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 SUBJECT : WEEKLY SITREP NO 10, 15 DEC 93 - 20 DEC 93

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1535Z1. GENERAL SITUATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

THE SITUATION IN THE MISSION AREA IS QUITE CALM. NO MAJOR INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE, EXCEPT ONE INCIDENT BETWEEN CIVILIANS AS PER DAILY SITREP 17/18 DEC 93. UNAMIR IS IN A CRITICAL PHASE AND BUT STILL FACES NUMEROUS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF LACK OF VEHICLES AND COMMUNICATION. UNAMIR BEING OBSTRUCTED BY THE RW GOVT, RGF AND RPF IN GETTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE RPF BATTALION TO BE INSTALLED IN KIGALI CITY. ALSO, WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF THE SOPs FOR THE KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA. ONCE THAT IS ACHIEVED, THE NEXT GOAL FOR UNAMIR WILL BE THE MOVE OF THE BATTALION TO THAT PLACE. CLEAN CORRIDOR IS THE NAME OF THAT OPERATION. ONCE AGAIN THE LOGISTIC COMPONENT WILL BE A MAJOR PARAMETER IN CONDUCTING THIS OPERATION SMOOTHLY.

2. MILITARYA. DEPLOYMENT

(1) HQS

- (A) ALL THE HQS ARE OPERATIONAL AS FAR AS MANPOWER IS CONCERNED. THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE HQS IS THE MAIN TASK.
- (B) BANGLADESH CONTINGENT AND IN PARTICULAR THE FORCE RESERVE NEEDS VEHICLES AND APC'S. AN IMMEDIATE AIRLIFT FROM BANGLADESH COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MOBILITY AT THIS PARTICULAR PHASE OF THE OPERATION UNAMIR (ESTABLISHMENT OF KIGALI WEAPON SECURE AREA AND INSTALLATION OF BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVT IN RWANDA).

(2) KIGALI SECTOR

- (A) DURING THIS WEEK BELGIAN BATTALION (KIBAT) CONDUCTED PTL IN KIGALI CITY AND BANGLADESH BATTALION (RUTBAT) CONTINUED THE PREPARATION PHASE PRELIMINARY TO ITS ENGAGEMENT IN THE TERRAIN. THE UNMOB CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCES OF THE CAMPS AND CANTONNEMENTS IN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE KIGALI WEAPON

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SECURE AREA.

- (B) PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH OF THE SUBORDINATE UNITS HAVE THEIR OWN LIMITATIONS:
- KIBAT IS STILL LOOKING FOR APPROPRIATE CANTONNEMENTS FOR SOME OF THE SUB-UNITS;
 - RUTBAT FACES NUMEROUS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MEANS. THE POSSIBLE OPERATIONAL TASKS ARE LIMITED;
 - THE UNMOs HAVE NO WORKING RADIO EQUIPMENT AS YET;
 - HQ SEC KIGALI HAS NOT YET AN APPROPRIATE WORKING LOCATION.
- (C) THE OPERATIONS TO BE STARTED FROM TODAY 21 DEC 93 ARE LARGELY AFFECTED BY THESE LIMITATIONS AND EACH OF THEM CONSTITUTES A POTENTIAL REASON FOR DELAY.
- (D) THE WEAPON SECURE AREA IS NOT OPERATIONAL AS YET AS THE UNAMIR TROOPS ARE STILL BEING DEPLOYED AND THE RGF HAVE NOT IMPLEMENTED ANY OF THE SOPs AS WE STILL DON'T HAVE AGREEMENT. THESE DELAYS MAY CAUSE A DELAY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BBTG BY 29/30 DEC 93.

(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.

(4) DMZ SECTOR

DMZ SECTOR IS GRADUALLY GETTING OPERATIONAL. THE TUNISIAN COY IS STILL MISSING IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT (NO RIFLES AND ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER PLATOON FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION). LOCAL COY COMD APPROACHED HIS GOVT SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE. NO REPLY HAS COME SO FAR. INVESTIGATIONS OF THE MUTURA MASSACRES IS ONGOING. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP. BOTH COMMITTEES OF THE KINIHIRA ACCORD ARE SLOWLY COMING BACK TO LIFE.

(5) UNMUR SECTOR

FC WENT THIS WEEK TO UGANDA TO NEGOTIATE OPENING THE BORDER. FC MET THE UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON 18 DEC 93. HE STATED: (A) FULL SUPPORT TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MISSION BY THE GOVT; (B) WISHES TO EASE ACCESS BY UNAMIR ELEMENTS TO UGANDA BY THE USE OF MULTIPLE ACCESS VISAS TO BE ISSUED IN KIGALI AND BY RECEIVING WARNING IN ADVANCE; (C) ANXIOUS TO SEE THE KIGALI-KABALE ROAD CORRIDOR REOPENED. FC WILL RETURN TO KAMPALA IN THE FIRST

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WEEK OF JANUARY TO SEE DEFENCE MINISTER AND ALL INTERESTED MILITARY/LOCAL STAFFS.

(6) FORCE LOG, MED AND ENGINEERS ELEMENTS

LARGE ADVANCE PARTIES OF FORCE ENGINEERS, LOG AND MED ELEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE MISSION AREA. AS LONG AS NO EQUIPMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY BANGLADESH THIS PERSONNEL WILL BE TASKED AS INFANTRY.

B. UNAMIR FORCE STRENGTH

THE FORCE STRENGTH AS ON 21 DEC 93 IS:

BANGLADESH CONTINGENT - 266
 BELGIUM CONTINGENT - 409
 TUNISIAN CONTINGENT - 59
 LOG COY - 83
 ENGINEER COY - 85
 MED COY - 26
 MOV CON - 20
 STAFFS - 53
 MP SEC - 5
 UNMOS - 179

 TOTAL - 1190

C. MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATE

THERE IS NO SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE GENERAL HEALTH STATE OF MILITARY COMPONENT. DEDICATED FIELD HOSPITAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND PROCEDURES FOR MEDEVAC CAPABILITY BY HELICOPTER ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. HOSPITAL IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN KING FAYCAL COMPLEX BUT HAS NO EQUIPMENT NOR SUPPLIES AS YET.

3. POLITICAL

THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL VISITED FRIDAY 17 DEC 93 TWO CAMPS FOR THE BURUNDESE REFUGEES IN THE VICINITY OF BUTARE, A TOWN LOCATED IN THE SOUTH OF RWANDA, AT ABOUT 200 KMS FROM KIGALI. 200.000 PERSONS, FROM THE HUTU TRIBE IN THEIR MAJORITY LIVE IN THOSE CAMPS. HYGIENIC CONDITIONS ARE ALMOST NON EXISTENT AND FOOD IS VERY SCARCE. THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE URGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES. THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY BUYING SEVERAL THOUSAND TONS OF CEREALS IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE BURUNDESE REFUGEES.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. FC IS CONCERNED THAT FORCE RESERVE HAS NO MOBILITY AT ALL, NO APC OR HELICOPTER FOR QUICK DEPLOYMENT IF SITUATION FORCES IT TO BE DEPLOYED AT SHORT NOTICE.

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B. COMMUNICATIONS ABOVE UNIT LEVEL HAVE NOT YET BEEN INSTALLED.

C. ONLY BELGIAN BATTALION AND SOME UNMOS HAVE FLACK JACKET. OTHER TROOPS HAVE NO FLACK JACKETS AT ALL.

5. CONCLUSION

THE MILITANT ACTIVITY TO DESTABILISE THE SITUATION IN PHASE ONE HAS APPEASED SIGNIFICANTLY. UNAMIR CONTINUOUSLY DEMONSTRATES CONCRETELY THAT IT IS GROWING IN STRENGTH AND EFFECTIVENESS. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC BUILD IS STILL A CONCERN IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVE PHASE ONE OBJECTIVES. THERE ARE SIGNS BY BOTH SIDES ON HARDENING POSITIONS IN THE DETAILS OF GETTING ALL THESE ELEMENTS IN PLACE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BBTG BY 29/30 DEC 93.

6. REGARDS