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1. THE GENERAL SITUATION REMAINS VERY TENSE AND FLUID. NEITHER SIDE OBSERVING THEIR UNILATERAL CEASE FIRE. EXCHANGE OF HEAVY MORTAR, RPG AND SMALL ARMS FIRE CONTINUED THROUGH OUT THE PERIOD. KIA WAS THE TARGET FOR THE RPF AND RGF FIRED ARTY SHELLS TO THE CND COMPLEX. A FEW MORTAR SHELLS LANDED WITHIN THE AIRPORT. IN THE MORNING A MASSIVE FIRE EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF AROUND AMAHORO STADIUM AND FORCE HQ. IT IS REPORTED THAT RGF SUSTAINED FEW CASUALTIES. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON INTENSITY OF FIRING REDUCED. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN FORWARD EDGE OF BATTLE AREA BETWEEN RGF AND RPF TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF THE COUNTRY. NO CHANGE IN DISPOSITION OF TROOPS IN THE CITY. RPF INFILTRATION IN TO THE CITY CONTINUES.

2. FC HELD CONFERENCE WITH COMMANDERS AND PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS AT 270700 APR 94. PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN FC AND MAJ GEN KAGAME DID NOT TAKE PLACE. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD TOMORROW 28 APR 94. RECEIVED COPIES OF THE UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE DOCUMENT, DECLARED BY RPF AND RGF AND ARE BEING STUDIED. PROTEST LETTERS ALSO SENT TO WARRING FACTIONS ON POSITIONING OF THEIR TROOPS AND HEAVY WEAPONS CLOSE TO UN POSITION.

3. THE PERIOD USED FOR READJUSTMENT OF TROOPS TO NEW POSITION. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES AND PREPARATION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS UNAMIR INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING FORCE HQ. CARRIED OUT ANTI SHELL DRILL. REORGANIZATION STILL ON GOING IN VIEW OF CHANGING SITUATION.

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SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	270615	There has been sporadic firing of mortars and small arms around the Force HQ for the past 15 minutes.
2	270635	One mortar bomb landed at the tennis court behind the Force HQ.
3	270855	Requested to LO RGF to obtain clearance from RGF for a convoy to Byumba and informed him that following civilians will accompany: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mr Daniel Bellamy UN Staff - French. b. Mr Mark Doyle BBC - English.
4	271008	One aircraft departs for Kenya with the following passengers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 4 Rwandese (3 nuns and 1 working with French Embassy). b. 5 UN Staff (Nationalities - 1 French, 1 USA, 1 Ghana, 1 New Zealand and 1 Chile)
5	271022	Second aircraft due to land by 1027 hrs.
6	271035	Another C-130 that landed at 1028 hrs departed at 1038 hrs for Nairobi.
7	271205	RGF fired 3 RPG rounds towards force HQ at 1155 hrs.
8	171245	RGF have resumed firing from the gen area airport.
9	271300	An unexpected bomb was found in the Amahoro stadium. Instructed to mark the area and put sand bags around it.
10	271435	One aircraft landed at 1428 hrs.
11	271445	ETA of the last aircraft is 1550 hrs.
12	271500	The aircraft took off at 1455 hrs.
13	271555	Msg from tower that the aircraft arriving within 05 mins but the airfield is under fire. Requested RGF and RPF to stop firing.
14	271625	The aircraft landed safely at 1625 hrs.
15	271655	The aircraft took off at 1650 hrs.

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4. HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (HA) ADVANCE TEAM WENT TO BYUMBA UNDER ESCORT TO PLAN RELIEF OPERATION IN NORTH OF COUNTRY THROUGH UGANDA. TEAM EXPECTED TO STAY AT MULINDI FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS TO EVALUATE PROBLEM OF RELIEF AID IN AREA. TEAM MEMBERS VISITED SOME DISPLACED PERSONS SITES IN KIGALI. MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAD LEFT LEAVING ONLY STRAGGLERS. HA TEAM WILL ATTEMPT TO VISIT OTHER SITES TOMORROW. MILITIAS CONTINUES TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA HOWEVER RGF WERE NOT A PROBLEM. UNAMIR HAC LO VISITED AMAHORO STADIUM TO DISCUSS SNIPING PROBLEM WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF DISPLACED PERSONS. PROBLEM SORTED OUT BETWEEN UNAMIR AND REPRESENTATIVE TO PROVIDE BETTER SECURITY. HAC UNMO TEAMS ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO FIND OUT SAFE ROUTES NORTH THROUGH KIGALI TO ASSIST WITH TRANSPORTATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS EN ROUTE TO BYUMBA. UNAMIR ASSISTED ICRC IN UNLOADING HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES AT KIA AND TRANSPORTING SOME SUPPLIES IN KIGALI CITY. THREE RELIGIOUS NUNS WERE EVACUATED SUCCESSFULLY TO NAIROBI.

5. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG SHEETS HIGH LIGHTING THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD COVERED.

6. REGARDS.