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1. THE GENERAL SITUATION REMAINED VERY TENSE WITH HEAVY FIRING THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND LIGHT FIRING MOST OF THE NIGHT. IT SEEMED THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE RPF WAS THE AREA OF THE KANOMBE AIRPORT (KIGALI AIRPORT) AND CAMP KANOMBE
2. RGF AND PRESIDENTIAL GUARD UNITS ARE STILL CONDUCTING LOOTING AND KILLING IN THE AREAS THEY CONTROL. IT HAS ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THEY TARGET UN VEHICLES. RPA HAS THE VICINITY OF THEIR COMPLEX OF THE CND UNDER CONTROL AND THEY ARE HELPING CIVILIANS FIND SHELTER WITH UNAMIR FORCES PRIMARILY AT THE STADIUM AMOHORO. APPROXIMATELY 1000 PERSONS ARE UNDER OUR CARE. NO WATER, FOOD OR SANITATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE PEOPLE.
3. GENDARMES, RGF AND PRESIDENTIAL GUARD ELEMENTS ARE ONLY MONITORING THE ACTIONS OF THE INTERHAMWE MILITIA (PARTY MILITIA OF THE MRND) AS THEY COMMIT ATROCITIES. IN SOME AREAS OF KIGALI INTERHAMWE HAVE CONTROL (NIAMIRAMBO BILYOGO AND KINASAGARA).
4. AT DIFERENT ROAD BLOCKS UNAMIR INFORMATION OFFICER WAS TOLD BY RGF, GENDARMES, INTERHAMWE AND PRESIDENTIAL GUARD THAT THEY WILL GIVE TROUBLE ONLY TO THE BELGIANS. THEY HAVE COMMENCED ASKING THE NATIONALITY OF UN PERSONNEL AT ROAD BLOCKS. IN MANY CASES GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND MILITIA ARE DRUNK OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS.
5. UNMOs REPORT KILLINGS AND LOOTING BY MRND SUPPORTERS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE GENDARMERIE IN BUGARAMA, KIBUYE, AND CYANGUGU OUTSIDE KIGALI. THE CONFLICT APPEARS TO BE SPREADING TO OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.
6. AT GISERNYI, ONE UN AUSTRIAN MAJOR WAS THREATENED, HIS MONEY WAS

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STOLEN (\$8000) AND HIS RADIO WAS SEIZED.

7. IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR, SOME KILLINGS AND LOOTING WAS REPORTED. ABOUT 350 PERSONS HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN A CATHOLIC CHURCH.

8. IN KIGALI, IT IS STILL VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF DEAD. AS MANY AS THOUSANDS MAY HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. THIS CANNOT BE VERIFIED IN OUR PRESENT SITUATION BUT THE KILLINGS ARE CONTINUING IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AREAS. THE VICTIMS ARE MOSTLY TUTSIS OR HUTUS FROM THE SOUTH OR FROM NON-MRND /CDR POLITICAL PARTIES.

9. TWO MILOB'S FROM URUGUAY WERE INJURED AT ANOHORO STADIUM (RUTBAT AND REFUGEE LOCATION NEAR UNAMIR FORCE HQ) DUE TO SHRAPNEL FRAGMENTS FROM A MORTAR BOMB. IN TOTAL 4 MORTAR BOMBS HAVE FALLEN ON THIS LOCATION IN THE LAST 12 HOURS. BOTH CASUALTIES WERE TREATED AND ARE IN STABLE CONDITION.

10. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOME HOBS ARE ATTACKING ISOLATED BELGIAN FAMILIES. IT IS ALLEGED ONE BRELGIAN WOMAN AND HER CHILD HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED AT KICKIRU AREA OF KIGALI. DUE TO FIGHTING AND ROADBLOCKS UNAMIR HAS BEEN NABLE TO COFIRM THIS REPORT.

11. STATEMENT. DESPITE ASSURANCES FROM THE MILITARY CRISSIS COMMITTEE OF ENDORISNG THE PEACE AGREEMENT AND RESTRAINT OF THEIR FORCES, THE RGF, GENDARMERIE AND PRESIDENTIAL GUARD HAVE NOT RETURNED TO THEIR BARRACKS. IF NOT ACTUALLY CONDUCTING THE TERROR CAMPAIGN THEY ARE THEY ARE AT A MINIMUM ASSISTING, OBSERVING AND NOT TAKING ANY ACTION TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. INTERHAMWE AND OTHER HOBS ARE CONTINUING THEIR CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC AND GENERAL VIOLENCE. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES CONTINUE TO MOUNT AND POSSIBLY MEMBERS EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY, OR AT LEAST PORTIONS OF IT, ARE THREATENED IF NOT BEING ATTACKED OUTRIGHT. UNAMIR IS STILL LARGELY CONFINED TO IT'S CAMPS DUE TO FIGHTING BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND CANNOT VERIFY OR EVEN OFFER PROTECTION TO ANYONE IN MOST AREAS OF THE CITY. THE CONFLICT APPEARS TO BE COMMENCING IN OTHER (PRIMARYLY NORTH WEST AND SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY) AREAS. DEAPITE ASSURANCES TO RESTERAINTHEIR FORCES THE MILITARY CRISSIS COMMITTEE EITHER CANNOT CANNOT COTROL LARGE PORTIONS OF THEIR FORCES OR ARE IMPLICATED IN THE TERROR CAMPAIGN.

12. DESPITE REQUESTS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND THE FORMATION OF A NEW TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH RPF MEMBERSHIP (BUT NOT MEMBERSHIP FROM OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES AS THEY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED OR ARE IN HIDING) THIS GROUP IS NOT WATCHING ITS WORDS WITH DEEDS. RPF HAS DENOUNCED THE GROUP AND THE NEW GOVERNMENT AS PUPPETS AND UNACCEPTABLE.

13. RPF ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSE OF THE MILITARY CRISSIS COMMITTEE AND CONSIDERS THEMSELVES (IN STATEMENTS TO FC UNAMIR) TO BE IN A STATE OF WAR WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES. DMZ SECTOR REPORTS MOVEMENT OF RPF TROOPS IN THE NORTH EASTERN SECTOR AND THEY APPEAR TO BE PREPARING FOR OFFENSIVE ACTION. RPF HAS STATED THEY ARE FED UP WITH THE KILLINGS AND CONSTANT MANIPULATIONS OF THE PAST.

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14. IN NEGOTIATION WITH FC UNAMIR THE RPF HAVE REJECTED A DEAL WITH THE MILITARY CRISIS COMMITTEE, GOVERNMENT FORCES OR WITH A NEW TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE RPF IS EXPECTED TO LAUNCH A MAJOR MILITARY OFFENSIVE TOWARDS KIGALI WITHIN HOURS. THE RPF STATE THEY HAVE NO QUARREL WITH UNAMIR OR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OR ITS DEPENDENTS IN RWANDA AND WILL NOT ATTACK THESE GROUPS. THEY WILL ASSIST IN ANY WAY THEY CAN WITH AN EVACUATION. THEY REQUEST UNAMIR OR FOREIGN FORCES NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR OPERATIONS AND THEY IN TURN WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH A UNAMIR AND GENERAL EVACUATION.

15. UNAMIR HAS ONLY SEVERAL DAYS OF BASIC SUPPLIES WITH LITTLE HOPE OF OBTAINING MORE FROM THE LOCAL AREA DURING THE PRESENT SITUATION. MOST UNITS HAVE BASIC (WATER, RATIONS, FUEL) NEEDS DUE TO RESUPPLY EFFORTS ON THE NIGHT OF 7\8 APRIL. UNAMIR IS STILL LARGELY CONFINED TO ITS BASE CAMPS BY THE FIGHTING. UNAMIR IN ITS PRESENT STATE AND WITH ITS PEACEKEEPING ORGANIZATION CANNOT PROTECT ALL OF THE EXPATRIATE OR CIVILIAN COMMUNITY WITHIN RWANDA AND CANNOT CONDUCT AN EVACUATION WITH ITS PRESENT RESOURCES. UNAMIR WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO ASSIST LOCAL CIVILIANS, EMBASSIES, UN AND OTHER NGOs AND EXPATRIATES BUT OUR EFFORTS ARE MINIMAL AND WE CANNOT SUPPORT (IE WATER AND FOOD) THESE PERSONS.

16. FC UNAMIR SPENT MOST OF DAY AND NIGHT 7\8 APRIL SHUTTLING BETWEEN MILITARY CRISIS COMMITTEE AND THE RPF ATTEMPTING TO GET A CEASEFIRE FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS. HIS VEHICLE FREQUENTLY FIRED UPON BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. ALL NEGOTIATIONS TO NO RESULT. CONFLICT CONTINUES WILL LITTLE HOPE FOR CEASEFIRE OR CONTINUATION OF PEACE PROCESS.

17. AT 0400 HOURS IT WAS REPORTED BY UNAMIR FORCES AT THE AIRPORT THAT FRENCH TROOPS HAD LANDED AT THE AIRPORT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE MISSION OF THIS FORCE. RPF HAS CONFIRMED LANDING OF FRENCH AND STATE THEY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT. RPF RECOMMENDS THEY EVACUATE THEIR NATIONALS AND NOT USE MAIN ROAD IN FRONT OF CND FOR TRANSIT. FC ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT SRSG AND AMBASSADORS OF US, FRANCE AND BELGIUM TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION.

18. AT 0600 HOURS DMZ SECTOR REPORTED HEAVY MG AND MORTAR FIRING IN AREA OF EAST DMZ AIMED AT AKAGERA HIGHWAY. RPF SECTOR CONFIRMED RPF SOLDIERS IN THIS AREA WERE ON THE MOVE AND COULD NO LONGER GUARANTEE SECURITY OF UNHOS, UNHOS WILL REMAIN IN LOCATIONS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE FLOW OF INFORMATION. IF DANGER APPROACHES THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FALL BACK ON MULINDI OR GO NORTH TO UNOHUR BORDER CHECKPOINTS. AT 0730 REPORT RECEIVED FROM DMZ STATED HEAVY FIRING IN BYUMBA AREA AND WEST OF BYUMBA. THIS CONFIRMS UNAMIR ASSESSMENT THAT AXIS OF BYUMBA TO KIGALI AND WEST OF BYUMBA TO BASE TO KIGALI. AT 0745 DMZ REPORTED RPF TROOPS IN LAST TWO MENTIONED AXIS WERE ON THE MOVE.

19. CONCLUSION. THE CONFLICT CONTINUES AND IS EXPECTED TO ESCALATE SHORTLY DUE TO REFUSAL OF RPF TO ACCEPT PROPOSED

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GOVERNMENT AND POSSIBLY DUE TO THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AT THE AIRPORT. MASSACRES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE ABATED AND MAY BE ENTERING A NEW PHASE AS THE FIRST TWO PERSONS (WOMEN OF THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY) WERE KILLED AND MOLESTED. UNAMIR FORCES BLOCKED BY FIGHTING AND NATURE AND CAPABILITY (IE ORGANIZATION AND WEAPONS) OF OUR FORCE FROM INFLUENCING THE SITUATION. FORCE CANNOT CONDUCT EVACUATION ALONE SHOULD THAT BE ORDERED. DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS ALL WITHIN AN ATMOSPHERE OF OPEN HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE FORCES IN KIGALI AND A LARGE NUMBER OF KILLINGS AND ABDUCTIONS OF OFFICIALS, CHANCES OF PEACE PROCESS CONTINUING OR EVEN ESTABLISHING CEASE-FIRE IS UNLIKELY. EVACUATION OF THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY, UN AND OTHER AGENCIES IF THE PARTIES IN CONFLICT IN RWANDA CONTINUE TO HAVE NO REGARD FOR PEACE PROCESS TOWARDS A POLITICAL SOLUTION THEN UNAMIR MUST ALSO BE EVACUATED. WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL WITHIN OUR POWER AND ABILITY TO PROTECT UN AND OTHER AGENCIES, EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY AND CIVILIANS BUT OUR RESOURCES ARE INADEQUATE AND SITUATION WILL RAPIDLY DETERIORATE SHORTLY.

20. RECOMMENDATIONS/OPTIONS. INTENSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE SRSG AND POLITICAL STAFF AND FC AND MILITARY STAFF CONCLUDE PRESENT MANDATE OF THIS MISSION CANNOT BE CONDUCTED DUE TO REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE. THERE IS NO PEACE TO KEEP. THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE PRESENTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, DECISION AND ACTION:

- A. UNAMIR COULD REMAIN IN PLACE BUT MUST BE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED AS CRITICAL SUPPLIES ARE DOWN TO 1-3 DAYS SUPPLY. IF THIS OPTION IS TAKEN WHAT WOULD BE OUR MANDATE AS OUR PRESENT MANDATE CANNOT BE CONDUCTED? IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THIS FORCE WAS CONFIGURED AND EQUIPPED FOR PEACEKEEPING NOT PEACE ENFORCEMENT.
- B. UNAMIR ASSIST IN EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY. FOR THIS OPTION TO BE SUCCESSFUL UNAMIR MUST BE REINFORCED WITH AT LEAST TWO TO THREE BATTALIONS TO SECURE AIRPORT, FORCE ROADBLOCKS, ESCORT CONVOYS ETC. THIS WILL REQUIRE A NEW MANDATE ESPECIALLY ON THE USE OF FORCE. WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED AND IF UNAMIR IS ORDERED TO EVACUATE, OUR INTENTION REQUIRING YOUR SUPPORT IS TO WITHDRAW RPF SECTOR UNMOS TO UGANDA. WITHDRAW DHZ INFANTRY BATTALION AND ENGINEER COMPANY TO UGANDA. THIS ELEMENT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT LIFT TO MOVE IN ONE GROUP. A SHUTTLE WOULD BE ORGANIZED AND CONTROLLED BY UNAMIR. RGF AND SOUTHERN SECTOR UNMOS WOULD WITHDRAW TO NEAREST NEIGHBOURING NATION. KIGALI SECTOR WOULD WITHDRAW FROM KANOMBE (KIGALI) AIRPORT.
- C. FIRST TWO OPTIONS ASSUME UNAMIR COMMAND AND CONTROL OF EVACUATION. IF A LARGER UN OR OTHER EVACUATION IS PLANNED UNAMIR CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH ITS IN PLACE FORCES (IE TRANSPORT, FORMED UNITS, COMMUNICATION, CONTACTS, LIAISON, EXISTING EVACUATION PLAN FOR UN AGENCIES ETC).

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