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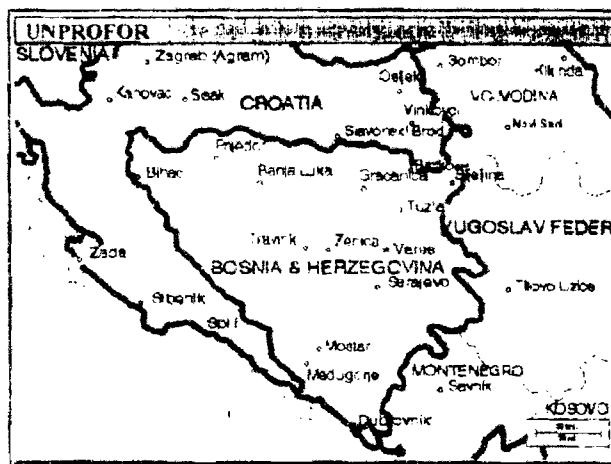
*Daily highlights of key peace-keeping and
electoral developments, and related world events*
02 March 1995

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Croatia will rebuff a USA envoy due to visit next week if he presses for a continued UN mission
- ▶ The General Assembly will include two issues concerning the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda on its agenda
- ▶ A special task force, headed by the UNAVEM III Force Commander, has been formed to monitor troop disengagement

Former Yugoslavia

In Croatia, a resupply convoy carrying Bangladesh battalion supplies was unable to enter the Bihac Pocket and returned to PLESO. Croatian Government sources told reporters on 02 March that Croatia wants a Big Power task force to replace UN peace-keepers who have propped up rebel Serbs and will rebuff a USA envoy due to visit next week if he presses for a continued UN mission. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, the military situation was quiet, except in the Bihac Pocket, where the area south of VELIKA Kladusa was active, but at a lower level than on 28 February. There was continued BiH mortar and artillery probing fire against the BSA in several areas. There were seven cease-fire violations reported. In SARAJEVO, on 02 March, an IL-76 UNPROFOR aircraft was hit four times by small arms fire just before take-off. Shots impacted between the cockpit and the wing; there were no casualties. UNPROFOR flights have been cancelled until further notice. UNHCR has reported incidents of a new wave of attacks against minorities in the BANJA LUKA area. UNPROFOR has not yet confirmed these reports.



Rwanda

The financing and selection of judges for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda will be the UN General Assembly's two new items to be included in its agenda. Rwanda plans to try its first genocide case in March to underscore the government's determination to uproot the culture of impunity, begin reconciliation between majority Hutus and the Tutsis, and contemplate amnesty in Rwanda. On 01 March, some 1,500 Zairean soldiers deployed at camps in the northern towns of GOMA and BUKAVU under contract with UNHCR. UNAMIR reported that the RPA in MURUNDA, in Sector 4C, had confiscated and refused to return two vehicles donated by the NGO Memisa to the local hospital. According to the NGO ADRA, registered returnees often returned to Uganda after being issued food and seeds in Rwanda.

Burundi

On 01 March, Burundi radio reported that a new government under newly-appointed Prime Minister Nduwayo had been named, but that some people might be disappointed that it was largely unchanged from the last government. A military source told reporters that the military camp at CIBITOKE, 70 kms north of BUJUMBURA, was attacked on the morning of 01 March by about 40 men armed with automatic weapons.

Somalia

On 02 March at 1430 hours LT, the last Pakistani UN troops were boarding the MV VERGINA. The VERGINA suffered damage to her cargo doors while berthing, causing some delay while the damage was assessed and repairs conducted.

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Angola

The SRSG has announced the creation of a special task force of experts from the Government, UNITA, and military observers from the three observer countries, headed by the UNAVEM III Force Commander, to monitor troop disengagement according to the Lusaka Protocol. On 01 March, four supply flights landed at UIGE. The FAA continued to occupy positions at PEDRA DO ALEMAO, 3.5 kms east of CRUZEIRO, and reinforced BELA VISTA. UNITA refused to withdraw from positions west of BOAS AGUAS. The personnel strength of UNAVEM III on 02 March was 418.

Middle East

Israel's blockade of the southern Lebanese coast will continue indefinitely, a senior naval officer told reporters on 02 March. "For all intents and purposes it is a blockade," the source was quoted as saying after the Military Chief of Staff rejected the term on 28 February and referred to a "closure of the sea for security reasons." Israel's Deputy Defence Minister said the move was intended to pressure the Lebanese to prevent *Hezbollah* guerrilla attacks in southern Lebanon.

Tajikistan

On 01 March, a new UNMOT team was deployed in MOSKOVSKI, bringing the number of teams deployed to five. UNMOT reported that they will be unable to deploy more teams unless the authorized strength of 40 military observers, vehicles, and communication equipment were made available. The inhabitants of KIZILDZAMIAT, NAVABAD, and ARAB villages, approximately 7 kms north-west of PIANJ district, informed UNMOT that they had received no humanitarian aid for the past year.

Iraq/Kuwait

UNIKOM reported that on 01 March, an air reconnaissance observed approximately 40 Iraqi civilians in the demilitarized zone. UN patrols were sent to the area and spoke with the leaders who identified the group as "The Interface Pilgrimage for Faith and Peace 95." They were persuaded to move back into Iraqi territory. The group had travelled from BAGHDAD to pray for the Gulf war dead. The group, including media, finally departed in two buses and two civilian cars.

Afghanistan

On 01 March, a barrage of rockets hit residential areas of KABUL, killing three people and injuring four during celebrations for the Moslem Eid Al-Fitr festival, *Kabul Radio* reported. Seven rockets were fired into the city by the Shiite Hezb-i-Wahdat.

Liberia

On 01 March, the SRSG discussed with the Chairman of the Council of State a call for an emergency session of the LNC if the installation of the new council is not achieved by 07 March. Factional fighting reportedly resumed in BONG, 75 kms north-east of MONROVIA, with ULIMO accusing NPFL of starting the clashes. On 01 March, UNOMIL reported that the situation in RIVERCESS remained uncertain after the NPFL capture of GREENVILLE. UNOMIL believed that NPFL forces continued to push LPC forces from the countryside. The LPC appeared to be stepping up operations in the BUCHANAN area to resist any possible NPFL assault on the LPC's last remaining stronghold.

Haiti

UNMIH reported that the carnival celebration had ended, and that all events were celebrated smoothly, without major incident. Just after midnight on 28 February, a car drove into a crowd in PETIONVILLE and the occupants opened fire. Six people were injured when struck by the vehicle; none were injured by bullets.

Georgia

In the Gali Region, both CIS PKF and Abkhaz militia authorities have stated that a region-wide 2000-0600 curfew will be strictly enforced, effective 03 March. The curfew is intended to create a conducive environment for the safe and orderly return of refugees. UNOMIG assessed that this action should not have any negative effect on its operations, however, chances of frequent stopping and identification of UNOMIG's patrols cannot be ruled out.

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