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1. THIS MORNING THE UNMO TEAM AND DCO OF DUTCHBAT HAD A MEETING WITH MAJ NIKOLIC. THE ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED WERE: THE MEDEVAC OF THE WOUNDED INSIDE THE COMPOUND AND IN BRATUNAC. THE WOUNDED HAD TO BE CHECKED BEFORE THEY WOULD BE TRANSPORTED. UNMO'S AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF ICRC SHOULD BE PRESENT DURING THE CHECK WHICH THEY WERE. THE CHECK WAS VERY POLITE AND NOTHING THAT COULD SCARE THE REFUGEES HAPPENED. THE BSA OFFICERS EVEN LEFT THEIR WEAPONS BEHIND DURING THE CHECK. MAJ NIKOLIC STATED FURTHER THAT THE LOCAL STAFF WAS GRANTED AMNESTY BY THE RSK AND WERE THEREFORE FREE TO GO WITH DUTCHBAT. ALSO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REFUGEES (MR MANDZIC) IS FREE TO GO WITH DUTCHBAT.
2. IN THE AFTERNOON A SECOND MEETING WAS HELD IN WHICH UNMO'S, DCO OF DUTCHBAT, COL DRCIC, MSF AND ICRC TOOK PART. IT WAS AGREED THAT AFTER THE CHECK OF THE REFUGEES 7 MALE WOUNDED WOULD BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL IN BRATUNAC AND THE REST OF THE WOUNDED WOULD BE TAKEN BY ICRC TO TUZLA. DURING THE MEETING THE MESSAGE CAME IN THAT ICRC HAD NO CLEARANCE TO GO BACK TO SERBIA WITH THEIR WOUNDED. PROF KOLJEVIC HAD TO BE CALLED AND AFTER 15 MINUTES THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED. AROUND 1745 HRS THE WOUNDED WERE TRANSPORTED TO BRATUNAC AND THE 7 MALE WOUNDED WERE TAKEN INTO THE HOSPITAL. AN UNMO ESCORTED THE 7 MALE WOUNDED AND MADE SURE THAT THEY WERE TREATED WELL. FINALLY AT 2200HRS THE TRUCK WITH THE UNMO CAME BACK WITH AN ESCORT THAT WAS ARRANGED BY COL DRCIC HIMSELF. TOMORROW THE MINISTER OF HEALTH WILL DESIDE TO WHICH HOSPITAL THE 7 WOUNDED MALE FROM THE COMPOUND AND THE OTHER 27 WOUNDED FROM THE HOSPITAL IN BRATUNAC WILL BE TAKEN TO. ICRC WILL BE INFORMED AND A VISITING ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF ALREADY. A MEMBER OF THE SERBIAN RED CROSS WILL BE IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE NIGHT AS WELL THE DUTCH SURGEON WHOSE HELP IS NEEDED IN THE HOSPITAL AS LONG AS THE WOUNDED ARE THERE.
3. THE UNMO'S ALSO HAD A PRIVATE MEETING WITH COL DRCIC ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE TEAM BEING ABLE TO STAY IN BRATUNAC WITH A FULL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND GUARRANTEE OF THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY. THE COL STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED IT WOULD NOT BE ANY PROBLEM BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD VERY GOOD STORIES ABOUT US FROM MAJ NIKOLIC. OF COURSE HE HAS TO BRING THIS SUBJECT UP TO HIS HIGHER COMMAND. PROBABLY TOMORROW HE WILL HAVE AN ANSWER ON THIS. HE ALSO SPOKE TO THE SMO ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. HE ASSURED THAT THE UNMO'S COULD STAY BECAUSE OF THEIR FAME BUT A ROTATION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE AS HE IS NOT SURE ABOUT THE ONES WHO WILL BE COMING.

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4. THE DUTCHBAT ROTATION WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW AFTER COL DRCIC HAS ORDERS FROM HIS HIGHER COMMAND.

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