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SUBJECT: SECTOR SARAJEVO: WEEKLY SITUATION REPORT	

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HIGHLIGHTS

- * The military situation in/around Sarajevo remained tense. Mortar shells fell in the populated areas of the city at the beginning of the week causing deaths and casualties.
- * The fuel situation in the Sector has reached a critical stage seriously affecting UNPROFOR operational missions. Drastic restrictions on fuel consumption have been imposed.
- * Three sniper incidents involving international organizations took place near the Dobrinja checkpoint: 1 French soldier was killed and 1 Italian journalist was wounded.
- * Sarajevo airport is closed. The Serb LO at the airport stated that UNPF flights can resume but only for UNPROFOR military personnel/cargo.
- * There has been no incidents at Sierra 4 since the agreement signed by General Gobilliard and BSA General Milosevic on 8 April.
- * There has been no progress on the issue of the eight international hostages held by the Serbs (5 PSF, 2 Swiss and 1 German NGO worker).
- * The second congress of the Serb Civic Council was held in Sarajevo; the Bosnian "loyal" Serbs say that the Council represents an alternative to the Pale leadership.
- * Despite the closure of the airlift and the overall tension, the humanitarian situation remains relatively good: food stocks are sufficient; gas, water and electricity are all available at reasonable levels.

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1.0 EVENTS OF POLITICAL INTEREST

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Military situation

The military situation has been relatively tense all week with a daily average of firing incidents close to 1,000. The city was shelled on several occasions. On 09.04.95, eight 120 mm shells landed near Holiday Inn (no casualties). On 10 April, six 120 mm mortar shells killed 2 people and injured five. One mortar shell also injured 5 civilians the next day. NATO flights over Sarajevo were requested.

Following these incidents, the Ministry of Interior made the decision to forbid the gathering of people in public places in order to avoid large scale incidents. General Smith sent a letter of protest to BSA General Mladic pointing out that he could call in NATO air power to enforce the capital's status as a UN designated Safe Area. In his reply, General Mladic denied that his forces had fired on the city center.

Several sniper incidents took place including the killing of 1 Bosnian woman on 10 April. UNPROFOR'S anti-sniper project (passive protection) was presented to the President of the Serb communities around Sarajevo who will in turn discuss it with its military authorities. The Bosnian side presented the project to the Civil Defense who will make recommendations.

Fuel situation is critical; several operational missions stopped

The fuel situation has reached a critical stage seriously affecting UNPROFOR operational missions in/around Sarajevo: anti-sniping measures have been reduced, G5 missions cancelled, utilities repairs reduced to the support of UNPROFOR activities, etc. Drastic restriction on fuel consumption were imposed (Civil Affairs Sector Sarajevo has been allocated 20 liters per week in total). At the time of this report, there were only 3 days of diesel and 9 days of gasoline left.

Sniper incidents on the Dobrinja road

Three sniper incidents involving international organizations took place this week on the Dobrinja road. The most serious incident occurred on 14.04.95 and involved a FREBAT 2 soldier commanding a VAB armored vehicle. The soldier was shot in the neck by one small arm round. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the PTT hospital. An Italian journalist was also shot in the shoulder in the same area earlier in the week. Finally, a vehicle with UNHCR plates was also shot at (no casualties).

Sarajevo Airport: no flights; visit of the Contact Groups cancelled

The airport remained closed for all flights. On 14.04.95, the Serb LO at the airport informed the airport commander that UNPROFOR flights could resume but only for UNPROFOR military personnel/cargo.

The visit of the Contact Group scheduled for 12 April was cancelled after UNPROFOR failed to receive the necessary safety guarantees from the Serbs.

Sierra 4

There has been no incidents at Sierra 4 since the signing of the agreement between General Gobilliard and BSA General Milosevic. Although UNPROFOR presence has not increased at the checkpoint, French soldiers are more actively supervising the Serb checking procedure.

Hostages

There has been no progress on the issue of the 8 international hostages detained by the Serbs. CIVPOL tried on several occasions to visit the detainees this week but without success. Authorities in Lukavica mentioned that investigations are still ongoing. They stated that they will contact UNPROFOR regarding visits of detainees.

In a coordination meeting organized by PSF, the French Ambassador Mr Jacolin, stated that the PSF case is the responsibility of the French Embassy although Civil Affairs has the "informal leadership". He also stated that the official position of the French government is "No bargain" and that the time to involve the press had not come yet.

Serb Civic Council

The second congress of the Serb Civil Council took place at the Holiday Inn on 9 April. The gathering of Bosnian "loyal" Serbs from different parts of Bosnia was also attended by Serbs from Serbia and Croatia. Pejanovic, a member of the BiH Presidency, presided the Council. In a 2 hours speech he stated that Bosnia and Herzegovina is an indivisible country within its internationally recognized borders and that the leadership in Pale does not represent all the Serbs. The Council being a democratic alternative, it should be consulted in the international peace process. He mentioned that the BH Federal Parliament should amend the Federal constitution, formally recognizing the Bosnian Serbs as a constituent nation. He also urged Serbian President Milosevic to accept mutual recognition of Bosnia and Croatia.

2.0 UTILITIES

Electricity: The amount of electricity reaching the city is stable. At the time of this report, the city is receiving the following average electricity supply:

Bosnian side (from Bosnian sources): 19 MW

Bosnian side (from Serb sources): 23 MW

Serb side (from Bosnian sources): 30 MW

Serb side (from Serb sources): Unknown

All recce/repair missions have been suspended due to the lack of fuel.

Water: The water situation is currently stable with a total production of 1,413 L/S for the city. The issue of chlorine for the Bacevo water station remains unresolved. Croatian authorities refused to allow the transportation of the gas onto their territory unless it is done by an officially

recognized transporter. It is believed that the amount of chlorine at Bacevo will only last for a few more days.

Gas: The gas pressure in Sarajevo is stable. The section Semizovac-Velesici has been open for testing. However, the Velesici valve cannot be opened unless there is an increase of gas from Russia. Bosnian authorities invited Ambassador Eagleton to attend a meeting in Moscow on 23 April on the issue of payment for gas. The BiH government stated earlier that they would like the SCS donors to contribute to the payment of gas.

3.0 HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

General situation: The overall food situation is stable despite the closure of the airlift (sufficient stocks).

A UNHCR fuel convoy was stopped and searched at Sierra 1 on 13 April. The Serbs confiscated 10,000 DM (salary of local staff) brought in by the convoy leader. The convoy turned back to Kiseljak. UNHCR has decided to suspend delivery of fuel until the money is returned.

Sarajevo market prices (DM)

14 April 95		07 April 95	
Oil	4.0	Oil	5.0
Sugar	3.0	Sugar	3.0
Potatoes	3.5	Potatoes	2.5
Apples	5.0	Apples	4.0
Eggs	0.37	Eggs	0.27
Onions	3.0	Onions	2.5
Carrots	N/A	Carrots	N/A
Garlic	7.0	Garlic	6.0
Meat	16.0	Meat	15.0

Freedom of movement:

During the period 7 April - 13 April, there was a total of 73 crossings at the Bratsvo bridge: (Sarajevo-Grbavica: 46; Grbavica-Sarajevo: 27).

A meeting on freedom of movement at Bratsvo bridge took place at the airport on 14 April. The two parties discussed privately lists of people crossing the bridge.

Best regards

