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SUBJECT : WEEKLY SITREP No 15, 18 JAN 94 - 24 JAN 94

1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. THE PAST WEEK NO MAJOR INCIDENT HAPPENED. THE SITUATION IN THE MISSION AREA IS HOWEVER VERY STRAINED AS WE SEE THE DELAYS IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (BBTG). WE ARE FACING A POLITICAL STAGNATION AND ARE LOOKING UP TO AN 25 DAY DELAY IN SETTING UP OF THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS. UNAMIR CONTINUES TO PURSUE ALL EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK THE SITUATION. SEVERAL INSTANCES ANNOUNCED A BREAKTHROUGH AND A SOLUTION WAS PROMISED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC BEFORE 20 JAN 94. TODAY 25 JAN 94 THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS STILL BLOCKED. A BREAKTHROUGH IS NEEDED URGENTLY NOT ONLY FOR RWANDA'S POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMICAL SITUATION BUT ALSO FOR THE UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT RESOURCES. THE PERSONNEL HAVE NOT HAD ANY LEAVE NOR CTO SINCE 19 DEC 93 DUE TO THE STATE OF TENSION/APPREHENSION AND UNCERTAINTY. EXTENSIVE UNAMIR TROOPS ARE DEPLOYED IN THE KIGALI AREA WHICH HAS EFFECT ON THE OVERALL AVAILABILITY OF TROOPS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. NUMEROUS SECURITY TASKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AT A MAXIMUM LEVEL. HOWEVER, SOME MINOR LEAVES HAVE BEEN PERMITTED AND A LEAVE PLAN WILL BE ESTABLISHED.
- B. EFFORTS ARE BEING FOCUSED ON THE SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF REFUGEES FROM UGANDA INTO RWANDA. ABOUT 2,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES, MOSTLY MALE AND WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF CATTLE, RETURNED THE PAST WEEK. AMONG THOSE REFUGEES, SOME FLED IN 1960 AND OTHERS IN 1990. THOSE WHO FLED IN 1990 HAVE NO PROBLEMS AND CAN EASILY RECOVER THEIR LAND. THOSE WHO FLED IN 1960 HAVE NO HOME TO RETURN TO AND THERE IS A RISK THAT THEY MAY TAKE THE PROPERTY OF WAR DISPLACED PEOPLE. ON 21 JAN 94 FC VISITED THE RETURNEES AND HAD A MEETING WITH RPF FORCE COMD, MAJ GEN KAGAME. FOR MORE DETAILS IT IS REFERRED TO DAILY SITREP COVERING PERIOD 21/22 JAN 94. UNMOs, ESPECIALLY UNOMUR, HAVE BEEN TASKED TO GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO ANTICIPATE THE PROBLEM. THE SRSG HAS PLANNED TO VISIT A REFUGEES CAMP ON 26th OF JANUARY IN ORDER TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON THAT PROBLEM WHICH MIGHT TRIGGER HOSTILITIES IF URGENT SOLUTIONS ARE NOT FOUND TO IT.

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2. POLITICAL

THE WEEK BEGAN IN A FAR MORE HOPEFUL ATMOSPHERE AFTER THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC PROMISED THAT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR THE TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (BBTG) WOULD BE SET UP BY 20 JANUARY. IN A STATEMENT READ OVER THE NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION, THE PRESIDENT CALLED ON THE RWANDESE PEOPLE TO BE PATIENT WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE IS CONTINUING HIS CONSULTATIONS ON THE LIST OF DEPUTIES TO THE TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MINISTERS FOR THE BBTG.

HOWEVER, NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. EACH PARTY ACCUSED THE OTHER OF DELAYING TACTICS. MEANWHILE, THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CONTINUES HIS EFFORTS AT PROMOTING A DIALOGUE AMONG THE PARTIES AND RELAYED A MESSAGE FROM THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL URGING THE POLITICAL LEADERS TO AGREE TO A COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT IMPASSE.

3. MILITARY

A. DEPLOYMENT

(1) HQS

ON 18 JAN 94 UNNY DEMINING EXPERT, Brig Gen BLAGDEN, ENDED A FIVE DAY STAY AT UNAMIR AND DEPOSITED A MINE CLEARANCE PLAN FOR RWANDA. ENGINEERING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT RESOURCES IN ORDER TO START THE MINE CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES ARE NEEDED URGENTLY. NORMAL STAFF DUTIES WERE CARRIED OUT AND FORCE HQ STAFF CONCENTRATED ON SECURITY MATTERS AS SECURITY AND ACCESS PROTOCOL FOR THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES, ENHANCING EXISTING SECURITY, EVACUATION PLANS AND ESTABLISHING AN ALL ROUND DEFENCE OF THE FORCE HQ. FC ALSO PRESENTED TO SRSG POSSIBLE ACTIONS, OPTIONS FOR FUTURE FORCE POSTENING AND ANALYSIS, IN THE CURRENT SITUATION. STAFFING ONGOING FOR PHASES 2 AND 3 (DEMILITARIZATION AND DEMOBILIZATION). PLANNING SEC CONDUCTED RECCE OF THE INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTERS PROPOSED BY RGF.

(2) KIGALI SECTOR

CONDUCTED VEHICLE AND FOOT PTL IN KIGALI CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA. ESTABLISHED DAILY 4 CHECK POINTS AT DIFFERENT PLACES IN KWSA. RANDOM PATROLS AND CHECK POINTS SATURATION BEING MONITORED BY FORCE HQ. TWO PLATOONS ARE ENSURING THE SECURITY OF THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION AND VIPs. THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE

PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS ALSO BEING SECURED BY SEC KIGALI TILL INSTALLATION OF THE BBTG. THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE HQ AND THE SUBORDINATE UNITS SPREAD OUT OVER KIGALI IS A MAIN TASK.

(3) MILOB HQ

NORMAL ESCORT DUTIES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. THE UNMOS HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED ACCORDING TO THE MOVE OF THE GRAVITY CENTER TO KIGALI. WILL CONCENTRATE ON INFORMATION GATHERING BY MEANS OF CONTACTS WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION. IS ESTABLISHING A SUB HQ IN MULINDI (RPF SECTOR) AND IN RUHENGERI (RGF SECTOR). CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE RECCE ALONG THE DMZ BORDER AND IN THE RPF AREA. PLANS ARE BEING CREATED FOR A NEW SUBSECTOR IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY (BUTARE).

(4) DMZ SECTOR

COL FIGOLI FROM URUGUAY, COMD DMZ, LEFT THE MISSION. HIS RELIEF OFFR TO BE PROVIDED BY GHANA ARRIVED NOT YET. DMZ SECTOR HQ IS NOW OPERATIONAL IN ITS HQ AREA OF BYUMBA. LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT HAMPERS THE OPERATIONS. THE SITUATION IS CALM IN THE DMZ AREA. OFFENSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST KNOWN ARMS CACHES ARE BEING PREPARED. LACK OF MOBILITY AND BASIC INFANTRY EQUIPMENT FOR TUNISIAN COY(-) IS REDUCING THE SCOPE FOR SUCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS WEEK 20 TUNISIAN TROOPS WERE RELIEVED AND TUNISIAN RIFLES, AMMO AND FLAK JACKETS ARRIVED. THEY STILL ARE SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT IN CAMP STORES, VEHICLES AND RADIOS. FURTHERMORE CONTACTS AND PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR THE RECEPTION OF GHANIAN BATTALION ARRIVING SOON.

(5) UNOMUR SECTOR

THE SITUATION INSIDE UNOMUR AREA IS CALM. THE CAMPAIGN OF THE CA IS STILL ONGOING. THE NOMINATIONS OF THE ASPIRANTS CAUSED GREAT EXCITEMENT AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES ARE BEING PERFORMED BUT NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. RUMOURS THAT SOME YOUTHS HAVE BEEN TASKED TO PRICK CERTAIN PEOPLE WITH POISONOUS NEEDLES IS NOT CONFIRMED. ON 190930 JAN 94 KATUNA CP/OP REPORTED THAT SMALL ARMS SHOTS WERE HEARD COMING FROM THE RWANDESE SIDE. AT FIRST SINGLE SHOTS WERE HEARD AND LATER SOME BURSTS. THE PTL HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED IN ORDER TO COLLECT DATA ON THE RWANDESE REFUGEES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CROSSING TO RWANDA. THE LATEST INFORMATION IS:

A. AREA WEST - THE MAIN TRACK THAT COMES FROM KANABA (RJ1062) TO THE BOUNDARY PILAR 12a (RJ1355) HAS NOT BEEN USED FOR A LONG TIME, SINCE A MINE INCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR THE BORDER. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE NEW NAME OF THE PLACE IS RUBANDA, AND THERE IS A PLACE NAMED KANABA NEAR LUBIRIZI AREA.

B. AREA EAST - AT KASHEKYE, THE RPF BORDER POST INFORMED OUR PTL THAT ONE WEEK AGO A FEW REFUGEES CROSSED TO RWANDA. THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO MENTION THE DATE AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED.

THE RELATIONS WITH THE NRA ARE ACCEPTABLE BUT UNOMUR IS STILL NOT IMPRESSED BY THEIR LACK OF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT THE MISSION. FC/CMO WANTS TO GO TO UGANDA IN ORDER TO SORT OUT THE CROSSING BORDER PROBLEM. NO SUITABLE OCCASION HAS BEEN FOUND TILL NOW BECAUSE OF UGANDAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

(6) FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

LARGE ADVANCE PARTIES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA IN THE BEGINNING OF DEC 93. AS LONG AS NO EQUIPMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY BANGLADESH THIS PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO BE TASKED AS INFANTRY. NO MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE. SINCE DEC 93 NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL NOR EQUIPMENTS ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA.

B. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

THE FOLLOWING NEW COMING PERSONNEL ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA ON 22 JAN 94: (A) 10 AUSTRIAN UNMOs; (B) 1 NIGERIAN UNMO AND (C) 1 BANGLADESH STAFF OFFR. 4 BELGIAN PERSONNEL AND COL FIGOLI FROM URUGUAY, COMD DMZ, LEFT THE MISSION. TOTAL PERSONNEL STRENGTH AS PER 240800 JAN 94 IS 1299. DETAILED WEEKLY PERSONNEL STATE IS ATTACHED HEREBY.

C. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL IS INSTALLED IN KING FAYCAL HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL FACES LACK OF MEANS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE STILL MISSING. THE PAST WEEK 43 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 39 LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT. INPATIENT TREATMENT WAS GIVEN TO 10 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 3 LOCAL. AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCAL PATIENT WITH MULTIPLE BULLET INJURIES WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL ON 232345 JAN 94 AND EXPIRED AT 23.55 HRS THE SAME DAY.

4. UNCIVPOL

UNCIVPOL IS INVESTIGATING: (A) THE SHOOTING INCIDENT ON Mr.

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MUGENZI, MINISTER OF COMMERCE THAT OCCURRED ON 192230 JAN 94. HE WAS FIRED UPON BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHEN COMING TO HIS RESIDENCE. THE MINISTER WAS PROTECTED BY SECURITY GUARDS AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES; (B) THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A PISTOL Nb 716911 AND 8 ROUNDS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXERCISE DEPARTMENT OF RWANDA SEIZED BY KIBAT ON 06 JAN 94; (C) A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON 211740 JAN 94 BETWEEN UNAMIR VEHICLE 1079 AND CIVIL CAR CB7171 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE FORCE HQ (Hotel AMAHORO). CURRENT MANPOWER OF UNCIVPOL IS 25. 2 BANGLADESH POLICE OFFICERS ARRIVED ON 15 JAN 94 AND 18 AUSTRIAN POLICE OFFICERS ARRIVED ON 22 JAN 94.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

THE LOGISTICAL ENVIRONMENT IS STILL DIFFICULT BUT STOCKS ARE NOW MOVING FROM DAR ES SALAAM TO KIGALI. A FIRST BATCH OF 50 VEHICLES ARRIVED AT KIGALI BUT IN A VERY BAD STATE OF DISREPAIR AND LOTS OF THINGS MISSING INCLUDING RADIOS. SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORT AND SERIOUS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT/RADIOS ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS. FOR THE MOMENT TWO BELGIAN HELICOPTERS PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE MISSION AND STAFFING IS ONGOING TO HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL BELGIAN HELICOPTERS FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL AND RECCE. WE EXPECTED UN HELICOPTERS TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF JAN 94. THERE IS STILL NO CONTRACT AND WE WERE TOLD THAT THE CONTRACT PROCEDURE HAS TO BE OVERDONE. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE MISSING VERY MUCH THIS VALUABLE EQUIPMENT AND UNAMIR OPERATIONS ARE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED. ESPECIALLY UNOMUR ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED IN A VERY DIFFICULT AND VAST TERRAIN. STAFFING STILL ONGOING REGARDING BANGLADESH ENGINEER COY EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES THAT WE HAVE FINALLY BEEN MADE AWARE OF. RECCE OF SUITABLE SITES AND NEEDS FOR DMZ GHANIAN BATTALION ONGOING BUT THEIR DEFICIENCIES SEEMS AS BAD AS THOSE OF THE BANGLADESH. STAFFING OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION AND OPERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY POINTS / CANTONNEMENTS POINTS AND INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTERS STILL ONGOING WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS EXPECTED BEFORE MID FEB.

6. CONCLUSION

WE PASSED THE SCHEDULED INSTALLATION DATE FOR THE BBTG WITH ALMOST ONE MONTH. THIS SITUATION MUST END IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN ORDER TO AVOID SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION. THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF UNAMIR FORCES IN KIGALI DUE TO THE ESSENTIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS CREATED BY THE FACT THAT THE BBTG IS STILL NOT IN PLACE, IS SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZING OUR OFFENSIVE INITIATIVES IN THE KWSA AND IN THE DMZ. THIS CONCENTRATION OF FORCE IN KIGALI CANNOT BE SUSTAINED FOR MUCH LONGER AS OUR CREDIBILITY IN MONITORING THE SECURITY IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WILL RAPIDLY BE ERODED. DIRECTION FROM UNNY IS STILL EXPECTED FOR SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS.

7. REGARDS

**UNAMIR - MILITARY DIVISION
Weekly Personnel State**

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DTG: 240800 Jan 94

Ser Nb	Country	TROOPS										UNMO	Total
		Inf Bn	Log Coy	Eng Coy	Med Coy	MP Pl	MP Sec	DMZ Cov(-)	Sub Total	Staff	Total		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	ARGENTINA												
2	AUSTRIA											15	15
3	BANGLADESH	265	83	85	27	20	5		485	29	514	51	565
4	BELGIUM	408							408	15	423		423
5	BOTSWANA											9	9
6	BRASILIA	3							3		3	10	13
7	CANADA									1	1	1	2
8	CONGO											25	25
9	ECUADOR												
10	EGYPT											10	10
11	FIJI											1	1
12	GHANA									18	18	24	42
13	HUNGARY											4	4
14	MALI											10	10
15	NETHERLANDS											10	10
16	NIGERIA											15	15
17	PAKISTAN												
18	POLAND											5	5
19	RUSSIA												
20	SENEGAL											39	39
21	SLOVAKIA											5	5
22	TANZANIA												
23	TOGO											15	15
24	TUNISIA							60	60	1	61		61
25	URUGUAY											20	20
26	ZIMBABWE											10	10
	TOTAL	676	83	85	27	20	5	60	956	64	1.020	279	1.299