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1. THE GEN SITUATION IS VERY TENSE AND FLUID. THE DAY WAS OBSERVED WITH HEAVY EXCHANGE OF ARTY/MORTAR FIRE BETWEEN THE TWO WARRING FACTIONS. FIGHTING WAS ALSO REPORTED IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY AROUND NKUMBA AND RUHENGERE. RPF STILL TIGHTENING THEIR GRIP IN THE CITY. RGF PUTTING RESISTANCE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE KIGALI CITY. HOWEVER NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF BOTH THE WARRING GROUPS IN THE CITY. MILITIA STILL HOLDING SOME AREAS IN THE TOWN UNDER THEIR CONTROL. 02 (TWO) MORTAR SHELLS LANDED ON THE HANGER AT KIA AT 1805 HRS. ONE SHELL DIRECTLY HIT THE HANGER INJURING 3 GHANIAN SOLDIERS ON THE SPOT. 2 OF THEM ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND WILL BE EVACUATED TO NAIROBI ON 040730 MAY 94.
2. THE CANADIAN MEDIA TEAM TODAY VISITED AMAHORO STADIUM, KING PAISAL HOSPITAL AND CAMP KAME.
3. FC HELD A CONF WITH HIS COMMANDERS AND PSOS AT FORCE HQ. FC WENT TO BYUMBA TO MEET MAJ GEN KAGAME (COS RPF).
4. HAC MADE AN ATTEMPT TO EVACUATE 70 RWANDESE FROM HOTEL MILLIE COLLINS. THESE RWANDESE HAD VISAS FROM SPONSORING COUNTRIES. THE RGF COS AND THE GOVT AGREED TO ALLOW SAFE PASSAGE TO THE RWANDESE WHO HAVE VALID FOREIGN VISAS. THE CONVOY WAS STOPPED BY MILITIA AT THE ROUND ABOUT NEAR RWANDEX. ALL THE PASSENGERS WERE PULLED OUT

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FROM THE VEHICLE AND THEY WERE MAN HANDLED. THEIR LUGGAGE WERE LOOTED BY THE MILITIA. COS RGF, PREFECT OF KIGALI AND CHIEF HUMANITARIAN OFFICER (CHO) OF UNAMIR WERE PRESENT ON THE SPOT FOR NEGOTIATION WITH THE MILITIA TO AVOID BLOOD SHED. AFTER 4 HRS OF NEGOTIATIONS THE RWANDESE WERE SENT BACK TO THE HOTEL. CONTINUED PATROLLING TO THE DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP AT KIGALI.

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

6. REGARDS.

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SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	030700	FC held a meeting with the commanders and PSOs.
2	030700	The Canadian Journalist team will proceed to Gitarama after getting clearance from RGF.
3	030710	The Journalists will visit CMD.
4	030715	FC will proceed to MULINDI to met Maj Gen Kagame.
5	030740	Msg from LO RGF that RGF has given clearance for the Journalists to go to Gitarama at 0800 hrs. But they did not clear the tech team to go to MT Jari.
6	030740	RGF wanted to know the date when the Journalists want to meet COS RGF.
7	030930	ETA first aircraft at 0945 hrs.
8	031110	Red Cross personnel were loading aid items at Rwandex and they were under cross fire. Informed to both the LOs to stop firing.
9	031140	Msg from LOs that firing will stop at around 1200 hrs. Red Cross personnel were instructed to be watchful and leave at opportune moment.
10	031310	The convoy for evacuations with 4 trucks has left for Hotel Millie Collins.
11	031405	The next aircraft is expected to arrive at 1530 hrs and would remain on the runway for two hours.
12	031425	From the MILOB Cmd in BYUMBA, Maj Gen Kagame is ready to receive FC at BYUMBA.
13	031450	Shells are landing at the displaced people's position at Sainte Famille. Contacted LO RPF to liaise with CMD to stop shelling.
14	031455	The flight scheduled for Kigali has returned to Kenya due to bad weather. Flight not likely to come.
15	031520	Reference evacuation of refugees, there is a problem from local militia, possible ambush. HAC tried to evacuate 40 personnel from Hotel Millie Collins. But they were stopped by militia on a road block in the town.

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16	031530	The COS RGF arrived on the spot and was not happy with the whole exercise of evacuation. There is tension in this area.
17	031540	RGF are shelling two hundred metres from CND, between CND and Force HQ.
18	031559	2 shells landed within 200 metres of Force HQ.
19	031615	There is a serious problem with RGF and they have taken all the people off the vehicles.
20	031645	The problem has not been solved and the militia are not listening to their comd on the spot.
21	031720	RPF has indicated that they can intervene if RGF does not understand UNAMIR.
22	031720	The evacuation team was told to switch off the car engines and keep still.
23	031800	One shell has landed near the hanger at the KIA.
24	031805	Another round landed directly on the hanger. 3 Ghanian soldiers have been injured and 2 of them are very serious and need immediate evacuation.
25	031835	HAC team have now moved to Hotel Millis Collins. Discussions are still on between RGF and Gendarmerie about the evacuation of refugees from the Hotel.