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FROM : SECTOR 1B HQ  
TO : MILOBS GP HQ  
FORCE HQ KIGALI  
INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)  
CO INDBATT  
SECTOR 3B (BUTARE)

DATE : 11 SEP 95

SITREP COVERING  
PERIOD 101800B SEP TO 111800B SEP 95

1. SITUATION

a. GENERAL CALM THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS RECENT SITREPS. THE GOOD COOPERATION WE ARE GETTING FROM THE RPA ALLOWS THIS ASSESSMENT WHICH STILL HAS A CAVEAT TO THE EFFECT THAT MURDERS STILL HAPPEN, THAT CACHOTS ARE OFTEN THE SITE OF SERIOUS HR VIOLATIONS AND THE RAINY SEASON IS CONSIDERABLY WORSENING THE GITARAMA PRISON SITUATION.

b. BORDERS. NTR.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. POLITICAL. NTR.

b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA

(a) THE APPOINTMENT OF COL NDENGEYINKA BALTHAZAR AS CDR 305 RPA BRIGADE HAS BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSED WITH LT-COL KAYONGA DURING AN HELIPATROL TODAY AND HIS REPLACEMENT'S RANK IS CONFIRMED AS COLONEL, AS OPPOSED TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL LIKE SOME SOURCES HAD REPORTED.

(b) THE RPA BDE CDR WAS VERY HAPPY WITH THE HELIPATROL TODAY AND THE PILOT SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR HIS FLEXIBILITY, PATIENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM. VISITING COMMUNE CACHOTS WITH THE RPA BDE CDR GIVES MILOBS A LEVERAGE THAT WILL BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY THAT THE "BUSY" NORTHERN COMMUNES WERE VISITED.

(c) THIS HQ RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE RPA TO TOW AWAY AN EIGHT TON TRUCK WHICH HAD BROKEN DOWN IN MURAMA COMMUNE (6749). A RECOVERY REQUEST HAS

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BEEN SENT. AGAIN, THIS KIND OF "OPPORTUNITY" IS IMPORTANT TO MILOBS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON VARIOUS FRONTS.

(2) [REDACTED] A DISCUSSION WITH THE NYAKABANDA (6597) ASSISTANT-BOURGMESTRE, IN PRESENCE OF THE RPA BDE CDR, REVEALED THAT THERE IS A RELIGIOUS SPLIT. THERE HAS BEEN [REDACTED] IN THIS COMMUNE. FOR A LACK OF A BETTER [REDACTED] SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE [REDACTED] AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE THREATENED BY [REDACTED] THEY HAVE BEEN FIERCELY DENOUNCED BY OTHER RELIGIOUS FAITHS WHICH FEEL THREATENED ON THEIR TURF. THEY ARE NOT ARMED BUT WOULD CONSTITUTE A VERY DESTABILIZING ELEMENT IN THE COMMUNE. APPARENTLY, THE TREND HAS NOT CROSSED THE RIDGE TO THE EAST YET SINCE NYABIKENKE COMMUNE (7292) HAS NOT REPORTED ANY OF THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

### 3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

a. SECTOR HQ

(1) THE SECT CDR WENT ON A HELIPATROL. HE ALSO MET THE KABGAYI BISHOP (CMO AND DCMO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION) WHO IS DOING RELATIVELY WELL. HE EXPRESSED HOWEVER, HIS CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION, IN PARTICULAR IN HIS HOME REGION OF MASANGO COMMUNE (6254) WHERE HE REPORTED TWO MURDERS, ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY RPA SOLDIERS. A MILOB TEAM WILL BE SENT TO INVESTIGATE TOMORROW MORNING (SGT BAIN FROM THE G2 SECTION OF UNAMIR HQ WILL JOIN THE TEAM).

(2) THE SECT CDR VISITED THE GITARAMA PRISON TODAY DURING HEAVY RAIN AND THE SITUATION WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AS IMPROVING IS NOW OBVIOUSLY WORSENING WITH THE WEATHER FACTOR. THE PRISONERS ARE USING UNHCR SHEETINGS (IN SHORT SUPPLY) TO DEFLECT THE RAIN IN THE CENTRAL COURT. THE WATER OBVIOUSLY GOES DOWN TO THE LOWER LEVELS WHICH BECOME A HORRIBLE POND WHERE FEET MACERATE, DECAY AND EVENTUALLY NECROSE IN A "TRENCH FOOT" WAY. THERE ARE STILL 3000 PAIRS OF SANDALS (MADE FROM OLD TIRES IN GITARAMA) TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE PRISON BUT EVEN THAT WILL NOT HELP VERY MUCH.

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(3) THE LAST DEATH IN THE PRISON DATES BACK TO 5 SEPT 95, WHICH IS QUITE OUTSTANDING. BEFORE THAT, IT WAS ON 3 SEPT AND 30 AUG 95. THESE TWO WERE DUE TO "PALUDISM" AND THE MOST RECENT ONE WAS LISTED AS "UNKNOWN CAUSE". THE PRISON DOCTOR SAID THAT 25 PEOPLE DIED IN THE PRISON IN JULY (AS OPPOSED TO 32 THAT WE HAD REPORTED) AND THAT "ONLY" 15 DIED IN AUGUST.

(4) ~~THE PLANNED VISIT TO THE GITARAMA PRISON~~  
~~FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY~~  
~~POSTPONED DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SECTOR~~  
~~COMMANDER IS ON A VISIT TO THE RPA~~  
~~AUTHORITIES WHICH CONTROL THE PRISON.~~ THE DIFFICULTY  
RESIDES IN THE FACT THAT WEDNESDAY IS ACTUALLY FAMILY  
"VISIT DAY" AND THIS SECTOR HAS NORMALLY ATTEMPTED NOT  
TO VISIT THE PRISON ON THIS DAY. HOWEVER, FROM A  
DOCUMENTARY PERSPECTIVE, THIS COULD PROVE VERY  
INTERESTING.

(5) THIS HQ COORDINATED THE RECOVERY AND SECURITY OF  
THE MALAWI VEHICLE NEAR GITARAMA WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN  
A ROAD ACCIDENT.

b. TEAMS

(1) AS REPORTED AT PARA 2.b.(2), THE FIRST MILOB TEAM  
WENT ON A HELIPATROL TO NYAKABANDA (6597) COMMUNE.  
THEY CONTINUED TO NYABIKENKE (7292) COMMUNE WHERE THE  
INFAMOUS CACHOT WHERE TWO PRISONERS WERE TORTURED TO  
DEATH WAS VISITED. WITNESSES AND PRISONERS WHO WERE  
BEATEN THE SAME NIGHT WERE INTERVIEWED. IT APPEARS  
THAT THIS TORTURING WAS NOT DONE AT RANDOM SINCE THERE  
WAS ACTUALLY A "ROLL CALL" BEFORE THE BEATING STARTED.  
THE RPA BDE CDR EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A  
ROTATION OF TROOPS AND HE GAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO  
HIS SOLDIERS TO PROTECT THE PRISONERS. HE EVEN ASKED  
QUESTIONS TO PRISONERS AND QUERIED THE IPJ ON A FEW  
CASES WHICH HE THOUGHT SHOULD BE FREED (CASES OF  
WITNESSES BEING IMPRISONED). THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS  
ANNOUNCED BY THE IPJ DID NOT MATCH THE HEAD COUNT BUT  
THE TEAM DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ELUCIDATE THE  
QUESTION. MORE TO FOLLOW ON THIS.

(2) THE SECOND TEAM WENT TO NTONGWE COMMUNE (8957) AND  
REPORTED THE GENERAL SITUATION AS CALM. THE TEAM WAS  
INFORMED THAT 32 RETURNEES FROM ZAIRE ARRIVED ON 6 SEP  
95, BRINGING THE COMMUNE'S TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES TO  
139. TWO WERE ARRESTED IN THIS LATTER WAVE.

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(3) THE TEAM WAS ALSO TASKED TO HANDOVER A CHEQUE TO THE BOURGMESTRE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE RENT OF A SCHOOL USED BY HALLI FOR ACCOMMODATION. THE BOURGMESTRE REFUSED THE CHEQUE BECAUSE HIS NAME WAS MISPELLED ON IT. HOWEVER, HE AGREED THAT THE RUBBALT THAT HE WAS KEEPING AS A SECURITY BE DISMANTLED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS TASK WILL LAST A COUPLE OF DAYS. THE CHEQUE, ONCE CORRECTED, WILL BE BROUGHT TO HIM.

(4) THE THIRD TEAM VISITED RUHANGO SUBPREFECTURE IN TAMBWE COMMUNE (7653) TO TRANSPORT OFFICIALS TO AND FROM GITARAMA. THIS MOVE WAS IN ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PREFET'S REQUEST.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. NTR.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

a. OUR CURRENT ESTIMATION IS THAT 915 RETURNEES WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN SECTOR 1B BUT WE HAVE ONLY CONFIRMED 891 SO FAR. THE BREAKDOWN BY COMMUNES IS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED IT.

b. THIS HQ ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR REQUEST TO RECEIVE A LIST OF ALL SECTORS IN ALL COMMUNES FOR 13 SEP 95. THIS INFO WILL BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF BOURGMESTRES. COLUMN "D" OF YOUR MATRIX, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE FILLED. IT REFERS TO "TRIBE (SIC) OF BOURGMESTRE TUTSI OR HUTU". THIS SECTOR WILL NOT PERFORM SUCH A SURVEY WHICH IS SQUARELY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION WHICH THE UNAMIR MANDATE PROMULGATES.

c. THE RPA BDE CDR REVEALED TODAY THAT THE KABGAYI HEAD NURSE WAS STILL ALIVE AND THAT SHE WAS DETAINED IN BUTARE BY THE GENDARMERIE. THIS INFO WAS PASSED TO THE KABGAYI BISHOP WHO WAS AT THE ORIGIN OF THE INFORMATION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT SECTOR 3B BE ASKED TO CONFIRM THIS RELATIVELY GOOD NEWS. LT-COL KAYONGA SAID THAT THE ARRESTS PROCEDURES HAD BEEN WRONG BUT THAT SHE WAS A GENOCIDAIRE (SHE HAD NOT OPPOSED THE ARREST).

6. BORDER CROSSINGS BY RETURNEES. NA.

7. LOGISTICS

VEHICLE STATE:

ON CHARGE	07
UNDER REPAIR	01
SERVICEABLE	06

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8. MILOBS STATE

POSTED	21
LEAVE/CTO	01
PRESENT	20

9. MISCELLANEOUS. NTR.

10. SECT COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT. OUR CHANGE FROM "TENSE" TO "CALM" NEEDS TO BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT (SEE PARA 1.a.) AND THE SITUATION WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED.



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LT-COL  
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA

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FROM : SECTOR 1 B HQ  
TO : MILOBS GP HQ  
FORCE HQ KIGALI  
INFO : FORCE HQ G4 COORD (MILITARY)  
CO INDBATT  
SECTOR 3B  
DATE : 31 AUG 95

SITREP COVERING  
PERIOD 301800B AUG TO 311800B AUG 95

1. SITUATION.

- a. GENERAL. TENSE.
- b. BORDEES. NTR.

2. FACTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- a. POLITICAL. NTR.
- b. MILITARY.

(1) RPA. LT-COL KAYONGA, THE RPA BDE CDR DID NOT MEET THE SECT CDR AS WAS PROMISED YESTERDAY.

(2) ERGE. NTR.

(3) OTHERS. NTR.

3. OWN MILITARY ACTIVITIES

- a. SECTOR HQ.

(1) AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE INCIDENT REPORTED IN OUR YESTERDAY SITREP PARA 3.a.(3), THIS HQ SENT A CIVPOL TEAM TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE CASE. THE CIVPOL TEAM COULD NOT FIND NEW INFORMATION AS THERE WAS NO ONE TO SPEAK TO AT THE GITARAMA PARQUET. THE CIVPOL TEAM ALSO VISITED THE MSF HOSPITAL WHERE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY. THE TEAM COULD NOT SPEAK TO ANYBODY AS THE WITNESS WAS PERFORMING SURGERY. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A KIDNAPPING IS GATHERING SPEED. OUR HR TEAM HAS CONTACTED BOTH PROSECUTORS IN KIGALI AND IN BUTARE AND NOBODY HAS HEARD OF THIS ARREST. SECTOR 3B HAS ALSO BEEN QUERIED AND WE ARE EXPECTING A RETURN FROM THEM TONIGHT. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE GRAVITY OF THIS POTENTIAL ABDUCTION, IT IS RECOMMENDED

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NEVER TOLD THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PICKED UP AT THE HQ  
TODAY AT 1200 HRS. OUR STRENGTH IS:

POSTED	25
LEAVE/CTO	7 (FOUR OF WHICH ON REPAT)
PRESENT	18

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE WILL BE  
DELIVERED TO YOUR HQ TOMORROW, ALONG WITH AN ELECTRONIC COPY  
TO ALLOW ANY AMENDMENT DEEMED REQUIRED.

b. AT 2130 HRS TONIGHT, TWO B&R DRIVERS (L-022H AND L-07H)  
ON THEIR ROUTE BETWEEN BUTARE AND KIGALI ARRIVED HERE WITH  
THEIR UNAMIR VEHICLES (RESPECTIVELY 3571 AND 3559) AND ASKED  
THIS HQ TO LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES UNDER OUR SURVEILLANCE FOR  
THE NIGHT WHILE THEY WOULD GO TO A HOTEL TO GITARAMA. WE  
HAVE DECLINED ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR VEHICLE SINCE WE  
DO NOT HAVE ANY SENTRY MANPOWER.



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LT-COL  
COMMANDER SECTOR 1B GITARAMA



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**HQ UNAMIR WEEKLY INFOSUM 13 - 19 AUG 95**

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**GENERAL SITUATION**

1. (R) THE OVERALL SITUATION IS STABLE. DESPITE A LOW LEVEL OF ONGOING INSURGENT/BANDIT ACTIVITY IN WESTERN RWANDA, THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS FIRMLY IN CONTROL. RPA SOLDIERS AT SOME CHECKPOINTS ARE INSISTING ON SEARCHING UN VEHICLES AND PERSONAL BAGGAGE. THE MASS EXODUS OF UP TO 50,000 RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE AND TANZANIA, WHICH HAD BEEN PREDICTED BY SOME AID AGENCIES FOR 15 AUG 95, FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. THE PRESIDENT OF UGANDA ARRIVED FOR A STATE VISIT FROM 14 TO 16 AUG 95. HE IMploRED RWANDANS TO BURY THE PAST AND FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. ON 16 AUG 95, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL VOTED TO SUSPEND THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST RWANDA EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED IN IT'S ENTIRETY ON 1 SEP 96. FEARING INCURSIONS INTO ITS TERRITORY BY RPA FORCES INTENT ON NEUTRALIZING THE INSURGENT EX-FAR THREAT, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAS REACTED STRONGLY TO THE DECISION, THREATENING TO FORCIBLY REPATRIATE RWANDAN REFUGEES.

**POLITICAL**

2. (R) THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE EVENT OF THIS PAST WEEK WAS THE UNSC DECISION TO SUSPEND THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST RWANDA. COMMENT. THIS DECISION SHOULD STABILIZE THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. THE EX-FAR WILL BE EVEN LESS LIKELY TO INVADe THAN THEY WERE BEFORE, AS ANY DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE RPA ON RWANDAN SOIL WILL LIKELY ONLY LEAD TO THEIR DEFEAT IN DETAIL. THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA (GOR), WILL BE RELUCTANT TO INVADe ZAIRE TO PUSH BACK THE REFUGEE CAMPS AS IT IS AWARE THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO COULD BE EASILY REIMPOSED, AND IT HAS MUCH WORK TO DO TO BRING THE RPA UP TO THE

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STANDARD OF A NATIONAL ARMY.

3. (R) THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO WILL HAVE OTHER TANGIBLE BENEFITS. BETTER TRAINING WILL LEAD TO BETTER DISCIPLINE, AND HOPEFULLY THE INSTANCES OF BANDITRY AND MURDER WILL DECREASE. IN MANY AREAS THE RPA BEHAVES LIKE AN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, AND THEY WILL NEVER BE A NATIONAL ARMY AS LONG AS THE POPULATION THEY SERVE FEARS THEM.

4. (R) THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE, REACTING TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, HAS THREATENED TO FORCIBLY REPATRIATE THE RWANDAN REFUGEES. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT YESTERDAY THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY EXPELLED 200 REFUGEES INTO THE FRONTIER BETWEEN ZAIRE AND RWANDA. COMMENT. IF SUCCESSFUL, WE MAY SEE A REPETITION OF YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT, BUT THESE ARE SMALL BITES OF A VERY BIG PROBLEM - THERE ARE 700,000 REFUGEES IN THE GOMA AREA ALONE.

**MILITARY**

5. (R) THE MOST TENSE SECTORS CONTINUE TO BE SECTORS 1B AND 5. SECTOR 1B HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE A NUMBER OF KILLINGS, AND THE LOCAL RPA BRIGADE COMMANDER HIMSELF DESCRIBED THE PREFECTURE AS 'SMOLDERING', SAYING THAT THE KILLINGS WERE A RESULT OF ETHNIC TENSIONS. HE ALSO WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF CASES OF SABOTAGE COMMITTED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS BY THE EX-FAR, INCLUDING THE DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS, THE BURNING OF EUCALYPTUS FORESTS (IMPORTANT AS A CHARCOAL SOURCE), THE BURNING OF GENOCIDE SURVIVORS' HOUSES AND PLANTATIONS, AND THE MOVEMENT OF INTERHAMWE THROUGH THE AREA. COMMENT. SOME LOCALS IN GITARAMA PREFECTURE HAVE LIKENED THE RECENT MOOD TO THAT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE WAR. AS A FOOTNOTE, THE TRANSFORMERS WERE DESTROYED BY DRAINING THE COOLING OIL FROM THEM, THEN TURNING THEM ON. THE SABOTEURS APPEAR TO HAVE STOLEN THE OIL, AS THERE WAS NONE FOUND ON THE SCENE. ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER OIL IS LACED WITH POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, POPULARLY KNOWN AS PCB. PCBs ARE STRONGLY LINKED TO CANCER.

6. (R) THERE WERE TWO MINE INCIDENTS IN SECTOR 5C. ONE OCCURED AT BWIZA (GR 386 923) ON 12 AUG. A TOYOTA PICK-UP TRUCK WITH EIGHT PERS ON

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BOARD (INCLUDING 3 RPA) STRUCK A MINE AND WAS BADLY DAMAGED. THREE PEOPLE WERE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. THERE WERE NO FATALITIES IN THIS INCIDENT. THE OTHER INCIDENT OCCURED ON 17 AUGUST, ON THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN KAYOVE COMMUNE AND KIBUYE. AN NGO VEHICLE BELONGING TO MEMISA STRUCK A LARGE ANTI-TANK MINE, KILLING TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES, AND CRITICALLY INJURING A THIRD PERSON. THE VEHICLE WAS THROWN 15 METERS BY THE BLAST. THE INJURED WOMAN, EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT, WAS AIR-EVACUATED BY A UN HELICOPTER, BUT DIED ENROUTE TO KIGALI. IT APPEARS THAT THE MINE WAS LAID JUST PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION, AND DELIBERATELY TARGETTED THE NGO. THREE NGO WORKERS WERE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER FROM GISENYI THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER THEIR LIVES WERE THREATENED, APPARENTLY IN RELATION TO THE MINE INCIDENT. ONE THING REMAINS CLEAR - THE AREA BETWEEN KIBUYE AND THE GISENYI IS TENSE, AND UNAMIR PERSONNEL SHOULD EXERCISE MUCH CAUTION WHEN IN THERE.

**CONCLUSION**

7. (R) THE RPA AND THE EX-FAR ARE IN A RELATIVE STALEMATE FOR NOW. THE EX-FAR CANNOT ATTACK RWANDA BECAUSE IT LACKS THE STRENGTH. THE RPA WOULD PREFER NOT TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE AND ATTACK THE CAMPS IN ZAIRE BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, AND A DESIRE TO AVOID ANOTHER ARMS EMBARGO. THE EX-FAR WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO PRESSURE THE GOR THROUGH A LOW-INTENSITY INSURGENCY CAMPAIGN, FED WITH WEAPONS AND MANPOWER FROM THE REFUGEE CAMPS. THIS IS A DIFFICULT BALANCE - IF THEY PUSH TOO HARD, THE GOR MAY BE FORCED TO ACT DESPITE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. THE GREATEST THREAT TO SECURITY IN THIS REGION IS THE EXISTENCE OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS SO CLOSE TO THE BORDER OF RWANDA.

8. (R) THE PRESENT SITUATION COULD POSE A THREAT TO UNAMIR TROOPS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH MINING OF ROADS. FURTHERMORE, THE RPA MAY BECOME MORE ANXIOUS, WHICH COULD CAUSE DELAYS AT CHECKPOINTS. THE DELIBERATE TARGETTING OF UNAMIR TROOPS BY EITHER RPA OR EX-FAR IS ASSESSED AS UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME.

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THAT SECTOR 1A BE ASKED TO CHECK WITH THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE AUTHORITIES IN KIGALI (MORE SPECIFICALLY COL KAYUMBA) IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE. MRS NYIRAKAMONDO IS THE HEAD NURSE AT THE KABGAYI HOSPITAL AND SHE REPRESENTED A KEY PLAYER IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. HER KIDNAPPING IN DAYTIME IS VERY DISTURBING AND, WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE KABGAYI BISHOP, WILL LIKELY ATTRACT IMPORTANT PRESS COVERAGE.

(2) AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HRS TODAY YOUR HQ INFORMED US OF AN ACCIDENT VEHICLE AT GRID 831755 (18 KM AWAY FROM GITARAMA ON THE KIGALI ROAD). IT INVOLVED A UN VEHICLE 2310 (VEH 1) AND A CIVILIAN TAXI PLATED DB0704 (VEH 2) WITH 18 PASSENGERS. VEH 1 WAS FOLLOWED BY VEH 2 WHICH DECIDED TO OVERTAKE VEH 1. ACCORDING TO THE DRIVER OF VEH 2, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY ONE OF OUR JOINT MILOB/CIVPOL, IT WAS SAFE FOR HIM TO PASS VEH 1, ESPECIALLY THAT ITS DRIVER KEPT TO THE RIGHT TO LEAVE HIM AS MUCH ROOM AS POSSIBLE ON THE LEFT. WHILE VEH 2 WAS ATTEMPTING ITS MANOEUVRE, VEH 1 (STILL ACCORDING TO THE DRIVER OF VEH 2) SWERVED TO THE LEFT, FORCING VEH 2 TO BRAKE ABRUPTLY AND TO SUBSEQUENTLY LOOSE CONTROL AND GO OFF THE ROAD, HITTING A TREE AND THEN ROLLING TWICE. TWO PEOPLE DIED ON THE SPOT. THE REMAINING 16 PASSENGERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO KABGAYI HOSPITAL. VEH 1 NEVER STOPPED TO SEE THE CONDITION OF THE INJURED PERSONNEL. THIS INCIDENT COULD HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON UNAMIR'S IMAGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY IN THE GITARAMA PREFECTURE. AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION IS CERTAINLY REQUIRED.

b. TEAMS

(1) THE FIRST MILOB TEAM VISITED NYAMABUYE COMMUNE (7570) AND REPORTED THE SITUATION AS CALM AND QUIET. A TOTAL OF 15 RETURNEES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE COMMUNE SINCE 25 AUG 95 AND NO ARRESTS HAVE OCCURRED.

(2) THE TEAM ALSO VISITED THE CACHOT WHICH HOLDS 105 PRISONERS.

(3) THE TEAM ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN BURNING OF THE NATURAL FOREST IN MBUZE SECTOR (4897). THIS, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, APPEARS TO BE AN ACT OF SABOTAGE.

(4) THE SECOND TEAM VISITED TAMBWE COMMUNE (7653) AND REPORTED THE SITUATION AS CALM. A TOTAL OF 120 RETURNEES ARRIVED IN THE COMMUNE SINCE 25 AUG 95. THE

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TEAM REPORTED THAT TWO RETURNEES WERE ARRESTED ON ARRIVAL AND THEY ARE IN THE COMMUNE CACHOT. ACCORDING TO THE TEAM, RETURNEES REQUIRED FOOD AND KITCHEN WARES.

(5) THE TEAM REPORTED THAT THERE ARE NO LDFs IN THE COMMUNE. HOWEVER, LOCALS ARE PLANNING TO ORGANIZE THEM TO SAFEGUARD THEIR LIVESTOCK.

(6) THE TEAM REPORTED THAT THERE IS NO CURFEW IN THE COMMUNE NOR ACTS OF SABOTAGE, EXCEPT FOR THE BURNING OF FORESTS.

(7) THE SAME TEAM VISITED MUNINI SECTOR (7754) AND SPOKE TO TWO RETURNEES WHO STATED THAT THEY WERE WELCOME IN THE SECTOR BUT THAT THEY WERE FACING SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. THIS HQ COORDINATED THE TRANSPORTATION OF 40 000 L OF WATER FOR THE GITARAMA PRISON. THIS WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF WATER WHICH WAS AFFECTING THE PRISON STABILITY (AS REPORTED YESTERDAY). CONSEQUENTLY THE SECTOR COMMANDER, IN DISCUSSION WITH 95 CMSG LOG OPS, REQUESTED TO RETAIN THE 100 000 L WATER BLADDER (IT NOW CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 70 000 L) AS A RESERVE TO CATER FOR ANY FURTHER EMERGENCY. THIS WATER BLADDER WAS FARMARKED FOR DRAINAGE AND RETRIEVAL BY 95 CMSG TODAY, FOLLOWING THE NOW COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF MALI COY TO GIKONGORO. THERE IS A CERTAIN ELEMENT OF RISK TO KEEP THE BLADDER IN A RELATIVELY INSECURE POSITION OUTSIDE OF OUR PERIMETER BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE REASONABLE WHEN CONSIDERING THE PURPOSE WHICH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH IN THE PRISON. THE PROVISION OF WATER WAS MADE BY 95 CMSG ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AND WO BOYD SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR HER QUICK REACTION AND FLEXIBILITY.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

a. OUR ESTIMATION OF TOTAL RETURNEES ARRIVALS PER COMMUNE IS AS FOLLOW:

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|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| (1) | 7  | TO BULINGA (6679) / UNCONFIRMED |
| (2) | 2  | TO KAYENZI (8389) / UNCONFIRMED |
| (3) | 20 | TO KIGOMA (7649) / 18 CONFIRMED |
| (4) | 26 | TO MASANGO (6254) / UNCONFIRMED |
| (5) | 17 | TO MUGINA (9267) / UNCONFIRMED  |

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(6) 38 TO MUKINGI (7160) / 31 CONFIRMED  
 (7) 33 TO MURAMA (6749) / UNCONFIRMED  
 (8) 34 TO MUSAMBIRA (8274) / 22 CONFIRMED  
 (9) 72 TO MUSHUBATI (6970) / UNCONFIRMED  
 (10) 96 TO NTONGWE (9057)  
 (11) 36 TO NYABIKENKE (7292)  
 (12) 31 TO NYAKABANDA (6597) / UNCONFIRMED  
 (13) 15 TO NYAMABUYE (7570)  
 (14) 30 TO RUNDA (9882)  
 (15) 31 TO RUTOBWE (7781)  
 (16) 4 TO TABA (8883) / UNCONFIRMED  
 (17) 120 TO TAMBWE (7653)

b. THE TOTAL FOR THE SECTOR IS 293 (40 OF WHICH ARE UNCONFIRMED). MOST RETURNEES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE BUT LACK CLOTH, FOOD AND MONEY. THE UNHCR MAY HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBERS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF RETURNEES WHO ARE LEAVING TRANSIT CAMPS. OUR STATISTICS ARE BASED ON INFORMATION CONFIRMED AT THE COMMUNE LEVEL.

6. LOGISTICS

a. THE LAST OF THE MALI TROOPS WILL DEPART THE PETIT SEMINAIRE TOMORROW MORNING. THE SECT CDR HAS ADVISED THE SNR OFFR IN PLACE, LT COULIBALY, THAT THERE IS STILL EQUIPMENT REMAINING HERE WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. THE EXAMPLE OF BROKEN DOWN UNIMOGS, A REFRIGERATED CONTAINER AND A RELATIVELY LARGE GENERATOR (MAYBE 15 KW) COME TO MIND. UNAMIR HQ MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION.

b. VEHICLE STATE:

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7. PERSONNEL STATE. THE TWO GUINEAN MILOBS ARRIVED TODAY AFTER A LONG SEARCH FOR THEM THROUGHOUT KIGALI. APPARENTLY, THEY WERE

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GENERAL SITUATION

1. (U) THE OVERALL SITUATION REMAINS STABLE. ON 19 AUG 95, ZAIREAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO FORCIBLY EVICT RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM CAMPS IN THE GOMA AND BUKAVU AREAS. THE EFFORT WAS SUSPENDED ON 24 AUG AFTER APPROX 13,000 REFUGEES CROSSED BACK INTO RWANDA. LOOTING AND BURNING OF SOME CAMPS, AND MISTREATMENT OF REFUGEES, BY ZAIREAN TROOPS WAS REPORTED. ZAIRE HAS STATED THAT FORCED REPATRIATION WILL RESUME IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY 26 AUG ON THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF ALL REMAINING RWANDAN REFUGEES.

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2. (UN R) THE FORCED REPATRIATION THIS WEEK OF THOUSANDS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES PROMPTED UP TO 130,000 OTHERS TO FLEE INTO THE ZAIREAN COUNTRYSIDE. AT LEAST FOUR REFUGEE CAMPS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BUKAVU AND TWO CAMPS NEAR UVIRA HAVE SUSTAINED HEAVY DAMAGE OR BEEN DESTROYED. SOME FORMER RESIDENTS MAY BE RETURNING, HOWEVER, AS WORD OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE FORCED REPATRIATION REACHES THOSE HIDING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

3. (U) ZAIRE IS INSISTING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPATRIATING AT LEAST 5,000 REFUGEES PER DAY TO RWANDA, AND WOULD LIKE ALL REMAINING REFUGEES ACROSS THE BORDER BY YEAR'S END. UNHCR, WHO HAS APPARENTLY OFFERED TO TURN THE OPERATION INTO A VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME, HAS STATED THAT IT CANNOT SUPPORT THAT HIGH OF A RETURNEE RATE. ALSO, DESPITE ASSURANCES FROM SOME REFUGEE LEADERS THAT MOST REFUGEES WANT TO RETURN TO RWANDA, ONLY A FRACTION HAVE ACTUALLY APPLIED TO DO SO.

4. (U) THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS OPENLY ENCOURAGED REFUGEES TO RETURN, INCLUDING FORMER GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS, BUT OPPOSITION

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1. Read to all MILOBs in morning meeting on 02/9.

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ELEMENTS IN THE CAMPS HAVE UNDERTAKEN A CAMPAIGN OF PROPAGANDA, DISINFORMATION AND INTIMIDATION TO DISCOURAGE REFUGEES FROM ACCEPTING THE OFFER. UNHCR, HOWEVER, IS REPORTEDLY EXPECTING AT LEAST 3,000 REFUGEES TO CROSS AT CYANGUGU BEGINNING 29 AUG 95.

5. (UN R) COMMENT. ZAIRE CLAIMS THAT FORCED REPATRIATION WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST RWANDA, WHICH ZAIRE WAS NOT IN FAVOUR. HOWEVER, THE BURDEN OF CARING FOR ITS MILLION PLUS REFUGEE POPULATION, WHICH INCLUDES REFUGEES FROM RWANDA, BURUNDI AND ANGOLA, IS BECOMING A SOURCE OF INSTABILITY FOR THE ZAIREAN GOVERNMENT. NONETHELESS, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER ZAIRE IS PREPARED TO RESORT TO A FORCED, AND MASSIVE, REFUGEE REPATRIATION, OR IS ATTEMPTING A FEINT TO COERCE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY INTO REASSUMING THE BURDEN OF CARE FOR REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRY.

**MILITARY**

6. (U) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT THIS WEEK HAS BEEN THE RESTRAINED REACTION BY THE RWANDAN MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES TO THE DRAMATIC SURGE IN RETURNEES. RWANDAN AUTHORITIES DETAINED SOME REFUGEES, INCLUDING PRISONERS TURNED OVER BY ZAIRE, AND A NUMBER OF ADMITTED FORMER GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS, BUT THE OVERALL FIGURE WAS A FRACTION OF THE REFUGEE INTAKE.

**CONCLUSION**

7. (U) THE REFUGEE CRISIS OF LAST WEEK DID NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT. THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES AT THE BORDER AND IN THE TRANSIT CAMPS BY RWANDAN AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY THE ARMY, EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS BY SOME, AND GARNERED PRAISE FROM SOME UN AGENCIES AND NGOS.

8. (UN R) COMMENT. A RESUMPTION OF FORCED REPATRIATION BY ZAIRE COULD RESULT IN AN UNCONTROLLED MASS EXODUS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES. THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT MAY REACT STRONGLY TO SUCH AN EVENT, FEARING THAT FORMER GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS WOULD SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFILTRATE BACK INTO THE COUNTRY.

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MOREOVER, ZAIRE'S END-YEAR DEADLINE FOR REPATRIATING RWANDAN REFUGEES IS LIKELY ONLY ACHIEVABLE IF FORCED REPATRIATION WERE TO RESUME. A NEGOTIATED RETURN MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE, EVEN WITH THE AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES. ONCE REFUGEES ARE COMMITTED TO A REPATRIATION, THEY MAY UNDERTAKE TO RETURN SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, INCLUDING THOSE FROM TANZANIA AND BURUNDI, OVERWHELMING THE RESOURCES IN PLACE TO HANDLE THEM.

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