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TO UNAMIR FORCE HQ OPS, BRANCH G2.

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SUBJECT : FORTNIGHT INFO SUM COVERING PERIOD 15 TO 30 MAY 1995.

REFERENCE :- INFORMATION OFFICERS WORKING GROUP 10/11 MAY .

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM G2 BRANCH ON 12 MAY 95.

1. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE FORTNIGHT INFOSUM COVERING PERIOD 15 TO 30 MAY 1995.

2. REGARDS.



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I. OVERVIEW: SITUATION IS BECOMING CALM DESPITE REPEATED BANDITRY IN THE AOR.

SECURITY MATTERS :

ON 19 MAY 95, HUMAN RIGHT BUTARE REPORTED THAT A RPA COMPANY CONDUCTED AT BUTARE PRISON A CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION FROM 0530 HRS TO 1430 HRS B WITH THE AIM OF DISCOVERING WEAPONS ALLEGED HIDDEN IN THE CELLS . DURING THIS OPERATION ,02 MACHETTES ,05 AXES, 07 SHOVELS , 24 KNIVES AND 03 SCREWDRIVERS WERE FOUND.

AFTER THE SEARCH OF 19 MAY 95, RWANDESE AUTHORITIES REPORTED THAT 6 FRGF OFFICERS AND MILITIA HAD ESCAPED FROM BUTARE PRISON ON 08 MAY AND THAT 2 OTHERS HAD BEEN SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE IN THE NIGHT . RADIO RWANDA ALLEGED THAT 5 OF THESE ESCAPEES WERE ARRESTED BY RPA IN GISENYI ^{ON} ~~ARE~~ THEIR WAY TO ZAIRE . SO ,THESE ESCAPEES REVEALED THAT THEY WERE ASSISTED FROM BUTARE PRISON BY UNAMIR PERSONNEL .

ON 20 MAY 95, AT MUGUSIRA AREA (7 KM NORTH BUTARE) RPA ROADBLOCK ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE THE VEHICLE AND RADIO CALL SIGN OF HUMAN RIGHT PERSONNEL. THIS SITUATION WAS RESOLVED BY SENBATT WHO ESCORTED THEM UNTIL BUTARE.

SINCE 20 MAY 95, SENBATT MANNED NIGHT PATROLS WITH IN INCREASING OF BANDITRY IN THE AREA JUST TO SECURE N.G.O ,UN AGENCIES ,UNAMIR PERSONNEL BUT ON 25 MAY 95, IT WAS TOLD BY UNAMIR HQ OPS TO STOP THOSE ACTIONS ~~AS~~ THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES DID NOT AGREE.

HOWEVER, AN INTERVENTION SECTION IS BEING BASED IN THIS PRESENT HQ TO REACT RAPIDLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

BESIDES, IN THE SAME WAY, A THIRD PLATOON HAD TO BE DEPLOYED IN GISAGARA SOUS - PREFECTURE BUT LOCAL AUTHORITIES SEEMED TO BE AGAINST IT. NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH LOCAL LEADERS .

ON 22 MAY 95, SOME NGO AND UN AGENCIES REPORTED THAT THEY WERE CHECKED UP BY RPA AT THE ROADBLOCKS .

ON 23 MAY , SENBATT INTERVENTION SECTION HAD GONE TO WATCH AN ACCIDENT OCCURED AT 30 KM FROM BUTARE, INVOLVING UN VEHICLE AGAINST CIVILIAN VEHICLE .

ON 24 MAY 95, A 50 OLD MAN WAS MACHETTED BY UNKNOWN BANDITS IN KIGEMBE COMMUNE AT FUGI (GR 64-92) . HE WAS EVACUATED BY SENBATT TO BUTARE HOSPITAL .

ON 25 MAY 95, A 57 OLD MAN WAS ALSO MACHETTED BY BANDITS IN KIGEMBE COMMUNE (KIVURU GR 66-94). HE RECEIVED FIRST CARE AT SENBATT MEDICAL POST .

ON THAT WAY, BANDITRY IS INCREASING AS FAR AS THOSE FACTS ARE CONCERNED . IT SEEMS THAT ACCORDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES BANDITS COME FROM IDPS.

II. RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCALS AND RPA.

THOSE RELATIONSHIPS SEEM TO BE ACCEPTABLE WITH CIVILIAN POPULATION WHOM SENBATT GIVE ASSISTANCE , BUT HARDLY ROUGH WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND RPA WHO THINK TO LOSE THEIR SOVEREIGNITY .

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RPA NEW BRIGADE COMMANDER ~~HAVE~~ COME WITH FALSE IDEAS ABOUT SENEGALESE CONTINGENT .

OTHERWISE ,RPA LIASON OFFICER ARGUING HE WAS DENIED AN OFFICE IN SENBATT CONTINGENT HQ , REFUSED TO COOPERATE AND SERVE INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN LOCALS AND SENEGALESE CONTINGENT .

UNTIL NOW, THIS PROBLEM IS STILL UNSOLVED. MOREOVER , RPA ACTIVITIES CONSIST IN MANNING FOOT AND MOBILE PATROLS,CHECK POINTS IN THE AREA. RUMOUSE SPOKE ABOUT FRICHING AND INTERROGATION OF INDIVIDUALS IDPS IN THE COMMUNES.

IN ANY CASE, RPA ACTIVITIES ^{HAVE} BEEN INTENSIFIED SINCE CLOSURE OF THE CAMPS .

III. POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

SOME UN AGENCIES REPORTED THAT BOURGMESTERS ARE HOLDING SECURITY MEETINGS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNES DUE TO INCREASED CROSS BORDER BANDITRY. MOST OF THEM ARE FORCING SOME RETURNEES TO LEAVE ^{because} ~~BECOME~~ OF THE SHORTAGE OF HOUSING . THIS FACT HAS BEEN SEEN IN NTYAZO (GR# 8631). LOCAL POLITICIANS ARE COOPERATING WITH RPA LEADERS BEFORE ACTING .

ON 26 MAY 95, IT WAS THE COMMEMORATION OF GENOCIDE DAY IN NYARUHENGARI (7607).

IV. FRGF, MILITIA.

NIL FRGF HAS BEEN REVEATED IN THE SECTOR . HOWEVER ,LOCALS REPORTED THAT UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF THEM ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK

FROM BURUNDI IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND HAVE CONCENTRATED ALONG THE BORDER.

SO, THOSE RUMOURS WOULD EXPLAIN INCREASED ACTIVITIES OF RPA ALONG THE BORDER .

V. FLOW OF POPULATION.

UNHCR REPORTED THAT 2,500 EXPELLED FROM BURUNDI ARRIVED IN KIGEMBE COMMUNE , ON 17 MAY 95, AND 5,000 OTHER ARE THREATENED.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT ABOUT 14,000 PERSONS ARE NOTICED AT THE BORDER.

MILOBS BUTARE REPORTED THAT 387 RETURNEES FROM BURUNDI WERE AT BUTARE WAY STATION ON 21 MAY AND 95 OTHERS[^] WAITING AT KANYARUBA BASE FOR EVACUATION TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES .

ON 25 MAY 95, 20 REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI CROSSED THE BORDER TO RWANDA AND 184 OTHERS[^] STAYED IN AKANYARUBA (69-89).

THOSE REFUGEES CAME FROM NGOZI CAMP IN BURUNDI .

VI. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES .

ALL COMMUNES REPORTED INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL[^] ACTIVITIES DUE TO THE RETURN OF IDPS .

SENBA⁷⁰T HAS RE-ESTABLISHED AKANYARUBA BRIDGE TRANSPORTED[^] PRISONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL[^] AUTHORITIES , WOOD FOR PRISONS, ORPHANAGES AND RPA. ABOUT 2,000 PATIENTS HAVE BEEN TREATED . MED[^]EVAC ARE OFTEN CONDUCTED.

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VII. OWN ACTIVITIES .

ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY MATTERS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN ALL OVER THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY DESPITE HARDSHIPS .

FOOT AND MOBILE PATROLS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN THE FIELD POSITIONS ANY MOMENT .

VIII. REGISTRATION OF BACK IDPS IN THE COMMUNES .

THIS REGISTRATION IN SENBATT HELD POSITIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:-

HUYE COMMUNE (GR 6714) - 4393 IDPS PRESENT .

NGOMA COMMUNE (GR 9637 - 2773 IDPS PRESENT .

KIGEMBE COMMUNE (GR 7093) - 4800 IDPS PRESENT.

RUNYINYA COMMUNE (GR 6012) - 10,925 IDPS PRESENT .

IX. PRISONS POPULATION .

CENTRAL PRISON BUTARE - 6538 PRISONERS OF WHOM
5993 MEN , 209 FEMALE + 51 BABIES , 111 CHILDREN AND 174
DETAINEES WITHOUT JUDICIAL FILE (AMIGO).

KIGEMBE COMMUNE - 80 DETAINEES

RUNYINYA COMMUNE - 366 DETAINEES .

IT IS REPORTED THAT CONDITIONS ARE UNBEARABLE IN THOSE
OVERCROWDED PRISONS .

X. RPA DEPLOYMENT IN SENBATT AREA IN AS FOLLOWS :

RUNYINYA (GR 6012) - ONE PLATOON .

NYAKIZU (GR 5797) - ONE SECTION .

KIGEMBE (GR 7093) - ONE PLATOON .

KIBAYI (GR 8498) - ONE PLATOON

NYARUHENGIERI (GR 7607) - COY HQ + ONE PLATOON .

BUTARE TOWN (GR 7112) - BDE HQ.

HUYE (GR 6913) - BN HQ.

SHYANDA (GR 7718) - ONE COY.

● MUGUSA (GR 8426) - ONE PLATOON .

MUYAGA (GR 9026) - ONE PLATOON .

GISAGARA (GR 8113) - COY HQ + ONE PLATOON.

MUGANZA (GR 8508) - ONE SECTION.

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