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ALLEGED GOS ATTACK

ON

THE VILLAGES OF BORA, ARINJANA AND FORY

ON

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CFC CEASEFIRE VIOLATION REPORT NO. 126/04: ALLEGED GOS ATTACK ON THE VILLAGES OF BORA, ARINJANA AND FORY ON 22 DEC 04

Reference:

- A. SLA Complaint dated 23 Dec 04.
- B. HQ/ SEC 4/OPS/G dated 29 Dec 04.

INTRODUCTION

- SLA lodged a complaint on the 23 Dec 04 alleging that the GoS had attacked the villages of Bora, Arinjana and Fory on 22 Dec 04.
- Team H was tasked to investigate the allegation.

ASSESSMENT

 The team established that Major/ Sheikh Sedik Altaieeb, commander of Rokkiro GoS Military Camp, had directed 30 of his soldiers to secure the fields in Neskam on the 22 Dec 04, when they encountered SLA soldiers in the area

and an exchanged of fire ensued. The GoS soldiers eventually chased the SLA soldiers to Fory village. No casualties were suffered on both sides.

- GoS entered Fory village, burnt some houses, looted some shops and took along 5 donkeys.
- In the Rokiro area there is an IDP community of about 3000 people, who are in need of humanitarian support.

CONCLUSION

- GoS violated Art 2(2) and (6) by the following:
 - Attacking SLA fighters around Neskam on 22 Dec 04.
 - Burning down houses, looting shops and seizing 5 donkeys in the village of Fory on 22 Dec 04.
- The IDPs in Rokiro are in need of humanitarian support.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8. It is recommended that:
 - GoS should investigate and prosecute Major Sedik Altaieeb and his soldiers involved in the violations in Neskam and Rokiro.
 - GoS, in coordination with AMIS, should facilitate the speedy return of the 5 donkeys back to their owners in Fory.
 - GoS HAC should actively facilitate the provision of humanitarian support to the IDPs, in coordination with AMIS and NGOs.

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Enclosure:

 Report on Alleged GoS Attack on the Villages of Bora, Arinjana and Fory on 22 Dec 04.

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Kabkabiya Sudan 29 Dec 2004

Investigation report Fory village (N 13 12 56.4 E 24 27 32.3)

Introduction:

1. A representative of the SLA in sector 4 on Thursday 23rd Dec. 2004 complained to the Sec. HQ of an alleged attack on Wednesday 22nd Dec. 2004 in the early hours of the morning, by the GOS soldiers in and around the villages of Bora, Arinjana and Fory, killing some people, stealing animals and goods.

2. Team Hotel was tasked to investigate the complain of the alleged attack in the area. The team departed Sec. HQ by MI-8 on the 24th Dec. 2004 to Fory village and Rokiro village on the 27th Dec. 2004 by MI-8 to talk to witnesses and collect evidence.

INVESTIGATION:

- The Team interviewed the following:
 - a. Mosa Mohamed Khamis Sheikh of Fory village.
 - Abakar Abdel-Menem Mohamed Ahmed shop owner.
 - Mobarak Abdel-Shkour Aadam SLA fighter.
 - Major El-shekh El-sedik Al-taieb commander of Rikoro military camp.
 - e. Abd-Allah Hosen Aadam Umda of Rokiro village. (Statements attached as annex A)
- 2. On 24th Dec.2004 the Team interviewed the villagers at Fory village. They stated that their village was attacked by between 30 - 50 soldiers in military uniforms between the early hours of 05:00 and 06:00 on Wednesday morning 22nd Dec. 2004 as confirmed by the SLA commander found in
- 3. The SLA fighters informed the patrol that 2 people were killed and 2 injured during the attack in Fory village but the 2 dead could not be confirmed.
- 4. The fighters further stated that whilst the GOS soldiers were withdrawing from Fory village they went away with 4 camels, 6 donkeys, some goods and were chased by 4 SLA fighters. During an exchange of fire they retrieved 12 beds from the GOS soldiers.
- 5. The team observed that around 10 houses were completely burnt down during the attack and empty cartridges were found in the village and the looted shop and store was also visited.

- 6. On 27th Dec.2004 a stop was made at the GOS military camp in Rokiro and the team later proceeded to the village after meeting the senior military officer.
- 7. Major / Sheikh Sedik Altaieeb commander of Rokiro military camp confirmed sending 30 armed soldiers to secure the fields in Neskam on the 22nd Dec. 2004. The soldiers found SLA fighters in the area and chased them to Fory village, whilst exchanging fire between them. No casualty on either side was suffered according to him. He also confirmed that his soldiers brought along 5 donkeys found in the streets and the 5 donkeys are now with the Umda of Rokiro awaiting their
- 8. The Umda of Rokiro village informed the Team there are about 3000 IDPs and needs NGOs

ASSESSMENT:

- 1. Owing to the large number of empty cases littered around the village, firing of guns did take place
- 2. The number of burnt houses in the village is likely done by the attackers as well as looting of shop
- 3. The fact that the commander in Rikoro camp sent 30 armed soldiers to an area frequented by the SLA fighters shows his commitment to fight.
- 4. There is high presence of IDPs in and around Rokiro.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. In conclusion, the team agreed that looting of shop, stealing of animals and burning of houses occurred in Fory village on the said date.
- 2. The team also confirmed that article 2 of the ceasefire agreement was violated by GOS troops since the GOS troops entered Fory village, burnt some houses and took along 5 donkeys as confirmed by the commander.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. All parties to the conflict should be urged to respect the ceasefire agreement.
- 2. Frequents patrols to show AUCFC presence in those areas should be encouraged.
- 3. NGOs should be contacted so as to reach to the IDPs and villages for humanitarian assistance.

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ANNEX A To TH / 16 /OPS

PERSONAL CONTACT REPORT

1. Report number: TH/16/10

2. Who initiated the contact:

Team Hotel (reporter) - however, upon arrival of the team the contact came forward.

3. Means of contact: (personal meeting / technical)

Personal interview.

4. Date of the interview:

24th December 2004

4. Person(s) met with:

Mosa Mohamed Khamis sheikh of Fory village.

5. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report – 1 to 5) : 3

6. Summary of meeting:

- a. On 22nd Dec.04 GOS soldiers from Rokiro military camp dressed in Kaki uniform came on foot around 0900hrs and burned the houses.
- b. He saw the attackers and ran away during the attack.
- c. No body was killed, but 2 people sustained gun shot wounds and has been taken to Daya health center.
- d. The attackers were GOS soldiers not Gangaweed, SLA fighters was around but they also ran away with the civilians.
- e. The attackers looted a shop, 4 camels and 6 donkeys.
- f. Both people in Rokiro and Fory are from Fur tribe and those in Rokiro support GOS while those in Fory support SLA.

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Abakar Abdel-menem Mohamed Ahmed the shop owner.

He sell sugar, oil, batteries, soup.....ect.

- 5. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report 1 to 5) : 3
- 6. Summary of meeting:
 - a. The attack was around 0630hrs.
 - b. He was at home then notice soldiers movement in the village and ran away.
 - c. His wife was selling in the shop.
 - d. They looted all goods in his shop and stole 2 camels and properties from his house.

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Mobarak Abdel-shkour Aadam SLA fighter.

5. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report - 1 to 5): 3

6. Summary of meeting:

- a. The attack was around 0500hrs.
- b. He heard the sound of the gun shots then he saw the civilians running away whilst at SLA camp.
- c. 2 people were killed from the village and 2 people were wounded in Daya health center.
- d. He saw about 30 soldiers dressed in Kaki uniform came from Rokiro.
- e. There is no Gangawid in the area.
- f. 4 SLA fighters chased the attackers.
- g. The GOS soldiers threw 12 beds they stole from Fory village which they collected and brought

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4. Date of the interview:

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Major El-shekh El-sedik Al-taieb commander of Rikoro military camp.

- 6. Summary of meeting:
 - a. On 22nd Dec.04 he sent 30 armed soldiers to secure the fields in Neskam.
 - b. The GOS soldiers found SLA fighters in the area of Neskam and chased them to Fory village.
 - c. There was exchange of fire between them (GOS soldiers and SLA fighters).
 - d. No body was killed or injured during exchange of fire.
 - e. The soldiers brought along 5 donkeys found in the streets, the 5 donkeys are now with the Umda of Rikoro awaiting their claimants,

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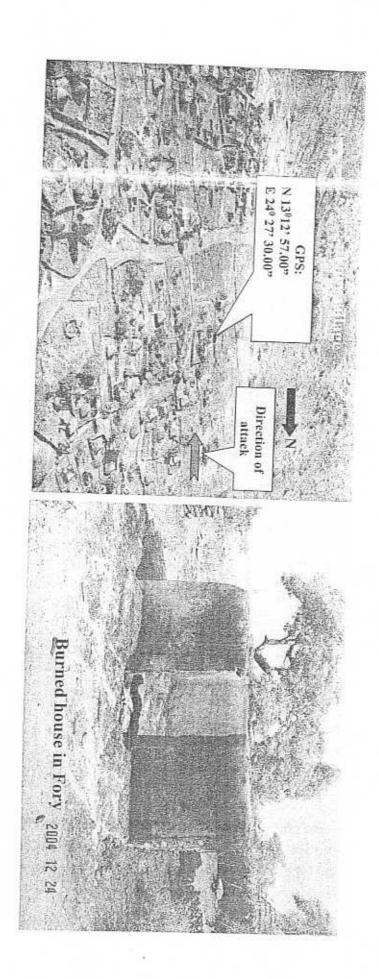
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- 4. Person(s) met with:
- 5. Credibility / reliability of contact (according to the report 1 to 5) : 3

Abd-Allah Hosen Aadam - Umda of Rokiro village.

- 6. Summary of meeting:
 - a. He heard that Fory village was attacked by GOS soldiers and some armed civilians from Neskam
 - b. There are about 30 armed civilians in Neskam.
 - c. Many IDPs from surrounding villages.
 - d. Needs NGOs support.

Annex to



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Sector Commander's Comments - Attack on Fory

1 - Regarding to the investigation report attached, I agree that violation from GOS had taken place since they have moved from their camp at (Rokiro) village to (Fory) village, however that was justified by the camp commander as a routine activity by sending patrols in order to keep security around the camp also to protect locals in his AOR.

NOTE: it seems to be essential if AUCFC could specify whether its permitted or not to have such mobile patrols out of units within certain distance to monitor and secure the camp against any reconnaissance activities (pertaining to article 2 bullet 2 of CFA).

2 - Despite the fact that the strength and armament of the SLA, JEM parties is considerably weak comparing with GOS troops, but they could be able to perform some provocative activities which could compel the GOS troops to react adversely by military actions to secure its military camps and show state sovereignty.

NOTE: for that reason I urgently request the parties (SLA/JEM) to specify their camps and check points locations as GOS has done earlier, to enable the CFC of determining whether there is any violations occurred, as its impossible to determine if any military movement out of the camps or territories extension took place in such situation where the original camps locations are not well determined and identified previously (Pertaining to article 2 bullet 3 of CFA).

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3 - The GOS representative in its written remarks claims that the rebel grouping in the area of Rokiro attacked the village several times. He suggests that this was the cause of the GOS operation against the rebel controlled area. The attacks mentioned in the attached letter are already the subject of a separate investigation. However, even when the allegation has been proved, the SLA harassment can not constitute a viable ground for the GOS to conduct a military operation against SLA controlled villages, thus violating the CFA.

Attachments:

- 1. Investigation report
- 2. Original complain
- 3. GOS representative remarks

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Colonel

Sector Commander

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