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CORPS COMMANDER

General,

On the 28 and 29 June 1995 the Bosnian Serb forces of Romanija Corps launched several attacks on civilian targets in the city of Sarajevo, using very powerful bombs as well as heavy artillery :

- 28 June 0930: an extremely powerful rocket bomb was fired at the TV building,
- the same day 1020: 4 heavy mortar rounds were fired at the Alpasino Polje residential area,
- the same day 1250: another rocket bomb was fired at the same area,
- 29 June 1130: 3 mortar rounds were fired at residential buildings in the city centre.

This ill-considered and irresponsible escalation continued on the evening of 29 June when 3 high-power projectiles struck the PTT building, the HQ of Commander Sector Sarajevo.

The seriousness of the events of the past 48 hours obliges me to remind both you and your officers most earnestly of your moral and legal obligation to adhere to the Geneva Convention as well as the agreements and assurances made to the peacekeeping forces. Protocol 1 of the Geneva Convention states, particularly in Section 2, Article 85, that deliberate attacks on the civilian population constitute a "serious breach" of the Convention, rendering their perpetrators liable to trial by an international court.

I must also tell you that in any case, these unacceptable attacks will not lessen in the slightest the will of Sector Sarajevo to fulfil impartially the missions laid out in its mandate.

With this in mind, I strongly protest against these bombardments carried out on your orders, and demand that you immediately halt all attacks directed at either the civilian population or UNPROFOR.

Colonel Robert MEILLE
Acting Sector Commander