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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. The situation was observed to be explosive. The first half of this week was marked by; (1) the assassination by unidentified individuals of Mr. GATABAZI, minister of public works and national secretary of the PSD party, in his residence on 212245 Feb 94; (2) the assassination of Mr. BUCYANA, prominent opposition leader and national president of the CDR, at a road block near BUTARE on 231200 Feb 94; (3) numerous riots, road blocks. All these incidents may have been initiated by the announcement of the installation of the Broad Based Transitional Government (BBTG) on 22 Feb 94. The confrontation between supporters of political parties often deteriorated into purely criminal acts. The trouble spots were KIGALI, BUTARE and CYANGUGU. A number of road blocks were erected in these locations. In KIGALI area a road block was the location of an ambush during which a Uruguayan

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UNMO was lightly injured by a hand grenade explosion and a RPF soldier was mortally wounded. A board of inquiry was set up to investigate the incident. In the second half of the week the situation calmed down. Groups of demonstrators were frequently observed. In addition a number of threatened persons took shelter in more secure places, particularly churches with support from the Red Cross coordinated by UNAMIR.

- B. The BBTG 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 was announced for 23 Feb 94 and did not occur.
- C. Main events of the week for UNAMIR Military Division are: (1) All UNAMIR forces were committed on Monday 22 Feb 94 for the announced swearing-in ceremonies that day; (2) An ambush of the UNAMIR escorted convoy occurred on 22 Feb (3) The assassination of Mr. BUCYANA on 23 Feb 94; (4) The funeral of late minister GATABAZI at BUTARE; (5) Artillery shelling was heard and observed by UNOMUR on 24 Feb 94 at about 400 m from the RPF check point at KASHEKYE (6) 85 young men between 16 and 26 years old crossed the Ugandan/Rwandan border at GATUNA on 27 Feb 94. It is assumed that these are RPF reinforcements; (7) All RPF VIPs located at KIGALI left for MULINDI on 28 Feb 94 in order to attend a RPF meeting. They took luggage with them and it is not clear whether they will come back to KIGALI; (8) Ghanalan battalion (BYUBAT) is now 100 % on ground. Troops arrived from GHANA on Tuesday 23 Feb 94 and Saturday 26 Feb 94.

2. POLITICAL

- A. Following the upsurge in violent incidents and the heightened political tension ignited by the politically motivated murders of Mr. Felicien Gatabazi, Minister of Public Works and Secretary-General of PSD, on 21 February, and Mr. Martin Buchyana, President of CDR, on 22 February, the security situation improved somewhat during the period under review, as efforts to break the political stalemate that have hindered the installation of the transitional institutions, continued.
- B. During an unsuccessful attempt to install the institutions at a ceremony on 23 February which was boycotted by the FPR, PSD, PL and MDR as well as by the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister Designate, President Habyarimana appealed for national reconciliation and harmony and against ethnic and political

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discord. He also announced that he would convene, on 25 February, a meeting of political parties represented in the Government, in a continuing search for solutions to the country's political crisis.

- C. The meeting called and presided over by the President was held on 25 and 27 February and was attended by representatives of MNRD, MDR, PSD, PL and PDC, as well as by the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister Designate. It was agreed, inter alia, that pending the installation of the BBTG, the current Government headed by Prime Minister Mrs Agathe Uwilingiyimana, would continue to manage the country's affairs. With the exception of Mr. Landouald Ndasingwa who expressed "serious" reservations on the proposals regarding the PL, participants also agreed on proposed solutions to the problems within the PL and MDR, as a way of facilitating the installation of the transitional institutions.
- D. Meanwhile, the SRSG, who met with President Habyarimana on 23 February, also met with an FPR delegation on 25 February and with the Director of President Habyarimana's Cabinet on 28 February, in continuation of his efforts to advance the peace process. On 1 March, the SRSG travelled to Mulindi for a meeting with the FPR President, Col. Alexis Kanyarengwe, in an effort, inter alia, to ascertain FPR's perspectives on and reactions to recent political developments. The SRSG also met with and maintained close contacts with members of the diplomatic corps, the representative of the Facilitator and the representative of the OAU.
- E. On 28 February, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali was scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters in New York with a special envoy sent by President Habyarimana, Mr. Andre Ntagerura, Rwanda's Minister of Transport and Communications.

3. MILITARY

A. FORCE HQ

Normal staff duties were carried out. Force Comd efforts in having a meeting with RPF Comd, Maj Gen KAGAME, on the issue of DMZ violations (RPF positions in DMZ) have been ignored several times. A formal protest in this regard has been lodged and efforts to have this meeting will be continued. Actual climate is not in favor of the establishment of demobilization, demilitarization and integration plans because of difficulties in getting the parties together and also because of non-availability of the Army High Command Council to be installed together with the BBTG. A Staff check was organized

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In order to appraise possible missions for BYUBAT (DMZ) within KIGALI sector. Operational order on this issue is being prepared.

B. UNOMUR SECTOR

The general situation in UNOMUR operational is calm. The incoming CMO, Col ASRARUL HAQUE from BANGLADESH, arrived on 23 Feb 94. He made operational visits to the areas and was installed officially by Force Comd on 26 Feb 94. During the reported period UNOMUR conducted 38 day patrols and 14 night patrols. The flow of refugees from UGANDA into RWANDA decreased. Monitoring activities in this domain will be continued. Communication are improving due to fresh receipt of walkie talkies. All teams and Staffs are in possession of walkie talkie. One UNOMUR vehicle was involved in an accident with a World Food Programme truck. The vehicle was severely damaged but nobody was injured.

C. DMZ SECTOR

The situation in the DMZ area was calm the past week. On Monday 20 Feb 94 DMZ Comd met the 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 the next 48 Hrs. The violations were denied by RPF and there is no progress on this subject. BYUBAT (Ghana), is now 100 % on ground and is deployed at BYUMBA (BN(-)), KINIHIRA (A Coy), NGARAMA (B Coy) and NKUMBA (C Coy). Orders are being prepared to move a maximum of two Coy(-) to KIGALI for security and sentry tasks since KIGALI has become the most insecure location in the country. Conducted routine Ptl and escort duties.

D. KIGALI SECTOR

Conducted 218 vehicle and 52 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 until the installation of the BBTG. RUTBAT conducted training on armored vehicles (BTR-60). Operational situation of RUTBAT improved significantly since their vehicles and equipments arrived in the

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mission area and are being checked and distributed.

E. MILOB GROUP

(1) **MILOB Group HQ** Conducted 10 escorts for different international organizations (UNHCR, ICRC, ...). Provided escort for the funeral of the late minister GATABAZI on 24 Feb 94. Conducted investigation on an incident that happened on 260800 Feb 94. As reported by RGF, a group of RGF soldiers were ambushed by RPF while fetching fresh water. The fire fight resulted in ONE RPF killed, TWO RGF seriously wounded, TWO RGF lightly injured and ONE RGF missing. The incident took place at MUTARA (B3352) close to a bridge known as RURUNGE bridge. The investigation revealed that there was a shooting incident at this location at the mentioned date. The alleged RPF killed person was in civilian clothes. RPF denies any involvement in this case. The identification of the killed person was not possible. The locals were reluctant to assist in identification and the counselor of the commune did not show up. The body was not claimed by anybody. Local women stated that the victim was 20 years old and that he married 3 months ago. Investigation still ongoing.

(2) **RPF Sector** Team participated in the investigation mentioned in Par. (1) above. About 4,000 refugees are on their way to the RPF sector. For the moment there are about 14,500 refugees spread out as follows:

Camp NDAGO (7987)	4,072
Camp KABONA (8041)	3,010
Camp MUSANA (8445)	2,745
Camp BUKARANGATA (8542)	4,143
Camp BULIBA (8539)	495

(3) **RGF Sector** (a) Two hand grenade attacks occurred in the night of 24/25 Feb 94 at GISENYI. In one a 16 year old girl had major injuries. One house was owned by a Tutsi, the other house owner was married with a Tutsi woman; (b) At dawn of 27 Feb 94 small arms fire was heard at the Rwandan/Zairian border. No further details could be made available. In the same night two hand grenade explosions occurred in the market of GISENYI town. No casualties were reported.

(4) **South Sector** (a) After the killing of the Minister of Public works who was a citizen of BUTARE the enraged crowd

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killed the president of the CDR on 221200 Feb 94; (b) On 24 Feb 94 the funeral of the late Minister took place at BUTARE. No incidents occurred. In the following days gendarmerie and RGF conducted extensive patrolling in the area and the situation calmed down. (c) In the night 24/25 Feb 94 at CYANGUGU, the hometown of the late CDR president, sixteen houses were burned down, and at least two persons have been killed. All victims were Tutsi. Approximately 200 refugees resulting from this riots took shelter in the parish at CYANGUGU.

F. FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

Engineer Coy is now deployed in the DMZ area at BYUMBA. All Log, Med and Engineer personnel are available in the area but the units are not operational due to non availability of operational equipment. Vehicles and containers are arriving from BANGLADESH but it seems that there are many deficiencies.

G. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

All Ghanaian troops are now on ground. 250 Troops arrived on Tuesday 22 Feb 94 and Saturday 26 Feb 94. Please find enclosed the weekly personnel state as of 280800 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 has a serious lack of supplies. About 40 UNAMIR personnel and 30 Locals receive normal treatment on a weekly basis. Problems occur with the local population in the critical periods. They have confidence in the UNAMIR field hospital and are not willing to be transferred to the governmental hospital (KIGALI hospital) after their emergency treatment. The KIGALI hospital also demonstrates no positive attitude in getting these patients. They don't answer the phone and deny sending ambulances to get the patients. Solutions to this problem are being negotiated. Medical supplies are urgently required.

4. UNCIVPOL

- A. Due to the security situation the government installed a curfew at KIGALI city from 19:00 Hrs till 05:00 Hrs the next day.
- B. CIVPOL investigated: (1) The killing of minister GATABAZI. The

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minister and one of the accompanying gendarmes were killed by unknown persons. A second gendarme had major injuries. A meeting was held at the office of the prosecutor at KIGALI. Informations was exchanged between Gendarmerie, CIVPOL and Prosecutor. Investigation ongoing; (2) On 24 Feb 94 eleven persons were arrested by the Gendarmerie of NYARURENGE because of demonstrations before the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Investigation ongoing; (3) On 22 Feb 94 about ten Tutsi were killed in the living area of Mr. BUCYANA, late president of CDR party; (4) Five to six families from GIKONDO area (KIGALI) were escorted by Gendarmerie and CIVPOL to a church where they took shelter. They left their houses because of insecurity.

C. Accidents: NTR.

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

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The logistic environment is still difficult. Equipment arrived from UNTAC but the logistic situation remains difficult due to delays in getting vehicles and radios issued. Operational status from BANGLADESH contingent has improved due to the arrival of their vehicles/equipment. The logistics and engineer company vehicles and equipments are being distributed. But there is still no word on the deficiencies of this equipment.

6. CONCLUSION

We passed the scheduled installation date for the BBTG by more than 57 days. This situation is deteriorating significantly and all UNAMIR resources are being used 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

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UNAMIR - MILITARY DIVISION
Weekly Personnel State

DTG: 280800 Feb 94

Ser Nb	Country	TROOPS										UNMO	Total
		Inf Bn	Log Coy	Eng Coy	Med Coy	MovCom Pl	MP Sec	DMZ Coy(-)	Sub Total	Staff	Total		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	ARGENTINA											15	15
2	AUSTRIA												
3	BANGLADESH	370	200	203	50	20	11		854	27	881	51	933
4	BELGIUM	406							406	15	421		421
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	800							800	19	819	24	843
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	1,579	200	203	50	20	11	60	2,133	63	2,186	314	2,500