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

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 160000 16 APR TO 170000 17 APR 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. INTERMITTENT SHOOTING/FIRING, EXPLOSIONS AND SHELLING WERE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE DAY. FIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF AT DIFFERENT PLACES OF KIGALI CITY, CNR COMPLEX, KIMIRHI, AROUND HOTEL MERIDIAN AND AMABORO STADIUM COMPLEX. EFFORTS ARE BEEN MADE BY UNAMIR TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF. THE LIFE IN THE CAPITAL CITY IS STILL AT STANDSTILL. NEGOTIATIONS ON CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RGF AND RPF MEDATION BY UNAMIR STILL GOING ON WITH OUT ANY FRUITLESS 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 RWANDSE NEW INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS NOW FUNCTIONING FROM GITARAMA.


4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. REORGANIZATION PLAN IS FINISHED. ALL BELGIAN STAFF POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED UP BY OFFICERS COMING FROM THE DISMANTLED DMZ HQ OR MILOB GROUP. SOME HEAVY ARMAMENT AND AMMO ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND BY THE BELGANS. 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. UNCHUR: CONDUCTED ROUTINE PTL WITHIN QAR. FORCE COMD
WANTS THE BELL 212 HELICOPTERS FROM UNOMUR TO BE REDPLOYED 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 BELGIAN. 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 GHANIAN 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 DETERIORATING.

(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 REDPLOYMENT 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 FIRING WERE HEARD SEVERAL KM SOUTH OF MULINDI THOUGH 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. UNCIIVPOL. NTR. ALL CIVPOL HAVE LEFT THE MISSION AREA.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. FORCE COMD REASSESS 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 REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND TO DETERMINE THE URGENT NEEDS IN THIS REGARD. THEY HAVE TO LIAISE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NGO'S 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.