrested two (2) RGF soldiers who tried to sell a weapon in Kigali centre on 20 Mar 94. Weapon: Rifle R4 5,56mm Nr 784706. The rifles have been confiscated by the Gendarmerie.
- (5) In the night from 22 Mar 94 to 23 Mar 94, the Gendarmerie from Nyamirambo arrested 4 people, because they were in possession of one (1) hand grenade.
- (6) On 25 Mar 94 at 1800 hrs CIVPOL received message that one (1) local civilian was injured while cutting grass near a house in KICURIRO. While cutting the grass his tool must have struck a hand grenade and exploded. The man received injury.
- (7) In the night of 24 Mar 94 at 2250 Hrs a Gendarmerie patrol arrested a local police guard at Petrowanda station in NYAMIRAMBO. The guard was on duty, but was drunked. He threatened 10 persons with his kalnachnikov (AK-47). The patrol secured the gun and the police guard was given to the prefecture de KIGALI NYAMIRAMBO Gdn for investigation.
- (8) On 27 Mar 94 a local boy was beaten up by unknown attackers near the CND for unknown reason. He was seriously injured and brought to the FAYSAL HOSPITAL for treatment. This matter will be handled by a CIVPOL PMT.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) CIVPOL has been informed of the increasing drug problem in and around Kigali. Most of the drugs are being distributed and consumed in "Kigali Night" and the "Club Sportive Kigali".
- On 25 Mar 94 at 1500 hrs a meeting was held in the office of the Public Prosecutor concerning the killing of the Minister of Public Work. From CIVPOL: Inspec KRANZL, Comm. ASSIH and Maj meeting. The the at present DELPORT were prosecutor informed CIVPOL about the new information and statements. Then CIVPOL went together with the prosecutor to the bar "LAS VEGAS" to make an investigation. As this bar is an illegal brothel the prosecutor arrested the owner on the scene. The person was brought to Kigali prison.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The logistic environment is still difficult. Equipment arrived from UNTAC but the logistic situation remains difficult due to delays in deliver vehicles as most of them require repairs. Radios are also in short supply. Operational status from BANGLADESH contingent has improved due to the arrival of their vehicles/equipment. logistics and engineer company vehicles and equipments are being distributed. There are however deficiencies. It was also brought to FOD's attention that there are no spare parts and no mechanics available for the APCs (BTR-80) provided by BANGLADESH. For the moment three BTR-80 out of eight are not operational. UNAMIR is expecting the arrival of the helicopters. On 24 and 25 Mar 94 two helicopters arrived at Kabale. Out of two, one helicopter came to Kigali on 27 Mar 94. This operational deficiency in UNAMIR and UNOMUR will be taken care of upon delivery of all helicopters.

6. CONCLUSION

We passed the scheduled installation date for the BBTG by more than 87 days, this situation is deteriorating significantly and all UNAMIR resources are being used to the maximum of their availability. The rhythm of activity will require a reassessment of troops to tasks in order to ensure a sustainment capability of the Force over the next month.

7. REGARDS