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

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 240600Z FEB TO 250600Z FEB 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. OBSERVED TO BE TENSE. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND IN PARTICULAR KIGALI CITY IS NORMALIZING. THERE WERE FEW ROAD BLOCKS, SHOOTING INCIDENTS AND ONE/TWO GRENADE EXPLOSIONS AT KIGALI CITY. VERY LESS INJURIES (FIVE) REPORTED TO THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL. FEW BANDITRY INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN VARIOUS PLACES IN THE TOWN. SEVERAL SHOPS CLOSED EARLIER BECAUSE OF EXPECTED DEMONSTRATIONS AFTER THE FUNERAL OF LATE PSD MINISTER, MR. FELICIEN GATABAZI. THIS FUNERAL WAS THE MAIN EVENT OF THE DAY. IT TOOK PLACE IN BUTARE WITHOUT ANY INCIDENT. RPF LEADERS WENT WITH FC WITH THEIR AND OUR ARMED ESCORTS AND RETURNED SAFELY. THEY WERE HAILED BY POPULATIONS ALL ALONG THE ROUTE IN A MOST IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF GAY AT SEEING THEM. THE WHOLE OCCASION WAS MONITORED BY RGF/GENDARMERIE AND MILOB FOR SECURITY AND SMOOTH OPERATION OF FUNERAL SERVICES. THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. ALSO USED EXTENSIVELY UNAMIR HELICOPTER FOR ROUTE OBSERVATION.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS STILL NOT INSTALLED. NEGOTIATIONS ON GOING.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RGF. NTR.

B. RPF. THE DEAD BODY OF THE RPF SOLDIER WHO HAS BEEN KILLED IN THE AMBUSH AT GADDAFI ROAD JUNCTION AT NIGHT ON 22 FEB 94 HAS BEEN SENT BACK TO MULINDI.

C. OTHERS.

(1) TENSE SITUATION OBSERVED IN THE VILLAGE MBAZI CLOSE TO BUTARE WHERE THE PRESIDENT OF CDR PARTY MR. MARTIN BUCYANA WAS KILLED ON 23 FEB 94. THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF CDR WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY IN VILLAGE MURURU AT CYANGUGU. MEMBERS OF CDR PARTY HAVE ANNOUNCED TO RETALIATE THE MURDER OF THEIR PRESIDENT IN THE VILLAGE WHERE HE HAS BEEN KILLED. GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED CURFEW AT CYMBOGO FOR 24 HOURS.

(2) ON 241415 FEB 94 ONE GERMAN PERSON WAS ATTACKED BY THE BANDITS AT HIS HOUSE AT KICUKIRO AREA.

(3) ON 24 FEB 94 SOME BANDITS KEPT ONE FAMILY AS HOSTAGE AT GIKONDO.

(4) AT GISENYE TWO HOUSES WERE ATTACKED AT 1930 HOURS AND 2030 HOURS BY GRENADES. INVESTIGATION IS GOING ON.

(5) RWANDESE AUTHORITY IMPOSED CURFEW IN KIGALI CITY FROM 241900 HOURS TO 250500 HOURS.

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4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

A. FORCE HQ. FORCE COMMANDER WENT TO BUTARE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF LATE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE PSD PARTY OF RWANDA MR. GATABAZI. AT 241630 FEB 94 BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER OF UGANDA PAID A VISIT TO UNAMIR HEADQUARTERS AND HE MET BRSG AND FORCE COMMANDER RESPECTIVELY.

B. UNCOMUR. THE UNCOMUR OPERATION AREA IS CALM. THE NEW A/CMO HAS ARRIVED TO KABALE ON 23 FEB 94 IN THE AFTERNOON. A/CMO STARTED A FAMILIARIZATION TOUR TO THE AREA WEST. THE INCOMING A/CMO ACCOMPANIED BY OUTGOING A/CMO VISITED KISORO AND CHYANIKA ON 24 FEB 94. AT SECTOR KABALE ON 24 FEB AT 1230 HOURS A PATROL AT LUBIRIZI AREA HEARD A SOUND OF ARTILLERY SHELLING FROM A DISTANCE OF 400 METER FROM RPF POST AT KASHEKYE. SMOKES FROM THE SHELLING WAS ALSO VISIBLE. CIVILIANS BORDER CROSSING AT GATUNA :

	FROM UGANDA INTO RWANDA	FROM RWANDA INTO UGANDA
24 FEB	6 VEHICLES CROSSED THE BORDER WITH 19 PASSENGERS (ALL MEN)	7 VEHICLES CROSSED THE BORDER WITH 18 PASSENGERS (1 MEN AND 17 WOMEN). ONE VEHICLE CARRIED A PHOTOCOPY MACHINE. APART FROM THIS NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS FOUND.

C. DMZ. CARRIED OUT ROUTINE PATROL WITHIN AOR. ALSO CARRIED OUT LONG RANGE PATROL (LRP) TO RUHENGARI, CYABINGO AND NYUNDO. BYUBATT (GHANA BATTALION) CARRIED OUT FOOT PATROL FROM NKUMBA AND ESTABLISHED A TEMPORARY CAMP AT OR A 660392. ESTABLISHED CHECK POINTS AT RUHOMO. A MAN FROM KABINDI (A 6539) HANDED OVER A HAND GRENADE TO PATROL TEAM AT CHECK POINT. FORCE ENGR COY (BANGLADESH) PROVIDED SECURITY AT NGONDORE. TEAM A PROVIDED ESCORT TO AICF FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND MEDICINE AT GITARE (A7345). AT ABOUT 1430 HOURS SECURITY DETACHMENT AT NGONDORE HEARD A LONG BURST OF 8 TO 10 ROUNDS FIRE NEAR THE MEETING PLACE. ON INVESTIGATION IT WAS FOUND THAT RPF CHECK POINT CARRIED OUT TEST FIRE ON ONE OF THEIR LMGS WHICH WAS OUT OF ORDER. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RGF COMMANDER SGT LUTHAISHE THAT IT WAS INTENTIONAL. HOWEVER, NO DAMAGE OCCURRED.

D. MILOR. SIX UNMO TEAMS CONDUCTED ESCORTS FOR FUNERAL OF MR. GATABAZI, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE PSD PARTY, FROM KIGALI TO BUTARE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

(1) RPF SECTOR. ROUTINE PATROL CARRIED OUT. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

(2) RGF SECTOR. ROUTINE PATROL CARRIED OUT. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

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(3) SOUTHERN SECTOR. SITUATION IN BUTARE HAS NORMALIZED. MILOB TEAM AT CYANGUGU REPORTED THAT ON NIGHT 24/25 FEB THE ROAD LEADING TO RUSIZI HAS BEEN BLOCKED. THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED AN INFORMATION ABOUT KILLING OF ONE PERSON IN THE COMMUNE OF CYIMBOGO APPROXIMATELY 25 KM SOUTH-WEST OF CYANGUGU. INVESTIGATION IS GOING ON. TEAM ALSO REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF TUTSI REFUGEES IN THE REFUGEE CAMP IN BAKU IN ZAIRE IS PLANNING RETALIATE THE BURNING OF THEIR BOTHER'S HOUSE IN CYANGUGU.

4. KIGALI SECTOR. APCs WERE KEPT STAND BY FOR POSSIBLE CONVEY OF RPF VIPS FROM/TO BUTARE IN CASE OF ROAD BLOCKS. IF ROAD SECTOR KIGALI CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PATROL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA (KWSA). PROVIDED 6 UMO ESCORTS TWO FOR RPF, TWO FOR RGF AND TWO FOR GENDARMERIE PERSONNEL. PROVIDED FOUR ARMED ESCORTS; ONE FOR PRIME MINISTER; TWO FOR RPF AND ONE FOR UNAMIR PERSONNEL. SECURED THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION IN KIGALI CITY, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, FORCE HQ, SECTOR HQ AND KIGALI AIRPORT. DURING THE NIGHT ASSURED THE PROTECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS AND SRSG.

5. UNCIYPOL. SITUATION IS COMPARATIVELY COMING TO THE NORMALIZATION. ON 24 FEB 94 AT 1410 HOURS CIVPOL HQ WAS INFORMED ABOUT KIDNAPPING OF THE AUSTRIAN MR. SCHOELLER KURT. THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND THREE MILOBS WENT TO THE HOUSE OF MR. SCHOELLER KURT AT REMERA. THERE WERE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED LOCALS IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE. THEY SAID HIS GUARD WAS ARMED WITH A PISTOL. THE LOCAL GENDARMERIE WAS PRESENT AND EXPLAINED TO THE CROWD THAT THEY ARE INVESTIGATING THE CASE IN PRESENT OF CIVPOL. AT THIS TIME THE GUARD WAS UNARMED SO THE GENDARMERIE MADE A HOUSE SEARCHING WHERE A PISTOL (STURM RUGAR) AND ONE MAGAZINE FILLED WITH 15 ROUNDS AMMUNITION WERE FOUND. DURING INVESTIGATION AT SCENE OF THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING SCHOELLER CARRIED A PISTOL (GLOCK 17) BOTH FIRE ARMS ARE LEGAL BUT WERE CONFISCATED BY THE LOCAL GENDARMERIE. APPROXIMATELY 20 LOCAL GENDARMES WERE PRESENT. DURING THE ACTION TO PROTECT MR. SCHOELLER OF FURTHER ATTACKS KIBATT (BELGIAN) WAS INFORMED AND BASED NEAR HIS HOUSE. CIVPOL HAS PARTICIPATED AT THE FUNERAL OF THE MINISTRY FELICIEN MR. GATABAZI AT BUTARE. THE WHOLE SITUATION WAS CALM.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. OPERATIONAL SITUATION REMAINS DIFFICULT DUE TO DELAY IN ADEQUATE VEHICLES AND RADIOS. THE LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER COMPANY VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT IS BEING PREPARED. THERE IS STILL NO WORD ON THE VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT THAT WERE DEFICIENT FROM THEIR COUNTRY'S CAPABILITIES.

9. MISC. NTR.