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1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE DAILY SITREP MENTIONED ABOVE.
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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 280500Z APR TO 290500Z APR 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. THE PERIOD WAS RELATIVELY CALM. THERE WAS HOWEVER INTENSIVE FIGHTING AROUND BASE ON ROAD KIGALI - RUHENGARI ) AND SPORADIC EXCHANGE OF SA AND ARTY FIRE IN KIGALI IN THE AFTERNOON. RPF HELD AREAS IN THE COUNTRY NOW RUN FROM KIDAGO - BASH - PART OF KIGALI - RWAMAGANA - BIBUNGO - MUGOGO (IN SOUTH EASTERN CORNER OF COUNTRY). RGF STILL OFFERING RESISTANCE IN SOME AREAS ESPECIALLY IN THE CITY. FC MET WITH RGF CHIEF OF STAFF WEO STILL SEEMS TO BE GRAPPLING WITH THE WHOLE SITUATION. COS LEFT FOR GITARAMA TO DISCUSS SOME ISSUES RAISED WITH INTERIM GOVT. HUMANITARIAN OUTFIT CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE OF STATE OF WAREHOUSES IN CITY AND LOCATION OF REFUGEE CAMPS IN RGF HELD AREAS OF CITY. TEAM ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH PREFECT OF KIGALI AND INTERHAMWE LEADERS. DFC RETURNED FROM ARUSHA VIA MAIROBI. ONE X 60MM MORTAR BOMB LANDED ON LAWN OF FORCE HQ CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. NO RESULTS SO FAR RECEIVED FROM ISSUES PASSED ON TO INTERIM GOVT BY UNAMIR THROUGH RGF COS. THERE SEEMS TO BE A STALL IN ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AT THE MOVEMENT PROBABLY DUE TO SOME MINISTERS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND LOBBYING/TALKING TO GOVTS IN EUROPE AND AFRICA.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RPF. CONFIRMED TO HAVE TAKEN BASE ON ROAD RUHENGARI - KIGALI. TWO X BNs FIGHTING AROUND RUHENGARI. TROOPS ALSO SPOTTED AROUND BIBUNGO 30 KMS SE OF KIGALI. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN LINE HELD IN CITY. STILL CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS IN CITY. CND RECEIVED ONE DIRECT HIT (ARTY BOMB) DURING PERIOD. USING PERIOD TO STILL MANUEVRE IN EASTERN AREA OF COUNTRY.

B. RGF. STILL LOSING GROUND TO THE RPF IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH EAST. NEW COS STILL GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM. TROOPS SEEM TO BE LACKING DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP AND ACTING ON THEIR OWN. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN POSITIONS HELD IN THE CITY. IT WAS OBSERVED THAT SOME YOUNG MEN WERE BEING GIVEN MILITARY TRAINING IN A BARRACKS IN THE CITY CENTRE.

C. MILITIA. CONTINUE TO HOLD CITY CENTRE AND AREA AROUND NYAMIRAMBO, WITH ROAD BLOCKS WHICH ARE MANNED.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES. IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSES CONTINUE. DISCUSSIONS ALSO HELD WITH RGF COS AND PREFECT OF KIGALI. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES WERE ALSO COORDINATED.

A. FORCE HQ. HUMANITARIAN CELL HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH PREFECT OF KIGALI ON HUMANITARIAN AID AND SECURITY SITUATION IN CITY. PREFECT WAS RECEPTIVE TO HUMANITARIAN ISSUES BUT SAID NOT MUCH COULD BE DONE ABOUT THE SECURITY

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SITUATION. FC ALSO HELD HIS NORMAL MORNING AND EVENING BRIEFS. TALKS WERE ALSO HELD WITH RGF COS DURING THE PERIOD. IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSES AROUND THE FORCE HQ STILL IN PROGRESS. ONE X 60MM BOMB LANDED ON LAWN WITHIN FORCE HQ. FORCE COMD PLANS TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH RGF COS AND MAJ GEN KAMAGE TODAY.

B. INCOMUR. OPERATIONAL AREA CALM.

(1) DCMO CARRIED OUT RECCE IN AOR.

(2) PATROLS CONDUCTED AROUND MBERAMA HILLS, KYANIKA NKURUNGURU AND CHAHAFI AREAS.

(3) AN ICRC CONVOY CROSSED TO KISORO IN RWANDA WITH FOOD. TWO OTHER TRUCKS CROSSED AT KATUNA WITH FOOD TO MULINDI (RWANDA).

(4) BORDER CROSSINGS

(A) FROM UGANDA TO RWANDA

10 VEHICLES WITH 42 PASSENGERS AND GROCERIES THROUGH KATUNA.

(B) FROM RWANDA TO UGANDA

14 VEHICLES CROSSED AT KATUNA WITH 34 PASSENGERS (1 PICKUP HAD 2 FOREIGNERS, 1 BRITISH AND 1 CANADIAN).

C. BYUBAT.

(1) PROVIDED SECURITY AT KIA, AMAHORO STADIUM AND FORCE HQ.

(2) PROVIDED ESCORTS DURING THE PERIOD.

(3) IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSES STILL IN PROGRESS.

D. TUN PLATOON (+).

(1) PROVIDED SECURITY AT MILLES COLLINES WITH 2 X APC FOR THREATENED REFUGEES.

(2) PROVIDED SECURITY AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND MERIDIEN HOTEL.

(3) ALSO PROVIDED ESCORTS AND SECURITY AT FORCE HQ.

E. MILOR

(1) AN ATTEMPT TO RESUPPLY RPF SECTOR MILOBE WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL DUE TO CONVOY BEING TURNED BACK AROUND BASE.

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(2) ONE X TEAM WAS SENT TO GITARAMA TO ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH INTERIM GOVT.

(3) RPF SECTOR MILOBS ESCORTED AN ITALIAN PRIEST TO NGARAMA. ANOTHER TEAM ALSO ESCORTED WFP OFFICIALS TO BYUMBA AREA TO INSPECT WAREHOUSES FOR STORAGE OF RELIEF AID.

(4) CONTINUE TO LIAISE ON BEHALF OF FORCE HQ BETWEEN WARRING FACTIONS.

5. UNCTV/POL. NTR.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

A. HUMANITARIAN ADVANCE TEAM VISITED AID AGENCY WAREHOUSES IN KIGALI.

B. ATTEMPTS TO FIND A SECURE ROUTE THROUGH THE NORTHERN PART OF KIGALI TO LINK THE KIGALI BYUMBA ROAD PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE TEAM WAS TURNED BACK AT A MILITIA MANNED CHECKPOINT.

C. TALKS HELD WITH PREFECT OF KIGALI. A POSSIBLE SOLUTION INVOLVING COOPERATION WITH GENDARMERIE, RGF, ICRC AND UNAMIR MAY PROVE FRUITFUL.

D. ICRC RECEIVED SOME AID BY AIR DURING THE PERIOD.

E. ICRC HAS AGAIN INTIMATED THAT UNTIL THE SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVES IN KIGALI THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF AID.

F. FOUR TANZANIANS WERE EVACUATED ON UN FLIGHT.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. FORCE LOGISTIC BUILDUP CONTINUES. FOL ITEMS RECEIVED OVER THE PERIOD:

A. WELFARE ITEMS (CIGARETTES AND SOFT DRINKS)

B. SLEDGE HAMMERS.

C. CONCERTINA WIRE.

D. SAND BAGS.

E. ANGLE IRON PICKETS.

F. FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

G. HAND GLOVES.

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FORCE RESERVES NOW STAND AT 15 DAYS RATION, 28 DAYS WATER AND 44,400 LTRS OF FUEL.

9. MISC.

- A. FORCE STRENGTH - 453.
- B. 2 URUGUAYAN MILOBs DISCHARGED FROM NAIROBI HOSPITAL REPATRIATED ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.
- C. 1 OFFICER AND ONE CIVILIAN MEDEVAC TO NAIROBI ON UN FLIGHT.
- D. SICK REPORTS - 7 (MOSTLY MALARIA)