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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. The situation was observed to be tense. The past week, some hand grenade explosions and a political manifestation disturbed the population of KIGALI. Today's situation is explosive because of the assassination of Mr. GATABAZI, minister of public works and national secretary of the PSD party on 212245 Feb 94 in his residence. Mr. Martin BUCYANA, a prominent opposition leader and president of the CDR party was killed on 221400 Feb 94 at a road block 5 Km North of BUTARE. Also observed several violations of the DMZ by RPF. They occupy several positions in the DMZ area and conducted Ptl and reinforcements.
- B. The Broad Based Transitional Government is not yet installed. UNAMIR continues to pursue all efforts to unblock the situation. Despite the explosive situation a new attempt for swearing-in ceremonies is announced for today 23 Feb 94.
- C. Main events of the week for UNAMIR Military Division are: (1)

FC met the RGF Chief of Staff on Monday 15 Feb and listened carefully to their analysis of the current situation. RGF stated that the cease-fire violations, the increased number of RPF patrolling and reinforcing activities of RPF are all part of an elaborate preparation of a secure start line for the RPF to conduct an attack to RUHENGERI and KIGALI. Subsequently FC ordered separately a military intelligence analysis of the situation; (2) FC also met UNHCR delegate on the issue of the spontaneous return of refugees from UGANDA. He indicated that the RPF had been most uncooperative in giving them the support needed to conduct their surveys; (3) A Belgian Army Staff delegation, headed by Maj Gen UYTTERHOEVEN, paid a working visit to UNAMIR; (4) DFC returned on Tuesday 16 Feb 94 from a four days working visit to UNOMUR; (5) 225 Ghanaian troops arrived in the mission area on 16 Feb 94. The Ghanaian battalion is now with 56 % on ground. (6) A Belgian governmental delegation lead by the Vice-Prime Minister, Mr. W. Claes, paid a courtesy visit to RWANDA and UNAMIR; (7) UNAMIR received also the Special Representative to the Secretary General in BURUNDI, Mr. Ould Aballah.

2. POLITICAL

- A. During the period under review, UNAMIR continued to focus its main political attention on efforts to install the Transitional Institutions. To this end, the SRSG undertook several consultations with Rwandese political leaders and members of the Diplomatic Corps, including the representative of the OAU and the representative of the facilitator. The SRSG also met on 19 and 23 February with the President of the Republic, Major-General Juvenal HABYARIMANA. Also on 19 February, the SRSG received for a courtesy visit at UNAMIR Headquarters, the deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of BELGIUM, Mr. W. CLAES who, accompanied by BELGIUM's Secretary of State for Co-operation and Development, were on official visit to RWANDA.
- B. On 21 February, the SRSG received at his residence, at 19.00 hours, the Prime Minister Designate, the President and Secretary General of the PSD and the Vice President of the PL. The Prime Minister Designate explained that he had requested the meeting in the hope of getting all political leaders together to update the SRSG on their continuing efforts to install the Institutions, hopefully on 22 February, and also to commend and thank the SRSG personally and UNAMIR as a whole for their important contribution to the peace process. In this connection, the Prime

Minister Designate presented to the SRSG a "NOTE VERBALE" from various political parties conveying their collective gratitude.

- C. Later in the evening on 21 February, the Secretary-General of PSD and Minister of Public Works and Energy, MR. Felicien GATABAZI, was assassinated in KIGALI by unknown persons as he returned home. The following day, in the southern city of BUTARE, the President of CDR, MR. Martin BUCHYANA, was assassinated in what was seen as a revenge murder for the killing of minister GATABAZI, a native of BUTARE. These killings provoked and/or exacerbated tensions in KIGALI and elsewhere in the country, and the Government responded by imposing a curfew in KIGALI and BUTARE. In condemning the murders, the SRSG underlined that such reprehensible acts only contributed to complicating efforts to resolve RWANDA's problems peacefully.
- D. Following a cabinet meeting later in the evening on 22 February, it was announced over the national radio that the President of the Republic would, on 23 February at 10.00 hours, preside over a ceremony to install the Transitional Institutions. However, early on 23 February, the RPF in a press release stated that it would not attend the ceremony as it objected to what the RPF said was the President's attempt to unilaterally impose a solution to the internal problems within the PL and MDR political parties. The ceremony, which was subsequently rescheduled for 14.00 hours on the same day, 23 February, opened in the presence of the President of the Republic and a number of other officials and political leaders, including members of the Diplomatic Corps, the SRSG and OAU representative, who had also received invitations from the presidency. Apart from the RPF, PSD, PL and MDR, as well as the Prime Minister and Prime Minister Designate also boycotted the ceremony. Consequently, the Transitional Institutions were not installed on 23 February.

3. MILITARY

A. FORCE HQ:

Normal staff duties were carried. An intelligence analysis regarding the military situation was conducted and published to the SRSG. Three possibilities have been elaborated and forwarded by separate fax.

B. UNOMUR SECTOR:

The general situation in the UNOMUR area is quite calm. There is no significant change in the attitude of the local population.

The CA campaigns are still in progress. KAMPALA based intellectuals are still unhappy with NRM clamp down on political parties. Revival of cheap politicking gaining momentum, as the race draws to an end. At present unclear if NRM will have an overwhelming majority. An ultimatum by president MUSEVENI for the rebels (KARIMAJONG) to surrender their weapons was completely ignored. On 17 and 18 Feb 94 a group of military attachés from KENYA, GHANA, SUDAN, RUSSIA and UK visited UNOMUR in the framework of an official NRA invitation. In KABALE, at the mission HQ, the ACOMO and COO briefed them accordingly. UNOMUR HQ is working on the rotation plan for the contingents, on the hand over / take over programmes for the newcoming CMO and DCMO and on the reorganization of the HQ and the creation of a tenth team. The Ptl were going on as scheduled. 45 Day patrols, including 2 boat Ptl, and 14 night patrols have been carried out. It seems that the flow of refugees from UGANDA to RWANDA is decreasing. UNOMUR was visited by the DFC of UNAMIR and by a three man delegation from the NETHERLANDS. From 2 to 8 March UNOMUR will be visited by the Deputy Commander of the BOTSWANA Defense Force.

C. DMZ SECTOR

The situation in the DMZ area was calm the past week. On 161215 Feb 94 RPF soldiers were seen on hill at RUTETE (B0225) near NYANKENKE. On 172030 Feb 94 fifteen RPF soldiers were seen in civil clothing with arms hidden under their jackets at KISSARO (B0320). On 18 Feb 94 it was reported that TWO platoons are deployed in grid A937232. Investigation is ongoing. On Monday 20 Feb 94 DMZ Comd met RPF Comd on the issue of RPF troops being present in the DMZ area. It was stated that all RPF troops found in DMZ were blatant cease fire violations and that they must be withdrawn over next 48 Hrs. Conducted routine Ptl and escort duties for ICRC.

D. KIGALI SECTOR

Conducted 118 vehicle and 42 foot Ptl in KIGALI city in order to ensure Kigali Weapon Secure Area (KWSA). Established daily 3 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 till the installation of

the BBTG. RUTBAT conducted training on armored vehicles (BTR-60). The Tunisian Coy(-) has been redeployed from DMZ Sec to KIGALI Sec.

E. MILOB GROUP

After the deployment of a total of seven UNMO teams in sector RPF, RGF and South the MILOB Group is getting more and more operational. The teams liaised with local military and civilian authorities, UN organizations and NGO's.

- (1) MILOB Group HQ CMO visited GISENYI on 15 Feb 94. Conducted routine escorts from/to KIGALI.
- (2) RPF Sector Sector Comd visited the returnee camps in North RWANDA. Approximately 3,000 returnees are present. Most of them are coming from refugee camps in UGANDA and approx. 27 % are coming from villages in UGANDA close to the border.
- (3) RGF Sector (a) RGF MILOB Sec HQ now operational at RUHENGARI; (b) Team reported an increase of refugees from ZAIRE. Presently approx. 400 refugees are located in GISENYI. The main reason to come to RWANDA is lack of food in ZAIRE. (c) A small number of small arms have been captured from Rwandese nationals coming from ZAIRE. The weapons were hidden in food containers. (c) Also received information about burial of undisclosed number of RGF personnel at GISENYI. Team is investigating. (d) One 17 Feb ONE civilian was shot incidentally by Gendarmerie at GISENYI. When Gendarmerie wanted to check a trailer while being unloaded by civilians it came to a fight between the workers and the Gendarmerie. The incident resulted in an anti-Gendarmerie demonstration which was brought under control by Gendarmerie. No further casualties reported. (e) Also received information from local population that a lot of small arms and hand grenades are kept by the locals for self-defence.
- (4) South Sector (a) South Sec HQ now operational at BUTARE; (b) Team liaised with UNHCR and received information about the refugee situation in the South of RWANDA. Team is presently patrolling all refugee camps and is compiling detailed report on refugee camps and development of the situation. (c) A major incident happened on 19 Feb 94 when two Burundese refugees from Camp GOMA (South of BUTARE) crossed the border

to BURUNDI and stole nine cattle which they sold after their return to RWANDA. The of the cattle, accompanied by five Burundese soldiers in military clothing, followed the culprits to retrieve the cattle. As they were not able to locate their own cattle they took 20 to 40 cattle from locals. When they tried to protect their property the Burundese soldiers opened fire overhead and consequently escaped to BURUNDI. The shooting caused a panic among the population because they thought to be attacked by Burundese military. After local authorities of NYABISINDU have been informed they brought the situation under control and calmed the population down. RGF military and Gendarmerie are presently patrolling in the area. MILOB received information that one of the two thieves has been arrested. Allegedly Rwandese and Burundese authorities are negotiating about exchange of the cattle and handover to owners.

F. FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

Engineer Coy is now deployed in the DMZ area at BYUMBA. All Log, Med and Engineer personnel is available in the area but the units are not operational due to non availability of operational equipment. However, there is some change in this matter, since vehicles and containers are arriving from BANGLADESH through DAR ES SALAAM.

G. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

225 Ghanaian troops arrived on 16 Feb 94. Current UNAMIR Force strength is 2,156. Please find enclosed the weekly personnel state as of 210800 Feb 94. ECUADOR and PAKISTAN are no longer on the list as requested in your Fax message 7388 dated 17 Feb 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 faces lack of supplies not yet available. About 40 UNAMIR personnel and 30 Locals receive normal treatment on a weekly basis.

4. UNCIVPOL

- A.** CIVPOL started the following investigations: (1) On 17 Feb 94 a complaint was received from Rwandese students in Canada

regarding the massacre of 17/18 Nov 93. Board of inquiry still investigating; (2) The killing of a person at the COLLIXTE yard by a policeman of the prefecture of KIGALI city. Investigations to be continued because of a lot of contradictions in the statements; (3) Mr. MWISENEY Prudence, a residence of KIGALI, reported that he was beaten and attacked with a knife by an unknown Belgian soldier. He got minor injuries and was accompanied by CIVPOL to the UNAMIR field hospital for treatment. The case is submitted to the military court; (4) On 15 Feb a grenade explosion took place in a soldier's house in GITEGA because of quarrels between two soldiers. No persons injured; (5) The same night followers of the MRND party installed a road block in the NYAMIRAMBO area to protest against the liberation of a person which was suspected to be a murder. The road block was raised by Gendarmerie and no persons were injured; (6) Political manifestations took place at NYAMIRAMBO on 20 Feb 94. There were several road blocks in the morning. Also a hand grenade exploded and stones were thrown against buses of the MDR party. Some of the aggressive people were arrested by Gendarmerie; (7) On 20 Feb 94 FIVE persons were killed and one person heavy injured at RWAMPARA, KIGALI. The first investigations disclosed that the persons were suspected to be robbers. CIVPOL investigating and special report will follow.

B. Accidents: NTR.

C. Current strength of UNCIVPOL: 49 Police Officers (Unchanged)

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The logistic environment is still difficult. Equipment's arrived from UNTAC but situations remains difficult due to delays in getting vehicles and radios issued. Operational status from BANGLADESH contingent has improved thanks to the arrival of their vehicles/equipment.

6. CONCLUSION

We passed the scheduled installation date for the BBTG by more than 50 days. This situation is deteriorating significantly and all UNAMIR resources are being used up 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.

7. REGARDS

UNAMIR - MILITARY DIVISION
Weekly Personnel State

DTG: 210800 Feb 94

Ser Nb	Country	TROOPS										UNMO	Total
		Inf Bn	Log Coy	Eng Coy	Med Coy	MovCom Pl	MP Sec	DMZ Cov(-)	Sub Total	Staff	Total		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	ARGENTINA												
2	AUSTRIA											15	15
3	BANGLADESH	370	200	203	50	20	11		854	28	883	51	933
4	BELGIUM	412							412	15	427		427
5	BOTSWANA											9	9
6	BRASILIA	3							3		3	10	13
7	CANADA									1	1	1	2
8	CONGO											25	25
9	EGYPT											10	10
10	FIJI											1	1
11	GHANA	450							450	19	469	24	493
12	HUNGARY											4	4
13	MALI											10	10
14	NETHERLANDS											10	10
15	NIGERIA											15	15
16	POLAND											5	5
17	RUSSIA											15	15
18	SENEGAL											39	39
19	SLOVAKIA											5	5
20	TANZANIA												
21	TOGO											15	15
22	TUNISIA							60	60	1	61		61
23	URUGUAY											20	20
24	ZIMBABWE											29	29
	TOTAL	1.235	200	203	50	20	11	60	1.779	64	1.843	313	2.156