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1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE DAILY SITREP MENTIONED ABOVE.
2. REGARDS.

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SITREP COVERING PERIOD 210600B JAN TO 220600B JAN 94.

I. GEN SITUATION. CALM AND UNCHANGED EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT OUR UNMOs ARE HEARING MORE AND MORE ABOUT THE DISPLEASURE OF THE POPULATION REGARDING THE POLITICAL IMPASSE AND THEY ARE STARTING TO POINT THE FINGER AT US, IN QUESTIONING OUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

II. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. POLITICAL. BBTG NOT YET INSTALLED. NEGOTIATIONS ONGOING.

B. MILITARY.

(1) RGF. RGF PARA BATTALION CARRIED OUT PARA DROPPING PRACTICE WITH SUPPORT OF BELGIAN C-130 AND RGF TROOPS ALSO CARRIED OUT FIRING PRACTICE AT KANOMBE FIRING RANGE.

(2) RPF. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. US EMBASSY SEMINAR ON "THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN A DEMOCRACY" FOR 40 RGF/RPF OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS HAS ENDED SUCCESSFULLY. ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE DELIGHTED ABOUT THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND STATED THAT SUCH EVENTS SHOULD BE ORGANIZED FREQUENTLY.

III. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

A. HQS. FC VISITED THE SPONTANEOUS REFUGEES THAT ENTERED RWANDA FROM UGANDA (NORTH-EAST). THEY ARE MOSTLY MALE AND WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF CATTLE. THEY ARE FAIRLY SPREAD OUT AND ARE NOT IN ANY OF THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE. SUBSEQUENTLY, FC MET WITH RPF FORCE COMMANDER, MAJ GEN KAGAME, AND DISCUSSED THIS ASPECT IN PARTICULAR. PLEASE SEE NOTES OF THIS MEETING IN THE HUMANITARIAN PAR. BELOW (PAR. V.). FC TO CHAIR A MEETING ON MONDAY WITH UNHCR/UNDP/IRCR ON THE HANDLING OF THIS CURRENT PROBLEM AS THIS IS ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.

B. SECTORS.

(1) KIGALI. CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PTL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA. ESTABLISHED 4 CHECK POINTS AT DIFFERENT PLACES IN KWSA. PROVIDED 3 UNMO ESCORTS TO GENDARMERIE AND 4 TO RPF AND 1 TO RGF. ALSO PROVIDED 1 ARMED ESCORT TO PRIME MINISTER AND 2 TO RPF PERSONNEL. SECURED THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION IN KIGALI CITY, THE PREMATURE, FORCE HQ AND SEC HQ AND PROVIDED SECURITY

TO THE AIRPORT OF KIGALI. DURING THE NIGHT ASSURED PROTECTION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS. AND TO THE RESIDENCE OF SRSG.

(2) DMZ. CONDUCTED PTL IN RUHENGERI, KINIGI AND BISSATE IN ORDER TO ASSIST POLICE INSPECTOR TO INVESTIGATE A POISONING CASE AT KINIGI. ALSO PROVIDED ESCORTS TO ICRC FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO 3.500 DISPLACED PERSONS AT KABINGO. PTL WENT TO NGARAMA TO OBSERVE A COMMISSION WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP TO ARBITRATE ON A LAND DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF GOKOMA AND NGARAMA. LOCAL PEOPLE OF MIMUTE BAZAR (2840) REPORTED ON 19 JAN 94 RPF FIRED FEW ROUND BLANK AMMO TO CREATE PANIC IN THE TOWN.

C. MILOB. CONDUCTED ESCORT FOR RPF FROM KIGALI TO MULINDI AND IN THE AFTERNOON FOR RPF VOLLEYBALL TEAM FROM MULINDI TO KIGALI. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO PASS THE RGF CHECK POINT AT NGONDORE BECAUSE THE CLEARANCE OF THE TEAM WAS NOT APPROVED BY RGF AUTHORITIES. EFFORT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO CLEAR THE PROBLEM.

D. UNOMUR. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PTL WITHIN OAR. PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE RETURNEE PROBLEM FROM UGANDA INTO RWANDA. PTL FOCUSED ON POSSIBLE ASSEMBLY AREA.

IV. UNCIVPOL. NTR.

V. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CONFIDENTIAL NOTES PROVIDED FROM A MEETING WITH MAJ GEN KAGAME ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SPONTANEOUS REFUGEE RETURNS.

1. Burundi. Rwandese refugees in Burundi are living a worse life there than in Rwanda. They are willing to run the risk of being killed by soldiers on the way back to Rwanda than dying in hiding in Burundi. RPF is saying to them to hold on and be patient. Some have fled from refugee camps to school compounds.

2. Uganda. The Ugandan squatters (WAKIVARIS, NSHARA) are getting land from government but none is provided for the Rwandan refugees. Also, land allotted to refugees is being given to locals and away from refugees. A number of these refugees have sons that are in the RPF forces. Local population is telling refugees to go back to Rwanda because the situation is being cleared up.

3. Rwanda. He does not believe there is enough, if any, concern on the part of the government for the plight of these refugees. Nothing of substance has been done so we are ending up with the problem now with nothing done of substance. He believes this can escalate as desperate

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people are ready to take up arms. The international community does not necessarily see this. The whole RPF movement was launched because of the need of refugees to come back home. That is why they had a war. He stated that the government has agreed that some of the displaced persons have been authorized to settle in the game reserve recently. Must check this out. RPF already telling refugees in Uganda to be patient, and the flow has slowed down.

VI CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

VII. LOGISTICS. OPERATIONAL SITUATION REMAINS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE LACK OF VEHICLES AND RADIOS. HOWEVER A BATCH OF 100 UNTAC VEHICLES WILL ARRIVE SOON AT KIGALI. ON 22 JAN 94 A TRUCK DELIVERED EDP EQUIPMENTS TO FORCE HQ.

VIII. MISC. MILOB MONITOR TEAM REPORTED THAT A FRENCH DC-8 LANDED ON 211830 JAN 94 AT KIGALI AIRPORT. THE AIRCRAFT BROUGHT 90 BOXES OF 60 mm MORTAR BOMB, EACH BOX CONTAINING 6 MORTAR BOMBS. IT ALSO CONTAINED FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ONE PICK-UP AND ONE PRIVATE CAR. ALL GOODS WERE TAKEN TO KANOMBE CAMP UNDER OUR ESCORT AS IS BEING MONITORED BY US. DETAILS OF REASON FOR THIS TOTALLY UNEXPECTED SHIPMENT OF MILITARY MATERIAL IS BEING INVESTIGATED NOW.