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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 160600Z APR TO 170600Z APR 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. INTERMITTENT SHOOTING/FIRING, EXPLOSIONS AND SHELLING WERE HEARD THROUGH OUT THE DAY. FIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF AT DIFFERENT PLACES OF KIGALI CITY, CND COMPLEX, KIMOHIRU, AROUND HOTEL MERIDIEN AND AMAHORO STADIUM COMPLEX. EFFORTS ARE BEEN MADE BY UNAMIR TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF. THE LIFE IN THE CAPITAL CITY IS STILL AT STAND STILL. NEGOTIATIONS ON CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RGF AND RPF MEDIATION BY UNAMIR STILL GOING ON WITH OUT ANY FRUITFUL RESULT YET. EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES IS STILL ONGOING. PEOPLE ARE STILL COMING TO THE ASSEMBLY POINTS AND ASK FOR UNAMIR ESCORT.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THERE WAS NO TANGIBLE RESULT BUT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE RGF AND RPF HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND AGREED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING ON 16 APR 94 AT 10.00 HRS. HOWEVER THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL 14.30 HRS. FINALLY THE MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE. THE RWANDESE NEW INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS NOW FUNCTIONING FROM GITARAMA.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES. RPF TROOPS CONTINUE TO ENTER KIGALI. THEY ARE COMING BY FOOT AND CARRY LUGGAGE AND OTHER STUFF ON THEIR BACK. THEY INFILTRATE THE CITY VERY CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO HAVE NO LOSSES NOR INJURIES. THEY ARE FACING LACK OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES. RPF CONTROLS MAINLY THE NORTHERN PART OF KIGALI. THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA IS THE MAIN ROAD KACYIRU - MERIDIEN ROUND-ABOUT - CHEZ LANDO CROSSING - REMERA. RPF SURROUNDED THE GENDARMERIE CAMP AT KACYIRU (NORTH-EAST OF KIGALI) AND THE QUARTER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD BATTALION (SOUTH-EAST OF THE PREMATURE). MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WENT TO NYAMIRAMBO (KIGALI CENTER) AND DETECTED MANY ROAD BLOCKS MANNED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL MILITIA INTERAHAMWE. EVEN RGF TROOPS ARE CHECKED. ALSO THEY DEMONSTRATED ANGRY AND AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE BELGIANS. THEY CALMED DOWN WHEN HE STATED THAT THE BELGIANS HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY. RADIO RWANDA BROADCAST THE PROMOTION OF COLONEL BIZIMUNGU AUGUSTIN TO THE RANK OF MAJOR GENERAL AND APPOINTED HIM AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF RGF. SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF RGF HAVE ALSO BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF BRIG.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. REORGANIZATION PLAN IS FINISHED. ALL BELGIAN STAFF POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED UP BY OFFR COMING FROM THE DISMANTLED DMZ HQ OR MILOB GROUP. SOME HEAVY ARMAMENT AND AMMO ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND BY THE BELGIANS. STABILIZING THE STAFF, SOLVING THE LOGISTIC PROBLEMS, REDEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS, IMPROVING THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONTINUATION OF EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES, PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED PERSONS, TREATING OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED PERSONNEL. PERSONNEL HYGIENE ARE NOW THE MAJOR CONCERNS.

B. UNOMUR. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PTL WITHIN OAR. FORCE COMD

WANTS THE BELL 212 HELICOPTERS FROM UNOMUR TO BE REDDEPLOYED TO KIGALI FOR MEDEVAC TASKS.

C. DMZ. THE DMZ SEC EXISTS NO LONGER. TOTAL 477 DMZ TROOPS (DMZ HQ, GHANA BATTALION, AND UNMOS) HAVE ARRIVED AT KIGALI AND 322 TROOPS ARE STILL IN THE DMZ AREA AT NKUMBA, KINIHIRA AND NGARAMA. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF WITHDRAWING TO KIGALI.

D. SEC KIGALI. KIGALI SEC HQ SHIFTED TO THE KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KIA) AND OPERATES NOW FROM THERE.

(1) KIBAT. BELGIAN BATTALION (KIBAT) IS DEPLOYED AT THE KIGALI AIRPORT. THEY WILL FINALLY HAND OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KIGALI AIRPORT TO BYUBAT (GHANA BATTALION) ON 19 APR 94. THE LAST LOGISTIC STORE AT RWANDEX (KIGALI CITY) HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE FORCE ENGR COY. ONLY 10% OF THE STORES ARE LEFT BEHIND BY THE BELGIANS. KIBAT PARTICIPATED IN THE EXPATRIATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND PROVIDED SECURITY TO THE KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. KIBAT IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF HANDING OVER TO THE GHANAIAN BATTALION (BYUBAT). HAND OVER SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THIS EVENING (17 APR 94).

(2) RUTBAT. BULK OF THE BANGLADESH CONTINGENT IS DEPLOYED AT THE AMAHORO STADIUM, NEXT TO THE FORCE HQ (AMAHORO HOTEL). THE BANGLADESH LOGISTIC COMPANY (200 TROOPS) AND BYUBAT GOLF (200 TROOPS FROM GHANA) ARE DEPLOYED AT KIGALI CITY. TWO PLATOONS OF FORCE ENGR COY (BANGLADESH) HAVE TAKEN OVER RWANDEX COMPLEX FROM BELGIAN TROOPS ON 161430 APR 94. RUTBAT ESCORTED 25 EXPATRIATES OF ZAIRE FROM KING FAISAL HOSPITAL TO KIA. APPROXIMATE 4500 REFUGEES PRESENT AT AMAHORO STADIUM AND ABOUT 10000 REFUGEES HAVE TAKEN SHELTER AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. 140 SOS CHILDREN HAVE ARRIVED AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. THE REFUGEES ARE FACING ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD, WATER, MEDICINE AND ACCOMMODATION. WATER SUPPLY AT AMAHORO STADIUM AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL IS NOT AVAILABLE. HEALTH AND HYGIENIC CONDITION IS DETORATING.

(3) TUNCOY. TUNISIAN COMPANY IS DEPLOYED AT HOTEL MERIDIEN AND PROVIDED SECURITY TO THEIR LOCATION AND THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL BEING LOCATED 500 M NORTH OF THIS HOTEL.

(4) BYUBAT GOLF. PROVIDED SECURITY TO THE KIGALI SEC HQ AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE SRSG.

E. MILOB.

MILOB HQ ASSISTS IN THE EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES AND CO-ORDINATES THE REDEPLOYMENT AND EVACUATION OF MILOBS. BECAUSE OF THE TECHNICAL FAILURE OF THE MILOB

CHANNEL BEING THE ONLY CHANNEL WHICH COVERED ALMOST THE WHOLE COUNTRY WE LOST CONTACT WITH THE MILOB TEAM AT BUTARE. MILOB TEAMS AT KIGALI ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN ESCORT AND LIAISON TASKS. RPF MILOB SECTOR REPORTED INTERMITTENT MORTAR AND HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE WERE HEARD SEVERAL KM SOUTH OF MULINDI THROUGH OUT THE DAY. RPF HQ AGREED TO THE REQUEST TO ALLOW MR. MAVRO (ITALIAN AGREC PROJECT OFFICER) OF NGATARE TO PROCEED TO UGANDA AS REFUGEE. BUT RPF TPS AT THE BORDER REFUSED TO ALLOW HIM TO PROCEED WITH HIS FUEL TRUCK. NEGOTIATION WITH RPF HQ ON THIS ASPECT CONTINUE.

5. UNCIVPOL. NTR. ALL CIVPOL HAVE LEFT THE MISSION AREA.
6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. FORCE COMD REASSESSED THE HUMANITARIAN CELL OF THE FORCE HQ. FOUR OFFR ARE NOW WORKING IN THIS CELL AND THEY EMPLOY SIX UNMO TEAMS. THE MAIN TASK OF THIS CELL IS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE REFUGEEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND TO DETERMINE THE URGENT NEEDS IN THIS REGARD. THEY HAVE TO LIAISE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NGOs AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO BUILD UP THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AID TO THE POPULATION.
7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.
8. LOGISTICS. LOGISTIC BUILD UP OF THE MISSION IN THIS SITUATION OF CRISIS IS GOING ON. 12.000 LITERS OF DIESEL ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA. ALSO 1.000 FLACK JACKETS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM NAIROBI. FORCE COMD LAUNCHED THE POSSIBILITY TO PURCHASE CLEANING MATERIAL AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS AT NAIROBI IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE HYGIENIC SITUATION IN THE UNAMIR CANTONMENTS. TWO UNAMIR LOG OFFRS WERE SENT TO NAIROBI AND CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THEM.
9. MISC. UNAMIR CASUALTIES. NO CHANGE.