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SUBJECT : WEEKLY SITREP Nb 17, 01 FEB 94 - 07 FEB 94

1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. THE SITUATION WAS GENERALLY CALM WITH NO MAJOR INCIDENTS. THERE IS AN EERIE SENSE OF SOMETHING POSSIBLY COMING UP. RPF MILITARY CADRES ARE SPEAKING IN MUCH STRONGER TERMS THAN EVER BEFORE. UNOMUR OBSERVERS HAVE SOME LOW LEVEL INFORMATION THAT THERE ARE SOME RPF PREPARATIONS ONGOING BUT NOTHING VERY HARD CAN BE CONFIRMED (PEOPLE/FOOD MOVEMENTS ARE MORE THAN BEFORE BUT NOT AT MASSIVE AMOUNTS AS WHAT WE CAN SEE DUE TO LIMITATIONS OF NO HELICOPTERS AND LARGE MONTANEOUS BORDER AREA).
- B. THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT YET IN PLACE. UNAMIR CONTINUES TO PURSUE ALL EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK THE SITUATION INCLUDING AN ALL PARTY MARATHON WORKING SESSION CHAIRED BY SRSG TO FIND A COMPROMISE.
- C. MAIN EVENTS OF THE WEEK FOR UNAMIR MILITARY DIVISION ARF: (1) FORCE COMD HAD A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE ON KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA SOPs AND GENERAL SECURITY MATTERS. THE MINISTER DEMONSTRATED A VERY POSITIVE DESIRE TO GET ON WITH SOLVING A LARGE NUMBER OF SECURITY PROBLEMS IN KIGALI AREA. MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL WERE SET UP AND JOINT DETERRENT OPERATIONS AGAINST WEAPONS ARE BEING PLANNED; (2) MR. DOUGLAS J. BENNET, US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, VISITED RWANDA AND UNAMIR; (3) JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON 02 FEB 94. DISCUSSIONS ONGOING ABOUT DEMOBILIZATION, ASSEMBLY POINTS, CANTONMENT POINTS, INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTERS AND ENLARGEMENT OF DMZ. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES WERE REVIEWED AND DIRECTION GIVEN TO THE WORKING GROUP TO GET INTO THE DETAILS; (4) FORCE COMD WENT TO MULINDI TO MEET RPF HIGH COMMAND CHAIRMAN, MAJ GEN KAGAME. HIS MOST CONCERN IS THE POLITICAL IMPASSE. THE ROTATION OF THE RPF COYS IN CND COMPOUND AT KIGALI CITY IS BEING CONSIDERED BY RPF FOR MORAL/PHYSICAL REASONS; (5) FORCE COMD FLEW TO THE UGANDAN/RWANDAN BORDER AT GATUNA IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE BRIDGE PROBLEM. DISCUSSIONS AND STAFFING ONGOING TO CLEAR THE GATUNA/KIGALI CORRIDOR FOR COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC; (6) 15 UNMOs FROM ZIMBABWE ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA ON 06 FEB 94.

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2. POLITICAL

- A. DURING THE PERIOD ON THE REVIEW, THE POLITICAL IMPASSE THAT HAS PREVENTED THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS ENVISAGED IN THE PEACE AGREEMENT CONTINUED. INTENSIVE EFFORTS WERE CARRIED OUT WITH A VIEW TO BREAKING THE STALEMATE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SRSG UNDERTOOK INCREASINGLY INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER CONTACTS WITH THE VARIOUS POLITICAL FORCES IN THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS WITH MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY BASED IN KIGALI.
- B. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SRSG'S POLITICAL EFFORTS DURING THE PERIOD WAS THE CONVENING, ON 7 FEBRUARY, AT UNAMIR HEADQUARTERS, OF A MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY HIM AND ATTENDED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES, THE CURRENT PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET AT THE PRESIDENCY AND THE AMBASSADOR OF TANZANIA IN RWANDA, REPRESENTING THE FACILITATOR. IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING WHICH LASTED OVER EIGHT HOURS, PARTICIPANTS REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR EARLY AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE AND TO MEET AGAIN AT UNAMIR HEADQUARTERS ON 10 FEBRUARY TO PURSUE EFFORTS TO BREAK THE IMPASSE HOLDING UP THE INSTALLATION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS.
- C. ON 2 FEBRUARY, THE SRSG MET AT UNAMIR HEADQUARTERS WITH THE UNITED STATES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MR. DOUGLAS BENNETT, WHO WAS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO RWANDA. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS, THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE EFFECTIVE WAYS AND MEANS OF PROMOTING THE PEACE PROCESS AND IN PARTICULAR THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARUSHA PEACE AGREEMENT.
- D. UNAMIR ALSO CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE INCREASINGLY CRITICAL HUMANITARIAN SITUATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, IN PARTICULAR, UNAMIR TOOK PART, TOGETHER WITH THE ICRC, UNHCR, OAU, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FPR, IN A MEETING ON 31 JANUARY, AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, TO CONSIDER SPECIFICALLY THE QUESTION OF RETURNEES.

3. MILITARY

A. DEPLOYMENT

(1) HQS

NORMAL STAFF DUTIES WERE CARRIED OUT AND FORCE HQ STAFF CONCENTRATED ON SECURITY MATTERS AS ENHANCING EXISTING SECURITY, EVACUATION AND CONTINGENCY PLANS AND IMPROVING LOCAL DEFENCE OF OUR ESTABLISHMENTS. SEPERATE MEETING WITH WORLD BANK, UNHRC AND NGOs ON DEMOBILIZATION AND SPONTANEOUS REFUGEES WERE POSITIVE STAFF ACTIONS EVEN WITHOUT THE BBTG. GUIDANCE BEING CLARIFIED ON POSSIBLE DETERRENT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PARTIES TO IMPROVE OVERALL SECURITY IN KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA AND SPECIFIC AREA IN THE COUNTRY.

(2) KIGALI SECTOR

CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PTL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA. ESTABLISHED DAILY 6 CHECK POINTS AT DIFFERENT PLACES IN KWSA. RANDOM PATROLS AND CHECK POINTS SATURATION BEING MONITORED BY FORCE HQ. TWO PLATOONS ARE ENSURING THE SECURITY OF THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION AND VIPs. THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS ALSO BEING SECURED BY SEC KIGALI TILL INSTALLATION OF THE BBTG. THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE HQ AND THE SUBORDINATE UNITS SPREAD OUT OVER KIGALI IS A MAIN TASK. ALSO ARRIVED 8 ARMORED COMBAT VEHICLES (BTR-60) FROM UNOMOZ. QUICK REACTION FORCES STARTED THEIR TRAINING WITH THESE EQUIPMENTS.

(3) DMZ SECTOR

DMZ SECTOR HQ IS OPERATIONAL IN ITS HQ AREA OF BYUMBA. GHANIAN BATTALIAN IS YET TO ARRIVE IN THE MISSION AREA. ALSO FIVE UNMO TEAMS ARE NOW OPERATIONAL WITH VEHICLES AND RADIOS. THE SITUATION IS CALM IN THE DMZ AREA BUT MORE AND MORE REPORTS ARE BEING FORWARDED THAT TENSION RAISES OVERTHERE AND THAT THE POPULATION IS GETTING ANXIOUS ABOUT THE DELAY IN SETTING UP THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE ATMOSPHERE OF INSTABILITY IN THE CAPITAL. ON DAILY BASIS LARGE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO THE DMZ AREA. WITH NO JOBS AVAILABLE AND NO LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE SECTOR, FRUSTRATED ELEMENTS TEND TO TAKE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

(4) MILOB HQ

NORMAL ESCORT DUTIES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. THE UNMOs ARE ALMOST ALL DEPLOYED BUT OPERATIONS ARE DIFFICULT DUE TO THE LACK OF VEHICLES AND RADIOS. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THIS PERSONNEL. A SUB HQ IN MULINDI (RPF SECTOR) IS NOW ESTABLISHED. RECCE FOR RGF SUB SECTOR HQ IN RUHENGHERI AND FOR SOUTH SECTOR IN BUTARE ONGOING.

(5) UNOMUR SECTOR

THE SITUATION IN THE UNOMUR AREA IS CALM. BORDER CROSSINGS ARE BEING OBSERVED. SO FAR NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS FOUND DURING THE PATROLLING AND CHECKING. FORCE COMD AERIAL RECCE ALONG THE UGANDAN/RWANDAN BORDER WAS OBSERVED BY NRA TROOPS. THE FLY CAUSED A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AMONG THEM AND UNOMUR OBSERVERS WERE BLAMED HAVING NOT INFORMED THE NRA. ON 01 FEB 94 CMO HELD A MEETING WITH THE NRA 2nd DIVISION COMMANDER. THE SUBJECT OF THE SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF REFUGEES TO RWANDA WAS RAISED. IT WAS STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SHOULD MONITOR THESE MOVEMENTS. APPOINTMENT WAS MADE TO VISIT THE REFUGEE CAMP OF NATIVALE (NEAR MBARARA) WHEN DEPUTY FORCE COMD WILL VISIT UNOMUR.

(6) FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

THE PERSONNEL IS AVAILABLE IN THE MISSION AREA. BUT NO OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE. AS LONG AS NO EQUIPMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY BANGLADESH THIS PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO BE TASKED AS INFANTRY. A BANGLADESH SHIPMENT, MAINLY VEHICLES, ARRIVED ON 30 JAN 94 AT DAR ES SALAAM. MOVEMENT IS FORSEEN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

B. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

15 UNMOs FROM ZIMBABWE ARRIVED ON 6 FEB IN THE MISSION AREA. 6 BELGIAN TROOPS LEFT THE MISSION. TOTAL PERSONNEL STRENGTH AS PER 070800 FEB 94 IS 1700. DETAILED WEEKLY PERSONNEL STATE IS ATTACHED HEREBY.

C. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL IS INSTALLED IN KING FAYCAL HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL FACES LACK OF MEANS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THE PAST WEEK 42 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 31 LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT. INPATIENT TREATMENT WAS GIVEN TO 3 UNAMIR PERSONNEL.

4. UNCIVPOL

- A. GENERAL SITUATION: (1) POLICE COMMISSIONER, COL. BLIEM, STARTED A SERIES OF WEEKLY MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GENDARMERIE. (2) CIVPOL MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION IN KIGALI CITY. LACK OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS HAMPERS THE OPERATIONS. (3) LOCAL PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE INSECURITY IN THE REMERERA AREA AT KIGALI.
- B. ACTIVITIES: (1) MEETINGS AND CONTACTS CONTINUED REGARDING THE 10 REFUGEES WHO TOOK SHELTER IN THE CND COMPOUND AT KIGALI. NO RESULTS SO FAR. (2) CIVPOL IS INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED ON: (A) 01 FEB 94 - ROAD BLOCK CREATED BY MISCREANTS AT KABUGURU; (B) 012139 FEB 94 - GRENADE EXPLOSION AT NYAKABANA (C) 012210 FEB 94 - TWO GRENADE EXPLOSIONS AT BYLIGO; (D) 03 FEB 94 - DISPUTE BETWEEN A BELGIAN SOLDIER AND A GARDNER (E) 04 FEB 94 - RGF SOLDIER IN CIVILIAN CLOTHS WHILE OFF DUTY WAS CARRYING TWO GRENADES.
- C. ACCIDENTS: NTR.
- D. CURRENT MANPOWER: 5 OFFICERS FROM MALI ARRIVED ON 01 FEB 94 AND 15 OFFICERS FROM TOGO ARRIVED ON 05 FEB 94. CURRENT STRENGTH OF UNCIVPOL IS 49.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

THE LOGISTICAL ENVIRONMENT IS STILL DIFFICULT. A FIRST BATCH OF 100 UNTAC VEHICLES ARRIVED AT KIGALI BUT IN A VERY BAD STATE OF DISREPAIR AND LOTS OF THINGS MISSING INCLUDING RADIOS. SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORT AND SERIOUS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT/RADIOS ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS. STAFFING STILL ONGOING REGARDING BANGLADESH ENGINEER COY EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES THAT WE HAVE FINALLY BEEN MADE AWARE OF. STAFFING OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION AND OPERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY POINTS/CANTONNEMENTS POINTS

AND INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTERS STILL ONGOING WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS EXPECTED BEFORE MID FEB.

6. CONCLUSION

WE PASSED THE SCHEDULED INSTALLATION DATE FOR THE BBTG BY MORE THAN ONE MONTH. THIS SITUATION MUST END AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION. THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF UNAMIR FORCES IN KIGALI DUE TO THE ESSENTIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CREATED BY THE FACT THAT THE BBTG IS STILL NOT IN PLACE, IS SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZING OUR OFFENSIVE DETERRANCE INITIATIVES IN THE KWSA AND IN THE DMZ. THIS CONCENTRATION OF FORCE IN KIGALI CANNOT BE SUSTAINED FOR MUCH LONGER AS OUR CREDIBILITY IN MONITORING THE SECURITY IN KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA, DMZ AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IS MOST VULNERABLE.

7. REGARDS

UNAMIR - MILITARY DIVISION
Weekly Personnel State

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DTG: 070800 Feb 94

Ser Nb	Country	TROOPS										UNMO	Total
		Inf Bn	Log Coy	Eng Coy	Med Coy	MovCom Pl	MP Sec	DMZ Cov(-)	Sub Total	Staff	Total		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	ARGENTINA											15	15
2	AUSTRIA												
3	BANGLADESH	370	200	203	50	20	11		854	29	883	51	934
4	BELGIUM	405							405	15	420		420
5	BOTSWANA											9	9
6	BRASILIA	3							3		3	10	13
7	CANADA									1	1	1	2
8	CONGO											25	25
9	ECUADOR												
10	EGYPT											10	10
11	FIJI											1	1
12	GHANA									19	19	24	43
13	HUNGARY											4	4
14	MAJI											10	10
15	NETHERLANDS											10	10
16	NIGERIA											15	15
17	PAKISTAN												
18	POLAND											5	5
19	RUSSIA											15	15
20	SENEGAL											39	39
21	SLOVAKIA											5	5
22	TANZANIA												
23	TOGO											15	15
24	TUNISIA								60	60	1	61	61
25	URUGUAY											20	20
26	ZIMBABWE											29	29
	TOTAL	778	200	203	50	20	11	60	1,322	65	1,397	313	1,700

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