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SUBJECT: WEEKLY SITREP No 13, 04 JAN 94 - 10 JAN 94

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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

THE SITUATION IN THE MISSION AREA IS RELATIVELY CALM BUT NEAR TENSE AS WE SEE THE DELAYS IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

ON 05 JAN 94 THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ENDED WITHOUT RESULT EXCEPT FOR THE PRESIDENT TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE. THE CEREMONY WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT BUT CONFUSION STILL EXISTED ON THE LIBERAL PARTY LISTS. WE OBSERVED A DEFINITE CONVICTION OF THE PARTIES WHO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENTIAL TENDENCIES TO DENY ACCESS OF A FACTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY TO THE PARLIAMENT (PRESIDENTIAL GUARD DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MEETING ACCESS). THE PRESIDENT WAS SWORN IN AT 051000 JAN 94 BUT NOT THE DEPUTIES. ON 07 JAN 94 MORNING WE RECEIVED A LETTER OF THE PRIME MINISTER STATING THAT THE CEREMONIES WOULD BE CONTINUED ON SATURDAY 08 JAN 94. BUT LATE NIGHT OF 07/08 JAN 94 THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT AND THE CEREMONIES WERE REPORTED AGAIN. BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE ORDERS AT THAT MOMENT AND IN THE MORNING OF 08 JAN 94 ROAD BLOCKS WERE SET UP BY THE MRND PARTY, INTERAHAMWE MILITIA AND OTHER FACTIONS OF PARTIES WHO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENTIAL REGIME. THEIR AIM WAS TO PREVENT THE DEPUTIES FROM GETTING TO THE PARLIAMENT AND TO PREVENT ESSENTIAL MEETINGS AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL AND SENIOR POLITICAL LEVELS IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE IMPASSE BETWEEN THE PARTIES. A TOTAL OF SIX CIVILIANS WERE INJURED AND UNAMIR MEDICAL TEAMS HELPED IN FOUR CASES. OUR VEHICLES WERE STOPPED, SOME OF THE CIVILIAN DRIVERS WERE BEATEN, SOME VEHICLES WERE SEARCHED BECAUSE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR DEPUTIES. UNAMIR CONDEMNED THESE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

IN THIS ENVIRONMENT OF TENSE AND UNCERTAINTY UNAMIR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND FIVE OPPOSITION MINISTERS.

THIS WEEK WAS ALSO THE SECOND WEEK OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA (KWSA). THE SOPs ARE APPLICABLE SINCE 241600 DEC 93. KIGALI SECTOR IMPLEMENTED

ITS FIRST TEMPORARY ROAD BLOCKS AND CHECK POINTS AROUND THE KWSA. SEVERAL WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED.

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2. POLITICAL

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TOOK AN OATH ON 5 JANUARY. BUT THE CEREMONY OF THE SWEARING-IN OF THE DEPUTIES AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT STILL FAILED TO MATERIALISE AS THERE ARE STILL SOME SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS OVER THE LISTS OF DEPUTIES AND GOVERNMENT MINISTERS PRESENTED BY THE MDR AND THE PL. THE SRSG HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL LEADERS ENCOURAGING DIALOGUES AMONGST THE PARTIES.

ON 8 JANUARY, HUNDREDS OF PROTESTERS WHO REPORTEDLY BELONG TO A POLITICAL MILITIA AFFILIATED TO THE MNRD BLOCKED THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARLIAMENT AND HARASSED DEPUTIES WHO HAD REPORTEDLY RESPONDED TO A CALL BY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. THE PROTOCOL ON POWER SHARING ENVISAGES THAT THE OATH OF DEPUTIES CAN BE TAKEN BY THE JUDGE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

THE SRSG CONTINUES HIS MEDIATION WITH ALL POLITICAL LEADERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN ORDER TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FOR AN EARLY DATE FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE REMAINING TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

3. MILITARY

A. DEPLOYMENT

(1) HQS

FORCE HQ MONITORED THE OVERHAUL SECURITY AND THE ACCESS TO THE PARLIAMENT IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE PROTOCOL PEOPLE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE GENDARMERIE. LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FIRST CEREMONY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ALSO MONITORED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KWSA AND THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION OF PHASES 2 AND 3.

(2) KIGALI SECTOR

WAS FOCUSED ON THE SECURITY OF THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES. BULK OF FORCES WERE COMMITTED FOR THE FIRST SWEARING-IN AND FOR THE MANIFESTATIONS OF 08 JAN 94. 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 KICALI IS A MAIN TASK. WILL ALSO CONCENTRATE ON ENSURING THE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA AND GATHERING OF INFORMATION REGARDING ARMED POLITICAL MILITIA AND SUSPICIOUS AREA IN ORDER TO PREVENT ESCALATION OF TENSE.

(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). PLANS ARE BEING CREATED FOR A NEW SUBSECTOR IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY (BUTARE).

(4) DMZ SECTOR

DMZ SECTOR HQ IS NOW OPERATIONAL IN ITS HQ AREA OF BYUMBA. THE SITUATION IS CALM IN THE DMZ AREA BUT THE POPULATION IS GETTING APPREHENSIVE OF DELAY IN FORMATION OF BBTG. IS PREPARING OFFENSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST KNOWN ARMS CACHES. LACK OF MOBILITY AND BASIC INFANTRY EQUIPMENT FOR TUNISIAN COY(-) IS REDUCING THE SCOPE FOR SUCH OPERATIONS.

(5) UNOMUR SECTOR

UNOMUR AREA OF OPERATION IS CALM. BORDER CROSSING ACTIVITY CONTINUING TO BE ON THE INCREASE. AS PER THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT THE BORDER IS OPENED OFFICIALLY BUT CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN. FC/CMO WILL RETURN THIS WEEK TO UGANDA IN ORDER TO SORT OUT THE CROSS BORDER PROBLEM WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND CHIEF OF STAFF. FORMAL PROTEST BEING PREPARED AGAINST NRA ELEMENTS WHO SYSTEMATICALLY BLOCK OUR PATROLS CLOSE TO THE BORDER WHEN WE HAPPEN TO BE FOLLOWING SUSPECT VEHICLES.

(6) FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

LARGE ADVANCE PARTIES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF DEC 93. AS LONG AS NO EQUIPMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY BANGLADESH THIS PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO BE TASKED AS INFANTRY.

B. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

14 UNMOs ARRIVED ON 09 JAN 94 IN THE MISSION AREA AND THREE BELGIAN OFFICERS RETURNED TO BELGIUM. DETAILED

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INFORMATION AS PER 100800 JAN 94 IS ATTACHED HEREBY.

C. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

THE UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL BEING INAUGURATED IN THE KING FAYCAL HOSPITAL AT KIGALI, STAFFING IS STILL ONGOING ON THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL POPULATION AND ON TASK SHARING BETWEEN UNAMIR AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT. MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE STILL MISSING. THE PAST WEEK 47 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 39 LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT. INPATIENT TREATMENT WAS GIVEN TO 14 UNAMIR PERSONNEL AND 3 LOCAL PEOPLE.

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4. UNCIVPOL

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF UNCIVPOL ARE STUDYING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RWANDESE GENDARMERIE AND POLICE-FORCES IN ORDER TO SET UP OUR OWN STRUCTURE OF MONITOR TEAMS AND LIAISON OFFICERS. ALSO PREPARING THE NEEDS OF VEHICLES, RADIOS, ACCOMMODATIONS, ... a.s.o. INVESTIGATIONS OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING UNAMIR VEHICLE Nb 1001 ON 05 JAN 94 AT KM 42 BYUMBA PUBLIC ROAD ARE ONGOING. CURRENT MANPOWER OF UNCIVPOL IS 5 POLICE OFFICERS.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

THE LOGISTICAL ENVIRONMENT IS STILL FAR FROM IDEAL IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE OPERATIONS EFFECTIVELY. WE ARE BARELY AT THE MINIMUM VIABLE LEVEL. SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORT AND SERIOUS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT/RADIOS IS THE MAIN PROBLEM. WE RECEIVED POSITIVE RESULT ON OUR DEMAND TO AIRLIFT 6 MINE DETECTORS INSTEAD OF SHIPPING THEM FROM BANGLADESH TO DAR ES SALAAM. FC IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF FLAK JACKETS FOR MOST PERSONNEL EXCEPT BELGIUM AND CERTAIN UNMOs. CHANCES OF GRENADE ATTACKS ARE PREVALENT IN SITUATIONS WHERE DANGEROUS CROWDS ARE INVOLVED. 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.

6. CONCLUSION

WE PASSED THE SCHEDULED INSTALLATION DATE FOR THE BBTG WITH MORE THAN 10 DAYS AND WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT ITS REAL INSTALLATION. THE PRESENT DELAY IS STILL ACCEPTABLE BUT THEIR IS NO TIME TO WASTE. 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

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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. MOVEMENT ON BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AND A FORMAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE WELCOME. UNAMIR IS CONTINUING STAFFING ON REQUIREMENTS FOR PHASE 2 AND 3, DISENGAGEMENT AND DEMOBILIZATION, BUT IS STILL AWAITING MORE GUIDANCE FROM DRAO AND DHA ON THIS SUBJECT (FINANCIAL PARTICULARLY).

7. REGARDS

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DATE: 10 JAN 93

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WEEKLY MILITARY COMPONENT PERSONNEL STATE

TIME: 0800 HRS

SRL NO	COUNTRY	TROOPS										MILOBS	GRAND TOTAL	
		INF BN	LOG COY	ENG COY	MED COY	MOVCON PL	MP SEC	DMZ COY (-)	SUB TOTAL	STAFF	TOTAL			
1.	ARGENTINA													
2.	AUSTRIA											5	5	
3.	BANGLADESH	265	83	85	27	20	5		485	28	513	51	564	
4.	BELGIUM	406							406	15	421		421	
5.	BOSTWANA											9	9	
6.	BRASIL	3							3		3	10	13	
7.	CANADA									1	1	1	2	
8.	CONGO											25	25	
9.	ECUADOR													
10.	EGYPT													
11.	F'IJI											1	1	
12.	GHANA									14	14	23	37	
13.	HUNGARY											4	4	
14.	MALI											10	10	
15.	NETHERLAND											10	10	
16.	NIGERIA											14	14	
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											21	21	
26.	ZIMBABWE											10	10	
GRAND TOTAL		674	83	85	27	20	5	60	954	59	1013	258	1271	