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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 210600Z MAY TO 211800Z MAY 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. OBSERVED TO BE A ANOTHER VERY HARD HITTING DAY BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS. BOMBARDMENT AND COUNTER BOMBARDMENT CONTINUED BY RPF AND RGF THROUGH OUT THE DAY. MANY SHELLS LANDED WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF FORCE HQ CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE MAIN SATELLITE SYSTEM AND BREAKING ALL MOST ALL THE WINDOW GLASSES OF FORCE HQ ESPECIALLY THE OPS ROOM. SHELLS ALSO LANDED AT AMAHORO STADIUM AND KIA. NO CASUALTY. MAJOR BATTLE AREAS WERE KIGALI AIRPORT, CAKEWALKER, REMERA, KANOMBE AND DOWN TOWN. FIGHTING BETWEEN RPF AND RGF REPORTED FROM RUHENGARI IN THE NORTH. BUGESERA IS STILL UNDER CONTROL OF RPF. NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION BEING HELD BY BOTH THE FACTIONS IN CITY. MILITIA STILL CONTROLLING MAIN STREETS IN KIGALI CITY.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. FORCE COMMANDER RECEIVED A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT TO HIS REQUEST FOR THE AIRPORT TO BE DECLARED A 'NEUTRAL ZONE' UNDER THE CONTROL OF UNAMIR. THE AGREEMENT WAS SUBJECTED TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. FORCE COMMANDER SOUGHT THE REACTIONS OF RPF WHICH WAS EARLIER GIVEN TO UNAMIR. EARLIER THEY AGREED TO DECLARE KIA AS NEUTRAL ZONE BUT NOW NOT READY TO ACCEPT KIA AS NEUTRAL ZONE. AGREEMENT TO THE RELOCATION OF THE RGF BARRACKS AWAY FROM THE AIRPORT. DR. KABIA CONTINUED HIS BRIEFING SESSIONS WITH REUTERS, AFP AND AP. HE WAS ALSO INTERVIEWED BY CNN AND RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL. FORCE COMMANDER ALSO INTERVIEWED BY BBC.

3. FACIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RPF. STILL PUTTING PRESSURE ON RGF POSITIONS AT THE AIRPORT AND KANOMBE CAMP BY USING MORTAR AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER. RPF IS DETERMINED TO CAPTURE KIA AT ANY COST AND SQUEEZING THE CITY AND ISOLATING RGF POSITION. RPF IS NOT PERMITTING ANY UN FLIGHTS TO LAND AT KIA FOR LAST THE 2 DAYS. RPF ALSO STATED THAT THEY WILL NOT ALLOW ANY UN FLIGHTS TO LAND AT KIA TILL THEY CAPTURE KIA AREA.

B. RGF. SEEMS TO BE CUT OFF FROM ALL SIDES IN CAMP KANOMBE AND KIA. RGF SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN CAMP KANOMBE AND KIA. RGF REQUESTED UNAMIR TO EVACUATE 156 INJURED PERSONS FROM CAMP KANOMBE. THEY ARE STILL DETERMINED AND HOLD GROUND AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. RGF STILL CONTROLLING RUHENGARI AND NKUMBA IN THE NORTH.

C. MILITIA. BEING EMPLOYED SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE GOVT FORCE. STILL MANNING CHECK POINTS AND BARRIERS IN SOME PARTS OF THE KIGALI CITY.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. NORMAL ROUTINE WORKS WERE CONDUCTED. CARRIED OUT PATROLLING IN CITY AREA. FC HELD NORMAL BRIEFING WITH COMMANDERS AND STAFFS AT 210700. FORCE COMMANDER MET WITH THE FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF OF RGF, CHIEF

OF ENTBRHAMWE AND COS GENDARMERIE. THEY DISCUSSED VARIOUS ISSUES INCLUDING THE HANDING OVER OF KIA TO UNAMIR AS A 'NEUTRAL ZONE'. A TEAM OF JOURNALISTS COMPRISING OF CNN, BBC, CTV AND FRENCH MEDIA VISITED ORPHANAGE IN KIGALI CITY.

B. DCMOUR. UNOMUR OPERATIONAL AREA IS CALM. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PATROLS IN AOR. CMO VISITED MERAMA HILLS, LUBIRIZI. DCMO ALSO VISITED OP 3, OP 4, OP 13 AND OP 15 ALSO CARRIED OUT RECCE IN OP 17. ON 20 MAY 94 THREE VEHICLES OF ICRC, ONE VEHICLE OF CARE AND SEVEN VEHICLES OF OTHER HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES CROSSSED THE BORDER THROUGH KATUNA TO RWANDA AND RETURNED ON THE SAME DAY. ON 21 MAY 94 FOUR VEHICLES OF OTHER HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES CROSSSED THE BORDER THROUGH KATUNA TO RWANDA. TOTAL FOURTEEN VEHICLES CROSSSED THE BORDER AT KATUNA, KASHEKYE AND MERAMA HILLS TO RWANDA WITH 90 PASSENGERS INCLUDING 54 REFUGEES. ANOTHER 17 VEHICLES CROSSSED THE BORDER AT KATUNA, KASHEKYE, AND KYANIKA TO UGANDA WITH 53 PASSENGERS. APPROXIMATELY 3000 RWANDESE CROSSSED THE BORDER AT KYANIKA FOR WORKS AND MARKETING AND THEY RETURNED ON THE SAME DAY. ONE HELICOPTER IS PRESENTLY OUT OF ORDER DUE TO MECHANICAL FAULT.

C. EXURAT. CONDUCTED SECURITY DUTY AT KIA, AMAHORO STADIUM AND PROVIDED ESCORT DUTIES FOR HUMANITARIAN TASK. SHELLS LANDED AT KIA TOWER AND ARRIVAL HALL CAUSING SOME DAMAGES TO WINDOW GLASSES OF TERMINAL BUILDING. SHELLS ALSO LANDED AMAHORO STADIUM CAUSING NO DAMAGE. INTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF FIRE AROUND THE AIRPORT CONTINUED THROUGH OUT THE DAY.

D. TIM PL PROVIDED SECURITY AT MILLES COLLINS, MERIDIEN HOTEL AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. ALSO CARRIED OUT ESCORT DUTIES WITH APCs.

E. MILOR NTR.

5. UNCIYPOL. NTR.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. UNMO PATROLS CONDUCTED SECURITY CHECKS ON CAMPS IN KIGALI AREA.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. FORCE RESERVE STOCK LEVEL AS FOLLOWS:

- A. RATION - 13 DAYS.
- B. WATER - 29 DAYS.
- C. FUEL - 23,770 LTRS DIESEL.

9. MISC.

- A. FORCE LEVEL - 463.

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B. SICK REPORT - 15 (7 MALARIA CASES).

C. LT COL GBORGLAH FROM RPF MILOB SECTOR WAS EVACUATED TO KABALE AS HE WAS SUFFERING FROM MALARIA.

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SL NR	DTG	OCCURRENCE
1	210645	RGF HAS GIVEN CLEARANCE FOR THE AIRCRAFTS TO LAND AS PER SCHEDULE.
2	210646	THE AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO COME IN THE MORNING WILL NOT COME AND THE AFTERNOON FLIGHT WOULD BE CONFIRMED LATER.
3	210720	MILITARY SPOKESMAN ASKED TO CONFIRM FROM RPF AND RGF ABOUT THE CLEARANCE FOR THE JOURNALISTS TO VISIT THEIR FORWARD EDGES OF BATTLE AREAS (FEBA) AND DEF LINES .
4	210740	RGF HQS DECLINED TO CLEAR JOURNALISTS FROM VISITING FEBA AND DEF LINES.
5	210905	AT 0855 HRS TWO SHELLS LANDED WEST OF ARRIVAL HALL OF KIA, GEN POSN OF AA GUN. ONE OTHER SHELL LANDED ON THE TARMAC. NO CAS TO OWN TPS.
6	211125	THE AFTERNOON FLIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
7	211230	THERE ARE 156 CIVILIANS INJURED PERSONS IN CAMP KANOMBE AND NEAR KIA WHO ARE REQUIRED TO BE EVACUATED. LO RGF ASKED TO REQUEST RPF FOR A CEASE FIRE SO THAT RGF COULD EVACUATE THEM TO THE HOSPITAL.
8	211255	DUE TO HEAVY SHELLING AT CMD THE LO WILL BE LATE FOR THE SCHEDULED MEETING.
9	211256	FC INFORMED THAT THE MEETING WITH LO RPF WILL BE HELD IN FC'S OFFICE.
10	211300	A FORTAR BOMB SHELL HAS LANDED ON THE TERMINAL BUILDING. NO CAS TO OWN TPS.
11	211530	BYGREAT WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE AMB (STAND BY) TO ICRC FOR AN EVACUATION OPERATION FROM CAMP KANOMBE. ALSO ASKED BYGREAT TO BE READY WITH B X TRUCKS WHICH WILL BE USED IF ICRC DO NOT PROVIDE ANY VEHICLES.
12	211530	MIIDB HQ WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE MILOB TEAM TO ICRC FOR AN EVACUATION MISSION FROM CAMP KANOMBE.
13	211535	TUN COY WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE APC TO ICRC FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED EVACUATION MISSION.
14	211615	MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF SHELLS LANDED AROUND ANAKORO STADIUM.

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15	211625	ONE SHELL LANDED IN SIDE FORCE HQ COMPLEX DAMAGING A PORTION OF THE BUILDING, SATELLITE EARTH STATION AND BREAKING THE WINDOW GLASSES AROUND. IT ALSO DAMAGED A NUMBER OF VEHICLES PARKED NEAR THE BUILDING. FOUR MORE SHELLS LANDED VERY CLOSE TO THE FORCE HQ BUILDING BREAKING FEW MORE WINDOW GLASSES.
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