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SUBJ: SITREP ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AND RPA INCIDENTS

1. OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF MURDER/ASSASSINATION, BANDITRY, AND NOW MINELAYING. COMPOUNDING THIS ARE SOME INCIDENTS WHICH ARE SUSPECTED TO BE RPA RESPONSIBLE. THE USE OF WORDS LIKE INSURGENCY, SUBVERSIVE OPS, ETC ARE MORE COMMONLY USED, AND ITS NOT INTENDED IN THIS REPORT TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY THEORY ON VARIOUS TERMS AND DEFINITIONS; HOWEVER, THE POINT IS THAT MANY INCIDENTS INDEED APPEAR TO BE ORGANIZED, PLANNED AND EXECUTED WITH RELATIVE SUCCESS. IT IS USUALLY IN GROUPS RANGING FROM TWO TO THIRTY, THEY ARE ARMED WITH WEAPONS, GRENADES AND SOMETIMES MINES. THE AIM IS CERTAINLY AS A MINIMUM TO DESTABILIZE THE LOCAL SITUATION MORE AND PERHAPS USE THE EXPERIENCE AS A PRACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE AND FOR TRAINING. COMPLIMENTING THESE CRIMES ARE CONTINUED QUESTIONABLE ACTS BY RPA.

#### THIS WEEK'S SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

2. ASSASSINATION OF BURGOMASTER OF GISHOMA. MR BERNARD NYNYAMBIBI ASSUMED ROLE OF BURGOMASTER AFTER THE ARREST OF HIS PREDECESSOR A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE FORMER BURGOMASTER IS THE BROTHER OF THE PREFECT OF CYANGUGU. MYNYAMBIBI WAS A FORMER CONSEILLER OF

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NTENYI (GRID 8311). HIS DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND, MR LAMBERT, WERE KILLED NIGHT 30/31 MAR. THERE IS SOME CONFUSION OVER HIS TRIBAL AFFILIATION - MILOBS REPORTED 3 APRIL THAT HIS TRIBE WAS UNDERSTOOD AS HUTU, WHILE THE UNAMIR INFOSUM DATED 2 APRIL INDICATE THAT THE BURGOMASTER AND HIS WIFE WERE KILLED, AND THAT HE WAS ETHNIC TUTSI. FOR CLARIFICATION, MILOBS BELIEVE THAT THIS LATTER REPORT IS ACTUALLY OF THE BURGOMASTER'S DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND. THERE HAS BEEN SUPPOSITION THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE COULD BE EITHER RPA OR FRGF, WITH MORE WEIGHT AGAINST THE FRGF. IN THE CASE OF RPA, THE ARRESTS OF SEVERAL CONSEILLERS AND BURGOMASTERS LATELY IS ONE FACTOR. ANOTHER IS THE INCIDENT OF A FAMILY WHICH WAS KILLED IN GISHOMA COMMUNE AT RUKOKKO GR 8302 ON 13 MARCH. THE BURGOMASTER VOCALIZED HIS DISAPPROVAL AND DISSATISFACTION OF THE WAY THE RPA HANDLED THE CASE, AND PRIVATELY ADMITTED (NAME WITHHELD) THAT HE BELIEVED RPA MAY HAVE BEEN PERHAPS RESPONSIBLE. IT CAN BE ASSUMED HE MAY HAVE TOLD OTHERS THE SAME. ALTHOUGH RPA ARE BASED VERY CLOSE TO THE INCIDENT SITE OF THE FAMILY, THEY NEITHER DEPLOYED NOR CLAIM TO HAVE HEARD OR SEEN ANYTHING. WHEN RPA DID ARRIVE TO INVESTIGATE, IT WAS A UNIT FROM BUGARAMA, NOT THE UNIT BASED NEARBY. INITIAL MILOB INVESTIGATION WAS INCONCLUSIVE WHETHER RPA OR FRGF WERE RESPONSIBLE. IT WAS REPORTED 6 APRIL BY RPA THAT RPA HAVE ARRESTED TWO OF THE FOUR PERS THEY BELIEVE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE GISHOMA BURGOMASTER. THE EXACT DATE AND TIME OF THEIR CAPTURE IS NOT YET DETERMINED, BUT THEY WERE EVIDENTLY CAPTURED WHEN FOUR MEN MET UP WITH AN RPA PATROL. WHEN THE FOUR DISPERSED, THE PATROL DEPLOYED TO ENCIRCLE THEM. TWO ESCAPED. ONLY ONE WEAPON WAS RECOVERED. THE TWO PRISONERS APPARENTLY ADMIT TO THE KILLING AND HAVE GIVEN THEIR POLITICAL REASONS. THEY CLAIM ONLY THE ONE WEAPON WAS USED, AND HAD BEEN STASHED IN A HIDING SPOT (PRESUMED AT A HOME). ONE IS IDENT AS INTERAHAMWE, THE OTHER IS FORMER RGF. IT IS KNOWN THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOUR WAS IN A UNIFORM. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOUR WERE RESIDING IN THE AREA OF GISHOMA AND CYMBOGO COMMUNES, AND THAT THEY BELONG TO A MUCH LARGER GROUP OPERATING HERE. COMMENT: IT MUST BE REITERATED THAT THIS INFO

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COMES FROM AN RPA SOURCE. THE USE OF ONLY ONE WEAPON IN THE MURDER IS UNLIKELY. THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO ARRANGE A PRISONER INTERVIEW BY UNAMIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE TWO PERS ARE BEING HELD AT MUSHAKA FACILITY. IF THEIR ADMITTANCE IS TRUE, THIS GIVES FURTHER PROOF OF THE COMBINED OPS OF FRGF AND INTERAHAMWE.

3. MURDER OF RWANDAISE MDM STAFF EMPLOYEE. JONATHAN KAYIJUKA (HUTU) HAD BEEN WORKING FOR MEDECINS DU MONDE FOR APPROX 2 MONTHS AS A CLERK/SECRETARY. ON 2 APRIL AT ABOUT 1920 HRS A GENDARMERIE PATROL STOPPED HIM IN THE MARKET AREA OF KAMEMBE FOR QUESTIONING AND ASKED HIM TO SHOW HIS DOCUMENTS, WHICH HE DID. FOR AN AS YET UNEXPLAINED REASON, HE WAS TOLD TO ACCOMPANY THE PATROL TO THE GENDARMERIE STATION. ACCORDING TO THE GENDARMERIE COMD, AFTER A SHORT DISTANCE ENROUTE, JONATHAN BEGAN TO RUN AWAY, RPA FIRED FOUR ROUNDS AND KILLED HIM. THE BURGOMASTER WAS TOLD OF THE INCIDENT BY THE GENDARME AT 2200 HRS, AND THE PREFECT WAS ASKED TO GET THE BODY TO THE COMMUNE AND INFORM THE FAMILY. AT 1645 HRS THE FOL DAY THE BODY WAS FINALLY HANDED OVER TO THE FAMILY (HIS SISTER IN LAW). ONE MILOB OF 4C IS A QUALIFIED MEDICAL DOCTOR AND WAS ONE OF THE MILOBS WHO EXAMINED THE BODY. THE VICTIM WAS FULLY CLOTHED EXCEPT FOR HIS SHOES. HIS HEAD AND ENTIRE CLOTHING WERE BLOODSTAINED. THERE WAS A POINTED WOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS BACK OVER THE HEART AREA ABOUT 2CM IN DIAMETER. NO OTHER APPARENT WOUNDS WERE FOUND. DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD AND CLOTTING AND NO GLOVES READILY AVAILABLE, NO FURTHER EXAMINATION COULD BE COMPLETED. FROM THIS CRUDE EXAM, THE FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBILITIES: WOUND IS AN EXIT WOUND OF BULLET; STAB WOUND OF ROUND EDGED INSTRUMENT (SOME BAYONETS); ENTRY WOUND OF BULLET AT CLOSE RANGE. AT 1730 HRS, WHEN THE MILOBS WERE LEAVING THE SCENE, THE GENDARME COMD HAD REQ THE SISTER IN LAW TO REMAIN AT THE COMMUNE BUREAU UNTIL HE COULD SPEAK WITH HER. COMMENT: THE VICTIM WAS A FORMER RWANDAISE GOVT EMPLOYEE BEFORE THE WAR. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WELL WITHIN THE KNOWN CURFEW OF 2100 HRS.

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FAMILY WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY POST-MORTEM EXAM. THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN INCIDENT OF GENDARME KILLING PERSON WHILE ALLEGEDLY ESCAPING. THE REASON OF THE GENDARMES PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT REMAINS TO BE CONFIRMED.

4. GRENAD EXPLOSION NEAR ETHIOBAT POSN. ON 30 MAR ETHIOBAT HAD FOUND A NON-DETONATED GRENADE(S?) NEAR THE BTR-60 POSITION AT THE GAS STATION ON THE EDGE OF THE MARKET AREA. POSITION IS LOC NEAR THE RED CROSS WAREHOUSE AND WORKSHOP, THE RPA GARAGE, SOME PREFECTURE OFFICES, AND IN BETWEEN TWO ROUTES LEADING FROM THE LAKE AND AIRPORT AREA TOWARD THE MARKET. THAT NIGHT THERE WAS FIRING HEARD IN THE MARKET AREA NEAR 2200 HRS AND LATER WITHIN 100 METRES OF THE ETHIOBAT POSN AT APPROX 0100 HRS. AT THIS TIME A GRENADE EXPLODED WITHIN 50 METRES OF THE BTR 60. FRAGMENT MARKS WERE EASILY APPARENT ON THE ASPHALT OF THE GAS STATION GROUNDS. RPA LOC COMD OF THIS AREA, LT EMMANUEL, WAS QUESTIONED BY MILOBS AT 0745 HRS FOR ANY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION, BUT HE HIMSELF HAD PREVIOUSLY GONE TO ETHIOBAT POSITION AT THE AIRPORT TO ALSO INQUIRE AND HAD NO COMMENT. RPA WERE LATER SEEN SEARCHING THE AREA NEAR THE ETHIOBAT POSN AT THE STATION, AND ETHIOBAT ALSO CONDUCTED A SEARCH. SOME FORM OF SPOOR WAS FOLLOWED TO LAKE AREA NEARBY, WHERE SOME ANTI PERS MINES (BELIEVED TS-50) WERE FOUND, APPARENTLY ABANDONED. IT IS REASONABLE TO PRESUME THAT FRGF/GUERILLA WANNABEES WERE RESPONSIBLE. THE FOUND GRENADE MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS A BOOBY TRAP OF SOME SORT, OR LEFT BEHIND FROM A RECCE. PERHAPS MOVEMENT FORM ETHIOBAT POSN JUST WHEN THE GROUP WAS PASSING TO PLANT APERS MINES SOMEWHERE (THE MARKET?) STARTLED THE GROUP WHO SUBSEQUENTLY THREW THE GRENADE AND WITHDREW IN HASTE. IT IS CONFIRMED THERE WAS NO MEETING ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN RPA AND ETHIOBAT WITH THE GROUP. IF THEY WERE TO PLANT MINES IN THE MARKET AREA, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHY ROUNDS WOULD FIRST BE FIRED IN THE MARKET AREA EARLIER IN THE NIGHT. IT MAY HAVE BEEN BAD COORDINATION OF TIMING FOR AN ATTEMPTED FEINT, OR MINES WERE TO BE PLACED BEFOREHAND TO CAUSE RPA TO DEPLOY TO THE SCENE AND TRIP THE MINES, OR PERHAPS THE TWO INCIDENTS ARE INDEED

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SEPARATE AND WERE COMMITTED BY TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS, COINCIDENTALLY.

## RPA VERSUS FRGF

5. THERE ARE FACTS IN THE INCIDENTS ABOVE TO INDICATE THAT FORMER ARMY OF RWANDA AND INTERAHAMWE ARE INDEED RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTS OF DEATH AND BANDITRY. THERE ARE INDICATORS THAT SUGGEST RPA HAVE AT THE VERY LEAST A SHOOT FIRST - QUESTION LATER APPROACH IN SOME INCIDENTS. BOTH THESE STATEMENTS COMPLIMENT EARLIER ASSESSMENTS OF MILOB CONCURRENCE WITH RPA ACCUSATIONS OF FRGF RESPONSIBILITY, BUT ALSO OF MILOB CONCERN OF RPA LOCAL COMMAND AND CONTROL PROBLEMS AND NERVOUSNESS OF SOME DEPLOYED TROOPS. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INCIDENTS SUSPECTED OF INVOLVING RPA CAN GENERALLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABOVE.

6. FRGF. FORMER ARMY OF RWANDA PERS AND ITS ACTIVE SUPPORTERS ARE ACTIVE IN THE PREFECTURE. RECENT EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THEIR INTENT IS TO NOW COME AFTER THEIR FELLOW HUTU FOR NOT ADHERING TO THEIR DEMANDS TO LEAVE RWANDA AND COME TO ZAIRE. SOME INCIDENTS IN RECENT MONTHS ARE CONCEIVABLY COMMITTED BY FRGF TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT RPA ARE RESPONSIBLE. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE PROBABLE, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE RPA COMMIT ENOUGH INCIDENTS ON THEIR OWN FOR THE FRGF NOT NEEDING TO BOTHER WITH THE EFFORT. THE PROXIMITY OF THE FRGF IN ZAIRE AND BURUNDI, RPA DIFFICULTY OF OBSERVATION AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE TERRAIN, AND LACK OF OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT ARE ALL OBVIOUS FACTORS IN FRGF SUCCESS. THEIR ABILITY TO DEVOTE THEIR ENTIRE PROPAGANDA, MILITARY AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN AN OFFENSIVE MANNER BY UTILIZING THE DEFENDED BORDERS OF BURUNDI AND ZAIRE IS A GIFT...FURTHER INSTABILITY AND SUBSEQUENT INSECURITY CAUSED BY ILLEGAL ARRESTS, EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS, HARASSMENT AND ACTS OF MURDER COMMITTED BY RPA IS THE WRAPPING. OF GREATEST CONCERN NOW IS THE INTENDED TARGETS OF THE FRGF GROUPS. SELDOM HAVE THEY BEEN AIMED AT RPA, PREFERRING THE EASY DEFENSELESS

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TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. THEIR ABILITY TO SUCCEED IN MURDER, ROBBERY, MINE PLANTING INDICATES AN INCREASE IN THEIR TRAINING, OPERATIONS AND ARMS SUPPLY. THE INCIDENTS IN BURUNDI MUST BE ASSUMED TO BE RELATED IN SOME WAY TO OPERATIONAL INTENTIONS IN RWANDA, AND ITS CERTAIN THAT FRGF HAVE MORE INFO ON RPA STATUS THAN VICE-VERSA. A FURTHER DISADVANTAGE TO UNAMIR AND RPA SECURITY FORCES IN CYANGUGU IS THE FAMILY SUPPORT OF FRGF HUSBANDS AND SONS, THEIR FAMILIARITY WITH THE GROUND AND TARGETS, AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE LOCAL POPULACE.

7. RPA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN APPARENT NORMALCY IN THE CIVIC AFFAIRS OF THE PREFECTURE, IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE MILITARY IS THE CONTROLLING FACTOR. THE SECURITY SIT IS LESS STABLE THAN TWO MONTHS AGO AND ITS VULNERABILITY TO SMALL PARTY RAIDS OR OTHER ATTACKS IS NOW MORE OBVIOUS. INCIDENTS SUSPECTED OF BEING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RPA CAN BE PLACED UNDER A HEADING OF "COMMITTED AT LOW LEVEL", OR "DIRECTED FROM HIGHER LEVEL". REGARDLESS, THERE ARE GENERALLY THREE CATEGORIES UNDER EACH: FIRST ARE INCIDENTS WHERE RPA PUBLICLY ADMIT TO THEM AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; SECOND IS WHEN THEY PUBLICLY DENY WRONGDOING, BUT PRIVATELY TAKE ACTION. BOTH COULD BE SEEN AS SOMETHING POSITIVE EVEN COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN AFRICA; THIRD, AND MOST IMPORTANT, IS WHERE A CRIMINAL ACT HAS BEEN COMMITTED WHERE THERE IS DENIAL AND NO PRIVATE ACTION TAKEN. THESE APPEAR VERY INFREQUENT, AND SOME THAT BEGAN AS THIS CATEGORY LATER ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BECOME CATEGORY NUMBER TWO (EXAMPLE - CASE OF 13 HUTU BEING KILLED AT KARAMA, KAMEMBE COMMUNE 20 NOV 94). IT IS SUSPECTED THAT, UNLIKE FRGF INCIDENTS DIRECTED BY A HIGHER COMMAND, MOST RPA INCIDENTS ARE THE RESULT OF SOME LACK COMMAND AND CONTROL AT LOW AND MIDDLE-LEVEL, AND VAGUE RULES AND SOP'S ON CONDUCT IN VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, THE GROWING NUMBER OF CIVILIAN DEATHS OCCURRING WHILE IN CUSTODY OR WHILE ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO ESCAPE. ALTHOUGH NOT SERIOUSLY COMPARABLE, THERE IS ALSO SIGNIFICANCE TO THE RPA AND GENDARME INTIMIDATION AND MUSCLE FLEXING TOWARD UNAMIR AND NGO'S. COMMENT: IT'S SOMEWHAT ASTONISHING AND, AS A MINIMUM, QUESTIONABLE

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THAT THE RPA ALWAYS SHOOT A PERSON WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE AND IN EVERY CASE THUS FAR, THE PERS IS KILLED, NEVER WOUNDED. THEY NEVER SEEM TO RUN AFTER AND RECAPTURE, SHOOT TO WOUND, FIRE WARNING SHOTS, ETC. REGARDING THE MEN CAPTURED IN GISHOMA, WHEN RPA ENCOUNTERED FOUR MEN, AT LEAST ONE ARMED AND IN UNIFORM, THEY DANGEROUSLY CHOSE TO ENCIRCLE THEM AND CAPTURE WITH NO SHOTS FIRED! YET IN THE CASE OF AN UNARMED PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, POSSIBLY WITHOUT SHOES AND ONLY A FEW METRES AWAY ARE NOT JUST SHOT, BUT KILLED. EVERY TIME. IT MUST NOW BE CONSIDERED THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE, WHEN ARRESTED, FACE A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. IF SO, UNDER WHO'S DIRECTION. IF NOT DIRECTED, IS IT THE PATROL GROSSLY ABUSING ITS AUTHORITY, OR TAKING OUT ITS FRUSTRATION OF THE LOCAL POPULACE (EVEN THOUGH SOME ARE ACTUAL RELATIVES) BECAUSE THE LOCALS REFUSE TO ACCEPT AND TRUST THE SOLDIERS EVEN IN THEIR HOME COMMUNES (SOURCE - RPA OFFICER). ARE SOME ARRESTS ALLEGEDLY OCCURRING BY CHANCE ENCOUNTERS ON THE ROAD (EXAMPLE - MDM STAFF MEMBER) ACTUALLY PREMEDITATED AND THE PERS KILLED UNDER A GUISE OF ESCAPE ?

## CURRENT SITUATION

8. DURING THE WEEK LEADING UP TO 7 APRIL THERE HAVE BEEN MANY RUMOURS COMPOUNDING THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INSTABILITY AND THE FEELING OF INSECURITY AMONGST THE POPULATION. THE RECENT PRESENCE OF MINES AND THE RUMOURED THREAT THAT FRGF PLAN TO MINE OTHER MORE FREQUENTED AREAS HAS NOW SPREAD THE PERCEPTION OF INSECURITY TO NGO AND UN AGENCIES AS WELL. FOR THE LOCAL POPULACE, THE CURRENT SIT HAS LED TO THEM ASKING FOR UNAMIR PROTECTION IN THE FORM OF PROTECTIVE CAMPS, AND PEOPLE IN THE NORTH EAST OF THE SECTOR ARE ALREADY SLEEPING AT NIGHT IN THE VICINITY OF THE MILOBS, COMMUNE OFFICES AND SOME UNAMIR CONTINGENT SITES.

9. THERE HAVE BEEN NO KNOWN CRIMINAL INCIDENTS DIRECTED AT ANY PARTICULAR NGO OR UN PERS, OTHER THAN PERHAPS SOME RWANDAISE STAFF UNDER THEIR EMPLOY. EARLIER FRGF ACTIONS WHICH WERE INDIRECT IN



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NATURE AGAINST RPA AND OFFICIALS, ARE NOW BECOMING MORE CONFRONTATIONAL AND BOLD. A NETWORK OF SUPPORT SURELY EXISTS IN VARIOUS COMMUNES FOR FRGF AND INTERAHAMWE ACTIONS. RPA COOPERATION TO UN/NGO'S APPEARS GENERALLY COURTEOUS AT FIRST GLANCE BUT IS NOT TRANSPARENT AND OFTEN HAS SOME SORT OF SECONDARY AGENDA. EXTERNAL PROPAGANDA AND INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND LACK OF A SOUND SYSTEM OF LEGAL PROCESS ARE REAL, NOT PERCEIVED, FACTORS ASSISTING IN THE PROBABLE STRATEGY OF THE FORMER GOVT AND ITS MILITARY. RUMOURS ARE NOT FACTS, BUT ONE FACT IS THAT THE POPULATION TRULY BELIEVES THEM, AND IS THEREFORE INDICATIVE OF THE LEVEL OF INSECURITY AND LACK OF CONFIDENCE. COMPLIMENTED BY SLOW JUSTICE, PROBLEMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND ISSUES AND UNCERTAINTY OF THE RPA, THE ABUNDANT MAJORITY OF THE HUTU PEASANT POPULATION OF SECTOR 4C IS VULNERABLE AND EASILY INFLUENCED. IT IS ASSESSED THAT THEIR SUPPORT FOR FORMER GOVT POLITICAL AND MILITARY AIMS MAY ACTUALLY GROW OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

## SUMMARY

10. THE INCIDENTS OVER THE PAST WEEK ARE SEEN STILL AS LOW LEVEL SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY FOR PURPOSES OF HARASSMENT AND WITH AN AIM FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL GAINS. FRGF AND INTERAHAMWE ARE TRAINING AND OPERATING TOGETHER IN A MILITARY MANNER, COORDINATED CERTAINLY BY HIGHER POLITICAL AUTHORITIES. IT SEEMS INCIDENTS CONTINUE AS A RESULT OF MILITARY TACTICS TOWARD POLITICAL STRATEGY. LOOSE CONDUCT BY RPA SOLDIERS AND PERHAPS POOR DIRECTION BY COMMANDERS AT VARIOUS LEVELS HAVE RESULTED IN COMPLIMENTING THE PERCEIVED GOALS OF THE FORMER GOVT.

11. SECTOR 4C ITSELF APPEARS VULNERABLE TO RAIDS AND POSSIBLE LARGER RAIDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF 95/96. RPA DEPLOYMENTS AT CRITICAL GROUND AREAS GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF THEIR ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, HOWEVER THE SIZE OF THE RPA DEPLOYED ELEMENTS AND THE TIME AND DISTANCE PROBLEMS OF REINFORCEMENTS AND LOGISTICS SUGGEST AND SUPPORT OUR ASSESSMENT THAT NO LARGE SCALE INCURSION IS IMMINENTLY

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EXPECTED. THE POPULATION IN SECTOR 4C ARE ALSO VULNERABLE, BOTH TO ATTACK AND TO INFLUENCE. THE CURRENT SITUATION OF ONGOING ACTS OF BANDITRY, MURDER, ILLEGAL ARRESTS, DEATHS IN CUSTODY AND A NON FUNCTIONAL CIVIL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.

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SUBJ: 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

C 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.

C 4. ETHIOBAT IN TURN BLAME MUCH OF THE BANDITRY ONT EH RPA STATING THAT UWI PEOPLE DO NOT COME TO KILL RPA, BUT RATHER TO GET FOOD AND MONEY. LOC ETHIOBAT COMD 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. 13

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

6. THE FOL IS REPORTED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

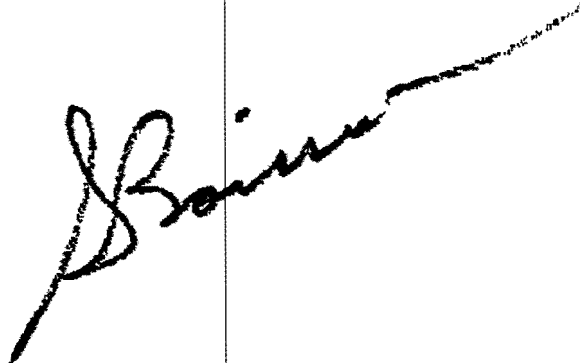
- A. ON 19 MAR AT NYAMASHEKE FOUR SEPARATE ROBBERIES OCCUR NEAR THE HOME OF THE RPA LOCAL COMMANDER. NO ONE KILLED OR SEVERELY INJURED.
- B. ON 20 MAR AT MUBUMBANO A ROBBERY OCCURS RESULTING IN MOTHER AND FATHER BEING SEVERELY WOUNDED CHOPPED WITH MACHETES.
- C. ON 21 MAR AT KAVUNE THREE SERIOUS ARMED 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  
EASE AND SUCCESS OF ATTACKS IN A KNOWN AREA OF CONCERN.



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SUBJ: SUPPLEMENTARY INFO TO SITREP 27  
ACTIVITIES ALONG ZAIRE BORDER

1. IT SEEMS MOVEMENT TOWARDS RWANDA FROM ZAIRE HAS SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASED IN RECENT DAYS, AND ILLEGAL MOVEMENT DURING THE NIGHT HAS INCREASED FROM RWANDA TO ZAIRE.

2. MUCH OF THE PROBLEM IS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ELEMENT OF FEAR IN THE LOCAL POPULATION ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER AND OF THE REFUGEES ON THE OTHER SIDE IN THE BUKAVU CAMPS. MUCH OF THE FEAR AT THE MOMENT IS MORE BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL OF ACTIVITIES THAT COULD TAKE PLACE ON AND AFTER 6 APRIL 95, RATHER THAN FEAR OF PERSECUTION BY RPA. IT IS KNOWN FOR CERTAIN THAT REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS HAVE A FEAR OF THEIR FUTURE IF RETURNING TO RWANDA, BUT THAT THE FEAR IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THOSE WHO RULE THE CAMPS. IT CANNOT YET BE CONFIRMED FROM WHERE AND WHEN THE ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE FROM RWANDA TO ZAIRE OCCURRED, BUT UNHCR BUKAVU HAVE CONFIRMED AN INCREASE IN THE CAMPS IN THE PAST WEEK. THE PREFET OF CYANGUGU HIMSELF ADMITTED KNOWLEDGE OF THIS SITUATION AND BLAMES IT ON THE SECURITY SIT. UNFORTUNATELY THE TWO BORDERS, THE TERRAIN, THE PROXIMITY OF THE CAMPS, THE EASY PASSAGE FROM UWU ISLAND, AND THE LACK OF RPA TROOPS AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT ARE ALL FACTORS THAT WILL ENSURE THE SECURITY SIT DOES NOT IMPROVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS AND THERE

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IS GROWING CONCERN FOR THE LEVEL OF MALNUTRITION THAT WAS EVIDENT FROM LAST SPRING IN '94. IT IS APPARENT THAT ALTHOUGH UNHCR HAVE CUT BACK SOME OF THE FOOD, THERE IS ENOUGH DELIVERED. THIS DELIVERY TO EACH REFUGEE, HOWEVER, MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY FRGF TROOPS WHO TAKE SOME OF THE FOOD. THE SIT IS GETTING WORSE AND AS WAS EVIDENT LAST WEEK IN BUNYAKIRI, ZAIRE, FEARFUL AND HUNGRY PEOPLE WILL REACT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IT IS KNOWN THAT ZAIREAN TROOPS RECENTLY SEARCHED A VEHICLE THAT WAS CARRYING FOOD AND FOUND ARMAMENTS UNDERNEATH THE FOOD DESTINED FOR A CAMP. IT WAS A LOCAL TYPE TRUCK AND NOT AN NGO VEH. QUANTITY AND TYPE OF ARMAMENT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

4. UNREST BETWEEN HUTU AND TUTSI IN NORTHWEST BURUNDI ALSO AFFECTS THE SIT HERE IN SECTOR 4C. NGO OF MDM WERE AT THE BURUNDI BORDER DURING ONE SMALL SKIRMISH LAST FRIDAY WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN PERS IN BURUNDI ONLY, RPA WERE NOT APPARENTLY INVOLVED. HOWEVER, THE MOVEMENT OF LOCALS IN BURUNDI TO ZAIRE FEEDS THE NOTION FOR LOCALS IN RWANDA TO SEEK AT LEAST TEMPORARY SAFETY (PERCEIVED) SOMEWHERE ELSE. THERE MAY ALSO BE A GROWING OPPORTUNITY FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF CRIMINAL AND ALSO FRGF ACTIVITY TO OPERATE IN THE AREA. IT WAS REPORTED EARLIER THAT FRGF FUNDING AND TROOPS ARE ASSISTING IN THE UNREST, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO INFO SINCE THEN TO DISCOURAGE THE EARLIER REPORT. IT MUST BE CONSIDERED THAT THE APRIL 6 ANNIVERSARY DATE MAY BE UTILIZED BY EXTREMISTS NOT SO MUCH HERE IN RWANDA, BUT IN BURUNDI INSTEAD.

5. THE BORDER BETWEEN ZAIRE IS MORE SENSITIVE NOW THAN DURING INITIAL UNAMIR DEPLOYMENT. RPA AND ZAIRE EXCHANGE OF FIRE SHOWS MORE A SIGN OF INCREASE THAN DECREASE. RPA ADMIT A SORT OF IMPATIENCE FOR THE SITUATION AND AN OBVIOUS FRUSTRATION OVER THE FRGF'S NATURAL AND SOMEWHAT SYMBIOTIC DEFENCE WITH ZAIRE BORDER TROOPS. ALSO, ZAIRE MILITARY MOV'T IN THE CAMPS IS REMAINS EXTREMELY LIMITED TO NON EXISTENT, EVEN AFTER UNHCR ARRANGED PAYMENT FOR ZAIRE TROOPS TO ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION OF CONTROL IN THE CAMPS.

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6. ALTHOUGH RUMOURS CLOUD SOME OF THE FACTS, ALL RUMOURS PRESENT IN SECTOR 4C ARE BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY, MOSTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBILITY, AND PERHAPS, PROBABILITY. THE POPULATION REMAINS INSECURE AND THE GEN SIT IS UNSTABLE. IT WOULD TAKE VERY LITTLE TO CREATE A BIG IMPACT.