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MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT  
MILOB GP HQ (KIGALI) ON 3RD DECEMBER 1993

PRESENT:	BRIG	H K	ANYIDOHO	-	DFC/CMO - CHAIRMAN
	COL	U	MOEEN	-	DCMO
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	COL	S O	DIARRA	-	CIVPOL
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	LT COL	S	DOUNKOV	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL	E C	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	A M	AUSTDAL	-	COMD SECT 5
	LT COL	R	MUSTAFIZ	-	SOMD SECT 6
	MAJ	B	KONE	-	A/COMD SECT 4C
	MAJ	H	OUESLATI	-	SECT 1
	CAPT	T	ACHEAMPONG	-	SIG OFFR
	CAPT	W	BLEBOO	-	SECRETARY

GENERAL

ACTION BY

1. The DCMO gave a short welcome address and said the DFC/CMO would join the Conference after an appointment at the FHQ.
2. The Conference began at 0830hrs.

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3. MSA. The DCMO said he went to NAIROBI to with the necessary documents to solve the problem. He said everything went well and the problem with accommodation was resolved. He gave the assurance that every MILOB would get refund of MSA deducted.

4. CTO/LEAVE. The DCMO said monies deducted for CTO/Leave had also been adjusted and refunds would be effected with effect from November.

5. REPATRIATION. On Travel Claims for Repatriation, the DCMO said according to finance procedures, these claims were normally paid after the journey had been made. He said after a long discussion, it was agreed that travel allowances would be paid before departure of MILOBs being repatriated. He added that MILOBs who were repatriated were paid their travel allowances.

6. SECT HQs. As decided during the previous Conference, all Sector HQs would be collocated with formed troops HQs. The DCMO said that Sectors 2 and 3 would maintain their HQs.

7. FORMED TROOPS. It was reemphasized that Formed Troops were not under the command of MILOBs but under operational control only.

8. ESCORT BY FORMED TROOPS. After a long deliberation, it was agreed that formed troops would undertake tasks of escorting Brown and Roots convoys. The DCMO said the final decision as to who should escort Brown and Roots convoy would be taken by the Sect Comd on the ground.

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9. CHAIN OF CMD. The CMO expressed dissatisfaction about the manner in which Sectors were corresponding directly to FHQ. He said this was an indication that there was no need for MILOB GP HQ. He pointed out that the idea of integrating MILOB GP HQ was drawn out of the this acts of direct correspondence between some Sectors and FHQ. He warned that if this was not ceased a confused situation could be created. He directed that mails going to FHQ must necessarily pass through MILOB GP HQ. ACTION BY

10. JACKS FOR VEHS. All Sect Comds were to collect jacks for their vehs from the workshop. This was done except Sect 5 which said that the CTO insisted that a could only be issued with jack when it was sent for maintenance. The CMO said the workshop had no jacks and anytime the jacks arrived they would be issued.

11. HELICOPTER RECCE/ OPS. The DCMO said it was agreed that hel would be made available for Recce and Observation Post duties with effect from next week. The CMO added that the hels were for operations purposes. He pointed out that if they were not requested for, it would be assumed that they were not needed. He urged Sect Comds to put the request for hel through MILOB GP HQ for follow-up action.

ITEM 2 - SECT BRIEFS

11. SECT 1

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation in the Sector was calm and the borders were opened to all traffic. He added that the RPA troops in the Sector were cooperating very well with MILOBs.

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b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA coopera- ACTION BY  
ted well with MILOBs within the period. Their  
deployment had not changed in the Sector and the  
GAIBIRO GUEST HOUSE continued to be used as a  
Military Training Camp for new recruits.

c. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said MILOBs  
carried out short and long distance patrols thro-  
ughout the Sector. He said observations made  
during the patrols include low activities in  
schools due to shortage of book, furniture and  
other equipment. He said UNESCO carried out a  
survey and promised to supply the required items.  
He mentioned that farming activities have were  
going on and families were rehabilitating their  
homes. He patrols observed that the Tea Factory at  
KINIHIRA was being renovated and local workers  
hinted that the factory would open soon.

d. Mines and Unexploded Devices. The Sect  
Comd said presence of unexploded ordinance devices  
remained a serious hazard in some parts of the  
Sector. He said children and farmers were vulner-  
able and many mines accidents occurred in the  
Sector some in the past month. He added that those  
which were identified were removed.

e. Bridges. The Sector Comd said the main brid-  
ges in the Sector were in good condition. He said  
the wooden bridge at GATUNA was replaced with a  
Bailey bridge by the BRITCON ENGRS.

f. Humanitarian Activities. The Sect Comd  
said there were no refugees camps in the Sector.

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However, there were transit camps for returnees created by NGOs at TABAGWE, RUKOMO, MUVUMBA and GATUZA. He said UNHCR was operating a reception centre at NYAGATARE and TABAGWE for returnees who were later handed over to local authorities.

g. Logistics. The Sect Comd said there was urgent need for vehicles in order to sustain the momentum of operations in the Sector. He said two vehs were under repairs and maintenance.

12. DCMO's Response. The DCMO tasked the Sect Comd to make the necessary contacts for the deployment of MILOBs at NYAGATARE. On movement of returnees from the borders into the country, the CHAO said if NICOY could continue conveying them without problem they should go ahead. However if they needed assistance, HAC was ready to take up the task. CMO said UNHCR had the responsibility to move returnees but their mode of operation was rather sluggish. He advised that UNHCR could be contacted to provide a number of buses from their fleet.

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SECT 1  
NICOY  
HAC  
COMD  
SECT 1  
HAC

13. SECT 2

a. Gen Sit. The situation in the Sector was reported calm and relationship with locals also improved during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA had one coy deployed at NYARUBUYE. He said 12 persons were reported killed North of KIBUNGO. Investigation conducted by Sector MILOBs revealed that RPA assisted civilians to kill people they suspected to be former INTERAHAMWE.

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- c. Humanitarian Activities. The Sect Comd ACTION BY  
said he had requested for DIESEL for the local  
authorities to pump water to the towns but his  
request was not met. He said this had adversely  
affected the confidence of local authorities in  
UNAMIR. On the movement of refugees, he said there  
was a marked increase in the influx of returnees  
into the Sector. He said thousands of returnees  
from refugees camps in Tanzania crossed the  
Akagera River at 5 crossing points North-east of  
RUSUMO into Rwanda in the past two weeks. He said  
the reason was for this mass movement was the  
deteriorating conditions in refugee camps in  
Tanzania.
- d. Own Activities. Sector MILOBs carried out  
patrols, border monitoring, investigation and  
recce missions during the period. The Sect Comd  
said due to repatriation, MILOBs strength had red-  
uced. He asked for additional MILOBs to augment  
present strength. SMPO
- e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said there were  
still problems of accommodation and office  
furniture. He requested for assistance to acquire  
office accommodation and furniture. SLOGO
13. CMO's Response. On request for diesel for the  
local authority to pump water to the communes, the CMO  
said UNAMIR had been requested to see which of its re-  
sources could be used to assist the locals. He pointed  
out that UNAMIR resources were not enough to go round  
but Sect Comds should use their initiative and offer  
some level of assistance to the locals in the Sector.

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where possible. On replacement of MILOBs being repatriated, the DCMO said more MILOBs were leaving the AO than the replacements. He said MILOBs strength problem would remain for some time.

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14. SECT 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation had changed from tense to very calm. He attributed the change to the visits paid to the Sector by the President and the Vice President. He added that the expanded deployment of MALICOY and MALAWICOY also contributed to the calm situation. He said by expanding their deployment, MALICOY and MALAWICOY were showing UNAMIR presence in the communes.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA deployment had not changed during the period. He said the RPA, being aware that some locals had taken refuge in UNAMIR camps and that MILOBs were aware of their acts, had toned down on their activities.

c. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said electricity and water has now reached most parts of the Prefecture. He said efforts were being made to re-open the Post Office at GITARAMA. He added that payment of salaries to teachers and civil servants were also going on smoothly.

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said 3 of the Sector's 9 vehicles were at the workshop. He requested for additional vehicles to enhance effective patrolling. On accommodation, he said the owner of the house which was being used as MILOBs Office at BUTARE wanted the house back. He said 3 build-

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ing were being used by MILOBs, CIVPOL and formed ACTION BY  
troops at RUHANGO. He mentioned that the contracts  
for the 3 buildings had not yet been finalized.

15. CMO's Response. The CMO said accommodation was  
still a problem and UNAMIR used taking a long time to  
sign contracts. He said if the building could be acqui- SECT  
red for office accommodation, the civilian admin could COMDS  
be made to act quickly on finalizing the contracts. SLOGO  
On maintenance of vehicles, the CMO said MILOBs did not  
keep to servicing schedules. He advised that servicing SECT  
schedules should be maintained to keep the vehicles in COMDS  
better conditions.

16. SECT 4A

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said although the  
evacuation of displaced persons had increased,  
more displaced persons had now arrived in Camps  
in the Sector. He said this was due to the deter-  
iorating security situation in adjacent prefect-  
ures. He pointed out that presence of former  
INTERAHAMWE in camps was a serious treat to secu-  
rity in the camps. He said he was glad FHQ had  
initiated action to deal with the problem. FHQ

b. RPA. RPA rotation was completed and  
MILOBs maintained good relationship through liaison  
with them. The Sect Comd said the indiscipline of  
RPA troops was the main factor for the insecurity  
in the Sector.

c. Own Activities. Sector MILOBs carried out  
patrols, route recce, escort tasks, border moni-  
toring, investigations and assistance and evacuat-

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SECT 4A

SLOGO

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17.

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the past three had been quite calm but a shoot out ensued in the RPA Camp at KIBUYE on 27 Nov 94. He said the shooting lasted for about one hour. This adversely affected the morale the troops in the camp and created tension in their ranks.

b. RPA. The treat in the Sector remained unchanged. RPA troops continued their foot and mobile patrols during the period. The Sect Comd said RPA recruit training in KIBUYE continued and there were about 300 recruit in the camp. He continued that several arrest were made during the period. The Sect Comd elaborated on the shooting incident in RPA Camp at KIBUYE and said it was almost a mutiny. He said a group of RPA Hutu soldiers attacked the residence of the Bn 2IC to kill him. He said one of the attackers was killed and

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4 others arrested. He added that the whereabouts of the 4 was not known since RPA refused to give information on the incident. ACTION BY

c. Political. The Sect Comd said a new Prefect had assumed office on 8 Nov 94 and organized a two-week seminar for all the Bourgemestres and Sous Prefects in the Prefecture. He said the new Prefect had also toured the Prefecture. The Sect Comd said UNAMIR Political Adviser also visited the Sector and held discussions with the Prefect.

d. Local Population. The Sect Comd said the local population was apprehensive of RPA due to the latter's activities. He the locals refused to talk to MILOB patrols at KIBUYE and GISOVU for fear of possible reprisal action by the RPA.

e. Operations. The Sect Comd said MILOBs carried out patrols, escorts and conducted investigations during the period. He said heavy rains rendered most roads in the Sector unmotorable and added that one helicopter patrol was conducted. He requested that hel be made available on call.

f. Armed Troops Activities. The Sect Comd said armed troops patrolled their AOR. He mentioned that RPA denied them access to NYAMINAGA and KIVUMU. FRAFBATT handed over a quantity of weapons to the new Prefect and local Bn 21C on 16 Nov 94.

g. Humanitarian Matters. The Sect Comd said there were about 4,000 displaced persons in the KIBUYE Prefecture. He said 2,500 were in

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NYAMISHABA Camp near KIBUYE. He said UNHCR was co-ordinating their evacuation to KIGALI. He said 40 orphans were also evacuated to GITARAMA.

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h. NGOs Activities. The new Prefect met reps of all NGO in the Sect and appealed to for assistance to furnish and reactivate the office of the local administration. He said distribution of food and other aid items continued in the Sector during the period.

i. Problems. The Sect Comd said the 20km road from GITARAMA to KIBUYE needed immediate attention. He said the Sector was without office accommodation because the RPA was not co-operating in the acquisition of accommodation. He elaborated on veh problems the Sector faced and said if nothing was done about this it would be impossible to withdraw MILOBs from the Sector at short notice.

18. CMO's Response. The CMO said the issue of the road was noted. He said there were hopes that the Indian contingent would bring engineer equipment to undertake road rehabilitation. He urged the Sect Comd to be monitoring the situation with the RPA closely and feed the HQ with necessary information when required.

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COMD  
SECT 4B

19. SECT 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was reported calm. He said the influx of about 5,000 refugees who fled the disturbances in the CIBITOKI Province in Burundi could adversely affect the security situation in the Sector.

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tract submitted to MILOB GP HQ. He said payment of ACTION BY  
the rent was expected soon. SLOGO

20. SECT 5

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was relatively calm but the borders remained closed to UNAMIR personnel. The Sect Comd said the Zairian authorities said UNAMIR had no mandate in Zaire hence borders would remain closed.

b. Humanitarian. The Sect Comd since Britcon left, it became very difficult get trucks to move displaced persons. He said Tunbatt would not be able to complete this task. He said IOM would be assisting in movement of DPs and WFP was pursuing its Food For Work (FFW) programme. He said returnees were increasing in the Sector. He mentioned that benevolent organizations such as Jehovah Witnesses evacuated about 800 of them into the country.

c. Own Activities. Routine patrols were carried out and investigations into cases reported were also in progress. The Sect Comd said night patrols were being conducted in the RUHENGARI area and the Southern part of the Sector was covered by day patrols. He said the number of criminals expelled from Zaire could be more than the 37 officially reported. He said during the barge operation, vehicles and the barge were held by RPA for about 24hrs.

d. RPA. The Sect Comd said relationship the RPA was still good. The RPA Bde Comd and the

Bn Comd were both involved in the Military Tribunals. He said this makes them always moving to and from KIGALI. As a result they were most of the time not available in the Prefecture. ACTION BY

e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said vehicles continue to deteriorate fast due to the bad roads in the Sector. He said the Sector now had 2 interpreters to be deployed at GISENYI and RUHENGARI. He said the contracts for office accommodation for GISENYI and RUHENGARI were still yet to be finalised. He said communication with the sub-sector was not good and requested that the mast be raised SIG OFFR a bit higher than it was.

21. CMO's Response. The CMO said it was necessary to get the letter for the Barge operation to be streamlined. He said this would pave the way for better barge operation and foster better working relationship between MILOBs and the RPA in the Sector. The DCMO talked about the communication problem between GISENYI and RUHENGARI and advised that the mast could be mounted on top of a tree.

22. SECT 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was calm and there was serious threat during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA carried out morning training, patrolled and the city and mounted snap road blocks on principal streets. He said the level of discipline among the troops was not good enough.

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c. Local Population. People outside KIGALI | ACTION BY  
complained of lack of NGO activities in the commu-  
nes. He said the city now accommodate too many  
people and the people complained of accommodation  
and food. He said although all the NGOs operating  
Rwanda had their Headquarters in the capital,  
their activities did not cover the capital.

d. MILOBS Ops. The Sect Comd said MILOBS  
escorted displaced persons to destinations outside  
KIGALI. He said 23 missions were carried out and  
a total of 43,000 DPs were evacuated. He mentioned  
that MILOBS had the problem of not meeting offici-  
als responsible for the DPs at the dispersal point  
during week-ends.

23. CMO's Response. The CMO said NGOs had their  
own schedule of work and it appeared they did not work  
on week-ends. He said this problem would be sorted out  
in due course. The CHAO highlighted on the problems of  
NGOs and said IOM and UNHCR reps were to be at the  
centres. He said the reps were to be responsible for  
the displaced persons and direct where they should be  
dropped. The CMO said some of the DPs did not know  
where they were going so the escorts wait for the reps | MILOBS  
of UNHCR before starting their journey.

ITEM 2 - STAFF BRIEFS

24. SOO. The A/SOO pointed out certain problems  
with submission of SITREP. He highlighted on References  
to previous SITREPs and advised that details of the  
references should be quoted clearly. He touched on  
channel of communication and said all mails from the

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Sector should be addressed to MILOB GP HQ. On Consolidated Reports on MILOBs activities in the Sectors, he said the reports should be submitted in three parts because of time limitation. The A/SOO elaborated on Helicopter recce and procedure for requests. He said the requests should be directed to MILOB GP HQ for co-ordination and follow-up action.	<u>ACTION BY</u>
	SECT
	COMDS

25. <u>SIGS OFFICER</u> . The Signals Officer said all Sector Radios were working well except Sector 2 which had the problem of darkness and rainy weather because of the use of Solar powered batteries. He mentioned that there were problems of voice procedure with the CIVPOL who also operate on MILOB channel. He said Canadian Sigs were still at post and could still be of help in transmitting long messages. He said satellite dishes were mounted at GITARAMA, GIKONGORO, CYANGUGU, KIBUYE and BYUMBA. He talked about welfare telephone facility and said if Sect Comds could take the responsibility, this could be made available for MILOBs. He said a number of photocopiers were received but all were not yet serviceable. He said when repairs on them were completed, they would be distributed.	SECT
	COMDS
	SIG OFFR

26. SLOGO. The SLOGO said out of 80 vehicles on charge to the HQ, 68 were serviceable. 8 were involved in accidents and 4 lacked spare parts. He entreated all to take good care of the vehicles and be extra careful when driving. He said vehicle maintenance schedules should be adhered to because if this was not done, vehicles would be delayed at the workshop. On equipment to be returned to the HQ, the SLOGO said these should be tended in on 07 Dec instead of 15 Dec. He said a number tablet chairs had been issued to the

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HQ and asked Sect Comds to make arrangements to collect them. On stationery, the SLOGO said as soon as some were received, sectors would be informed to collect their share. ACTION BY

27. SMPO. The SMPO said the Finance Office had warned that individual explanation on MSA discrepancies was no longer acceptable to them though such shortfalls might exist. Affected persons were therefore to send their queries to MILOB HQ in time for necessary action to be taken. He said a total of 107 MILOBS would be repatriated by end of Dec but not the same number were due in to replace those going. He said postings have to be effected immediately for certain appointments to be filled. Some people may be called from the sectors to take up certain appointments. SMPO

On CTO/Leave, the SMPO said problems still existed. He said the Admin Instrs Feb 94 (Guidelines for Contributing Countries) stated that leave must be earned. Leave at home cannot be taken at UN expense. The regulation stated that the UN cannot pay travel expenses and not that MSA would be forfeited. CTO could also not be accumulated and must be earned. He said the implications were not that MILOBS should take CTO after staying in the mission area for 30 days. They must have worked continuously for 30 days to earn it. The SMPO said a letter had already been sent on Repatriation Procedures. He said 6 days permitted MILOBS before repatriation was an administrative measure to enable proper clearance to be carried out. If MILOB had no leave balance, he should not be granted CTO for the last 36 days. On traffic offences, the SMPO asked all to keep within regulations to avoid getting embarrassed

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28. S PLANS/TRG OFFR. The S PLANS/TRG Officer said ACTION BY some Duty Officers' could not work well in the sectors. He advised Sect Comds to put appropriate officers in position to keep the work going. He said there was the need to review the current rotation system. On dissemination of information, he said Sect Comds should make use of facilities at their disposal to pass on information to MILOBs. He elaborated on the security alarm system and said this should be read in conjunction with MILOBs instructions. The S Plans O highlighted the importance of MILOB Sector Consolidated Report for the SRSG. He said due to time factor, the report should be broken down into three part. He said the first part should be ready by Tue, the second part on Tue the following and the last parts later.

29. HAC. The Chief Humanitarian Assistance Officer (CHAO) said humanitarian activities now required local initiative. He pointed out that NGOs were difficult to work with and would never want to co-operate with MILOBs. He urged Sect Comds to make use of resources and facilities in Sectors and get the work going on at the local level.

30. CIVPOL. The Commissioner mentioned that the CIVPOL office had been moved from the former place to a new location near MILOB GP HQ. He said he had problems with language. He added that some CIVPOL would be deployed at CYANGUGU and KIBUYE. He urged Sect Comds to SECT COMDS deploy them alongside the MILOBs and also for police duties and investigations.

31. Summary of Decisions

- a. No MILOB would be allowed to send any vehicle

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whilst on CTO/Leave. Sect Comds should leave their vehicles in the Sector when proceeding on CTO	<u>ACTION BY</u>
	SECT
	COMDS
b. Sect Comds should train new MILOBs on driving and vehicle procedure. Those who did not have the training should not be permitted to drive.	SECT
	COMDS
c. In-coming Sect Comds should be with MILOB Teams for at least 2 weeks before taking over command.	SECT
	COMDS
d. Sect Comds should inform MILOB GP HQ before leaving their Sectors for KIGALI.	SECT
	COMDS
e. Sect Comds should request for UNAMIR helicopter whenever they needed it with reasons clearly stated.	
	COMDS
f. Out-going Sect Comds should ensure hand-over was properly done before appearing in CMO's interview.	OUT-GOING
	SECT
	COMDS
g. Personal file should be kept at MILOB GP HQ for every MILOB.	SMPO
h. Sect Comds should hold routine meetings with RPA local commanders. Minutes of meetings should be forwarded to the MILOB GP HQ.	SECT

CONCLUSION

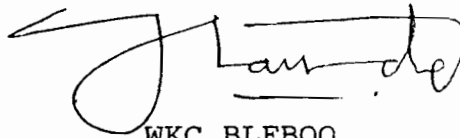
32. The CMO took the opportunity to bid out-going

Sect Comds and MILOBs farewell. He commented on the efforts departing MILOBs put in as individuals and as

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a group in the most trying moments of the mission and | ACTION BY  
expressed his appreciation for their dedication to duty |  
for the course of peace. He thanked all present and |  
urged MILOBs to maintain the momentum of the work. |

33. The Conference ended at 1328hrs. |

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. Blebo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT  
SECTOR 1 HEADQUARTERS - BYUMBA ON FRI 16 SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT	:	COL		MOEEN	-	* DCMO/CHAIRMAN
		COL	CB	YAACHE	-	CHAO
		COL		DIARRA	-	CIVPOL
		LT COL	S	ILIYA	-	SOO
		LT COL		MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
		LT COL	EC	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
		LT COL	BK	GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
		LT COL		PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
		LT COL		DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
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		LT COL	PK	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
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		SQN LDR		ADELAKUN	-	A/COMD SECT 4C
		MAJ		MACCOMBER	-	A/COMD SECT 5
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		CAPT	NAT	DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

1. The Sector Comd welcomed participants to the conference at 0915hrs and wished all a fruitful deliberations. In his opening remarks, the DCMO who chaired the conference, thanked the Sect Comd for hosting the conference which he said was a good forum for exchange of ideas.

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ITEM 11 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

2. The SOO touched on the following points:
- Sect Comds were yet to put in demands for maps.
  - The vehicle state has not improved.

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c. Comms in Sects 3 and 4 has improved with the restoration Channel 12. Comms in the area South of BUGESERA is still a problem.

d. Comd problems in the area where MILOBs are co-located with formed troops discussed by CMO with FC. The DCMO came in and said that all MILOBs will be made directly responsible to MILOB HQ to eliminate this problem.

e. Local initiative required when Ex-RGF soldiers surrender. The DCMO added that any surrendered wpn should be kept and handed over to the government and not to the prefect of the area.

ITEM 11 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

3. Sect 4A

a. The Acting Sect Comd said that the general situation in the area was calm although there were rumours of the presence of militias. He said the RPA have intensified their activities to convince the people to stay in Rwanda. He observed that the liaison with the Prefect was not easy since he is the sole authority and therefore has a tight schedule. He said that the Prefecture cannot handle the CIVPOL training which is scheduled to begin soon due to the lack of qualified personnel.

b. On the humanitarian front, he said that there were 26 main camps and 6-7 smaller ones in the Sector with about 420,000 persons. He said that the Sector finds it very difficult to coordinate activities with the NGOs due to the problem of transport.

c. The A/Sect Comd requested for additional transport to facilitate their operations, a photocopier, UN flags, the servicing of the computer and the payment of the full MSA for the newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO reacted that 20 UNOMUR vehicles will soon arrive for distribution at BYUMBA and promised that the sector will not be left out. He directed that all the UN flags being held in stock be distributed immediately.

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4. Sector 4B

a. General Sit. The general situation was calm but the population was still apprehensive of increased RPA unannounced presence in the area.

b. Relationship with FRAFBATT. This has improved. The FC and DCMO visited the Sector during the week.

c. Patrols. Patrols were conducted up to MABANZA (North-west of KIBUYE) and along the road KIBUYE-KIRAMBA-CYANGUGU and discovered new RPA Check Points within the last three days. FRAFBATT also reported a coy strength of RPA at MYUDO.

e. A 10yr old boy was beaten to death on Wed 14 Sep 94 at the outskirts of KIBUYE. In another incident a man was arrested for possessing RGF uniform. Investigations in progress.

f. CIVPOL. CIVPOL training in the Sector may not materialize due to lack of qualified pers who can speak English and French.

g. Comms. Comms in the Sector has improved with the installation of a base station. He requested for 4 more handy-talkies for the teams.

h. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that 9 more camps have been identified with approximately 82,000 displaced pers. He said that the movement of displaced pers to the west is virtually ceasing. He added that a meeting is held once a week with the Contact Committee. A total of 5 NGOs are operating in the area. He said that most displaced pers are desirous to go home but the lack of transport is holding them up.

5. Sector 4C

a. General Sit. The A/Sect Comd said that the situation in the Sector was generally calm.

b. Deployment of MILOBs. On MILOBs deployed at BUTARE, he said that the team is enjoying very good working relations with the local armed police.

He said that the team which monitors the Burundi-Rwanda/Zaire-Rwanda border has discovered the presence of militias who were preventing the displaced pers from returning.

c. Humanitarian. On the humanitarian front, he said that few displaced pers returned home due to lack of transport. He said that the UNHCR has promised 3 trips a week. A total of 1041 returnees were evacuated from CYANGUGU to KIGALI while 648 pers used their private means. A total of 4,109 returned from Zaire, 74 moved out to Zaire 2,861 pers were awaiting evacuation at CYANGUGU. He said that a lot of displaced pers at BUGARAMA were eager to return home but were scared of bandits and the Zairean authorities who may confiscate their property. According to the Sect Comd, UNHCR has suggested that UNAMIR takes over the payment of the salaries of the locally employed staff at the borders. The CHAO reacted that this may take a long time to materialize and advised Comds to exploit the possibility of getting some NGOs to take care of that.

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d. Political. On the political front, he said that the Prefect has established contact with the Interim Prefectorial Commettee which was set up by the French with very good results. He said that the RPA which has increased its strength in the area are holding rallies frequently at BUGARAMA to build confidence in the people.

e. Admin. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles to facilitate his operations and a base station at BUGARAMA to improve on communication in the Sector.

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6. Sector 5

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation in the sector was calm and the RPA continued their routine activities.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that routine foot and mobile patrols were conducted. The Tunisian Recce Team located RPA company/platoon within the area. He said UNAMIR has launched it's ferry boat from GISENYI to KIBUYE. The ferry moves on Tuesdays.

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He said that the Sector maintained liaison with the French. On mines, the Sect Comd mentioned that one child died everyday in the BUTARO area. He said that the sector was not yet tasked to take over the GISORO border crossing from UNOMUR and added that the Zairean authorities no longer insisted on visas before MILOBs crossed into GOMA. He said due to comms problems the move to RUHENGARI will be delayed. He therefore, requested for installation of a repeater and 2 patrol boats to patrol the lake. The DCMO assured that all efforts will be made to meet his request.

c. Humanitarian Sit. He said that there were about 600,000 refugees in 6 Camps at GOMA, 8,000 ex-RGF pers with an effective fighting force of about 4,000 soldiers with HQ at GOMA. On the average, 1,600 returnees enter Rwanda daily. He said that weekly meetings were held with NGOs who intend to organize technical training for certain medical staff in the sector.

7. Sector 3

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and devoid of political activities during the period. The RPA deployment continued from this sector to sector 4 and they conducted cordon and search operation at the KABGAYI Mission area during the period. The aim for the operation was not disclosed. He said about a Bn str of RPA moved from BUTARE to GIKO-NGORO.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs and Malawian Coy conducted routine ptls. He said some displaced pers were moved from Sect 3 to 4 to find their families. He pointed out that comms in the sector improved but radios needed some technical inspection. On relationship with RPA, the Sect Comd said that restrictions were placed on MILOBs movement until authority was sought from their comds. He mentioned the incidents at KIBEHO and NYAKIZU on 13 Sep 94 and the experience of the Malawian Coy who were stopped for security reasons. He requested that the issue of restriction on movement be taken up. In his remarks, the DCMO expressed surprise at the RPA's acts and said that instructions from the Govt on this issue will be sent to the RPA Bde Comds. SOO

c. Humanitarian Sit. On the humanitarian situation, the Sect Comd said that, UNHCR reported on the 13 Sep 94 on the presence of about 250,000 Rwanda refugees in Northern Burundi willing to return but apprehensive of likely RPA retaliation. He said efforts were however, being made to move them in soon. He said 1,600 pers returned from Burundi and that the situation has improved. He praised ICRC for doing a good job in the GITARAMA area. He said food was supplied to the 1,300 displaced pers at KABGAYI who were desirous to leave but have no homes. This issue he said, came out during the FC's visit to the camps. The Sect Comd said that the NGO (CONCERN) came out during the week that they were solely responsible for the distribution of seed and farming implements and not food. Finally, he said that 45 pers were tpt from WAKIRA area to GITARAMA and KIGALI.

d. Sector 2

(1) General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and the Govt was getting hold of the situation. He said the RPA continued their secret deployment during the week. Effort to get the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO to meet the CMO failed. He said this would be pursued.

(2) Operations. He said Sector MILOBs executed 57 missions during the period and requested that Ops Branch should scrutinize requests for escorts before passing them on. He said he intended to deploy teams at BUGESERA and KIBUNGO but certain logistics issues including comms, transport and generator must be tackled first.

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(3) Humanitarian. He said that MILOBs monitored Tanzania and Burundi crossing points for 72hrs and observed that there was no large scale movement of returnees/refugees in the area. He said that NGOs activities are only limited to KIGALI and very inactive at the outskirts.

(4) Admin and Log. On admin and log he reiterated the need for good quality tpt, quick

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release of vehicles from the garage and the improvement of comms in the eastern part of the Sector. In addition, the Sect Comd requested for tents and MRE for monitoring teams to the borders, postal and telephone contact with families at home, mission souvenirs and official declaration of Kenya as part of the mission area so that MILOBs who spend CTO/Leave in NAIROBI do not lose part of their MSA. The DCMO said that it is a difficult problem but efforts would be made again to get it done. On the issue of tents and MRE, the DCMO said that UNAMIR will soon receive worn out tents from UNOMUR for distribution to the Sector HQs and promised some reserved MRE will be issued to the Sect HQs for monitoring teams soon.

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9. Sector 1

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the Sector remained calm and the RPA were training new recruits in two camps with approximately 50 recruits in each camp. He said that there was no RPA presence at TUMBA, MOYEMEBI and KINIHIRA after their secret withdrawal from the area. He that according to NGOs there were suspected minefields at RUHENGE and KIYAME.

b. Own Activities. He said that patrols and escort missions were executed with the newly arrived MILOBs participating. He said that comms among the patrols continued to be difficult.

c. Humanitarian Sit. The Sect Comd said that there were 19 NGOs in the area and food distribution to the displaced camps at KIVUYE and RUGARAMA was good. He added that there was urgent need for med staff and drugs for the big hospital at NGARAMA. He said that the ICRC was trying to re-activate the water system in NYAGATARE. On the activities of the Nigerian Contingent, he said that the Medical Officer was organizing a programme to provide consultancy services to the locals. The humanitarian re said that no NGO is taking care of the orphanage at RUTARE which has 400 children and complained about an Asian NGO which makes empty promises to the population in the Sector. The CHAO requested for the name of the NGO for a follow-up in KIGALI.

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d. Admin and Log. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles and a photo-copier machine.

10. a. SMPO. The SMPO said he was not happy about the inability of Sect Comds to submit their daily pers returns. He said that since Sect Comds were given the authority to grant CTO/Leave, his outfit has been neglected totally and requested that MILOB HQ is informed about all CTO/Leave granted by Sect Comds. On postings, he said that a system of pers record was being implemented to avoid the concentration of certain nationals in one sector and added that the newly arrived MILOBs were sent to GITARAMA because they were yet to be issued with UN ID Cards. He said that MILOBs request for advance MSA takes time before all requests reach NAIROBI for action. The SMPO requested all Sect Comds to write the confidential reports of all MILOBs under comd and advised that MILOBs were interviewed before reports were written on them. On the distribution of mails, the Comd of Sect 4B suggested the use of hel to drop official mails at least once a week at distant Sectors. The CHAO said that the Force Signals Officer was exploring the possibilities of running a regular courier service within the AO.

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b. Plans and Trg. The OIC Plans and Trg said the outfit is now operational and requested all comds to respond to the instructions that will be released soon. He said that the HQ was not satisfied with the distribution of appointments in the Sectors and requested for the returns from the comds for an eventual re-organization. The Comd of Sect 4B requested the Plans outfit to come out with a contingency plan to meet any eventuality.

c. SLOGO. The SLOGO was happy about the returns from the various Sectors. He said that a message has been sent to the DFC to retrieve 10 MILOBs vehs currently being used at the FHQ and frantic efforts were being made to collect more computers and photocopiers for MILOBs. On ration and water, he said that the demand has been put in for reserve ration to meet any eventuality. He informed all about the monthly logistics confere-

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nce and requested all to submit returns during the conference. The A/Comd of Sect 4C requested for fragmentation jackets for some newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO directed that immediate issues are made to the Sector.

d. SOO. The SOO, in his brief, mentioned the anticipated amendments in Sector AOs and the submission of SITREP and returns. He said the Sect Comds should closely monitor RPA deployment and advised Comds to maintain close liaison with all the Prefects and suggested that where possible comds can attach monitoring teams to the various prefectures. On deployment, he said that plans were afoot to do some redeployment and amendment in some Sectors cited Sectors 2 and 3 as examples. He requested for the deployment of the Nigerian Contingent Comd to assist in planning his deployment. The Comd said that he was encountering some problems with the RPA especially in the NYAGATARE area where they have refused UNAMIR deployment. The OIC Plans said that a letter will be forwarded to the RPA High Comd to that effect. On the submission of returns/SITREP, the SOO was quite satisfied with the weekly SITREP from the Sectors and requested for returns on all main entry/exit points on daily basis where possible, as well as more reports on the political situation in the various Sectors. In his contribution, the DCMO said that pers at the various Sector HQs will be reduced to 7 during the impending reorganization exercise.

11. CIVPOL. During his briefing, the CIVPOL rep requested all Sect Comds to get the various Prefects informed about the deployment of the CIVPOL to train the communal police. He said that the lack of adequate transport is holding up the deployment. The Sect 3 Comd suggested that proper liaison was done with the govt to get the message down to the Prefects to save UNAMIR from all administrative problems.

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12. Humanitarian Sit. In his brief, the CHAO once again advised Sect Comds to use local resources to assist the people. He said that his cell intended to carry out a massive exercise in Sect 4A to evacuate the displaced pers. He tasked the Sect Comd to ensure that all the people were registered, and the necessary security checks were carried out in the camps on the

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day of the evacuation and if possible to get the NGOs to issue food to the people in the camp before take-off. He asked all Sect Comds to forward their tpt requests to his outfit. He said that BRITCON, IOM and UNHCR had enough tpt to meet their requests and added that he was seeking authority from the FC to use the tpt resource of ZAMBATT.

13. Summary of Decisions/Suggestions. The following decisions/suggestions were made:

- a. 20 vehs from UNOMUR to be sent to BYUMBA for distribution.
- b. 20 UN flags to be distributed immediately.
- c. Sect 5 to be provided with a repeater.
- d. Copies of letters on the free movement of UNAMIR pers in Rwanda to be forwarded to the Bde Comd of RPA.
- e. Tents from UNOMUR to be distributed to Sector HQs when they arrived.
- f. Reserved MRE too be issued to Sect HQs for monitoring teams.
- g. OIC Plans to write to RPA High Comd on the deployment of UNAMIR in the NYAGATARE area.
- h. Returns to be submitted on the distribution of appointment in the Sectors.

14. Closing Remarks. In his closing remarks, the DCMO implored all to do their possible best to assist the returnees. He admitted that due to the lack of logistics, MILOBs will continue to be less committed and suggested joint patrols with formed troops and an increase in the strength of pers per veh during missions.

15. He announced that KIGALI Sector would host the next conference. The conference ended at 1515hrs.

  
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