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1. THE SITUATION HAS BEEN RELATIVELY CALM DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE WAS HOWEVER SOME SPORADIC EXCHANGE OF ARTY, HMG AND SAE FIRE BETWEEN BOTH SIDES IN SOME PARTS OF THE CITY. THE MAIN FIGHTING TOOK PLACE AROUND RICHIKIRO AREA. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN NORTH AND SOUTH IN REGARDS OF BATTLE SITUATION. NO MAJOR CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF BOTH THE WARRING FACTION IN KIGALI CITY EXCEPT RGF REPORTED TO BE CONSOLIDATING AND DEVELOPING STRONG DEFENSIVE POSITION BY DIGGING TRENCHES AROUND KIGALI. MILITIA STILL HOLDING SOME AREAS IN KIGALI CITY UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

2. SRSG MET SENIOR MILITARY AND GOVT OFFICIALS. SRSG ALSO RECEIVED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RIGHTS MR. LASSO AND BRIEFED HIS ENTOURAGE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA WITH SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON ITS IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HIGH COMMISSIONER AND HIS ENTOURAGE WENT TO MULINDI TO MET MAJ GEN PAUL KAGAME.

3. THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MR. LASSO ACCOMPANIED BY FC AND FOUR JOURNALISTS WENT TO MULINDI TO MEET MAJ GEN PAUL KAGAME. THEY DISCUSSED REGARDING HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES WITH THE GEN. MAJ GEN KAGAME GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE JOURNALIST TEAM.

4. UNOMUR OPERATION AREA IS CALM. MOVEMENT IN THE MERAMA HILL AREA IS STILL RESTRICTED BY NRA. UNOMUR CARRIED OUT ROUTINE PATROLS WITH IN AOR.

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5. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

A. UNMO PATROLS CARRIED OUT SECURITY CHECKING ON CAMPS IN KIGALI AREA; ICRC WERE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING A WATER SOURCE FOR ICRC HQ AND HOSPITAL. HA TEAM DELIVERED 3000 JERRYCANS, 321 BOXES OF HEB AND 75 ROLLS OF PLASTIC SHEETS TO THE DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP IN RUNDA. SEVEN BURUNDESE NATIONALITY WERE EVACUATED FROM HOTEL MILLES COLLINS TO KIA.

B. UN ADVANCE HUMANITARIAN TEAM WITH FOUR JOURNALIST WENT TO RUNDA TO DISTRIBUTE RELIEF ITEMS. DURING THIS RELIEF OPERATION THE TEAM ENCOUNTERED FOL INCIDENTS:

(1) CONVOY WAS FIRED UPON JUST AFTER KHADAFI CROSS ROADS OVER A DISTANCE FROM 500M.

(2) VEHICLES WERE SEARCHED AT ALL CHECK POINTS AND AT ONE POINT PERSONAL BAGS WERE SEARCHED. (CHECK POINTS WERE MANNED BY RGF AS WELL AS MILITIA ELEMENTS).

(3) IN RUNDA, THE JOURNALISTS WERE HASSLED TWICE BY THE LOCALS AND 6 FILMS AND THREE (3) VIDEO CASSETTES WERE CONFISCATED FROM THE JOURNALISTS BY ONE RGF MAJOR CALLED MUKERGABIRO AIMABLE SAYING THAT THE JOURNALISTS SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED CLEARANCE FROM THE GOVT BEFORE FILMING IN RUNDA. (CLEARANCE HAD BEEN SOUGHT BEFORE THE TEAM DEPARTED).

(4) AFTER THE TRUCKS WERE UNLOADED, THE LOCALS, MOST OF THEM CARRYING MACHETES, CLUBS, GRENADES AND STONES SURROUNDED THE VEHICLES AND THREATENED THE TEAM. THE TEAM WAS ALLOWED TO PROCEED AFTER THE INTERVENTION OF THE SOUS-PREFECT. AFTER MOVING FOR SOME 50M ANOTHER ANGRY CROWN, INCITED BY AN OLD WOMAN STOPPED THE CONVOY AGAIN. THE MOB CAME CLOSE TO PULLING THE TEAM MEMBERS OUT OF THE VEHICLES. THE SOUS-PREFECT INTERVENED AGAIN AND AN ARMED POLICEMAN ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM TO THE CHECK POINT LEADING OUT OF TOWN.

(5) ON REACHING KHADAFI CROSS ROADS ON THE RETURN JOURNEY A ROCKET WAS FIRED AT THE LEADING VEHICLE. THE ROCKET PASSED OVER THE VEHICLE AND EXPLODED ACROSS THE ROAD.

(6) FOR THE PERIOD THAT THE TEAM WAS IN RUNDA (APPROX 2 HRS) 16 ARTY SHELLS WERE FIRED FROM THE VICINITY OF THE CAMP BY THE RGF.

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

7. REGARDS.

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SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	110645	Received clearance from RGF for the first aircraft scheduled to arrive at 0830 hrs.
2	110730	RPF has given clearance for both the aircraft.
3	110835	The aircraft landed at 0831 hrs.
4	110845	The aircraft departed at 0843 hrs.
5	110940	FC is proceeding to BYUMBA with the press personnel at 1000 hrs.
6	110950	FC briefed MR AYALA LASSO UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. SRSG also attended the briefing.
7	111445	The flight has been cancelled due to bad weather.
8	111300	Please obtain clearance for two flight tomorrow. a. 1st flt - 0830 hrs. b. 2nd flt - 1330 hrs.
9	111550	Three shells have landed at CND.
10	111610	Obtain clearance for ICRC from Kigali to Gitarama - Bujumbura convoy composition - 3 x trucks and 1 x land cruiser will depart tomorrow anytime.
11	111715	At 1706 hrs a shell landed 200 meters from Anahoro Stadium.
12	111725	Generator at Hotel Meridien is faulty. F4 promised to send a technician to repair it before sun set.
13	111800	At 1755 hrs there was heavy machine gun firing towards terminal building from the north.
14	111810	One shell landed at in front of the Hanger. No casualties from own troops.
15	111810	Heavy shelling around Hotel Meridien.

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