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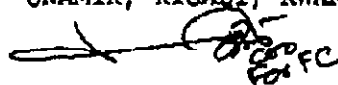
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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

SITREP COVERING PERIOD 190600Z MAY TO 191800Z MAY 94.

1. GEN. SITUATION: OBSERVED TO BE A VERY HARD HITTING DAY BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS. HEAVY EXCHANGE OF ARTY/MOR/SA FIRING CONTINUED THROUGH OUT THE DAY. THE MAJOR BATTLE AREAS WERE KIGALI AIRPORT, KICHIKORO, KIMIHURURA, REMERA, KANOMBE AND DOWN TOWN AREA. FIGHTING BETWEEN RPF AND RGF REPORTED FROM RUHENGERI IN THE NORTH. BUGESERA IS STILL CONTROLLED BY RPF IN THE SOUTH. NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION BEING HELD BY BOTH THE FACTIONS IN CITY. MILITIA STILL CONTROLLING SOME AREA IN KIGALI CITY.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. FORCE COMMANDER ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DESSANDE FROM SRSG'S OFFICE VISITED GITARAMA AND DISCUSSED THE UNAMIR II MANDATE AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. DR. KABIA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS INTERVIEWED BY CBS RADIO (US) NEW YORK TIMES AND BBC (FOCUS ON AFRICA PROGRAMME). HE ALSO BRIEFED CORRESPONDENTS OF REUTERS, AFP AND AP ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA AND ON THE ACTIVITIES OF UNAMIR AS WELL AS THOSE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES RELATING TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

3. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RPF. RPF LAUNCHED A DELIBERATE ATTACK ON KIA FROM THE NORTH AT MID NIGHT ON 19 MAY 94 AND THEY KEPT ON ENGAGING KIA BY ARTY/MOR AND SA THROUGH OUT THE DAY. IN THE AFTERNOON RGF SOLDIERS WERE SEEN VACATING POSITIONS SOUTH OF KIA. LAST NIGHT RPF SHELLED AT KIGALI HOSPITAL KILLING 30 PATIENTS AND INJURING MANY. RGF ALSO SHELLED 12 ARTY/MOR ROUNDS AT UNAMIR FORCE HQ AROUND 1400 HRS DAMAGING SOME WINDOW GLASSES.

B. RGF. RGF WERE BUSY ON REPULSING RPF ATTACK AT KIA AND ALSO ADOPTING A DEFENSIVE POSTURE AND CONSOLIDATING POSITION HELD IN KIA, CAMP KANOMBE AND KIGALI CITY. RGF USED THEIR ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS ON GROUND ROLE AT KIGALI AIRPORT. RGF STILL CONTROLLING RUHENGERI AND NKUMBA.

C. MILITIA. NO CHANGE.

4. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

A. FORCE HQ. NORMAL ROUTINE WORKS WERE CONDUCTED. CARRIED OUT PATROLLING IN CITY AREA. FC HELD NORMAL BRIEFING WITH COMMANDER AND STAFFS AT 190700. FORCE COMMANDER ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DESSANDE FROM SRSG'S OFFICE VISITED GITARAMA AND DISCUSSED THE NEW UNAMIR II MANDATE AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. AT 1515 HRS FC VISITED KIGALI HOSPITAL ON THE WAY BACK TO FORCE HQ FROM GITARAMA.

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B. UNOMUR. UNOMUR OPERATIONAL AREA IS CALM. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PATROLS IN AOR. ON 18 MAY 94 ONE VEHICLE OF ICRC CROSSED THE BORDER THROUGH KATUNA TO RWANDA AND RETURNED 11 VEHICLES OF ICRC ON THE SAME DAY. TOTAL 26 VEHICLES CROSSED THE BORDER AT KATUNA, KASHEKYE AND MERAMA HILLS TO RWANDA WITH 191 PASSENGERS INCLUDING 103 REFUGEES. APPROXIMATELY 42 YOUNG PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 19 TO 25 YEARS CROSSED THE BORDER AT MERAMA HILL OP. WHILE ASKING ABOUT THEIR IDENTITY THEY CLAIMED THEMSELVES TO BE REFUGEES. BUT OUT OF THEIR GESTURE THEY SEEM TO BE THE NEW RECRUITS OF RPF. ANOTHER 30 VEHICLES CROSSED THE BORDER AT KATUNA, KASHEKYE, AND KYANIKA TO UGANDA WITH 51 PASSENGERS. APPROXIMATELY 4200 RWANDIES CROSSED 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. TWO OTHERS ARE OPERATIONAL.

C. BYUBAT. CONDUCTED SECURITY DUTY AT KIA, AMAHORO STADIUM AND PROVIDED ESCORT DUTIES FOR HUMANITARIAN TASK. SHELLS LANDED AT AMAHORO STADIUM, NO CASUALTIES.

D. TUN EL. PROVIDED SECURITY AT MILLES COLLINS, MERIDIEN HOTEL AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. ALSO CARRIED OUT ESCORT DUTIES WITH APC'S. WHILE CROSSING KADDAFI JUNCTION, THE APC'S WERE FIRED. NO CASUALTIES.

E. MILOR NTR.

5. UNCIYPOL. NTR.

6. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. UNMO PATROLS COULD NOT CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS TO CAMPS IN KIGALI CITY DUE TO HEAVY SHELLINGS. UNMO PATROL MONITORED A PLANNED EVACUATION OF ORPHANS FROM GISIMBA AND GITEGA ORPHANAGES BY THE GENDARMERIE. THE EVACUATION COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT DUE TO RESISTANCE GIVEN BY LOCALS. ICRC ATTEMPTED TO DELIVER FOOD TO DISPLACED CAMP NEAR GITARAMA. THEY COULD NOT CARRY OUT FOOD DISTRIBUTION DUE TO FIRING BY RPF. THE TEAM WAS EVACUATED BY UNAMIR APC.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NTR.

8. LOGISTICS. FORCE RESERVE STOCK LEVEL AS FOLLOWS:

- A. RATION - 23 DAYS.
- B. WATER - 29 DAYS.
- C. FUEL - 24,145 LTRS DIESEL.

9. MISC.

- A. FORCE LEVEL - 463.
- B. SICK REPORT - 11 (5 MALARIA CASES).

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SL NR	DTG	OCCURRENCE
1	190630	RGF HAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING CLEARANCES: A. FC'S MEETING AT GITARAMA. B. LANDINGS OF THE UN FLIGHTS.
2	190635	ONE MORTAR BOMB HAS LANDED INSIDE THE TERMINAL BUILDING OF KIA.
3	190650	THERE HAS BEEN HEAVY EXCHANGES OF MOR AND SA FIRE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF AROUND THE GEN AREA OF THE AIRPORT. SOME ROUNDS IMPACTED ON THE MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING AND THE RUNWAY. SOME WINDOWS WERE ALSO BROKEN. EXTENT OF DAMAGE CANNOT BE ASCERTAIN NOW. HOWEVER NO FROM CAS OWN TROOPS.
4	190800	THE FIRST FLIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELLED AS CLEARANCE WAS NOT GIVEN BY RPF AND AIRPORT IS UNDER HEAVY SHELLING.
5	190815	FC STARTED FOR GITARAMA.
6	190910	A SHELL LANDED VERY CLOSE TO THE FORCE HQ.
7	190915	A ARTY SHELL LANDED ON THE KIGALI HOSPITAL KILLING APPROXIMATELY 30 PATIENTS, INJURING LOT MANY.
8	190945	LOT OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE POSITIONING IN AND AROUND ICRC COMPOUND. INSTRUCTED LO RGF TO INFORM THEM TO WITHDRAW FROM THAT PLACE AS PER THE PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL NOT POSITION THEMSELVES WITHIN 500 METERS OF UN/RED CROSS INSTALLATIONS.
9	191305	FC IS STARTING FROM GITARAMA FOR FORCE HQ.
10	191510	12 ARTY/MOR SHELLS LANDED VERY CLOSE TO THE FORCE HQ BROKEN SOME OF THE WINDOW GLASSES BY SPLINTERS.
11	191515	FC VISITED KIGALI GEN HOSPITAL ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE HQ FROM GITARAMA.
12	191535	RGF HAS MOUNTED A HEAVY MACHINE GUNS IN THE UN CAR PARK AREA IN FRONT OF THE ARRIVAL HALL OF KIA.
13	191540	MG LOC AT UN CAR PARK HAS BEEN REMOVED AFTER LOT OF NEGOTIATION.
14	191555	CFM GENERAL SITUATIONS IN TOWN. CLEARANCE GIVEN FOR THE JOURNALIST TO VISIT KIGALI HOSPITAL.
15	191730	SPORADIC EXCHANGE OF FIRE CONTINUE AROUND KIA.