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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 190600Z APR TO 200600Z APR 94.

1. GEN SITUATION. THE GENERAL SITUATION REMAINS TENSE. WITH RPF CONTROLLING EXTREME NORTH OF THE COUNTRY FROM KIDAGO, THROUGH BYUMBA TO GABIRO IN THE NORTH WEST. RGF CONTROLLING AREA SOUTH OF KIGALI TO THE BORDER WITH BURUNDI. FIGHTING WAS INTENSE IN THE CITY DURING FIRST HALF OF PERIOD. RPF GUN POSITIONS NEAR AMABORO STADIUM ATTRACTED RETALIATORY FIRE FROM RGF GUN. ABOUT FORTY ROUNDS LANDED IN AREA OF FORCE HQ AND AMABORO STADIUM. SOME ROUNDS LANDED INSIDE THE STADIUM KILLING SIX REFUGEES INSTANTLY AND THIRTY FOUR LATER. SOME VEHICLES BELONGING TO RUTBAT WERE ALSO DAMAGED. FC HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH SIDES SEPARATELY ABOUT THE CREATION OF A NEUTRAL (ON) TERRITORY AROUND THE AIRPORT AND ON THE ACCORD OF FACILITATION FOR THE FREE MOVEMENT OF THE ICRC AND MSF FOR HUMANITARIAN DUTIES. OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS NOT TOO ENCOURAGING DUE TO THE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF THE NEW FACES IN THE RGF HIGH COMMAND. DISCUSSIONS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TODAY. RPF STILL ADAMANT ON ANY TRILATERAL TALKS BUT WOULD HOLD BILATERAL TALKS WITH UNAMIR. ABOUT ONE PLATOON, THE LAST BATCH OF BELGIANS EVACUATED WITH ONE VEHICLE ON UN FLIGHT TO NAIROBI.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THERE IS STILL NO BREAKTHROUGH ON THE POLITICAL FRONT. INTERIM GOVT STILL OPERATING FROM GITARAMA. RGF HIGH COMMAND MOVED TO GITARAMA DURING THE PERIOD FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVT BUT THIS DID NOT TAKE PLACE. PART OF DELEGATION REMAINED IN GITARAMA AND EXPECTED TO MEET WITH INTERIM GOVT TODAY. NO CONTACT AS YET WITH RPF HIGH COMMAND.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES. RPF TROOPS CONTINUE TO INFILTRATE INTO THE CITY TO CONDUCT RESCUE MISSIONS. CHANGES OBSERVED IN POSITIONS THIS MORNING WITH BOTH SIDE EITHER LOSING OR GAINING GROUND IN AREAS TO THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST OF THE CITY. HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED AROUND KAYONZA, 8 KMS EAST OF RWAMAGANA AND 10 KMS SOUTH OF BYUMBA. RGF OBSERVED NOT TO BE CONSOLIDATING THEIR POSITIONS IN THE CITY DUE THE ABSENCE OF ANY DIRECTION AND CONTROL.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. HQ STAFF BEING REORGANIZED IN VIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, EVACUATION TASKS CONTINUE TO BE COORDINATED AND EXECUTED FROM THIS HQ. ANALYSES ON FUTURE OF MISSION FORWARDED TO UN HQ NY. VERBAL ORDERS WERE RECEIVED INITIALLY FOR FORCE TO START THINNING OUT. 264 MILITARY PERSONNEL EVACUATED DURING PERIOD TO NAIROBI. EXERCISE CONTINUES TODAY. FORCE LEVEL NOW STANDS AT 1707 SINCE WITHDRAWAL OF BELGIAN TROOPS. FC HELD BRIEFING WITH COMMANDERS AND BRANCH HEADS AT 190800 APR 94 AND 192000 APR 94.

B. UNOMUR. AREA GENERALLY CALM. COY OF NRA 24 BN DEPLOYED AT GAHINGA GORILLA PARK. COY PREVENTING UNOMUR FROM PATROLLING IN AREA. TEAMS HOWEVER PATROLLING IN OTHER

AREAS. AERIAL RECCE TO BE CONDUCTED TODAY AROUND GAHINGA.

(1) BORDER CROSSINGS

(A) FROM UGANDA TO RWANDA THREE PICKUPS WITH 10 PASSENGERS AND FOOD STUFFS.

(B) FROM RWANDA TO UGANDA THREE PICKUPS AND ONE MINIBUS WITH EIGHT PASSENGERS.

C. SEC KIGALI. HANDING /TAKING OVER COMPLETED DURING PERIOD.

(1) KIBAT. A PLATOON OF KIBAT WAITING AS LAST BATCH TO BE EVACUATED NIGHT OF 19/20 APR 94.

(2) RUTBAT.

(A) TOTAL OF 214 PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO NAIROBI.

(B) ONE PLATOON PROVIDED SECURITY AT FORCE HQ.

(C) INTERMITTENT SHELLING DAMAGED THREE VEHICLES IN STADIUM KILLED 40 REFUGEES AND INJURED ABOUT 100.

(D) ABOUT 4000 REFUGEES STILL LOCATED IN STADIUM.

(E) SANITARY CONDITIONS DETERIORATING DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES.

(3) GHANA BATTALION.

(A) TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVEN PERSONNEL WERE EVACUATED FROM KINIHIRA TO KIGALI. TOTAL IN KIGALI NOW 713.

(B) CONVOY GOING TO NGARAMA TO EXTRICATE REMAINING 87 PERSONNEL WAS STOPPED BY RPF 54 KMS FROM KIGALI ON THE BYUMBA ROAD AND PREVENTED FROM PROCEEDING FURTHER. CONVOY RETURNED TO KIGALI. ANOTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TODAY. RGF AND RPF AGREED TO LET THE CONVOY PROCEED.

(C) PROVIDED SECURITY AT KIA, SECTOR HQ AND SRSG RESIDENCE.

(4) TUN COY. PROVIDED SECURITY AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND HOTEL MERIDIEN. HOSPITAL NOW HAS ABOUT 8000 REFUGEES WHO ARE LIVING IN A VERY DETERIORATING SANITARY CONDITION.

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E. MILOB

(1) EVACUATED EXPATRIATES AND OTHER NATIONALS FROM UNSAFE AREAS TO SAFER PLACES.

(2) ESCORTED ICRC CONVOY FROM CITY CENTRE TO AMAHORO STADIUM FOR HUMANITARIAN DUTIES.

(3) 38 UNMOS EVACUATED TO NAIROBI ON UN FLIGHT.

(4) RGF SECTOR MILOBs EVACUATED TO FORCE HQ.

(5) RPF SECTOR REPORTED THAT RPF COS MAJ GEN KAGAME RETURNED FROM HIS TACTICAL COMMAND POST TO THE RPF HQ AT MULINDI.

(6) SOUTHERN SECTOR MILOBs EVACUATED THREE SPANISH NUNS FROM VILLAGE SAVE TO BUTARE. TOTAL SIXTEEN MILOBs STILL OPERATING IN SOUTHERN SECTOR.

5. IMCIVPOL. NTR.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

A. MILOB TEAMS ESCORTED ICRC CONVOY OF 18 TRUCKS TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO REFUGEES AT AMAHORO STADIUM.

B. TRUCKS EVACUATED DEAD AND WOUNDED FROM STADIUM TO ICRC FIELD HOSPITAL.

C. SOME NGO REPS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE KIGALI TODAY.

D. DATA BASE BEING COLLATED ON REFUGEES AT HOTEL MILLES COLLINS, MERIDIEN HOTEL, KING FAISAL HOSPITAL AND AMAHORO STADIUM.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

B. LOGISTICS. LOGISTIC BUILD UP STILL GOING ON. FUEL BOWSER FOR REFUELLING AIRCRAFT ARRIVED YESTERDAY ON UN FLIGHT. QTY 480 FRAGMENTATION JACKETS ALSO RECEIVED.

9. MISC. COMPO RATION WITH PORK CREATING PROBLEMS FOR MUSLIMS IN FORCE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS ISSUE BE LOOKED AT.