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ENFORCEMENT OF UN SANCTIONS ON HAITI

Q. How will the UN sanctions on Haiti be enforced? Will U.S. ships board other vessels going into Haiti? Will U.S. aircraft intercept non-commercial flights going into Haiti?

A. -- ALL UN MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE OBLIGATED TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE MANDATORY UN SANCTIONS ON HAITI, INCLUDING THE SANCTIONS IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 917 ADOPTED MAY 6.

-- A MULTINATIONAL COALITION, INCLUDING U.S. NAVY AND COAST GUARD VESSELS, IS ALREADY ENFORCING THE UN ARMS AND PETROLEUM EMBARGO. THE MARITIME INTERCEPTION OPERATION BOARDS AND INSPECTS VESSELS DESTINED FOR HAITI UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE UN. THIS COALITION WILL ENFORCE THE COMPREHENSIVE TRADE SANCTIONS, WITH HUMANITARIAN EXCEPTIONS, WHEN THEY COME INTO FORCE ON MAY 21.

-- THE RESOLUTION REQUIRES STATES TO DENY PERMISSION FOR ANY AIRCRAFT TO TAKE OFF FROM, LAND IN, OR OVERFLY THEIR TERRITORY IF THE FLIGHT IS DESTINED FOR OR COMING FROM HAITI, OTHER THAN REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS. THIS WILL NOT BE ENFORCED BY AIR INTERCEPTION.

-- THESE PRACTICES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF OTHER UN SANCTIONS REGIMES.

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MINISTERIAL

Q: Is the ministerial on Bosnia still planned for this Friday? Who will attend? What will be the purpose of the meeting?

A: -- THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE RENEWED IMPETUS TO EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND AND RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TO THE BOSNIAN CONFLICT.

(IF ASKED)

PARTICIPATION IS NOT YET FINALIZED.

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FIGHTING UPDATE: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Q: What is the fighting situation in Bosnia?

A: -- IN GORAZDE (gor-AHZH-de), 150 BOSNIAN SERB MILITIA REMAIN WITHIN THE 3-KILOMETER PULLBACK ZONE, BREAKING BOSNIAN SERB LEADER KARADZIC'S EARLIER PROMISE TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE AREA. TWO ANTI-AIRCRAFT CANNONS DISCOVERED BY UNPROFOR TROOPS WITHIN THE 20 KILOMETER HEAVY WEAPONS EXCLUSION ZONE HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

-- IN BRCKO (BIRCH-koe), UNPROFOR REPORTS THE CONTINUING BUILD-UP OF GOVERNMENT AND SERB FORCES IN THE AREA, BUT NOT ON THE LEVEL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. NO SPECIFIC NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE. DESPITE THE BUILD-UP, FIGHTING IS NOT IMMINENT, ACCORDING TO THE UN.

-- IN SARAJEVO, THE UN REPORTS THAT BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT ARTILLERY AND FORCES (APPROXIMATELY 6,000 TROOPS) HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE MT. IGMAN AREA IN VIOLATION OF UN ORDERS. THE GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO TRNOVO (TER-noe-voe), THE SAME AREA WHERE BOSNIAN SERB TANKS PASSED LAST WEEK IN APPARENT VIOLATION OF THE EXCLUSION ZONE.

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-- IN BIHAC (BEE-hahch), THE UN REPORTED FIGHTING BETWEEN BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND FORCES LOYAL TO BOSNIAN MUSLIM RENEGADE FIKRET ABDIC. A HIGH NUMBER OF MORTAR ROUNDS, HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE AND SMALL-ARMS FIRE WAS REPORTED.

FIGHTING UPDATE: CROATIA

Q: What is the situation on the ground in Croatia?

A: -- THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN CROAT AND KRAJINA SERB FORCES CONTINUES WITH ONLY MINOR VIOLATIONS BEING REPORTED (SMALL-ARMS FIRE).

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BOSNIA: EXCLUSION ZONE VIOLATIONS

Q. Why has there been no NATO response to repeated violations of the Sarajevo and Gorazde exclusion zones?

A. -- FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXCLUSION ZONES AROUND SARAJEVO AND GORAZDE, THE BRUTAL SHELLING OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN THOSE AREAS [REDACTED] CEASED.

-- NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS THAT ESTABLISHED THE EXCLUSION ZONES MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AND ENFORCED. NATO REMAINS READY TO CARRY OUT AIR STRIKES IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS.

-- UNPROFOR AND NATO MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE COORDINATING CLOSELY. TO DATE UNPROFOR HAS NOT REQUESTED NATO AIR STRIKES IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE EXCLUSION ZONES.