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TO : FHQ HAC
TAC HQ BUTARE
MILOB GP HQ

DATE : 16 SEP 94

FROM : HQ SECTOR 3

REF : SEC3/OPS/3

SUBJECT : SECTOR 3 WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 15 SEP 94

GENERAL

1. The general situation in the sector has been calm during the week. There were virtually no political activities except for the election of commune and cellule leaders which is still in progress. The RPA continued to deploy in strength into Sector 4. There were also substantial movements of displaced persons and refugees from various parts of the sector towards the commune centres.

SITUATION

2. RPA.

(a) The RPA mounted a Cordon and search operation at the KABGAYI Catholic Complex on 11 Sep 94. It is not known what the purpose of the search was. Investigation of this issue failed to produce any results.

(b) RPA continued to deploy into Sector 4. It is estimated that about a battalion strength have deployed in the GIKONGORO area. A long column was observed on 12 Sep by MILOBS in BUTARE moving towards the GIKONGORO, CYANGUGU and KIBUYE on foot.

RGF and MILITIA. No RGF activity was reported in the Sector during the week. Even though the RPA have reported activities of the Militia no verification of their reports has been obtained by MILOBS in the Sector.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

3. MILOB Ops. MILOBS in the Sector continued with patrols to locate and update information on displaced persons camps. Other activities included the transportation of returning displaced persons to their home areas. Details on this will be discussed under Humanitarian Issues.

4. MALAWICOY Ops. MALAWICOY also continued with patrols and escort duties both the BUTARE and GITARAMA Prefectures. They also transported people into Sector 4 to locate their

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relatives whom they moved into BUTARE. They provided transportation for returnees from the Sector into KIGALI.

5. Comms. Comms have greatly improved with the installation of the repeater station. The Sector now has comms with other sectors on Motorola Channel 12 and MILOB Gp HQ on Channel 14. It is suggested that the Channel 12 be used by all MILOB units for communicating with each other.

ADMIN MATTERS

5. Strength. The total strength of MILOBs in the sector is 32. The MALAWICOY has 8 officers and 158 men.

LOGISTIC MATTERS.

6. With the increase in the number of MILOBs in the Sector, the lack of transport has become a limiting factor on the pace of work and administration of MILOBs. It is requested that the acquisition of transport for MILOB Teams be taken up as a matter of urgency.

7. Accommodation. Recce was carried out for accommodation in RUHANGO (7754) for the planned deployment of MILOBs and a MALAWICOY platoon. The only accommodation available was not large enough. Should the search for more suitable accommodation fail, tents will be used to supplement.

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES.

8. Refugees/Displaced Persons.

a. On 13 Sep 94, UNHCR reported the presence of about Rwandan 250,000 refugees on the northern border of BURUNDI. The refugees are said to be anxious to return home. Many of them however expressed fears of being harassed by the RPA. After reassurance from the UNHCR, it was agreed that repatriation would start from next week. UNHCR recorded 1612 crossings of refugees into RWANDA from northern BURUNDI as follows:

- (1) 10 Sep 94 - 817 refugees.
- (2) 11 Sep 94 - 417 refugees.
- (3) 12 Sep 94 - 378 refugees.

b. MILOB Teams in the Sector assisted displaced persons trying to make their way home with transport. Details of displaced persons who were assisted are as follows:

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(1) 12 Sep 94 - 45 persons along the BWAKIRA-MASANGO road conveyed to GITARAMA and KIGALI.

(2) 13 Sep 94 - 10 families in BUTARE escorted by MALAWICOY troops to search for their families in the GIKONGORO area.

(3) 15 Sep 94 - 68 persons conveyed by MILOB team and MALAWICOY troops from BUSORO (9247) to KANZEZE (0968). 13 other displaced persons were also conveyed to GITARAMA.

9. NGOs' Activities.

a. Sector Comd was informed by CONCERN that the latter only supplies seeds and farming implements and not food aid. They have indeed within the week distributed about 8,000 hoes. They are however facing some problems with seed acquisition. ICRC has however stepped up their activities in the GITARAMA Prefecture. Registration of families commenced on 15 Sep 94. Hopefully some food aid will be forthcoming from the ICRC as during the next two weeks.

b. About 1200 displaced persons in the KABGAYI township were issued with 2 weeks supply of food by FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY INTERNATIONAL (FHI) on 13 Sep 94.

c. NGOs operating in the BUTARE area expressed concern about their security in the rural areas. Team BUTARE and MALAWICOY are to provide them security on request.

PROBLEMS

10. Most displaced persons in the rural areas of the sector appear to be concentrating in the commune centres. During the week, there were reports that they feared to return to their own homes because of possible Interahmwe atrocities and because their homes have been destroyed. Some 1,300 displaced persons in KABGAYI have however agreed to go provided they will be concentrated in central locations.

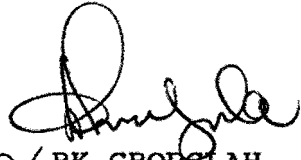
11. On several occasions during the week, RPA troops impeded the movement of UNAMIR troops in the sector through their checkpoints. On 13 Sep 94, a MILOB team was delayed at KIBEHO (5307) and asked to seek permission from their local commander or produce a movement permit before being allowed to proceed. Also on 13 Sep 94 a MALAWICOY patrol was denied passage through an RPA check point at NYAKIZU (5696). It is recommended that the issue of the free movement of UNAMIR personnel in pursuit of their duties should be

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taken up at higher level to prevent any confrontations in the future.

CONCLUSION

12. There has been an increase in NGO activity in the sector during the week. It is expected that the coming week will see more relief for the suffering people in the sector. However, the security situation as regards relationship with the RPA has not been quite satisfactory. There is the urgent need to address that problem.


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