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MILOB GP HQ
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MINUTES OF THE SECTOR COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN
NYAMASHEKE (SECTOR-4C) ON 08 March 1995

Present:	COL UA MOHEEN	-DCMO (CHAIRMAN)
	COL SA HASNAIN	-COMD SECTOR 3
	LT COL ASHANULLA	-COMD SECTOR 2
	LT COL E CASTRO	-COMD SECTOR 4A
	LT COL CO DIARRA	-COMMISSIONER CIVPOL
	LT COL EKWALOR	-COMD SECTOR 6
	LT COL E ESSIEN	-COMD SECTOR 5
	LT COL FOX	-COMD SECTOR 4C
	LT COL OPONG-KYEKYEKU	-SMPO
	MAJ AK GHOSH	-OPS O SECTOR-1
	MAJ KRISHNA	-A/COMD SECTOR-4B
	MAJ KIRON THACKER	-SDO3 for SOO
	MAJ JGS BOISSONNEAULT	-OPS O 4C (SECRETARY)

OPENING REMARKS

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1. The Comd of Sect 4C welcomed the participants in one of the Sect hot spots and expressed his pleasure in hosting this conference.

2. The DCMO explained that the DFC/CMO was not present because of other engagements but he had sent his best regards. He also thanked Sect Comd of Sect 4C for hosting in NYAMASHEKE with a view on the famous IJWI Island.

ITEM ONE: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE

3. SDO3 read out the salient points of the minutes of the last conference as follows:

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- a. Sect 1 has established its sub-sect at NGARAMA with HQ at GITUZA.
- b. Boundary between Sect 3 and 5 has been re-aligned.
- c. There is a lot of improvement on the reporting procedure and now sectors are forwardly prompt information on important incidents.
- d. The problem of MILOBS escorting BOR convoys has been resolved.
- e. The division of Sectors into sub-sectors and further down to areas of team responsibility has been done.
- f. Heli recce requests have now increased and sectors are making optimum use of this force multiplier

4. The minutes were approved.

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ITEM TWO: SECTOR BRIEFINGS

7. All Sect Comds gave a detailed brief on the activities and happenings in their sectors. On conclusion of the same, the DCMO brought out the following points:

- a. The DCMO clarified the status and positions of UNAMIR in connection with mine clearance tasks.
- b. On the requirement of a tent for the at NYAGATARE the DCMO stated that the matter has been already taken up with the Force Logistics and the same was expected to be issued soon.
- c. In case of problem of access to any prison, the requisite information could be obtained from ICRC.
- d. The DCMO desired that all sectors forward their Security Plan to MILOBS GP HQ.

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- e. On the issue of Orientation Trg for newly arrived MILOBS, the DCMO said that the proposal to decentralise its conduct under aegis of sectors will be considered and outcome made known shortly. ALL SECTS
- f. The DCMO brought to the notice of all about the location of a RPA LO with the MILOB GP HQ. He added that his services could be called for anytime MILOBS have any functional problem with RPA or civil authorities. ALL SECTS

ITEM THREE: STAFF OFFICERS' BRIEF

6. SD03. The SD03 covered the following points:
- a. SITREPS are now being received in time and are fairly in detail. Care should be taken to avoid reporting "NFR". Also, while reporting an incident, correct timings must be reflected. ALL SECTS
- b. Now that we have adapted ourselves to the FAX culture, it should be ensured that acknowledgement of important FAX should be obtained over radio. ALL SECTS
- c. There is a need for further improvement of radio discipline. Ensure transmission are as short as possible to allow optimum use. ALL SECTS
7. SMPO stressed the fol pts:
- a. MSA can now be collected by one person for others using given form. ALL SECTORS
- b. We do not wait for replacements to rotate MILOBS. ALL SECTORS
- c. The check out clearance of a MILOB starts at sector level. ALL SECTORS
- d. Helping same nationality with admin on arrival is strongly recommended. ALL SECTORS
- e. Confidential Reports in respect of posted out MILOBS should be timely initiated and forwarded to forwarded to the new sector of their posting. Simultaneously, a copy be endorsed to the MILO GP HQ. ALL SECTORS

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ITEM FOUR: CLOSING REMARKS

8. The DCMO made the following closing remarks:

- a. A continuous review of security environment is most especially necessitated due to recent spurt in unlawful incidents in most sectors. A detailed security planning should be carried out in respect of UN property and personal safety of MILOBS. ALL SECTORS
- b. The trend of reflecting "NTR" in PATROL REPORTS and SITREPS should be discouraged. It is extremely surprising to come across "NTR" in a PATROL REPORT as an end product of whole day's work. The DFC/CMO has issued certain directions on this issue which has been percolated down to sectors. ALL SECTORS
- c. While forwarding an incident report, care should be taken to include all the details. There is yet a room for improvement in layout and content quality in most of such reports received at MILOB GP HQ. The DCMO appreciated the quality of reports received from sector 3 and expressed his expectations to receive similar kind in future from all other sectors. ALL SECTORS
- d. The DCMO highlighted the need for a review in methodology of obtaining information by our patrols. He advised the Sects Comds to look in to this matter with concern. He further advised that all the sources like, common man, civil authorities, civilian employees, UN Agencies, NGOs etc...should be tapped. ALL SECTORS
- e. The DCMO informed that some additional vehicles have arrived from UNOMOZ and it was expected that a few of them would be allotted to MILOBS. He assured that a judicious distribution will be carried out with these, the problem of vehicle shortage would ease out. ALL SECTORS
- f. The DCMO announced that the effort of providing TV and VCR to each sector has fielded success and now all sectors have those electronic gadgets. ALL SECTORS

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CONCLUSION

9. The DCMO thanked everybody there for their support and cooperation during his tour in RWANDA. The assembly thanked the DCMO for his good work and his leadership during his time in the job.

10. The next conference will be held in GISENYI.

JGS BOISSONEAULT
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SECRETARY

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