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UNAMIR - MINUAR

TO: UNAMIR HQ  
OFFICE OF SRSG  
FROM: SECTOR 3A


FILE No: 3A/OPS/95

DATE: 10 April 1995

Subject: MONTHLY SRSG REPORT

1. Please find enclosed the SRSG's report for Sector 4B for the month of March 95.
2. Best regards.

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R. Macintosh  
Captain  
For Sector Commander  
Sector 3A

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MONTHLY SRSG'S RETURN ON ACTIVITIES IN SECTOR 3A

10 April 1995

REFERENCES :

- A. Plans 50/94 dated 25 Nov 94.
- B. Weekly SRSG'S Return on the Activities in Sector 4B Dated 07 Mar 95.

GENERALISSUES RELATED TO RETURNEES AND ORIGINAL INHABITANTS

The major factor that has effected this past month has been the overall fear of the people of this prefecture regarding the anniversary of the genocide. There were countless rumours circulating that varied from huge RPA "hit lists" to an invasion from Zaire. As a result the local population was quite restless and nervous, many choosing to sleep outside their homes in the evenings. To compound this tension, the RPA and local officials increased their number of arrests at an alarming rate throughout the prefecture. All of these issues have made the overall situation the most anxious it has been since the departure of the French in August.

1. Percentage of Original Inhabitants Returning. There was no noticeable movement of original inhabitants during this period.
2. Number of New Settlers. Due to the perception of problems there was very little movement of refugees and IDPs.
3. Whether Property is Being Invaded. Some houses whose owners have not returned so far have been allotted to the returnees. However, these families have an understanding with the civil administration to vacate such houses on arrival of the rightful owners.
4. Agricultural Activities. The agricultural activity will take a further upswing if adequate percentage of seeds are made available to the farmers as against previous issue which catered only 40 percent of total requirement. However, there appears to be some problems in the southern communes of Gisovu, Gishyita and Rwamatamu. The rise in the number of arrests was so dramatic that many of the locals would not work their fields and chose to stay away.

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5. Children Attending School. 80 percent of the primary schools are functioning with over 50 percent attendance of children and staff. This situation will further improve consequent to the arrival of returnees.

6. Means of Transportation. No change from the previous report.

7. Crossing Points. There are no crossing points in this sector.

#### GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

8. Treatment of Returnees by RPA. Returnees continue to be treated with suspicion by the RPA.

9. Influential People in the Sector. No change from the previous report.

10. Flow of Rumors from Camps in Zaire. No change from the previous report.

11. Meeting with Local Authorities. During the period under review the relationship with the Prefect became further strained. The MILOBS and NGOs in this prefecture speak with one voice regarding this aspect: the Prefect is uncooperative and difficult.

12. Resources Available to Local Authorities. No change.

13. General Situation. See above.

14. Market Activity. Though market activity has improved but the purchasing capability of the locals still remains suspect. Kibuye is in need of roads to boost the economic activity.

15. Public Services Provided by the Government. No change from previous reports.

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16. Sanitation / Medical Services. No change from the previous report.

17. Orphanages. There has been some positive change in this area. The orphanage in Rutsiro, which we have been describing as desperate throughout the past four months was closed and the children moved to Kibuye and Ngoma.

18. Prisons. The prison situation in this prefecture is as poor as the rest of country. The Kibuye prison now has 700 inmates. The population capacity is 250 but only 1/5th of the prison is being used due to lack of steel doors and barred windows. Therefore there are 700 people in the space built for 50. UNAMIR engineers have been in to recce the site and see what can be done. Hopefully this will be completed in the month of April.

These problems are compounded by the fact that Gitarama wants to send up to 1000 prisoners to help alleviate the meager situation they have there.

19. Cooperation between MILOBS and Custom Authorities. There are no customs authorities in the Prefecture as there are no border crossings.

#### NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES

20. Cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs. The cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs has improved.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

21. Information is acquired from all available sources including officials and ordinary citizens. The latter seem quite eager to give information but due to the non existence of locally hired interpreters the information which could be gathered remains fairly poor. Of late however, locals have been noticed very apprehensive

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in coming up to talk to MILOBs. It has been reliably learnt that who so ever speaks with MILOBs is beaten up by the RPA. This is a disturbing development and an indicative of toughening stand of the RPA.

#### CONCLUSION

22. In general the situation seems to be calm during the period under preview. However, there has been an increase of arrests and the returnees are faced with the most important problems like accommodation and ownership of land. This may cause instability especially in RWAMATAMU and GISHYITA communes if the authorities concerned will not be able to find a proper solution to solve these problems.



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UNAMIR - MINUAR

TO: UNAMIR HQ  
OFFICE OF SRSG  
FROM: SECTOR 4B

FILE No: 4B/OPS/95

DATE: 14 MARCH 95

Subject: WEEKLY SRSG REPORT

1. Please find enclosed the SRSG's report for Sector 4B for the week 08 Mar - 14 March 95.
2. Best regards.

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UN RESTRICTEDWEEKLY SRSG'S RETURN ON ACTIVITIES IN SECTOR 4 B

14 March 95

REFERENCES :

- A. Plans 50/94 dated 25 Nov 94.
- B. Weekly SRSG'S Return on the Activities in Sector 4B Dated 07 Mar 95.

GENERALISSUES RELATED TO RETURNEES AND ORIGINAL INHABITANTS

1. Percentage of Original Inhabitants Returning. On 08 Mar 95 370 IDPs from GISENYI of old case load (1959/1962) arrived at KIBUYE assisted by UNHCR. The following day those 370 IDPs were delivered to their respective communes. On 10 Mar 95 a total of 112 Returnees arrived at Nyamishaba 2571 by two boats from Ijwe Island. The UNHCR has carried out the necessary registration and these people will be delivered to their communes in due course. MILOBS will assist in follow-up tracking of those families. There are likely to be some conflicts of land-ownership between the returnees of 59/62 and the local settlers as well as conflicts facing accommodation problems especially in RWAMATAMU commune (2928 destroyed houses). However, the majority of the returnees are apparently satisfied with what they have been offered by the government.
2. Number of New Settlers. Present figures are being verified.
3. Whether Property is Being Invaded. Some houses whose owners have not returned so far have been allotted to the returnees. However, these families have an understanding with the civil administration to vacate such houses on arrival of the rightful owners.
4. Agricultural Activities. The agricultural activity will take a further upswing if adequate percentage of seeds are made available to the farmers as against previous issue which catered only 40 percent of total requirement.
5. Children Attending School. 80 percent of the primary schools are functioning with over 50 percent attendance of children and staff. This situation will further improve consequent to the arrival of returnees.



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6. Means of Transportation. No change from the previous report.
7. Crossing Points. There are no crossing points in this sector.

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

8. Treatment of Returnees by RPA. Returnees continue to be treated with suspicion by the RPA.
9. Influential People in the Sector. No change from the previous report.
10. Flow of Rumors from Camps in Zaire. No change from the previous report.
11. Meeting with Local Authorities. During the period under review MILOBs contacted the Prefect of KIBUYE and the Bougemestre of GITESI.
12. Resources Available to Local Authorities. No change.
13. General Situation. The situation can generally be said to be calm though there is no let up in the arrests being carried out by the RPA. On 09 Mar 95 the 12 women and the two children who sought protection at Sen Batt location were handed over to the local authorities. The issue caused certain amount of heart burning among the civil administration which was later settled amicably between the Cdr of Sen Batt and the Prefect. On 14 Mar 95 MILOB Humanitarian Officer was detained by the RPA for two hours on charges of intrusion at Nyamishaba 2571 IDP camp when he visited the returnees. The matter was later resolved consequent to the arrival of one RPA Officer on the scene.
14. Market Activity. Though market activity has improved but the purchasing capability of the locals still remains suspect. Kibuye is in need of roads to boost the economic activity.
15. Public Services Provided by the Government. No change from previous reports.

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16. Sanitation / Medical Services. No change from the previous report except that the cases of rabies are still being reported. RPA has been tasked to shoot unattended dogs.

17. Orphanages. A total of 24 children from the orphanage at KIBUYE have reportedly rejoined their parents or relatives. The total number of orphans at KIBUYE orphanage is now 154. No change in the situation at the three other orphanages.

18. Prisons. No change from the previous report.

19. Cooperation between MILOBS and Custom Authorities. There are no customs authorities in the Prefecture as there are no border crossings.

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES

20. Cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs. The cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs has improved.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

21. Information is acquired from all available sources including officials and ordinary citizens. The latter seem quite eager to give information but due to the non existence of locally hired interpreters the information which could be gathered remains fairly poor. Of late however, locals have been noticed very apprehensive in coming up to talk to MILOBS. It has been reliably learnt that who so ever speaks with MILOBS is beaten up by the RPA. This is a disturbing development and an indicative of toughening stand of the RPA.

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CONCLUSION

22. In general the situation seems to be calm during the period under preview. However, there has been an increase of arrests and the returnees are faced with the most important problems like accommodation and ownership of land. This may cause instability especially in RWAMATAMU and GISHYITA communes if the authorities concerned will not be able to find a proper solution to solve these problems.

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UNAMIR - MINUAR


TO: UNAMIR HQ  
OFFICE OF SRSG  
FROM: SECTOR 4B

FILE No: 4B/OPS/95

DATE: 07 MARCH 95

Subject: WEEKLY SRSG REPORT

1. Please find enclosed the SRSG's report for Sector 4B for the week 28 Feb-07 March 95.
2. Best regards.

  
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WEEKLY SRSG'S RETURN ON ACTIVITIES IN SECTOR 4 B

07 March 95

REFERENCES :

- A. Plans 50/94 dated 25 Nov 94.
- B. Weekly SRSG'S Return on the Activities in Sector 4B Dated 28 Feb 95.

GENERAL

ISSUES RELATED TO RETURNEES AND ORIGINAL INHABITANTS

- 1. Percentage of Original Inhabitants Returning. No change from the previous report. On 28 Feb 95 64 IDPs from CYANGUGU arrived at KIBUYE. The following day these 64 IDPs have been delivered to all communes except RUTSIRO. On 01 March 95 202 old-caseload (refugees from 59/62) returned from GISENYI and were delivered to RWAMATAMU GITESI and GISHYITA commune. SenBatt assisted in transporting of these returnees to their home communes. MILOBs will assist in follow-up tracking of these families. There are likely to be some conflicts of land-ownership between the returnees of 59/62 and the local settlers as well as conflicts facing accommodation problems especially in RWAMATAMU commune (2928 destroyed houses).
- 2. Number of New Settlers. No change from the previous report.
- 3. Whether Property is Being Invaded. No change from previous report.
- 4. Agricultural Activities. No change from the previous report.
- 5. Children Attending School. No change from the previous report.
- 6. Means of Transportation. No change from the previous report.
- 7. Crossing Points. There are no crossing points in this sector.

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- 8. Treatment of Returnees by RPA. No change from previous reports.
- 9. Influential People in the Sector. No change from the previous report.

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10. Flow of Rumors from Camps in Zaire. No change from the previous report.

11. Meeting with Local Authorities. During the period under review MILOBs contacted the Sous Prefect of BIRAMBO and the Bougemestre of GITESI. When DCMO visited KIBUYE a meeting with the Commander of the new Bn of the RPA and the Security Officer of the Prefecture KIBUYE was arranged.

12. Resources Available to Local Authorities. No change.

13. General Situation. The situation can generally be said to be calm. However there have been some unconfirmed reports concerning incidents in RWAMATAMU commune saying that two people trying to steal livestock were killed and people accused of having participated in the genocide have been arrested by RPA. These incidents are still under investigation but because of lack of interpreters the information gained contains very few facts.

14. Market Activity. There is no change from the previous report.

15. Public Services Provided by the Government. No change from previous reports.

16. Sanitation / Medical Services. No change from the previous report except the beginning of a rabies outbreak. Unconfirmed reports indicate that some people have died of rabies. People who asked for help have been vaccinated. The Ministry of Health and the local authorities have been informed.

17. Orphanages. A total of 28 children from the orphanage at KIBUYE have reportedly rejoined their parents or relatives. The total number of orphans at KIBUYE orphanage is now 178. No change in the situation at the three other orphanages.

18. Prisons. A "transit" prison containing 25 detainees exists in RUTSIRO.

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The population of the KIBUYE prison has increased to 316, that of MABANZA to approximately 140 and the "transit" prison of GISHYITA to 40. No more reported changes. Representatives of Human Rights, ICRC and the Ministries of Justice and Defence visited the prison at KIBUYE to see the living condition of prisoners. It was proposed by the judiciary representative to establish an open prison on the land owned by him at NYAMASHABA (Grid 2571) to reduce the load on the existing prison at KIBUYE.

19. Cooperation between MILOBS and Custom Authorities. There are no customs authorities in the Prefecture as there are no border crossings.

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES

20. Cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs. The cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs has improved.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

21. Information is acquired from all available sources including officials and ordinary citizens. The latter seem quite eager to give information but due to the non existence of locally hired interpreters the information which could be gathered remains fairly poor.

CONCLUSION

22. In general the situation seems to be calm during the period under preview. However there has been an increase of arrests and the returnees are faced with the most important problems like accommodation and ownership of land. This may cause instability especially in RWAMATAMU and GISHYITA communes if the authorities concerned will not be able to find a proper solution to solve these problems.

  
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4B MILOB Sector Commander



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UNAMIR - MINUAR

TO: ~~UNAMIR HQ~~  
~~OFFICE OF SRSG~~  
FROM: SECTOR 4B

FILE No: 4B/OPS/95

DATE: 28 FEB 95

Subject: WEEKLY SRSG REPORT

1. Please find enclosed the SRSG's report for Sector 4B for the week 22-28 Feb 95.
2. Best regards.

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for Sect Comd



UN RESTRICTEDWEEKLY SRSG'S RETURN ON ACTIVITIES IN SECTOR 4 B

28 Feb 95

REFERENCES :

A. Plans 50/94 dated 25 Nov 94.

B. Weekly SRSG'S Return on the Activities in Sector 4B Dated 22 Feb 95.

GENERALISSUES RELATED TO RETURNEES AND ORIGINAL INHABITANTS

1. Percentage of Original Inhabitants Returning. No change from the previous report. The return of 88 IDPs from Cyangugu and 536 IDPs from Gysenyi is scheduled to begin today. MILOBS have assisted UNHCR rep in obtaining transport for these IDPs from SenBatt and will participate in their delivery to the home communes. MILOBS have also agreed to provide assistance in follow-up tracking of these families. A partial list of returnees for Rwamatamu commune is at Annex A.
2. Number of New Settlers. No change from the previous report.
3. Whether Property is Being Invaded. No change from previous report.
4. Agricultural Activities. No change from the previous report.
5. Children Attending School. No change from the previous report.
6. Means of Transportation. No change from the previous report.
7. Crossing Points. There are no crossing points in this sector.

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

8. Treatment of Returnees by RPA. No change from previous reports.
9. Influential People in the Sector. No change from the previous report.
10. Flow of Rumors from Camps in Zaire. The only constant rumour is that of the impending attack from the FRGF that will originate in Zaire.

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11. Meeting with Local Authorities. All patrols attempt to contact local authorities such as Sous-Prefects, Chefs des Communes, Bourgemeistres, etc. but with varying degrees of success. The Prefect is readily available and contact is frequent. During the reporting period, the Prefect conducted the monthly meeting of NGOs/agencies. The Sector Humanitarian Officer attended as did the national UNHCR rep for the return of IDPs and refugees.

12. Resources Available to Local Authorities. No change.

13. General Situation. The situation can generally be said to be calm and satisfactory. There has been one incident recently, however, which may possess unsettling elements. It involves a multiple murder on the night of 24 Feb which may or may not have been committed with the complicity of either the local Bourgemeistre or the local RPA commander or both. The incident is still under investigation and it is too early to assess the impact on the local population. Also, it is reported that the RPA "took" the two working vehicles from the MEMISA-sponsored hospital in Murunda on 25 Feb.

14. Market Activity. There is no change from the previous report.

15. Public Services Provided by the Government. No change from previous reports.

16. Sanitation / Medical Services. No change from the previous report except that the measles outbreak in Kilindi appears to be under control and the number of cases is declining.

17. Orphanages. No change from previous reports.

18. Prisons. No change from the previous report.

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19. Cooperation between MILOBS and Custom Authorities. There are no customs authorities in the Prefecture as there are no border crossings.

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES

20. Cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs. The cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs is improving. Of particular note is the establishment of a "protection group" comprising UNHCR, ICRC, HCDH and MILOBS. Its purpose is to identify legitimate problems concerning the protection of locals and to resolve them where appropriate and possible. The group meets every Thursday, the inaugural meeting having taken place on 23 Feb.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

21. The increasing degree of interaction and cooperation between MILOBS and NGOs/agencies includes an increased quantity of information. Of concern, however, is the information received yesterday that we will not be able to locally hire interpreters as the result of a UN New York imposed ceiling: our efforts to date have been markedly hampered by this lack and it now appears that the situation will not improve.

CONCLUSION

22. The majority of the items in this report are unlikely to change over a weekly period. However when there are changes they will be included.

*Abhay Mishra*  
Maj  
for Bashar  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
4B MILOB Sector Commander

ANNEX A TO  
SRSG WEEKLY RETURN  
DATED 28 FEB 95

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RETURNEES</u> ( SINCE AUG 94 )
1.	GIHOMBO	67
2.	CYIYA	25
3.	MUGOZI	68
4.	RUVUMBU	48
5.	BUTIMBO	101
6.	KIHINDI	58
7.	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>367</u>