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1. THE FIRST HALF OF THE DAY REMAIN VERY QUIET. THERE WAS NO EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN THE TWO WARRING PARTIES EXCEPT ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS. RPF AND RGF STARTED ARTY/MORTAR SHELLING JUST AFTER MIDDAY AND CONTINUED TILL LATE AFTERNOON. FEW SHELLS LANDED AROUND KIA AND ONE ARTY SHELL LANDED ON HOTEL CHEZ LANDO INFRONT OF FORCE HQ. THE SITUATION REMAIN VERY TENSE AND FLUID. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. IN FORWARD EDGE OF BATTLE AREA BETWEEN RGF AND RPF TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF COUNTRY. EXCEPT ONE BN STR OF RPF SEEN MOVING AT KARAMA WHICH IS WITHIN 10 KM NORTH EAST OF KANOMBE CAMP. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN DISPOSITION OF TROOPS IN THE CITY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT RPF TROOPS ADVANCING WEST FROM RWAMAGANA HAVE LINKED UP WITH TROOPS ALREADY IN THE CITY. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN AREA HELD BY WARRING FACTIONS WITHIN THE CITY. RPF INFILTRATIONS IN TO THE CITY CONTINUES. RPF HIGH COMMAND INFORMED UNAMIR HQ OF IMMINENT ATK IN CITY BY 26 APR 94 DID NOT COME INTO FACT. IT IS OBSERVED THAT RPF TROOPS CARTING REFUGEES FROM OUT SKIRTS OF KIGALI TO CAMPS 10 KMS NORTH OF CITY.

2. FC HELD CONFERENCE WITH COMMANDERS AND PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS AT 260730 APR 94. TODAY FC INTEND TO HOLD ANOTHER DISCUSSION WITH COS RPF MAJ GEN KAGAME AT MULINDI BUT RPF HIGH COMMAND INFORMED THAT MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE TOMORROW 27 APR 94. FC SENT A FAX TO ACOMO KABALE TO DISCUSS WITH NRA FOR POSSIBLE ESTABLISHING HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS CELL (HAC) AT KABALE.

3. READJUSTMENT OF TROOPS TO NEW POSITION AND NEW RULES STILL IN

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PROGRESS. IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS UNAMIR INSTALLATION INCLUDING FORCE HQ IN PROGRESS. A FEW DEFENSIVE STORES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO BYUBAT (AMABORO STADIUM) AND FORCE HQ TO FACILITATE TO IMPROVE THERE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

4. HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS ADVANCE TEAM ATTEMPTED TO VISIT BYUMBA AND ONWARD TO MULINDI TO COORDINATE RELIEF OPERATIONS WITH STAFF OF OTHER AGENCIES, HOWEVER THEY WERE STOPPED DUE TO INSECURITY OF ROUTE. THEY WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW. UNMO FROM HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS CELL (HAC) LIAISED WITH RPF TODAY TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN MOVING DISPLACED PERSONS FROM KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND MERIDIEN TO BYUMBA. RPF INSISTED THAT UNAMIR NOT APPROACH CENTRES WITH VEHICLES FOR SECURITY REASONS. THEY WILL MOVE PERSONS OVER NIGHT BY FOOT AND INDICATED UNAMIR COULD ASSIST FROM A POINT 10 KM NORTH OF KIGALI. UNAMIR WILL CONDUCT OPERATION TOMORROW MORNING IF ROUTES ARE SECURED. SPECIAL SITREP WAS RECEIVED FROM RPF MIL OBS INDICATING REFUGEE SITUATION AS FOLLOWS IN NORTH:

- A. BYUMBA : 10,000 (100 INJURED).
- B. KISARO : 15,000.
- C. MYOWE : 3,000.
- D. IN ALL AREAS 70 PER CENT ARE OLD MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. FOOD, BLANKETS AND MEDICINE ARE DESPERATELY REQUIRED.
- E. THEY SUGGEST SUPPLIES CAN COME THROUGH UGANDA.

THREE NUNS DESTINED FOR CANADA WERE UNSUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED DUE TO MORTAR SHELLING IN THE AIRPORT. THEY ARE AT UNAMIR HQ AND WILL BE EVACUATED ON NEXT FLIGHT.

5. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG SHEETS HIGH LIGHTING THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD COVERING.

6. REGARDS.

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SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	2600745	3 Shell landed in the stadium and a local boy was seriously injured.
2	260910	Msg from LO RPF that ref FC's request to meet Gen Kagame. Gen Kagame would be prepared to meet FC tomorrow, 27 Apr 94.
3	260954	One C-130 landed KIA at 0950 hrs.
4	261015	C-130 took off at 1013 hrs.
5	261018	Def stores have been despatched from KIA to Force HQ.
6	261102	One C-130 arrived at KIA at 1055 hrs.
7	261115	One C-130 still on ground but sound of firing is heard. Requested RGF and RPF to stop firing.
8	261125	C-130 taken off at 1124 hrs.
9	261147	Msg from RPF that if RGF fires from airport, RPF will retaliate. Efforts should be made to stop firing from airport by RGF.
10	261245	RGF reported that they have seen about a Bn str of RPF moving around Maranila and Karama which is within 10 KM and East/North East of Kanombe Camp. RPF fired SA and Mortar fire to their positions. RGF Will Retaliate if RPF continues to move.
11	261455	One shell landed within 20 yds of the runway.
12	261510	BTA of the aircraft is 1537 hrs. Shelling continues on the airport.
13	261510	Requested LOs of RGF and RPF to obtain clearance from both the parties for landing the aircraft.
14	261520	The aircraft is holding 20 NM out of Kigali at 12000 ft and waiting for the clearance.
15	261535	RGF has stopped firing and cleared the aircraft for landing.
16	261550	Gave 3 remainder to LO RPF to obtain clearance from RPF for landing of the aircraft.

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17	261555	As RPF did not gave clearance for the aircraft to land, the aircraft decided to return to Nairobi as their endurance was not permitting to hold any longer.
18	261610	Received a complain from RPF that RGF have move some 107 mm guns at KIA and have fired their weapons against RPF positions which is voilation of the understanding that they will only fire from camp Kanombe. UNMOs at the airport have confirmed the eligation.
19	261750	Lot of Arty firing/mortar shelling continued from 1725 hrs to and from the airport.