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**HQ UNAMIR WEEKLY INFOSUM 20 - 26 AUG 95**

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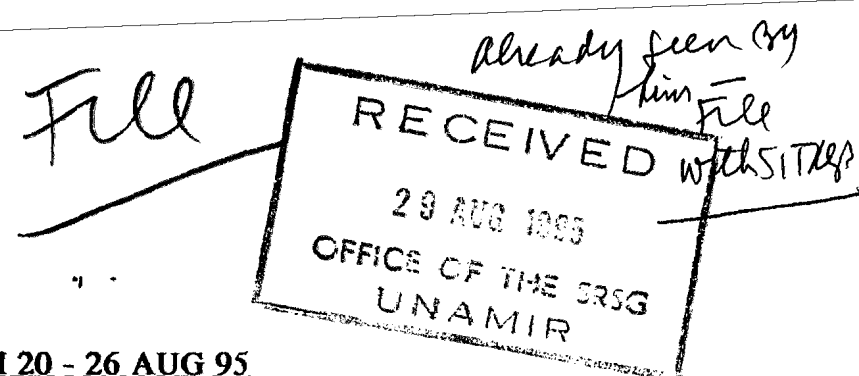
1. (U) THE OVERALL SITUATION REMAINS STABLE. ON 19 AUG 95, ZAIREAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO FORCIBLY EVICT RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM CAMPS IN THE GOMA AND BUKAVU AREAS. THE EFFORT WAS SUSPENDED ON 24 AUG AFTER APPROX 13,000 REFUGEES CROSSED BACK INTO RWANDA. LOOTING AND BURNING OF SOME CAMPS, AND MISTREATMENT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

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

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

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



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

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

**MILITARY**

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

**CONCLUSION**

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

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

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

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1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE WEEKLY SITREP COVERING THE PERIOD.
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FROM: UNAMIR, KIGALI.

WEEKLY SITREP COVERING PERIOD 08 AUG TO 14 AUG 95.

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN RWANDA REMAINED STABLE ALTHOUGH THE SECURITY SITUATION IN CERTAIN AREAS, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE ZAIRIAN BORDER, REMAINED TENSE.

B. BORDER CROSSING: A TOTAL OF 574 RETURNEES WAS RECORDED FOR THE WEEK.

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

A. RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT ON 6 AUGUST, THE RWANDESE PRIME MINISTER, MR. FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU, OPENED A THREE-WEEK TRAINING SEMINAR FOR PROSECUTORS.

B. ON 8 AUGUST, THE FORCE COMMANDER MET WITH THE PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, JUSTICE RICHARD GOLDSTONE.

C. THE RWANDESE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON 7 AUGUST IN WHICH THE RWANDESE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN ON THE DISASTROUS SITUATION RESULTING FROM PRISON OVERCROWDING IN RWANDA AND APPEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ASSIST RWANDA IN THE AREA OF JUSTICE.

D. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO RWANDA FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGIUM, THE RWANDESE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ANASTASE GASANA, STATED WITH REGARD TO A NATIONAL DIALOGUE WITH RWANDESE REFUGEES, THAT NO DIALOGUE WAS NECESSARY AS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS, INCLUDING DEMOCRACY, POWER-SHARING AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, WERE ALREADY THE BASIS FOR THE RWANDESE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS.

3. MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

A. RPA/GENDARMERIE.

(1) RPA PREVENTED SECT 4 MILOBS PATROL TEAM TO RUSIZI I FROM CROSSING THE FOOT BRIDGE TO OBTAIN REFUGEE FIGURES FROM UNHCR OFFICE ON ZAIRIAN SIDE. MILOBS WERE TOLD TO OBTAIN FIGURES FROM UNHCR OFFICE IN CYANGUGU.

(2) SECTOR 1 (GITARAMA) RPA WAS IMPLICATED IN MURDER OF ONE LOCAL, IN MUSAMBIRA COMMUNE (GR 8274) ON 07 AUG 95 ACCORDING TO FINDINGS OF A JOINT MILOB/CIVPOL INVESTIGATING TEAM.

(3) MILOBS RUHENGARI WERE INFORMED THAT RECENTLY 300 ANTI PERSONNEL MINES WERE DEMINED BY ONLY THREE RPA SOLDIERS, ALONG THE BORDER WITH UGANDA/ZAIRE IN VOLCANO MOUNTAIN AREA UNDER KINIGI AND NKUMBA COMMUNES. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY THE RPA LO.

B. MILITIA/FRGF/BANDITRY.

(1) IN SECTOR 5, NICOY WAS INFORMED BY RPA LO THAT ON SUNDAY MORNING 08 AUG 95, THIRTY ARMED MEN WEARING MILITARY UNIFORM, INFILTRATED INTO RUBAVU (GR 2213) THROUGH THE ZAIRIAN BORDER. THERE WAS A SIXTY MINUTE EXCHANGE OF FIRE, LEAVING THREE OF THE INFILTRATORS DEAD AND NO CASUALTY ON THE RPA SIDE. OTHER INFILTRATORS FLED BACK TO ZAIRE.

(2) THE RPA LO REPORTED THAT ON 060200 HRS SOME INFILTRATORS FIRED AT A RPA POSN IN BYAHI (GR 1716) FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR AND IN THE SHOOT-OUT TWO INFILTRATORS WERE KILLED AND ONE INJURED. THEY WERE CARRYING WEAPONS AND WEARING STRANGE UNIFORMS. ON INTERROGATION, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF INTERAHAMWE.

(3) IN SECTOR 5, GISENYI, ON 08 AUG 95 AT AROUND 2330 HRS, RPA WENT TO A HOUSE WHERE A MEETING WAS BEING HELD BY PEOPLE ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTING THE PREVIOUS GOVT. A GRENADE WAS ROBBED FROM THE HOUSE WHICH PROMPTED THE RPA TO OPEN FIRE, KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND TWO OTHERS WERE APPREHENDED. ONE PERSON ESCAPED.

(4) IN SECTOR 1, KIGALI, ON 7 AUG 95 AT ABOUT 1830 HRS FIVE ARMED MEN INCLUDING TWO DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORM SUSPECTED TO BE RPA ROBBED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS CASHIER THE SUM OF \$200,000 US DOLLARS IN HIS OFFICE. THE BANDITS ORDERED 8 OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE THERE TO LIE DOWN AND WERE ALSO ROBBED OF UNDISCLOSED AMOUNTS OF MONEY. CIVPOL INVESTIGATING.

(5) ON 9 AUG 95 AT ABOUT 2130 THERE WAS AN ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE ON AN ELECTRIC PYLON CLOSE TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE OF KIBILIRA GR 5785, IN SECTOR 5 GISENYI. MINOR DAMAGES WERE RECORDED.

(14) FIRING BY A GROUP OF ARMED MEN TOOK PLACE ON 11 AUG AT 2300 HRS AT BASA SQ 2414 IN RUBAVU COMMUNE SQ 2213, IN SECTOR 5 (NYUNDO). FOUR MEMBERS OF A FAMILY WERE KILLED, AND ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

C. OWN ACTIVITIES(1) UNAMIR HQ.

(A) FC VISITED MALAWICOY AT SHAGASHA IN SECTOR 4 TO MEET THE TROOPS AND ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH PROGRESS SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL ON 06 AUG 95.

(B) FC MET WITH DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH AND THEY DISCUSSED THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THE SITUATION IN THE RWANDESE PRISONS.

(C) HE ALSO MET WITH UNREO REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTIONS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS IN THE RWANDESE PRISONS.

(2) SECTORS.

(A) NORMAL DUTIES WERE PERFORMED.

(D) INDBATT RRF INTERVENED IN AND PREVENTED TWO ROBBERY ATTEMPTS.

(3) MILOB GP. CONTINUED MONITORING MILOBS ACTIVITIES.4. HUMANITARIAN

A. A TOTAL OF 923 MEDICAL PATIENTS AND 39 DENTAL WERE TREATED.

B. TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS WAS PERFORMED BY ALL CONT/UNITS.

C. IN SECT 5, (RUHENGARI) WFP DELIVERED 40 TONS OF FOOD TO THE GENDARMERIE TRAINING SCHOOL.

D. IN SECTOR 4, UNHCR REPS FROM NYAGATARE TRANSIT CAMP REVEALED THAT BETWEEN 14 AND 16 AUG 95, 200 REFUGEES WOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM LJWI ISLAND TO NYAMASHEKE SECTOR (GR 9841).

E. SECTOR 3 MILOBS (GIKONGORO) REPORTED THAT 499 PERSONS WERE EVACUATED TO THEIR HOME COMMUNE IN MUBUGA (GR 5202) FROM MURAMBI IDP CAMP (GR 5125) BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER EVACUATED SINCE THE PROGRAMME BEGAN 4 DAYS AGO TO 953. UNHCR, ICRC, MALICOY AND SOLIDARITY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPORT AND TRANSPORTATION TO THE RETURNEES.

F. SIG COY AND INDBATT PROVIDED 1 TRUCK EACH FOR TRANSPORTATION OF WOOD FROM SHELI TO RUNDA AND RUNDA TO GIHARA ON THE REQUEST OF A LOCAL ORGANISATION - ARDEC.

G. AT NYAKARAMBI TRANSIT CAMP (GR 7549), IN SECTOR 2 KIBUNGO 239 RETURNEES WERE RECORDED FROM BURUNDI, TANZANIA AND ZAIRE FROM 01 TO 12 AUG 95 AND ONLY 125 RETURNEES ARE REMAINING IN THE CAMP. THE REST HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO THEIR COMMUNES.

(H) INDBATT TRANSPORTED 10 TONS OF THE WFP FOOD FROM GITARAMA TO RUTOBWE COMMUNE GR 7781.

(I) GHANBATT PROVIDED ONE TCV TO ICRC TO CONVEY FUELWOOD FOR KIBUNGO PRISON.

(J) IN SEC 1, INDBATT ASSISTED IN TRANSPORTING 25 TONS OF FOODSTUFFS PROVIDED BY WFP FROM GITARAMA TO NTONGWE COMMUNE (GR 9057).

5. CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

A. SECTOR 3 BUTARE REPORTED THAT IN MUGANZA COMMUNE THERE ARE 8 x COOPERATIVES CONSISTING OF 688 MEMBERS FORMED AND ENGAGED IN RICE AND COFFEE PRODUCTION, 3 x COOPERATIVES OF 47 MEMBERS ENGAGED IN HONEY PRODUCTION AND 10 MORE COOPERATIVES APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL BY THE BOURGMESTER.

B. IN SECTOR 5 GISENYI SEVEN BODIES WERE WASHED ASHORE, INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS.



6. SECURITY AND SAFETY OF PERSONNEL.

A. IN SECTOR 5 RUHENGARI THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT 0940 HRS AT THE GENDARMERIE TRAINING SCHOOL. IT WAS SUSPECTED TO BE AN ANTI-PERS MINE.

B. IN BUGARAMA SECTOR 4, AN EX MAGISTRATE WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND SOUGHT PROTECTION TO UNHR, WAS HANDED OVER ON 12 AUG 95 BY THIS AGENCY TO UN CIVPOL FOR SECURITY REASONS UNTIL MONDAY 14 AUG 95. THE MATTER IS BEING TAKEN UP BY HUMAN RIGHTS WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

C. ON 11 AUG 95 AT 1500 HRS IN KACYIRU, KIGALI, A GROUP OF RPA SOLDIERS KNOCKED AND KICKED ON THE DOOR OF A HOUSE INHABITED BY SIX UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS (UNV). THE UNVs CALLED UNAMIR MILITARY POLICE. BUT BEFORE THEY ARRIVED, THE RPA SOLDIERS HAD LEFT. THE RPA SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY TOLD THE WATCHMEN (RWANDESE) AT THE HOUSE THAT THEY HAD COME TO SEARCH THE HOUSE FOR WEAPONS.

D. ON 12 AUG AT APPROXIMATELY 0800HRS A PICK UP VEHICLE BELONGING TO THE MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION, WITH FIVE CIVILIANS AND THREE RPA SOLDIERS, CAME UNDER A MINE WHICH EXPLODED IN GENERAL AREA OF BWIZA (GR 3792). THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE SUSTAINED MULTIPLE FRACTURE INJURIES, WHILE TWO OTHERS HAD OTHER INJURIES. MORE DETAILS BEING ASCERTAINED.

7. LOGISTICS.

A. FUEL RESTRICTIONS WERE LIFTED AND ALL ISSUING FACILITIES OPEN. AFTER TERMINATION OF PETRORWANDA STRIKE AND RESUMPTION OF FUEL DELIVERIES.

C. ROUTINE ACTIVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT. NORMED CARGO ARRIVED ON 140600 AUG 95.

8. CASUALTIES

A. ONE NIGERIAN SOLDIER RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS DURING A DEMONSTRATION/TRAINING SESSION WHEN A FUSE EXPLODED.

9. COMMENTS. THE OVERALL SECURITY SIT IS FULLY UNDER CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, EVENTHOUGH FEW ACTS OF BANDITRY AND THEFTS CONTINUE.

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WEEKLY MILITARY COMPONENT PERSONNEL STATE

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SR	COUNTRY	TROOPS									MILOBS							GRAN TOTAL	REMARK
		CONT	STAF	MIL POL	LEAV	SIGCOY	INDCO	ENG	SICK	TOTAL	RWAND	UGAND	KENYA	UN HQ	LEAV	SICK	TOTAL		
1	ARGENTINA									0	1						1	1	
2	AUSTRALIA	304	8		4				1	317								317	
3	AUSTRIA									0	12				3		15	15	
4	BANGLADESH									0	33				3		36	36	
5	CANADA	95	6							101	9				1		10	111	
6	CHAD		2							2	0							2	
7	CONGO										6				1		7	7	
8	ETHIOBATT	7	3							10	0						0	10	
9	FIJI										1						1	1	
10	GHANA	798	3	12						813	47				9		56	869	
11	GUINEA										13				4		17	17	
12	GUINEA-BISSA										1						1	1	
13	INDIA	478	9		119	76	128	126		934	21		1				22	956	
14	JORDAN										5						5	5	
15	MALAWI	138	4							142	13				1		14	156	
16	MALI	198								198	28				2		30	228	
17	NIGERIA	133	7	11	1				1	163	17						17	170	
18	PAKISTAN										6						6	6	
19	RUSSIA										16				1		17	17	
20	SENEGAL		1							1	1				1		2	3	
21	TUNISIA	3	8	11						22	7				3		10	32	
22	URUGUAY										26						26	26	
23	ZAMBATT	1	9	23						33	20						20	53	
24	ZIMBAMBWE										17				7		24	24	
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