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1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. UNAMIR passed a third calm week following the assassination of the late Minister of works and national secretary of the PSD party, Mr. GATABAZI. The security situation at KIGALI is greatly influenced by a curfew being installed by the government from 22.00 Hrs till 05.00 Hrs.
- B. Tension is observed to be on the increase due to the fact that the list of ministers and deputies were radio broadcasted by the Prime Minister Designate and the Prime Minister respectively. Also it was stated that the Broad Based Transitional Government (BBTG) should swear in on Monday 21 Mar 94 the latest.
- c. The following incidents are brought to your attention: (1) Since

14 Mar 94 the movement of UNAMIR personnel (UNMOs) within the RPF Sector has been restricted by RPF. Night movements are no longer allowed, vehicles are searched at RPF check-points and access to the RPF area is denied. CMO is sorting this out; (2) On 161740 Mar 94 a major incident took place at KINIHIRA. Unidentified individuals executed a very professional ambush on a car of the KINIHIRA tea plantation. The director, his wife and 3 other persons were killed; (3) Also on 16 mar 94 a Rwandan registered car met an accident at KABUGA, about 15 Km EAST of KIGALI. While investigating CIVPOL team found 45 grenades, 28 rifle grenades and 30 Kg of AK-47 and 7.62 mm ammunitions. The five passengers, all Burundese, were arrested by the Gendarmerie; (4) Another incident occurred on 170030 Mar 94 when a RGF position at GUSHEGU (B333492) was attacked by unidentified individuals armed with rifles. Two RGF soldiers were killed and one injured. The attackers seized five weapons; (5) At 191950 Mar 94 a grenade was thrown at the Chez Lando restaurant. Fortunately the grenade felt on the roof and the explosion caused only 8 human casualties with minor injuries. They all reported to the UNAMIR field hospital for treatment.

2. POLITICAL

- A. The week under review was calm, though UNAMIR reported the death of five people murdered in a car ambush in Kinihira, 80 miles away from Kigali. UNAMIR investigations are still under way to determine those responsible for these killings.
- B. The visit of the Foreign Affairs Minister of Tanzania in Kigali, as the envoy of the Faciliator gave however a new impetus to the political stalemate in the country, as he shuttled back and forth among the rwandese political parties to convince its leadership to resume dialogue in a collective open-ended meeting.
- C. The Tanzanian minister involved the Special Representative and the diplomatic corps in Kigali in two unsuccessful meetings on Thrusday and Friday of political parties and the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF). Both the Prime Minister-Designate and the Prime Minister attended the meetings. Twice, the MRND and the representative of the President of the Republic failed to show up at those meetings. In a statement before his departure to Dar-es Salam, the Tanzanian minister however expressed hope that the rwandese parties would soon resume talks to end the current impasse.
- D. During the week under review, the Prime Minister-Designate issued the list of cabinet ministers of the Broad-Based Transitional

Government (BBTG). The Prime Minister of the current government also issued the list of deputies to the Transitional National Assembly (TNA).

- E. After a meeting with the Prime Minister-Designate on Monday 21, the President of the Republic issued a communique stating his readiness as from Thursday 24 to endorse the list of ministers and to receive the oath of the deputies at a swearing-in ceremony for the Transitional National Assembly and the Broad-Based Transitional Government (BBTG).
- F. The President however said that the Prime Minister-Designate might wish to reconsider his list of ministers as there was no agreement with the Parti Libéral as regards the sharing out of ministerial posts in conformity with a compromise reached on 27 February 1994 to that effect.
- G. The President also said that the Prime Minister of the current government should make sure that the "unjustified obstacles preventing the CDR from entering the TNA are upheld", and that the PDI had proposed the name of a bone fide representative to the TNA. Both the CDR and the PDI are political parties which are guaranteed one seat each in the TNA. The CDR does not however appear on the list of deputies presented by the Prime Minister, as this party has yet to sign the so-called code of political conduct by which all signatories commit themselves to the full implementation of the Arusha peace Agreement.
- H. The Special Representative continued his efforts at promoting a dialogue among the parties. He also received this week Mrs. Prudence BUSHNELL, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the African Bureau of the US State Department of State and Mrs. Arlene RENDER, Director of the Office of Central Africa, who confirmed support of UNAMIR by the US government.

3. MILITARY

A. FORCE HQ

Normal staff duties were carried out. On 17 Mar 94 Acting Force Comd (A/FC) visited the location of the KINIHIRA ambush. The same day he inspected the UNAMIR field hospital in order to assess its capabilities and present difficulties. The inspection was satisfactory and the logistic problems being brought to A/FC's attention will be solved in the near future. The hospital requires additional Staff and equipment. Also a co-ordination meeting between KIGALI Sec HQ and UNCIVPOL took place. The idea of quick reaction teams composed of one

UNMO, one CIVPOL Police Officer and one or two Gendarmes was introduced. On 19 Mar 94, A/FC attended a graduation ceremony of RPF war victims at CYONDO (RPF Sector). Also this week the Belgian contingent troops (1 Para Bn) were relieved. On 20 Mar 94 A/FC and various military and civil authorities attended the take over parade between the 1 Para Bn and the 2 Para Bn (2 Cdo Bn).

B. UNOMUR SECTOR

The situation in the UNOMUR operational area is calm. A/CMO paid a working visit to the British High Commissioner and Defense advisor at KAMPALA. Security aspects were discussed in a meeting with the Security Officer of UNDP on 18 Mar 94. During the period under review 80 Ptl were carried out, including 24 night Ptl. The following border crossings were observed:

Location	Nb of vehicles		Nb of people	
	To RWANDA	To UGANDA	To RWANDA	To UGANDA
GATUNA	72 (1)	47	465	360
	70 (2)	55 (2)		
KYANIKA	/	/	/	/
LUBIRIZI	/	/	9 (3)	/

(1) 12 vehicles carried food stuffs (Maize, Beans, ...)

(2) World Food Programme trucks/vehicles (WFP)

(3) With 90 cattle and some utensils

Most of the movements were routine except one which took place on 18/19 Mar 94 when a total of 212 people crossed the border to attend the graduation ceremony at CYONDO (See also Par. 3. A.).

NRA Liaison Officer to UNOMUR forwarded a complaint being issued by the local NRA commander at KISORO, regarding UNOMUR presence in BUNAGANA at the UGANDA-ZAIRE border. A/CMO assured the Liaison Officer that UNOMUR is not patrolling the UGANDA-ZAIRE border but that the area EAST of BUNAGANA (mount SABINO) give access to the UGANDA-RWANDA border and that this fits in the UNOMUR mandate.

C. DMZ SECTOR

The situation in the DMZ area was calm. Extensive patrolling was carried out by the six UNMO teams and BYUBAT.

Insufficient number of vehicles and lack of accommodation hamper the operations. Besides the major incidents of KINIHIRA and GUSHEGU mentioned in Par. 1, the following incidents occurred in the DMZ sector: (1) ONE RPF section manned a check-point at NYANAMO (A9923) in the DMZ area. RPF claimed that the location was out of DMZ; (2) An abandoned M26 grenade exploded on RGF position 500 m of the Joint Military Committee meeting place at NGONDORE. No casualties or damages to property; (3) Thirty-five small arms Ammo was recovered from an abandoned house at NGONDORE; (4) On 19 Mar 94, armed RPF soldiers in civilian clothing were seen at MYOVE (DMZ).

D. KIGALI SECTOR

Conducted 322 vehicle and 46 foot Ptl in KIGALI city in order to ensure Kigali Weapon Secure Area (KWSA). Established daily 6 check points at different places in KWSA. Random patrols and check points saturation being monitored by Force HQ. Tunisian Coy(-) ensured the location of the RPF battalion and RPF VIPs at KIGALI city (CND compound). The private residences of the prime minister, the prime minister designate, the president of the constitutional court and five opposition ministers are being secured by Sec KIGALI until the installation of the BBTG. RUTBAT conducted training on armored vehicles (BTR-60). Operational situation of RUTBAT improved significantly since their vehicles and equipments arrived in the mission area.

E. MILOB GROUP

- (1) **MILOB Group HQ** Milob Gp received 5 military observers from URUGUAY and 5 from MALAWI. On 16 Mar 94 CMO visited RPF HQ at MULINDI for a pre-arranged meeting with the RPF chairman. However the meeting did not take place because of absence of the RPF chairman.
- (2) **RPF Sector** As mentioned in Par 1. RPF imposed restrictions on movement of UNMOs in the RPF Sector. Any movement of UNMOs in the RPF sector must be accompanied by RPF military personnel. Also a 48 hours notice of any movement must be given and no movement is allowed during the night. Throughout the week MILOB reported a refusal of RPF to co-operate. MILOB teams also were denied access to RPF installations, in some cases even after prior notice. These places were the B Mobile Force and the 21 Bn.

On 18 Mar 94 the RPF MILOB HQ received unconfirmed information about 150 recruits arriving in the area of the 59 Bn. Investigation ongoing.

21 Bn Comd stated on 18 Mar 94 that his troops have been withdrawn from the triangular area 1130-1433-1335 in DMZ. This withdrawal was confirmed by the MILOBS. Civilians found at grid 127352 complained that the withdrawal of RPF seriously affects their access to medical care. The team escorted the RPF medical team to/from DMZ where 16 boxes with medical equipment were withdrawn.

- (3) RGF Sector On 16 Mar 94 at KINIGI (A5440) unidentified bandits injured a rich peasant by means of a grenade. The victim reported to the RUHENGRI hospital where he died. Gendarmerie is investigating.
- (4) South Sector 35,000 Burundese refugees, all HUTU, who were spread over several camps have been concentrated at GAHARWA (D2948) by Rwandese authorities. On 14 Mar 94 students of the agricultural faculty at BUTARE went on strike because of problems with examination dates. The strike was called off on 19 Mar 94 and no incidents were reported.

F. FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

The engineer Coy is deployed in the DMZ area at BYUMBA. Their major equipments just arrived from BANGLADESH. It seems that there are many deficiencies. However the unit is checking the equipment and preparing them for use. Mine detectors also arrived. FC tasked the unit to study and to test the feasibility of mine clearance in Rwanda with this equipment. If it is revealed that this equipment is not effective the field operations division (FOD) will be asked for appropriate action.

G. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

UNAMIR strength is almost at its maximum which is 2,548. Current strength is 2,534 All troops are on ground and few observers are yet to arrive. On 15 Mar 94 FOUR UNMOs from SENEGAL have been converted into CIVPOL. Please find enclosed the weekly personnel state as of 210800 Mar 94.

H. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

The UNAMIR field hospital is installed in King FAYCAL hospital

in KIGALI. They provide medical care to UNAMIR personnel and local population. The hospital has a serious lack of supplies. About 40 UNAMIR personnel and 30 Locals receive normal treatment on a weekly basis. Problems occur with the local population in the critical periods. They have confidence in the UNAMIR field hospital and are not willing to be transferred to the governmental hospital (KIGALI hospital) after their emergency treatment. The KIGALI hospital also demonstrates no positive attitude in getting these patients. They don't answer the phone and deny sending ambulances to get the patients. Solutions to this problem are being negotiated. Medical supplies are urgently required. Discussions are ongoing with ICRC/UNICEF in getting their support for delivering supplies to UNAMIR for treatment of the local population by UNAMIR field hospital. A first urgent medevac has been executed to NAIROBI the week before. Unfortunately the patient, Ms. Shireen CAUSEY, secretary to the UNAMIR Chief Administrative Officer passed away on 18 Mar 94. A memorial service will be organized on Thursday 24 Mar 94. It is observed that the number of patients with malaria is on the increase. A/FC issued a memorandum to motivate the UNAMIR personnel to use the preventive medicine provided by the UN.

4. UNCIVPOL

A. CIVPOL carried out mixed patrols together with Gendarmerie in the area of KICUKIRO and GIKONDO. The patrols mainly handled road blocks being installed by local militia.

B. Incidents

(1) On 14 Mar 94 eighteen persons were arrested by the Gendarmerie of GIKONDO in KABUGA because a child had been killed in this area. They were suspected to be RPF members. CIVPOL went to the Gendarmerie and checked the identities of the arrested people. Finally they were released on 161200 Mar 94.

(2) On 15.03.94 Maj. KAMANZI M. Frank (LO) of the RPF informed CIVPOL that 11 persons are kept in prison by the GdN at RWAMAGANA. The reason is unknown. Today the persons are released and CIVPOL is still investigating.

(3) CIVPOL received a complaint from the RPF about an alleged killing of eight persons in the night of 15.02.1994 at NYAGATARE. R.P.F. accuses the "Interahamwe". Besides RPF complaints that in January and February this year several attacks took place against other people in this area. CIVPOL is

investigating in this matter and will proceed to the scene.

(4) On 16.03.1994 CIVPOL received the message that five (05) people were arrested at KABUNGA by GdN KACYIRU for illegal possession of 45 grenades of different brands (Russian, Belgium, Chinese and South African) and 28 rifle grenades (South African) together with approximate 30 kg SAA-munition 7.62 for FAL and KV and a some magazines. All stuff has been handed over to EOD. Police Monitoring Team GdN KACYIRU is monitoring the investigation of the local GdN.

(5) CIVPOL received information that on 10.03.94 one (01) person was stabbed at NYAKABANDA. At first GdN arrested four (04) persons. One of them, SEMUTWA Jean-Claude has been brought to justice. He is suspected to be a "M.D.R. Power" sympathiser. The victim was belonging to the "M.D.R. TWAGIRAMUNGU". The other three (03) arrested persons have been set free. Further investigations will be done by CIVPOL.

(6) On 17.03.1994, 21.00 hrs, a merchant was assaulted in the neighbourhood of KANOMBE by non-identified people. One of the bandits was killed in a gunfight with the military. GdN found an ID on his body, which will be verified, and twelve (12) R4 cartridges and two (02) machetes. PMT GdN KACYIRU is monitoring the case.

(7) On 17.03.94, about 16.00 hrs, BIZIMANA Jean-Marie was beaten at the KICUKIRO market by locals thinking he is a TUTSI. He was saved by a PVK policeman and a bystander.

(8) On 17.03.94, during night-time Mr. LIBERAKURO and his children were crossing the road when two (2) persons arrived on a motorcycle. They shot one of the children, who was injured. PMT CIVPOL is investigating.

(9) CIVPOL patrol informed CIVPOL HQ about a second grenade explosion in the sector of GIPOROSO in the yard of SEKIMONYO Louis. Six (6) persons were injured and were taken to the C.H.K.

(10) On 19.03.94, 22.38 hrs, CIVPOL was informed that there was a group of people surrounded by local Gendarmerie in front of the UNAMIR HQ (AMAHORO). The people were Moto-taximen who were mourning one member of their group. The person died after a long illness. The local GdN was there reminding the people about the curfew. After the first investigation there was no connection with the hand grenade explosion near the "Chez Lando" the same day.

2.2. *Miscellaneous:*

- (1) A meeting of co-operation was opened by the mayor of KICUKIRO township about tolerance between the ethnic groups.
- (2) On 14 March there was a district security council meeting at Kucikiro's district in order to take efficient measures against violence and criminality. Suggestions were given to the Prosecutor.
- (3) Night Patrols: Generally the situation at GIKONDO was calm. There were no roadblocks in this area and most of the inhabitants complied with the curfew. Only in the part of KARAMBO were placed three (3) roadblocks and at one of these, there were a lot of drunken and aggressive people. The GdN told the CIVPOL-Patrol that by passing the roadblock they would attack them. According to the GdN this part of GIKONDO is the most dangerous area and it is always a risk to go there.
- (4) On 18.03.94, 22.05 hrs, CIVPOL received information that the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is tipped to be a member of the new government, stated that somebody wants to kill him this night. The PMT Patrol went to the place of the Minister GOINCIRA and informed the local GdN, who placed three (3) Officers in front of the house.

D. Current Manpower

55 Police Officers. On 22 Mar 94 four (4) UNMOs have been converted into CIVPOL.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The logistic environment is still difficult. Equipment arrived from UNTAC but the logistic situation remains difficult due to delays in delivery vehicles as most of them require repairs. Radios are also in short supply. Operational status from BANGLADESH contingent has somehow improved due to the arrival of their vehicles/equipment. The logistics and engineer company vehicles and equipments are being distributed. It was also brought to FOD's attention that there are no spare parts and no mechanics available for the APCs (BTR-80) provided by BANGLADESH. For the moment three BTR-80 out of eight are not operational. UNAMIR is expecting the arrival of the helicopters. This operational deficiency in UNAMIR and UNOMUR will be taken care of upon delivery of the helicopters.

6. CONCLUSION

We passed the scheduled installation date for the BBTG by more than 80 days. This situation is deteriorating significantly and all UNAMIR resources are being used to the maximum of their availability. The rhythm of activity will require a reassessment of troops to tasks in order to ensure a sustainable capability of the Force over the next month. Intense diplomatic efforts are continuing to facilitate the setting up of the BBTG. Joint Military Commission meetings are also continuing to maintain communication between the two forces (RGF and RPF).

7. REGARDS

UNAMIR - MILITARY DIVISION
Weekly Personnel State

DTG: 210800 Mar 94

Scr Nb	Country	TROOPS										UNMO (m)	Total (n)
		Inf Bn (c)	Log Coy (d)	Eng Coy (e)	Med Coy (f)	MedCoo Pl (g)	MP Sec (h)	TUN Coy(-) (i)	Sub Total (j)	Staff (k)	Total (l)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	AUSTRIA											15	15
2	BANGLADESH	370	200	203	50	19	11		853	30	883	59	942
3	BELGIUM	423							423	17	440		440
4	BOTSWANA											9	9
5	BRAZIL	3							3		3	10	13
6	CANADA									1	1	1	2
7	CONGO											26	26
8	EGYPT											10	10
9	FIJI											1	1
10	GHANA	800							800	19	819	24	843
11	HUNGARY											4	4
12	MALAWI											5	5
13	MALI											10	10
14	NETHERLANDS											9	9
15	NIGERIA											15	15
16	POLAND											5	5
17	RUSSIA											15	15
18	SENEGAL											35	35
19	SLOVAKIA											5	5
20	TOGO											15	15
21	TUNISIA							60	60	1	61		61
22	URUGUAY											25	25
23	ZIMBABWE											29	29
	TOTAL	1,596	200	203	50	19	11	60	2,139	68	2,207	327	2,534