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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. This week was relatively calm and passed without any major incident. The security situation at KIGALI is influenced by a curfew from 23.00 Hrs till 05.00 Hrs the next day. This curfew is installed by the government since the assassination of the Minister of Public Works, Mr. GATABAZI, on 23 Feb 94.
- B. The formation of the Broad Based Transitional Government is still uncertain.
- C. On 302200 Mar 94 the leader of the CDR youth organization (extreme Hutu) was killed during a gun fight at KIGALI. The next morning the CDR flags were hoisted half mast and there was a spontaneous demonstration by CDR supporters. Gendarmerie and UNCIVPOL held the situation under control.

Further escalation of the violence was expected but did not take place. Fear amongst the Tutsi population is limited and few Tutsi take shelter in churches and other public places during the night. The CDR flags are still hoisted half mast.

- D. Sec KIGALI, UNCIVPOL and Gendarmerie conducted a first Cordon and Search operation at KACYIRO (KIGALI) on 010600 Apr 94. The operation was authorized by the Public Prosecutor and it was done in a legal manner. One rifle, some military documents and drug plants were captured. The procedures are being reviewed in order to conduct next cordon and search operation more smoothly.

2. POLITICAL

- A. The political stalemate continues with the issue of the entry of the party of the Coalition pour la Défense de la République (CDR) into Transitional National Assembly (TNA) being the apparent remaining obstacle to the setting up of the remaining institutions. Eleven (11) of the fifteen (15) political parties legally established at the time of the signing of the Protocol on Power-sharing issued a statement expressing support for CDR's entry into the TNA.
- B. The Special Representative together with the Representative of the Facilitator, the Papal Nuncio, and the Ambassadors of the observer countries to the Arusha peace process issued on 28 march a solemn declaration calling on the parties to resolve their differences.
- C. The Declaration specifically endorsed the right of the CDR to be admitted in the TNA when it is established and called all political actors to refrain from bringing any new obstacle.
- D. As the RPF expressed its reluctance to let the CDR enter the TNA, the aforementioned met on 29 march with a delegation of the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF). While not refusing the CDR the right to have one seat in the TNA as provided for in the Arusha Agreement, the RPF argued that the CDR had not followed the relevant provisions of article 61 of the Protocol on Power-sharing. The RPF further contented that the CDR had not renounced its practice of racial hatred.
- E. The current Prime Minister also met with the aforementioned to register the RPF's reluctance about the CDR and CDR's refusal to issue a statement renouncing violence, as demanded by the RPF. She called on the international community to exert pressure on both the President of the Republic and the RPF to solve this new obstacle.

F. The Special Representative, who expressed his concern for the delay in the setting up of the transitional institutions, continues his mediation with all political leaders in order to find a solution to the current political impasse.

3. MILITARY

A. FORCE HQ

Normal staff duties were carried out. Force Comd, Maj Gen DALLAIRE, was three weeks out of station and returned in the mission area on Thursday 31 Mar 94. He was briefed on the current situation and on the main activities/incidents that occurred during his absence.

B. UNOMUR SECTOR

UNOMUR operational area is calm. On 311500 Mar 94 acting cmo held a meeting with NRA Army Comd, Maj Gen MUGISHA, on the issue of restrictions of UNOMUR Ptl at the UGANDA/ZAIRE border. Acting CMO agreed with the statement of the General that UNOMUR should not monitor this border because it is not foreseen in the UNOMUR mandate and stated that UNOMUR is only using this area in order to reach the UGANDA/RWANDA border in that particular area. After having studied thoroughly the map the general agreed that the UNOMUR activities are in accordance with the mandate. The general agreed to impose no longer restrictions on UNOMUR movement in this regard. The second helicopter BELL-212 arrived in the UNOMUR mission area. During the period 77 patrols including 19 night patrols were carried out. Details of vehicle and personnel border crossings at GATUNA are as follows:

Location	Nb of vehicles		Nb of people	
	To RWANDA	To UGANDA	To RWANDA	To UGANDA
GATUNA	83 (1) 21 (2)	58 7 (3)	324	178
KYANIKA	/	/	/	/
LUBIRIZI	/	/	61 REFUGEES	/

(1) 13 Ton Maize, 10 Ton Beans, 7 Bags of Rice, 9 Oil Drums and 1 Lorry engine

(2) World Food Programme trucks/vehicles (WFP)

(3) ICRC

C. DMZ SECTOR

The situation in the DMZ area was calm. Extensive patrolling was carried out by the six UNMO teams and BYUBAT. Insufficient number of vehicles and lack of accommodation hamper the operations.

D. KIGALI SECTOR

Conducted 351 vehicle and 67 foot Ptl in KIGALI city in order to ensure Kigali Weapon Secure Area (KWSA). Established daily 6 check points at different places in KWSA. Random patrols and check points saturation being monitored by Force HQ. Tunisian Coy(-) ensured the location of the RPF battalion and RPF VIPs at KIGALI city (CND compound). The private residences of the prime minister, the prime minister designate, the president of the constitutional court and five opposition ministers are being secured by Sec KIGALI until the installation of the BBTG. Operational situation of RUTBAT improved significantly since their vehicles and equipments arrived in the mission area.

E. MILOB GROUP

- (1) MILOB Group HQ: A total of seven escorts were conducted the past week. Milob Gp HQ co-ordinated deployment of UNMOs for the installation of BBTG which did not take place.
- (2) RPF Sector: Routine Ptl and monitoring missions were carried out. Many dignitaries attended the RPF easter celebrations at MULINDI on 03 apr 94. Discussions are still ongoing regarding the installation of a repeater in their sector.
- (3) RGF Sector: About 200 Rwandese returnees from camp KIGARAMA (B4207), when ordered to leave the camp, mounted a road block in the area and asked food from Red Cross. Also CDR flags were hoisted half mast at RUHENGRI.
- (4) South Sector: The political impasse concerns the population at BUTARE. People are apprehensive that hostilities could start again. The past week the influx of Burundese refugees increased. On 28 Mar 94 the authorities of the KIBUYE prefecture held a meeting to discuss the famine problem in that area. Sec Comd made

Recce by SRSB's visit to this region on 07 Mar 94. Refugees in GITIZI camp (C8510) threatened UNHCR personnel because they were not happy with the current food distribution system.

F. FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

The engineer Coy is deployed in the DMZ area at BYUMBA. Their major equipments arrived from BANGLADESH. It seems that there are many deficiencies. However the unit is checking the equipment and preparing them for use. Mine detectors also arrived. FC tasked the unit to study and to test the feasibility of mine clearance in Rwanda with this equipment. It is revealed that this equipment is partially effective and that complementary equipment is necessary. The field operations division (FOD) will be asked for appropriate action.

G. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

UNAMIR strength is almost at its maximum which is 2,548. Current strength is 2,519. All troops are on ground and few observers are yet to arrive. Please find enclosed the weekly personnel state as of 050800 Apr 94.

H. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

The UNAMIR field hospital is installed in King FAYCAL hospital in KIGALI. They provide medical care to UNAMIR personnel and local population. The hospital has a serious lack of supplies. About 40 UNAMIR personnel and 30 locals receive normal treatment on a weekly basis. Medical supplies are urgently required. Discussions are ongoing with ICRC/UNICEF in getting their support for delivering supplies to UNAMIR for treatment of the local population by UNAMIR field hospital. It is observed that the number of patients with malaria is on the increase. UNAMIR personnel is asked to use the preventive medicine provided by the UN.

4. UNCIVPOL

A. CIVPOL continues to carry out mixed patrols together with Gendarmerie.

B. Incidents

(1) On 291820 Mar 94 a person with major injuries was found by a UNCIVPOL Police Monitoring Team (PMT). He was attacked

by unknown bandits and brought to Kigali Hospital.

(2) 2919.25 Mar 94 a PMT heard an explosion near Gendarmerie (GdN) Brigade Remera. They went, together with GdN, on the spot and found 2 injured persons. One grenade was thrown at the "NOUVEAU MARCHÉ DE REMERA". The GdN suspect, that there was a INTERHAMWE meeting in progress. The 2 injured persons have been brought to Kigali Hospital by CIVPOL.

(3) On 290800 Mar 94 at KICUKIRO, one person tried to get in the house of the president of the M.R.N.D. He was arrested by a Gendarme who fired one round. The man had no ID card with him. GdN is still investigating.

(4) On 290900 Mar 94 at KIMIHURURA, a grenade was thrown in a bar by a man who was stabbed by some locals. He was the only injured person and was evacuated to the Kigali Hospital by MILOBS.

(5) On 3015.30 Hr, the PMT of KICUKIRO/GIKONDO monitored a peaceful demonstration of students of the Gikondo University, together with the commander of the GdN KICUKIRO. About 500 students demonstrated for autonomy for their university and against lack of electricity. There were also some road blocks but the situation was calm.

(6) On the 292100 Mar 94 two hand grenades exploded in the area of KIMISAGARA. A woman had major injuries out of this explosion. Investigations are still going on.

(7) On 302200 Mar 94 the leader of the CDR -youth organization was killed in a gun fight between some CDR members and the GdN, near the mosque of NYAMIRAMBO. Investigation by CIVPOL started on 31 March 94.

(8) On 310515 Mar 94 there was a fire clearance with grenades at the same place as in 2.1.6. There were several people injured. CIVPOL is investigating.

(9) On 302100 Mar 94, the bodies of two people, who were murdered with machetes, were found in the area of NYAMIRAMBO. PMT will investigate.

(10) On 302200 Mar 94, two armed persons (Tutsi) were arrested and brought to the prison of KICUKIRO. UNAMIR was asked by RPF liaison Offr to contact the GdN and to release them from prison. CIVPOL started the investigation, but it is not the task of Civpol to tell the GdN to release them.

(11) In the night of 31/01 Apr 94 there were four grenade explosions. Tree in NYIAKABANDA. The GdN does not know the exact location. There were no victims and no witnesses. The last grenade exploded near the GdN station at KICUKIRO. The

commander of the brigade was hurt. CIVPOL is still investigating this matter.

(12) On 01 Apr 94, an unidentified drunken local policeman in uniform, armed with his service gun, threatened some people in the neighborhood of REMERA. He was arrested by GdN.

(13) On the 01 Apr 94, CIVPOL was informed that there were INTERAHAMWE people preparing hand grenade attacks against the population. CIVPOL went to the place together with local GdN.

(14) In the morning of 02 Apr 94, CIVPOL was informed by KIBAT that one of their patrols found the body of a strangled man at the road junction in KICUKIRO. CIVPOL is investigating this matter.

(15) On the 031335 Apr 94, Civpol got the message from that there were troubles going on in NYAMIRAMBO (commune of BILYOGO). It was presumed that it were fights between clans. The GdN of NYAMIRAMBO was informed and went on the spot.

C. *Miscellaneous:*

(1) During the weekly meeting between CIVPOL and staff of the GdN, on 28.03.94, in CIVPOL HQ, the insufficient co-operation in important investigations, like the murder of minister GATABAZI, were discussed. The Chief of Staff of the GdN, agreed that the co-operation between both sides was not free and open. Finally the Chief of Staff stated, that he will do his best, for the setting up of better co-ordinations in the future. CIVPOL is very doubtful on this last statement, because not only the GdN is actually involved in the investigations, but also the Minister of Defence and the Army and on the other hand, the Minister of Justice who intervenes also.

(2) On the 282145 Mar 94, CIVPOL Liaison Section received the information that the life of the Prosecutor of the Republic is in danger. He arrested the bar manager of the bar "Las Vegas" (in presence of CIVPOL officers). The arrested man is a member of the PSD Party and local leader of the INTERAHAMWE. He was arrested for prohibition and is suspected to know more about the assault on Mr. GATABAZI. The prosecutor is now receiving threats from different sides. They put him under pressure and want him to release that man. The prosecutor refuses, because the arrest is legal. He made an official request for protection which has been granted.

(3) The commander of GdN NYAMIRAMBO informed CIVPOL about the message of the RTLM. RTLM said, that the GdN of NYAMIRAMBO arrested people for more than one week for ignoring the the curfew.

(4) There was a meeting between CIVPOL and the commander of the CRCDC. He was informed by the minister of defense on new orientations about the assassination of late Minister GATABAZI. The information is being checked and will be incorporated in the final investigation report.

(5) Concerning the vehicle full of ammunition (the one that had a car crash near the CND, reported as per daily sitrep 06/07 Mar 94) CIVPOL got a written permission from the Public Prosecutor to explode the Ammo. The EOD team was informed and the disposal took place on 01 Apr 94.

(6) Early in the morning of 01 Apr 94 there was a weapon search action by the GdN together with some CIVPOL teams. The operation was a success.

D. Current Manpower

60 Police Officers. (Unchanged).

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The logistic environment is still difficult. Equipment arrived from UNTAC but the logistic situation remains difficult due to delays in delivery vehicles as most of them require medium to major repairs. Radios are also in short supply. Operational status from BANGLADESH contingent has somehow improved due to the arrival of their vehicles/equipment. The logistics and engineer company vehicles and equipments are being distributed. It was also brought to FOD's attention that there are no spare parts and no mechanics available for the APCs (BTR-80) provided by BANGLADESH. For the moment three BTR-80 out of eight are not operational.

6. CONCLUSION

We passed the scheduled installation date for the BBTG by more than 95 days. This situation is deteriorating significantly and all UNAMIR resources are being used to the maximum of their availability. The rhythm of activity will require a reassessment of troops to tasks in order to ensure a sustainable capability of the Force over the next month. Intense diplomatic efforts are continuing to facilitate the setting up of the BBTG. Joint Military Commission meetings are also continuing to maintain communication between the two forces (RGF and RPF). Looking ahead, UNAMIR is preparing the ground for the Disengagement, Demobilization and Integration of the Forces.

7. REGARDS

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ANNEX 'A'

TIME: 0000 HRS

WEEKLY MILITARY COMPONENT PERSONNEL STATE

DATE: 5 APR 94

SL NO	COUNTRY	TROOPS											MILOBS	GRAND TOTAL	
		INF BN	LOG COY	ENGR COY	MED COY	MOVCON PL	MP SEC	DMZ COY(G)	SUB TOTAL	STAFF	TOTAL				
1	AUSTRIA													15	1
2	BANGLADESH	370	200	203	50	19	11					853	30	54	937
3	BELGIUM	412										412	16		428
4	BOSTWANA													9	
5	BRAZIL	3									3			10	13
6	CANADA												1	1	2
7	CONGO													26	26
8	EGYPT													10	10
9	FUJI													1	1
10	GHANA	798										798	19	24	841
11	HUNGARY													4	4
12	MALAWI													5	5
13	MALI													10	10
14	NETHERLAND													10	10
15	NIGERIA													15	15
16	POLAND													5	5
17	RUSSIA													15	15
18	SENEGAL													38	38
19	SLOVAKIA													5	5
20	TOGO													15	15
21	TUNISIA										60	60			60
22	URUGUAY													25	25
23	ZIMBABWE													29	29
	GRAND TOTAL	1583	200	203	50	19	11				2126	66	2192	327	2519

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