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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 080600Z JAN TO 090600Z JAN 94.

I. GEN SITUATION. CALM BUT POPULATION APPREHENSIVE OF DELAY IN FORMATION OF BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS WAS THE MRND PARTY, INTERHAMWE MILITIA AND OTHER PARTIES WHO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENTIAL SIDE OR FACTION. THEIR AIM WAS TO PREVENT THE DEPUTIES FROM GETTING TO THE PARLIAMENT FOR THE SWEARING-IN. THE ROAD BLOCKS WERE OVER IN THE AFTERNOON BY 14.00 HRS. ONE WAS RAISED AGAIN IN THE EVENING. A TOTAL OF SIX CIVILIANS WERE INJURED AND OUR MEDICAL TEAMS HELPED IN FOUR CASES. OUR VEHICLES WERE STOPPED, SOME OF OUR CIVILIAN DRIVERS WERE BEATEN, SOME VEHICLES WERE SEARCHED BECAUSE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR DEPUTIES.

II. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. POLITICAL. NO SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TODAY 09 JAN 94. NEGOTIATIONS TO UNBLOCK THE POLITICAL SITUATION ARE ONGOING. THE PRESIDENT INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER, THE CHAIRMAN RPF (THE VICE-CHAIRMAN WENT) AND SRSG TO A MEETING IN HIS OFFICE LAST NIGHT. AFTER NEARLY FIVE HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS, THERE SEEMS TO BE MOVEMENT ON BOTH SIDES TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION.

B. MILITARY.

(1) RGF. GENDARMERIE RESPONDED WITH CAUTION AND NEGOTIATION TO CONTROL AND DISPERSE THE CROWDS. A CALL FROM FC TO MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SAME PARTY AS PRESIDENT) IN LATE MORNING SEEMED TO HAVE INFLUENCED THE SITUATION. AS MORE DEFINITIVE ACTION TO DISPERSE THE CROWD WAS TAKEN.

(2) RPF. ON 081806 JAN 94 RPF BATTALION LOCATED AT KIGALI CITY FIRED THREE ROUNDS WITH AA GUN ON A BELGIAN LOW FLYING C-130 AS WARNING. THE INCIDENT IS BEING INVESTIGATED AS THE PILOT ARE IN ERROR BUT THE RPF OVERREACTED. WE HAVE IMPOSED A "WEAPONS TIGHT" RULE.

(3) OTHERS. NTP.

III. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

A. HQS. PLANNING SECTION OF FORCE HQ CONDUCTED AERIAL RECCE OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY POINTS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN PHASES 2 AND 3. CONTINGENCY PLANNING ONGOING IN CASE THE RWTC IS SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED. OPTIONS ARE BEING STUDIED.

B. SECTORS.

(1) KIGALI. ALL DAY PTL WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS. BULK OF FORCES DEPLOYED AGAINST MANIFESTATIONS. CONDUCTED SEVERAL ARMED ESCORTS FOR VIPs AND RPF PERSONNEL. SECURED THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION IN KIGALI CITY, THE PREMATURE, FORCE HQ AND SEC HQ. DURING THE NIGHT ASSURED PROTECTION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS. PLANNING CONTINUED FOR POSSIBLE SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. MEETING TO REVIEW APPLICATION OF RWSA RULES SO FAR. STILL VERY GOOD COOPERATION BY ALL SIDES ALTHOUGH RPF ARE UNDERSTANDABLY MORE TENSE.

(2) DMZ. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PTL IN CAR. THE PTL RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT SOME ARMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE POPULATION OF MUTURA (3223) AND IT SEEMS THAT SIMILAR WILL BE DONE IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES: MUKINGO (5029), NKULI (4723) AND KIGOMBE (6033). RGF CHECK POINTS WERE MANNED AS USUAL AND SHOPS AND MARKETS WERE OPENED. CMD DMZ WENT TO KM 54 AT NGONDORÉ (0529) AND CHECKED THE PRESENCE OF MINES AT THE RGF CHECK POINTS. SECTOR HQ MORE AND MORE OPERATIONAL IN BYUMBA. OPERATIONAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING FOR BYUBAT STILL ONGOING.

C. MILOR. CONDUCTED ESCORTS FOR MR NIELSEN (SAO UNOMUR) TO GATUNA AND FOR RPF FOOD SUPPLY TRUCK TO/FROM MULINDI.

D. UNOMUR. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PTL WITHIN CAR. NTR.

IV. UNCIVPOL. NTR

V. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

VI. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

VII. LOGISTICS. OPERATIONAL SITUATION REMAINS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE LACK OF VEHICLES AND RADIOS. THE ABSENCE OF FLACK JACKETS FOR MOST PERSONNEL EXCEPT BELGIUM AND CERTAIN UNMOS IS OF GREAT CONCERN PARTICULARLY UNDER CURRENT SITUATION WHERE DANGEROUS CROWDS ARE INVOLVED. CHANCES OF GRENADE ATTACKS ARE PREVALENT.

VIII. MISG. NTR.