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SOPs ON RETURNEES FROM EXILE

GENERAL

1. The shooting down of the presidential plane on 06 April 94 marked a series of border jumping following the war that ensued. The refugees have indicated their intentions to come back to their homes because the situation has turned back to normalcy. These SOPs describe procedures to be followed in the return of exiled citizens of Rwanda.

AIM

2. The aim of these SOPs is to outline procedures for the smooth return of Rwandese persons from exile.

CATEGORIES

3. The following categories comprise personalities with the intention of returning to their homes:

- a. Politicians.
- b. Ex Govt Officials.
- c. Ex Militants/Gendamarie.
- d. Militias.
- e. General Rwandese People.

POLITICIAN

4, One who is engaged in politics as a profession. This person can be selected and officiated with a political party or simply engaged in politics as a profession. This category involves persons as shown hereunder:

- a. Party President.
- b. Cabinet Ministers.
- c. Politburo Members.
- d. Parliamentarians.

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EX GOVT OFFICIALS

5. Any individual who was employed by the government and exercised senior responsibility and who acted as representative of his government. The persons meant are as follows:

- a. Governors/Prefect/Bomgamesters etc.
- b. Govt Functionaries.
- c. Appointees of Parastatals.
- d. Govt Appointees.

EX MILITARY/GENDAMARIE

6. Any members who were or are in active service. Retired army officers with influence. These are:

- a. RGF/RGA.
- b. Gendarmerie.
- c. Police.
- d. Retired Army Officers.

MILITIAS

7. These are armed wings of political parties protecting interests of political parties. Party faithfuls Armed but are not members of the army.

GENERAL RWANDESE PEOPLE

8. These are the rank and file who are citizens of Rwanda by birth and nationality.

9. DETAILED PROCEDURES ON RETURN. The following procedure is to be followed by applicants:

- a. Any individual or group of persons wishing to return to Rwanda is to contact the nearest UNAMIR Troops.
- b. Returnees are to fill in four copies of the application forms (Annex A).

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c. Returnees are to give details of their particulars to UNAMIR as requested.

10. ACTION BY SECTOR HQs. Sector HQs must make it a point that the following is done:

- a. Ensure that individual details are filled in properly.
- b. Collate all information in respect of the returnees.
- c. Forward copies to forces Headquarters.
- d. Maintain a record of returning citizens.
- e. Continue to monitor the situation.
- f. Administration of returnees to be placed under the care of ICRC/UNHCR.
- g. Where the ICRC or UNHCR is not available Sector HQ is to provide admin until they hand over to them.

11. ACTION BY FORCE HQ. The Force HQ will receive forms from all sectors and forward to UN Political Administration, who will forward them to the Government.

12. ACTION BY THE SRSG'S OFFICE. The SRSG will act as follows:

- a. Evaluate political implications.
- b. Forward recommendations and application forms to the Government for clearance.
- c. The SRSG will receive cleared applicants.
- d. SRSG's office forwards governments response to HAC for action.

HAC

13. The Humanitarian Assistance Cell will act as follows:

- a. Receive application forms from SRSG and initiate action.
- b. Pass down information to Sector HQs and inform ICRC/UNHCR of intended future tasks.

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SECTOR HQs

14. The Sector HQs will do the following:

- a. Inform individual returnees of the procedure about their clearance.
- b. Prepare escorts in conjunction with RPA.

PROCEDURE FOR RETURN

15. UNAMIR is to arrange and act as follows:

- a. Convey returning citizens to a local prefecture under escort.
- b. Unit in area of returnee's homes to monitor arrival of persons.
- c. HAC to inform units in home areas of cleared persons for follow up action.

BIOGRAPHY DATA FOR RETURNEES

CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_

1. FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

2. OTHER NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

3. NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ RANK( IF APPLICABLE ) \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

4. WHETHER ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

GIVE NAMES:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

5. PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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6. OCCUPATION BEFORE THE WAR \_\_\_\_\_

7. LAST APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE WAR \_\_\_\_\_

8. LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

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9. BRIEF BACK GROUND \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. RETURNEE FROM:	TO:
A. TOWN _____	A. TOWN _____
B. PREFECTURE _____	B. PREFECTURE _____
C. UNAMIR SECTOR _____	C. UNAMIR SECTOR _____

11. APPLICANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

12. SECTOR COMD'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

13. COMMENTS BY SRSG \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE:

DATE STAMP:

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PLEASE DELIVER TO SRSG  
AND FC AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE  
FRIDAY MORNING

TO: KHAN, UNAMIR, KIGALI  
FROM: ANNAN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK  
DATE: 11 AUGUST 1994  
NUMBER: **2528**  
SUBJECT: Refugees in Goma

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US Mission informs us this evening that their seismological authorities have detected strong signs of imminent eruption of volcano near Goma. If this occurs, lava would reach refugee locations within hours.

Hansen is taking whatever contingency measures are feasible and will be in contact with agencies and other institutions concerned.

You should, as an urgent contingency measure, intensify whatever preparations UNAMIR is making for return of refugees in view of the possible influx that would result if eruption does occur.

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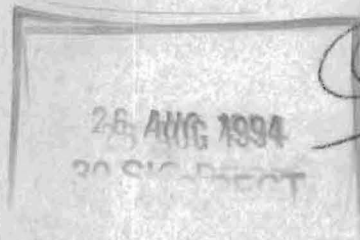


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BRITCON FOR OPS OFFR AND MILO. SUBJ IS ENGR RECCE OF WATER PUMPING STATION AT GR 886127 RED THAT SUPS CAMP 209 AT KIBEHO GR 845068. RECCE PTY WAS MAKING ITS WAY TO PUMPING STATION. IT WAS STOPPED AT AN RPA CHECK POINT AT GR 873077 RED. PTY WAS INFORMED THEY HAD NO CLEARANCE TO BE IN THAT AREA AND THAT THE PTY MUST GO BACK. THIS THEY DID BUT ANOTHER CHECK POINT HAD BEEN PLACED BEHIND THEM AT GR 874072 RED. THE VEHs WERE SURROUNDED BY APPROX 12-15 RPA SOLDIERS ARMED WITH SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND BELT-FED MACHINE GUNS. THE PTY WERE INFORMED THEY WERE UNDER ARREST AND WERE ASKED TO HAND OVER THEIR WPNS AND ID CARDS. THE PARTYU PROTESTED BUT AS THE RPA BECAME MORE INSISTENT THEY COMPLIED WITH THE ORDER. THE RPA COMD CLAIMED THE PTY HAD COMMITTED A HOSTILE ACT BY GOING INTO RPA TERRITORY WITHOUT AUTHORITY AND THAT IF THE ACT WAS REPEATED THEY WOULD OPEN FIRE. HE THEN THREATENED TO TAKE THE PTY TO HIS HIGHER COMD IN BUTARE. THE RPA RECORDED ID CARD DETAILS AND WPN SERIAL NOS AND THEN RETURNED THEM TO THE PTY AND THE PTY WERE ALLOWED TO GO. THE FOL MADE UP THE RECCE PARTY

CAPT L BATES  
LT P FOUNTAINE  
CPL MARR  
LCPL MURGADROYD  
LCPL WHEELER  
SPR BROWN  
KIBEHO CHEF DE CAMPE  
2 X LOCAL WATER ENGINEERS  
LT P FOUNTAINE WILL BE IN KIGALI TOMORROW AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DEBRIEFING  
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6 August, 94.

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SUBJECT: MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 16

Reference:

A. Operation Order No. 16 dated 25 July 94.

1. The following amendments have been made to OPO 16.

a. EXECUTION. Para 6b must now read "UNAMIR Forces engaged in the Relief in Place Operations will work under Chapter VI during all Phases".

b. Para 6c must now read "Four Infantry battalions (three mechanized and one motorized)"

c. Para 7b. Phase II must now read as follow:

(1) Relief in Place Operation. Relief in Place operation with a view to replace FCF in Sector 4 by UNAMIR troops. In that, GHANBATT (Bn+) will deploy in Sector 4A, One Mechanized Inf Battalion (Bn (+)) in Sector 4B, One Motorized Inf Battalion (Bn(+)) in Sector 4C.

(2) At the same time, deployment of one motorized battalion in Sector 5, one Engineer Company in Sector 1 and two Independent Infantry Companies in Sectors 2 and 3 will continue, accompanied by the deployment of supporting elements, UNMOs and UNCIVPOL.

d. Para 8a. Delete second sentence. Para will now read: "Grouping. Full strength of 800 personnel and 50 APCs.

e. Para 9a. Delete the second sentence. Para will now read as follows:

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**"Grouping.** As per UN Table of Organisation and equipment (approx strength - 800 personnel)".

f. Para 10 will now be as follows:

10. **Mechanized Battalion Three.**

a. **Grouping.** As per UN Table of Organization and equipment (approximate strength 800 personnel).

b. **Deployment.** The Battalion will be deployed at Sector 5 after detailed recce by own troops and based on information received from MILOBs. Sector HQ will be located at RUHENGRI. A suggested deployment is shown at Annex B.

c. **Tasks.**

(1) **Phase I.** Carry out necessary ground recce prior to commencing Phase-II.

(2) **Phase-II.** Deploy as per plan in Sector 5.

(3) **Phase-III.**

(a) Be fully operational.

(b) Provide armed escorts on requirement.

(c) Establish safe haven areas for displaced persons and secure these camps by static guards/mobile patrolling.

(d) Conduct exchange of refugees/displaced persons on orders from Force HQ Humanitarian Cell.

(e) Provide escorts on order to provide security to humanitarian aid convoys and distribution points.

(f) Participate in security operations with local authorities such as Communal Police and Gendarmerie.

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(g) Undertake, control measures (road blocks, cordon and search, etc) in conjunction with local authorities.

(h) Undertake deterrent operations with local authorities against illegal groups.

(i) Control the main axis in Sector 5.

(j) Monitor border crossing by refugees and armed individual/groups in own area of responsibility.

(k) Control and monitor all movements from ZAIRE to own area of responsibility.

(l) Provide security in large towns.

(m) Protect airfield/strip(s) in own area.

(n) Detain/arrest any suspected individual/groups and hand them over to local authority.

(o) Guard UN installations in own area.

(4) **Phase-IV**. Handover all responsibilities to Rwandese Armed Forces.

g. Para 11 will now be as follows:

11. **Motorized Battalion**

a. **Grouping**. As per UN Table of Organization and equipment (Approx strength 800 personnel).

b. **Deployment**. The battalion will be deployed in Sector 4c after detailed recce by own troops and based on information received from MILOBs. Sector HQ will be at CYANGUGU. A suggested deployment is shown at Annex B.

c. **Tasks**.

(1) **Phases I**. Carry out necessary ground recce prior to commencing Phase-II.

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(2) **Phase-II**. Conduct "RELIEF IN PLACE" Operation and deploy as per plan after replacing French troops in Sector 4C.

(3) **Phase-III**

(a) Be fully operational.

(b) Provide armed escorts on requirement.

(c) Establish safe haven areas for displaced persons and secure these camps by static guards/mobile patrolling.

(d) Conduct exchange of refugees/displaced persons on orders from Force HQ Humanitarian Cell.

(e) Provide escorts on order to provide security to humanitarian aid convoys and distribution points.

(f) Participate in security operations with local authorities such as Communal Police and Gendarmerie.

(g) Undertake, control measures (road blocks, cordon and search, etc) in conjunction with local authorities.

(h) Undertake deterrent operations with local authorities against illegal groups.

(i) Control the main axis in Sector 4c.

(j) Monitor border crossing by refugees and armed individuals/groups in own area of responsibility.

(k) Provide security in large towns.

(l) Protect airfield/strip(s) in own area.

(m) Detain /arrest any suspected individual/groups and hand them over to local authority.

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(n) Secure the road passing through the forest in the area of responsibility by patrolling.

(o) Ensure that RGF troops are not in defensive positions.

(p) Guard UN installations in own area.

(q) Maintain close liaison with FCF till their departure.

(4) **Phase-IV**. Handover all responsibilities to Rwandese Armed Forces.

h. Para 12 will now read: 12. "**Independent Motorized Company One**".

i. Para 13 will now read: 13. "**Independent Motorized Company Two**".

j. Para 13b, will now read:

b. **Deployment**. The Company will be deployed in Sector 2 after detailed recce by own troops and based on information received from MILOBs. Sector HQ will be located at KIGALI. A suggested deployment is shown at Annex B.

k. Para 13 c(2) will now read " (2) **Phase-II**. Deploy as per plan in Sector 2.

l. Para 14 will now read as follows:

14. **Independent Motorized Company Three**

a. **Grouping**. As per UN Table of Organization and equipment (max strength 200 personnel).

b. **Deployment**. The Company will be deployed in Sector 1 after detailed recce by own troops and based on information received from MILOBs. Sector HQ will be located at BYUMBA. A suggested deployment is shown at Annex B.

c. **Tasks**.

(1) **Phases I**. Carry out necessary ground recce prior to commencing Phase-II.

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(2) **Phase-II**. Deploy as per plan in Sector 1.

(3) **Phase-III**

- (a) Be fully operational.
- (b) Provide armed escorts on requirement.
- (c) Establish safe haven areas for displaced persons and secure these camps by static guards/mobile patrolling.
- (d) Conduct exchange of refugees/displaced persons on orders from Force HQ Humanitarian Cell. .
- (e) Provide escorts on order to provide security to humanitarian aid convoys and distribution points.
- (f) Participate in security operations with local authorities such as Communal Police and Gendarmerie.
- (g) Undertake, control measures (road blocks, cordon and search, etc) in conjunction with local authorities.
- (h) Undertake deterrent operations with local authorities against illegal groups.
- (i) Control the main axis in Sector 1.
- (j) Monitor border crossing by refugees and armed individual/groups in own area of responsibility.
- (k) Provide security in large towns.
- (l) Protect airfield/strip(s) in own area.
- (m) Detain/arrest any suspected individual/groups and hand them over to local authority.

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(n) Monitor/guard RPF sites in own area.

(o) Guard UN installations in own area.

m. Change subsequent paras as follows:

- (1) Para 14 to Para 15.
- (2) Para 15 to Para 16.
- (3) Para 16 to Para 17.
- (4) Para 17 to Para 18.
- (5) Para 18 to Para 19.
- (6) Para 19 to Para 20.
- (7) Para 20 to Para 21.
- (8) Para 21 to Para 22.
- (9) Para 22 to Para 23.
- (10) Para 23 to Para 24.
- (11) Para 24 to Para 25.
- (12) Para 25 to Para 26.
- (13) Para 26 to Para 27.
- (14) Para 27 to Para 28.
- (15) Para 28 to Para 29 (Note change in bdry between Sector 4B and 4A).
- (16) Para 29 to Para 30.
- (17) Para 30 to Para 31.
- (18) Para 31 to Para 32.
- (19) Para 32 to Para 33.
- (20) Para 33 to Para 34.
- (21) Para 34 to Para 35.



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(22) Para 35 to Para 36.

(23) Para 36 to Para 37.

(24) Para 37 to Para 38.

(25) Para 38 to Para 39.

(26) Para 39 to Para 40.

(27) Para 40 to Para 41.

(28) Para 41 to Para 42.

o. All other paragraphs of Reference A remain unchanged.

p. In the Distribution please insert "Mechanized Bn 3 after Mechanized Bn 2.

2. All are requested to make the necessary amendments.

  
RA DALLAIRE  
Maj Gen  
Force Commander

Annex:

B. Revised Inter Battalion Boundaries.

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