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1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE DAILY SITREP MENTIONED ABOVE.
2. REGARDS.

FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 230600Z APR TO 240600Z APR 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. SITUATION STILL TENSE AND VOLATILE. FIRST HALF OF PERIOD WAS CALM. HEAVY SHELLING OF CND COMPLEX BY RGF LATE AFTERNOON INTO EVENING. SMALL ARMS FIRE AND MG FIRE EXCHANGE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF CITY THROUGHOUT PERIOD. NORTH AND NORTHEAST PART OF COUNTRY REMAIN UNDER RPF CONTROL. NORTHWEST, WEST AND SOUTH OF PART OF COUNTRY UNDER RPF CONTROL. NO CHANGE IN SITUATION IN CITY. FC VISITED GITARAMA AND HELD DISCUSSION WITH INTERIM GOVT. FC ALSO VISITED BYUMBA AND MULINDI LATER IN THE DAY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH RPF HIGH COMMAND. FC SPENT NIGHT AND RETURNED THIS MORNING. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED MOSTLY ON HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES AND UNAMIR'S CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT. UN AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF FROM GOMA (ZAIRE) WITHOUT RGF DELEGATION BECAUSE THE DELEGATION DID NOT TURN UP. EVACUATION OF TROOPS TO NAIROBI CONTINUED DURING THE PERIOD. UNDER SEC FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND ICRC TEAM VISITED HQ AND SOME REFUGEE LOCATIONS DURING THE PERIOD.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THIS FRONT. FC'S DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERIM GOVT DID NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT POLITICIANS ARE IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. POLITICAL CELL OF UNAMIR PLANNING TO RELOCATE IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. OBSERVED THERE IS NO DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RPF HIGH COMMAND AND INTERIM GOVT. THIS GAP IS CAUSING LOTS OF DELAYS ON ISSUES THAT NEED URGENT ATTENTION.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RPF. ADVANCE WESTWARD FROM RWAMAGANA TOWARDS KIGALI SLOWING DOWN BY RGF FORCES AROUND KIBUNGO. IT IS CONFIRMED BYUMBA NOW UNDER RPF CONTROL. NO SERIOUS FIGHTING UP NORTH AND IN EAST OF COUNTRY. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN DISPOSITION IN THE CITY. INFILTRATIONS AND RESCUE MISSIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD IN THE CITY. COS CONSIDERS CITY IMPORTANT BUT NOT CRUCIAL. FORCE DOMINATING HIGH GROUNDS OVER LOOKING THE CITY.

B. RGE. REINFORCEMENTS OBSERVED MOVING NORTH FROM GITARAMA TOWARDS KIGALI. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DISPOSITION WITHIN THE CITY. ATTACK TO SEIZE CND DURING PERIOD WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. IT APPEARS COS NOT IN FULL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION EVEN THOUGH BENT ON PREVENTING RPF FROM CAPTURING KIGALI.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES. PERIOD USED FOR READJUSTMENTS OF UNITS AND EVACUATION OF TROOPS TO NAIROBI.

A. FORCE HQ. REORGANIZATION STILL ON GOING. FC HELD CONFERENCE WITH STAFF AND COMMANDERS AT 230700. EVENING CONF CHAIRED BY CMO. ICRC TEAM VISITED HQ AT 230830. TEAM BRIEFED BY COO AND LATER BY THE FC. UN UNDER SECRETARY FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND SEVEN OTHERS VISITED HQ AND SOME

REFUGEE CAMPS FOR FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON REFUGEE SITUATION. FC VISITED GITARAMA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERIM GOVT ON TURNING AIRPORT INTO UN NEUTRAL TERRITORY. RESPONSE FROM GOVT WAS ENCOURAGING. REPLY EXPECTED TODAY FROM GOVT SIDE. GOVT ALSO CONSIDERING ALLOWING CRASH SITE TO BE VISITED FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS TO COMMENCE. TALKS WITH GEN KAGAME WERE ALSO ENCOURAGING. 533 TROOPS EVACUATED TO NAIROBI ON SIX FLIGHTS. FORCE LEVEL NOW AT 453. ALARM SCHEME REHEARSED.

B. UNOMUR. AREA GENERALLY CALM.

- (1) A/CMO WITH OPS STAFF VISITED KISORO.
- (2) CARRIED OUT ROUTINE PATROLS IN AOR .
- (3) BORDER CROSSINGS.
 - (a) FROM UGANDA - RWANDA. 9 VEHICLES WITH 17 PASSENGERS AND 2000 LITERS OF PETROL. 69 REFUGEES CROSSED AT MEALE BORDER POST.
 - (b) FROM RWANDA - UGANDA. 9 VEHICLES WITH 25 PASSENGERS. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS FOUND.
- (4) 6 X MILOBS FROM UNAMIR CROSSED INTO UGANDA.

C. RUTBAT. ALL EVACUATED.

D. BYUBAT.

- (1) PRESENT DISPOSITION
 - (A) AMAHORO STADIUM - ONE COY.
 - (B) KIA - COY (PLUS).
 - (C) HQ ELEMENTS LOC AT AMAHORO STADIUM.
 - (D) PL LOC AT FORCE HQ FOR SECURITY.
- (2) PROVIDED SECURITY AT KIA AND FORCE HQ.
- (3) TOTAL OF 115 EVACUATED DURING PERIOD.

E. TUN COY. PROVIDED SECURITY AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND HOTEL MERIDIEN. TWO X APC PROVIDED SECURITY AT HOTEL MILLE COLLINS TO PROTECT ABOUT 200 REFUGEES WHO WERE UNDER THREAT OF BEING MASSACRED. TWO X APC PROVIDED ESCORTS DURING PERIOD.

F. MILOB

- (1) CONTINUED EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATED FROM KIGALI CENTRE TO KIA.
- (2) PROVIDED ESCORTS FOR FC TO BYUMBA AND MULINDI.

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(3) 12 X MILOBs EVACUATED TO NAIROBI.

5. UNCIYPOL. NTR.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. PLANS FOR CROSS EXCHANGE OF REFUGEES IN PROGRESS. ICRC AND UNDER SEC GEN FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS GOT FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON CURRENT SITUATION AND URGENT NEED FOR RELIEF ITEMS. HE VISITED UNAMIR HQ AND REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND AMAHORO STADIUM. HE LEFT BEHIND A TEAM OF HUMANITARIAN EXPERTS TO EVALUATE THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. FORCE STOCK LEVEL STANDS AT :

- A. RATION - 14 DAYS RESERVE.
- B. WATER - 18 DAYS RESERVE.
- C. FUEL - 47,200 LTRS PTRS PETROL.
9,200 LTRS DIESEL.

DELIVERY OF DEFENCE STORES AWAITED.

8. MISC. NTR.