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SITREP COVERING PERIOD 150600B FEB TO 160600B FEB 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. CALM. NO INCIDENT REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT NOT YET INSTALLED. SRSG CONTINUES TO PURSUE ALL EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK THE POLITICAL IMPASSE. AT 1000 HRS SRSG HAD A WEEKLY COORDINATION MEETING WITH ALL SECTION HEADS OF UNAMIR AT UNAMIR HQ. SRSG HAD ANOTHER IMPORTANT MEETING AT 1130 HRS WITH H.E. THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE, GERMANY, BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE FACILITATOR, AMBASSADOR OF TANZANIA AT THE RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE. AT 1600 HRS SRSG HAD A MEETING WITH MR MICHEL TWAGIRAYETSU, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RWANDA, AT UNAMIR HQ. ALSO A MEETING WITH THE UNDP'S REPRESENTATIVE, MR. LY AT 1700 HRS AT UNAMIR HQ.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

- A. RGF. RGF TROOPS CARRIED OUT PARA DROP TRAINING. AND ALSO CARRIED OUT FIRING PARA AT KIMIHURURA RANGE.
B. RPF. NTR.
C. OTHERS. NTR.

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4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.A. FORCE HQ.

(1) FC MET WITH COS RWANDAN ARMY TO DISCUSS THE SERIES OF REPORTED CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY REPORTED TO UNAMIR. IN REVIEWING THE COS ASSESSMENT, HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE FIRE-FIGHT IN THE NYAMIREMBE AREA (NORTH-EAST OF DMZ) (2448) AND THE REPORTED PATROLS/HARASSMENT BY ARMED RPF SECTIONS, PLATOONS AND EVEN AT COMPANY STRENGTH IN THE CENTRAL-SOUTH AREA OF THE DMZ (TUMBA), AND IN THE WEST AREA (NORTH OF RUHENGERI), ARE ALL PART OF AN ELABORATE PREPARATION OF A SECURE START LINE FOR THE RPF TO CONDUCT AN ATTACK ON BOTH RUHENGERI AND KIGALI. THIS IS OF COURSE ACCORDING TO COS, LINKED WITH THE RECENT MOVEMENT OF MALE REFUGEES FROM UGANDA AND THE TRANSPORT OF YOUTHS OF MILITARY AGE FROM KIGALI AND THE SOUTH INTO THE DMZ AND RPF SECTOR. FC LISTENED ATTENTIVELY WITH CERTAIN STAFF AND REQUESTED THAT THE COS ANALYSIS BE PUT ON PAPER FOR OUR REVIEW IN DETAIL. ALL THE INCIDENTS RAISED BY THE COS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION BY EITHER CIVPOL OR UNMOS WITH LIMITED RESULTS SO FAR. THE CIVILIANS INTERVIEWED GENERALLY ARE CLOSED MOUTHED OR INDICATE THAT THE SOLDIERS INVOLVED ARE RPF (DRESS, DEPARTMENT). FC HAS SEPARATELY ORDERED A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION, LINKING ALL THE VIOLATIONS AND INCIDENTS SINCE THE LAST THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. THERE IS A TREND EVOLVING BETWEEN THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF BOTH PARTIES AND THE POLITICAL STALEMATE THAT REQUIRES CLARIFICATION. RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY FRIDAY.

(2) FC MET WITH UNHCR DELEGATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE LATTER TO DISCUSS THE SUPPORT TO THE SPONTANEOUS REFUGEES IN THE RPF ZONE. HE INDICATED THAT THE RPF HAD BEEN MOST UNCOOPERATIVE IN GIVING THEM THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO CONDUCT THEIR SURVEYS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES THEY MUST PROVIDE. FC INDICATED THAT UNAMIR NOW HAD UNMOS PLUS HELICOPTER AVAILABLE IN RPF AREA THAT COULD ASSIST THEM IN DOING THE ESSENTIAL SURVEY. FC ALSO STATED THAT THEY WERE TO INFORM THE RPF THAT UNAMIR WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH ALL CURRENT INFORMATION/MAPS ON THE REFUGEES AND ALSO PROVIDE ESCORTS/GUIDES IN THEIR WORK. THEY WERE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPATIENCE ON THE PART OF THE RPF ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS SURVEY, BUT THEY STATED THAT WITHOUT A REASONABLY ACCURATE COUNT OF NUMBERS OF REFUGEES OF THEIR LOCATIONS, OF THEIR FOOD AND SHELTER NEEDS, OF THEIR CONTROL, HCR COULD NOT GET THE SUPPORT OF THE OPERATING AGENCIES NEEDED TO HELP THEM. FC STATED THAT THESE CONCERNS WOULD BE RAISED WITH RPF FORCE COMMANDER IN MULINDI, AND RPF CIVILIAN STAFF AT CND COMPLEX SEEKING THEIR SUPPORT.

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(3) STAFF BRIEFING WAS ORGANIZED FOR THE BELGIAN ARMY STAFF DELEGATION. DFC RETURNED TO KIGALI AT 1200 HRS AFTER 4 DAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO UGANDA.

B. UNOMUR. THE OPERATIONAL SITUATION IS CALM. THE SAO OF UNAMIR IS VISITING UNOMUR WITH HIS STAFFS. UNOMUR IS EXPECTING SOME MILITARY ATTACHES TO VISIT THEM. THE UNOMUR HQ TELEPHONE EXCHANGE (PABEX) HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND UNDER TESTING. FULL ASSESSMENT OF DFC'S VISIT TO UNOMUR WILL BE FORWARDED IN NEXT SITREP.

DATE	FROM UGANDA INTO RWANDA	FROM RWANDA INTO UGANDA
15 FEB	4 VEHICLES CARRYING 12 PASSENGERS CROSSED THE BORDER AT KATUNA.	7 VEHICLES CARRYING 19 PASSENGERS CROSSED THE BORDER. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.

C. DMZ. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PATROL WITHIN OAR. RGF CHECK POINTS ARE BEING REINFORCED IN RUHENGERI AREA AND TPS CONTINUED TO BE IN ALERT POSN. CONDUCTED ESCORT DUTY FOR AICF FROM RUHENGERI TO GASIZA. MONITORED FOOD DISTRIBUTION BY ICRC TO 7000 PEOPLE AT KIRAMBO. PROVIDED ESCORT TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL AND BOURGMASTE OF CYERU FROM RUHENGERI THROUGH MUSEKERA TO TABA AND KABUKOKO. ALSO ESCORTED TO AUSTRIAN CORPORATION FOR INSPECTION OF WATER SYSTEM AT CYUMBA, KIVUYE AND KIYOMBE. CONDUCTED COMPLEMENTARY RECCEE TO MIMULI, BWISIGE, NGARAMA, FOR DEPLOYMENT OF B COMPANY. DURING CLEARANCE PATROL FOLLOWING QUANTITY OF AMMO AND MAGAZINE FOUND ABANDONED IN A LIVING ACCOMMODATION AT NKUMBA (A-6639). 6294 ROUNDS OF 7.62MM, 6975 ROUNDS OF AK-47 RIFLE. ONE G-3 MAGAZINE AND 1 MAGAZINE OF AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE.

D. MILOB. CONDUCTED ESCORT FOR COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL TO BUTARE TO INSTALL VHF BASE STATION FOR SEC SOUTH. CMO LEFT FOR VISIT OF MILOB TEAM AT GISENYI.

(1) RGF SEC TEAM REPORTED THE INCREASE OF REFUGEES COMING FROM ZAIRE. ABOUT 400 PERSONS ARE PRESENTLY IN A CAMP NEAR THE CHURCH OF GISENYI. THE REASON FOR THEIR ESCAPE FROM ZAIRE IS THE LACK OF FOOD. ALSO RECEIVED INFO FROM RWANDESE BORDER AUTHORITIES AT GISENYI THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY THEM. THE WEAPONS WERE HIDDEN IN FOOD CONTAINERS.

(2) RPF SEC TEAM AT RWAMANGANA RECEIVED THREE RGF UNIFORMS OF THE KILLED RGF TROOPS DURING THE CEASE FIRE VIOLATION OF 11 FEB 94. THE UNIFORMS WERE HANDED OVER BY LOCALS. RGF COMD OF THE MUTARA AREA REFUSED TO TAKE OVER THE UNIFORMS STATING THAT THESE UNIFORMS WERE NOT WORN BY THE VICTIMS.

(3) SOUTH SEC TEAM AT BUTARE LIAISED WITH UNHCR. ON 15 FEB TWENTY-FIVE REFUGEES HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER.

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES ACCORDING TO UNHCR PRESENTLY IS ESTIMATED TO BE 236.000 IN BUTARE AREA.

E. KIGALI SECTOR. SECTOR COMD HAD A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF RWANDA, CHIEF OF STAFF RGF, CHIEF OF STAFF GENDARMERIE AND CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER OF FORCE HQ, AT KIGALI SECTOR HQ TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COORDINATION AMONG KIGALI SECTOR, RGF, AND GENDARMERIE. CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PATROL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURED AREA (KWSA). ESTABLISHED 3 CHECK POINT DUTIES AT DIFFERENT PLACES IN KWSA. PROVIDED 9 UNMO ESCORTS. 2 FOR RPF PERSONNEL 2 FOR GENDARMERIE AND 5 FOR RGF PERSONNEL AND 3 ARMED ESCORT 1 FOR PRIME MINISTER 2 FOR RPF PERSONNEL. SECURED THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION IN KIGALI CITY, THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE, FORCE HQ, SEC HQ AND KIGALI AIRPORT. AT NIGHT PROVIDED SECURITY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS AND SRSG.

5. UNCIVPOL. ONE MAN WAS ARRESTED ON 13 FEB 94 IN NYAKABANDA AREA OF KIGALI CITY BY THE BRIGADE OF GENDARMERIE WITH A GRENADE, TYPE M 26 AND A MILITARY KNIFE.
6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.
7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.
8. LOGISTICS. OPERATIONAL SITUATION REMAINS DIFFICULT DUE TO INADEQUATE VEHICLES AND RADIOS. UNTAC VEHICLES ARRIVED AND ARE BEING CHECKED AND DISTRIBUTED.
9. MISC. NTR.