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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. UNAMIR passed a second calm week following the assassination of the late Minister of works and national secretary of the PSD party, Mr. GATABAZI. The security situation is influenced by a curfew installed by the government from 22.00 Hrs till 05.00 Hrs and which is still effective. On 122340 Mar 94 there was a firing/grenade accident at GITARAMA (40 Km SOUTH-WEST of KIGALI). Two unknown persons entered the residence of the former prime minister and vice-president of the MDR party, Dr. Diamas NDSENYAREMGE, and threatened him. He took shelter in the sleeping room and could barricade it. Finally the aggressors took a radio and when leaving the compound they threw a grenade into the empty living room. Fortunately there were no casualties. CIVPOL and

local gendarmerie are investigating the case.

- B. The Broad Based Transitional Government (BBTG) is not yet installed and UNAMIR continues to pursue all efforts to unblock the situation.
- C. Main events of the week for UNAMIR Military Division are: (1) On 081200 Mar 94 Force Comd (FC) and KIGALI Sector Comd witnessed a demonstration of the Bangladesh Force Reserve Company mounted on BTR-80. Breakthrough of a road block and extraction of VIPs from a critical situation being demonstrated; (2) On 090930 Mar 94 FC chaired a Joint Military Commission (JMC) meeting at NGONDORE. (3) The same day DFC/COS visited SOUTH Sector HQ at BUTARE and the refugee camps SAGA I and II in that area; (4) On 10 Mar 94, FC left the mission area and will be out of station till 28 Mar 94. The Deputy FC and Chief of Staff, Brig Gen ANYIDOHO from GHANA is the acting FC; (5) On 101040 Mar 94 a Belgian helicopter crashed 2 Km NORTH of KIGALI. Fortunately the pilot and the passengers had minor injuries. Investigation ongoing; (6) On 101900 Mar 94 the Belgian Minister of Defense, Mr. L. DELCROIX, arrived in the mission area for a three days visit to RWANDA and UNAMIR. He was accompanied by ten parliamentarians and 40 journalists; (7) Mrs. Shireen CAUSEY, secretary to the Chief Administrative Officer, having malaria with serious complications was evacuated to NAIROBI (KENYA) by Belgian aircraft C-130, (8) On 12 Mar 94, a medal parade was organized for the Belgian battalion (KIBAT) being relieved soon.

2. POLITICAL

- A. During the period under review, attention remained focussed on ongoing efforts to break the persistent political impasse holding up progress on the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement starting, in particular, with the installation of the Broad-Based Transitional Government and the Transitional National Assembly.
- B. Visits were undertaken by President Habyarimana to Kampala (Uganda) and Dar-Es-Salam (Tanzania) to discuss with those leaders modalities for resolving the political impasse that is preventing the installation of the transitional institutions. Following these visits, the Foreign Minister of Tanzania arrived in Kigali over the week-end for further discussions with Rwandese political leaders including RPF officials. The Minister held discussions with the SRSG on 15 March.
- C. The SRSG, along with the Tanzanian Ambassador in Kigali, representing the Facilitator, met with President Habyarimana on 11 March. The Belgium Defence Minister, Mr. Leo Delcroix, who

was also visiting Kigali, had discussions with the President, urging him to promptly find a solution to the political impasse.

- D. A group of members of the diplomatic corps in Kigali, including also the representative of the OAU Secretary-General and a UNAMIR political adviser, visited Mulindi on 9 March, for discussions with RPF officials.

3. MILITARY

A. FORCE HQ

Normal staff duties were carried out. Besides the activities mentioned under Par. 1.c. Force HQ Staff worked out the UNAMIR withdrawal plan. The plan was reviewed by the Sectors, and is for the time being distributed.

- B. UNOMUR SECTOR The general situation in the UNOMUR area continues to be calm. There is no significant change. Election campaigns followed by rallies were organized. All went peacefully. Staff briefing was organized for the Dutch UNMOs that arrived in the mission area. The French ambassador to UGANDA paid a courtesy visit to UNOMUR. The planned Ptl were carried out. During the period under review UNOMUR conducted 32 day Ptl, 20 night Ptl and 4 boat Ptl. A more cooperative attitude of the NRA was observed. The following border crossings were observed:

CP	VEHICLES		PERSONS	
	To RWANDA	To UGANDA	To RWANDA	To UGANDA
GATUNA	36 (1) 26 (2)	48 24 (2)	59	84
KYANIKA	0	0	0	0
LUBIRIZI	0	0	0	0
BIGAGA	0	0	0	0
KAFUNZO	0	0	0	0

- (1) Six Vehicles with food and one with fuel
- (2) World Food Programme trucks

Most of the movements were of routine nature. All Veh carried food and supplies. The attitude of the NRA and RPF towards UNOMUR Ptl found to be normal along the border. Operational activities could not be maximized due to shortage of vehicles and ABSENCE of helicopters. Eleven vehicles which are supposed to be received are not yet delivered.

C. DMZ SECTOR

The situation in the DMZ area was calm. Extensive patrolling was carried out by the six UNMO teams and BYUBAT. The following incidents occurred: (1) Seven rounds of firing were heard at 111935 Mar 94 at 700 meter SOUTH-WEST of the DMZ Sec HQ. The rounds were fired by RGF personnel at BYUMBA; (2) Un undetermined number of displaced persons returned to RPF controlled area at KAGOGO; (3) On 04 Mar 94, four RPF soldiers carried out psyops in island area of lake BULERA near KAGOGO. Locals were assured of RPF being harmless; (4) On 08 Mar 94, BYUBAT Ptl spotted RPF personnel at KIDAHO (7148) and RWAHOMBO (). One RPF Sec at grid A754478 and about one company at SOZI (7548); (5) Two persons, suspected to be thieves, were beaten to death by locals on 051530 Mar 94; (6) RPF deployment was observed by BYUBAT at check-point CYENKWANSI, BUFUNDA and GAKOMA; (7) Five grenades were thrown into a house at GATETE (9016). Investigation ongoing.

The operations are hampered due to insufficient number of vehicles, shortage of communication equipment and non availability of accommodations.

D. KIGALI SECTOR

Conducted 323 vehicle and 40 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. RUTBAT conducted training on armored vehicles (BTR-60). Operational situation of RUTBAT improved significantly since their vehicles and equipments arrived in the mission area and are being checked and distributed.

E. MILOB GROUP

(1) MILOB Group HQ At the weekly CMO conference it was stressed that the vehicles are to be considered as critical stores of UNAMIR. The necessity to drive carefully was emphasized. In order to immediately recognize any movement or re deployment of troops, UNAMIR has increased patrolling and monitoring in all Sectors. For the

moment there is one UNMO team per RPF battalion. So far no movement of troops was observed, however both factions seem to be more active and alert than before. Two escorts for RPF VIPs and UNAMIR communication personnel were carried out.

- (2) RPF Sector The RPF MILOB Sector intensified patrolling and liaison with RPF within OAR. RPF seems to be more vigilant but no unusual movement or preparations could be observed. No major incident was reported throughout the week. On 07 Mar the 59 Bn Comd addressed 200 RPF Officers/Troops on the football field of BUTARO. On 10 Mar another meeting was held and attended by 500 RPF Officers/Troops. About 1,000 returnees, escorted by RPF, repaired the BUTARO-BAKARAGATA road on 10 Mar 94.
- (3) RGF Sector The situation at RUHENGARI is calm. On 11 Mar 94, a meeting was held between the prefect of GISENYI, the RGF Milob Sec Comd and local Gendarmerie on the issue of general security in the GISENYI area.
- (4) South Sector The situation was calm at BUTARE throughout the week. Also at CYANGUGU. Conducted patrolling of the refugee camps of KANAGE and SAGA 1 & 2.

F. FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

The engineer Coy is deployed in the DMZ area at BYUMBA. Their major equipments just arrived from BANGLADESH. It seems that there are many deficiencies. However the unit is checking the equipment and preparing it 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. If it is revealed that this equipment is useless 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 2,506 All troops are on ground and few observers are yet to arrive. Please find enclosed the weekly personnel state as of 140800 Mar 94.

H. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

The UNAMIR field hospital is installed in King FAYCAL hospital. 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. Problems occur with the local population in the critical periods. They have confidence in the UNAMIR field hospital and are not willing to be transferred to the governmental hospital (KIGALI hospital) after their emergency treatment. The KIGALI hospital also demonstrates no positive attitude in getting these patients. They don't answer the phone and deny sending ambulances to get the patients. Solutions to this problem are being negotiated. 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. A first urgent medevac has been executed to NAIROBI. Few co-ordination problems occurred and the SOP will be adapted.

4. UNCIVPOL

A. The mixed patrols (CIVPOL/Gendarmerie) are continued for increasing the security situation of the population of KIGALI. The situation has improved but there are still serious incidents.

B. Incidents

(1) In the night of 07 Mar 94 the population of NYARRAMA, area KICUKIRU/GIKONDO injured a young man of 18 years called TOUMWINE James because they thought that he was a RPF rebel. The Police Monitoring Team (PMT) asked Gendarmerie GIKONDO why they did not bring him to the hospital. The answer was that you have to pay first before getting help from the hospital. Subsequently the victim was brought to the UNAMIR field hospital where he was treated.

(2) On 091620 Mar 94, CIVPOL got information that a grenade was found in the area of KARURUMA. CIVPOL informed the EOD team and went together to the location. There was one grenade, M 26 made in South Africa, in the bushes behind some houses. The EOD team took the unsafe and dangerous grenade and destroyed it.

(3) On 09 Mar 94 Mr. ASSOUMANI Kissigui from the NYAKABANDA residence, arrived at the Gendarmerie station of NYAMIRAMBO and stated that he was beaten by a Gendarmerie patrol team. He had a major injury on his head. CIVPOL is investigating together with Gendarmerie.

(4) On 11 Mar 94 KICUKIRO Gendarmerie was informed, that an RGF officer, Lt MUTABAZI Etienne, Officer S1 OPS at RUHENGARI, was attacked at the GIKONDO area by a crowd of about 50 people. The officer wanted to arrest Mr. BIRUSHWA Boniface, member of the CDR party and boutique owner at GIKONDO, because he was suspected, to be involved in a theft affair. The officer was escorted to his residence by the Gendarmerie.

(5) On 11 mar 94 at KICUKIRO the body of a young man was discovered near the stadium, in front of DON BOSCO School. That person has not been identified. CIVPOL is investigating together with Gendarmerie Brigade of KICUKIRO.

(6) On 120215 Mar 94, there was a grenade explosion in the area of FAYCAL Hospital. No establishments were made by CIVPOL and there were no complaints in this case.

C. Accidents

(1) The night patrol in sector GIKONDO had an accident on 072300 Mar 94. UNAMIR vehicle 417, Nissan pick-up, had a collision with a road block and was damaged in the front.

(2) On 081830 Mar 94, the UNAMIR vehicle 1242 of the KICUKIRO CIVPOL patrol team was hit by a Rwandese private vehicle at the left rear fender. The accident happened in the area of KICUKIRO near Boulevard of the African Union. Nobody was injured. The Military Police (MP) is investigating the case.

D. Current Manpower

52 Police officers: On 08 Mar 94 three (3) police officers from BANGLADESH arrived at the CIVPOL HQ.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The logistic environment is still difficult. Equipment arrived from UNTAC but the logistic situation remains difficult due to delays in getting vehicles issued because most of them require repairs. Radios are also in short supply. Vehicles and radios are still significantly deficient to the requirement. Operational status from BANGLADESH contingent has somehow improved due to the arrival of their vehicles/equipment. The logistics and engineer company vehicles

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and equipments are being distributed. Also was 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. UNAMIR is also very repeat very dissatisfied with all matters relating to helicopters. This operational deficiency in both UNOMUR and UNAMIR is most disconcerting.

6. CONCLUSION

We passed the scheduled installation date for the BBTG by more than 72 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 sustainment capability of the Force over the next month.

7. REGARDS

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UNAMIR - MILITARY DIVISION
Weekly Personnel State

DTG: 140800 Mar 94

Ser Nb	Country	TROOPS										UNMO	Total
		Inf Bn	Log Coy	Eng Coy	Med Coy	Med-Cor Pl	MP Sec	TUN Coy(-)	Sub Total	Staff	Total		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	AUSTRIA											15	15
2	BANGLADESH	370	200	203	50	19	11		853	30	883	59	942
3	BELGIUM	397							397	16	413		413
4	BOTSWANA											9	9
5	BRAZIL	3							3		3	10	13
6	CANADA									1	1	1	2
7	CONGO											26	26
8	EGYPT											10	10
9	FIJI											1	1
10	GHANA	800							800	19	819	24	843
11	HUNGARY											4	4
12	MALI											10	10
13	NETHERLANDS											9	9
14	NIGERIA											15	15
15	POLAND											5	5
16	RUSSIA											15	15
17	SENEGAL											39	39
18	SLOVAKIA											5	5
19	TOGO											15	15
20	TUNISIA							60	60	1	61		61
21	URUGUAY											25	25
22	ZIMBABWE											29	29
	TOTAL	1,570	200	203	50	19	11	60	2,113	67	2,180	326	2,506