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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

THE SITUATION IN THE MISSION AREA IS RELATIVELY CALM BUT NEAR TENSE AS WE SEE THE DELAYS IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

ON 05 JAN 94 THE SNEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ENDED WITHOUT RESULT EXCEPT FOR THE PRESIDENT TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE. THE CEREMONY WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT BUT CONFUSION STILL EXISTS ON THE LIBERAL PARTY LIST. WE OBSERVED A DEFINITE CONVICTION OF THE PARTIES WHO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENTIAL TENDENCIES TO DENY ACCESS OF A FACTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY TO THE PARLIAMENT (PRESIDENTIAL GUARD DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MEETING ACCESS). THE PRESIDENT WAS SWORN IN AT 0500 ON JAN 94 BUT NOT THE DEPUTIES. ON 07 JAN 94 MORNING WE RECEIVED A LETTER OF THE PRIME MINISTER STATING THAT THE CEREMONIES WOULD BE CONTINUED ON SATURDAY 08 JAN 94. BUT LATE NIGHT OF 07/08 JAN 94 THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT AND THE CEREMONIES WERE REPORTED AGAIN BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE DENOMS AT THAT MOMENT AND IN THE MORNING OF 08 JAN 94 ROAD BLOCKS WERE SET UP BY THE MRND PARTY, INTERAHAMWE MILITIA AND OTHER FACTIONS OF PARTIES WHO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENTIAL REGIME. THEIR AIM WAS TO PREVENT THE DEPUTIES FROM GETTING TO THE PARLIAMENT AND TO PREVENT ESSENTIAL MEETINGS AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL AND SENIOR POLITICAL LEVELS IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE IMPOSSIBILITY BETWEEN THE PARTIES. A TOTAL OF SIX CIVILIANS WERE INJURED AND UNAMIR MEDICAL TEAMS HELped IN FOUR CASES. OUR VEHICLES WERE STOPPED, SOME OF THE CIVILIAN DRIVERS WERE BEATEN, SOME VEHICLES WERE SEARCHED BECAUSE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR DEPUTIES. UNAMIR CONDEMNED THESE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK THE MAGNETAL SITUATION.

IN THIS ENVIRONMENT OF TENSE AND UNCERTAINTY UNAMIR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS.

THIS WEEK WAS ALSO THE SECOND WEEK OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA (KWSA). THE SOPs ARE APPLICABLE SINCE 241600 DEC 93. KIGALI SECTOR IMPLEMENTED
ITS FIRST TEMPORARY ROAD BLOCKS AND CHECK POINTS AROUND THE KWSA. SEVERAL WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED.

2. POLITICAL


ON 8 JANUARY, HUNDREDS OF PROTESTERS WHO REPORTEDLY BELONG TO A POLITICAL MILITIA AFFILIATED TO THE MNRD BLOCKED THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARLIAMENT AND HARASSED DEPUTIES WHO HAD REPORTEDLY RESPONDED TO A CALL BY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. THE PROTOCOL ON POWER SHARING ENVISAGES THAT THE OATH OF DEPUTIES CAN BE TAKEN BY THE JUDGE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

THE SRSG CONTINUES HIS MEDIATION WITH ALL POLITICAL LEADERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN ORDER TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FOR AN EARLY DATE FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE REMAINING TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

3. MILITARY

A. DEPLOYMENT

(1) HQS


(2) KIGALI SECTOR

INSTALLATION OF THE BBTG. THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE HQ AND THE SUBORDINATE
UNITS SPREAD OUT OVER KIGALI IS A MAIN TASK. WILL
ALSO CONCENTRATE ON ENSURING THE KIGALI WEAPON
SECURE AREA AND GATHERING OF INFORMATION
REGARDING ARMED POLITICAL MILITIA AND SUSPICIOUS
AREA; IN ORDER TO PREVENT ESCALATION OF TENSE.

(3) MILOB HQ
NORMAL ESCORT DUTIES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. THE
UNMOS HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED ACCORDING TO THE MOVE
OF THE GRAVITY CENTER TO KIGALI. WILL CONCENTRATE
ON INFORMATION GATHERING BY MEANS OF CONTACTS
WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION. IS ESTABLISHING A SUB
HQ IN MULINDI (RPF SECTOR) AND IN RHENGHERI (RGF
SECTOR). PLANS ARE BEING CREATED FOR A NEW
SUBSECTOR IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY
(BUTARE).

(4) DMZ SECTOR
DMZ SECTOR HQ IS NOW OPERATIONAL IN ITS HQ AREA
OF BYUMBA. THE SITUATION IS CALM IN THE DMZ AREA
BUT THE POPULATION IS GETTING APPREHENSIVE OF
DELAY IN FORMATION OF BBTG. IS PREPARING
OFFENSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST KNOWN ARMS CACHES. LACK
OF MOBILITY AND BASIC INFANTRY EQUIPMENT FOR
TUNEASTAN COY (-) IS REDUCING THE SCOPE FOR SUCH
OPERATIONS.

(5) UNOMUR SECTOR
UNOMUR AREA OF OPERATION IS CALM. BORDER CROSSING
ACTIVITY CONTINUING TO BE ON THE INCREASE, AS PER
THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT THE BORDER IS OPENED
OFFICIALLY BUT CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT YET
BEEN GIVEN. FC/CMO WILL RETURN THIS WEEK TO
UGANDA IN ORDER TO SORT OUT THE CROSS BORDER
PROBLEM WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND CHIEF OF
STAFF. FORMAL PROTEST BEING PREPARED AGAINST NRA
ELEMENTS WHO SYSTEMATICALLY BLOCK OUR PATROLS
CLOSE TO THE BORDER WHEN WE HAPPEN TO BE
FOLLOWING SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES.

(6) FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS
LARGE ADVANCE PARTIES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE MISSION
AREA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF DEC 93. AS LONG AS NO
EQUIPMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY BANGLADESH THIS
PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO BE TASKED AS INFANTRY.

B. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH
14 UNMOs ARRIVED ON 09 JAN 94 IN THE MISSION AREA AND
THREE BELGIAN OFFICERS RETURNED TO BELGIUM. DETAILED
INFORMATION AS PER 100800 JAN 94 IS ATTACHED HEREBY.

C. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL BEING INAUGURATED IN THE KING FAYCAL HOSPITAL AT KIGALI, STAFFING IS STILL ONGOING ON THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL POPULATION AND ON TASK SHARING BETWEEN UNAMIR AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT. MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE STILL MISSING. THE PAST WEEK 47 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 39 LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT. INPATIENT TREATMENT WAS GIVEN TO 14 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 3 LOCAL PEOPLE.

UNCIVPOL

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF UNCIVPOL ARE STUDYING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RWANDIAN GENDARMERIE AND POLICE-FORCES IN ORDER TO SET UP OUR OWN STRUCTURE OF MONITOR TEAMS AND LIAISON OFFICERS. ALSO PREPARING THE NEEDS OF VEHICLES, RADIOS, ACCOMMODATIONS, ... a.s.o. INVESTIGATIONS OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING UNAMIR VEHICLE Nb 1001 ON 05 JAN 94 AT KM 42 BYUMBA PUBLIC ROAD ARE ONGOING. CURRENT MANPOWER OF UNCIVPOL IS 5 POLICE OFFICERS.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

THE LOGISTICAL ENVIRONMENT IS STILL FAR FROM IDEAL IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE OPERATIONS EFFECTIVELY. WE ARE BARELY AT THE MINIMUM VIABLE LEVEL. SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORT AND SERIOUS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT/RADIOS IS THE MAIN PROBLEM. WE RECEIVED POSITIVE RESULT ON OUR DEMAND TO AIRLIFT 6 MINE DETECTORS INSTEAD OF SHIPPING THEM FROM BANGLADESH TO DAR ES SALAAM. FC IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF FLAK JACKETS FOR MOST PERSONNEL EXCEPT BELGIUM AND CERTAIN UNMOs. CHANCES OF GRENADE ATTACKS ARE PREVALENT IN SITUATIONS WERE DANGEROUS CRONDS ARE INVOLVED. STAFFING STILL ONGOING REGARDING BANGLADESH ENGINEER COY EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES THAT WE HAVE FINALLY BEEN MADE AWARE OF. RECEIPE OF SUITABLE SITES AND NEEDS FOR DMZ GHANIAN BATTALION ONGOING BUT THEIR DEFICIENCIES SEEMS AS BAD AS THOSE OF THE BANGLADESH.

6. CONCLUSION

WE PASSED THE SCHEDULED INSTALLATION DATE FOR THE BBTG WITH MORE THAN 10 DAYS AND WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT ITS REAL INSTALLATION. THE PRESENT DELAY IS STILL ACCEPTABLE BUT THEIR IS NO TIME TO WASTE. THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF UNAMIR FORCES IN KIGALI DUE TO THE ESSENTIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CREATED BY THE FACT THAT THE BBTG IS STILL NOT IN PLACE, IS SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZING OUR OFFENSIVE INITIATIVES IN THE KWSA AND IN THE DMZ. THIS CONCENTRATION
OF FORCE IN KIGALI CANNOT BE SUSTAINED FOR MUCH LONGER AS OUR CREDIBILITY IN MONITORING THE SECURITY IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WILL RAPIDLY BE ERODED. MOVEMENT ON BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AND A FORMAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE WELCOME. UNAMIR IS CONTINUING STAFFING ON REQUIREMENTS FOR PHASE 2 AND 3, DISENGAGEMENT AND DEMOBILIZATION, BUT IS STILL AWAITING MORE GUIDANCE FROM DRAO AND DHA ON THIS SUBJECT (FINANCIAL PARTICULARLY).

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