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TAC HQ BUTARESUBJ: SPECIAL SIT REPORT - NYAMASHEKE SUB-SECT

1. DURING THE PERIOD 19 - 28 MARCH 95, THE NYAMASHEKE SUB-SECTOR HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY UNSTABLE WITH BOLD ACTS OF BANDITRY OCCURRING. THE SUBSECTOR HAS NOT EXPERIENCED A GREAT DEAL MORE ACTIVITY THAN ELSEWHERE IN SECTOR 4C, BUT INCIDENTS DURING THE REPORT PERIOD HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED WITHIN A CERTAIN LIMITED AREA OF THE SUB-SECTOR. DURING THIS TIMEFRAME, AN INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF INTIMIDATING LETTERS SECRETLY ISSUED TO MANY LOCAL HOMES WARNING THE HUTU POPULATION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY OR RISK GETTING CAUGHT UP WHEN RGF AND INTERAHAMWE COME IN APRIL TO FINISH OFF THE REMAINING TUTSI AND SYMPATHIZERS.

2. INCIDENTS OF ARMED ROBBERIES AND KILLING BY RGF AND UNIDENTIFIED BANDITS SEEMS TO HAVE GATHERED MOMENTUM RECENTLY, AND THE SIT HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED BY INCIDENTS INVOLVING RPA. THE BULK OF THE INCIDENTS ARE OCCURRING IN THE KAVUNE (GR 9740) AND MUKINJA PENINSULA (KNOWN AS ISHARA GR 0042) AREAS. THE FREQUENCY AND SEVERITY OF THE INCIDENTS HAVE LEFT LOCALS VERY NERVOUS AND INSECURE. AS THE POPULATION GETS SQUEEZED IN BETWEEN, THEY HAVE BEEN MORE AND MORE DESERTING THEIR HOMES AT NIGHT AND SLEEPING AT THE COMMUNE OFFICES AND OTHER LOCATIONS NEAR RPA AND UNAMIR LOCS. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE MOST INSECURE OF THE POPULATION HAVE CHOSEN TO JOIN THEIR RELATIVES FURTHER INLAND. SOME HAVE NOW BEEN, IN A SENSE, THREATENING TO MOVE TO THE HOSPITAL, ORPHANAGE AND UNAMIR CONTINGENT AND MILOB LOCATIONS FOR PROTECTION. THIS

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IS CONSIDERED VERY LIKELY TO OCCUR REGARDLESS OF AN INCIDENT OCCURRING NEAR AND AFTER 6 APRIL. BANDITS ARE AWARE OF THIS AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY DISPATCHED MESSAGES STATING THEY WOULD COME TO THE ORPHANAGE AND HOSPITAL FIRST TO TAKE BLANKETS AND MATTRESSES FOR USE ON UWI ISLAND. THIS HAS RESULTED IN LOCALS REQUESTING THE SET UP OF PROTECTIVE CAMPS TO BE MANNED BY UNAMIR TROOPS.

REACTION BY ETHIOBAT AND RPA

3. BOTH GROUPS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE KAVUNE AREA, WHERE ROBBERIES AND MURDERS ARE TAKING PLACE ON A DAILY BASIS. LOCAL RPA BLAME THE SUCCESS OF THE BANDITS ON THE POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND ETHIOBAT. HOWEVER, THE RPA ALSO CLAIM THAT ROBBERIES ARE STAGED BY THE PEOPLE TO CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GETTING THEIR PROPERTY TO UWI ASAP AND THEN FOLLOW LATER. THIS MAY BE TRUE IN ONE OR TWO CASES, BUT TOO MANY INCIDENTS INVOLVE TORTURE AND KILLING, AND THE RPA LOGIC IN THIS RATIONALIZATION IS QUESTIONABLE. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT RPA ARE INDEED OFTEN INITIALLY CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE DUE TO PAST CIRCUMSTANCES; HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH SOME INCIDENTS ARE THOUGHT TO BE RPA RESPONSIBLE, THE BULK OF INCIDENTS ARE STRONGLY BELIEVED TO BE RGF/INTERAHAMWE/BANDITS...PICK ONE...WITH SOME OF THE CULPRITS IDENT BY LOCALS AS BEING FORMER MIL/CIV OFFICIALS FORM THE COMMUNE.

4. ETHIOBAT IN TURN BLAME MUCH OF THE BANDITRY ON THE RPA STATING THAT UWI PEOPLE DO NOT COME TO KILL RPA, BUT RATHER TO GET FOOD AND MONEY. LOCAL ETHIOBAT COMMAND APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT THE BANDITRY DOMINANCE IS DUE TO VIOLATION OF OPERATIONAL ORDERS BY RPA WHO HAVE DELIBERATELY DEPLOYED INTO ETHIOBAT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND THEREBY ALSO SUBJECTING THEIR PATROLS TO ACCIDENTAL ENCOUNTERS.

5. THE MANDATE AND PRECISE REASONING FOR DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR ARMED TROOPS IN A DEFENSIVE AND POTENTIAL CONFRONTATIONAL MANNER IS NOT KNOWN BY MILOBS 4C REGARDLESS, ON 27 MARCH AREAS

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OF RESPONSIBILITY WERE REDEFINED WITH ETHIOBAT BASICALLY TAKING CHARGE OF THE LAKESHORES FROM GR 979 417 TO AREA GR 003 418, AS WELL AS THE RESIDENCE/OFFICE OF SUB-SECTOR MILOBS AND GERMAN DOCTORS STAFF LOCS IN NYAMASHEKE, THE ORPHANAGE AND THE HOSPITAL. THE DEPLOYMENT ALSO REQRS VEH PATROLS OF THE MAIN ROAD. THE REST BELONGS TO THE RPA.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS - KAVUNE AND ISHARA AREA
FROM 19 TO 26 MARCH 95

6. THE FOL IS REPORTED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

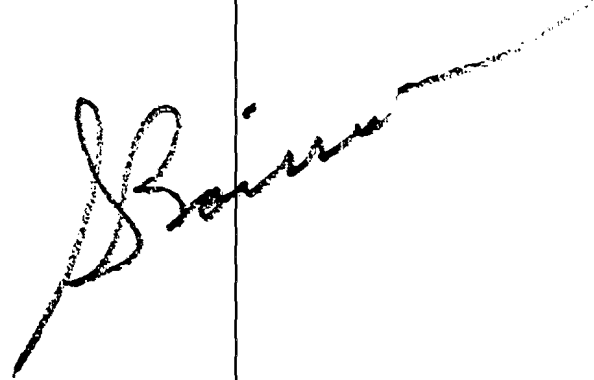
- A. ON 19 MAR AT NYAMASHEKE FOUR SEPARATE ROBBERIES OCCUR NEAR THE HOME OF THE RPA LOCAL COMMANDER. NO ONE KILLED OR SEVERELY INJURED.
- B. ON 20 MAR AT MUBUMBANO A ROBBERY OCCURS RESULTING IN MOTHER AND FATHER BEING SEVERELY WOUNDED CHOPPED WITH MACHETES.
- C. ON 21 MAR AT KAVUNE THREE SERIOUS ARMED ROBBERIES OCCUR WITH HOMES COMPLETELY EMPTIED. PEOPLE ASSAULTED, BUT NO DEATHS.
- D. ON 22 MAR SEVERAL ARMED ROBBERIES AT ISHARA INCLUDING SKIRMISHES WITH RPA. TWO CIVILIANS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY THE BANDITS. IT IS NOW NOTICED THAT RGF ARE ACTING IN GPS OF 30 (PLUS) AND LAYING AMBUSHES AGAINST RPA.
- E. 23 MAR CANTACT AT KAVUNE BETWEEN RAP AND BANDITS. ONE RPA SOLDIER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.
- F. 23 MAR AT ISHARA SOME BOATS ARE OBSERVED AND ENGAGED BY RPA. HEAVY AUTOMATIC FIRE IS RETURNED FROM THE BOATS. NO CAS REPORTED.
- G. 24 MAR THREE ROBBERIES AT KAVUNE OCCUR AND THE BRUTAL HACKING TO DEATH OF A YOUNG TUTSI MAN.
- H. 25 MAR AT APPROX 1900 HRS RPA SHOT AND KILLED TWO WOMEN AND A BABY AT KAVUNE FOR VIOLATING A CURFEW. TWO MEN WERE ALSO

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KILLED BY THE RPA AT KIRAMBO FOR ALLEGEDLY RESISTING ARREST.

- I. ON 25 MAR AT MUBUMBANO (NYAMASHEKE) A LONG SKIRMISH OCCURS BETWEEN RPA AND BANDITS. ROBBERY STILL TOOK PLACE.
- J. ON 26 MAR TWO BOATS FIRED UPON BY RPA AT ISHARA. NO CAS REPORTED.
- K. ON 26 MAR AT KAVUNE A LARGE ROBBERY OCCURS AT A HOME RESULTING IN EVERYTHING STOLEN. NO CAS REPORTED.

7. THIS SPECIAL SITREP IS INTENDED TO CAPSULIZE THE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN ONE OF THE 4C SUBSECTORS, AND TO GIVE PERHAPS A FEELING OF WHAT FACTORS LEAD TO THE ONGOING INSECURITY OF THE POPULATION AND INSTABILITY OF THE GEN SITUATION. RUMOURS OF INCIDENTS AND ATTACKS IN APRIL ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE PERCEPTION OF THE LOCAL POPULATION AND THE CONTINUED APPARENT EASE AND SUCCESS OF ATTACKS IN A KNOWN AREA OF CONCERN.

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