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1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE DAILY SITREP MENTIONED ABOVE.
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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 220600Z FEB TO 230600Z FEB 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. OBSERVED TO BE EXPLOSIVE. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND IN PARTICULAR KIGALI CITY IS WORSENING. SEVERAL ROAD BLOCKS, SHOOTING INCIDENTS AND GRENADE EXPLOSINGS TOOK PLACE ALL OVER THE CITY THROUGH OUT THE DAY AND NIGHT. MANY CIVILIANS WITH INJURIES REPORTED TO UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL. ALL THE INJURED PERSONS WERE REPORTED TO BE BEATEN BY THE MEMBERS OF CDR AND MRND. FIVE DEATH CASE HAVE BEEN REPORTED SO FAR. OUT OF THEM ONE IS A RPF SOLDIER WHO SUSTAINED BULLET INJURY AND DIED LATER IN THE FIELD HOSPITAL. LOT OF BANDIT INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN VARIOUS PLACES IN THE TOWN. GENERAL PEOPLE ARE IN MORE PANIC. ON 221400 FEB 94 MR MARTIN BUCYANA, PRESIDENT OF CDR PARTY HAS BEEN KILLED AT A ROAD BLOCK AT A PLACE CALLED MBAJI APPROXIMATELY 5 KM NORTH OF BUTARE.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. A FRESH ATTEMPT AT SETTING UP BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR TODAY 23 FEB 94.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RGE: NTR.

B. RPF: THE TWO SECTIONS THAT LEFT THE CND TO RESCUE THEIR COMRADES AND RETURNED WITH THEM.

C. OTHERS: CREATED THE ROAD BLOCKS AND AMBUSH FOR THE ESCORTS OF UNAMIR AND RPF LATE YESTERDAY.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

A. FORCE HQ: NTR.

B. UNOMUR. THE UNOMUR OPERATIONAL AREA IS CALM. CA CAMPAIGNS STILL IN PROGRESS WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGNS OF VIOLENCE. KARIMAJONG REBELS ISSUE REMAINS UNSOLVED. NRA KEEPING A LOW PROFILE IN OUR OPERATIONAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THEY ARE CONCENTRATING MORE EFFORTS ON THE REBELS UP NORTH. THE HQ STAFF FINALIZED THE AREA OPERATIONAL VISIT OF THE INCOMING A/CMO. ARRIVAL OF THE SAME IN KAMPALA CONFIRMED, BUT WILL BE PROCEEDING TO KABALE TODAY. AT SECTOR KABALE THE BOAT PATROL IS CANCELLED TODAY, DUE TO THE ILLNESS OF THE BOAT GUIDE. THE PATROLS HAVE SINCE BEEN TASKED WITH OTHER PATROL DUTIES. FROM 20 FEB 94 THE ICRC DELEGATION IN KAMPALA HAS BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE REGIONAL DELEGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS BASED IN NAIROBI. A DELEGATE IN CHARGE REMAINED IN KAMPALA. CIVILIAN BORDER CROSSING AT GATUNA:

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DATE	FORM UGANDA TO RWANDA	FROM RWANDA TO UGANDA
22 FEB	8 VEHICLES WITH 14 PASSENGERS CROSSED THE BORDER AT GATUNA.	3 VEHICLES WITH 18 PASSENGERS CROSSED THE BORDER. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS FOUND.

C. DMZ. SITUATION IN THE DMZ AREA REPORTED TO BE REASONABLY CALM. AT ABOUT 1900 HRS THERE WAS A SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING MILOB AND KIBATT ESCORTS AS WELL AS AN RPF ESCORT AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF KIGALI CITY. THE MILOBs AND KIBATT ESCORTS RETURNED TO THE DMZ AT 2130 HRS. TEAM A PROVIDED MEDIUM PTLs TO NKUMBA, KIDAHO, KINIGI AND RUHENGARI. TEAM B CARRIED OUT MEDIUM PTLs AT NYAMUTERA, GIEYE, KARAGO AND NYABIREHE. PROVIDED ESCORT TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO UGANDA FROM NGONDORE TO KIGALI. BYUHATT (GHANA BATTALION) CONDUCTED PTLs AT NYAKENE AND KABARE. PTL OBSERVED ABOUT 40 RPF TPS AT 023247 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. CARRIED OUT MOBILE PTL WITHIN NGARAMA. ESTABLISHED AND MANNED A TEMP CHECK POINT AT KIDAHO. ALSO CARRIED OUT MOBILE PTLs TO BURORANDI, KAWARNIRA AND NYARURAMBE. FORCE ENGINEER COY (BANGLADESH BATTALION) PROVIDED SY AT NGONDORE. PROVIDED ESCORT TO AICF FOR DITR OF FOOD AT GASIZA.

D. MILOB. THE PERIOD MARKED BY KILLING, VIOLENCE, PROTESTS DEMONSTRATIONS AND INTIMIDATION BY VARIOUS FACTIONS OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES IN SEVERAL MAJOR CITIES. A NUMBER OF ROAD BLOCKS WERE PUT AROUND KIGALI WHICH CREATED BLOCKAGE OF TRAFFIC TO AND FROM KIGALI. THE LIFE PATTERN WAS DISRUPTED AND MOST OF THE OFFICES, SHOPPING CENTERS. THE KILLING OF THE PRESIDENT OF CDR PARTY AT BUTARE HAS FURTHER WORSENED THE SITUATION. DUE TO KILLING OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CDR PARTY, SUPPORTERS OF SLAIN PSD POLITICAL LEADER CARRIED OUT DEMONSTRATION AND MOURNING PROCESSION IN BUTARE. THE SUPPORTERS OF PSD ALSO CREATED ROAD BLOCKS BY WOODS AND DAMAGED CAR ALL ALONG BUTARE TOWN. A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN THE POLITICAL, MILITARY AND LOCAL ELITES OF BUTARE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

(1) MILITARY. SMALL UNITS FROM INFANTRY AND GENDARMERIE WERE DEPLOYED ALONG THE MAIN STREETS AND SQUARE IN BUTARE TO PROVIDE SECURITY. ESTABLISHED 09 CHECK POINTS THROUGH OUT THE KIGALI CITY TO CONTROL/MONITOR THE SITUATION. CONDUCTED AN ESCORT FOR BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM GATUNA CHECK POST TO KIGALI. ALSO ANOTHER ESCORT WAS SENT TO MULINDI TO ESCORT RPF PERSONNEL FROM MULINDI TO KIGALI. THE ESCORT COULD NOT REACH KIGALI DUE TO ROAD BLOCK NEAR GADDAFI JUNCTION POINT, AT THE OUT SKIRT OF KIGALI TOWN. THE ESCORT TEAM FALLEN BACK TO BYUMBA.

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(2) RGF SECTOR. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PATROLLING WITH IN THE AOR.

(3) RPF SECTOR. CONDUCTED PATROLLING WITHIN THE AOR.

(4) SOUTHERN SECTOR. MILOB TEAM STATIONED IN BUTARE PATROLLED ALONG THE MAIN STREETS OF BUTARE CITY.

E. KIGALI SECTOR. SEVERAL ROAD BLOCKS, DEMONSTRATIONS, SHOOTING, INCIDENTS, GRENADE EXPLOSIONS AND KILLING PEOPLES PANICKED THE POPULATION OF KIGALI CITY THROUGH OUT THE DAY AND NIGHT. ON 222100 FEB 94 ONE RPF SOLDIER SUSTAINED BULLET INJURY LATER ON HE DIED. RPF PERSONNEL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF UNAMIR LEFT CND TO RESCUE THE ESCORTS CAUGHT IN THE AMBUSH AND THEY EXCHANGED FIRE AT THE CROSSED ROAD OF GADDAFI POINT WITH OTHER UNIDENTIFIED ARMED MILITANT GROUP. SECTOR KIGALI CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PATROL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA. PROVIDED 7 UNMO ESCORTS 3 FOR RPF, 2 FOR GENDARMERIE, 2 FOR RGF PERSONNEL. PROVIDED 4 ARMED ESCORTS 1 FOR PRIME MINISTER AND 1 FOR RPF PERSONNEL, 2 FOR UNAMIR. SECURED THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION IN KIGALI CITY, THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, FORCE HQ, SEC HQ AND KIGALI AIRPORT. FORCE HQ SECURITY WAS REINFORCED WITH ONE PLATOON DURING NIGHT. AS A PART OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF BBTG. DURING THE NIGHT ASSURED PROTECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS AND SRSG.

5. UNCIVPOL. THE SITUATION IS VERY TENSE BECAUSE OF THE INTENDED INSTALLATION OF BBTG AND THE MURDERING OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORK AND ENERGY AND THE PRESIDENT OF C.D.R PARTY IN BUTARE. CIVPOL INVESTIGATED IN THE CASE OF THE MURDERING OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORK AND ENERGY. SOME ROAD BLOCKS DURING THE DAY BECAUSE OF THE INTENDED INSTALLATION OF BBTG. CIVPOL WAS MONITORING THE SCENE FROM 06.00 HRS TO 14.50 HRS AT THE DIFFERENT CHECK POINTS TOGETHER WITH MILOBS. ON 22 FEB 94 CIVPOL (PMT KIGALI) RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT THE KILLING OF MR KALINGANIRE JOSEPH. HE WAS MEMBER OF THE M.D.R. IT IS PRESUMED, THAT HE WAS MURDERED IN HIS HOUSE IN MBURABUTURO. CIVPOL IS INVESTIGATING.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. OPERATIONAL SITUATION REMAINS DIFFICULT DUE TO DELAYS IN GETTING VEHICLES AND RADIOS ISSUED.

9. MISC. NTR.