

UNAMIR

G3 OPERATIONS/PLANS - BRIEFS

23 AUG - 4 OCT 1995

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TO : All MILOB Sects

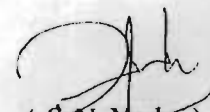
DATE: 04 Oct 95

INFO : SMPO
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SUBJECT : MILOB SECT OPS OFFRS CONF

OCT - 5 1995

1. A conference of Ops offrs of MILOB sects will be held at this HQ on 09 Oct 95 in the Briefing Room at 0930 hours to discuss various operational and humanitarian issues. All Ops Offrs will attend.
2. Each Op Offr will bring the following data :-
 - (a) All data held in the Sct regarding Returnees, IDPs.
 - (b) All data related to communes.
 - (c) Transit camp data.
 - (d) Prison Data.
 - (e) Any other data held.
3. Some information was asked vide our letter No MILOB/CONF/7 dated 28 Aug 95 . This info must also be brought along.
4. In case the info could also be brought on diskette, it would be very helpful.
5. Additional points including problems being faced by sects, if any, can also be discussed.


(S N Yadav)
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NOTES

July Aug Sept.

Total returnees recorded --- 2082
Total all. 912 32354

Commune data - 942 114 844

Transit Camps 1 - 1000 pers 500 in shelter - 500 out.

Prison data 1 prison - 600 men but has 1455.

IDPs nil 50 returned to Citaruma.

Any other

PROGRAMME FOR DCMO'S VISIT

TUE 19 SEP 95

TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)
0930	MEET DCMO	AT BORDER
1000-1045	DRIVE TO RUHENGARI	
1045-1230	BRIEFS	SECT COMD/ TEAM LEADERS
1230-1400	LUNCH	
1400-1630	VISIT CYANIKA	

WED 20 SEP 95

(a)	(b)	(c)
0800-1000	MEET PREFECT/BDE/BN COMDS	AT PREFECT'S OFFICE (TO BECONFIRMED)
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GENERAL

1. MY BRIEF WILL COVER PERIOD FROM 25 AUG 95 TO DATE SINCE YOU WERE UPRAISED OF THE SECTOR'S ACTIVITIES PRIOR THAT DATE DURING THE LAST SECTOR COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE.

2. THE SECTOR HAS 16 COMMUNES DIVIDED INTO 4 COMMUNES PER TEAM. HOWEVER 1 TEAM IS DUTY TEAM FOR A WEEK ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS NECESSITATED BY SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL AS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED LATER IN THE BRIEF.

SCOPE

3. MY BRIEF WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- a. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
- b. TRANSIT CAMPS AVAILABLE.
- c. JUDICIARY SYSTEM.
- d. HOUSING POLICY.
- e. HEALTH FACILITIES.
- f. RETURNEES.
- g. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.
- h. ADMINISTRATION.

OPERATIONAL

4. THE SITUATION IN THE SECTOR IS RELATIVELY CALM. THERE ARE NO MAJOR INCIDENTS CONCERNING SECURITY EXCEPT FOR CASES OF CATTLE RUSTLING, BANDITRY AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITHIN OFFICIALS IN SOME COMMUNES. THE RPA DEPLOYMENT ALONG THE BORDER IS STILL IN FORCE. THE SECTOR CONDUCTS MEETINGS WITH NGOS TWICE A WEEK. THIS HAS PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE SINCE WE GAIN A LOT OF INFORMATION FROM THEM.

5. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH RPA HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED FACILITATING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN SOME AREAS. WE CONDUCT JOINT PATROLS WITH RPA BOTH BY AIR AND ROAD.

6. SOME OF THE INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED FROM 25 AUG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

a. ON 26 AUG WE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT AN RPA SOLDIER WAS ADMITTED IN RUHENGARI HOSPITAL. THE INITIAL REPORT WAS THAT HE WAS INJURED THROUGH AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE. DURING INVESTIGATIONS THE SOLDIER REVEALED THAT HE WAS INJURED IN THE FRONTLINE. HE GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

b. ON 26 AUG, TWO MEN ONE ARMED AND WEARING A DARK GREEN UNIFORM AND ANOTHER IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES APPROACHED A 20 YEAR OLD MAN AT HIS HOUSE IN NYAMUTERA. THEY DEMANDED FOR MONEY AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE MAN HAD NONE. HE WAS SHOT IN THE RIGHT LEG WHEN HE TRIED TO ESCAPE. HE IS ADMITTED IN

RUHENGARI HOSPITAL. CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY. THIS SUBSTANTIATES THE RUMOUR THAT SOME FORMER MILITIA ELEMENTS VISIT THE COMMUNE COVERTLY.

c. MINE AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN NKUMBA AND CYERU COMMUNES. THEY DISPLAYED ANTI PERSONNEL MINES, ANTI TANK MINES, HAND GRENADES, RIFLE GRENADES AND MORTAR BOMBS. THE TEAM STATED THAT ATTENDANCE BY LOCALS WAS BEYOND THEIR EXPECTATIONS HENCE IT WAS A SUCCESS.

d. THE BOURGEMESTRE OF NYAKINAMA SUSTAINED HEAD INJURIES ON 3 SEP AFTER BEING STONED BY HIS ASSISTANT. HE IS IN RUHENGARI HOSPITAL. THE ASSISTANT FAILED TO PAY HIS ACCUMULATED ELECTRICITY BILL RESULTING IN ELECTROGAS DISCONNECTING HIS POWER SUPPLY. HE CONNECTED POWER FROM HIS NEIGHBOUR, A PRIEST, WHO THEN COMPLAINED TO THE BOURGEMESTRE. WHEN THE BOURGEMESTRE WENT TO THE ASSISTANT'S HOUSE TO RESOLVE THE MATTER, HE WAS STONED. IT IS REPORTED THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS STRAINED FOR A LONG TIME. IT IS BELIEVED THE ASSISTANT ASPIRES TO BE THE BOURGEMESTRE. THE ASSISTANT IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

e. IN NYAMUGALI, ON 4 SEP, A RPA SOLDIER SHOT HIS COLLEAGUE. THEY HAD APPREHENDED SMUGGLERS AND ONE WANTED THEM TO BE RELEASED. THEY QUARRELED AND THE ONE WHO WANTED TO RELEASE THE SMUGGLERS WAS SHOT ON THE RIGHT ARM. THE SOLDIER GOT TREATMENT FROM THE ARMY HOSP IN RUHENGARI.

f. IN NYAMUTERA, ON 4 SEP, A RPA SOLDIER APPREHENDED A CIVILIAN SUSPECTED TO BE INTERHAMWE. ANOTHER CIVILIAN THREW A GRENADE AT THEM. MOTIVE UNKNOWN. THE CIVILIAN SUSTAINED SERIOUS INJURIES AND THE SOLDIER MINOR INJURIES. THEY ARE BEING TREATED AT A RPA CLINIC. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

g. AN FRG COL RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN NKULI COMMUNE ON 29 SEP FROM GOMA. HE TOLD OUR TEAM THAT HIS DAHATSU PICK UP WAS TAKEN BY RUHENGARI GENDARMERIE. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HIS 4 HOUSES IN KIGALI WERE OCCUPIED WITHOUT HIS CONSENT. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AWARE OF THIS.

h. IN KINIGI COMMUNE, 4 MEN, 3 ARMED, STOLE 15 COWS BY FORCE FROM A HOME ON 4 SEP. THEY FIRED 3 ROUNDS IN THE AIR. RPA FOLLOWED LATER AND RECOVERED 2 COWS. ON THE SAME DAY UNKNOWN PEOPLE THREW A GRENADE AT A RPA PATROL. THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED ON BOTH SIDES.

TRANSIT CAMP

7. THERE IS ONLY ONE TRANSIT CAMP RUN BY UNHCR IN THE AOR. IT IS LOCATED 5 KMS FROM RUHENGARI TOWARDS KIGALI. THE CAMP CAN ACCOMMODATE 1000 PEOPLE, 500 IN SHELTERS AND 500 OUTSIDE BUT WITHIN THE CAMP. DRINKING WATER, BATHING AND TOILET FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

8. UNHCR HAS NO PLANS TO EXPAND THE CAMP AS THEY FEEL IT IS SUFFICIENT TO CATER FOR ANY EMERGENCY. THE SECTOR SUGGESTS THAT ANOTHER CAMP CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN KINIGI COMMUNE AT A

SCHOOL GR 542413 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. THE SCHOOL CAN HOUSE UP TO 500 PEOPLE.

JUDICIARY SYSTEM

9. OUT OF THE 16 COMMUNES ONLY 2 HAVE JUDGES. THEY DEAL WITH MINOR CASES AND HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER GENOCIDE CASES. THE OTHER COMMUNES HAVE AN INSPECTOR POLICE JUDICIARY (IPJ) WHO PRESIDES OVER MINOR CASES.

HOUSING POLICY

10. THE 59/60 RETURNEES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE RESETTLED IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES. MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION IS MOVING IN COMMUNES TO IDENTIFY LAND FOR RESETTLEMENT. SO FAR IT IS ONLY IN KIGOMBE COMMUNE WHERE LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR RESETTLEMENT. THE MINISTRY INDICATED THAT THEY CANNOT MANAGE TO DO IT ALONE BUT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. SOME NGOS HAVE PROMISED TO ASSIST THE PROGRAMME IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES. THERE IS HOWEVER INADEQUATE LAND FOR RESETTLEMENT.

HEALTH

11. THERE ARE 3 HOSPITALS IN THE AOR WHICH ARE FUNCTIONAL. THESE ARE NYAKINAMA, RUHENGARI AND NEMBA. THE COMMUNE CLINICS ARE FUNCTIONING BUT AT TIMES HAVE SHORTAGES OF DRUGS AND LAB EQUIPMENT. THEY ALSO HAVE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS TO FERRY THE SICK TO THE HOSPITAL. ON DRUGS, THE COMMUNES HAVE TO FORWARD THEIR REQUESTS TO REGIONAL SANITARE. SOMETIMES THE SHORTAGE OF VEHICLES DELAYS THE COLLECTION OF THESE DRUGS FROM THE SOURCE.

RETURNEES.

12. AS AT 31 AUG, IT IS REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 26000 PEOPLE ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, 1386 HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR COMMUNES. 1244 ARRIVED THROUGH GISENYI AND 141 THROUGH CYANIKA. OUT OF 1244, 766 CAME THROUGH FORCED REPATRIATION. IT IS RUMOURED THAT MANY MORE WILL RETURN IN SEP AND OCT 95.

13. MOST OF THE 1994 RETURNEES HAVE OCCUPIED THEIR PREVIOUS HOMES. THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE 59/60 RETURNEES. SOME HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED HOMES OF THOSE STILL IN ZAIRE. MOST ARE AWAITING RESETTLEMENT WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO COMMENCE SOON.

14. RETURNEES HAVE A PROBLEM OF FOOD, SEEDS, FARMING IMPLEMENTS AND BUILDING MATERIAL.

HUMANITARIAN.

15. ON 28/29 AUG A TOTAL 125 RETURNEES WERE TRANSPORTED TO THEIR COMMUNES BY UNHCR.

16. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION IS ASSISTED BY US WITH TRANSPORT 3 TIMES A WEEK. THEY GO OUT IN COMMUNES TO IDENTIFY RESETTLEMENT AREAS. THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED LAND AS FOLLOWS: NYAKINAMA (150 HACTRES) MUKINGO (150 HACTRES) NKULI (6

HACTRES) KINIGI(90 HACTRES) BUTARO (150 HACTRES) AND KIGOMBE (60 HACTRES)

17. UN AGENCIES AND NGOS ARE DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. THE FAULTY WATER SYSTEMS ARE NOW OPERATIONAL IN MOST COMMUNES, REHABILITATION OF SCHOOLS IS TAKING PLACE IN SOME COMMUNES, HEALTH FACILITIES ARE FUNCTIONING AND HOUSING PROJECTS ARE BEING DONE IN SOME COMMUNES. UNHCR HAS JUST COMPLETED DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC SHEETING, HOES, MOSQUITO NETS AND KITCHEN UTENSILS TO 489 FAMILIES OF 59/60 IN MUKINGO COMMUNE. TODAY THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE SIMILAR ITEMS TO 1050 FAMILIES IN KIGOMBE COMMUNE.

ADMINISTRATION

18. STRENGTH. THE ESTABLISHED STRENGTH FOR THE SECTOR IS 22. POSTED STRENGTH IS 17, A SHORTFALL OF 5. WE CANNOT EFFECTIVELY EXECUTE OUR DUTIES AS SOME TEAMS ARE UNDERMANNED. WE EXPERIENCE PROBLEMS WHEN MEMBERS GO FOR CTO. WE ALSO UTILIZE ONE OF THE TEAMS AS DUTY TEAM BECAUSE OF THIS SHORTFALL.

19. VEHICLES. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 7 VEHICLES, A SHORTFALL OF ONE AS PER ESTABLISHMENT. THERE IS A REQUIREMENT OF ANOTHER VEHICLE TO CATER FOR SECTOR ACTIVITIES. OUT OF THE 7, THREE VEHICLES ARE IN THE WORKSHOP. WE CANNOT SEND OUT ALL OUR PATROLS AT ONE TIME.

20. COMMUNICATION. RADIO COMMUNICATION IN THE SECTOR IS NOT GOOD. WE SUGGEST A REBROADCASTING STATION BE ESTABLISHED. FOR THE MEANTIME WE SUGGEST ANOTHER CHANNEL BE ALLOCATED TO THE SECTOR. A TELEPHONE IS ALSO REQUIRED.

21. OFFICES. A REQUEST FOR AN OFFICE HAS SINCE BEEN PRESENTED WITHOUT ANY POSITIVE RESPONSE. I AND MY STAFF DO NOT HAVE OFFICES.

CONCLUSION

22. THE SITUATION AND THE WORKING SYSTEM IN THE SECTOR IS VERY GOOD. THERE IS A NEED TO REACT PROMPTLY TO SOME OF THE REQUESTS BY COMMUNES TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE FELT.

23. THE SECTOR REQUIRES ITS FULL COMPLIMENT OF MILOBS AND VEHICLES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT DUTIES EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY.

24. A TELEPHONE FACILITY IS SERIOUSLY REQUIRED IN THIS SECTOR.

25. THERE IS A NEED FOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

27. COMMUNICATION NEEDS TO BE REHABILITATED.

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12 SEPT 95

For Maj Tapima.

FROM :SECT 5A-RUHENGERI

TO :MILOB GP HQ.OPS OFFR

REF :MILOB GP HQ.LETTER No MILOB/CONF/7 DATED 28 AUGUST 95.

DATE :10 SEPTEMBER 1995.

1.INFORMATION AS ASKED VIDE REFERENCE LETTER ARE STATED BELOW:

A. TRANSIT CAMP: EXISTENCE OF ONLY ONE CAMP IN AOR ESTABLISHED/RUN BY UNHCR.LOCATION OF THE CAMP GR 622320,5 KM AWAY FROM RUHENGERI TOWN.

(1) EXISTING CAPACITY: CAN ACCOMMODATE 500 REFUGEES IN SHELTER AND 500 OUTSIDE BUT WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE CAMP.

(2)FACILITIES AVAILABLE: WATER,SHOWER,TOILETS AND SHELTER FOR 500 REFUGEES.

(3) POSSIBILITY OF EXPANSION: UNHCR THINKS THAT EXISTING CAPACITY OF THE CAMP IS ENOUGH TO MEET UP ANY EMERGENCY,HENCE NOT LIKELY TO UNDERTAKE EXPANSION WORKS OF THE CAMP.

(4) ADDITIONAL PLACES: ACCORDING TO UNHCR IT IS NOT REQUIRED AND NOT PLANNED.BUT VIEW OF THE SECTOR HQ IS THAT IF SUDDEN INFLUX OF REFUGEES COME THROUGH FOREST (VOLCANO MOUNTAIN) IN KINIGI COMMUNE THEN ONE OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL GR 542413 CAN BE USED AS TEMPORARY TRANSIT CAMP.PRESENTLY THIS SUGGESTED CAMP CAN PROVIDE ACCOMODATION ONLY FOR 400-500 REFUGEES BUT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE TO BE DONE FOR WATER,TOILETS,ETC.

B. COMMUNES:

(1) GENERAL: JOINT INVESTIGATION BY MILOBS AND HR TEAM OF THIS SECTOR REVEAL THAT TILL END OF JULY 95, 27.540 REFUGEES ARE OUTSIDE THE RUHENGERI PREFECTURE AND ALL OF THEM ARE LIKELY TO BE IN VARIOUS CAMPS IN ZAIRE.BUT IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 95, 1385 RETURNEES HAVE COME BACK TO THIS PREFECTURE INCLUDING 766 RETURNEES WHO WERE REPATRIATED BY ZAIREAN GOVERNEMENT FORCEBLY SINCE 19 AUGUST 95.SO AS ON 31 AUGUST 95,STILL 26.155 NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE LIVING OUTSIDE RUHENGERI PREFECTURE,i.e.IN ZAIRE.ACCORDING TO THIS STATISTICS FOLLOWING COMMUNES ARE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES WITH NUMBERS AS SHOWN BELOW:

(a) BUTARO..... 12,995
(b) CYABINGO..... 1,080
(c) KIGOMBE..... 2,301
(d) KINIGI..... 915
(e) MUKINGO..... 1,954
(f) NDUSU..... 1,912
(g) NYAMUTERA..... 2,281
(h) RUHONDO..... 1,469

refugees

X (2) PROBLEMS OF RETURNEES. INFORMATION AS OBTAINED FROM ALL THE BOURGMESTERS, SOME OF THESE RETURNEES HAVE GOT BACK THEIR OLD HOUSES AND SOME OF THEM ARE OCCUPING HOUSES OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN ZAIRE. BUT MOST OF THEM ARE YET TO GET BACK THEIR FARMING LANDS AS BEING CULTIVATED BY RETURNEES WHO CAME EARLIER. AGAIN IN SOME OF THE COMMUNE'S DOCUMENTS OF LANDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE WAR, HENCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND OUT REAL OWNERS OF THE FARMING LANDS. ALSO IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES, BOURGMESTER GAVE LEASES TO SOME OF FARMING LANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE YET TO RETURN AND EXPENDED MONEY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNE. SINCE THESE PEOPLE CAME BACK VERY RECENTLY, THE BOURGMESTER HAS THE PROBLEM EITHER TO RETURN THE LANDS TO ORIGINAL MEN NOR HAS THE MONEY TO PAY BACK TO THE PERSONS WHO TOOK LEASE. IN GENERAL, ALL THE RETURNEES HAVE PROBLEMS OF FOOD, WATER AND PARTICULARLY ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS AND MATERIAL TO CONSTRUCT/REPAIR HOUSES.

(3) ASSISTANCE TO THE RETURNEES. INITIALLY THEY RECEIVED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM UNHCR. WHEN THEY REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNES, THEN FEW NGOs AND WFP PROVIDE THEM LIMITED FOOD ASSISTANCE ONLY WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATE. UNHCR ALSO PROVIDE PLASTIC SHEETINGS AND UTENSILS ONCE, FOR THESE RETURNEES. COMMUNE OFFICIALS DO NOT HAVE ANY MEANS TO ASSIST THESE RETURNEES BUT ONLY REGISTER THEM IN THE COMMUNE.

C. PRISON

(1) ONE MAIN PRISON IN RUHENGARI TOWN. CAPACITY APPROXIMATELY 600 BUT PRESENTLY HOLDING 1421 PRISONERS (AS ON 08 SEP 95). IN ALL 16 COMMUNES THERE IS A DETENTION CENTER BUT CAPACITY VARIES FROM 5-15. AS ON 08 SEP 95 APPROXIMATELY 50 DETAINEES ARE IN THOSE DETENTION CENTERS.

(2) MAIN PRISON IN RUHENGARI IS OVERCROWDED. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE SICK PRISONERS TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT.

(3) PHYSICAL EXPANSION OF BUILDING IS POSSIBLE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF LARGE FREE LAND IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

(4) DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN THE COST OF EXPANSION BECAUSE THE TYPE/EXTENT OF EXPANSION IS NOT KNOWN. BUT AS LAY MEN, MAY BE 50,000 USD WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE EXPANSION WORK.

X D. JUDICIARY SYSTEM. IN GENERAL OUT OF 16 COMMUNES, ONLY 2 COMMUNES HAVE JUDGES BUT DEAL WITH ONLY MINOR CASES AND HAS NO JURISDICTION TO DEAL WITH GENOCIDE CASES. OTHER 14 COMMUNES HAVE ONE IPJ CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ONLY MINOR CASES AND SERIOUS CASES INCLUDING GENOCIDES ARE REFERRED TO RUHENGARI. DETAILS ARE:

(1) 'COURT DE PREMIERE INSTANCE' IS NOT YET FUNCTIONAL. THIS COURT HAS THE JURISDICTION TO TRY GENOCIDE CASES BUT NO CASES WERE DEALT WITH SO FAR. JUDGES ARE ALSO VERY LESS.

(2) REPAIR OF THE COURT BUILDING IS NEEDED AS IT WAS DAMAGED DURING THE LAST YEAR WAR.

(3) 'COMMISSION DE TRIAGE' MEETS IN EACH WEEK TO REVIEW THE CASES. ABOUT 100 PRISONERS WERE RELEASED SINCE JAN 95.

E. RADIO UNAMIR. VERY INTERESTING TO LEARN THAT ONLY ONE COMMUNE (CYERU) WAS AWARE OF RADIO UNAMIR. BUT FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS THEY COULD NOT LISTEN THIS RADIO. OTHER 15 COMMUNES ARE EVEN NOT AWARE OF THIS RADIO. ALL OF THEM HAVE REQUESTED AS TO PROVIDE ONE RADIO IN EACH COMMUNE. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST TO LISTEN TO RADIO UNAMIR IN FUTURE. IN GENERAL, THIS RADIO IS NOT AT ALL AUDIBLE IN RUHENGARI PREFECT.

F. HOUSING.

(1) POLICY OF GOVT. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION IN RUHENGARI PREFECTURE, GOVT HAS HOUSING POLICY IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNES:

(a) NYAKINAMA COMMUNE. 250 FAMILIES, RETURNEES OF 59/60 WILL BE RESETTLED, EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE 20M X 30M LANDS FOR BUILDING HOUSES AND 1 ACRE LAND FOR CULTIVATION. AUTHORITIES HAVE ONLY IDENTIFIED LAND BUT WORK IS YET TO START.

(b) KIGOMBE COMMUNE. 52 FAMILIES RETURNEES OF 59/60 WILL BE RESETTLED AND WILL RECEIVE SAME AMOUNT OF LAND. ONLY IDENTIFIED LAND AND NO WORK DONE.

(c) KINIGI COMMUNE. 1000 FAMILIES ARE LIKELY TO RESETTLE, BUT HAS THE PROBLEM OF LANDS. ONLY 67 ACRES OF LAND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THERE ARE MANY ACRES OF LAND BELONGING TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM AND IF THEY SPARE LAND, ONLY 1000 FAMILIES WILL BE RESETTLED.

(d) NKUMBA COMMUNE. ONLY 90 FAMILIES LAND IDENTIFIED.

(e) MUKINGO COMMUNE. ONLY 150 FAMILIES LAND IDENTIFIED.

(f) BUTARO COMMUNE. 80 FAMILIES ARE LIKELY TO BE RESETTLED SOON, AS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE AREA HAS PROMISED TO BUILD 80 HOUSES WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION ON GROUND. ONLY IN KIGOMBE COMMUNE, EARMARKED LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED AND OTHER COMMUNES SO FAR, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE EXCEPT IDENTIFYING LANDS.

(3) DIFFICULTIES FACED. VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION ARE THAT GOVT ALONE CANNOT AFFORD TO RESETTLE ALL THESE RETURNEES. EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE BY THE NGOS AND UN AGENCIES ARE VERY MUCH ESSENTIAL TO IMPLEMENT THOSE RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS. NGOS LIKE AUSTRIAN RELIEF PROGRAMME AND ACORD HAVE PROMISED TO FINANCE KIGOMBE AND NYAKINAMA COMMUNE. THIS ASSISTANCE ALSO SEEMS TO BE INADEQUATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROJECTS.

2. WITH BEST REGARDS.

ALAM K
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TO : ALL MILOB SECTS

INFO : SRSG's OFFICE
CMO
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DATE : 28 AUG 95

SUBJECT : REPORT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR SRSG's OFFICE

1. KINDLY REFER TO SECT COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD ON 25 AUG 95
IN SECT 1A (GITARAMA)

2. DURING THE SECT COMMANDERS CONFERENCE A NUMBER OF ISSUES WERE
DISCUSSED RELATED TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND THE
PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE.
THESE REFUGEES ARE BEING THROUGHT TO BORDER POSTS IN GISENYI AND
CYANGUGU UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS OF UNHCR/ZAIREAN AUTHORITIES. FROM
BORDER THEY ARE TAKEN TO TRANSIT CAMPS USING UNAMIR TRANSPORT. AT
THE TRANSIT CAMPS THEY ARE HELD FOR LIMITED PERIOD. FROM THE TRANSIT
CAMPS THEY ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES BY UNHCR. IN
THIS PROCESS EACH STAGE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND NEEDS ADEQUATE
RESOURCES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT UN AND OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED IN
REPATRIATION BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE,
SHORTCOMINGS AND RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS PROCESS A SUCCESS.
SRSG HAD DESIRED THAT MILOBS SHOULD OBTAIN VARIOUS DATA RELATED TO
THESE ISSUES. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING YOU ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN
FOLLOWING DATA AND FORWARD THE SAME TO US BY 10 SEPT 95 FOR OUR
INFORMATION :-

(a) TRANSIT CAMP

(i) EXISTING CAPACITY.

(ii) FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

(iii) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANSION AND THE EXPANDED
CAPACITY.

(iv) ADDITIONAL PLACE (s) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
TRANSIT CAMP (s), THEIR CAPACITY AND EFFORT REQUIRED,
TIME FRAME AND AGENCY INVOLVED.

(b) COMMUNES. COMMUNES THAT ARE/ LIKELY TO BE
AFFECTED BY THE INFUX OF REFUGEES :-

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(i) FOOD, WATER, MEDICAL, HOUSING AND OTHER
RELATED PROBLEMS.

(ii) NUMBER OF REFUGEES ARRIVED SO FAR AND WHERE
HAVE THEY BEEN SETTLED ?

(iii) AGENCIES ASSISTING THE COMMUNES, TYPE OF
ASSISTANCE AND ITS ADEQUACY.

(iv) EXISTENCE OR OTHER WISE OF ANY CRISIS
MANAGEMENT CELL AND T-E ADVANCE PREPARATIONS IF ANY
BY COMMUNE OFFICIALS.

(c) PRISONS.

(i) NUMBER OF PRISONS AND THE INMATES
PREFECTURE/COMMUNE WISE.

(ii) EXISTING PROBLEMS

(iii) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THEIR CAPACITY.

(iv) ROUGH COST OF EXPANSION AND MATERIAL
REQUIRED.

(v) ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION.

(d) JUDICIARY SYSTEM IN PREFECTURE.

(i) EXISTING FACILITIES AND CASES SO FAR DEALT
AFTER THE WAR.

(ii) REQUIREMENTS.

(iii) WHETHER ANY SCREENING HAS BEEN DONE IN THE
PRISONS. IF SO, WHEN AND HOW MANY WERE RELEASED ?

(e) RADIO UNAMIR.

(i) WHETHER THE RADIO UNAMIR IS HEARD ALL OVER
YOUR PREFECTURE.

(ii) WHETHER RADIO UNAMIR IS HEARD IN THE NEARBY
CAMPS ACROSS THE BORDER (IF INFO AVAILABLE).

(f) HOUSING.

(i) IS THERE ANY HOUSING POLICY OF THE GOVT ?

(ii) HOW FAR IS IT BEING IMPLEMENTED ON GROUND ?

(iii) DIFFICULTIES BEING FACED.

3. MONITORING MOVEMENT OF RETURNEES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO
MONITOR THE MOVEMENT OF RETURNEES RIGHT UP TO THEIR SETTLEMENT IN
THEIR HOME COMMUNES. FOLLOWING DATA SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED
AS FOLLOWS :-

(a) DAILY SITREP.

(i) TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES ARRIVED IN THE
SECT/PREFECTURE.

(ii) TOTAL NUMBER IN TRANSIT CAMP (s) IN
PREFECTURE/COMMUNES.

(iii) TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SENT TO VARIOUS
COMMUNES.

(iv) NUMBER OF RETURNEES LEFT AT TRANSIT CAMPS
(GISENYI AND CYANGU3U).

(b) WEEKLY REPORT. AT THE END OF THE WEEK, AS AT 1900
HRS ON SATURDAY TO REACH THIS HQ BY 1600 HRS ON SUNDAY, TO
INCLUDE ABOVE FIGURES CONSOLIDATED FOR WHOLE WEEK. IT SHOULD
ALSO INCLUDE THEIR SETTLEMENT INSECTS WITHIN THE COMMUNE.

4. MONTHLY REPORT. A MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED REPORT SHOULD BE
PREPARED TO INCLUDE DETAILS AS GIVEN IN SUB PARAS 2 (a),(b),(c),(f)
AND 3 (a),(b) AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THIS
HQ BY 03 OF EACH MONTH.

4. BRIDGE IN SECT 2 B.

(a) LOCATION OF THE BRIDGE IN QUESTION.

(b) EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

(c) ITS IMPORTANCE FOR THE RETURNEES FROM TANZANIA.

(d) SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS RECONSTRUCTION/REPAIR.

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ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA



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MISSION POUR L'ASSISTANCE AU RWANDA

UNAMIR - MINUAR

FROM : Lt Col Ahsanullah
S O O , MILOB GP HQ

FILE : MILOB/CONF/7

TO : All MILOB Sects

INFO : SRSG's OFFICE ✓

DATE : 28 Aug 95

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SUBJECT : REPORT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR SRSG's OFFICE

1. Kindly refer to Sect Commanders Conference held on 25 Aug 95 in Sect 1A (GITARAMA).

2. During the Sect Commanders Conference a number of issues were discussed related to the security situation in Rwanda and the problems connected with the repatriation of refugees from Zaire. These refugees are being brought to Border posts in Gisenyi and Cyangugu under the arrangements of UNHCR/ Zairean authorities. From border they are taken to Transit camps using UNAMIR transport. At the Transit camps they are held for limited period. From the Transit camps they are being transported to their home communes by UNHCR. In this process each stage plays an important role and needs adequate resources. It is important that UN and other agencies involved in the repatriation be fully conversant with the facilities available, shortcomings and resources required to make this process a success. SRSG had desired that MILOBs should obtain various data related to these issues. In view of foregoing you are requested to obtain following data and forward the same to us by 10 Sept 95 for our information :-

(a) Transit Camp.

- (i) Existing capacity.
- (ii) Facilities available.
- (iii) Possibilities of expansion and the expanded capacity.
- (iv) Additional place(s) for establishment of transit camp(s), their capacity and effort required, time frame and agency involved.

(b) Communes. Communes that are / likely to be affected by the influx of refugees:-

- (i) Food, water, medical, housing and other related problems.
- (ii) Number of refugees arrived so far and where have they been settled?
- (iii) Agencies assisting the commune, type of assistance and its adequacy.
- (iv) Existence or other wise of any crisis management cell and the advance preparations if any by commune officials.

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(c) **Prisons.**

- (i) Number of prisons and the inmates prefecture/commune wise.
- (ii) Existing problems.
- (iii) Possibilities of expanding their capacity.
- (iv) Rough cost of expansion and material required.
- (v) Alternate location for construction.

(d) **Judiciary System in Prefecture.**

- (i) Existing facilities and cases so far dealt after the war.
- (ii) Requirements.
- (iii) Whether any screening has been done in the prisons. If so, when and how many were released?

(e) **Radio UNAMIR.**

- (i) Whether the Radio UNAMIR is heard all over your Prefecture.
- (ii) Whether Radio UNAMIR is heard in the nearby camps across the border (if info available).

(f) **Housing.**

- (i) Is there any housing policy of the Govt?
- (ii) How far is it being implemented on ground?
- (iii) Difficulties being faced.

3. **Monitoring Movement of Returnees.** It is important to monitor the movement of returnees right up to their settlement in their home communes. Following data should be obtained and forwarded as follows:-

(a) **Daily SITREP.**

- (i) Total number of returnees arrived in the Sect/Prefecture.
- (ii) Total number in transit camp(s) in Prefecture/communes.
- (iii) Total number of returnees sent to various communes.
- (iv) Number of returnees left at Transit camps (Gisenyi & Cyangugu).

(b) **Weekly Report.** At the end of the week, as at 1900 hrs on Saturday to reach this HQ by 1600 hrs on Sunday, to include above figures consolidated for the whole week. It should also include their settlement in sects within the commune.

4. **Monthly Report.** A monthly consolidated report should be prepared to include details as given in sub paras 2 (a), (b), (c), (f) and 3(a), (b) at the end of the month and should be forwarded to this HQ by 03 of each month.

4. **Bridge in Sect 2B.**

- (a) Location of the Bridge in question.
- (b) Extent of damage.
- (c) Its importance for the returnees from Tanzania.
- (d) Suggestions for its reconstruction/repair.

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FROM :SECT 5A-RUHENGERI

TO :MILOB GP HQ.OPS OFFR

REF :MILOB GP HQ.LETTER No MILOB/CONF/7 DATED 28 AUGUST 95.

DATE :10 SEPTEMBER 1995.

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1. INFORMATION AS ASKED VIDE REFERENCE LETTER ARE STATED BELOW:

A. TRANSIT CAMP: EXISTENCE OF ONLY ONE CAMP IN AOR ESTABLISHED/RUN BY UNHCR. LOCATION OF THE CAMP GR 622320, 5 KM AWAY FROM RUHENGERI TOWN.

(1) EXISTING CAPACITY: CAN ACCOMMODATE 500 REFUGEES IN SHELTER AND 500 OUTSIDE BUT WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE CAMP.

(2) FACILITIES AVAILABLE: WATER, SHOWER, TOILETS AND SHELTER FOR 500 REFUGEES.

(3) POSSIBILITY OF EXPANSION: UNHCR THINKS THAT EXISTING CAPACITY OF THE CAMP IS ENOUGH TO MEET UP ANY EMERGENCY, HENCE NOT LIKELY TO UNDERTAKE EXPANSION WORKS OF THE CAMP.

(4) ADDITIONAL PLACES: ACCORDING TO UNHCR IT IS NOT REQUIRED AND NOT PLANNED. BUT VIEW OF THE SECTOR HQ IS THAT IF SUDDEN INFLUX OF REFUGEES COME THROUGH FOREST (VOLCANO MOUNTAIN) IN KINIGI COMMUNE THEN ONE OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL GR 542413 CAN BE USED AS TEMPORARY TRANSIT CAMP. PRESENTLY THIS SUGGESTED CAMP CAN PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION ONLY FOR 400-500 REFUGEES BUT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE TO BE DONE FOR WATER, TOILETS, ETC.

B. COMMUNES:

(1) GENERAL: JOINT INVESTIGATION BY MILOBS AND HR TEAM OF THIS SECTOR REVEAL THAT TILL END OF JULY 95, 27,540 REFUGEES ARE OUTSIDE THE RUHENGERI PREFECTURE AND ALL OF THEM ARE LIKELY TO BE IN VARIOUS CAMPS IN ZAIRE. BUT IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 95, 1385 RETURNEES HAVE COME BACK TO THIS PREFECTURE INCLUDING 766 RETURNEES WHO WERE REPATRIATED BY ZAIREAN GOVERNEMENT FORCEBLY SINCE 19 AUGUST 95. SO AS ON 31 AUGUST 95, STILL 26,155 NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE LIVING OUTSIDE RUHENGERI PREFECTURE, i.e. IN ZAIRE. ACCORDING TO THIS STATISTICS FOLLOWING COMMUNES ARE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES WITH NUMBERS AS SHOWN BELOW:

(a) BUTARO.....	12,995
(b) CYABINGO.....	1,080
(c) KIGOMBE.....	2,301
(d) KINIGI.....	915
(e) MUKINGO.....	1,954
(f) NDUSU.....	1,912
(g) NYAMUTERA.....	2,281
(h) RUHONDO.....	1,469

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(2) PROBLEMS OF RETURNEES. INFORMATION AS OBTAINED FROM ALL THE BOURGMESTERS, SOME OF THESE RETURNEES HAVE GOT BACK THEIR OLD HOUSES AND SOME OF THEM ARE OCCUPING HOUSES OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN ZAIRE. BUT MOST OF THEM ARE YET TO GET BACK THEIR FARMING LANDS AS BEING CULTIVATED BY RETURNEES WHO CAME EARLIER. AGAIN IN SOME OF THE COMMUNE'S DOCUMENTS OF LANDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE WAR, HENCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND OUT REAL OWNERS OF THE FARMING LANDS. ALSO IN SOME OF THE COMMUNES, BOURGMESTER GAVE LEASES TO SOME OF FARMING LANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE YET TO RETURN AND EXPENDED MONEY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNE. SINCE THESE PEOPLE CAME BACK VERY RECENTLY, THE BOURGMESTER HAS THE PROBLEM EITHER TO RETURN THE LANDS TO ORIGINAL MEN NOR HAS THE MONEY TO PAY BACK TO THE PERSONS WHO TOOK LEASE. IN GENERAL, ALL THE RETURNEES HAVE PROBLEMS OF FOOD, WATER AND PARTICULARLY ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS AND MATERIAL TO CONSTRUCT/REPAIR HOUSES.

(3) ASSISTANCE TO THE RETURNEES. INITIALLY THEY RECEIVED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM UNHCR. WHEN THEY REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNES, THEN FEW NGOs AND WFP PROVIDE THEM LIMITED FOOD ASSISTANCE ONLY WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATE. UNHCR ALSO PROVIDE PLASTIC SHEETINGS AND UTENSILS ONCE, FOR THESE RETURNEES. COMMUNE OFFICIALS DO NOT HAVE ANY MEANS TO ASSIST THESE RETURNEES BUT ONLY REGISTER THEM IN THE COMMUNE.

C. PRISON

(1) ONE MAIN PRISON IN RUHENGARI TOWN. CAPACITY APPROXIMATELY 600 BUT PRESENTLY HOLDING 1421 PRISONERS (AS ON 08 SEP 95). IN ALL 16 COMMUNES THERE IS A DETENTION CENTER BUT CAPACITY VARIES FROM 5-15. AS ON 08 SEP 95 APPROXIMATELY 50 DETAINEES ARE IN THOSE DETENTION CENTERS.

(2) MAIN PRISON IN RUHENGARI IS OVERCROWDED. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE SICK PRISONERS TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT.

(3) PHYSICAL EXPANSION OF BUILDING IS POSSIBLE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF LARGE FREE LAND IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

(4) DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN THE COST OF EXPANSION BECAUSE THE TYPE/EXTENT OF EXPANSION IS NOT KNOWN. BUT AS LAY MEN, MAY BE 50,000 USD WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE EXPANSION WORK.

D. JUDICIARY SYSTEM. IN GENERAL OUT OF 16 COMMUNES, ONLY 2 COMMUNES HAVE JUDGES BUT DEAL WITH ONLY MINOR CASES AND HAS NO JURISDICTION TO DEAL WITH GENOCIDE CASES. OTHER 14 COMMUNES HAVE ONE IPJ CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ONLY MINOR CASES AND SERIOUS CASES INCLUDING GENOCIDES ARE REFERRED TO RUHENGARI. DETAILS ARE:

(1) 'COURT DE PREMIERE INSTANCE' IS NOT YET FUNCTIONAL. THIS COURT HAS THE JURISDICTION TO TRY GENOCIDE CASES BUT NO CASES WERE DEALT WITH SO FAR. JUDGES ARE ALSO VERY LESS.

(2) REPAIR OF THE COURT BUILDING IS NEEDED AS IT WAS DAMAGED DURING THE LAST YEAR WAR.

(3) 'COMMISSION DE TRIAGE' MEETS IN EACH WEEK TO REVIEW THE CASES. ABOUT 100 PRISONERS WERE RELEASED SINCE JAN 95.

E. RADIO UNAMIR. VERY INTERESTING TO LEARN THAT ONLY ONE COMMUNE (CYERU) WAS AWARE OF RADIO UNAMIR. BUT FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS THEY COULD NOT LISTEN THIS RADIO. OTHER 15 COMMUNES ARE EVEN NOT AWARE OF THIS RADIO. ALL OF THEM HAVE REQUESTED AS TO PROVIDE ONE RADIO IN EACH COMMUNE. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST TO LISTEN TO RADIO UNAMIR IN FUTURE. IN GENERAL, THIS RADIO IS NOT AT ALL AUDIBLE IN RUHENGIRI PREFECT.

F. HOUSING.

(1) POLICY OF GOVT. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION IN RUHENGIRI PREFECTURE, GOVT HAS HOUSING POLICY IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNES:

(a) NYAKINAMA COMMUNE. 250 FAMILIES, RETURNEES OF 59/60 WILL BE RESETTLED, EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE 20M X 30M LANDS FOR BUILDING HOUSES AND 1 ACRE LAND FOR CULTIVATION. AUTHORITIES HAVE ONLY IDENTIFIED LAND BUT WORK IS YET TO START.

(b) KIGOMBE COMMUNE. 52 FAMILIES RETURNEES OF 59/60 WILL BE RESETTLED AND WILL RECEIVE SAME AMOUNT OF LAND. ONLY IDENTIFIED LAND AND NO WORK DONE.

(c) KINIGI COMMUNE. 1000 FAMILIES ARE LIKELY TO RESETTLE, BUT HAS THE PROBLEM OF LANDS. ONLY 67 ACRES OF LAND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THERE ARE MANY ACRES OF LAND BELONGING TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM AND IF THEY SPARE LAND, ONLY 1000 FAMILIES WILL BE RESETTLED.

(d) NKUMBA COMMUNE. ONLY 90 FAMILIES LAND IDENTIFIED.

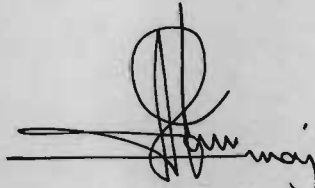
(e) MUKINGO COMMUNE. ONLY 150 FAMILIES LAND IDENTIFIED.

(f) BUTARO COMMUNE. 80 FAMILIES ARE LIKELY TO BE RESETTLED SOON, AS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE AREA HAS PROMISED TO BUILD 80 HOUSES WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION ON GROUND. ONLY IN KIGOMBE COMMUNE, EARMARKED LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED AND OTHER COMMUNES SO FAR, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE EXCEPT IDENTIFYING LANDS.

(3) DIFFICULTIES FACED. VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION ARE THAT GOVT ALONE CANNOT AFFORD TO RESETTLE ALL THESE RETURNEES. EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE BY THE NGOS AND UN AGENCIES ARE VERY MUCH ESSENTIAL TO IMPLEMENT THOSE RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS. NGOS LIKE AUSTRIAN RELIEF PROGRAMME AND ACORD HAVE PROMISED TO FINANCE KIGOMBE AND NYAKINAMA COMMUNE. THIS ASSISTANCE ALSO SEEMS TO BE INADEQUATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROJECTS.

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FROM : LT COL AHSANULLAH
800 MILOB GP HQ

TO : ALL MILOB SECTS

INFO : SRSG's OFFICE

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DATE : 28 AUG 95

SUBJECT : REPORT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR SRSG's OFFICE

1. KINDLY REFER TO SECT COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD ON 25 AUG 95
IN SECT 1A (GITARAMA)

2. DURING THE SECT COMMANDERS CONFERENCE A NUMBER OF ISSUES WERE
DISCUSSED RELATED TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IN RWANDA AND THE
PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE.
THESE REFUGEES ARE BEING THROUGHT TO BORDER POSTS IN GISENYI AND
CYANGUGU UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS OF UNHCR/ZAIREAN AUTHORITIES. FROM
BORDER THEY ARE TAKEN TO TRANSIT CAMPS USING JANAMIR TRANSPORT. AT
THE TRANSIT CAMPS THEY ARE HELD FOR LIMITED PERIOD. FROM THE TRANSIT
CAMPS THEY ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES BY UNHCR. IN
THIS PROCESS EACH STAGE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND NEEDS ADEQUATE
RESOURCES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT UN AND OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED IN
REPATRIATION BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE,
SHORTCOMINGS AND RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS PROCESS A SUCCESS.
SRSG HAD DESIRED THAT MILOBS SHOULD OBTAIN VARIOUS DATA RELATED TO
THESE ISSUES. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING YOU ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN
FOLLOWING DATA AND FORWARD THE SAME TO US BY 10 SEPT 95 FOR OUR
INFORMATION :-

(a) TRANSIT CAMP

- (i) EXISTING CAPACITY.
- (ii) FACILITIES AVAILABLE.
- (iii) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANSION AND THE EXPANDED CAPACITY.
- (iv) ADDITIONAL PLACE (s) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSIT CAMP (s), THEIR CAPACITY AND EFFORT REQUIRED, TIME FRAME AND AGENCY INVOLVED.

(b) COMMUNES. COMMUNES THAT ARE/ LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE INFLOW OF REFUGEES :-

- (i) FOOD, WATER, MEDICAL, HOUSING AND OTHER RELATED PROBLEMS.
- (ii) NUMBER OF REFUGEES ARRIVED SO FAR AND WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN SETTLED ?
- (iii) AGENCIES ASSISTING THE COMMUNE, TYPE OF ASSISTANCE AND ITS ADEQUACY.
- (iv) EXISTENCE OR OTHERWISE OF ANY CRISIS MANAGEMENT CELL AND THE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS IF ANY BY COMMUNE OFFICIALS.

(c) PRISONS.

- (i) NUMBER OF PRISONS AND THE INMATES PREFECTURE/COMMUNE WISE.
- (ii) EXISTING PROBLEMS
- (iii) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THEIR CAPACITY.
- (iv) ROUGH COST OF EXPANSION AND MATERIAL REQUIRED.
- (v) ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION.

(d) JUDICIARY SYSTEM IN PREFECTURE.

- (i) EXISTING FACILITIES AND CASES SO FAR DEALT AFTER THE WAR.
- (ii) REQUIREMENTS.
- (iii) WHETHER ANY SCREENING HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PRISONS. IF SO, WHEN AND HOW MANY WERE RELEASED ?

(e) RADIO UNAMIR.

- (i) WHETHER THE RADIO UNAMIR IS HEARD ALL OVER YOUR PREFECTURE.
- (ii) WHETHER RADIO UNAMIR IS HEARD IN THE NEARBY CAMPS ACROSS THE BORDER (IF INFO AVAILABLE).

(f) HOUSING.

- (i) IS THERE ANY HOUSING POLICY OF THE GOVT ?
- (ii) HOW FAR IS IT BEING IMPLEMENTED ON GROUND ?
- (iii) DIFFCULTIES BEING FACED.

3. MONITORING MOVEMENT OF RETURNEES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MONITOR THE MOVEMENT OF RETURNEES RIGHT UP TO THEIR SETTLEMENT IN THEIR HOME COMMUNES. FOLLOWING DATA SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED AS FOLLOWS :-

(a) DAILY SITREP.

(i) TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES ARRIVED IN THE SECT/PREFECTURE.

(ii) TOTAL NUMBER IN TRANSIT CAMP (s) IN PREFECTURE/COMMUNES.

(iii) TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SENT TO VARIOUS COMMUNES.

(iv) NUMBER OF RETURNEES LEFT AT TRANSIT CAMPS (GISENYI AND CYANGUGU).

(b) WEEKLY REPORT. AT THE END OF THE WEEK, AS AT 1900 HRS ON SATURDAY TO REACH THIS HQ BY 1600 HRS ON SUNDAY, TO INCLUDE ABOVE FIGURES CONSOLIDATED FOR WHOLE WEEK. IT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THEIR SETTLEMENT INSECTS WITHIN THE COMMUNE.

4. MONTHLY REPORT. A MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO INCLUDE DETAILS AS GIVEN IN SUB PARAS 2 (a), (b), (c), (f) AND 3 (a), (b) AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THIS HQ BY 03 OF EACH MONTH.

SECT COMMANDERS BRIEFS

1. Prevailing Op/Security situation in Sect.
2. Significant developments in Sect since last conf.
3. Communes.
 - (a) General conditions.
 - (b) Problems.
4. Returnees(from outside & IDPs).
 - (a) Number of returnees in last three months.
 - (b) Condition of returnees.
 - (c) Problems being faced by returnees.
 - (d) Assistance being provided by various NGO and other agencies.
 - (e) Any discernable pattern and implications if any.
5. Progress on reconciliation in the sect.
6. Assessment of activities in refugee camps in neighboring countries(if inputs available) and their impact on Rwanda.
7. Suggestions/Recommendations for more effective employment of MILOBs particularly in his Sect within the new Sector boundaries.
8. Problems being faced in Sector including administrative problems i.e., servicing, office accommodation, communication etc.
9. Any problems with the NGO's operating in respective Sector AOR.

- Notes.
1. A written brief covering above points will be handed over to SOC at the end of the conf.
 2. All points need not be covered if not particularly relevant to the Sect.
 3. The brief should not exceed 10 min.
 4. Additional points if relevant can be included.
 5. Discussion on reorganization will be held separately as indicated in the schedule. However points if any should be included in the written brief if not already submitted.

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SECTOR 5A-MILOBS RUHENGARI

25 AUGUST 1995

BRIEF FOR SECTOR COMMANDER CONFERENCE AT GITARAMA

G E N E R A L

1. My briefing would cover the operational, humanitarian and administrative activities of sector 5A- RUHENGARI.

O P E R A T I O N A L

2. The operational situation in the sector during the past one month had been quite satisfactory. There was no major incident concerning security except for isolated cases of banditry, arrests and demonstration in Ruhengeri Prefecture and some of the communes. Rumour of FRGF invasion had considerably died down from the people of Kinige Commune area but 80 people who left out of this rumour in June 95 are yet to return. However RPA have large deployment all along the border resulting substantial reduction of banditry action by the people from the other side of the border. Some communal staff and locals of Nkuli and Mukingo Communes have informed that number of INTERHAWME have infiltrated and living in the bordering area of these two communes. Locals in Nyamutera Commune are circulating rumours that some former militias are visiting their relatives at night from the hide. Few incidents having some value for overall appreciation of the situation are stated below:

A. There was a peaceful demonstration on 31 July 95 in Ruhengeri town by government employees and some civilians against the promotion of Burgmaster of Ruhondo and Kigombe Communes to Subprefect of Ruhengeri and Kibuye respectively. Unconfirmed number of people have been arrested who were responsible to organise the demonstration. Next day the Prefect of Ruhengeri, RPA Bn. Cmdr and Chief of Gendarmerie held a meeting in Ruhengeri Stadium and people were warned that the Government is not going to tolerate such defamatory and scandalous public behavior. After that apparently situation became normal.

B. Similar situation arose when new Burgmaster were appointed in Ruhondo and Gatonde Communes but in much lesser scale.

C. On 03 August 95 in Karisimbi (4035) Volcano mountain, there were firing of 6-7 shots and since in that area MILOBS are not allowed to visit by RPA, more information could not be collected.

D. In Gendarmerie Training School, Ruhengeri, on 08 August 95 at 0945 hrs there was a big explosion of mine/grenade within the perimeter of the school. Possibly it was laid by someone at night and there was no casualty. After that the RPA has intensify night patrolling in Ruhengeri town.

E. In Gatonde Commune on the report of people about presence of INTERHAWME, RPA were called in and 4 people were arrested and transferred to Ruhengeri Prison. Again it was reported by some communal staff and locals that they are not INTERHAWME but protested against the appointments of new Burgmaster because they want a Counsellor of their Sectors should be promoted to new Burgmaster.

F. One RPA soldier namely Hitamana, 20 years old reported to Burgmaster of NDUSU Commune with arms and informed that he has been given responsibility to train the communal police. But Burgmaster did not believe him and quietly reported the matter in Ruhengeri. Next day a group of RPA soldiers went to arrest him and transferred him to Ruhengeri Prison. After the incident activities of communal police was suspended and yet to be functional.

G. RPA occupied former TUNCOY position in Nemba including surrounding area of NEMBA Hospital run by an NGO. Initially they wanted to avail some facilities like battery charging, occupying their houses and garden area. They also established a check point just at the entrance of the Hospital. So the relation between them became very strain. But MILOBS on being informed the situation managed to solve the matter and finally one major from RPA and Burgmaster of the Commune visited the Hospital authorities and situation became normal.

H. One of the counsellors of Cyeru Commune was arrested for smuggling 'WOLFRANG' from RWANDA to UGANDA, the material if used with steel produce better quality of steel. Thought he was released after 3/4 days but Burgmaster informed that smuggling of WOLFRANG has increased to such an extent that even it is beyond the control of RPA.

3. The Sector had been working in close cooperation with the civil administration and RPA authorities.

HUMANITARIAN

4. The general humanitarian situation had improved tremendously since the last Sector Commander Conference. The various UN Agencies and NGOs providing all forms of humanitarian assistance contributed immensely to the present appreciable state of the Communes and the people. It is mentionable that till middle of July 95 this was Sub-Sector under Gisenyi and most of the humanitarian activities used to be control by Sector HQ of Gisenyi. But on being independent Sector and after arrival of Lt Col Sibanda as Sector Commander, all UN Agencies and NGOs working in Ruhengeri area are attending meeting with MILOBS on every Monday and Thursday.

COMMUNE CONDITION

5. The general situation in the Communes can be considered average. Despite of very good efforts and assistance by 12 NGOs working in Ruhengeri Prefecture still people are in need of food, water supply, material to construct houses and various items for agriculture. Though there are 3 Hospitals and 26 Clinics/Health Centers in the Prefecture still not adequate to cover the area. As such number of Burgmasters have the request to establish new health center. In all most all the Communes there are returnees of 59/60 who are to be resettled. Main problems faced by the Burgmaster to find out free land for them to resettle. Presence of mines/grenades in Butaro and Cyeru Communes have reduced the cultivating area and Burgmaster of Butaro had been requesting since long back to demine his area. It is also reported by Burgmaster of some Communes that due to lack of rainfall in this season farmers are not expecting good production out of their cultivation in September 95, hence people of this area are likely to face famine.

6. A few NGOs, ICRC, WFP and UNHCR have been assisting development activities such as construct/repair houses in 8 Communes, water projects in 4 Communes covering 40 Km area, rehabilitation of the Commune offices, schools and health centers and food to the returnees to all the Communes including Gendarmerie Training School. NGOs like MSF and SAVE THE CHILDREN are maintaining all the clinics with sufficient medicine and also providing technical assistance.

7. Relatively low number of returnees are coming from Uganda and in this month around 200 people have come through Cyanika. This people on arrival do not receive anything from UNHCR/NGOs like other places where organized repatriation exist. Matter was discussed with representatives of UNHCR but expressed their inability to open up an office at Cyanika for such less number of returnees. However after reporting in their respective Communes, they received some assistance from UNHCR through Burgmaster.

R E C O N C I L I A T I O N

8. Sector has observed that on the issue of reconciliation local authorities at various level including RPA had been organizing series of meeting through out the Prefect. Apparently the process is gradually gaining root but likely to take long time for total success depending on the conduct/attitude of people towards the newly arrived returnees.

A D M I N I S T R A T I O N

9. On being independent as Sector in middle of July 1995 we had a lot of problems like vehicles, computer, telephone and fax. Though we received all of them but computer without desk and printer have no use. The Sector lack in adequate office equipments and stationaries. Presently we have got 17 MILOBS against authorization of 22 but on 26 August 3 Malian MILOBS will be repatriated. Hence from the beginning of September it will be difficult to perform duties with only 14 MILOBS.

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BRIEF BY SECT CDR 5B

VISIT COS / DCMO - 23 AUG 1995

PREVAILING OPERATIONAL SITUATION.

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1. The op sit in sector 5B has changed considerably since the beginning of Aug 95. There has been upswing in the number of incidents. The level and intensity of incidents has changed and the location has been in the area of the Zaire / Rwanda Border and the general areas bordering the western and southern sides of the Gishwati Forest.

2. The overall situation may be deemed as tense. The incidents include infiltration, patrol clashes, sabotage and mine explosion, killing of suspected FRGF by the RPA and bodies washed ashore from the Lake.

3. A brief summary of the major incidents are as follows:

a. Infiltration. This activity has shown an increase with infiltrations occurring along the land border with Zaire and the Lake. There is a likelihood that a large numbers of these persons are remaining in the country and getting support from the locals. We have reason to believe that a group of such persons are active in the Rubavu Commune and in the Gishwati Forest.

b. Killings. The majority of these incidents have occurred in the town by the RPA with one exception by the infiltrators. These cases are handled by CivPol and the Human Rights team. There is an average of three or four reported murders a week.

c. Sabotage and Mine Incidents. Sabotage attempts have been made on electric pylons and water pipelines. Two mine attacks have damaged two vehs of NGO's and killed three local persons.

e. Patrol Clashes. Two patrol clashes between armed infiltrators and the RPA occurred in the Gishwati Forest, Mutura and in the No Man's Land across Zaire Border.

f. Bodies. During the month seven bodies were washed ashore from the lake. From the state of the bodies it appears that the victims were tortured and bodies were in the water for over two weeks.

4. Expulsion of Refugees.

a. 19 Aug 1800 h. The sect milobs learnt of a large no of returnees who had turned up at the Border Post Number 1. Two teams were imdt sent to the border posts and it was confirmed

that about 150 - 200 returnees were at the border post . The returnees said that they were forcibly evicted from the camp in Zaire , Mugunga, by the Zairian authorities. The Rwandan authorities had them housed in a security house for the night.

b. 20 Aug 0600 h. The sect milobs , human rights teams , UNHCR and the NGO's were activated on 20 Aug at 0600 h to monitor the sit at both the border posts .It was learnt that approx 181 returnees were present at the security house waiting to be cleared. The details of the returnees are listed below:-

- i) 37 persons deported from the Goma prisons.
- ii) 17 persons suspected to belong to FRGF.
- iii) 127 returnees were sent to the transit camp at Nkamira.

c. 21 Aug 0900 h. We got reports of arrival of civ buses and trucks at the border carrying refugees from the camps across the border. One team was imdt activated and sent to monitor the sit at the border post. The team reported that four buses and trucks carrying approx 250 returnees had arrived at the border from Muganga camp .Also additional vehs were expected at the border at regular intervals .Thereafter the vehs carrying the returnees came to the border after every hour. The sit as at 1800 h was :-

- i) 1173 persons were sent in UNHCR and NICOY transport to Nkamira Transit Camp 3018.
- ii) 808 persons were left at the border when it was closed for the day at 1800 h.
- iii) The breakdown of these figures are:-

Males : 425
Females: 585
Children: 971

Total : 1981

d. 22 Aug 95 0900 h. With the addl transport recieved from Kigali the backload of 806 returnees (who had spent the night in the border post) were transported to the transit camp by 1000 h .The fresh arrival of returnees was a little slow .However their arr built up during the day and the figures at the end of the day at 1800 h was :-

- i) 1957 persons were transported to the transit camp and the College Complex.
- ii) There were a total of 18 persons left to be cleared at the border post at 1800 h.

iii) There were 55 persons taken to the detention centre as they were prisoners from the camps at Goma.

d. Intimidation. Some reports from NGO's stated that during the day the Zairian soldiers at the Mugunga Camp told the refugees to get out from the camp and intimidated them by firing in the air. They also started looting and burnt some shelters. This made some of the refugees to flee the camp on foot. They separated the males from the children and the families leading to considerable problem at border and the transit camp. Some of the refugees who were afraid of getting back to Rwanda for reasons of retribution by the RPA did manage to escape the Zairian authorities to the hinterland.

e. Problems. The problems faced by the agencies here in registering the returnees are listed below:-

i) Transport. The UNHCR is short of vehs to transport the returnees from the border to the transit camp. However addl transport from UNAMIR (14 from Kigali and 5 from NICOY) were made available on 22 Aug.

ii) Escort. The convoys invariably got delayed because of lack of escort by the RPA. The RPA does not sufficient vehs to provide the escort. This is being supplemented with UNAMIR resources.

iii) Med Care. The NICOY have two ambulances which are being used. However there is shortage of med pers. One clinic from MSF has been est at the transit camp. It is requested that one amb from NORMED be requisitioned for effective med care at the College Area.

5. Assessment and Recommendations.

a. The Zairian threat of expelling the refugees is turning out to be true. This is a response to the lifting of the arms embargo by the UN. From the pattern it appears that their intention is to forcibly vacate the camps one by one. The returnees so far belonged to , Mugunga , the closest camp across the border. This indicates that the focus of the returnee movement will shift gradually from BP 1 to BP 4 and later to the border posts adjacent to Ruhengeri. This sudden decision by the Zairian Govt may not be planned as of now. However they may in time gear up optimising their resources and reach figures in tens of thousands thus creating a administrative overload. This would achieve their final aim of embarrassing the Govt and thus undermine their credibility.

b. The Zairian tps hired by the UNHCR did not participate in the expulsion of refugees. There are increasing reports of looting and intimidation of refugees by the Zairian authorities. This aspect could be looked into at the appropriate level.

c. The Govt authorities are at present not fully organised to accomodate and suitably rehabilitate all the returnees with the same speed as their arrival at the border. This could lead to problems of increasing social conflict if not done with due care and effective reconciliation.

c. Recommendations.

i) Security. The numbers of returnees who will be forced to stay at the border after it has been closed for the day at 1800 h each day is going to increase gradually. This is a grave security problem as the RPA is not geared to cater for the sit effectively. The lighting in the area is not adequate and needs to be looked into to avoid any nasty incidents. A team from Force Engrs can provide temporary lighting or the NICOY can be tasked to provide some genr sets.

ii) Water. There is a need to have a reserve of water of about 3 - 5,000 ltrs in vehs to cater for the returnees at the spot.

iii) Hygiene. A large number of returnees using the same area in the No Man's Land could create problems of hygiene . There is need to construct some field toilets in the area for use by the returnees.