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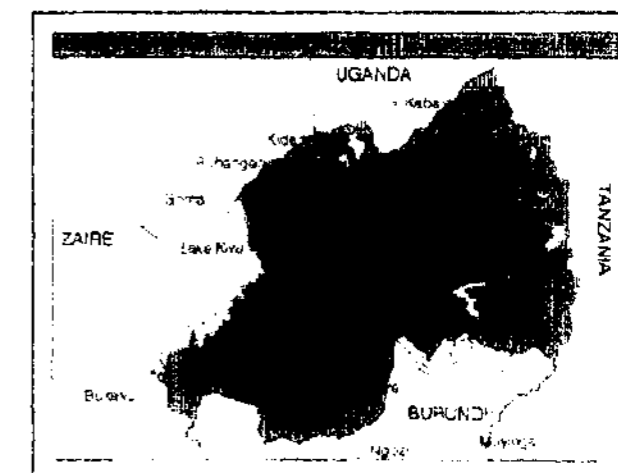
- Croatian Serb leader Martić has criticized the new mandate for UNCRO and demanded a UN withdrawal.
- Official mourning has taken place in BUJUMBURA for the former president, who was killed a year ago.
- Large numbers of refugees are fleeing from Chechnya into Dagestan.

Former Yugoslavia

According to press reports, experts of the Contact Group on Bosnia have tentatively planned a visit to BELGRADE, ZAGREB and SARAJEVO next week in a bid to salvage the Bosnian cease-fire and to coax the Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian Presidents into a tri-partite summit. In a letter to the SRSG, Croatian Serb leader Mr. Martić has demanded that UN troops cease traffic control of any kind at border crossing sites, that negotiations on their withdrawal commence, and that all outstanding rents owed by the UN be paid without delay. He reiterated these sentiments and condemned the new mandate for UNCRO at a demonstration in KNIN on 06 April. Following attacks by rebel Moslem and Serb forces to the north of BIHAC and by the BiH 5th Corps to the west on 06 April, fighting is reported to have continued on 07 April. One civilian was reported to have been killed and five others injured during BSA shelling of HRASNICA on 07 April. French UN troops confronted BSA soldiers at check-point S 4 outside SARAJEVO early on 07 April; UNPROFOR reported that the check-point was later closed and mines were laid. Fighting is reported to be continuing in north-east Bosnia.

Rwanda

On 06 April, the Secretary-General said the world should never allow a repetition of the kind of genocidal massacres which devastated Rwanda last year. UNAMIR reported an increase from 7,980 to 8,076 prisoners at KIGALI central prisons in the last week, despite ICRC protests about overcrowding and poor conditions. The RPA is conducting intensive patrols in the central south. In addition, in the south-west, they increased their strength in the BUTARE prefecture and engaged ten boats from the ISHARA Peninsula in southern Lake KIVU. In the north-west, increased troop deployment was noted in GISENYI and the RUHENGIRI area.



Burundi

The President joined hundreds of mourners in prayers at BUJUMBURA's cathedral for his predecessor, Cyprien Ntaryamira, killed a year ago. Press reports indicate that gunmen killed a South African television producer and his Tutsi interpreter and wounded another South African cameraman in an ambush 15 km north-east of BUJUMBURA about half an hour before the 1700 curfew. The incident sparked fears of new reprisals by Tutsi extremists against Burundi's Hutu majority as the dead interpreter hailed from an extremist Tutsi district, the Ngagara district in northern Bujumbura, according to press reports. The South African cameraman who survived said the incident was clearly an attack by handits, adding that some of the gunmen wore a mix of camouflage and civilian clothing.

Angola

In a press conference on 06 April, the SRSG said there were problems with the implementation of the November peace accord, citing attacks on civilians, illegal troop movements and the build-up of military equipment as some of the

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violations of the accord. However, he expressed confidence that the second phase of troop disengagement would be completed by the 10 April deadline. UNITA alleged that the FAA had reinforced CACONDA, moving their troops from IATALA and CUTENDA. Six FAA tanks were observed moving in the city of MENONGUE. UNAVEM deployed a team to QUIBALA in the eastern region.

Tajikistan

On 06 April, the Tajik Parliament had its opening session and elected its President-Speaker and first Deputy President. According to press reports, additional border posts are being established in KHOROG, MOSKOVSKY, PIANJ and other border sectors. On 07 April, refugees leaving for KURGAN-TUBE as a result of the YASMAND canyon clash were detained by militia because they were suspected to have cooperated with the opposition. In KHOROG a protest was made by the Islamic Revival Movement over the detention of two persons by Russian Border Guards. The deployment of the team to KALAIKHUMB has been delayed due to transport problems.

Cyprus

On 06 April, UNFICYP established a vehicle check-point within the Buffer Zone at PAPHOS gate in response to continuing violations of the PAPHOS gate agreement. One military truck and two civilian vehicles carrying eight soldiers were turned back. Five vehicles from the Turkish-Cypriot Communal Liberation party entered PYLA from PERGAMOS on 06 April, bearing Turkish and "TRNC" flags. They stopped in the town square for five minutes and played election campaign slogans over a loudspeaker before returning to PERGAMOS. The incident has been protested.

Liberia

The Liberian National Conference (LNC) held a session devoted to the consideration of a general statement and an accompanying resolution to be adopted by the forum at its next meeting on 15 April at which Mr. Oscar Quiah will introduce a proposal suggesting a collective presidency. Minor skirmishes were reported in the BOMI hills area and at the PO bridge between the ULIMO-K and ULIMO-J factions. Sierra Leonean refugees demonstrated in MONROVIA outside the UNHCR headquarters in protest about rations; in the process two UNHCR vehicles were vandalized and a UNHCR watchman and six demonstrators were injured.

Russia

DHA is to issue an urgent appeal for funds to assist with humanitarian relief in Chechnya. Food stocks are running extremely low and the WFP lacks sufficient funds to provide supplementary rations to the large numbers of people displaced by the fighting. It is estimated that up to 3,000 people are crossing the border into Dagestan each day and that as many as 50,000 may be moving east out of Chechnya to escape the fighting between Chechen guerrillas and Russian forces.

Haiti

According to press reports, the Pentagon has sent to the US Embassy in Haiti a list of political opponents of President Aristide who are believed to have been selected for assassination. Criminal activity continues: recent reports indicate that some criminals are wearing US style uniforms and may be trying to procure UN berets.

Georgia

UNOMIG report that reliable witnesses to the attack on the funeral party in GALI on 01 April identified one of the attackers as Mr. Shengelia, a Georgian, who is believed to hold a Georgian police identity card and to have carried out official duties. Georgian officials have denied any involvement and have warned that if substantial repatriation of Georgian refugees to Abkhazia had not taken place before 15 May, the PKF's mandate might not be extended.

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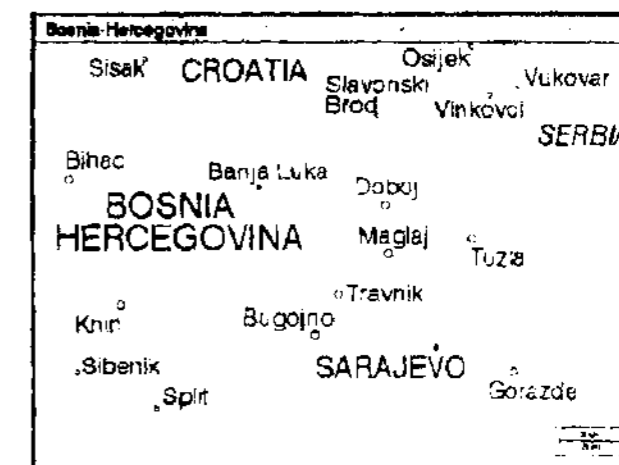
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06 April 1995*

HIGHLIGHTS -

- France has disagreed on sending NATO troops to Italy and Croatia to support a possible UN withdrawal
- Rwandan forces are reported to have fired on boats on Lake Kivu, killing one person.
- Mr. Mestiri has urged President Rabbani to step down from power on the agreed date.

Former Yugoslavia

NATO diplomatic sources told reporters on 06 April that France has blocked an agreement on sending NATO troops to Italy and Croatia to complete plans for a withdrawal of UN peace-keepers from Bosnia in the event of the mission collapsing, arguing that such a move risks sending the wrong signal to the combatants. An increase in shelling was reported from the area of DOBOJ in northern Bosnia on 06 April. Increased activity was also reported from the area of KALESIJA and the MAJEVICA HILLS, north-east of TUZLA. Central Bosnia is reported to be relatively quiet, with an increased level of firing only in the MAGLAJ area. Unusually high levels of troop movements were reported in BUGOJNO and GORAZDE in eastern Bosnia. In SARAJEVO, two people were reportedly killed and several others wounded when a suburb came under a shelling attack. In a letter to the UN, the Croatian Serb military commander in eastern Croatia has stated that until the new mandate is clarified, his forces will not cooperate with UNCRO forces. He also expressed displeasure with the mission's new title.



Rwanda

The trial of a first group of six Rwandans accused of genocide was postponed indefinitely on 06 April, shortly after the defendants appeared before the court, according to press reports. The trial was delayed to allow extra time to prepare the cases against the six. The general military situation remained stable, however some communes and border areas remained tense. In the north-east, the RPA intensified their activities and a number of troops have gathered in BYUMBA, deploying from BUTARE and other communes. Reports of mass arrests continued and in every commune there were reports of men sleeping in the bush at night for fear of being killed. In the south-west, RPA troops opened fire on two boats on Lake Kivu, killing one person. In addition, elements of former Government forces crossed into Rwanda in boats from Zaire and looted 14 houses. The Nigerian battalion rotation scheduled for 05 April was cancelled because the incoming Nigerian troops had passport problems. At the RUSUMO border point in the south-east, three trailers carrying six UNAMIR vehicles were stopped by custom officials who demanded US\$100 per vehicle as road tax. UNICEF reported that about 200 Rwandan children who were jailed on suspicion of taking part in massacres will be moved from overcrowded prisons to a juvenile detention centre.

Burundi

The Russian Foreign Ministry announced on 06 April that it had begun evacuating its national in Burundi due to the ethnic conflict. The Acting Executive Director of UNICEF has urged the international community to provide immediate support for Burundi, to prevent a repetition of last year's situation in Rwanda.

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Angola

On 05 April, despite assurances from the FAA Chief of Arms Staff that patrols would be limited to QUIJIMA, FAA troops were seen 10 kms from UIGE, on the UIGE-NE TAGE road. The local FAA commander in COCONDA, in the Southern Region, threatened to attack UNITA positions if they did not withdraw from CUSSE within 24 hours. UNAEM was mediating this issue.

Middle East

Press reports indicate that Hezbollah guerrillas rocketed and machine-gunned three Israeli-backed militia posts in the villages of SHOUMARIYYEH, RSHEIF, and ALMAN in southern Lebanon on 6 April. No casualties were reported. The Islamic group Hamas is reported by the media to have said that the PLO is "doing Israel's bidding in the GAZA Strip". The accusations were made by Hamas leader Nimer in front of 2,500 supporters at a memorial rally on 05 April. Hamas also blames Israel and the Palestinian Authority for the explosion that killed Hamas leader Kheil. The streamlining of UNTSO and UNIFIL was discussed at a troop contributors meeting at UN HQ NEW YORK on 05 April. Reductions to UNTSO have already been agreed, and the UNIFIL Force Commander is conducting a study into ways by which UNIFIL's strength can be reduced.

Tajikistan

According to media reports, at a meeting between the President of Uzbekistan and the Islamic Revival Movement, a Tajik National Congress, to include the representatives of all political parties and movements in the country, was proposed, as was the granting of a general amnesty to all Tajik political parties, movements, and political prisoners. The situation continued to be tense in the GARM area, due to recent clashes between opposition and Government forces in the YASMAND CANYON.

Iraq/Turkey

Unconfirmed press reports indicate that Turkish troops have pulled out of one of their main bases in northern Iraq. It remains unclear whether this is a redeployment or a withdrawal.

India/Pakistan

The commander of the separatist guerrilla group occupying the Muslim shrine in CHARAR-E-SHARIEF is reported by the press to have warned Indian troops surrounding it to "lift the siege or face a bloody battle". According to press reports, the Kashmiri separatist Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference warned of a mass movement against the siege if it was not lifted soon, but gave no deadline. Three demonstrations protesting the prevailing situation along the KEL - MUZZARRABAD road were held outside the UN Field Station in DOMEL.

Afghanistan

The Afghan Government is reported by the media to have criticized the UN for calling on President Rabbani to step down or face international sanctions. UN special envoy Mostiri had earlier warned Mr. Rabbani not to delay a UN-sponsored transfer of power and to keep an agreement to step down on 15 April; failure to do so would isolate Afghanistan from the international community. A spokesman for Mr. Rabbani said that he was ready to step down, but that he could not do it alone and that the UN "should first help create conditions conducive to a peaceful transfer of power".

Liberia

On 06 April, in a further elaboration of his one-person presidency proposal, Archbishop Michael Francis proposed that a President and Vice-President be elected from a list of twelve Liberians (six males and six females) who have no direct or indirect links with the factions. The situation remained tense and unpredictable between ULIMO-J and ULIMO-K.

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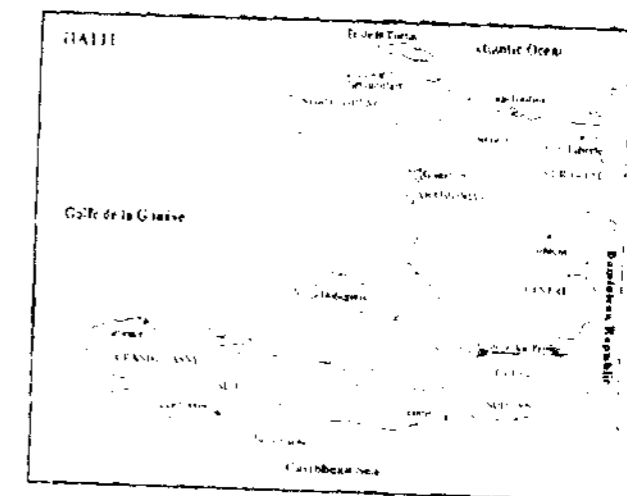
- The Security Council has established separate operations for Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- The transition from MNF to UNMIH took place on 31 March.
- The Secretary-General is concerned over the escalation of hostilities on the Israel/Lebanon border.

Former Yugoslavia

On 31 March, the Security Council established the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO), extended the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and decided that UNPROFOR within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP). Each operation will have its own civilian Chief of Mission and its own military commander, with overall command and control exercised by the SRSG and a Theatre Force Commander, headquartered in ZAGREB, Croatia. During the debate, Ambassador Sacrbey of Bosnia Hercegovina criticized both the Council and UNPROFOR and Ambassador Nobilo of Croatia was critical of the role of the Russian Federation. Croatian Serb leader Babic told the media on 03 April that the resolution on Croatia was "politically unacceptable". Experts from the five nation Contact Group will meet in LONDON on 04 April to discuss future approaches. Activity in theatre continues to be restricted by deep snow in many areas, although fighting and shelling occurred in BIHAC and in southern and central Bosnia. Conditions on the ground and restrictions on movement continue to hamper reporting. Direct targeting of UNPROFOR troops continues, an UNMO was wounded in BIHAC on 3 April.

Haiti

The transition from MNF to UNMIH took place as planned on 3 March. Preparations for the elections have continued. USA Special Forces (a residual part of the MNF) received death threats from an unnamed group in GONAIVES. UNCIVPOL has received information concerning the recruitment of young people to defend the present political system by assassinating political leaders and businessmen. The youths named themselves "Chango-Abonoche".



Rwanda

The President of the ICRC has expressed serious concern about conditions in Rwanda's prisons. The Vice President has warned that countries which are re-equipping with arms from outside suppliers could start a regional conflict. He also said that UNAMIR's mandate should be reviewed if the force is to remain in Rwanda and stressed that foreign military intervention was not the solution to the problems in Burundi. Reports of shootings, murders, robberies and mine explosions have forced NGOs to curtail their activities in remote areas. The International Society for Human Rights stated that the 900,000 Rwandan refugees in the GOMA camp faced death from hunger and cholera due to overcrowding, dwindling food supplies and inadequate medical facilities. Tanzania was reported to have closed its border to Rwandan refugees now in Burundi and to have appealed for international assistance. By 03 April, refugees were returning to camps in Burundi.

Burundi

According to the media, on 02 April troops shot and killed three men in a predominantly Hutu suburb of BUJUMBURA after President Ntibantunganya had made appeals and conducted cabinet meetings, calling for peace.

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Somalia

Mr. Mahdi is reported by the press to have rebuked Moslem nations for failing to send aid to his country. On 02 April, *HARGEISA RADIO* reported that gunmen killed the Minister of Culture, Mr. Abdullahi, in the self-proclaimed "Somaliland Republic".

Angola

HUAMBO airport is reported to be still under repair although it is being used by FAA aircraft for unknown purposes. UNAVEM continues to be denied entry. Three FAA MIG-23 aircraft were sighted overflying LUBANGO. UNAVEM is investigating reports of FAA troop movements in the North-Eastern Region. The FAA provincial commander in the South-Eastern Region has withheld clearance for a UNAVEM team to conduct patrols in CUSHI and LONGA, stating that the roads were unsafe. Humanitarian relief supplies were delivered to the southern town of CUBAL.

Middle East

The Secretary-General issued a statement on 31 March indicating his deep concern over the recent escalation of hostilities along the Israeli-Lebanese border; he also urged all parties to cease hostilities and, in particular, to refrain from attacking civilian targets. Syria is reported by the media to have agreed to encourage *Hezbollah* to cease their attacks on targets in northern Israel following the killing of an Israeli civilian during a rocket attack on 31 March. Unconfirmed media reports indicate that Syria could be ready to establish low-level diplomatic relations with Israel even before any withdrawal from the GOLAN HEIGHTS. Israel is reported to have said that it would be ready to completely withdraw from the GOLAN HEIGHTS in exchange for peace, a normalization of relations and security guarantees. At least eight people, including a top *Hamas* guerrilla leader were reported by the media to have been killed in an explosion in GAZA CITY on 2 April.

Tajikistan

The newly elected Parliament is due to be convened on 06 April. A new governing body will be elected and government policies will be discussed. Russian border troops are reported by the media to have killed 12 rebels in the PIANJ region after they crossed into Tajikistan from Afghanistan.

Cyprus

On 01 April, five people were detained by UNFICYP while attempting to cross the buffer zone. They were handed over to the local police. During the night of 1 April, three incidents of shooting were heard in west NICOSIA which were believed to have originated from the National Guard (NG) positions. Turkish Forces claimed that one shooting incident had been directed at a TF observation post. UNFICYP investigated the incidents, but believe that the shootings may have been linked to high spirits on Greek Cypriot "Eoka Day". The incidents were strongly protested.

Liberia

Fighting is reported between the ULIMO-K and ULIMO-J factions in Grand Cape Mount and in the general area of PO Bridge as ULIMO-J strengthened their positions along the MONROVIA-TUBMANBURG road. Other skirmishes are reported between ULIMO-K and NPFL in the Lofa counties.

Georgia

On 01 April, a funeral procession for an Abkhaz militiaman was ambushed. Two senior officers were shot and killed, seven people were wounded and three others were kidnapped. On the same day, approximately 100 Abkhaz militiamen conducted a sweep operation in the south-east of GALI. A UNOMIG patrol followed them closely and the CIS PKF also deployed mobile and static patrols to prevent the militia from moving towards OTOBAYA and the INGURI river. The CIS PKF reported that a large number of weapons were seized during the operation. On 02 April, UNOMIG reported that approximately 170 armed militiamen entered GALI over the period 01 to 02 April and were concentrated in the GALI militia headquarters.

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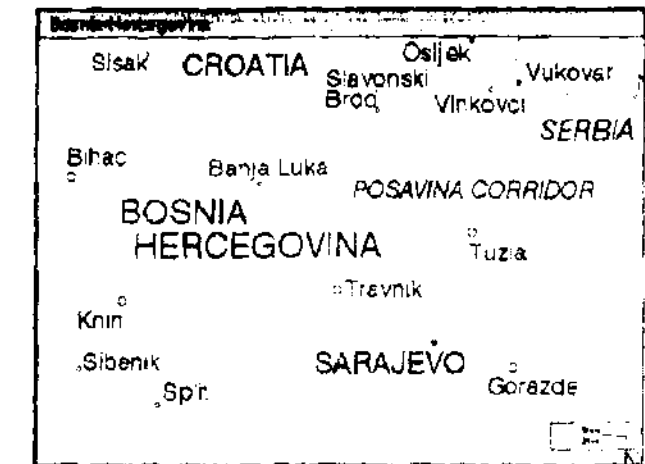
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HIGHLIGHTS

- BIHAC and SARAJEVO came under BSA mortar fire and fighting intensified near TUZLA
- As rumours of revenge killings continue, increased numbers of people are seeking UNAMIR's protection
- The Secretary-General has said that preventive UN actions are needed in Burundi

Former Yugoslavia

SARAJEVO and BIHAC came under BSA mortar fire on 05 April. Fighting is also reported to have intensified north-east of TUZLA. According to informed sources, although the BiH may have surrounded the communications facility at STOLICE, near TUZLA, it is still held by the BSA. Informed sources also report that the BSA destroyed the communications facility on Mt VLASIC, near TRAVNIK, before it was captured by the BiH. Unsubstantiated reports indicate that up to 3,000 Serb refugees have fled the area and moved north and west. An UNPROFOR interpreter, detained by the BSA since 11 March, was released on 04 April. According to media reports, the Bosnian Serb "parliament" will meet on 12 April in SANSKI MOST to discuss a plan to create a federation with Croatian Serbs. Press reports quote an ICIFY spokesman as saying that international observers monitoring Serbia's blockade of Bosnian Serbs were satisfied that the border had been effectively sealed.



Rwanda

As rumours of revenge killings continue, UNAMIR is faced with increased numbers of people seeking its protection. Recent RPA behavior has not eased the tension. Troops are deployed in the woods surrounding GITARAMA prison, west of KIGALI, and two RPA companies in the area were observed moving south. In the north-west, an exchange of fire occurred between the RPA and two groups of infiltrators in the general area of RUTAGARA. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said that his talks with Rwandese officials had facilitated the understanding between human rights monitors and Rwandese authorities.

Burundi

The Secretary-General said that preventive UN actions were needed in Burundi and his Special Representative would convene a meeting of political and other leaders in BUJUMBURA on 05 April to discuss the situation. On 04 April, the French Foreign Minister called for further diplomatic action to prevent violence between Hutus and Tutsis in Burundi. He called for an international donors conference that would provide economic and financial aid and for a regional conference that would help Burundi's politicians to settle the ethnic strife. Press reports indicate that Tanzania has rejected a UN appeal to reopen its border with Burundi, which it closed last week to stop refugees from entering. Tanzanian soldiers pushed back hundreds of refugees fleeing a renewed wave of massacres in Burundi, a UNHCR spokesman said.

Angola

On 04 April, a five-man reconnaissance team from Pakistan arrived in LUANDA to reconnoiter deployment areas for the Pakistani Infantry battalion. At the end of March, the FAA reportedly attacked four villages in the Eastern

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Region, and allegedly moved artillery ammunition from EL ANDA to LUENA and CAMANONGUE. UNAVEM is investigating the alleged violations.

Middle East

According to press reports, Palestinian officials said that Israeli Army explosives were found at the scene of a blast in GAZA which killed two senior members of Hamas and four other people on 02 April. Israel is reported to have denied any involvement. Lebanese Army units are reported by the media to have fired on Israeli aircraft staging mock attacks on fishing boats off the southern city of TYRE. Israeli naval vessels are also reported to have fired warning shots at fishing boats.

Tajikistan

On 04 April, the Secretary-General asked the UN Special Envoy to Tajikistan, Mr. Piriz Ballon, to visit MOSCOW, DUSHANBE, TASHKENT and Northern Afghanistan to fix the time, venue, and agenda for the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks. *Radio Freedom* reported that the Deputy Chairman of the Islamic Revival Movement had an unscheduled meeting with the Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs to discuss the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks and the necessity to continue the TEHRAN cease-fire and to establish a new inter-Tajik Consultative Commission in DUSHANBE.

India/Pakistan

On 04 April, the President of Germany called on Pakistan and India to hold direct talks to end the bloodshed in KASHMIR, but he said Germany does not consider itself a potential mediator in the conflict. In NEELUM Valley, four people were seriously wounded when the Indian Army shot at a march protesting Indian firing in the valley. The MUZZAFARABAD to KEL road remained closed.

Afghanistan

On 04 April, Kabul University, which was closed for nearly three years, was officially re-opened by President Rabbani. The University President told journalists that despite the destruction and lack of teaching aids, the university was functioning again, with the Faculties of Law and Political Science starting classes.

Liberia

A West African summit of ECOWAS "heads of state", organized by Ghanaian President Rawlings as the current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), will be held in ABUJA on 10 May, to discuss the stalled peace process in Liberia, a Ghanaian foreign ministry official said. The meeting of the Liberia National Conference (LNC) has been postponed until 06 April. A finance committee is seeking financial assistance to meet the costs of US\$250,000 for the LNC sessions for the next six months. Skirmishes continue between ULIMO-J and ULIMO-K in the area of PO bridge. ECOMOG has taken steps to mediate between the two factions.

Haiti

According to press reports, some opposition groups have accused the ruling party of tampering with the process leading to the June elections and have charged that ballots were being sold openly around the country. In a separate statement to the media, the president of the Provisional Electoral Council denied all allegations of electoral fraud. On 03 April, the funeral of the murdered lawyer, Ms. Bertin, took place without incident. The occasion was marked by the attendance of a significant number of Haiti's wealthy elite, including former politicians. Shortly before her death, Ms. Bertin had announced the formation of a new political party and the occasion of her funeral was used by party organizers to advance the movement's cause. Representatives of President Aristide's Government and the USA were absent from the funeral. According to the media, the USA has urged President Aristide to discard his Interior Minister, at least temporarily, amid evidence that he was linked to the killing.

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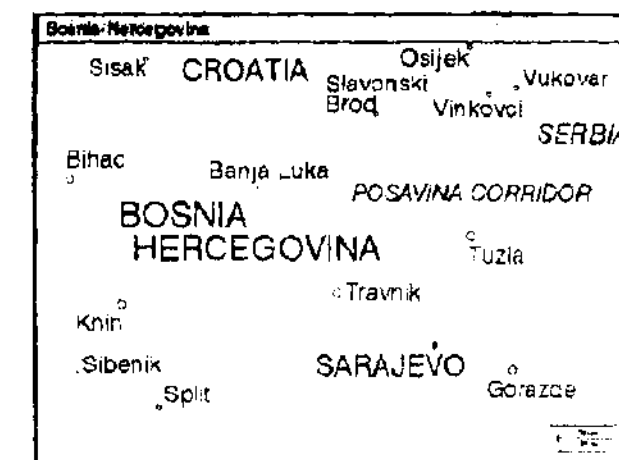
HIGHLIGHTS

- Government forces are reported to have captured a key communications site in central Bosnia.
- Refugees are reported to have fled a second Abkhaz militia search operation
- The Archbishop of Liberia has proposed a one-man presidency instead of the six-man council

Former Yugoslavia

Fighting has recommenced throughout Bosnia and unconfirmed press reports indicate that BiH forces may have captured Mt VLASIC, and its strategically important telecommunications tower, east of TRAVNIK in central Bosnia. Media reports also indicate that the BiH is carrying out infantry assaults in the STOLICE area, east of TUZLA, and in KALESIJA, 30 kms south-east of TUZLA, where an intense artillery barrage was reported on 03 April. The BSA is reported by the media to have agreed to stop firing on an important supply route to the west of SARAJEVO.

Restrictions on movement continue to prevent complete reporting. Unconfirmed press reports also indicate that the Croatian Government will ask UN forces to withdraw from "Western Slavonia" within the next few days and are believed to have told Argentinian and Jordanian UN forces to dismantle their road check points. "Western Slavonia" includes the UN area Sector West. In a letter to the Secretary-General, Ambassador Nobilo of Croatia has formally asked the UN to investigate the alleged attachment on active duty of serving Yugoslav Army officers to the "Serbian Army of Krajina". Press reports indicate that the Contact Group has agreed to press the Bosnian Government to extend the cease-fire, but remains undecided on how to reinvolve Serbia in the peace-process. China and Bosnia Hercegovina have formally established diplomatic relations, according to the media.



Rwanda

Eight prisoners accused of taking part in last year's genocide of Rwandan Tutsis and opposition Hutus will be brought to trial in KIGALI on 06 April. One person was shot and killed and three others injured at GITARAMA prison. Incidents of mass arrests were reported in MURAMBA. The RPA has confirmed that a military exercise will be carried out in the MUSHUBATI area on 06 April.

Burundi

The president of Burundi has warned that his country faced the prospect of double genocide in which Hutus slaughter Tutsis, and vice versa, in a bloodbath worse than the Rwandan massacre last year. Burundi troops and Tutsi gunmen are alleged to have massacred an estimated 400 Hutus, mostly women and children, in north-east Burundi last week.

Angola

On 03 April, the SRSG held a meeting with the head of the government delegation and representative of the three Observer States to discuss ways and means to consolidate the peace process. The FAA Chief of Staff stated that the FAA had no intention of withdrawing from its check-point at QUIJIMA as it occupied a

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tactically sound position. However, in return, he may propose that UNITA be permitted to deploy forces in the CULO area. A FAA helicopter and a transport aircraft landed at HUAMBO without prior notification to UNAVEM. A protest has been lodged. UNAVEM deployed a team to CHICUMA in the Southern Region.

Middle East

UNIFIL reported firing, possibly including rockets, between armed elements and Israeli forces and the South Lebanese Army (SLA) militia in southern Lebanon on 04 April. No UN casualties were reported, although, according to the media, two SLA militiamen were injured when four mortar rounds hit their position in SOJOD. Syria is reported by the press to have warned that it could not stand by idly if Israeli military activity continued in southern Lebanon.

Tajikistan

President Karimov of Uzbekistan is reported by the media to have announced the withdrawal of the Uzbek contingent from the CIS PKF in Tajikistan. Tension is still reported in GORNO-BADAKHSHAN, and on the Tajik-Afghan border. Armed men are reported to be patrolling KHOROG with the militia and the situation is reported to be tense. Refugees are reported to be moving from HOIT to KURGAN-TYUBE due to the fighting in GARM between government forces and the opposition fighters.

Iraq/Turkey

According to press reports, Turkish troops have been accused of killing and mutilating five shepherds whose bodies were found near the village of AZADI, 50 kms north-east of ZAKHO.

India/Pakistan

Nine complaints were lodged by the Pakistani Army on the line of control (LOC). On the Indian side of the LOC, in the URI district, Indian security forces made a big arms recovery and eight militants were captured.

Liberia

The Catholic Archbishop of Liberia has suggested that a one man presidency should be considered as an alternative to the six-man council. He argued that the atmosphere of mistrust, a characteristic of such councils, would not provide the country with the strong leadership it deserves. Clashes between ULIMO-J and ULIMO-K factions in Grand Cape Mount continued and ULIMO-J forces continued to patrol the area north of PO Bridge. According to press reports, a summit of nine West African countries seeking lasting peace for Liberia will be held in the Nigerian capital ABUJA on 10 May.

Georgia

The second Abkhaz militia search operation terminated on 02 April following CIS PKF intervention, and by 03 April reinforcements brought to GALI for the operation had been redeployed outside the Security Zone. Although the operation was conducted in a restrained manner, at least 300 people have fled from the INGURI area, east of the search operation area, to ZUGDIDI. The situation in the GALI district is very tense and the population is extremely nervous. An undetermined number of refugees are reported to have fled from the area south-west of GALI where the first search operation was carried out.

Haiti

Candidate registration for the elections has been extended until 10 April and candidate selection until 13 April. Distribution of registration materials to the *Bureaux Electoral Communales* (BECs) throughout the country has continued. A peaceful protest against the current President and Vice-President of the BEC was held by approximately 200 Haitians at PETIT GOAVE outside the Interim Police Security Force (IPSF) compound. The protesters also demanded that the BEC should be located at CASERNE and claimed that the officials were involved in fraudulent activities during the 1990 elections.

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HIGHLIGHTS

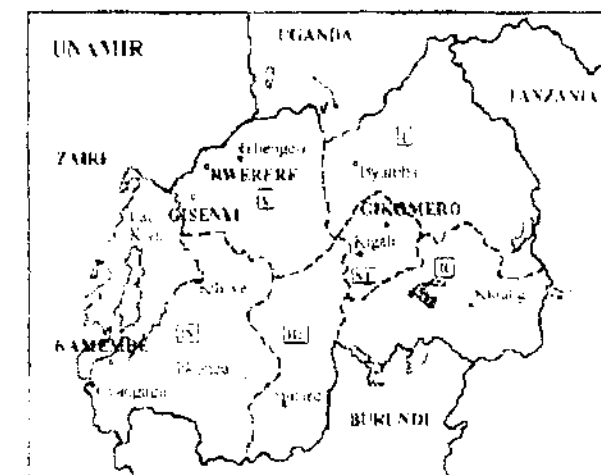
- ▶ The Security Council continues discussions on the three missions in the Balkans.
- ▶ Iraqi forces are reported by the press to have launched major attacks on Iraqi Kurd bases.
- ▶ The Secretary-General and USA President attended ceremonies marking the transition from MNF to UNMIH.

Former Yugoslavia

The Security Council is meeting on 31 March to tackle difficulties with the name for the UN operation in Croatia, and to vote on resolutions concerning the three missions. According to press reports Canadian forces will continue to serve with UN forces in the Balkans for at least the next six months. Bad weather conditions with heavy snow continue to suppress the level of activity. British troops conducting search and rescue operations in south-west Bosnia found five Croatian soldiers frozen to death, but rescued eleven others.

Rwanda

Government officials and local authorities are reported to be attempting to dispel rumors and reduce tension over activities planned for the first anniversary of the war. However, the large number of arbitrary arrests in some sectors are hindering their efforts. In Sector 4, a hand grenade was thrown and rifle shots were fired at Ethiopian troops providing security at the ICRC warehouse at KAMEMBE. In the RWERERE commune, Sector 5, a joint military observer/human rights team confirmed the arrest of six people on suspicion of involvement in genocide, one prisoner died while in custody in GISENYI prison. Military observers in GIKOMERO, Sector 6, were shown a grave containing six bodies.



Somalia

The Secretary-General, in his latest report, has reiterated that the withdrawal of UNOSOM II did not mean that the UN was abandoning Somalia. Thirty international staff members continued to work in the country and, as soon as the security situation permitted, more would return to MOGADISHU, where agencies had retained skeleton offices run by Somali staff. In addition, the report stated that there were important lessons to be learned about the theory and practice of multifunctional peace-keeping operations.

Angola

In a written statement made public on 29 March, UNITA agreed to uphold the terms of the next phase of the November peace agreement. In his statement, the UNITA Ambassador added that the organisation had proposed a location for a meeting between its leader, Dr. Savimbi, and Angolan President dos Santos. On 29 March, UNITA, allegedly backed by separatists from FLEC, was reported by the media to have killed three FAA soldiers in an attack at CHAMPUTO-RICO about 20 kms from CABINDA port; the report has not been independently confirmed. On 30 March, FAA troops occupied a post in the village of QUIUMA, four kms from UIGE on the UIGE/NEGAGE road. The UNAVEM team in HUAMBO is verifying a report by the local FAA commander that all heavy weapons had been withdrawn from CRUZEIRO. The UNAVEM team in ANDULO confirmed that the ANDULO Airport was strafed by aircraft believed to have been operating from CATUMBELA Airbase.

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Middle East

UNIFIL reported on 31 March that four Israeli helicopters were seen over the village of SRIFA, in south Lebanon, and one fired a missile at a civilian car. Press reports indicate that a top Hezbollah official, Ruda Yassin, also known as Abu Ali, was killed. One Israeli soldier is also reported by the press to have been killed in a Hezbollah attack on a base in south Lebanon during the night of 30/31 March.

Iraq

According to press reports, thousands of Iraqi troops backed by tanks and artillery have mounted an assault on Iraqi Kurdish opposition locations near ARBIL in northern Iraq. UNHCR is quoted by the press to have said that 2,500 Iraqi Kurdish families (15,000 people) have left their homes since the start of the Turkish military operation in northern Iraq.

Afghanistan

Afghanistan authorities are reported by the press to have said that they had found a mass grave containing 22 bodies at a former Taliban base south of KABUL. The Taliban are reported to have lost their position in southwest KABUL, but to have regained some ground in the area of MUHAMMAD AGH. Estimates from relief agencies indicate billions of dollars will be needed to make KABUL inhabitable again.

Liberia

The Nigerian Government is reported by the press to be considering whether or not to continue its 6,000 strong contingent in ECOMOG, which is costing \$30,000 per day. An ad hoc committee established by the Transitional Legislative Assembly to look into the debate surrounding the composition of the new Council has recommended that the AKOSOMBO formula of a five-man Council be adopted. Nearly 200,000 people are believed to have fled factional fighting and moved into BUCHANAN.

Haiti

According to press reports, American diplomatic and military officials warned President Aristide more than a week ago that his Interior Minister had been named by informants as being involved in a plot to assassinate a former lawyer for General Cedras. The lawyer was killed in PORT-AU-PRINCE on 28 March. The Secretary-General and USA President attended the ceremony marking the transition from the MNF to UNMIH in PORT-AU-PRINCE on 31 March.

Libya

On 30 March, the Security Council reviewed the sanctions on Libya and decided that, as the necessary conditions for the modification of the sanctions still did not exist, no change would be recommended and the regime would be maintained.

El Salvador

Following the excessive use of force by the National Civil Police to break up a demonstration by disabled ex-servicemen on 29 March, the FMLN has called for the resignation of the Vice-Minister for Public Security. On 30 March, approximately 150 war-disabled people began a hunger strike to protest the delays in providing benefits contemplated in the peace accords.

Russia

Russian forces are reported by the media to have taken SHALE, the last major Chechen guerrilla stronghold.

Guatemala

The official signing ceremony of the Agreement on the Identity and Rights of Indigenous People is due to take place in MEXICO CITY on 31 March. Representatives of the Guatemalan Government and the URNG will take part and the UN Moderator will be in attendance.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Military activity continues in Bosnia, but at a reduced level
- ▶ The Rwandan Peoples' Army is reported to have exchanged fire with Zairian soldiers.
- ▶ Preparations for the deployment of UNAVEM III are to continue

Former Yugoslavia

Both sides in Bosnia appear to be preparing for conflict, hardening their attitudes and consolidating their positions, rather than attempting to extend and develop the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, attempts to bring them together for negotiations have so far proved fruitless. Military activity in Bosnia was reported to be continuing on 28 March, but at a reduced level. According to press reports, a number of Swedish UNPROFOR troops, cut off for a week by the fighting around TUZLA, have been evacuated. The World Health Organization has warned in a press statement that the Serb blockade of medical supplies had raised the prospect of major epidemics in SREBRENICA.

Rwanda

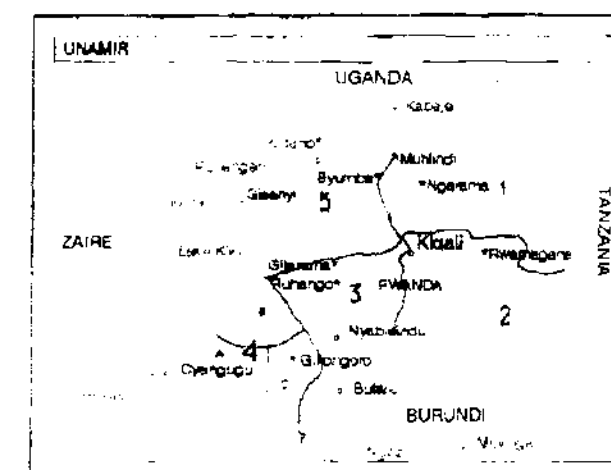
RPA troops near RUSIZI in Sector 4C were reported to have exchanged fire with Zairian troops. In Sector 3, military observer patrols to the NTONGWE Commune reported that several locals had requested UNAMIR protection due to recent RPA arrests.

Burundi

According to the media, approximately 200 Zairians were killed in BUJUMBURA on 25 and 26 March, having been confused with Hutus. UNHCR is reported to have said that about half of those who had fled to Zaïre were Zairians working in BUJUMBURA. A French Government Minister visiting BUJUMBURA has ruled out a unilateral French mission. Aid workers believe that in northern Burundi, disputes over which tribe gets what foreign aid may lead to violence. The evacuation of European foreign nationals has commenced.

Angola

The Secretary-General has decided to proceed with preparations for the deployment of UNAVEM III. Initial investigations indicate that the 26 March attack on UNAVEM at CHONGOROI was carried out by about 100 unidentified armed men who appeared to be well-organized. FAA troops continue to occupy a post, four kms from UIGE on the road Uige-Negage, and despite UNAVEM's protest, the local commander remains adamant that it will stay in place. The FAA has still not begun withdrawal from the check point at PEDRO DO ALEMAO. The UNAVEM team in KUETO reported that a vehicle belonging to an NGO had detonated an anti-tank mine; one person was injured. An unidentified cargo aircraft is reported by UNAVEM to have landed at the airstrip in ANDUJO.



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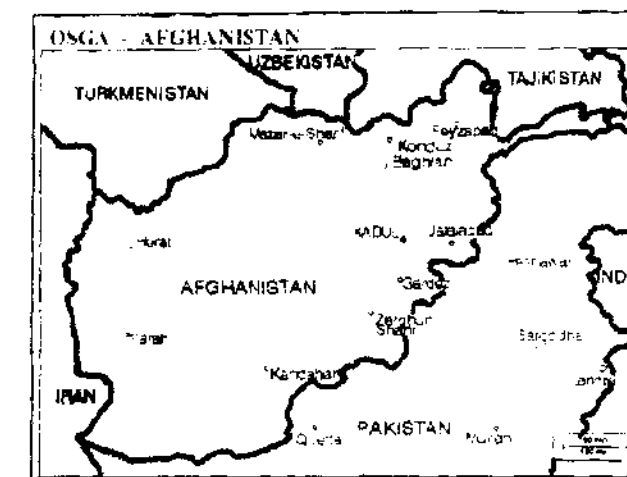
Middle East

Fishermen from the TYRE area have sent to UN Headquarters, through UNIFIL, a request for international action against the continued Israeli naval blockade of TYRE. Press reports indicate that firing at fishing vessels occurred again on 28 March. According to press reports, Syria has accused Israel of making unacceptable demands during discussions in WASHINGTON and that no progress had been made.

Iraq/Turkey

Amid growing international criticism of their military operation in northern Iraq, the Turkish Government has given conflicting indications of how long it intends to remain in the area. Press reports indicate that the operation has failed to achieve many of its objectives, since Kurdish guerrillas have disappeared into the hills rather than stand and fight. On 26 March, UNHCR moved approximately 1,000 women and children from the ZAKHO area to established camps near ATROUSH in northern Iraq. Further evacuations may be carried out later.

OSGA - AFGHANISTAN



Afghanistan

Afghanistan Government officials have told reporters that its forces were poised to take the strategic town of MAIDAN SHAHR, west of KABUL. A Taliban commander is also reported to have said they were well prepared to defend MAIDAN SHAHR.

Liberia

On 27 March, in an interview with the BBC, NPFL leader Charles Taylor indicated that his organization will not take part in the forthcoming summit scheduled to take place in ABUJA, Nigeria. This is to protest Nigeria's role within ECOMOG. Following challenges, Councillor J.D.B. Junius has resigned from his post as Chairman of the UNC. On 27 March, the NPFL continued to surround BONG MINES.

Russia

Russian forces are reported by the media to have launched a major attack on the town of SHALI, in Chechnya, using aircraft, helicopters, and artillery. UNICEF reported on 27 March that rebel forces had regrouped in SHALI and GUDERMES, that both towns had been bombed and shelled, and that attacks were expected. UNICEF also reported that some refugees had returned to GROZNY and that others had returned to villages and farms to start work.

Haiti

By 27 March, a total of 550 CIVPOL had arrived in Haiti. They will be reinforced by contingents from Argentina, Bangladesh, and the Philippines upon transition from MNF to UNMIH, which will bring the total to 789. Problems with weapons, uniforms, and the different levels of training, including driving skills, are being resolved. Combined operations involving MNF and UNMIH troops have been carried out in CITE SOLAÏL and in the Artibonite Department.

Tajikistan

On 26 March, Russian radio reported that a group of 30 armed opposition fighters were stopped by Russian Border Forces before crossing the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border.

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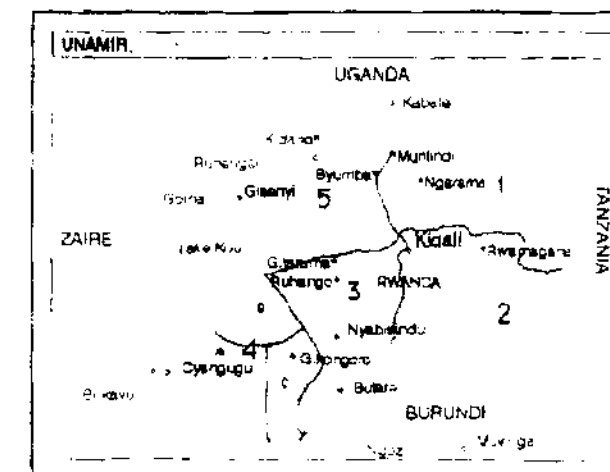
- The UN peace-keeping force in the former Yugoslavia may be divided into three separate contingents.
- On 28 March, France is to evacuate some 150 of its nationals from Burundi, due to the increasing violence.
- The Angolan Government and UNITA submitted lists of POW in further compliance with the peace agreement.

Former Yugoslavia

The Secretary-General has recommended to the Security Council that the UN peace-keeping force in the former Yugoslavia be divided into three separate contingents for Croatia, Bosnia, and Macedonia, with the three distinct forces under a single command based in ZAGREB. The Contact Group met in LONDON on 27 March in another attempt to restart the peace-process. However, the proposal that BELGRADE should formally recognize Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina is reported by the press to have been refused. According to press reports, Mr. Karadzic has ordered the mobilization of the entire Bosnian Serb population to counter the Bosnian Government's recent offensive and has appealed for international pressure to be brought upon the Bosnian Government to halt their action. UNPROFOR has threatened to use NATO aircraft to attack BSA positions if their shelling of "Safe Areas" continued. The warning follows the recent shelling of GORAZDE, SARAJEVO, TUZLA, and BHAC. Fighting is reported to have continued in the MAJEVICA hills east of TUZLA in north-eastern Bosnia, and on Mt. VLASIC near TRAVNIK in central Bosnia. Direct targeting of UNPROFOR personnel with artillery and small arm fire has continued in Bosnia and Croatia.

Rwanda

On 24 March, the UN unveiled a \$23 million programme to rebuild Rwanda's justice system. The remains of former Rwandan Prime Minister Agathe Uwilingiyimana and other senior Rwandan politicians will be buried in KIGALI on 07 April. The Rwandan Government has declared that day as a "Day of Mourning", which informed sources believe may be used by outside elements to instigate anti-Government activity. UNAMIR reported that the RPA continued to arrest and harass locals throughout the Giterama Prefecture on allegations of participation in genocide. UNAMIR assessed that RPA troops in the north-east may have received instructions from higher command to search UNAMIR vehicles at checkpoints, contrary to the status of mission agreement. By 27 March, the total number of internally displaced persons moved since the beginning of operation RETOUR was 41,804.



Burundi

On 24 March, the Tutsi-dominated army launched a major search operation for "armed Hutu bands". On 25 March, the SRSG estimated that 8,000 people had fled the fighting. France is to evacuate some 150 of its nationals from Burundi on 28 March, the French Foreign Ministry announced on 27 March. In addition, the USA Ambassador to Burundi has told a Texas radio station he will be sending his pregnant wife and two daughters home due to the increasing violence. The Secretary-General approved an increased number of human rights monitors in the office of the SRSG.

Somalia

In a 26 March press conference, Mr. Ali Mahdi accused Gen Aidid of leading Somalia back into chaos by undermining agreements reached in MOGADISHU on 20 February and not accepting a broad-based national conference. This was the

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first sign of an open disagreement between the two men since the departure of the UN peace-keepers. Four people died from cholera in HARGEISA JERREY in southern Somalia and dozens more are affected with bilharzia and malaria.

Angola

On 24 March, the Government and UNITA submitted lists of prisoners of war (POWs) to the ICRC, bringing them in further compliance with the peace agreement between them. On 25 March, Russian, Portuguese, and USA observers of the Angolan peace process told reporters that the planned deployment of 7,000 UN peace-keeping troops in Angola is "subject to guarantees from both sides" in the conflict and appeared to President Dos Santos and UNITA leader Savimbi to speed up plans for a meeting.

Middle East

Major-General Wozniak of Poland has been appointed as the new Commander of UNIFIL, effective 01 April 1995. According to press reports, the Israeli air force attacked Hezbollah bases in the IKLIM AL-TOUFAN mountain ridge east of SIDON in southern Lebanon on 27 March, following grenade and machine-gun attacks on Israeli army and Israeli-supported militia bases. Israeli gunboats are reported to have fired machine-gun volleys to drive a flotilla of fishing boats back to SIDON after they sailed out more than one kilometre. On 24 March, a second anti-personnel mine was found in the Nepalese battalion area at the YATAR observation post. The mine was demolished by a mine clearing team, the observation post was closed and a temporary one was set up 300 meters to the north. The area had been cleared of mines after an incident on 19 March.

Tajikistan

On 24 March, UNMOT reported that the opposition co-chairman in the joint commission has been instructed by the leader of the Islamic Revival Movement of Tajikistan to leave Tajikistan because of the increasing cease-fire violations. UNMOT officials believe that this might complicate the position of UNMOG and the implementation of the mandate. Government security measures in DUSHANBE have been increased. No vehicles, including those of foreign dignitaries, are allowed in Government building areas. The Head of Mission has received a complaint from the Commander of Russian Border Forces in Tajikistan who stated that on 25 March, an unidentified group of men armed with "anti-tank grenade launchers and infantry weapons" fired at the Russian Border Forces post KOZIDEH. The Commander also stated that the group was "eliminated by fire". An UNMOT team will conduct a fact-finding trip.

Afghanistan

On 25 March, the press carried unconfirmed reports that Gen Abdul Rashid Dostum had been killed. President Rabbani appeared to be bolstering his command and strengthening his control over KABUL, which may impede the progress of the UN peace plan. On 26 March, President Rabbani's forces advanced on Taleban forces who were holding strategic high ground west of KABUL. Press reports stated that the government may have been trying to capture the town of MAIDAN SHAHR, about 30 kms west of KABUL, however, by late afternoon, the offensive appeared to be faltering.

Liberia

On 24 March, Tanzania and Uganda formally declared their intention to withdraw from the ECOMOG mission. On 25 March, BONG MINES was still surrounded by NPFL forces, though under the control of ULIMO-J. Internally displaced persons continued to arrive in KAKATA, BUCHANAN, and TUBMANBURG. On 26 March, the NPFL indicated that it was willing to disarm 10,000 combatants, provided the necessary arrangements were effected by ECOWAS and UNOMIL.

Haiti

The official transition between the MNF and UNMIL has been set for 1800 hours LT on 31 March. Although the security situation in Haiti has improved greatly, it still remains fragile and effective policing and related institution-building efforts are needed to sustain a secure and stable environment for the consolidation of democracy. As a result, a voluntary fund has been established to support the international police monitoring programme. Japan is reported by the media to have granted an additional \$5 million to assist with humanitarian projects and the re-establishment of democratic rule, bringing the total granted by Japan to \$27 million since October 1994.

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Somalia

On 23 March, two people were killed and four others wounded when armed Somali National Alliance (SNA) militia tried to disperse a newly-established market for looted goods in the MOGADISHU airport. The Somali media reported Ali Mahdi as saying to a delegation from the European Union that following the departure of UNOSOM troops, starvation and disease were reappearing in Somalia. UNICEF is continuing its anti-cholera operation in BAIDOA and its water chlorination campaign in MOGADISHU. UNDP reported that international staff members from AICF, MSF, and Caritas have returned to MOGADISHU.

Angola

On 23 March, the SRSG met representatives of the ICRC to discuss the issue of release of prisoners. The SRSG also met a French delegation and discussed the consolidation of the peace process in Angola. The LUANDA UNAVEM Team was not permitted to enter the CABO LEDO camp to verify a UNITA allegation that the FAA was training mercenaries in its commando barracks there. UNITA is also concerned about FAA operations in the areas of NAMBUANGONGO, 15 kms north-west of MUXO-LANDO, and UCUA, 65 kms from QUIBAXE, in the Northern Region. FAA troops are allegedly attacking UNITA positions in CHIMBOA near GANDA, in the Central Region. UNAVEM is investigating jet aircraft overflying LU BANGO in the Southern Region and FAA artillery gun fire on UNITA positions in areas east of LUEN.

Middle East

On 23 March, UNIFIL reported a large explosion in the area of TULUN in the centre of their area of responsibility. Retaliatory fire by Israeli-backed militia was directed toward the general area of WADIS. There were two firings close to a UNIFIL position, but no UN casualties were reported.

Tajikistan

On 23 March, the UNMOT Head of Mission expressed concern about the participation of Tajikistan forces in the CIS field exercises that are scheduled for 29 March. Russian Border Force officials told UNMOT that activity by the opposition in the Pyanj sector has increased in the recent past. The UNMOT team in KHOROG reported that the situation there was tense because of the redeployment of border forces to the Vanj District.

Iraq/Turkey

The Turkish Government is reported by the media to have announced that it intends to maintain a military presence in northern Iraq until a buffer zone or other mechanism is in place to prevent guerrilla attacks into Turkey. This announcement defies previous declarations by the Turkish Prime Minister and has drawn criticism from the international community. The military operation is reported by the press to have continued on 24 March.

India/Pakistan

On 23 March, India's Chief Election Commissioner told reporters that unless the president's rule in the strife-torn Jammu and Kashmir state was extended, elections would probably be held there on or before 16 July.

Liberia

On 23 March, the SRSG carried a letter from the Secretary-General to ABUJA to encourage the Nigerian Head of State to convene a high-level meeting of ECOWAS to discuss the situation in Liberia. Skirmishes between ULIMO-J and ULIMO-K forces were confirmed in the township of DIMEI and the area immediately north of the Po River Bridge. BONG MINES was still held by ULIMO-K forces.

Haiti

Two Haitian men were beaten to death by vigilantes in separate incidents in PORT-AU-PRINCE on 23 March. According to press reports, on 23 March, about 1,000 anti-Government protestors took to the streets of PORT-AU-PRINCE complaining of the high cost of living and inadequate public safety. This was reported to be the first large anti-government demonstration in PORT-AU-PRINCE since President Aristide's return.

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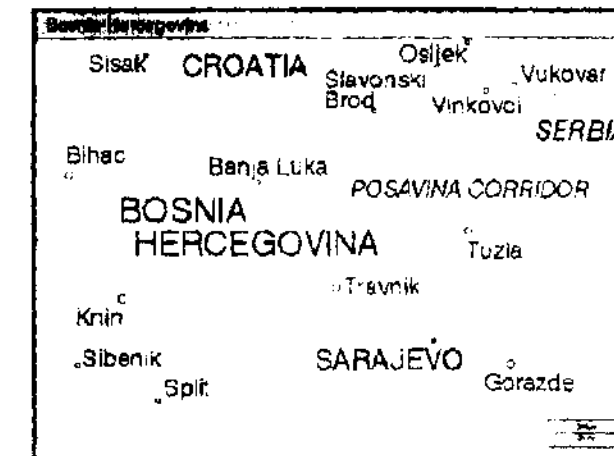
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Fighting is reported to have continued in northern and central Bosnia
- Turkey has continued its attacks on rebel Kurdish bases in northern Iraq
- In Afghanistan, the transfer of power from the President to a national council has been delayed

Former Yugoslavia

UNPROFOR reported that one 20mm cannon was illegally taken from the LUKAVICA barracks collection point outside SARAJEVO on 20 March by Bosnian Serbs, and four more artillery pieces, including a 105mm cannon and a 120mm mortar, were moved overnight. On 20 March, Bosnian Government and Serb forces exchanged a total of 30 prisoners, including two journalists, in SARAJEVO. Six people were wounded by sniper fire in Bosnian Government-held areas of SARAJEVO on 20 March. Informed sources report that BSA troops visited an observation post in GORAZDE on 20 March and told the soldiers to leave their position and not come back. This may be an indication that operations are planned in the area. UNPROFOR reported an increase in the activity in the TRAVNIK area of central Bosnia on 20 March; this was thought to be a BiH attack on Mt VLASIC. Fighting in the TUZLA area is reported to have decreased during 20 March, mainly due to heavy snowfall, but to have recommenced on 21 March. Restrictions on movement made accurate assessments difficult. Early indications suggested Government forces had failed to capture the strategically important STOLICE area and suffered heavy casualties in their initial attack. Fighting is also reported southeast of TUZLA, around KALESIJA. Informed sources are concerned that the upsurge in fighting and violations of the cessation of hostilities agreement will increase, and that the agreement stands no chance of renewal or extension when it expires at the end of May.



Rwanda

The Rwandan Government apologized for recent radio broadcasts which were hostile to UNAMIR. In the south-west, the RPA exchanged fire with ten former Rwandan Government Forces soldiers.

Burundi

On 20 March, three people were killed in rioting when youths went on the rampage in BUJUMBURA. Tanzanian officials said that soldiers from Burundi's army were seen in north-western Tanzania.

Somalia

WHO, UNICEF, and ICRC are expected to form a joint committee to seek funding for continued fuel supplies for the AFGOOYE well. UNOSOM provided UNDP with enough fuel to run the well until 31 March 1995. According to press reports, Mr David Morris was freed after the UN paid \$6 million of what it owed to his firm, Morris Catering. The payment enabled the company, in turn, to pay its Somali creditors.

Angola

On 20 March, SRSG Beye and SESG Kittani met with representatives of the three Observer States to discuss the latest developments in Angola and discussed with President dos Santos and the Force Commander the

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implementation of the LUSAKA Protocol. UNITA alleged that on 17 March, an FAA battalion moved from CAMAHONGUE (50 kms north-east of LUENA) to SAPAMBOON and that FAA troops from LEUA were moving north of LUENA, with the intention of attacking UNITA positions in LIANGONGO. UNAVEM was investigating the matter.

Middle East

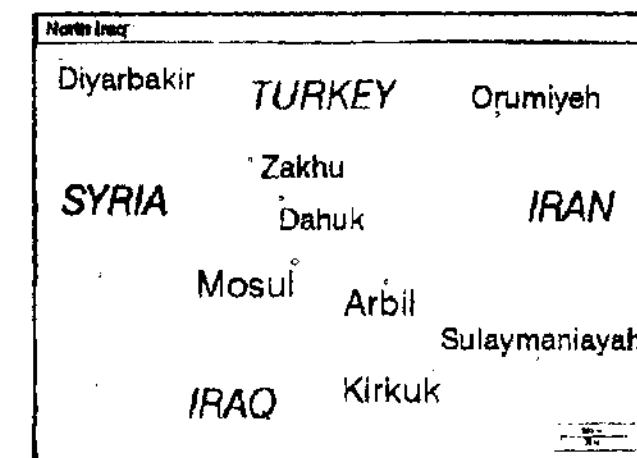
Further investigation into the 19 March incident at the UN observation post at YATAR in the western part of the UNIFIL area in southern Lebanon has revealed that the explosion was caused by a plastic anti-personnel mine and not from a mortar round as previously reported. The incident occurred on a defined foot path regularly used by UN patrols, strengthening UNIFIL's assessment that UN personnel had been deliberately targeted.

Tajikistan

On 20 March, Head of Mission Silovic had his first meetings with the ambassadors of Iran, Russia, the USA, and the Commander of the Russian Border Forces in Tajikistan, General Chechulin, to discuss the fourth round of the inter-Tajik talks. General Chechulin welcomed UNMOT's decision to deploy military observers in Kalaikhum District, where the situation was becoming increasingly tense. On 21 March, press reports indicated that Russian border guards killed at least 35 Tajik rebels trying to infiltrate Tajikistan from Afghanistan in the largest clash since 1993.

Iraq/Turkey

Press reports quote the Turkish Foreign Ministry on 20 March as saying it had launched a "limited" operation across a 220-kilometre-long border zone and had advanced 40 kilometres into northern Iraq, up to 35,000 Turkish troops are believed to have been involved. Attacks are reported to have continued on 21 March, with the Turkish forces claiming to have destroyed a number of Kurdish guerrilla bases. Turkey's Defense Minister told reporters that 200 Kurdish separatists had been killed so far. Although the Iraqi Government has remained silent over the incursion, press reports indicate that the operation has been condemned by the Iranian, French, and Russian Governments. The USA Government is reported by the press to have tacitly endorsed the raids after assurances from the Turkish Prime Minister that the operation would be limited and civilian lives would be safeguarded. A UNHCR representative is reported to have managed to get to DOHUK, 80 kilometres south of ZAKHO on the night of 20 March and to have expressed fears that some of the prisoners reportedly taken by the Turkish forces from Iraq to Turkey were civilians.



Afghanistan

The transfer of power from President Rabbani to an interim national council has been delayed due to recent fighting, according to the UN's special envoy. On 21 March, press reports indicated that Taliban forces won back some of the territory lost to Government forces south of KABUL earlier this week.

Haiti

Voter registration will be conducted 16 March to 16 April. Candidate registration will occur 27 March to 02 April. Criminal activity, particularly murder, which had increased early in the week, has returned to previous levels. The majority of the murders were assessed to have been committed by vigilantes. Criminals are targeting food warehouses. The MNF is now providing fixed site security at these locations.

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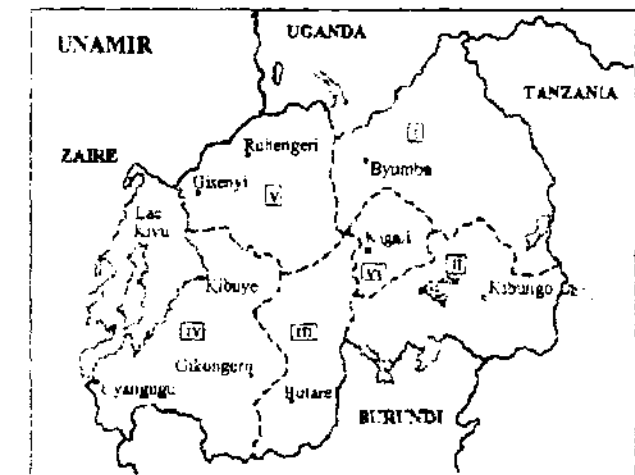
- Croatian Serbs state they will only accept UN civilian police on their borders.
- President Bizimungu has given assurances that his Government will cooperate with UNAMIR.
- Fighting continues around KABUL between Government and Taliban forces.

Former Yugoslavia

On 14 March, the SRSG left SARAJEVO after two days - of talks with the warring parties. Following the negotiations, Mr. Akashi said that neither the Bosnian Serbs nor the Bosnian government were willing to compromise in order to maintain peace after the expiry of the cessation of hostilities agreement on 01 May. Nine French peacekeepers are now confirmed to have died in the road accident on 14 March. The "Krajina" Serbs are reported by the media to have said that UN civilian police, but not troops, would be acceptable on their borders with Serbia and Bosnia. The Indonesian President is reported by the press to have suggested that the states of the former Yugoslavia form a confederation to help solve their conflict. Bosnian Government authorities arrested a second UNPROFOR interpreter on 14 March in GORAZDE; his release has been demanded. The general situation has been relatively calm, although small arms and mortar fire was reported from SARAJEVO and a round from a heavy weapon impacted extremely close to an observation post manned by the Norwegian battalion in north-east Bosnia. On 14 March, two UNPROFOR officers were arrested by "RSK" military police in PETRINJA. Military police and a liaison officer from HQ Sector North attempted to negotiate, however, the officers were kept in prison during the night and were only released the following day.

Rwanda

On 13 March, President Bizimungu gave assurances to the SRSG that the Rwanda Government remained appreciative and would co-operate with UNAMIR. On 14 March, a RPA soldier sought refuge at UNAMIR headquarters saying he had refused to comply with orders to kill a Hutu relative. In Sector 4C, UNAMIR confirmed the RPA had initiated the shooting on 24 February near the orphanage in KAMEMBE, which resulted in the death of 12 people from NKOMBO ISLAND. In Sector 6, the Indian battalion clinic, which used to provide primary health care to the local population, was closed to locals by order from the Ministry of Health.



Somalia

The hospital in LEEUQ, which was completely destroyed in 1992, has been renovated with the assistance of UNHCR, the European Community and the Dutch Aid Agency, MEMISA. The hospital is being administered by the African Medical Research Foundation. A total of 650 Somali refugees were repatriated to KISMAYO and BERBERA from Kenya.

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Angola

On 14 March, the Angolan government, responded to a claim by Gen. Garuba that government troops were violating the accord by moving into areas vacated by UNITA forces. It denied it had moved into the UN buffer zones in northern Uige province. On 15 March, members of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Joint Commission visited SAURIMO, LUZAMBA and CATCHUNGO to verify whether any cease-fire violation were occurring at airfields in these locations. UNITA troops in KINDJE (UIGE) prevented free movement of the local population along the KINDJE-N'ZETO and KINDJE-QUIMARIA roads. UNITA have agreed to provide complete details of mines along the GANDAVIRA-SACALUNDO-CALUMA road, south of HUAMBIO, and information about their positions in CUANZA SUL by 18 March. FAA troops at BELA VISTA have not yet started their disengagement towards CHINGUAR. Guards at a local diamond company in LUCAPA (SAURIMO) reported that they saw personnel, who appeared to be foreigners, carrying out parachute descents at LUALICA (30 kms north east of LUCAPA). The local FAA commander stated that disengagement in MOXICO (LUENA) could not commence until disengagements in UIGE and HUAMBIO were completed. On 15 March, UNAVEM deployed a team at QUELA (north eastern region). UNAVEM III's strength on 15 March was 495.

Middle East

Following his visit to the area, USA Secretary of State Christopher is reported to have said that Syrian and Israeli ambassadors to the USA will re-engage directly in WASHINGTON. On 14 March, Lebanon observed a general strike to mark the 17th anniversary of the first Israeli invasion.

Tajikistan

The deputy chairman of the Kuybishev district informed the UNMOT Team at KURGAN-TYUBE, in the south-west of Tajikistan, that approximately 40,000 refugees had returned to their homes.

India/Pakistan

The Indian press reported that following a high level meeting to assess the situation in CHRAR-E-SHARIEF, the government announced that if all the militants were prepared to gather outside the town, the administration was prepared to send them back across the Line of Control without harming them.

Afghanistan

Taliban fighters launched an attack against Government troops on the southern confrontation line, gaining a hill-top but massive Government reinforcements moved up for a counter-attack. Sorties by Government jets were made against the Taliban to suppress their advance. In west KABUL, two pro-Rabbani groups were locked in a territorial dispute over the Dashti Barchi district. Iran called for a comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan and the setting up of a stable government acceptable to all segments of society.

Liberia

The situation in KAKATA was still tense; MONROVIA, BUCHANAN and areas under ECOMOG control remained calm. Due to a lack of funding and tangible progress in the peace process, Tanzanian and Ugandan troops serving with ECOMOG may withdraw from Liberia at the end of March.

Haiti

According to the media, the first Pakistani contingent of 180 army troops flew to Haiti on 14 March, a second contingent of 350 men will leave on 17 March and another 325 on 20 March. The staff relief-in-place commenced on 15 March. On 14 March, it was reported that 15 murders had been committed during the previous 24 hours. MNF believed that 13 of them were carried out by vigilantes and will increase its psyops campaign to discourage vigilante activity accordingly.

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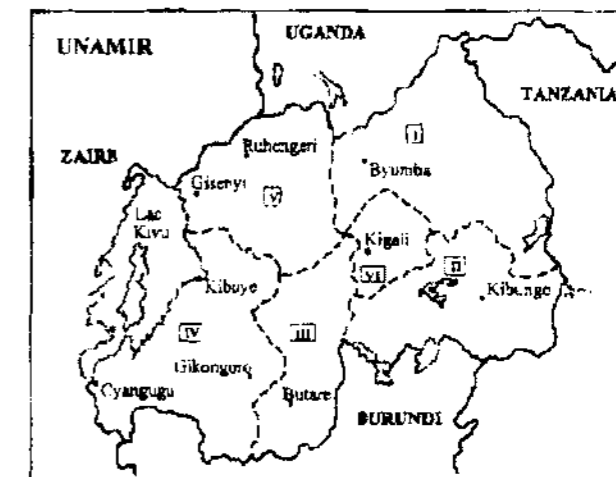
- NATO aircraft did not fire, in response to an attack on UNPROFOR.
- Intimidation: The harassment of UNAMIR continues in Rwanda.
- The Secretary-General's Advisor, Mr. Kittani, left for Angola on 15 March.

Former Yugoslavia

NATO said that it would send 20,000 troops if called on to evacuate UN peace-keepers from Bosnia and has submitted a letter to political heads in BRUSSELS. All sides continue to expand and consolidate their military positions in Bosnia and Croatia. SARAJEVO airport remained open, but the airbridge will remain suspended until 18 March. On 15 March, a patrol in GORAZDE was fired on by the BSA. After a lengthy firefight lasting a number of hours, during which NATO aircraft were task force support and reinforcements were deployed, the patrol withdrew without casualties. The disappearance of a senior Bosnian Croat military officer, General Santic, is reported by the press to be straining relations between Bosnian Croats and the Bosnian Government. General Santic, commander of Croatian Serb forces in the BIHAC area, disappeared while visiting the BiH. Three officers in the army of the FRY are reported by the press to have been arrested for spying.

Rwanda

The humanitarian situation in Rwanda is becoming more urgent as promised aid funds have failed to materialize. The European Union (EU) is to give priority to setting up a proper legal system in Rwanda. Local people remain unwilling to talk to UNAMIR out of fear of intimidation by the RPA. In Sector 3, in the Runda Commune, the RPA established an unofficial prison after arresting male Hutus. In Sector 2, at MUGESERA, human rights monitors were confronted at gunpoint by RPA troops and told to leave the area. The nearly one million Rwandan refugees in Zaire claimed that international aid agencies were conspiring with the leaders in KIGALI to push them to go home despite their fears of being killed.



Somalia

The SRSG returned to NAIROBI after consultations in ADDIS ABABA with the OAU Secretary-General and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; the discussions centered on the future presence of the UN in Somalia. UN agencies reported that Gen. Aideed and Mr. Ali Mahdi will meet at MOGADISHU seaport on 20 March at a ceremony during which a joint SNA/SSA local administration for MOGADISHU and the Benadir Region will be announced. The WFP, under the food-for-work programme, has rehabilitated a total of 33 canals and water catchment projects in the Jowhar area. A joint WFP/FAO small-scale fishery project was implemented in the village of HABAL, approximately 50 kms north of MOGADISHU.

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Angola

The Secretary-General's Special Adviser, Mr. Kijakur, arrived in Luanda on 15 March to discuss the progress of the peace process. The Secretary-General's Special Adviser, Mr. Kijakur, reported to the Security Council on 25 March on whether conditions for the deployment of the UNAVEM III have been met. UNAVEM deployed teams to LUMEGE and CHITUMBO in the Kuito region. The FAA has not yet commenced its withdrawal from BELA VISTA (Bela Vista) and is actively recruiting in the KUITO area (LUENA). Six FAA tanks are reported to have been moved to CHITUMBO where there have also been reports of forcible conscription into the army.

Middle East

On 15 March, armed elements in south Lebanon fired rockets from an Israeli backed militia position resulting in immediate retaliation by the Israel army. A UNIFIL position was reported. No damage or casualties were reported. There was a major decrease in air violations into Lebanon was reported. Israeli naval vessels are reported to have fired warning shots towards fishing boats of the south Lebanese port of Tyre.

Tajikistan

The new Head of the Mission, Mr. Silovic, arrived in DUSHANBE and assumed duty. At PIANJ, it was reported that smugglers often crossed the border with drugs and weapons. Militia at KURGAN-TYUBE had established check-points in the area and were checking all vehicles and people. UNMOT was requested by the UNHCR to assist in evaluating the real situation of Tajik refugees while on a visit to TALOQON, where 35,000 to 40,000 Tajik refugees are currently living in camps. Aid in the camps is provided by Iran, Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries. Leaders of the Islamic Revival Movement highlighted the lack of humanitarian aid for the refugees in northern Afghanistan, and said that they were willing to establish regular contacts with the UNHCR.

India/Pakistan

The Indian press reported that militants refused the offer to be escorted out of the besieged town of CHRAR-E-SHARIEF. The situation in the Kashmir valley continued to be tense.

Afghanistan

According to press reports, the offensive by Government troops in south-eastern KABUL appears to have ground to a halt, having come up against fierce Taliban resistance.

Liberia

The rift in the Madingo ULIMO-K movement has widened as Sheikh Konneh continued to oppose the presence of the warring faction leaders in the Council of State. ULIMO-K forces have been pushed out of one of their strategic locations, 10 kms from TUBMANSBURG, by ULIMO-J forces. Skirmishes between the ULIMO-J and NPFL factions continued, with the NPFL recapturing two checkpoints close to KAKATA on the KAKATA-BONG MINES road.

Haiti

According to press reports, Haiti has asked the USA to extradite Mr. Constant, leader of the paramilitary Front for Advancement and Progress in Haiti (FRAPH), and his aide, Mr. Chamblain. They are accused of using violence to intimidate dissidents. USA officials have said they were prepared to extradite Mr. Constant, but were not sure where he might be found.

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Angola

On 19 March, the SRSG and the Force Commander met Dr. Savimbi in BAILUNDO to discuss the military and political issues involved in the implementation of the LUSAKA Protocol. UNAVEM protested the movement of FAA soldiers by air from LUANDA. On 19 March, UNAVEM also protested the FAA occupation of a vacated UNITA post on the road UIGE-NEGAGE. UNITA stated that the FAA had killed 30 people in Bengo province and alleged that the FAA has concentrated a regiment in MUXULANDO to launch an attack on GOMBE (14 Km east of MUXULANDO). UNAVEM deployed teams to N'GOVE, CHONGOROI and QUILENGUES.

Middle East

According to the media, Israel and Syria are to hold negotiations in WASHINGTON on 20 and 21 March in a new bid to break the peace deadlock. On 18 and 19 March, media reported that Israeli naval vessels fired on fishing boats off the coast of TYRE in south Lebanon. The press also reported a bomb explosion in MARJAYOUN, south Lebanon, where the Israeli backed militia has its headquarters on 18 March. No casualties were reported. On 19 March, a mortar explosion impacted at the UN observation post at YATAR, in the west of the UNIFIL area; two UN soldiers suffered injuries, one seriously. Both were evacuated by helicopter to the UNIFIL hospital. Hezbollah guerrillas are reported by the press to have fired six anti-tank Sagger rockets at an Israeli column in south Lebanon and to have destroyed two vehicles. Two Israeli soldiers are believed to have been injured and Israel forces are reported to have retaliated with artillery fire and aircraft and helicopter attacks. On 19 March, Palestinians guerrillas are reported by the media to have attacked a bus near a Jewish settlement on the occupied WEST Bank, killing two settlers and wounding five others. A Palestinian was wounded during retaliatory violence.

Tajikistan

Russian troops are reported by the media to have killed six people trying to cross the border from Afghanistan on 19 March. A Russian soldier was shot and wounded in DUSHANBE on the same day.

Georgia

UNOMIG notes continuing reports of large numbers of refugees fleeing across the INGIRI river out of Abkhaz controlled areas. Abkhaz soldiers continue to deny UNMO patrols freedom of movement along the GALI canal. On 17 March, the Security Council called on the parties to the Abkhaz conflict to achieve a comprehensive settlement, including a settlement on the political status of Abkhazia. The Council noted that there had been little overall progress towards a settlement; that a stalemate existed with respect to the return of refugees and displaced persons; that the security situation had deteriorated, particularly in the GALI region, causing difficulty in the delivery of humanitarian supplies and noted with concern that reports of human rights abuses, largely against the Georgian population, had become more frequent.

Afghanistan

UN envoy Mestiri is quoted by the media as saying that a transfer of power would take place within five days. But a presidential spokesman said President Rabbani will not step down on 23 March since there is no mechanism for a transfer of power. Government troops and Taliban forces continue to battle for control of high ground south of KABUL.

Greece

Greek authorities are reported by the media to have arrested seven armed members of an underground group who apparently intended to cross into Albania. The arrest came days after the two countries began moves to normalize ties, frozen for ten months following an earlier incident.

Turkey

Turkey is reported by the media to have closed its border with Iraq for two weeks on 20 March as a large number of Turkish troops, supported by air attacks and artillery fire, moved into northern Iraq to destroy camps set up by the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

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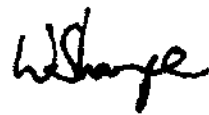



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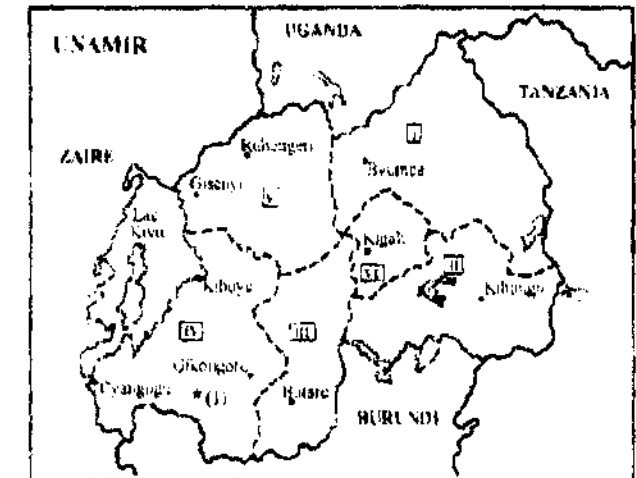
- Eight French soldiers were killed and four injured in an accident on Mt IGMAN.
- The Lebanese Cabinet met in south Lebanon
- The UN has decided to maintain international economic sanctions on Iraq

Former Yugoslavia

Eight French soldiers were killed and four others seriously injured on 14 March when the armoured personnel carrier they were travelling in slipped off a track on MUGMAN and fell into a 40 meter deep ravine. The visit of the Indonesian President to SARAJEVO passed without incident. Blue Routes remained closed. The SRSG met with Bosnian Government officials on 14 March following talks in PALE on 13 March. Informed sources indicate the presence of a number of different types of low level anti air missiles in Bosnia. The general situation has remained relatively calm.

Rwanda

President Biziungu visited the Mutara area to assess the lack of clean water, cattle diseases and the people's mistrust of Government armed forces. In Sector 2, local people were concerned about arrests carried out by the RPA. In Sector 4C, at RUSIZI (cf. [1] on map), RPA troops detained a UNHCR vehicle and the driver. In Sector 5, UNAMIR vehicles are subjected to vigorous searches at RPA check-points. The WFP said \$385 million in aid was needed this year but only \$155 million has been pledged so far. The WFP and UNHCR said repatriation of refugees and displaced persons could not be achieved if there were concerns about the supply of food.



Somalia

Media reported that the President of Yemen was planning to help a meeting between Ali Mahdi and Gen Aideed. WHO expected limited outbreaks of cholera to continue in various parts of Somalia with a significant increase in the coming raining season. UNICEF continued chlorination and public information activities. Following the reopening of the seaport, a 12% decrease in prices has been noted in the main markets. Olympic, a telecommunication corporation, has installed telephone lines at MOGADISHU sea and airport.

Angola

UNAVEM has deployed a team to MUSSENDE, in the central region. In the northern region (UIGE), UNAVEM verified the occupation of BEM VINDO by FAA and was allowed to investigate the cargo carried by the C-130 transport aircraft which landed at UIGE on 12 March. In HUAMBO (Central Region), FAA confirmed that they would complete their withdrawal from BELA VISTA by 18 March. In the southern region (LUBANGO), UNITA allegedly placed the town of CUSSE (north-east of CACONDA) under siege. In the north-eastern region (SAURIMO), FAA carried out a supply drop at CAZUNDO airstrip and denied UNAVEM access and verification of the contents of the drop.

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Middle East

Press reports quote the Israeli Foreign Minister as saying that Israel would have to pay "the inevitable price" for peace with Syria which is demanding a total Israeli withdrawal from the GOLAN HEIGHTS. Israel has so far only proposed a limited withdrawal over a period of up to three years to test Syria's desire for peace. According to the media, US Secretary of State Christopher held his second meeting within 24 hours with Syrian President Assad in DAMASCUS on 14 March amid speculation that Israel and Syria may resume direct talks over the GOLAN HEIGHTS. On 14 March, armed elements attacked two Israeli supported militia positions south-east of AKIYA and south of the LITANI river in southern Lebanon. During retaliatory firing there were five firings close to UN positions, no casualties or damage were reported. Israeli Airforce planes flying low over NABATTIYEH where the Lebanese cabinet reportedly met, drew fire from both the Lebanese Army and guerrillas. On 13 March, during an incident-free two hour rally, organized by AMAL and involving 1,500 people outside the Irish battalion HQ in UNIFIL, a number of petitions were handed over to the Acting Chief of Staff.

Tajikistan

The UNMOT delegation returned from Afghanistan after talks with the opposition political and military leaders. President Rahmonov is reported by the media to be attending a meeting of the Organization of Economic Co-operation, which consists of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Azerbaijan. The chief of the village of KULDIMON reported that, during February and March, 28 refugees returned from Afghanistan; more are expected to return, but some were forced to stay behind by the opposition.

Iraq/Kuwait

Two US contractors accidentally crossed the Kuwait/Iraq border on 14 March and were detained by the Iraqi authorities. On 13 March, the Security Council decided to maintain international economic sanctions imposed on Iraq.

Afghanistan

On 14 March, Iran condemned the killing, by the Taliban, of the leader of the Shiite Hezb-i-Wahdat faction. President Rabbani's forces are still attempting to force the Taliban out of the Khairabad hills and their base at RISHKOR, 20 kms south of KABUL.

Liberia

The Chairman of ECOWAS invited Chief Tamba Tailor, Chairman Kpomakpop, Gen Inicenger and the SRSG for talks in ACCRA on 14 March to discuss the situation on the ground in Liberia since the January meeting in ACCRA. Skirmishes between NPFL and ULIMO-J for control over the KAKATA-BONG MINES road continued. Following his release in FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, the former ULIMO Chief of Staff, Gen Youlu, has reaffirmed his loyalty to Gen Johnson and has questioned Kromah's claim to ULIMO's seat for the Council of State.

Kazakhstan

According to the media, Kazakhstan's parliament has asked the UN and other international bodies to intervene in its dispute with President Nursultan Nazarbayev, who dissolved the assembly on 11 March.

Kenya

Press reports quote Kenyan officials as reporting that 200 armed guerrillas, based in Uganda, killed two policemen in SIRISIA in western Kenya, on 12 March, and stole 13 rifles and ammunition.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

According to press reports, Britain is to withdraw 400 of its 19,000 troops stationed in Northern Ireland, a gesture seen as symbolic of reduced tensions in the province resulting from six months of truce.

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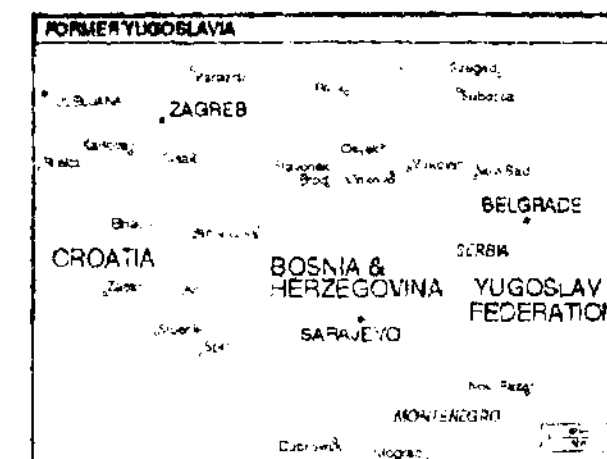
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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ A local Serb military exercise in eastern Croatia has been extended until 11 March
- ▶ The Secretary-General has ordered the closure of the UNOSOM office in NAIROBI
- ▶ Commercial traffic has resumed at MOGADISHU port

Former Yugoslavia

In Croatia, the local Serb exercise in Sector East was extended to 11 March. On 09 March, the Deputy Sector Commander was stopped by local Serb military policemen. His car was shot at and he was questioned; a strong protest has been made. In Sector North, near SUNJA, company-sized units on both sides are now occupying positions approximately 200 metres apart. In SARAJEVO, a UN truck and its cargo (126 flak jackets) were retained by the Bosnia Serbs. An UNPROFOR observation position was hit by ten small arms rounds; there were no casualties. In SREBRENICA, a convoy with fuel, medical stores, and fresh food is scheduled for 11 March, one having arrived on 8 March. A Bangladeshi battalion resupply convoy reached VELIKA KLADUSA. Five aid workers from the NGO Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres continue to be held. According to press reports, Hungarian customs have seized large amounts of ammunition and explosives destined for former Yugoslavia. Bosnian Muslim secessionist leader Abdic is reported by the media to have said that he intends to proclaim the Republic of Western Bosnia at some time. According to the press, Bosnian Croats and Muslims agreed on the setting up of local, county, and federal administrations, due to be in place by mid-April, to run the Federation.



Rwanda

On 09 March, Gen Kagame requested UNAMIR to examine whether it needed 6,000 troops, and stated that Rwanda should choose the kind of assistance it needed and should not have assistance imposed upon it. The EU is providing 12 million European Currency Units in food aid for refugees from Rwanda and Burundi, mainly in camps in Tanzania and Burundi. Following an agreement with the UNHCR, 40 European human rights observers will join UNAMIR and stay for up to five months. In Sector 1, incidents of banditry across the border at GATUNGA have reportedly ceased due to improved co-operation between Ugandan and Rwandan border security personnel. The total number of IDPs moved since the start of Operation Retour is 40,554.

Somalia

On 09 March, the Secretary-General ordered the closure of the UNOSOM office in NAIROBI. The SRSG is to return home; the Force Commander has closed his headquarters. The first commercial vessel to arrive since the UNOSOM troop withdrawal, an Egyptian ship carrying food, fuel, and vehicles, docked at MOGADISHU port; two other commercial ships and three dhows are expected to dock later. The port manager has asked that UNOSOM hand back port equipment.

Angola

On 09 March, during the Eleventh Session of the Joint Commission, the Force Commander's conclusions of the board of military observers were adopted. It was decided to hold a special session on 16 March in LUANDA. In the northern region, during the deployment of a UNAVEM team to QUIBAXE, a helicopter was fired at. UNAVEM protested the movement of military equipment after an Antonov transport aircraft landed at LUJE. In the central region, UNAVEM

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protested the FAA reinforcement of troops in BELA VISTA and the re-occupation of former positions by UNITA in reaction. In the north-eastern region, UNAVEM is investigating reports of 500 armed FAA soldiers disembarking from transport aircraft at SAURIMO.

Middle East

Israeli Foreign Minister Peres is reported by the media to have said that Israel and the Palestinians had agreed to try to conclude talks on the second stage of autonomy by 01 July. The second phase would involve army redeployment from the West Bank to allow Palestinian elections to go ahead. PLO Chairman Arafat is reported to have played down the importance of the agreement. On 10 March, unconfirmed press reports indicated that Israel has lifted the blockade on south Lebanon ports. On 09 March, UNIFIL reported artillery and mortar fire in the Israeli-controlled area of south Lebanon. Press reports indicate that further attacks on Israeli backed militia posts took place on 10 March.

Tajikistan

The OSCE, whose mandate in Tajikistan expires on 30 July 1995, discussed whether to extend or terminate its mission's mandate, as the Tajik Government is unwilling to consider the organisation's recommendations regarding the recent Parliamentary elections. The Tajik President is expected to have talks with the Secretary-General of the Iran-based Islamic Movement of Tajikistan, while on a visit to Pakistan next week.

Iraq/Kuwait

Iraq announced that it intended to return military equipment seized during its occupation of Kuwait, but could not return everything demanded by the UN, since some of it had been destroyed or left behind during the withdrawal. The announcement was denounced by USA Ambassador Albright who claimed that there was "abundant evidence to the contrary", including photographic evidence submitted to the council.

Afghanistan

On 09 March, the Taliban clashed with Rabbani's forces in south-west KABUL. Fighting was particularly fierce south of Dehrazang Square, a strategic area under Rabbani's control.

Liberia

Five of the six nominees to the new Council of State met in MONROVIA and sent a letter of appeal to join the group to the leader of the NPFL. Cease-fire violations by ULIMO-J against the NPFL were reported in BONG MINES. Most shops stayed closed in MONROVIA on 09 March after a "stay-at-home for peace" call from a group among Christians and Muslims in the country.

Georgia

UNOMIG report an increase in tension in the Security Zone as a result of looting, beatings, and alleged kidnapping for ransom. Locals passing through the northern part of the Security Zone have requested aid from UNOMIG. UNHCR has been informed. UNOMIG assesses that these requests may be due to increased looting and diminishing winter stocks. Looting activity is reported in GALLI, with gang members extorting money from residents and looting market-goers. In JDAI TA, on 09 March, a drunken off-duty policeman threatened UNOMIG HQ security personnel and fired shots at their heads. An apology has been received from the local authorities. The Commander of the Russian Federal Border Troops and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs arrived in TBILISI on 09 March and met individually with President Zardnadze.

Haiti

Most 2 000 Haitians have been repatriated from the Bahamas since January. It is estimated that there are nearly 50,000 Haitians in the Bahamas who may be repatriated. The Government announced the appointment of an interim committee of seven members to oversee the police. Twenty-five CIVPOL monitors from Mali have arrived in PORT-AU-PRINCE.

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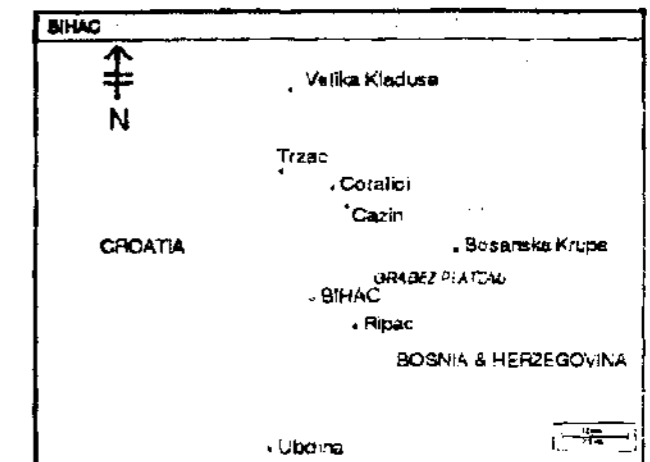
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Bosnian Serbs may ask UNPROFOR to withdraw from Bosnia, if the UN withdraws from Croatia
- MOGADISHU port is to reopen under a joint political committee
- UNMOT's mandate has been extended until 26 April

Former Yugoslavia

Bosnian Serbs will reportedly ask for a withdrawal of UNPROFOR from Government enclaves, including SARAJEVO, if the UN withdrawal from Croatia goes ahead. Croatia and Bosnia have set up a joint military alliance against rebel Serb forces in both republics, according to media reports, and the Croat President of the Federation has stated that Bosnian Croat forces would fight rebel Serb forces in Croatia if fighting broke out there. Forces loyal to Mr. Abdic claim to have inflicted a major defeat on the Government's 5th Corps in the BIHAC Pocket and to have pushed them back ten kilometers south toward the Government-held town of CAZIN. UNPROFOR is unable to confirm this due to restrictions on movement but has reported fighting in the area. On 07 March, a UN transport plane was hit by small arms fire while landing at SARAJEVO Airport. An increase in the number of firing incidents and detonations was reported in north-east Bosnia. Two artillery shells landed near TUZLA Air base on 06 March, coinciding with the arrival of two resupply helicopters and preventing complete delivery of medical supplies. Germany's President Herzog has reportedly backed Kosovar Albanian demands for autonomy and said that the Kosovo problem must be addressed as part of the pan-Yugoslav settlement.



Rwanda

The institution of a floating currency, imposed by the European Union as part of its programme of assistance, will take effect on 14 March. The RPA is conducting search operations around Camp Byumba where hand grenades were thrown at UNAMIR guards. In the south-west, the RPA section at NYAMIGA opened fire and killed three civilians. The total number of internally displaced persons moved since the beginning of Operation Retour is 40,294.

Burundi

On 06 March, Burundi's Prime Minister Nduwayo appointed Mr. Astere Nzisabira as Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism before chairing his first cabinet meeting on 07 March.

Somalia

On 04 March, SSA chairman Mahdi said that UN humanitarian relief had been significant, although other aspects of the mission had failed; he also stated that intransigence by faction leaders had been the major obstacle toward the achievement of peace. On 06 March, Gen. Aideed and Mr. Mahdi agreed to reopen MOGADISHU's port under the direction of a joint political committee. On 06 March, WHO reported that the total numbers of cholera cases in KISMAYO was 460 and that incidents of the disease were

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increasing in north MOGADISHU. The European Commission's Special Envoy for Somalia said in NAIROBI that a new code drawn up by aid agencies asked Somalis to punish anyone who attacked aid workers or harmed their operations.

Angola

The Secretary-General will recommend a deferral in the deployment of UNAVEM III infantry units unless the parties have complied, by 25 March, with Security Council conditions. Both sides have accused each other of cease-fire violations. In LUANDA, UNAVEM protested three IL-76 aircraft being loaded with FAA soldiers and military equipment. In the southern region, the FAA reported UNITA transport aircraft had been observed near CHILVAGE and MURIEGE. In the northern region, an FAA foot patrol was reportedly ambushed by UNITA. In the central region, FAA troops continued to reinforce their positions at BELA VISTA. In the eastern region, UNAVEM protested the restrictions on flying by the UNITA Commander in LUMEGE.

Middle East

Israeli Air Force planes dropped flares over BEIRUT and drew anti-aircraft fire from the Lebanese Army during the night of 06/07 March.

Tajikistan

On 06 March, the Security Council endorsed a 45-day extension of UNMOT's mandate until 26 April. A leader of the opposition group Mullah Abdullah informed UNMOT that his group intends to resume armed activities in the GARM Region in the near future.

Afghanistan

Taliban forces launched an attack on 06 March in south-western Farah Province on troops of Afghan commander Ismail Khan, an ally of President Rabbani. Ismail Khan controls western Herat Province.

Liberia

On 06 March, as the situation in Liberia deteriorated, the Security Council examined the future of UNOMIL. The SRSG has requested help from neighbouring countries to stem the increasing flow of arms into Liberia. The AFL has rejected the extraordinary session of the Liberia National Conference. The LPC Chairman stated that areas under LPC control would be handed over to ECOMOG, but no date was specified. The rift that has developed between ULIMO-K leadership and some of its military commanders remains a serious threat to Alhaji Kromah's leadership.

Russia

Ten people were killed and five seriously injured when a mine blew up a UN chartered bus carrying refugees near ACHKOI-MARTAN, south-west of GROZNY. The bus was carrying 47 people toward the neighbouring republic of Ingushetia. Chechen rebels claim to still be fighting Russian forces in the Chernorechye district of GROZNY. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe has offered to assist in brokering a peace-agreement in Chechnya and to set up a permanent mission there.

Guatemala

The Secretary-General believes, on the basis of responses received from the Government and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG), that the minimum conditions exist for continuation of UN involvement in the peace negotiations. The Secretary-General has also asked that plans be made for the resumption of peace-talks.

Outlook

31 March: The Secretary-General will visit Haiti when UNMIH takes over from the MNF.

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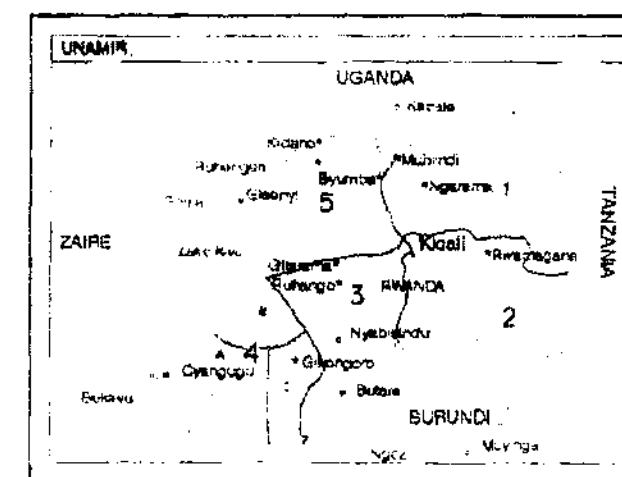
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- Two American diplomats were shot and killed in KARACHI.

Former Yugoslavia

Diplomatic sources in Zagreb told the media that President Tudjman wants UNPROFOR forces in Croatia reduced by more than 50 percent and the forces deployed along the border with Serbia and Croatia to cut off arms supplies to the Krajina regions. The USA State Department is reported to have said that the talks between Croatian President Tudjman and Assistant Secretary of State Holbrooke were "more encouraging than initial press reports would suggest," and also indicated some greater flexibility in Tudjman's position than previously thought. Meanwhile, in Bosnia, informed sources' assessment of unconfirmed reports from the BIHAC area suggests that the recent activity by rebel Moslems and Serbs has not been successful and that the BiH 5th Corps may have pushed them back one to two kilometres in the DABRAVINE area, a short distance outside VELIKA Kladusa. The Bosnian Foreign Minister is reported in the press to have said that the current cease-fire in force in Bosnia and Herzegovina could not be renewed without progress in the peace process.

Rwanda

UNAMIR continues to encounter harassment from Government forces. In the RUHASHYA and MUGUSA Communes (Sector A), military observers were denied access to the prisons; in Sector 4, the RPA was inciting locals to return to Zaire; in the GIKOMERO Commune (Sector 6), the RPA conducted arbitrary arrests. In Sector 4, the Director of the KIBUYE hospital reported that although he had informed local authorities about the outbreak of rabies in the area, no action had been taken and people were dying from the disease in the GISOVU Commune. MILOB patrols to the KICUKIRO Commune (Sector 6) reported that the area is urgently in need of agricultural assistance. By 07 March, the total number of internally displaced persons moved since the beginning of Operation RETOUR was 40,368.



Burundi

On 07 March, press reports indicated that 21 Hutus were killed by a mob of displaced Tutsi people in revenge for the killing of a Hutu who was tied up and killed in north-east Burundi.

Somalia

On 07 March, UNOSOM reported that a "national" reconciliation conference had taken place over the past five days in BOROMA among 81 elders from various clans in the north-west to recognize the "Somaliland Government". The Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference expressed concern that the factional bloodshed that led to UN intervention two years ago might resume. WHO reported that insecurity has continued to hamper its tuberculosis eradication programmes in Somalia. UNOSOM reported that Gen Aideed stated that the SNA and SSA are securing MOGADISHU airport and that the airport and the seaport would go into full operation even before the equipment that was taken away during UNOSOM's withdrawal was returned to Somalia. UNDP reported that its three containers in the airport site are still secure, despite militia threats.

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Angola

On 07 March, the SRSG returned to LUANDA after meetings with the Namibian President, the various Ambassadors of European and African States accredited to Namibia, and the Ambassadors of the three Observer States. Cease-fire violations are still reported by both sides. In the northern region, UNAVEM confirmed that FAA troops occupied positions vacated by UNITA at CANDOMBE NOVO and BEM VINDO. In the central region, FAA soldiers and UNITA clashed at BOAS AGUAS and SAUGE. In the southern region, UNAVEM confirmed the UNITA attack and occupation of QUE. In the north-eastern region, 250 FAA troops arrived in ACOLA (30 kms west of MALANGE). In the eastern region, the FAA in LUENA alleged that UNITA was using a ferry to transport weapons across the Zambezi River. In LUANDA, UNAVEM observed three IL-76 and one C-130 aircraft being loaded with ammunition and about a company of troops. UNAVEM III's strength on 07 March was 467.

Middle East

Attacks by armed elements, followed by retaliatory firing by the IDF and DDF, occurred in south Lebanon on 07 and 08 March. A UNIFIL UNMO team was prevented from carrying out its duties by personnel believed to be from the DFF.

Cyprus

Media reports indicate that the Turkish Foreign Minister has threatened to incorporate the north of Cyprus under Turkish administration if the EU opens talks on Cyprus's membership before a settlement of the island's sovereignty. Greece is reported by the press to have threatened to reimpose its veto on the customs union between Turkey and the EU. The Greek Government issued the warning and called for an emergency meeting of EU Foreign Ministers after comments by Turkey over control of Cyprus.

Georgia

On 07 March, a man was killed and three were wounded in an explosion at the headquarters of a Georgian para-military organization. The blast was allegedly caused by the careless handling of explosives at the headquarters of the organization "Mkhedrioni" in RUSTAVI, south-east of TBILISI. The group's officials claim the blast was caused by a mine planted in their headquarters. The Georgian parliament has agreed to form a commission to investigate the incident.

India/Pakistan

On 07 March, the Indian press quoted Jammu's Divisional Commissioner B.R. Kundal as saying that India has decided to fence part of its northern border with Pakistan to check cross-border infiltration and smuggling. In other developments, two USA diplomats were shot dead and a third was wounded in a highway ambush in KARACHI. Unidentified assailants had fired automatic weapons on the van in which they were traveling to work.

Afghanistan

On 07 March, the UN working group in KABUL called for a cease-fire in KABUL, where there was intense fighting between Afghan presidential forces and Shiite Hezb-i-Wahdat troops for the second day. Media reports indicate that infantry loyal to Afghan President Rabbani gained some ground against pro-Iranian Shiite fighters in south KABUL, but the Shiite Moslem faction threatened to launch Scud missiles against Afghan Government forces if they did not stop their two-day-old assault on its enclave in south-western KABUL. On 08 March, press reports indicated that KABUL was subjected to several rocket attacks that included the use of Russian-made Urgan rockets with multiple warheads.

Liberia

On 07 March, the Liberian National Council representative to the incoming Council of State threatened citizens' action if the Council failed to assume its duties by 15 March. Six field ULIMO-K commanders broke away from the faction, denouncing the leadership of Mr. Alhaji Kromah and, in an unprecedented move, met with Gen Johnson of ULIMO-J. Gen Johnson met with UNOMIL to discuss the BONG Mines and KAKATA situation. On 07 March, Liberia's transitional government urged religious leaders to call off a one-day stay-home protest planned to demand an end to the continuing fighting.

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Prime Minister said that his Government would seek UN help to secure his release

Angola

On 03 March, ignoring the UN conditions that forces will only be sent when a cease-fire agreement is observed, the Angolan Foreign Minister urged the deployment of peace-keeping forces in Angola to avoid renewed clashes that could prejudice the peace process. Violations from both sides are jeopardizing this process. In the Northern Region, a large concentration of UNITA soldiers was reported at VUMA, thirty FAA soldiers attacked CALUMBA village, and three FAA supply aircraft landed at UIGE. In the Central Region, the FAA has not withdrawn from positions east of CRUZEIRO, but have moved north from positions at CHIPIPA and reinforced positions at CAALA with soldiers, tanks, and APCs. UNITA was alleged to have concentrated troops at ALTO CHIUMBO, BAILUNDO, and MUNGO. In the Eastern Region, UNAVEM has protested both UNITA and FAA movements of troops and materials and the UNITA denial of UNAVEM reconnaissance flights. UNAVEM succeeded in carrying out a reconnaissance of CABINDA and UIGE and in visiting CATUMBELA Airbase and HUAMBO.

Middle East

Israeli gunboats off south Lebanon are reported by the media to have fired at four Lebanese fishing boats causing damage, but no casualties. The boats had sailed beyond a one kilometre limit set by Israel. It was the third time the Israeli Navy had fired at fishing boats since the blockade was imposed. Lebanon has appealed to the UN to help end the blockade.

Tajikistan

On 03 March, the Commander of the Russian Border Forces in PIANJ complained that their observation posts were fired at from Afghan territory in the vicinity of TUGUL, NOVOBAD, FAIZABATKALA, and NIZNI PIANJ. On 04 March, the media reported that the Tajik Islamic opposition announced a new cease-fire extension to 26 April to allow for progress in negotiations. On 05 March, the Chief of the Executive Committee in TAVILDARA informed UNMOT that the repatriation of refugees had begun. A total of 200 out of 2000 refugees returned to the area from DUSHANBE.

Cyprus

Press reports indicate that on 3 March, EU officials struck a provisional agreement, opening the way for creating a customs union with Turkey and setting a date for starting membership talks with Cyprus. The deal should be formally ratified at a meeting of EU foreign ministers on 6 March.

India/Pakistan

On 05 March, the Jammu-Kashmir police set up a human rights cell and a police operation in JAMMU. The human rights cell will be headed by a Superintendent of Police.

Afghanistan

On 06 March, press reports indicated that Afghan government forces launched a major attack on an enclave held by Hezb-i-Wahdat fighters in the south-western KABUL. Several Western aid workers and their families were believed to be trapped in the area where a Red Cross-supplied hospital is located; there was no immediate word on their fate.

Haiti

On 03 March, a Haitian lawmaker, Mr. Lamothe, a member of the Chamber of Deputies and the National Front for Change and Democracy, was found shot to death in his car in PORT-AU-PRINCE. He had planned to run for the Senate on the 4 June election. On 03 March, President Aristide authorised the Director of Agriculture to confiscate all disputed land in the Rice Bowl area, the MNF was concerned that this would lead to violence. Seven Haitians were killed on 03 March in a variety of criminal incidents. Informed sources believe that this is an isolated increase.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- In UNPROFOR, a French soldier and a Ukrainian soldier were wounded in two separate shooting incidents
- The last Pakistani troops with UNOSOM II left MOGADISHU without incident at 1620 hours LT on 02 March
- CIS PKF authorities assured UNOMIG that the curfew should have no negative impact on UN operations

Former Yugoslavia

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, there was an increase in the number of firing incidents, and the Bihac Pocket continued to be active. In Sector SARAJEVO, on 03 March, a French soldier was shot in the head and two civilians were also injured in a shooting of a tram. In GORAZDE, a Ukrainian soldier was shot in the upper left shoulder while collecting water. A UNHCR convoy was involved in a traffic accident in Sector South-west, resulting in one dead and two injured; initial reports did not indicate whether the dead and wounded were UN personnel. The SARAJEVO Airport was open on 03 March, and UNPROFOR and UNHCR flights have resumed. The "Contact Group" on the former Yugoslavia held a five-hour meeting in PARIS on 02 March to discuss progress on a French initiative to mount a Yugoslav summit. The French Foreign Ministry refused to make any comment on the closed-door meeting. The USA, British, French, and German Defence Ministers will discuss the situation in the former Yugoslavia and other issues at a meeting in the USA beginning on 03 March, according to the Pentagon. The USA announced on 03 March that it is considering reinforcing its contingent of 500 troops in Macedonia, due to concern that the Balkans conflict might spill over into neighbouring areas.



Rwanda

On 02 March, UNAMIR military observers used an alternate route after the RPA denied them access through a check-point in MUHAZI. Military observers were also refused permission to visit Kibungu Prison to investigate the arrest and detention of 14 people from the Rubona Commune. The total number of internally displaced persons moved since the beginning of OPERATION RETOUR was 39 685.

Somalia

A UN spokesman said the last Pakistani troops with UNOSOM left MOGADISHU without incident at 1620 hours LT on 02 March. The UNDP Resident Coordinator for Somalia said UN agencies and NGOs would continue to work in Somalia following UNOSOM's withdrawal. In KISMAYO, trucks carrying wheat flour from the seaport to the WFP warehouse were stopped by miltiamen at a check-point, but Gen Morgan, SPM/SSA Vice-chairman, intervened to resolve the matter.

Angola

On 03 March, the Angolan Foreign Minister accused UNITA leader Savimbi of rejecting the Lusaka Protocol and of planning to renew the civil war because he was not a signatory to this agreement. The UNAVEM III UK peace party was denied access to Catumbela Air Base by FAA troops; this non-cooperative attitude may jeopardize

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further the UN planned deployment. On 02 March, FAA forces in LUANDA loaded tanks into an IL-76 aircraft, which took off for an unidentified destination. An FAA fixed-wing supply flight landed at UIGE Airfield, but UNAVEM was denied access to the airfield by local police. Four people working for a German NGO demining group were killed by unidentified gunmen on the road between CAMBAMBO and CATENGUE in Benguela Province.

Georgia

In the GALI region, CIS PKF authorities assured UNOMIG that the curfew implemented on 02 March should have no negative impact on UN operations. The CIS PKF will not actively participate in the enforcement of the curfew, but will provide logistic support if required. Abkhazian authorities indicated the operation would be concentrated in GALI and surrounding villages. GALI city authorities believe the curfew will encourage spontaneous repatriation by fostering a greater sense of security. Fifty-seven soldiers of the Georgian "Uberta" battalion remained in ZUGDIDI, occupying the ZUGDIDI Interior Department (Mintia) building. This activity is considered a violation of the MOSCOW Cease-fire Agreement. At the Main Bridge in the ZUGDIDI region, newly implemented customs operations include tariffs on tobacco and alcohol, and a duty paid on goods by weight. Only people crossing south to north are charged. The Deputy Chief of Police in TBILISI was killed in his office on 02 March by a police officer, the Georgian news agency *Iprenda* reported on 03 March.

Mozambique

Commercial threat analysts report that soldiers protesting pay and conditions took over 50 hostages, including a number of foreign aid workers, a week ago. Government officials negotiated the hostages' release after a 16-hour stand-off. The troop commander, brother of RENAMO opposition leader Dhlakama, was forced to flee after his men threatened to shoot him. The analysts judge that military protests and mutinies are likely to continue until the Government makes more funds available to improve army conditions.

Liberia

On 02 March, Chief Tamba Taylor told reporters that the question of the composition of the Council remained unresolved. ULIMO-K leader Kromah arrived in MONROVIA to join in discussions with the other protagonists in the conflict. A large concentration of ULIMO-K fighters was reported to be in a suburb of MONROVIA. LPC forces were reinforcing their positions in areas around BUCHANAN and CESTOS CITY. UNOMIL reported that armed banditry was on the rise in MONROVIA.

El Salvador

On 02 March, ONUSAL reported that *Consolidación de la Paz* (COPAZ) had been planning to dissolve on 30 April, the last deadline established and the date of ONUSAL's withdrawal. The recent decision to set up a small UN office with verification, good offices, and reporting functions has reopened the question of a COPAZ extension. ONUSAL held talks on 01 March with the Government, COPAZ, and the *Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional* (FMLN) on this matter.

Haiti

International Police Monitors, with MNF support, will train 200 Haitian Ministerial security guards in March. The "JACMEL" road project began on 01 March. The Government of Haiti will provide equipment and operators, the MNF will provide an Engineer platoon with equipment, the International Organization of Migration will provide local labor, and the UN will provide \$40,000 for materials.

Outlook

6-12 March: UN Summit for Social Development to be held in COPENHAGEN. PLO Chairman Arafat will attend at the invitation of the Secretary-General.

8-9 April: Presidential and legislative elections will be held in Zimbabwe. Voter registration will end on 04 April, and parliament will dissolve on 07 April.

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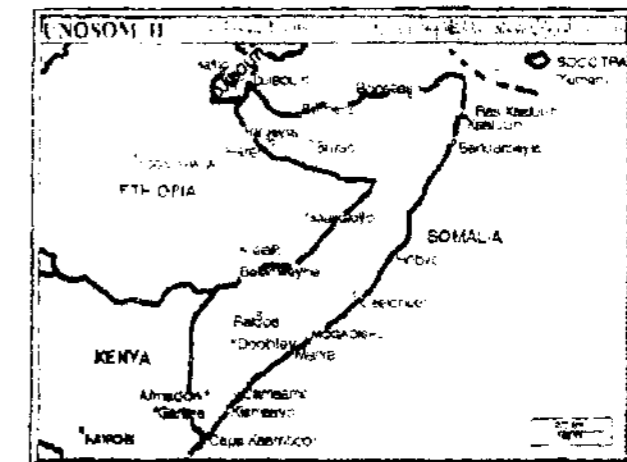
- The "Contact Group" is to meet in Paris on 02 March in a "last-ditch effort" for peace in former Yugoslavia.
- On 01 March, Somali militia took control of MOGADISHU Airport after the withdrawal of UNOSOM forces
- PLO leader Arafat met in a two-hour meeting with Israel's Police Minister in the Gaza Strip on 01 March

Former Yugoslavia

British, French, and German officials were to discuss their international peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina with Serbian President Milosevic on 01 March, according to press reports, the meeting is being held under media blackout conditions. The "Contact Group" is to meet in Paris on 02 March in a "last-ditch effort" in the quest for peace in former Yugoslavia. MOSCOW and BELGRADE signed a military cooperation treaty on 28 February which will come into force as soon as international sanctions on BELGRADE are lifted, according to MOSCOW news agencies. On 01 March, Bosnian Serbs arrested six workers from a Moslem charity in BANJA LUKA and raided its offices, a UNHCR spokesman told reporters, adding that ten employees of the local Merhamet charity were now being held for no apparent reason. There is some concern that the latest arrests may have come in retaliation for a possible Government military attack recently north of TRAVNIK. On 28 February, the situation in the Bihac Pocket remained generally quiet. However, 1,408 shooting incidents in the Bihac Pocket indicated increased activity south of VELIKA KLADUSA. UNPROFOR reported that Mr. Abdic's forces had launched an attack against the 5th BiH Corps in the area of VELIKA KLADUSA, and assessed that these attacks would probably be limited to achieving terrain of tactical importance. At the moment, the extent of Croatian Serb involvement was unknown. However, it was suspected that local Serbs were providing the required indirect fire support and may have allocated some manoeuvre troops to support Mr. Abdic's attacking forces. The new Commander of UNPROFOR, Lieutenant General Bernard Janvier assumed command of the mission on 01 March, taking over from General de la Presle.

Somalia

On 28 February, with United Shield force support, the Pakistan contingent successfully withdrew from their positions at the MOGADISHU Airport. The UNOSOM II rear party is preparing for embarkation from the new port. As part of the withdrawal procedures, UNOSOM has, in the past few days, dumped eight tonnes of arms and ammunition into the sea. On 01 March, the media reported that Somali militia forces took control of MOGADISHU Airport and chased away looters who invaded the airfield after the withdrawal of UNOSOM forces from the airport perimeter. As the last UN troops were entering the joint force perimeter, a United Shield Marine fired shots in the air to warn the militia fighters not to approach the joint force positions too closely. Two attack helicopters flew over the runway in what Lt Gen Zinni, United Shield Commander, told journalists was another warning.



Rwanda

On 28 February, the Rwandan Prime Minister, in an International Conference on Humanitarian and Military

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Intervention held in Great Britain, asked that the UN laws be modified in the event of massacres to allow UN soldiers to use their weapons to protect law-abiding citizens. Sporadic killings have been reported to UNAMIR. In KIBULEMERA, an unknown group attacked the town with machetes and spears, raped one woman, and wounded four people. In Ruhengeri Prefecture, four people were killed in an incident involving the local gendarmerie and unknown suspects. In the Nyarubaka sector, residents complained of harassment, extortion, and robbery by some RPA soldiers. UNAMIR reported that 2,600 displaced persons had so far returned to their homes. During the month of February, the total border crossings of Rwandan refugees were 29,103 inbound and 50 outbound. The ICRC distributed seed to more than 70,000 families in 18 Rwandese municipalities, mostly in the south-west of the country.

Angola

On 28 February, UNAVEM reported that in a meeting between representatives from the Government and UNITA, the head of the UNITA delegation said that the group would stick to the terms of the peace agreement and has every intention of complying with the directives of the LUSAKA Protocol. UNITA requested 48 hours notice prior to the movement of UNAVEM flights and convoys, in order to be able to inform troops on the ground. UNITA and Government troops clashed at QUIONGUA. The Government moved one company to BELA VISTA. Unusual air traffic was reported at UIGE. Up to three fixed-wing aircraft flights, including an AN-12 and an unidentified twin-engine aircraft, were observed landing and unloading stores and equipment.

Middle East

For the first time, PLO leader Arafat met in a two-hour meeting with Israel's Police Minister Shahal in the self-ruled Gaza Strip on 01 March, and promised to cooperate for Israeli security. The chief Palestinian negotiator told reporters that no agreements were expected from the meeting. Also on 01 March, a bomb exploded on the road outside the Israeli settlement of NETZARIM as an army patrol drove past; military officials told reporters. It was the third such blast in the last two weeks; no one was hurt. On 28 February, the Security Council held a day-long debate on Israeli settlements in the occupied territories but did not adopt any resolution or Presidential statement. Some 35 speakers, including representatives of many Arab and Moslem countries, took part in the meeting, requested last week by the Arab group at the initiative of the PLO.

Tajikistan

On 28 February, the Deputy Commander of the Border Forces informed UNMOT that there were 10,137 registered refugees in the Pamir region and requested that UNHCR consider repatriation of the refugees, since the Border Forces have repatriated 1,000 refugees to date.

Cyprus

Special envoys from the USA and the UN will hold talks on Cyprus in Turkey this month, a spokesman for the Turkish Foreign Ministry said on 01 March. Richard Beattie, the USA emissary, will meet President Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, and Foreign Minister Murat Karayalcin in ANKARA on 8-9 March. On 13 March, UN special representative Joe Clark will be in ANKARA for talks with officials.

India/Pakistan

On 01 March, the administrator of Kashmir said elections may be held in Kashmir before 18 July. The Governor added that NEW DELHI was keen to restore a democratically-elected government in the JAMMU state. India's federal human rights commission asked lawmakers not to renew the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act, a controversial anti-terrorist law which gives sweeping powers to police, when it comes up for review in May.

Ecuador / Peru

Commercial political analysts report that on 01 March, the Foreign Ministers from Ecuador and Peru signed a new cease-fire agreement to replace that of 17 February, which failed to end border hostilities. The agreement imposes an immediate cease-fire, the presence of international observers in the border conflict zone by 08 March, and the separation of opposing forces.

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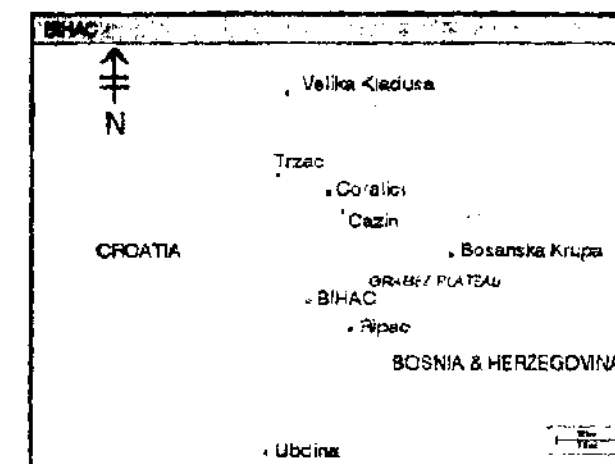
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HIGHLIGHTS

- In the Bihac Pocket, UNHCR personnel abandoned a truck convoy after driving into an artillery barrage.
- Three Hezbollah guerrillas were killed on 28 February in the southern Lebanon border zone.
- France will open a diplomatic interests section in Iraq despite criticism from the USA and Britain.

Former Yugoslavia

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, the situation was relatively quiet, with the exception of SARAJEVO, where several firing incidents occurred as aircraft landed and departed from the airport. UNPROFOR believes that firing incidents at the airport by uncontrolled elements will contribute to an increase in the level of tension within SARAJEVO. In the Bihac Pocket area, on 28 February, UNHCR personnel abandoned a convoy of nine trucks after driving into an artillery barrage, according to a UNHCR spokesperson in GENEVA who added that it didn't seem that the convoy was being targeted, but rather that it had driven into a situation that was already going on. The drivers fled the trucks and took shelter in the armoured vehicles of their UN military escort, which transported them to safety. The convoy was returning to Croatia after delivering aid to civilians when they came under "very heavy shelling." UNPROFOR personnel with the convoy said mortars, artillery, tanks, and multi-barrelled rocket launchers were used in the fighting. On 27 February, British Foreign Secretary Hurd said that international negotiators from the Contact Group would make a new effort to persuade Serbian President Milosevic to unblock peace talks in former Yugoslavia. According to the media, the Contact Group members will go to BELGRADE on 01 March to continue talks over the latest Bosnia peace plan. Press reports indicate that Croatian President Tudjman has called on the international community to send troops to Croatia's border with Serbia, but reaffirmed his opposition to renewing the UNPROFOR mandate within Croatia.



Rwanda

On 27 February, President Bizimungu expressed to the SRSG his appreciation for the positive response from the international community and his government's willingness to work in close co-operation with UNAMIR. The Security Council adopted a unanimous resolution urging all states to arrest people suspected of involvement in genocide or other atrocities in Rwanda and in Rwandan refugee camps in neighbouring countries.

Somalia

Lt Gen Aboo Samah, Force Commander of UNOSOM, handed over to USA Lt Gen Zinni, the Task Force Commander, at 0800 hours LT on 28 February, then flew to NAIROBI, with SRSG Gbeho and support staff. The Bangladeshi contingent also departed on 28 February. The organization and strength of UNOSOM II as of 28 February was 1,561.

Angola

UNITA denied access to a UNAVEM supply flight scheduled for CAFUNFO on 28 February, claiming that they required 48 hours prior notice. The flight was cancelled.

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Middle East

Three Hezbollah guerrillas were killed on 28 February while trying to infiltrate the southern Lebanon border zone, according to De Facto Force media statements. Word of the deaths came as Israel continued a 20-day blockade of southern Lebanon ports. Local radio reports indicated that three guerrillas were seen near a bridge trying to cross into Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in southern Lebanon. A DFF tank fired at them, the radio station said, killing the guerrillas instantly. DFF identified the guerrillas as members of the Hezbollah, however the press reports indicated that there was no confirmation of the casualties from Hezbollah.

Tajikistan

Press reports indicate that supporters of Tajikistan's Government won all but two of 161 seats in the first round of Tajikistan's parliamentary elections on 26 February. The two opponents elected were members of Tajikistan's People's Unity Party.

Iraq

Media reports indicate that France will open a diplomatic interests section in Iraq despite criticism from the USA and Britain. The French Foreign Ministry spokesman said one diplomat with a small staff would start duty at the newly-established French interests section on 28 February. On 27 February, USA Ambassador Albright said her country was ready to discuss possible modifications to UN sanctions on Iraq, including raising the limit of oil Iraq could sell under UN resolutions to provide humanitarian relief to the Iraqi people.

Afghanistan

On 28 February, in a response to the Taliban renewed demand to surrender and open the gates of KABUL, President Rabbani offered a coalition government to the Taliban, according to press reports. However, the Taliban expressed doubt about the President's willingness to hand over power to an interim authority under a UN peace plan, accusing him of seeking excuses for not stepping down. The Taliban council stated it would wait until the end of the Islamic festival of Eid al-Fitr on 03 March before deciding its next step.

Mozambique

On 28 February, South African President Mandela and Mozambican President Chissano signed an agreement to combat the increasing crime that is plaguing their countries. The agreement stipulates that police could enter either country for any investigation and exchange crime-related information, including data on proliferation of illegal weapons in South Africa, many of which are left over from Mozambique's civil war.

Liberia

The Secretary-General, in a written report to the Security Council, said that the peace process in Liberia was again at a standstill, and he raised the possibility of withdrawing the 85-member UN observer mission serving there. He also said this and other options were to be considered when the current mandate of the UNOMIL expires on 13 April 1995.

Guatemala

In a letter to the UN that was released on 24 February, the leftist guerrilla URNG accepted a new peace plan. Commercial political analysts judge that if successful, the peace plan -- already accepted by the Government -- would by August bring an end to Latin America's longest-running guerrilla war, facilitating the URNG's participation in the November general elections. Neither side is as wholeheartedly committed to the peace agenda as they might seem. The negotiations are likely to run into substantial obstacles when they resume next month. Even if an agreement is reached in August, its fulfillment will prove highly problematic.

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- Relief convoys are beginning to get through to the BIHAC area
- Mass graves have been found in Rwanda
- Fighting occurred in south Lebanon during the visit of the Israeli Prime Minister.

Former Yugoslavia

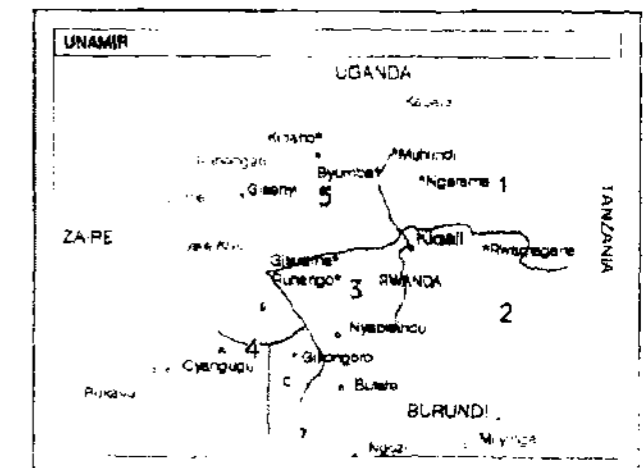
In the BIHAC enclave, the VELIKA KLADUSA area was very active and a slight increase in activity was reported around BOSANSKA KRUPA, elsewhere in Bosnia the situation is quiet. UN humanitarian relief convoys are starting to reach the area and are supplying both sides. According to local media, officials of the Moslem-Croat Federation met on 22 February to discuss military cooperation in the light of a possible withdrawal of UN forces from Croatia and agreed to rebuild facilities "of interest for the federation, especially for arms production". Members of the Contact Group are attempting to convince President Milosevic to accept a new international peace plan. He is reported to have said that he would consider the plan, which involves recognition of Bosnia and Croatia, only if the UN lifts its sanctions. According to press reports, the possible deployment of German troops to Bosnia to support an UNPROFOR withdrawal received the backing of the country's opposition on 23 February. However, any actual deployment will still require the approval of parliament. An UNPROFOR spokesman has accused the Bosnian authorities of harassment and of launching an "orchestrated campaign" against it, including heavy restrictions of UNPROFOR movement, detention or threat of detention of UNPROFOR personnel, statements in the Bosnian press critical of the UN presence, and occasional refusal by local authorities to cooperate with UNPROFOR.

Rwanda

In Sector 4C, mass graves containing about 3500 bodies were found in KIRAMBO and GATARE communes. The arrival of the Senegalese contingent was delayed due to their personnel not having passports. CIVPOL observers visited KIGALI prison on 23 February and found that 7,008 prisoners had been held for more than six months without trial. The prison was in a deplorable state. Human rights organizations have been informed. Britain is reported by the press to have said it would provide \$800,000 toward a plan to improve security in Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire.

Somalia

On 22 February, Pakistani forces deployed tanks to the perimeter of MOGADISHU airport in response to a gathering of demonstrators who were demanding an extension of the UNOSOM mandate in Somalia. After negotiations, the demonstrators dispersed peacefully. On 22 February, interclan fighting broke out between Abgal and Murusade militias in south MOGADISHU, according to informed sources. Some 4,000 residents of south MOGADISHU were reported by the media to have demonstrated on 23 February for the introduction of Islamic sharia law. Zimbabwe will reportedly claim about \$1.4 million from the UN to compensate for material lost when Zimbabwean peace-keeping troops were overrun by militia in Somalia. The company of 139 troops was



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stripped of its weapons, vehicles, and communications equipment in the raid by militiamen loyal to Gen Aideed in Belet Huen in August 1994. An increase in incidents of cholera has been reported. UNOSOM's strength on 22 February was 4,881.

Angola

On 22 February, the Government reported that their camp in LUALICA 36 km north east of LUCAPA had been attacked and their troops forced to withdraw. Nine soldiers were wounded and two were missing in action from this incident. UNAVEM is investigating.

Middle East

The PLO is reported by the media to have called for an Arab summit and international pressure on Israel to salvage the peace process after a meeting of its executive committee in CAIRO. Lebanon is reported to have said it would intensify diplomatic contacts and adopt military measures to try to curb mounting Israeli attacks in its southern border region. On 22 February, firing activity was reported in the area of AL-MANSUEI; armed elements (AEs) fired four missiles at a DFF post, resulting in a civilian being injured. On 23 February, AEs again fired a number of missiles and Israeli Air Force aircraft were seen dropping bombs in the SOUEIDA area. On the same day, Prime Minister Rabin and other members of the Israeli cabinet visited the border zone of southern Lebanon just as fighting injured at least 15 people. Nine civilians, an Israeli soldier, a DFF militiaman, and four Hezbollah guerrillas were reported by the media to have been wounded.

Tajikistan

Media reports indicate that one person was killed and six wounded on 23 February when a bus carrying members of the CIS PKF was ambushed at DUSHANBE.

Liberia

On 23 February, BONG MINES continued to be under siege by the NPFL faction; several ULIMO-J fighters were injured. Fighting also erupted between NPFL and ULIMO-K fighters in Lofa County and the NPFL captured the town of ZORZOR. There was a recent influx of displaced persons into TUBMANBURG due to renewed clashes between Mandingoes and Krahn fighters in the region of Lower Sofa and Grand Cape Mount County.

Algeria

At least one hundred prisoners, including two Algerian fundamentalist leaders, are reported by the press to have been killed when security forces stormed a prison whose inmates had mutinied on 22 February.

Ethiopia

Media reports from ADDIS ABABA indicate that at least 70 people have been arrested following battles on 21 February between rival Moslem factions that claimed nine lives and injured 129 people.

Ecuador/Peru

Commercial political analysts report that fighting persists along the disputed frontier between Ecuador and Peru, in defiance of last week's cease-fire. The analysts judge that Peru appears to be making another attempt to dislodge Ecuadorean troops from the disputed territory before an internationally monitored cease-fire comes into effect. During the last three weeks, Ecuador has had the upper hand militarily.

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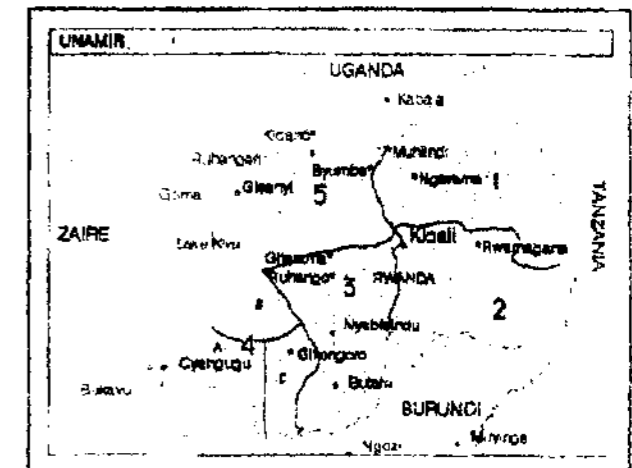
- ▶ An aid convoy reached the BIHAC enclave on 22 February; another will try to reach CAZIN on 23 February.
- ▶ On 22 February, Gen Aideed and Mr. Ali Mahdi signed an agreement to suspend hostilities in MOGADISHU.
- ▶ The new date for Afghan President Rabbani to step down is 21 March, according to UN Envoy Mestiri.

Former Yugoslavia

A humanitarian aid convoy reached the BIHAC enclave on 22 February. It remains unclear whether this indicates that a real breakthrough has been reached in negotiations over access. Another convoy will attempt to reach CAZIN on 23 February. The UNHCR estimates that some 2,000 tonnes of food are needed each month to feed the population in the BIHAC area. A little over 300 tonnes of food, including the convoy on 22 February, have been delivered into government-held territory since the beginning of the year.

Rwanda

On 21 February, in CYANGUGU in Sector 4C, UNMOs reported an increase in the number of Government forces and that the locals are nervous due to arrests these forces are conducting. People in BUGEZA reported that due to nightly attacks on their village by armed uniformed men, they have formed a vigilante group for their own protection. On 21 February, UNAMIR visited the prison at GITARAMA, where 4,500 prisoners are confined in a jail designed to accommodate 500, in order to draw NGO and UN Rwanda Emergency Office attention to the living conditions.



Burundi

On 22 February, BUJUMBURA slowly returned to work after opposition parties agreed on a candidate for Prime Minister and called off a seven-day general strike.

Somalia

On 21 February, Italy's special envoy to Somalia said Italy would no longer attempt to broker peace in Somalia. Press reports indicated that Gen Aideed and Mr. Ali Mahdi signed an agreement on 21 February to suspend hostilities in MOGADISHU. The agreement reportedly includes dismantling roadblocks, confining the "technicals" to designated areas, banning the carriage of weapons, reopening the main business centres, and not competing for the presidency through clan fighting. However, further reporting indicates that fighting resumed during the evening of 22 February. A UNDP convoy was caught in militia crossfire on 22 February in MOGADISHU; two Somali employees were killed and an expatriate UNDP staff member and several security guards were wounded. UNOSOM's strength on 21 February was 4,884.

Angola

On 21 February, UNITA admitted that its forces had opened fire at a UN helicopter flying over QUIBAXE on an observation mission. On 21 February, a number of UNITA troops were killed during fighting with government forces in the northern town of UIGE. As of 22 February, UNITA forces had not withdrawn from QIONGUA; however, they had begun mine clearing operations on the UIGE - SONGO road as a preparation for further withdrawal.

Middle East

On 21 February, Israel and the PLO agreed in autonomy negotiations in CAIRO on international observers for elections to the Palestinian self-rule Council. The Palestinians proposed the observer force operate under the control of the UN and be made up of the USA, Russia, the European Union, Egypt, Canada, Japan, and Norway. The observer force might also operate under European Union auspices. The chief negotiators of Israel and the PLO agreed to meet next week in a bid to speed up autonomy talks, before the next full session of talks in CAIRO in two weeks.

Tajikistan

On 22 February, the Central Electoral Commissioner of Tajikistan told reporters that international organizations in DUSHNABE were given misleading information regarding the course of pre-election campaigns in Tajikistan and have not been able to familiarize themselves sufficiently with the pre-election situation. A proposed opening of team site "KHOJAND" in the Leninabad region has raised serious objections among the local authorities since it could create the impression within the population that the region is becoming unstable. UNMOT was informed by UNICEF and WHO about malaria cases during the last year at PIANJ River and in northern Afghanistan.

Iraq/Kuwait

According to press reports, UN Envoy Ekeus held lengthy talks with senior Iraqi officials on 21 February; further talks were planned for 22 February. Mr. Ekeus is due to leave Iraq on 23 February. The talks focused on technical and political issues related to Iraq's compliance with the UN cease-fire terms. On 21 February, an Iraqi general who defected from Iraq late last year was reported by the press to have said that Iraqi President Hussein was still concealing long-range missiles and chemical and biological weapons from UN inspectors. Around 100 people are reported by the press to have died this week in fighting between rival Kurdish groups in northern Iraq. The Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan have been locked in a bitter power struggle since last year.

Afghanistan

On 22 February, media reports indicated that UN Envoy Mestiri has returned to KABUL from ISLAMABAD, and has briefed some of the Afghan leaders who were to take part in the transfer-of-power body. Mr. Mestiri will also hold talks with Government leaders and the Taliban forces, who are somewhat reluctant to participate in such a process. The new date for Afghan President Rabbani to step down is 21 March. A four-man working group is to consider the method for accomplishing the transfer of power and to establish a security force that would be in place for the process.

Liberia

On 21 February, Mr. Tamba Taylor flew by helicopter to Charles Taylor's stronghold of GBARNGA to try to save Liberia's latest peace plan. On 22 February, the composition of the Council of State remained undecided. In a meeting with Mr. Charles Taylor, the NPFL leader expressed his preference for the AKOSOMBO - ACCRA formula. MONROVIA is calm and BUCHANAN continued to receive displaced persons as a result of the NPFL/LPC skirmishes. ECOMOG is providing protection to the NGOs/UN agencies.

Haiti

The USA has offered to continue the weapons buy back programme, at its own expense, when UNMIH takes over from the MNF, provided the programme is administered by the USA contingent. On 21 February, the Haitian Government confirmed that it had removed the army's top-ranking officers.

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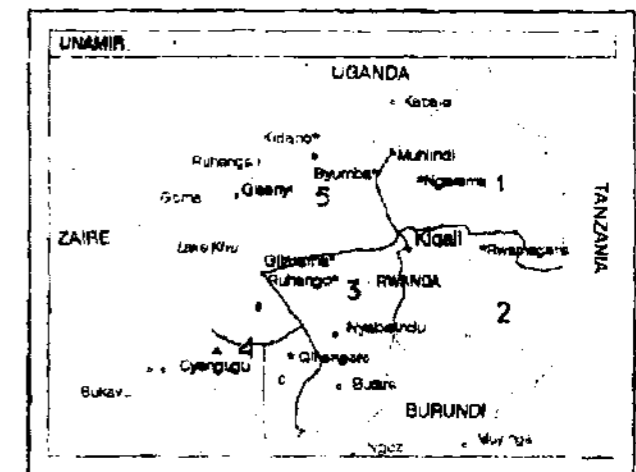
- ▶ The Bosnian and Russian Governments formally established official inter state relations on 21 February.
- ▶ All UNOSOM troops are now concentrated in the areas of the new seaport and the airport in MOGADISHU.
- ▶ On 18 February, a UN helicopter on a reconnaissance mission in Angola was fired on; there were no casualties.

Former Yugoslavia

On 18 February in SARAJEVO, two Serb civilians were killed and one was wounded as a result of BiH small arms fire. On 20 February, a UNHCR convoy was detained at VELIKA KLADUSA, and remains blocked. On 20 February, a Bangladeshi battalion truck, part of a resupply convoy, was hit by a small arms round in the area of MALA KLADUSA. There were no casualties. The SRSG and secessionist Serb leaders in Croatia are reported by the press to have reached agreement on 21 February on aid convoys into BIHAC in north-west Bosnia. Serbian President Milosevic is reported to have ruled out recognition of former Yugoslav republics by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in exchange for a lifting of UN sanctions. Bosnian and Croatian Serb leaders have discussed practical terms of cooperation with regards to the current situation. On 24 February, a new special session of the Croatian Serbs' assembly is scheduled to be convened to endorse these terms. However, the Croatian Serbs have said that they are still prepared to renew the implementation of the Economic Agreement with Croatia and to begin political negotiations as soon as the UNPROFOR mandate has been extended. Press reports indicate that the Bosnian and Russian Governments formally established official inter state relations on 21 February in the first step toward full diplomatic ties.

Rwanda

On 17 February, the Rwandese Army reinforced the sector between GISENYI and RWERERE to impede militia infiltration through the BISAT National Park. In Sector 4C, 300 Zairian troops were deployed in the BUKAVU refugee camps. On 19 February, in a revision to current law, the Rwandan Cabinet approved the recruitment of foreign judges to replace those killed last year. A total of 38,223 internally displaced persons have been moved since the beginning of Operation Retour. On 20 February, customs officers at GATUNA in Sector 1 detained four UN trucks with supplies for UNAMIR and demanded customs fees. In Sector 3, CIVPOL observers reported that arbitrary RPA arrests of locals from Rutobwe and Nyabikenke communes was increasing.



Somalia

On 19 February, Mr. Osman Atto, SNA adviser and financier, in a break-through in relations between SSA and SNA, met with Mr. Mahdi, SSA Chairman, in the office of the SRSG. On 20 February, the Pakistani troops vacated the old port and SP77. All UNOSOM troops are now concentrated in the area of new seaport and the airport. All Egyptian forces have now left Somalia. UNOSOM's strength on 20 February was 4887.

Angola

On 17 February, UNITA forces complained that Government forces had attacked their position in QUIONGULA and delayed their planned disengagement. UNITA has decided to disengage from the UIGE area in two phases, in

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contravention of an agreement previously accepted by both sides. In addition, UNITA has withdrawn from QUIMANGA, CANDOMBE, and BEM VINDO, and will begin withdrawing from QIONGUA. UNITA denied free movement of the local population in the area of CHIPIPA and VILA NOVA and also denied permission to the police to move to BELA VISTA. The SRSB has met with Dr. Savimbi and President dos Santos in continuing efforts to arrange a meeting between the two men. On 18 February, a UN helicopter on reconnaissance mission to LICUA was shot at while landing in the area; there were no casualties.

Middle East

On 19 February, armed elements launched a major attack against De Facto Forces (DFF), the IDF and DFF retaliated with heavy artillery and mortars and the Israeli Air Force launched several aircraft and a helicopter raids. The Lebanese Army reported that as a result of the attack against their positions, two civilians were killed and six others wounded. UNIFIL reported twelve firing incidents close to its positions. On 20 February, direct fire toward a UN position in the Nepalese battalion area was reported. There were no UN casualties. On 21 February, armed elements fired toward an Israeli helicopter. According to the press, Lebanese Muslim guerrillas attacked DFF militia posts in southern Lebanon on 21 February. The guerrillas claim that a militia commander was killed, but the DFF says only a civilian was injured.

Tajikistan

The media reports that the leaders of Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan were ready to put their forces, who are at present in Tajikistan, under UN peace-keeping auspices. The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has agreed to the participation of the representatives of the Russian Border Forces in the inter Tajik talks, the use of KALAIKHUMB - KHOROG road by the opposition, the return of Tajik national prisoners from KALAIKHUMB, and the return of opposition arsenals confiscated by Russian Border guards. On 21 February, the Russian Border Forces at PIANJ fired eight rockets toward the Afghan border area. UNMOT is investigating. An UNMOT team has arrived in KHOROG, bringing the total teams in Tajikistan to four. UNMOs in GARM reported that there has been a lack of food for the last four months and that no international humanitarian agencies or NGOs had visited the area.

Afghanistan

On 18 February, the Taliban refused to join a proposed UN-brokered Afghan governing council unless three conditions were met: the deployment of a Taliban "neutral" security force in KABUL, all 30 Afghan provinces to be represented, and only "good Moslems" to be allowed on the council. Yunus Khaless, the Hezb-i-Islami faction leader, accusing UN Envoy Mestiri of trying to impose an "un-Islamic government" on Afghanistan, announced his support for the Taliban. On 19 February, Taliban fighters captured Paktika Province and the capital of GARDEZ without resistance. On 20 February, the special UN delegation and leaders of the Taliban movement met in CHARASYAB, but did not agree on the conditions set by the group before it will back the UN plan to install an interim government.

Liberia

On 18 February, internally displaced persons arriving in BUCHANAN reported that the increased fighting between NPFL and LPC in Rivercess Country is involving renegade groups. On 20 February, the NPFL opened communications with Nigeria to improve the strained relations between the movement and Nigeria. On 21 February, ULIMO-K protested NPFL incursions into areas traditionally under ULIMO control. Tanzania will reportedly withdraw 800 troops from ECOMOG in Liberia because of lack of progress in the peace process. The Guinean Government has deployed additional troops along its border with Liberia and stepped up patrolling to prevent cross border movement of fighters.

Haiti

According to the press, Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council called for general elections in June 1995. The first round of voting would be held 4 June, with runoffs for any undecided parliamentary seats set for 25 June. The entire 83 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and two-thirds of the 27 seats in the Senate would be contested, as well as nearly 2,200 state and local elected posts. On 19 February, the MNF assisted with a disturbance at the National Prison.

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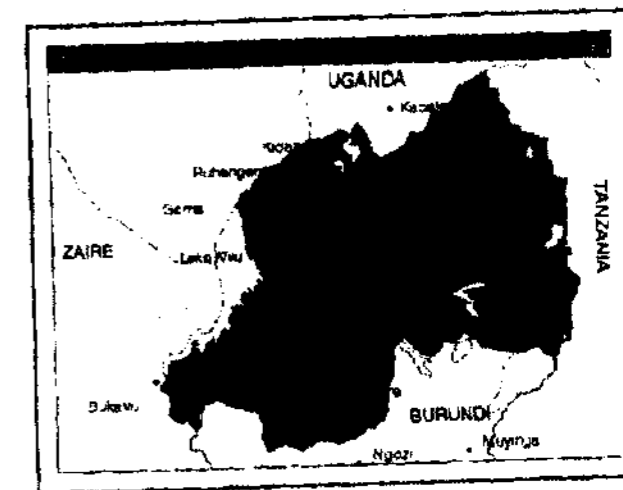
- UNHCR has received clearance for convoys to the BIHAC area in Bosnia on 20 and 21 February.
- On 16 February, UNAMIR began broadcasting from KIGALI in French, English, and Kinyarwanda.
- India reportedly plans to fence almost 200 kms of border in Kashmir.

Former Yugoslavia

Meanwhile, UNHCR has received clearance from the authorities in KIN for convoys to the BIHAC area on 20 and 21 February. An ICRC convoy reached BIHAC and a UNHCR convoy reached VELIKA Kladusa on 16 February. In the ZEPA area, the BSA stated that they would start combat operations on 23 February unless the demilitarized status of the area is revoked before that date and warned that the security of the UN Ukrainian battalion could not be assured. On 16 February, LtGen Smith visited the Croatian-held town of KISELJAK, north-west of SARAJEVO, to take part in an UNPROFOR commanders conference; however, commanding officers from SARAJEVO were denied access to KISELJAK by Bosnian Serbs. According to press reports, a protester was killed and five others injured when shots were fired during clashes between ethnic Albanians and Macedonian police in the village of MALA RECICA, close to the western town of TETOVO on 17 February. The dispute centres around a university that opened on 16 February for Macedonia's ethnic minority Albanian population.

Rwanda

On 16 February, UNAMIR began broadcasting from KIGALI in French, English, and Kinyarwanda. By 16 February, 40 percent of the internally displaced persons' camps had closed and UNAMIR had assisted 150,000 of a total of 350,000 people to return home. Parliamentarians visited GISENYI and RUHENGARI to be briefed by UNHCR on registration processes of returnees. In Sector 4C, military observers reported that the local population remained tense due to the increased arrests and curfew imposed by the Rwandan Army. In Sector 5, the CIVPOL and Human Rights Teams met seven detainees who were former RGF soldiers coming from Zaire and six other locals found to be involved in last year's genocide, they had been detained at an RPA training camp at BIGOGWE near GISENYI. During a search near a UN installation, a Tunisian battalion patrol encountered a mine, resulting in eight casualties. An investigation team was sent to the scene.



Somalia

On 16 February, Issa Mohamed Siad was named as the chief representative for the SNA and Ali Ugas Abdulle for the SSA as the heads of the joint SNA / SSA authority to administer the seaport and airport in MOGADISHU. UNOSOM's personnel strength on 17 February was 6,053.

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Angola

On 16 February, the SRSG discussed with the Governor of Luanda the logistics involved in the arrival of UNAVEM III forces. UNAVEM officials and the Military Attachés of the three Observer States met with UNITA to discuss the disengagement of troops in the Northern Region and the coordination of the joint Government / UNITA patrols in designated areas. On 16 February, local media reported that after the disengagement of troops, Government soldiers will be engaged in mine-clearing operations. On 16 February, after two incidents of firing at their aircraft, the ICRC suspended humanitarian airlift to GANDA and HUAMBO until renewed guarantees of security are received from the Government and UNITA. UNAVEM is attempting to verify both incidents.

Middle East

Israel has indicated that it believes that the peace agreement between Israel and Jordan obviates the need for UNTSO to fulfill any further functions in the context of relations between Israel and Jordan. The Israeli Defence Forces reported that they had captured a prisoner of war where the insurgents had worn blue berets. An Israeli soldier was killed in an explosion near a military base on 17 February.

Tajikistan

A Foreign Ministry spokesman stated on 16 February that Tajikistan's national elections will proceed as planned on 26 February, despite calls from international bodies for a postponement to allow the opposition to take part.

India / Pakistan

India reportedly plans to fence almost 200 kms of the border between the Akhnoor and Paharpur Sectors and to install floodlights along the zone to help Indian security forces patrol the country's border in Kashmir and to prevent cross-border arms smuggling.

Afghanistan

On 16 February, the Taliban renewed demands that forces loyal to President Rabbani withdraw to their old frontlines around KABUL. In the first flight into KABUL in over a year, UN envoy Mestiri arrived in KABUL on 17 February, ahead of what he hopes will be a peaceful transfer of power from President Rabbani to an interim body made up of factional leaders and other Afghan personalities. On 16 February, press reports indicated that forces loyal to Afghan President Rabbani launched an attack against the pro-Iranian Wahdat group now trapped between two opposing factions, President Rabbani's forces and Talebans, in western KABUL.

Mozambique

RENAMO leader Dhlakama demanded on 17 February that his party be given part of state earnings from the five provinces where it won a majority of votes in last year's multiparty polls.

Russia

Chechen military commander Maskhadov called on 17 February for political talks with Russia to replace the current ongoing military talks on a ceasefire and the exchange of prisoners. The commander was speaking to journalists after a four-hour meeting with the head of Russian forces in Chechnya which produced an agreement to extend a two-day ceasefire to 1800 (1500 GMT) on 19 February.

Haiti

Haitian President Aristide approved the electoral bill. UNMIH assessed that the likely election date would be in the second half of May 1995. A UN trust fund is to be set up for electoral assistance in Haiti. The USA has pledged \$10 million, \$2.3 million of which has already been disbursed.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF
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Recommends Priority Consideration Of Actions relating to Energy
for Rural Development

The Commission on Sustainable Development would invite all States, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to give priority consideration to a wide range of actions relating to energy for rural development, according to recommendations contained in a report by the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

States not having national plans of action on energy for sustainable agriculture and rural development would be invited to give priority consideration to formulating and beginning implementation of such plans not later than the year 2000, according to recommendations in the Committee's report to the Commission, which it approved this afternoon as it completed its two-week special session.

The Committee specifies that such national action plans should give special attention to the sustainable development and efficient use of biomass as a source of energy. That would imply the promotion of a sustainable production of biomass for fuel and electricity, as well as the promotion of energy efficiency at both the household and agro-industrial levels.

The Commission would also invite priority consideration to the launching of a global initiative, before the year 2000, to facilitate the efforts of developing countries to bring electric power to rural and isolated areas. The initiative would be launched by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the Global Environmental Facility, and would be based on successes already achieved in such renewable energy technologies as photovoltaic, wind and mini-hydro energy.

Another recommended global initiative would aim at setting up a programme to achieve detailed mapping of the potential of

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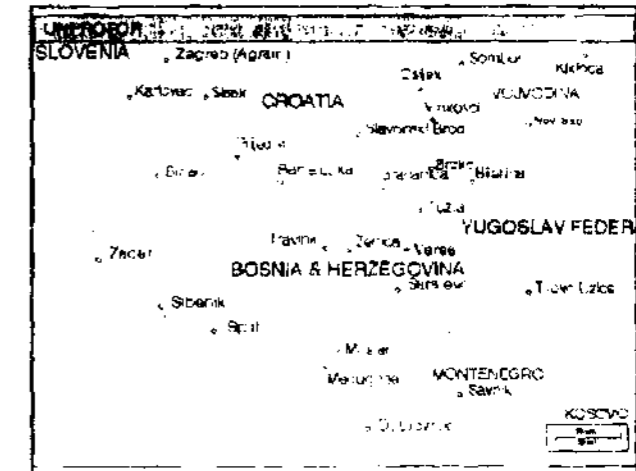
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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Government forces may have made territorial advances in the north-west of the BIHAC enclave.
- ▶ The UNITA Congress ended with the dismissal of Gen Manuvakila as the Secretary-General
- ▶ President Aristide has dismissed 1600 of the Interim Police Security Force due to incomplete training.

Former Yugoslavia

Fighting is reported to have flared in the BIHAC area in the morning of 14 February. There are unconfirmed reports that Government forces have made territorial advances in the north-west of the enclave. The Bosnian Government has threatened to open another front against the BSA if UNPROFOR is unable to ameliorate the humanitarian situation in the area where serious malnutrition has been reported and bring a halt to the fighting. Despite having been assured by the BSA that a planned convoy to BIHAC on 14 February would be allowed passage, no clearance was received. Other attempts will be made through VELIKA Kladusa on 16 and 17 February. After a successful helicopter resupply from ZAGREB to CORALICI on 12 February, another resupply on 13 February was cancelled due to Croatian Serbs refusing to give flight clearance, but are reported by the press to have authorized a road convoy for 15 February. Blue Routes into SARAJEVO remained open. The situation in SREBRENICA, in north-west Bosnia, was reported as very tense. A Dutch battalion soldier was injured in a mine incident and a grenade was thrown into a company base. A helicopter medical evacuation of two children from GORAZDE was carried out on 14 February. Although the helicopter was fired at twice by the BSA, no casualties or damage were reported; another evacuation is planned for later in the month. Bosnian Serb leader Karadzic is reported to have refused to hand over suspects to the UN's Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in THE HAGUE, saying he did not recognize the tribunal's wanted list of suspects and that his authorities would deal with war criminals.



Rwanda

On 13 February, UNAMIR reported that the RPA arrested the Mayor, the Secretary, and the Inspector of Schools in the KAGANO commune. A new 500-person IDP camp was established in NYAKARAMBI. Contingency plans have been prepared to evacuate 200,000 Zairians and 200,000 Rwandan refugees from the GOMA region when an eruption by the Nyiragongo volcano appears imminent.

Somalia

Increasing numbers of Somalis have been apprehended for illegal entry to the Airport and Seaport. UNOSOM's strength on 14 February was 7,456. MOGADISHU Port will be closed to commercial traffic from 26 February to 06 March (inclusive), after which UN operations there will cease.

Angola

According to media, the UNITA Congress at BAILUNDO ended with the dismissal of Gen Eusebio Manuvakila as the Secretary-General of the Party and his replacement by Gen Lukarito Gato.

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Congress approved a meeting between President Dos Santos and Mr. Savimbi and resolutions that were adopted included the approval of the LUSAKA Protocol and the UN's efforts for peace, the demand for prior consultation on the nations providing peace-keeping troops, the dismissal of all dissidents from the Party and an amnesty for all UNITA members. UNAVEM lodged a strong protest after a clearly-marked UN helicopter was fired at by UNITA. On 13 February, UNAVEM deployed to a teamsite at JAMBA in south-east Angola. Government and UNITA forces completed limited disengagement around BELA VISTA. Police have assumed responsibility for the security of BELA VISTA.

Middle East

Israeli troops are reported by the press to have opened fire on stone-throwers in AL FAWWAR refugee camp on the edge of HEBRON, killing a 16-year-old boy and injuring five other protestors. In TULKAREM, soldiers are reported to have shot in the leg a youth lobbing rocks at an Israeli bus. Two Palestinians were shot in HEBRON during demonstrations overnight when hundreds of protestors hurled stones at troops. On 14 February, according to press reports, Druze people living on the Golan plateau staged their annual strike against Israel's occupation of the area. Israel deployed 500 police to cope with expected demonstrations, particularly in MAJDAL SHAMS, the main Druze town where schools and shops were shut. Palestinian police are reported by the press to have uncovered nearly 200 kilogrammes of explosives allegedly hidden by HAMAS in the GAZA STRIP.

Tajikistan

On 13 February, according to media reports, a clergyman who was a religious adviser to former Tajik President Nabiyev was assassinated at his home in DUSHANBE. UNMOT team "GARM" discovered four minefields in their area of responsibility, raising the total number discovered to eleven. In the area of GORNO-BADAKHSHAN, four Kazakh soldiers were killed in a mine accident caused by improper handling of anti-personnel mines.

Afghanistan

On 14 February, the UN special mission to Afghanistan decided to advance the date for a transfer of power in KABUL as Taliban forces advanced toward the outskirts of the capital. On 13 February, according to a Defense Ministry official, Taliban forces captured BARAKI BARAK, POLE ALAM, and TANGI WAGHJAN in Lobar Province, moving closer to CHARASYAB, the headquarters of Hezb-i-Islami and ignored a warning by Gen Dostum of a possible counter-offensive against them. According to the NGO MSF, forces controlled by Gen Dostum assaulted MSF aid workers and looted the only hospital in CANDIES.

Liberia

On 13 February, the USA special envoy, backing Paramount Chief Tamba Taylor's call to move the peace process forward, told Liberia that if Ghanaian-led efforts to broker peace among its faction leaders failed there would be no one else to step in to help. ECOMOG reported that fighters loyal to Mr. Charles Taylor have been infiltrating outlying areas of MONROVIA. UNOMIL reported low level inter-faction clashes in BUCHANAN and Grand Bassa County, causing an influx of refugees into BUCHANAN.

Haiti

Informed sources report that President Aristide has dismissed all 1600 members of the Interim Police Security Force (IPSF) who have not completed training under the auspices of international police monitors. The 1242 policemen who have now completed this training have been instituted and the remaining 350 will be evaluated shortly, bringing the force up to full strength. These measures are designed to increase confidence within the IPSF, improve its public image, and enhance its operational capability before the carnival season, due to begin on 28 February, and the handover from the MNF to UNMIL.

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HIGHLIGHTS

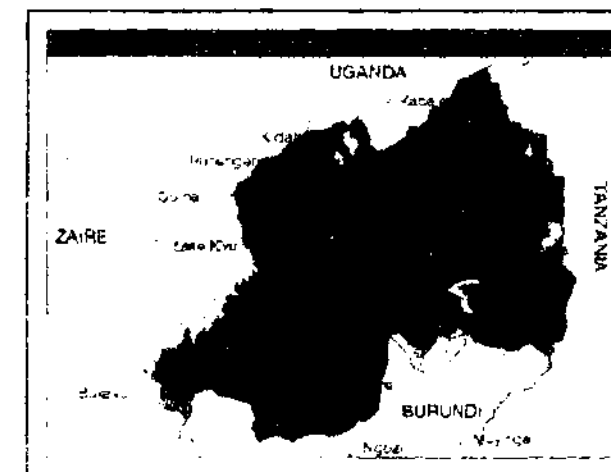
- The UN criminal tribunal for former Yugoslavia charged 21 Serbs with war crimes committed in 1992
- An Ethiopian delegation will visit Somalia 15-17 February to discuss national reconciliation.
- Russian and Chechen military leaders have agreed on an immediate cease-fire.

Former Yugoslavia

Routes into SARAJEVO have remained open. On 10 February, it is believed that a BiH fixed-wing resupply flight, possibly with fighter escort, either landed at or attempted to land at TUZLA. There was no visual or electronic confirmation. According to the press, more than 900 BSA soldiers returned to Bosnia from Croatia on 13 February and are deployed south-west of BIHAC. Fighting intensified in the enclave over the weekend and there are unconfirmed reports of serious malnutrition. On 13 February in the HAGUE, the UN criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia charged 21 Serbs with war crimes and crimes against humanity committed at the OMARSKA prison camp in northwest Bosnia in 1992. Representatives of the Contact Group are to meet in PARIS on 14 February to discuss a French proposal for a summit on the Bosnian conflict. The Bosnian Serb Parliament met in SAMAC on 13 February to decide on its response to the peace initiatives. Seven deputies are believed to support a negotiated solution based on current proposals. They are heavily outnumbered by the remainder who refuse to give up territory as part of a plan that is also backed by the Serbian President.

Rwanda

On 11 February, RPA soldiers arrested 28 people in Sector 4A, 31 people in two locations in Sector 4B, and 25 people in Sector 4C. A number of border posts were opened to all traffic except for UNAMIR. On 10 February, WFP warned that its Rwanda operation faces critical shortages of food and cash. On 10 February, a total of 348 internally displaced persons were moved, bringing the total number moved since the beginning of Operation Retour to 35,406. A regional conference on refugees, returnees, and displaced persons is to be held in BUJUMBURA under UNHCR and OAU auspices, from 15-17 February.



Burundi

On 11 February, opposition parties, including PARFNA, part of FRODEBU, and EPRONA called for an indefinite general strike from 14 February unless a new government was formed under a new Prime Minister.

Somalia

The SSA and SNA are reported to have failed to form joint committees to administer the seaport and airport in MOGADISHU. A 22-member Ethiopian delegation is expected between 15 and 17 February to meet with all faction leaders and to discuss the possibility of national reconciliation. On 13 February Italy called for the immediate withdrawal of about 30 of its citizens working for non-governmental organizations in Somalia because of the dangers they face.

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Angola

UNITA leader Savimbi told reporters on 12 February that the group was ready to become a political party and lay down its weapons. On the final day of its eight congress, UNITA formally endorsed the Lusaka Agreement and welcomed the proposed deployment of UN peace-keeping troops to support it. On 10 February, UNAVEM patrols were conducted in UIGE, ILUAMBO, LUBANGO, LUENA, and MENONGUE regions to observe the disengagement of Government and UNITA forces. The first military observer team has deployed in CABINDA and is trying to locate Government and UNITA positions. On 12 February, UNAVEM deployed to teamsites at KUITO-CUANAVALE and CACONDA.

Middle East

UNIFIL reported that a member of the Shiite Moslem Amal group was killed on 13 February and another was wounded following a roadside bomb attack on the SLA in QANTARA in southern Lebanon. During retaliatory firing by the SLA, four armed elements were injured in the AL QABRIKA area and a woman was injured in TULIN; a number of firings close were also reported. The press reports that an Israeli taxi driver was stabbed to death on 13 February in the occupied WEST BANK just outside JERUSALEM in what is believed to have been an attack by Palestinian extremists. Following a meeting in WASHINGTON of Foreign Ministers from Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority on 12 February, the Israeli Foreign Minister is reported by the press to have said peace talks with the Palestinians were contingent on Palestinian action against extremists who have killed dozens of Israelis in a series of shootings and suicide bombings.

Tajikistan

On 12 February, after visiting UNHQ in NEW YORK, the head of the Tajik opposition delegation stated that his organization was ready to start negotiations. The situation has remained tense following the killing of three soldiers of the CIS peace-keeping force in an ambush on the KURES BAM road, and the deaths, in DUSHANBE, of two more soldiers who were reportedly killed by pistol shots to the head. UNMOT discovered six anti-personnel minefields in the GARM team area of responsibility. On 12 February, UNMOT's strength was 28 MILOBs and 4 CAOs.

Afghanistan

Ambassador Mesriti has reported that the transitional transfer of power mechanism will be assembled in KABUL by 20 February, after which an effective cease-fire should take place throughout the country. On 13 February, President Rabbani reportedly called on the UN to speed up peace efforts in the transfer of power since the Taliban army, which is violently opposed to Rabbani and to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami mujahedeen faction, was closing in on KABUL and could change drastically the overall situation and the balance of power.

Liberia

Fighting between the AFL and the LPC factions took place near the Barclay Training Centre in MONROVIA during the night of 09-10 February. Unconfirmed skirmishes were reported to have taken place between NPFL and ULIMO fighters in Lofa county. On 12 February, new fighting was reported in Grand Bassa County between the NPFL and LPC. Approximately 8,000 displaced persons have arrived at BUCHANAN over the past two days.

Russia

According to press reports, Russian and Chechen military leaders announced on 13 February that they had agreed on an immediate cease-fire and to an exchange of prisoners, and to continue negotiations on 15 February.

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
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HIGHLIGHTS

- In SARAJEVO, BSA, BiH and HVO military commanders signed an agreement.
- The installation of the Liberian Council of State has been delayed.

Former Yugoslavia

The overall situation remained generally quiet. A significant step toward the peace process took place with a ten-hour Central Joint Commission (CJC) meeting, held at SARAJEVO airport, which was attended by the BSA, HVO, and BiH military commanders. Key areas of the debate were: BIHAC, where the BiH claimed that there had been no compliance with the agreement; the DMZ, where the BSA wanted an extension of the previously defined area; BSA LOs at the Sector HQs and the BiH protest blockade of TUZLA airport; and KUPRES and LIVNO, where the HVO and BSA blamed each other for continued fighting. Envoys from the Contact Group continued with a new peace mission on 12 January, but the Government in SARAJEVO rejected any changes in the current peace plan to favour the Serbs. Envoys from the USA, Russia, Britain, Germany, and France held talks with UN officials in ZAGREB before heading to SARAJEVO and to the Bosnian Serb HQ at PALE. In a meeting in BELGRADE with Serbian President Milosevic on 11 January, the Contact Group again referred to their peace plan as a basis for further talks. This is contested by the Bosnian Government.

Correction: The In Brief of 11 January stated that UNPROFOR's mandate in Croatia expired at the end of January; this is incorrect, it expires at the end of March.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- All sides will desist from using language which undermines the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA)
- meeting will take place at commander level on the Confrontation Line (CL)
- existing CL will be defined, mapped by UNPROFOR, agreed on by 31 January
- CL around SARAJEVO will return to line agreed to on 9 February 1994
- UNPROFOR will draft agreement on full freedom of movement (FOM) with all sides by 18 January
- Meetings will be convened on 12 January for:
 - UNPROFOR to implement opening of routes
 - UNHCR to implement medical evacuation
 - ICRC to arrange for exchange of detainees, bodies, and information
 - Joint inspection of Mt. Igman on 14 January
 - Two Regional Joint Commission (RJC) meetings on 14 January on implementing COHA

Rwanda

After the 11 January shooting incident at KIRAMBO, UNAMIR expected more attacks in the area, as part of the former government's attempts to destabilize the country. Also on 11 January, the Government of Rwanda gave permission for UNAMIR to launch a radio station. The station will become operational as soon as technical details are worked out.

Somalia

The SRSF met with Mr. Mahdi, Chairman of the SSA, to discuss an Ethiopian initiative on national reconciliation. He also issued a statement about UNOSOM's evacuation, pointing out that there would be

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a substantial UNOSOM presence in the Embassy and University Compounds, including international and local staff and military units. The signing of a peace agreement between the Abgal and Murusade clans was postponed. At least ten soldiers of the self-proclaimed "Somaliland" were killed and several others wounded in fierce fighting with rebel militias in HARGISA. On 11 January, the international NGO consortium condemned the continued detention of a staff member of AICEF, warning that NGOs would suspend some of their activities in MOGADISHU unless he was released by 1800 hours LT on 12 January 1995. As part of the planned drawdown, the Pakistani medical team commenced their withdrawal.

Angola

The signing of the agreement by the Chiefs of Staff of the FAA and UNITA, as witnessed by UNAVEM CMO Gen Garuba on 10 January, is considered a major step with regard to the military aspect of the LUSAKA Protocol. On 11 January in UIGE, after meetings with UNAVEM representatives at TANGI, both the FAA and UNITA agreed to pull back their troops to create a "No Man's Land" wide enough for both sides to be out of small arms range. Also on 11 January, the SRSG returned to LUANDA after his working visit to Portugal and France and met with officials from the Angolan Government and UNITA, along with representatives of the observer states, to brief them on the visit and prepare the agenda of the sixth plenary session of the Joint Commission.

India/Pakistan

According to press reports, the Pakistani President said that KASHMIR was a flash point and said Pakistan was ready for talks with India. He also stated that the strength of UNMOGIP should be increased. USA Defence Secretary Perry suggested that the USA could mediate in certain regional conflicts.

Liberia

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Russia

As fighting continues in GROZNY, ten UNHCR officials landed in VLADIKAVKAZ, the capital of North Ossetia, late on 11 January, after finally receiving clearance from Russian officials. It is hoped humanitarian flights can commence shortly.

Benin

According to press sources, Benin has postponed its second multi-party general election to 19 March from 5 February. No reason was given for the delay, which appeared linked to a dispute between the government and the opposition-dominated parliament over the running of the poll.

Great Britain/Northern Ireland

According to press reports, regular army patrols in BELFAST during daylight hours are to cease, as a result of the drop in violence since the paramilitary cease-fires. The end to army patrols was a key demand of nationalists who have now begun preliminary peace talks with the British Government.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ A joint patrol conducted reconnaissance of the Mt. Igman DMZ area on foot on 11 January
- ▶ An attack on a remote fishing village in Rwanda may signal the start of an "insurgency campaign"
- ▶ Talks between the Tajikistan Government and the opposition have been delayed to the end of January.

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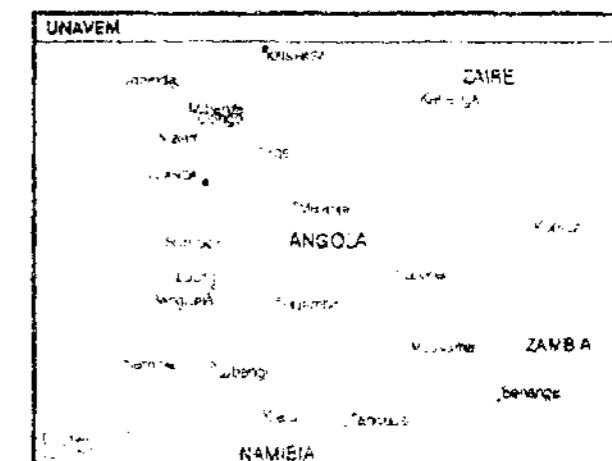
UNPROFOR reported the overall situation to be generally quiet with a low level of cease-fire violations. According to media reports, the Bosnian Serbs have promised to reopen the supply roads into SARAJEVO despite the failure of Government troops to withdraw from the Mt. Igman DMZ. On 11 January, a joint foot patrol began ground reconnaissance of the Mt. Igman DMZ area. During an official visit to China, Croatian Prime Minister Valentic is reported by the press to have said that his Government will not extend the UNPROFOR mandate in Croatia. The current mandate expires at the end of January. Analysis note such statements have been made on previous occasions. UNPROFOR reported that in some areas, BiH commanders from Corps level down are not complying with the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, stating that they can not act without specific direction from higher authorities.

Rwanda

UNAMIR is still verifying continued reports of human rights abuses and killings. On 11 January, soldiers loyal to Rwanda's ousted government raided a remote fishing village in the first big attack since they fled last July. They were driven back into Zaire after a two-hour gunbattle with Government troops. The commander of UNAMIR said the attack could signal the start of a "well-consolidated and well-planned insurgency campaign" by the exiled troops. The Rwandan Government threatened to expel more than 60 international aid agencies (NGOs), saying that they had failed to register with the Government by 09 January. Rwandan refugees who fled to neighbouring Zaire are seeking new homes further north in countries such as Cameroon and Central African Republic, according to UN officials in Cameroon.

Angola

More information on the 10 January meeting between the Angolan Army and UNITA Chiefs of Staff indicates that they agreed to cease all offensive movements throughout the national territory, establish monitoring and verification groups (with one UNAVEM liaison officer per region) including triangular communications, disengage troops (coordinated and supervised by UNAVEM) in the critical areas of UIGE, BAILUNDO, ANDULO, LUNDA NORTE, LUNDA SUL, MALANGE, HUAMBO, and LUENA, release civilian and military personnel detained as a consequence of the conflict, stop hostile propaganda, establish joint teams for mine clearance, and allow the free circulation of people and goods throughout the country.



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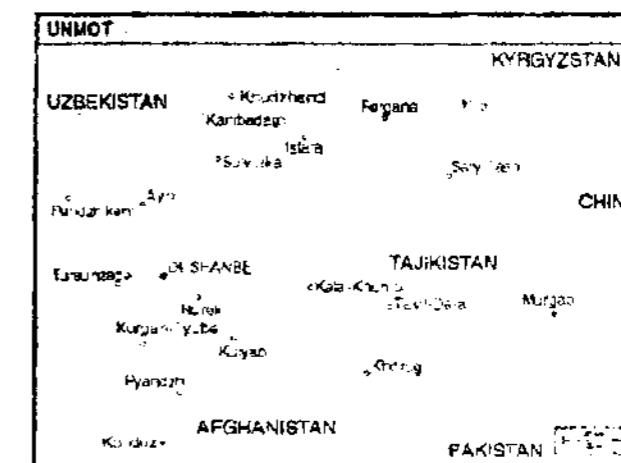
The USA Special Envoy informed Mr. Mahdi, chairman of the SSA, of the deployment of a force of 2,600 USA Marines to cover the withdrawal of UNOSOM peace-keepers from Somalia. Sporadic firing was reported in the area of the Southern Compound and SP-9, there were no reported casualties. A total of 350 civilian personnel are to be moved to the MOGADISHU Airport by the weekend, but the Embassy Compound housing UNOSOM Headquarters will not yet be evacuated. The WFP announced an additional supply of 79,000 tonnes of relief aid for Somalia in 1995.

Middle East

On 11 January, an Israeli soldier was wounded when a bomb exploded near an Israeli patrol in south Lebanon and four guerrillas died in ensuing clashes, according to unconfirmed reports from security sources. The guerrillas were killed by members of the Israeli patrol after the explosion, which occurred north of the BINT JBEIL area. Also on 11 January, Israeli warplanes attacked Hezbollah bases in hills north of the border zone; casualties are not known.

Tajikistan

A fourth round of talks between the Tajikistan Government and its opposition coalition, due to be held in Moscow on 15 January, has been delayed to the end of January. Government sources stated that the talks were postponed because some international organisations wanted the elections postponed until all sections of the population can participate freely. A UN Special Envoy is to visit TEHRAN for consultations with Tajik opposition leaders as a follow-up to the late December consultations undertaken with President Rakhmonov and Tajik Government officials in DUSHANBE. On 10 January, Russian Border Forces along the PIANJ River started firing toward an island in the middle of the river, suspecting that there were illegal trespassers in the town on the island, and towards AKMASDJID, in Afghan territory, believing that a cotton factory there was a Tajik opposition ammunition dump. UNMOT will conduct investigations in Afghan territory once given permission to cross the border.



Russia

On 11 January, a special representative of the rebel region of Chechnya was reported by the press to have said that a negotiated economic and security confederation with Russia might offer a way out of the current crisis. On the same day, at a press conference in his first public appearance in nearly two weeks, Chechen President Dudayev acknowledged that Chechen independence forces could not hold out against the firepower of the Russian military.

Niger

Niger will hold its second general election in less than two years on 12 January, hoping to end the political deadlock which has paralysed the country since last October, according to commercial political analysts.

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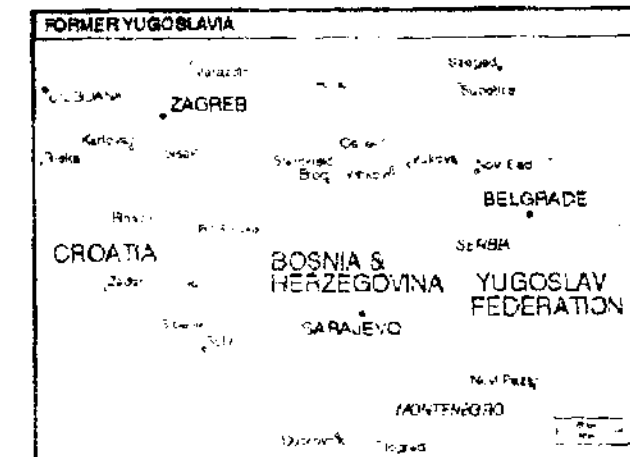
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- The Angolan President and the UNITA leader reportedly will meet in ZAIRE on 13 January
- Fighting continues in the Chechen capital of GROZNY

Former Yugoslavia

UNPROFOR reports the overall situation to be generally quiet with a decreased total of cease-fire violations. The threat to blockade UN locations, as a result of the presence of BSA Liaison Officers (LOs), by local BiH commanders who profess to having received no orders concerning the exchange of LOs, did not materialize. Another reconnaissance in the KRUPAC/VOJKOVICI area of the Mt. IGMAN DMZ will be made on 11 January after liaison with the Chief of Staff of the 1st BiH Corps. According to the press, the Bosnian Government will call for action by the Security Council if Croatian Serb forces persist in their refusal to leave the BIHAC pocket. The Security Council is due to decide on 12 January whether to prolong the sanctions that were eased last September after BELGRADE cut off ties with the Bosnian Serbs. The current sanctions will expire on 13 January. Senior officials of the Contact Group met in Paris on 10 January to discuss ways of consolidating the cease-fire in Bosnia and relaunching peace negotiations. Officials of the Contact Group met to hear a report by USA Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, who had just returned from SARAJEVO. Croatian Serbs have cancelled a meeting in KNIN with General Sir Michael Rose. The meeting was to discuss a local cease-fire between the Croatian Serbs and Bosnian Government 5th Corps forces in the BIHAC enclave.



Rwanda

UNAMIR reported that large numbers of people are still holding substantial amounts of old currency due to their inability to exchange them. Rwanda will ask donor countries to fund a \$764 million recovery programme in 1995 at a 18-19 January conference in GENEVA under the auspices of UNDP.

Somalia

Unconfirmed reports indicate that members of the Abgal clan living in the Bermuda area of MOGADISHU have joined representatives of the Abgal clan living in north MOGADISHU in signing a peace agreement with the Murusade clan to end hostilities in the Bermuda area. On 9 January, a ship chartered by UNHCR docked at KISMAYO port with 262 Somali refugees on board. The refugees were provided with basic health care and food by representatives of the Somali Red Crescent and UNICEF before resettling in their villages. UNHCR has repatriated more than 1,100 Somali refugees from Kenya since the end of December 1994. About 1,200 Somali refugees were also flown from Harardere BARDERA during the period 25 December 1994 to 9 January 1995. The refugees are being resettled in

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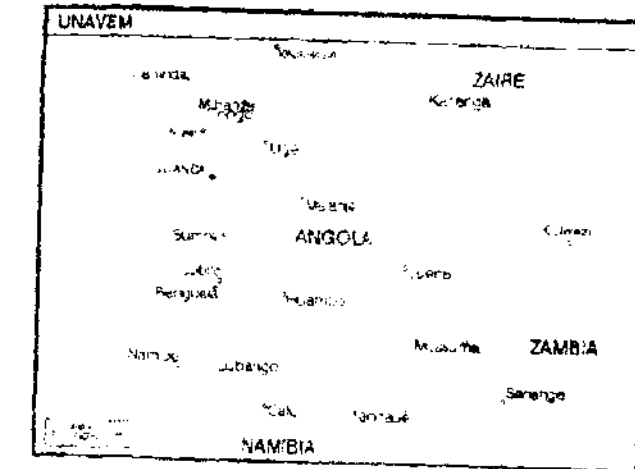
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Press reports indicate that Angolan President dos Santos and UNITA leader Savimbi are scheduled to meet in the northern Zairian town of GBADOLITE on 13 January. At their 10 January meeting, the Chiefs of Staff of the Angolan and UNITA armies agreed to halt all offensive military activity throughout the country, according to General Garuba, the UN military commander in Angola. In addition, the Chiefs of Staff reportedly agreed on ways to verify the cease-fire. The situation in all areas, with the exception of UIGE, was reported to be calm.



Middle East

Palestinian Authority Chairman Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Peres met on 9 January, according to press reports, to plan the expansion of peace steps in the WEST BANK. Israeli soldiers prevented Jewish settlers from setting up a new enclave on 10 January beside a main road in the occupied WEST BANK where Palestinians killed a female teenage settler last week. According to press reports, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has toured Arab and Jewish sites in EAST JERUSALEM to underscore Israel's determination to retain the entire city. He told Israeli schoolchildren that retaining all of JERUSALEM is the "supreme" priority for Israel in its negotiations with the Palestinians, who claim EAST JERUSALEM as their own future capital. Fighting has continued in the border zone between Israel and Lebanon; among the targets were a South Lebanon Army barracks in JEZZINE, and positions in the southwestern BEKAA VALLEY. Rockets also fell on the outskirts of MARJEUOUN. On 10 January, Israeli jets raided the outskirts of MLITA, a village east of the southern port city of SIDON.

Liberia

Discussions on a new Liberian Council of State continue in ACCRA. Three have already been named for the five-member Council of State. They include Charles Taylor of the NPF, Oscar Quiah of the LNC, and Tamba Taylor, one of the country's most venerable traditional chiefs, who was chosen by all factions. Athaji Kromah of ULIMO arrived in ACCRA on 9 January after the first day of negotiations, but whether he would be on the Council was not immediately known. Who would take the fifth place was not confirmed. A candidate was supposed to be nominated jointly by the Armed Forces (former government troops) faction and the coalition formed by the Peace Council, the Lofa Defence Force and the Central Revolutionary Council. UNOMIL report that the security situation in MONROVIA is calm. The Secretary-General has recommended that the Security Council extend the mandate of UNOMIL for three months to 13 April 1995.

Russia

Press reports indicate that Russian forces resumed shelling of the centre of the Chechen capital less than two hours after the cease-fire, announced by the Russian government, came into effect. House-to-house fighting continues in GROZNY as Russian troops advance against the Chechen defenders. The UNHCR operation remains delayed, awaiting permission from the Russian authorities.

Egypt

According to press sources, Egypt plans to set up a centre to train African civilians in peace-keeping and election monitoring.

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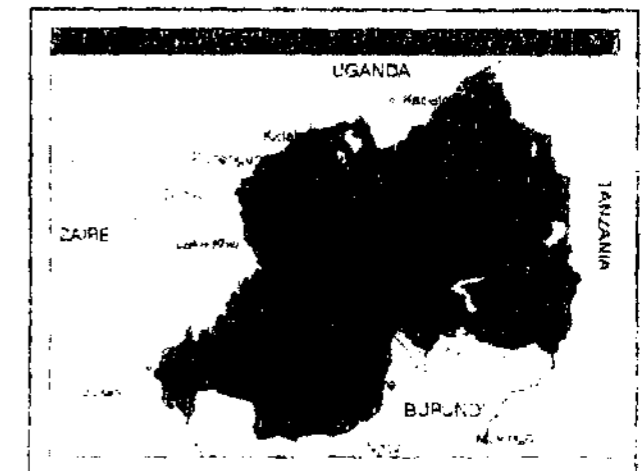
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Cyprus

The Greek Government has raised objections to the proposed customs union between the European Union (EU) and Turkey. The Turkish Government has indicated that Cypriot membership of the EU would have a detrimental effect on the settlement of the island's division.

India/Pakistan

Presidential rule in Jammu and Kashmir has been extended until 17 July 1995.

Algeria

Algerian Foreign Minister Mohamed Salah Dendri was reported by the press to have said on 9 February that his government was planning parliamentary elections in 1996 "or soon thereafter" to follow up on a presidential vote already scheduled for later this year. The press also report that the head of Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), Abassi Madani, has been hospitalised and his deputy, Ali Belhadj, has been moved to a new house arrest location.

Liberia

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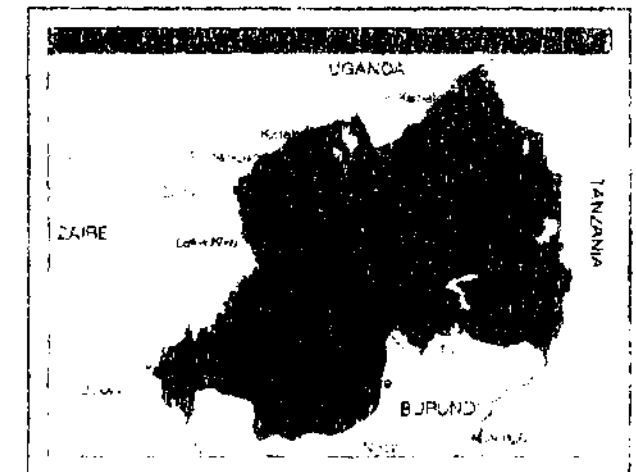
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On 8 February, Russian Border Forces and Afghan authorities in the Dwarves region signed an agreement forbidding military activity by the Tajik opposition. On 9 February, the Commander of the Russian Border Force in Tajikistan confirmed to UNMOF that a rotation and not a reinforcement was being carried out. In the vicinity of GARM, UNMOF discovered two minefields, consisting of 350 mines which were laid by the Tajikistan National Army (TNA) in the summer of 1994. On 8 February, two UNMOs from Denmark arrived in DUSHANBE increasing the total number of UNMOs to 27.

Cyprus

The Greek Government has raised objections to the proposed customs union between the European Union (EU) and Turkey. The Turkish Government has indicated that Cypriot membership of the EU would have a detrimental effect on the settlement of the island's division.

India/Pakistan

Presidential rule in Jammu and Kashmir has been extended until 17 July 1995.

Algeria

Algerian Foreign Minister Mohamed Salah Dendri was reported by the press to have said on 9 February that his government was planning parliamentary elections in 1996 "or soon thereafter" to follow up on a presidential vote already scheduled for later this year. The press also report that the head of Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), Abassi Madani, has been hospitalised and his deputy, Ab Belhadj, has been moved to a new house arrest location.

Liberia

MONROVIA and its environs remained calm with no cease-fire violations reported in rural Liberia. Disarmament and demobilization of combatants is reported to have come to a standstill. Frustration among the fighters is building up and spontaneous requests for disarmament have been received from TUBMANBURG and MONROVIA.

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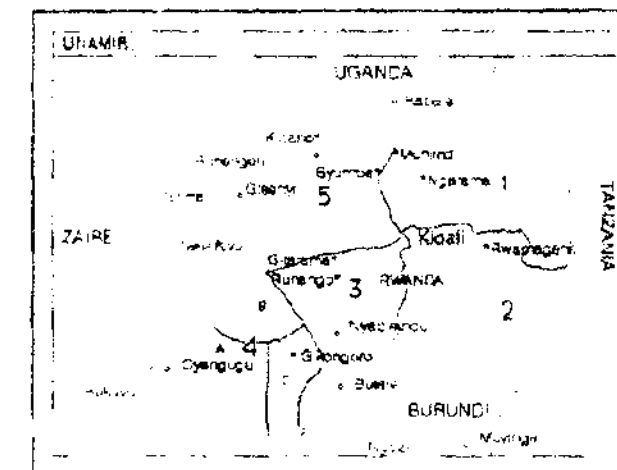
- The Rwandan refugee crisis was the subject of a seven-nation summit on 07 January
- Liberian faction and political leaders are meeting in ACCRA to elect a Council of State

Former Yugoslavia

On 06 January, a meeting with the Central Joint Commission failed to agree on key points regarding the implementation of the Agreement on Complete Cessation of Hostilities. The Bosnian Serbs added a new element to their position, stating that the BiH should evacuate not only the Mount IGMAN DMZ, but also all territory controlled by it to the east of the zone. The Government side refused to consider the proposal. Instead they stated that there would be no joint inspection of the DMZ until the Serbs had signed a paper stating that they would reopen the routes across SARAJEVO airport, and that all further talks would be cancelled unless attacks on the BIHAC area stopped. On 09 January, joint reconnaissance of the DMZ by helicopter was cancelled, due to poor weather.

Rwanda

On 07 January, the SRSG and representatives from the OAU and UNHCR attended the seven African nation (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire, and Zambia) summit on the Rwandan refugee problem. The summit attendees called for "safe corridors" for returning Rwandan refugees and on the new Rwandan Government to work harder for internal peace, but told reporters that the absence of Zaire's Head of State detracted from the meeting's ability to decide effective measures. On 07 January, UNAMIR reported that Government troops had killed a number of people in the BUSANZE internally displaced persons (IDP) camp, the Government troops suspected the presence of FRGFamilias and Burundi nationals in the camp. Two senior military officers have been arrested in connection with the attack, in which 12 were killed and 36 wounded. According to the media, there has been a huge increase in banditry and attacks by the Interahamwe in CYANGUGU and GISENYI; there is reportedly some concern that elements loyal to the ousted government may have begun their threatened counter-attack on the new Tutsi-led administration. The USA has appointed a Special Rwanda Coordinator to advise on issues concerning Rwanda and to coordinate contacts with governmental agencies tasked with distributing USA aid. Operation Retour has moved a total of 7152 IDPs.



Somalia

On 09 January, MOGADISHU remained relatively calm, with sporadic firing continuing in the Southern Compound area. However, there was an increased movement of technicals in several districts of North MOGADISHU. The UN Coordination Team (UNCT) Security Assessment Mission to SISIMAYO recently recommended that UN agencies should visit only on day trips until a final security evacuation plan has been drawn up for the town. However, General Morgan assured UN agencies of the security.

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their members returning to the city. General Morgan also complained of a lack of communication equipment at the airport and seaport and an insufficient police force in the town.

Angola

Cease-fire violations, denial of access to UNITA-controlled areas, triangular communications/liaison contact with Government and UNITA forces, and human rights violations are the major issues UNAVEM officials are presenting during the 09 January Fifth Plenary session of the Joint Commission. The Government and UNITA military leaders are still scheduled to meet in HUAMBO on 10 January. Unconfirmed press reports indicate that President dos Santos is now expected to meet UNITA leader Savimbi in LUSAKA on 13 January. On 07 January, the situation in UIGE was tense and UNITA had increased its presence. In LUENA, a Government truck was ambushed, but UNAVEM could not confirm the identity of those who conducted the ambush. On 08 January, the UNAVEM II total strength was 182.

Israel

Press reports indicate that a donkey laden with explosives was blown up on 09 January in the Gaza Strip. The explosion occurred at the same time a bus full of Israeli schoolchildren was passing by the area. Commercial political analysts believe the bomb was timed to coincide with the opening of talks between PLO Chairman Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Peres.

Liberia

Libertan faction and political leaders are meeting in ACCRA to elect a Council of State. The new council is to appoint a transitional government and is expected to be inaugurated in MONROVIA on 11 January, in line with a timetable agreed to by the factions and civilian leaders. Attendees of the meeting include the SRSG, Mr. Charles Taylor, AFL leader Gen Bowen, breakaway ULIMO leader Gen Roosevelt Johnson, and National Conference nominee Oscar Quiah.

Georgia

On 06 January, the Minister for West Georgia, Mr. Lominadze, claimed to have knowledge of training camps in ABKAZIA for CHECHNYA volunteers. Mr. Lominadze stated that Georgia was in the process of building a new and modern army, a process that would be carried through regardless of costs. UNOMIG reported that Georgia regards the present situation in the northern CAUCASUS as a good opportunity for them to obtain CIS, especially Russian, support, and capitalise on the Russian request for base facilities as much as possible. These factors are reflected in recent increases in media statements that Georgia ought to take military action to solve the conflict. UNOMIG judges that the military solution has many supporters, but at present the Georgian Army is in no state to carry out offensive action. The statements should therefore be seen as efforts to soften the Abkhazian position.

Haiti

On 06 January, the USA began involuntary repatriation of Haitians who have been at the U.S.A. naval base in GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba. Some of the Haitians who were returned to Haiti over the weekend were going home voluntarily; however, as of 09 January, all repatriations will be involuntary. The first week of January marked the beginning of two months of carnival celebrations that will peak 26-28 February before Ash Wednesday on 01 March. Informed source reporting indicates that musical group performances and competition will cause crowds of thousands to gather. These sources estimate that during this celebration period, intoxication and increased emotional levels, coupled with the ongoing competitions between various bands may result in isolated incidents of violence. Campaigning for the upcoming elections may add a unique dimension to this year's carnival activities. On 07 January, President Aristide announced that FAd'H is to vacate its headquarters building. It is possible that the recently created Ministry for Women's Affairs may use the building, however, UNMIB has not yet confirmed this.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Poor weather has prevented helicopter reconnaissance of the Mt Igman DMZ.
- The 05 January cease-fire in MOGADISHU that clan elders had arranged broke down on 06 January.
- France has announced that it will open an interest section in BAGHDAD "very shortly".

Former Yugoslavia

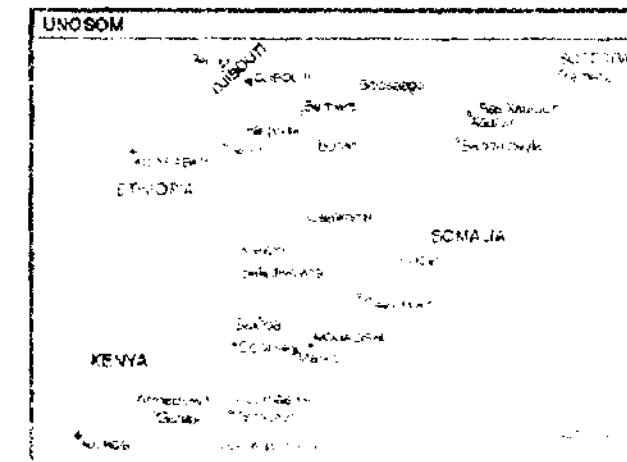
In the Bihac pocket area, small arms firing and mortar/artillery impacts were heard to the east of the Bangladesh Battalion Logistic Base. The BIHAC town area reported only sporadic small arms firing along the confrontation line. The resupply convoy for the Bangladesh Battalion reached CORALICI late on 05 January. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Bosnian Serbs agreed to a deal under which officers of both sides would substantiate the Government Army withdrawal from the Mt Igman DMZ, and the disengagement of forces elsewhere. Weather has, however, prevented reconnaissance by helicopter. UNPROFOR reports that the BiH may attempt to infiltrate the DMZ. UNPROFOR officials also judge that the SARAJEVO area will likely remain calm for the near term, but isolated incidents to draw attention to SARAJEVO's plight or to vent frustrations can be expected to continue. As part of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, Tuzla Airport is expected to re-open for UNPROFOR and UNHCR fixed-wing aircraft. To date, six UNPROFOR helicopters have used the airport without incident. No date for the re-opening has yet been established.

Rwanda

The SRSG will attend a summit in NAIROBI on 07 January with the Heads of State from Kenya, Zaire, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, and Zambia. UNAMIR, OAU, and UNHCR are invited as observers. The summit is to work out the concept of security zones in Rwanda and to discuss refugee issues. Many NGOs have expressed concern about the attack on the orphanage in KAMEMBE, threats of attack on the German Emergency Doctors Clinic in NYAMASHEKE, and the arrest and killing of Medecins Sans Frontieres staff at MURURU dispensary. The UNHCR is drafting a contingency plan to evacuate up to 200,000 Rwandan refugees from camps in GOYA, should two nearby volcanoes show signs of erupting.

Somalia

On 06 January, UNOSOM reported battles in the Bermuda district between the Abgal and Murusade factions in violation a day-old cease-fire reached by clan elders. The fighting was the heaviest in the morning, intermittent in the afternoon, and the situation was "relatively calm" by the evening hours. Some stray rounds landed in UNOSOM facilities, but there were no casualties. In an unrelated incident, at 1758 local time, two Pakistani troops were injured when "bandits" attacked their convoy outside the seaport. The Malaysian contingent has completed its withdrawal from Somalia. The remains of former Somali President Siad Barre are to arrive in KISMAYO from Nigeria aboard a Nigerian Air Force plane, and will be transported to his home region in Somalia.



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Angola

A meeting between the Chiefs of Staff of the FAA and UNIFA is to be held on 19 January in CHIPIPA (HUAMBO Province) to discuss the implementation of the cease-fire agreement. Specific areas of discussion will include facilitating the disengagement of troops in sensitive areas such as UIGE and HUAMBO and assisting UNAVEM II in its monitoring and verification tasks. The general situation was reported as calm; however, the situation in HUAMBO Province remains tense. In HUAMBO, UNAVEM's two team sites at VILLA NOVA and BAILUNDO were established. The FAA has alleged two cease-fire violations by UNIFA troops in BENGUELA Province.

Georgia

According to press reports, Abkhazia accused Georgian militants on 4 January of staging several "terrorist" incursions onto its territory this week. The Abkhazian Government claimed that a large group of Georgian militants crossed into the breakaway republic this week, blowing up a power line and "taking hostage" several Abkhaz policemen and four women.

Tajikistan

The Tajik Government said that a fourth round of UN-backed peace talks had been set for 15 January in MOSCOW, but leaders of the opposition told the media that they would stay away. Clashes have continued unabated across the border with Afghanistan, where rebel forces are based. There are claims that Russian aircraft have carried out retaliatory raids against targets in Afghanistan.

Cyprus

According to press reports, USA Assistant Secretary of State Holbrooke had talks with Cypriot President Clerides before crossing the demarcation line through NICOSIA to meet Turkish leader Denktash. On 5 January, the White House announced that President Clinton had appointed Mr. Beattie, a New York lawyer who served in the administration of former USA President Jimmy Carter, as a special envoy to Cyprus. Mr. Beattie is to travel to Cyprus on January 22 to "promote efforts to facilitate an agreement" between the Greek and Turkish communities.

Iraq/Kuwait

Press reports indicate that Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Aziz arrived in PARIS on 5 January. He will meet French Foreign Minister Juppé for a working breakfast on 6 January. Diplomatic sources told reporters that the meeting appeared to signal France's frustration that the USA was continuing to block any easing of the oil and trade embargo on BAGHDAD despite Iraq's recent recognition of Kuwait's borders.

Liberia

MONROVIA radio claimed that heavy fighting continued between the NPFL and the LPC. The LPC, NPFL, and ULIMO are reported to be in disarray since the signing of recent agreement in ACCRA. The "Coalition Force", which was formed by these factions with the AFL, seems to have disintegrated. ECOMOG and UNOMIL have not been able to monitor the clashes. The fighting has jeopardised peace accord agreements on the disarmament and demilitarization of the warring factions.

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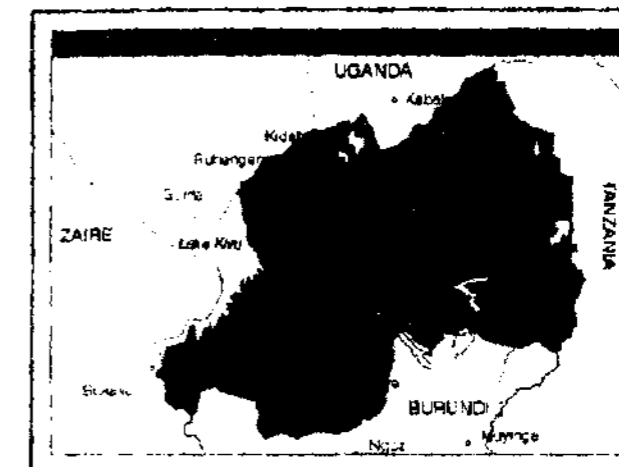
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Rwanda

UNAMIR reported that although the security situation has improved considerably in Sector 3, few IDPs have returned home. In Sector 4B, UNMOs report that all IDPs in KIBUYE have been evacuated. In Sector 4C, inhabitants are not happy with the security provided by the RPA and have asked for a UNAMIR presence to deter bandits. In Sector 5, shots and a 40mm rocket explosion were reported at NYARUTOVU.



Middle East

According to the press, Hamas has vowed to avenge the 02 January killing of three Palestinian policemen by Israeli soldiers. Israeli security services are taking the threat seriously. Palestinian sources told reporters that Israeli forces at the EREZ crossing point into Gaza fired at Palestinian police positions on 4 January, wounding two civilian bystanders. An Israeli Army spokesman said that gunmen had fired at an Israeli patrol.

Tajikistan

UNMOT has confirmed recent incidents in areas close to the Afghan border in which a number of Russian border guards were killed. The incidents involved attacks from the Afghan side, as well as from Tajik territory. According to press reports, the commander of the Russian-led border guards, accompanied by UN observers, will investigate reports of an insurgent attack that occurred on 03 January in the DARVAZ area.



Iraq/Kuwait

The press reported that Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz will travel to the U.N. to seek the lifting of sanctions imposed after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Mr. Aziz is expected to arrive in NEW YORK and meet with members of the Security Council on 9 January.

Liberia

The cease-fire appears to be generally holding. No violations have been reported. The leaders of Liberian warring factions and political groups are preparing for a meeting in Ghana on the issue of the nomination of a five-man Council of State. The local press has alleged that six NPFL generals were executed by Mr. Charles Taylor. This has caused considerable disenchantment amongst the NPFL ranks and precipitated the exodus of a number of NPFL fighters into Côte d'Ivoire to escape execution.

Outlook

Niger: Parliamentary elections, postponed from 31 December, are scheduled for 07 January. Media political analysts anticipate another postponement.

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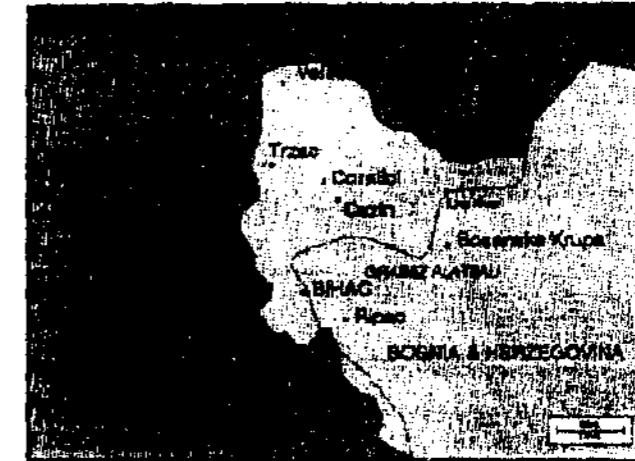
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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ The Bosnian cease-fire is generally being respected, although fighting continues in the BIHAC area.
- ▶ Mr. Savimbi and Angolan President dos Santos may meet before the end of January.
- ▶ Cross-border raids into Tajikistan from Afghanistan have killed a number of Russian border guards.

Former Yugoslavia

The Cessation of Hostilities Agreement continued to be generally respected by all signatories and the overall situation was relatively quiet. The first of the daily meetings of the Regional Joint Commission were held in BIHAC, GORAZDE, Sector Southwest, and Sector Northeast, all with positive results. The withdrawal of Bosnian troops from Mt IGMAN was due to have been completed by 1100 GMT; however, UNPROFOR is currently unable to confirm that this has taken place. Reports indicate that activity continues in the BIHAC pocket, with eleven shells falling around the town of VELIKA KLADUSA during the night of 3-4 January. On 4 January, fighting was reported around BOSANSKA KRUPA, on the east of the enclave, and in the village of PODZVIZD, five kilometers east of VELIKA KLADUSA. Three relief convoys carrying food, medicine, and fuel left ZAGREB and are expected in BIHAC on 4 January; as yet, UNPROFOR had not confirmed the arrival of the convoys. Representatives of the Contact Group will meet in BONN on 5 January to discuss how to advance the peace process.



Somalia

Interclan fighting continued in MOGADISHU. Members of the SSA have expressed concern to UNOSOM officials over "secret" USA diplomat meetings with leaders from both SNA and SSA. As the results of the meetings apparently are not passed on to colleagues, there has been an increase in mistrust within the SSA ranks. In addition, some individuals in the Mudulod clan are challenging the leadership of Mr. Ali Mahdi. Local press reports indicate that the Malaysian Government has invited the SNA and the SSA to KUALA LUMPUR in effort to reconcile the two factions: both groups are to send a four-member delegation. The strength of UNOSOM II as of 3 January was 8868.

Angola

Mr. Savimbi has declared his willingness to meet President dos Santos to consolidate the peace agreement; a meeting could be held before the end of January. UNAMIR reported that the situation is generally calm, except for HUAMBO, where skirmishes between Government and UNITA forces, and troop and equipment movements, are occurring.

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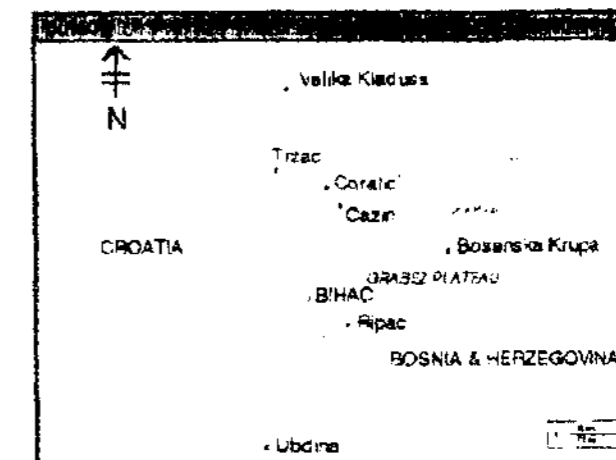
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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Bosnian cease-fire is holding with a low number of violations
- Former Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre died in LAGOS
- Israeli soldiers killed four Palestinian policemen

Former Yugoslavia

Negotiations have led to an agreement for a total cessation of hostilities for a period of at least four months throughout Bosnia, starting at 1 January 1995 at 1200 hours LT. The agreement was initially signed by the Bosnian Government, the Bosnian Serbs, and UNPROFOR. On 2 January, Bosnian Croat representatives also signed the cease-fire agreement. The overall situation is reported as stable and generally quiet, although in Sector South it was tense due to a shooting incident on 31 December, in which two Canadian soldiers were injured. Some shooting and explosions have been reported in the BIHAC area. The press reported that serious clashes erupted around VELIKA Kladusa on 3 January.



Rwanda

The German Air Force has ended supply flights to Rwanda as other means of transport are now available. UNAMIR reported that in Sector 2, sixty-two people were murdered in KABARE, CANVETONGA, and RUBUMBA, and that there is an unstable and tense situation in the area of NYAMASHEKE due to raids carried out by elements of former government forces and Interahamwe. In Sector 5, the Tunisian Battalion discovered four mass graves at MWIYANIKE. Radio reports on 30 December said nine members of the Interahamwe militia carried out attacks in KIGARAMA on the border with Tanzania. On 2 January, the Governor of the National Bank of Rwanda said new notes would be issued to replace current 5,000, 1,000 and 500 Rwandan franc notes. According to press reports, the move is intended to undercut financially the remnants of Rwanda's former government, which looted state coffers before fleeing to eastern Zairian camps in May 1994.

Somalia

On 31 December, heavy interclan fighting resumed in MOGADISHU. The Secretary-General of the Somali NGO Consortium, kidnapped on 27 December, was released on 31 December. The UNOSOM Zimbabwean contingent completed its repatriation; the Malaysian contingent has begun to withdraw. UNOSOM strength as of 2 January was 9124. The press reports that former Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre died in LAGOS from a heart attack on 1 January.

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Angola

On 31 December, the Angolan Government and UNITA held talks to discuss the demobilisation of their armies. The talks were intended to pave the way for a meeting between the Government's Chief of Staff and his UNITA counterpart. UNAVEM reported that UNITA was not in favour of establishing UNAVEM team sites in NEGAGE and M'BANZA CONGO, preferring instead TOTO and KINDEJE. On 30 December, water and electricity were restored to LUANDA, after 18 days without. UNAVEM II total strength on 2 January was 133.

Middle East

According to press reports, the Israeli Government decided on 2 January to halt the construction of a settlement at a disputed hill-top site, after the work threatened to wreck autonomy talks with the PLO. On the same day, Israeli soldiers killed four Palestinian policemen and wounded another after crossing into the autonomous GAZA Strip. Local sources said the shooting occurred when Israeli soldiers patrolling the border between Israel and the GAZA Strip were fired on with automatic weapons near the EREZ crossing point. They entered GAZA in search of the attackers and were fired on again from a house near the village of BEIT HANOUN. The troops surrounded the house and opened fire on it, killing several people inside.

Tajikistan

On 31 December, President Rakhmonov, in a New Year's address, said that illegal weapons would be confiscated and illegal armed groups disbanded to try to ease the threat of military conflict in Tajikistan. Estimates of the number of weapons held by opposition sympathisers in Tajikistan ran to tens of thousands. Military officials reported that a senior Russian officer on "peace-keeping" duties in DUSHANBE has been killed. On 2 January, four Russian soldiers were killed in Tajikistan when their transport was blown up by rebels firing from across the border in Afghanistan. On 3 January, six

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*Daily highlights of key peace-keeping and
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30 December 1994*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cease-fire negotiations continue in Bosnia.
- Renewed fighting has taken place between the NPFL and LPC in Liberia.
- The USA has announced that all Haitian refugees at GUANTANAMO BAY must return home.

Former Yugoslavia

Lieutenant-General Rose held nearly four hours of talks in SARAJEVO with Bosnian Vice-President Ganic and other members of the Moslem-led government on 30 December. He then headed for the Bosnian Serb political headquarters of PALE for more talks with Bosnian Serb leader Karadzic. The discussions were intended to hammer out remaining details of the cease-fire deal, under which UN troops would police buffer zones between the Bosnian Serb and Bosnian government forces. General De Lapresle is planning to hold cease-fire talks with Croatian Serbs, who have so far ignored the truce and kept up their assault on Moslem forces in BIHAC. Croatian Serbs fired machinegun bursts at two UN observers and then forced them at gunpoint to lie face down on the ground for interrogation. The incident occurred on 29 December after a military convoy noticed an UNMO vehicle on the road behind it. After a lengthy discussion, the UNMOs were allowed to leave in their own cars, but were followed for some distance. A strong protest is being lodged. According to press reports, twenty-one Serbian Moslems, accused of plotting secession, have been sentenced to prison terms. The men are members of the Social Democratic Action party in the SANDZAK region, which straddles the border of Serbia and Montenegro. In Bosnia, an estimated 6,000 Moslem refugees returned to their destroyed homes in VELIKA KLADUSA, in the BIHAC pocket, a week after it was seized by forces loyal to rebel Moslem leader Abdic. The truce continued to hold and the level of military activity remained low. The BIHAC pocket was still the most active area, while Sector SARAJEVO was extremely quiet. Informed sources report that there has been shelling to the east and southwest of VELIKA KLADUSA and that a BSA GAZELLE helicopter fired two missiles into the GOMILICA settlement, 5 kms west of BOSANSKI KRUPA, on 29 December. The siege of SARAJEVO has now lasted 1000 days.



Rwanda

On 29 December, UNAMIR reported that RPA troops in NYAMASHEKE (Sector 4C) exchanged fire with about 25 insurgents from the island of IDJWI in LAKE KIVU. They also reported that Burundi Government Forces had been engaged in heavy clashes with a guerilla movement apparently supported by former RGF and Interhamwe members. UNAMIR also noted the possibility that the guerilla force was trying to establish a firm base in northwest Burundi for future operations into Rwanda.

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Somalia

UNOSOM reports that the SRSG has discussed an international drive for peace in Somalia with Ethiopia's President. Libyan officials claimed a successful mediation bid in Somalia as they were able to meet the heads of the Somali factions, but their reports only mentioned General Mohamed Farah Aideed by name. Somali gunmen kidnapped an aid official, Mr. Mayer; contacts are underway to secure his release. They also killed Sultan Abdulmajid Sheikh Hussein, chief of the Dabarre clan and a staunch supporter of the SNA. Media reports indicate that Somali refugees in Uganda have refused to be moved to a remote camp since they preferred living in KAMPALA for easier communications with relatives and friends who have fled to other countries. Sporadic fire was reported in the general area of the UNOSOM Southern Compound in MOGADISHU. UNOSOM strength is now below 10,000.

Angola

UNAVEM report that 131 Peace observers (84 military personnel, 33 policemen and 14 medical workers) have now arrived in Angola to supervise the implementation of the cease-fire agreement and have been sent to six provinces, including HUAMBO, UIGE and CUANDO CUBANGO.

Middle East

According to press reports, the Israeli Foreign Minister Peres and the PLO's chief negotiator, Mr. Shaath, are to resume autonomy talks in CAIRO on 3 January to discuss the extension of Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank. It will be the first such meeting since the start of the row over the expansion of the Jewish settlement of EFRAT on the occupied West Bank, which the Palestinians have warned could threaten the peace process. On 2 January, the Israeli Government is to examine the legal means of halting the construction work. Palestinian demonstrators scuffled with Israeli soldiers at the site where two soldiers were slightly wounded and dozens of protesters were arrested on 30 December.

Mozambique

According to the media, RENAMO leader Dhlakama has announced the end of his party's boycott of parliament since it had only given added advantage to the majority FRELIMO party.

Liberia

UNOMIL reported renewed clashes between Liberia's armed factions less than 24 hours after a ceasefire came into effect. Clashes occurred in the south-eastern RIVERCESS COUNTY between the NPFL and the LPC. Nigeria said it had cut its ECOMOG troop strength in Liberia by a third, to 6,000 from 9,000. The reduction followed a directive from Gen Sani Abacha in response to the refusal of warring factions to abide by peace accords.

Russia

Press reports indicate that Chechen and Russian troops continued fighting around GROZNY on 30 December. Officials have warned that a refinery fire, started during a Russian attack on 29 December, threatens an environmental catastrophe throughout the Caucasus region. Large quantities of ammonia may be released if the fire reaches nearby storage tanks. UNHCR has launched an operation to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees from the fighting.

Haiti

On 29 December, the USA State Department announced that the 4,000 Haitian refugees at the naval base at GUANTANAMO BAY would all have to return home. Those refugees who applied to return by 5 January 1995 would each receive 200 Haitian dollars (about \$80 US) and adults would be eligible to join job programmes now under way in Haiti.

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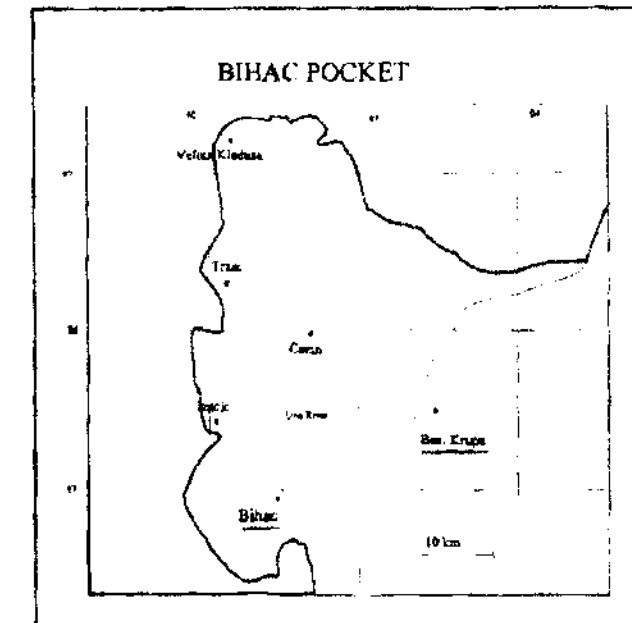
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HIGHLIGHTS

- In the Bihac Pocket area, Mr. Abdic is reported to have verbally agreed to the cease-fire.
- A UNIKOM observer was wounded by small arms fire.
- UNOMIL reported that the cease-fire in Liberia is generally holding.

Former Yugoslavia

Although some fighting continues in the BIHAC area, the general level of military activity remains at a low level. On 28 December, a resupply convoy successfully crossed from Sector South into BIHAC and reached the Bangladesh battalion. Bosnian Serb leader Karadzic said on 29 December that his side was ready to sign a four-month truce agreement. The Bosnian Government has warned it will refuse to discuss a cessation of hostilities if its troops continue to come under fire by Serb and rebel Moslem forces in the north-west enclave of BIHAC, where Mr. Abdic is reported to have verbally accepted a cease-fire. Fighting between Government troops and Bosnian Serbs was reported around BOSANSKA KRUPA, and on the other side of the enclave between Government troops and Moslem rebels and Serbs from Croatia.



Rwanda

On 28 December, the military situation in Rwanda remained relatively stable. A UNAMIR CIVPOL observer team visited the KIGALI prison, having been informed of an increase in the death rate of inmates to five per day.

Somalia

On 28 December, UNOSOM reported that thousands of Islamic Sharia Law supporters demonstrated in MOGADISHU against an attack on the head of a court committee and for the continuation of Sharia Law. Sporadic firing continued in the area of the Southern Compound. On 28 December, 440 Somali refugees left MOMBASA aboard a UNHCR-sponsored ship to return to KISMAYO; UNOSOM officials expect no difficulties in their repatriation, as the refugees are said to be from the same clan that controls the KISMAYO seaport. The Somali Red Crescent Society has visited the kidnapped French aid worker and report that he is in good health and will be released soon.

Angola

Media reports indicate that President Dos Santos is to meet President Mobutu of Zaire in January.

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focus on strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries and implementing the Angolan peace pact.

Middle East

According to press reports, Moslem guerrillas attacked Israeli positions on 29 December across the border zone in southern Lebanon. Israeli artillery retaliated by shelling the villages of NABATIYEH, KFAR ROUMMAN, and KFAR TIBNEET, wounding five Lebanese civilians, including a child.

Tajikistan

UNMOT reports that the Afghan Government has agreed to inspections inside Afghanistan, with two days advanced notice. They will be carried out in areas near the border with Tajikistan, in the provinces of KUNDUZ, TAKSAR, and BADAKSAN.

Cyprus

On 28 December, twenty Turkish Force soldiers entered the Border Zone at WAYNE'S KEEP, the British Military Cemetery, surrounded a UN foot patrol, and prevented their movement for approximately 10 minutes. Turkish Force members cocked their weapons and threatened to strike one UN soldier with a rifle butt; they moved back when an UNFICYP officer appeared in the area.

Iraq/Kuwait

On 28 December, a UNIKOM patrol was fired upon while travelling on the Kuwaiti side of the demilitarized zone near AL MASER. One UNMO, Captain Iovanov Danut from Romania, was wounded in both legs by rifle fire and was evacuated to a hospital in AL JAHRA. His injuries are reported to be not life-threatening.

Mozambique

On 28 December, it was reported in the media that RENAMO had nominated Mr. Raul Domingos as its candidate for Deputy Chief of the Parliament. RENAMO's candidates for the two elected parliamentary committees had also been decided, however, RENAMO had not presented the list of the candidates because it was still at odds with FRELIMO over the electoral procedure of Parliament.

Liberia

UN observers reported that the cease-fire agreed to by Liberia's warring factions appeared to be holding several hours after it came into effect at midnight on 28 December 1994. However, UNOMIL also reported alleged clashes in the outskirts of BUCHANAN between NPFL and LPC fighters. UNOMIL observers are due to visit KAKATA on 29 December to ascertain the effectiveness of the cease-fire and to verify NPFL disposition in the area.

Russia

The Russian Government has formally requested assistance from UNHCR to deal with the large number of refugees that have fled the fighting in Chechnya. Rebel forces are reported by the press to have repulsed a Russian attack and are still holding the capital, GROZNY, where fighting continues.

Haiti

Informed sources assess that the 26 December disturbance at the FADH HQ was a spontaneous unorganized event caused by tension and mistrust due to the mishandling of the FADH reduction process by the Government.

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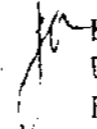
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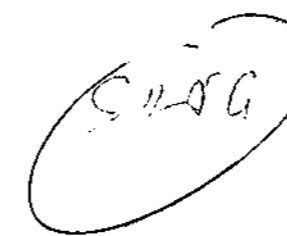
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Lt. Gen Rose has attempted to extend the cease-fire to cover BIHAC.
- The number of cease-fire violations in Angola has declined markedly.
- In Liberia, new fighting has taken place between NPFL and ULIMO.

Former Yugoslavia

Military activity is reported to have been reduced substantially as a result of the cease-fire. LtGen Rose travelled to BIHAC on 28 December to speak to military commanders in an attempt to persuade them to respect the Bosnian cease-fire. The visit included talks with BiH commander Gen. Dudakovic, rebel Muslim leader Fikret Abdic, and the commanding officer of the UN Bangladeshi troops in the BIHAC enclave. LtGen Rose then flew to KNIN to meet Croatian Serb leaders. Press reports quote a UN spokesman as saying that Mr. Abdic has agreed to the terms of the cease-fire; the results of the trip have yet to be confirmed by UNPROFOR. Although activity in the BIHAC enclave has subsided to a great degree since the cease-fire went into effect on 24 December, rebel Muslims and Croatian Serbs have continued fighting.

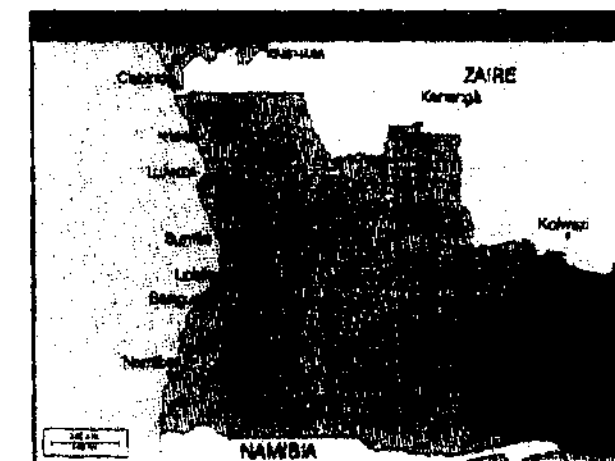


Somalia

On 23 December, media reports indicated that Abgal militias, loyal to Mr. Ali Mahdi, drove Murasade militias loyal to Gen Aideed, out of the Medina District of south MOGADISHU. This activity puts them in a position of strength, close to the UN compound, the seaport, and the airport. An Arab League mission has failed in its attempt to bring together the factions in Somalia. On 27 December, it was reported in the media that all Zimbabwean troops will leave Somalia by the end of the year.

Angola

On 23 December, the UNAVEM team in HUAMBO reported they had free access to UNITA-controlled areas and had established communications with UNITA. On 26 December, UNAVEM reported a marked decrease in the violations of the cease-fire throughout the country. Significantly, no violations of the cease-fire were reported in the HUAMBO, UIGE, and LUENA areas. There were no major violations of the cease-fire on 27 December.



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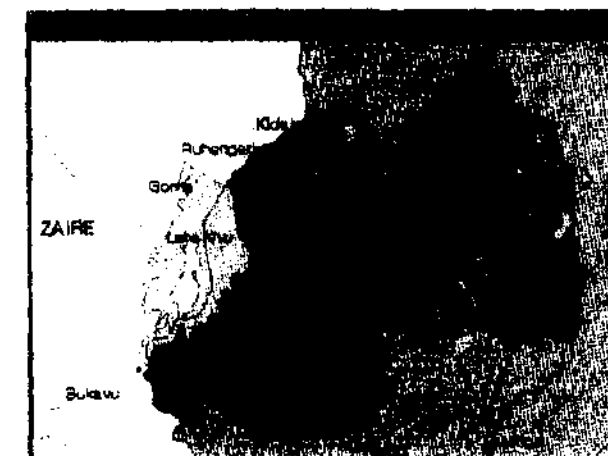
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Haiti

Informed sources report that one Haitian soldier was killed and a number injured during protests at the military headquarters on 26 December; press reports indicate that the number was higher. The protests are believed to have been caused by the non-payment of salaries for the month of December and the proposed disbandment of the FAD'H. MNF troops deployed to the scene on hearing the shooting and later deployed APCs and additional military police around the general vicinity of the presidential palace and the FAD'H HQ. It is reported in the press that they were actively engaged in the incident; this has not been confirmed. The general situation in Haiti remains calm, although criminal activity continues to increase. The handover between 10th (USA) Mountain Division and 25th (USA) Infantry Division will not take place before 18 January 1995.

Rwanda

On 23 December, armed elements were reportedly forbidding people to return to Rwanda and attempting to shoot those who tried to do so. "Radio UNAMIR/MINUAR" was to begin broadcasting on 28 December, however, the Government has changed responsibility for working with UNAMIR from the Ministry of Information to the Foreign Ministry, causing a slight delay in the overall process.



Middle East

On 25 December, an Arab suicide bomber blew himself up in JERUSALEM, injuring 12 people at a bus stop outside Israeli's main convention centre. The site of the attack is a major stop for buses taking people to work and school, and soldiers to army bases. Hamas later claimed responsibility. Exchanges of fire between AE and IDF/DFP positions have continued. Israeli helicopters were used in an attack on 28 December in which a child was killed. One UN soldier was injured in the arm by a ricochet on 27 December. On the same day, fighting between rival groups of Palestinian guerrillas took place in the AIN HELWE refugee camp. According to press reports on 25 December, the Syrian-Israeli peace talks held in WASHINGTON ended with no results.

Cyprus

According to press reports, the Greek Deputy Defence Minister, visited Cyprus on 27 December to discuss defence issues. The visit focused on practical ways of implementing the defence pact between Greece and Cyprus, national guard defence strategy, and the purchase of weapons within the framework of their military alliance. Reports also indicated that Greece would give Cyprus 100 French AMX-30 tanks.

Mozambique

On 24 December, Mozambique's 21-member cabinet was sworn in. Fifteen of the new Cabinet members are former Government officials. The post of the Security Minister remains vacant. On 27 December, the leader of RENAMO, Mr. Dhlakama, warned that there would be problems if the Mozambican President did not appoint RENAMO members as Provincial Governors.

Liberia

On 27 December, UNOMIL reported new fighting in the buffer zone between the NPFL and UNOMIL.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Bosnian cease-fire reportedly has been postponed due to disagreements between the two sides.
- The last Indian troops left MOGADISHU on 23 December.
- Israeli aircraft attacked guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon after intense fighting.

Former Yugoslavia

According to press reports, the Bosnian cease-fire brokered by former US President Jimmy Carter and due to go into effect on 23 December has been postponed by at least 24 hours.

UNPROFOR is unable to confirm this. The Bangladesh battalion medical supply convoy to BIHAC remained at the MALJEVAC crossing point waiting for clearances from local Serb forces to move forward to the logistic base in VELIKA KLADUSA. Negotiations to solve the problem continue. The overall situation is reported as quiet, although the BIHAC pocket remained tense despite a decreased level of activity during the day.

Activity was reported in the area of the GRABEZ plateau and there have been some exchanges of small arms fire in the area of the confrontation line around BIHAC, albeit at a reduced rate in comparison with earlier this week. VELIKA KLADUSA remained quiet.



Rwanda

The Secretary-General said the world was not doing enough in Rwanda and that 5,000 additional troops were needed to patrol refugee camps outside the country to make sure the militia did not take them over. On 23 December, it was reported in the press that the presidents of Zaire and Tanzania had called for more than one million Rwandan refugees to be repatriated and for a regional summit to meet on Rwanda's crisis; they also noted with concern efforts to lure the refugees home had failed. Following talks in GBADOLITE on 22 December, the two leaders appealed for the international community to assist in the repatriation of refugees and for UN and Organisation of African Unity troops to protect them on their return home.

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Somalia

On 22 December, the overall situation in MOGADISHU was reported by UNOSOM as calm. Several attempts of illegal entry by Somalis to the Seaport and Airport areas were prevented by Egyptian and Bangladeshi troops. On 22 December, the UN appealed for \$70.3 million for emergency relief and short-term rehabilitation activities in Somalia for the first six months of next year. The appeal covers activities relating to education, the demobilization of combatants, and the provision of food and support reconstruction efforts. The UN agencies have re-affirmed their commitment to continue humanitarian programmes whenever and wherever possible. The last \$70 million solicited...

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contingent that numbered 5,000, flew out of Somalia on 23 December as part of the phased withdrawal of UN forces.

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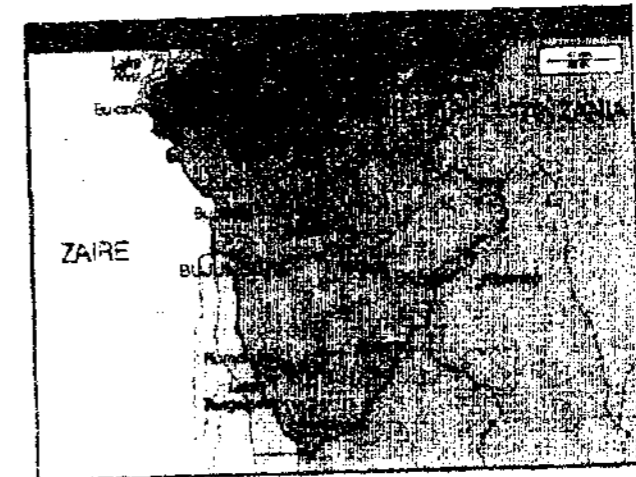
On 23 December, the situation throughout the country, except in the areas of UIGE, HUAMBO and LUENA, was reported as calm. The situation in LUENA and its surrounding areas was becoming tense and volatile due to a build-up of FAA and UNITA troops. A significant increase of FAA activities at LUENA Airport was reported. The situation was highly volatile in the area of CRUZEIRO and VILLA NOVA (about 30 kms east of HUAMBO).

Haiti

The Security Coordinator reports that in Haiti, in spite of a relative peace and quiet on the surface, an underlying tension and uneasiness appears to characterize the daily lives of many Haitians. There is a general perception among some of the relief agencies operating in the country that members of the "ancien regime" are positioning themselves to receive and use humanitarian relief aid to promote their own political objectives, as well as secure support in the electoral process. In addition, there is a widespread perception that the deteriorating security situation in some areas has deep social and economic effects. Businessmen are reported stocking only a minimum inventory of goods, because of not being able to secure shops and warehouses.

Burundi

On 23 December, press reports indicated that looting occurred in abandoned parts of BUJUMBURA although calm was being restored to the city. Government troops patrolled BWIZA, the northwest district of BUJUMBURA, allowing traffic to enter but preventing people trying to flee in cars piled with their possessions. Outside BWIZA, markets opened and taxis were back on the street after a dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed from the night of 21 December appeared to have helped in restoring calm. On 22 December, the U.N. Security Council called for a halt to violence in Burundi.



Middle East

According to press sources, Israeli planes struck at Hezbollah targets in south Lebanon on 23 December after guerrillas killed two Israeli soldiers and wounded seven in attacks on Israeli bases. Heavy fighting erupted when Hezbollah guerrillas attacked Israeli posts. A total of twenty-one Israeli soldiers have been killed this year in south Lebanon, with six dead and eighteen wounded this month. An Israeli delegation led by chief of staff General Ehud Barak is reported by the press to have held talks with high-ranking Syrian military officials in WASHINGTON. The talks dealt with security problems linked to any future Israeli withdrawal from the GOLAN HEIGHTS.

Liberia

On 23 December, UNOMIL reported that the general situation in MONROVIA and its vicinity improved appreciably during the past two days. Normal daily life has resumed in the city.

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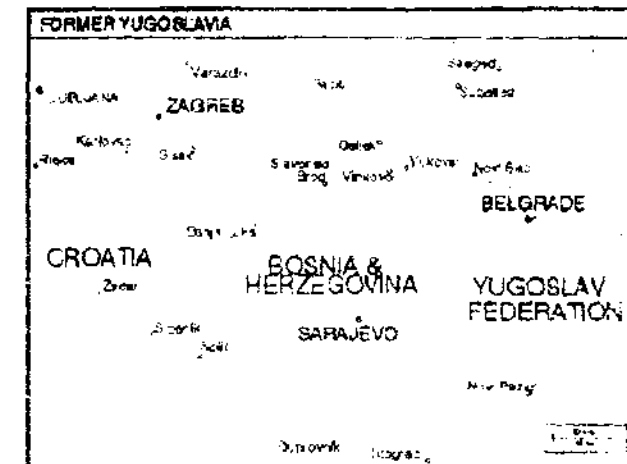
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Mortar and artillery rounds were fired in SARAJEVO and BIHAC.
- BUJUMBURA is reported to be calm with a military presence on the streets.
- Liberian factions have agreed to a cease-fire due to start on 28 December.

Former Yugoslavia

Two artillery shells landed in SARAJEVO on 22 December: UNPROFOR was unable to determine the origin of the firing. Artillery and mortar rounds are also reported by the press to have landed in BIHAC. There is concern that the cease-fire due to commence on 23 December will not stop the fighting in the BIHAC area since Croatian and rebel Muslim forces are not party to it. Press reports indicate that the Bosnian Serbs have called for a suspension of sanctions against them for the duration of the cease-fire. The overall level of activity continued to decrease, but tension remains high in many areas. Humanitarian flights into SARAJEVO continued. The ZAGREB to BELGRADE highway has been opened to traffic during daylight hours only.



Rwanda

The anticipated closure of the internally displaced camps (IDPs) of KIBERO and NDAGO has not materialised, indicating the acceptance of the Rwandan Government to delay its plans to close all IDP camps by 31 December. However, relief community reports from the south-west of the country indicate that people are moving from camp to camp, heading primarily southward. A distinct trend toward an increase of camp population in the south, close to the border areas, has been noted. Preparations for Operation Return, a joint action of UNAMIR, NGOs, and the Government of Rwanda, to facilitate the return of IDPs from the camps to their home communes, continue. Five communes have been identified as principal destinations of return for the majority of 350,000 IDPs. The relief community hopes that 12 Operation Relief Centres (ORCs) can eventually be opened. Parallel with the activities on ORCs, an information campaign has begun to convey practical information to the IDPs about the transfer, as well as providing confidence building messages.

Somalia

On 22 December, 470 Indian troops left the country; the remaining 446 will depart on 23 December. Pakistani troops vacated SP-33 and took over SP-52 (Hunter Base) from the Malaysian troops. On 21 December, heavy interclan fighting continued between Abgaars and Murusades in Medina Colony/Southern Compound area and around the Hunter Base in MOCADISHU. Extensive exchanges of small arms, mortars, and artillery took place after the Abgaar militia forced the Murusades to leave the area.

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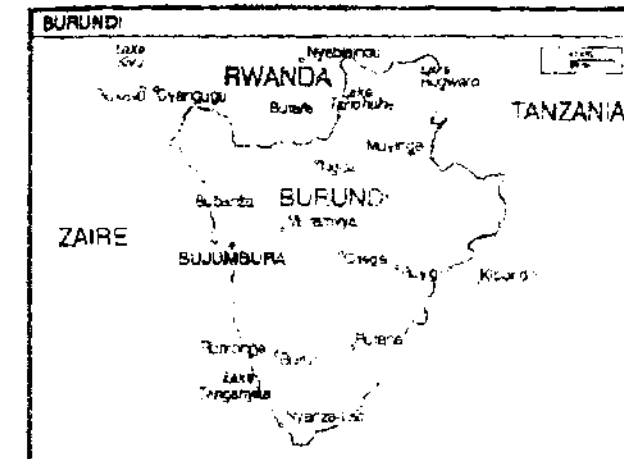
in the Southern Compound. On 21 December, UN agencies and international NGO's were warned not to approach Kismayo District as it remained unsafe. Mr. Rudy Marq continued in captivity for the fifth day. The committee set up by the NGOs' consortium continued with negotiations for his release.

Angola

According to press reports, UNITA and Angolan government military leaders are to meet within the next 48 hours in SAO TOME to discuss the recent peace accord. The situation is reported by UNAVEM to be calm in all regions except UIGE, where it is tense. UNITA continues to deny clearance for UNAVEM patrols to visit areas under their control in UIGE province.

Burundi

Press reports indicate that the Burundi capital, BUJUMBURA, remained calm on 22 December. Most businesses are reported to have remained closed, there was little traffic on the roads and people stayed indoors at home. Sporadic shooting and the occasional explosion of grenades was reported from the northern suburb BWIZA during the night, but there are no details of casualties. Government security forces continue to patrol the streets and the government has introduced a 7:00 pm to 5:00 am curfew.



Russia

Russian press reports indicate that a female American photojournalist was killed in GROZNY, the capital of Chechnya, during an attack by Russian aircraft on 22 December. She is the first reporter to have been killed since fighting broke out on 10 December.

Liberia

UNOMIL report two agreements were signed by the major warring factions (NPFL, ULIMO(K) and the AFL), and witnessed by the other factions at the conference in ACCRA; they are:

- the agreement on the clarification of the AKOSOMBO Agreement, and
 - the acceptance of the accession agreement leading to an inauguration of a new government.
- Under a schedule for implementation of the AKOSOMBO Agreement a cease-fire is to start at 2359 hours local time on 28 December 1994; elections will take place on 14 November 1995 and the inauguration of the new government will take place on 1 January 1996. The situation in MONROVIA is reported as calm.

Georgia

The situation is reported to be calm as a result of increased patrolling by the CIS peace-keeping forces. According to the media, a Russian Parliamentary leader has called for a withdrawal of the Russian peace-keeping force from Abkhazia after it backed the rebels in Chechnya.

United Nations

On 21 December, the Security-Council extended the mandate of UNFICYP for six months until 30 June 1995.

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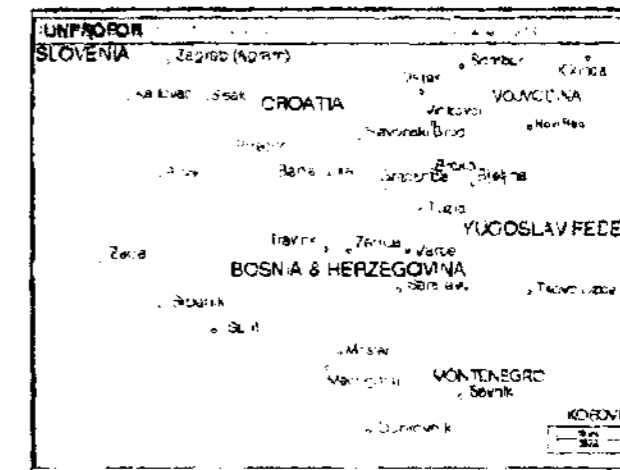
*Daily highlights of key peace-keeping and
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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Press reports indicate that both sides have agreed to a cease-fire in Bosnia
- ▶ The USA has accused Iran of violating the UN trade embargo on Iraq
- ▶ Liberian peace-talks commenced in ACCRA

Former Yugoslavia

Former President Carter is reported by the press to have convinced the Bosnian Serbs to accept a cease-fire and commence negotiations. The report also stated that the Bosnian government had agreed to accept a four month cease-fire at once and negotiations based upon the Contact Group peace plan. NATO military chiefs concluded their meeting in the HAGUE and are reported by the press to have decided to provide technical support and equipment to the UN operation, but no additional troops. Humanitarian relief flights to SARAJEVO have resumed after having been suspended on 19 November. UNPROFOR reports that the overall situation in Bosnia is calm with a general decrease in fighting. However, two loud explosions were reported in the BIHAC Safe Area on 20 December. The explosions are believed to have been converted surface-to-air missiles fired by the BSA, used in the ground-to-ground role.



Rwanda

UNHCR is reported by the press to have said it would resume repatriating Rwandan refugees from camps in Tanzania, Zaire and Burundi. According to a UNHCR spokesman the conditions in Rwanda are not completely safe, but they are safer and better than in the camps. Press reports also indicate that Médecins Sans Frontières has announced that it is to withdraw from refugee camps in Tanzania where it accuses the former Rwandan government of manipulating food aid and openly carrying out military training in preparation for an invasion of Rwanda.

Somalia

On 19 December, heavy interclan fighting between Abgals and Murusades continued in MOGADISHU. The fighting resulted in seventeen Somali wounded and one dead. Small arms, heavy calibre weapons, mortars and artillery fire has been reported by UNOSOM with some stray rounds falling in UNOSOM facilities. UNOSOM reports continued attempts by Somalis to gain illegal entry to UNOSOM facilities and there have been disturbances outside

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perimeters. The withdrawal by air and sea continues. International Action Against Hunger continues its negotiations for the release of its kidnapped staff member, Mr. Rudi Marq

Middle East

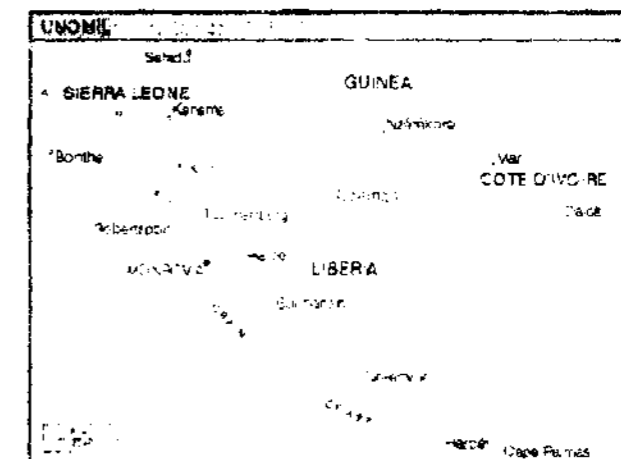
According to the Israeli media, Foreign Minister Peres and PLO Chairman Arafat are to meet on 21 December at the Erez crossing into GAZA in a bid to end the stalemate on extending Palestinian self-rule. During the morning of 20 December a number of attacks were carried out in the north-eastern part of the UNFIL area: one was directed against an IDF/DDF position, the other was directed against a foot patrol. Rockets as well as SAGGER missiles and mortars were used in the attacks. Immediate IDF/DDF small arms and heavy weapons retaliation was directed towards the areas of AL QANTARAH, QABRIKHA and MAJDAL SHUM. According to media reports, two IDF soldiers were killed in attacks on 19 December.

Iraq/Kuwait

The American delegation to the UN submitted a letter to the UN Security Council's Sanctions Committee on 7 December accusing Iran of "complicity in the smuggling of Iraqi petroleum through Gulf ports." Washington has asked the Sanctions Committee to urge Iran to stop the violations and report back to the UN within 30 days.

Liberia

Press reports indicate that the Liberian peace-talks commenced in ACCRA on 20 December. Ghanaian Council of State member Kojo Tsikata and former Zimbabwean President Canaan Banana chaired a brief opening session before the factions began bilateral discussions. Militia leader Charles Taylor is attending the meetings and is quoted as calling for a cessation of hostilities and a constructive peace process. The talks have been dubbed "last chance" as both Ghana and Nigeria have spoken of withdrawing their forces from ECOMOG if they fail. There have been 67 attempts to broker peace in Liberia since the war which started on Christmas Eve 1989.



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