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TO: THE FORCE COMMANDER
FHQ

REF: MILOBS/6420.1

FROM: MILOBS GP HQ

DATE: 16 October 1994

INFO: DCOS (OPS), FHQ ✓

SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF UN VEHICLE UNAMIR 1016

1. Reference voice communication between DCMO and Duty Officer FHQ on 16 Oct 94 at 0015 hrs. It is formally reported that UN vehicle No. UNAMIR 1016 assigned to MILOB Gp HQ was forcibly taken at gun point from Maj SM Kaiser Rizvi (UNID 505) at 2345 hrs on 15 Oct 94 around the vicinity of Kigali Night Club. A copy of the officer's statement on the incident is attached.
2. This incident pre-supposes that apart from the several vehicles that got into the hands of the RPA soldiers during the war, these soldiers would still like to get more UN vehicles. With the prevailing peaceful atmosphere, these soldiers are likely to continue hijacking UN vehicles.
3. From the statement given by Maj Rizvi, RPA soldiers might even go to the extent of even killing UN personnel in order to achieve their aim. If this situation is not checked by the Government of Rwanda, the lives of all UN personnel would be in danger.
4. It is therefore requested that a strongly worded protest note is sent to the Government of Rwanda and RPA High Command on the above mentioned incidence. Furthermore, the Government should retrieve the vehicle and hand it over to the UN. The UN should also be assured the such incident would not recur.

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1. Pls draft an incident report for UNHQ by 1100 hrs based on attached.
2. Furthermore, determine the fol:
 - a. Was Maj Rizvi drinking alcohol?
 - b. Was he in uniform or civilian dress?
 - c. Why was he travelling alone?
 - d. Did he have his UNID with him? visible?
3. Refer to PM for further investigation.

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TO : Chief Pers, Officer
(MILOB GP HQ)
FORM : Maj Kaiser Rizvi (UNID 505)
DATE : 16 October 1994

SUBJECT : STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENT OF UNAMIR VEHICLE (UNAMIR 1016) HIJACKING BY RPF ON 15 OCT 94

1. I, UNID 505 Major S M Kaiser Rizvi, MILOB GP HQ, state that on 15 Oct 94 at 2200 hrs I went to Kigali Night Club while I parked my vehicle (TOYOTA 4 Runner) number UNAMIR 1016 near the out gate of Kigali Night. At around 2345 hrs I came back and started driving for my home. After 50 yards from the out gate of Kigali Night I was stopped by two RPF soldiers. They came to me and asking for spanner and the tools. They showed a vehicle on the side of the road and trying to tell me that the vehicle has got problem and want tools for that. In fact there were many vehicle on both side of the road parked near Kigali Night Club. I replied them that there is no tools in my vehicle. But they were insisting me to give the tools.
2. Mean while 3 other persons, one putting on uniform and two in civil dress forcibly opened the rear doors and got into the vehicle. The RPF soldier at back seat cocked his weapon. The soldier asked me to drive the vehicle. I then put-off the engine of the vehicle and refused to drive the vehicle. The RPF soldier then held weapon against my head. I requested not make any misconduct and leave me. The RPF soldier holding the weapon instructed the first RPF soldiers to get in to the front seats. One soldier got in from the left door while the other from the right door.
3. Since I was continuously requesting so the RPF soldier caught hold of my neck with his arm and asked to drive. With his pressure, my breath was about to stop. So for my survival, I was pushing him with all my strength. Due to this pushing the gear of

the vehicle got neutral and the vehicle started moving since it was on the slope. The RPF soldier who was on my right seat opened the door and jumped out assuming that the vehicle is going to land in the ditch. The RPF soldier who holding my neck also got scared for the move of the vehicle and trying to control the steering wheel. I then pushed him and jumped out from the right door and fell on the road.


4. After a minute or so when I got up I found Capt Danquah and Capt Addo of Ghana. I told them that my vehicle has been hijacked and requested them to follow that vehicle. We got into Capt Danquah's vehicle and Capt Danquah trying to start his vehicle. But unfortunately he found that the key slot has been damaged partially and he could not start his vehicle with his original key of the vehicle. We got down from the vehicle and found right side of front door was also damaged and rear seat glass was also broken. By then my vehicle was out of our visibility. Without spoiling any time I came back with the help of NGO and reported this matter to Col Moeen Uddin Ahmed, DCMO at 0030 on the same night. Then and there the matter was also communicated to Duty Officers of FHQ and MILOB GP HQ. The DCMO also instructed both the duty officers to immediately contact the RPF liaison officer on this issue of hijacking of vehicle.

5. Finding the delay in contacting the RPF liaison officer DCMO sent me with two other UNMOs to RPF liaison officer's house at 0045 hrs. We called Lt George, the RPF liaison officer and described the incident to him. Lt George immediately took us to Gendarmerie Camp office. He explained the incident to officer in charge of that Camp who is a Capt. The officer in charge of the Camp contacted the check points at 0100 hrs on the same night and his Gendarmerie Camp on the issue of vehicle hijacking. He assured us that he would do his best to retrieve the vehicle. He asked me to give a statement on this incident in the morning and report it to Gendarmerie Brigade at Remera.

6. On 16 October at 0800 hrs Lt George took me to Remera Gendarmerie Brigade. He explained the incident to the concern. I submitted my ^{take} statement to them. Lt George assured me that he is going to ~~a~~ all other necessary actions for finding out the vehicle through Gendarmerie Chief and concerned RPF authority.

7. In my vehicle there was a handy radio set.

DATED, KIGALI 16 Oct 1994


S M KAISER RIZVI
UNID MO 505
MILOB GP HQ