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 DOZENS OF REFUGEES OVER 300 WOMEN AND
 CHILDREN HAD SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE CONVENT.
 ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 6 SOME OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
 DEPARTED WITH GOI POLICE TO BE MOVED TO UNAMET HEADQUARTERS.

[REDACTED] UNDERSTANDS THAT THE POLICE TRANSPORT THE REFUGEES
 FROM UNAMET INSTALLATIONS TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS BEFORE THEY ARE
 MOVED ONWARD TO ATAMBUA IN WEST TIMOR AND TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINY.
 MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN REFUSED TO DEPART WITH THE POLICE. SOME
 FLE OVERNIGHT TO THE HILLS IN BACK OF THE CONVENT. EARLIER
 THIS MORNING MILITIA APPEARED AT THE CONVENT AND THREATENED TO
 BURN DOWN THE BUILDING IF ITS OCCUPANTS DID NOT EVACUATE BY
 NIGHTFALL. SOON THEREAFTER, THE POLICE RETURNED TO THE CONVENT
 TO OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTING THE REFUGEES TO
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 SEIZED CANOSSIQN CONVENT VEHICLES AND OTHER ASSETS AND THEY
 QHREATEN TO BURN IT TO THE GROUND TONIGHT.

8. (C) WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY OTHER REPORTS OF SIMIAR FORCED
 EVACUATIONS OF CATHOLIC FACILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE
 COMORO AREA OF WESTDILI AND IN DARE, SOUTH OF THE CITY. SOME
 OF THOSE FORCIBLY REMOVED ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED
 TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, OTHERQ TO WEST TIMOR OR OTHER
 ISLANDS. WE HAVE ONEREPORT THAT SOME 8000 REFUGEES HAVE
 ARRIVED IN ATAMBUA, WEST TIMOR, REPORTEDLY INCLUDING SOME OF
 THOSE TAKEN FROM THE CHURCH COMPOUNDS IN DILI. THERE ARE ALSO
 MANY VOLUNTARY REFUGEES (AMONG THEM NON-EAST TIMORESE AND
 PRESUMED INTEGRATION SUPPORTERS) ARRIVING IN WEST TIMOR.

9 (C) COMMENT: OUR SOURCES CANNOT CONFIRM ANY OF THE VARIOUS
 REPORTS CIRCULATING THAT PEOPLE TAKEN FROM THE CHURCH AND OTHER
 COMPOUNDS HQVE BEEN KILLED. NEITHER CAN WE CONFIRM THAT THOSE
 TRANSPORTED AWAY HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY IN WES TIMOR OR ELSEWHERE.
 WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO QONTACT ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES IN THE AREAS
 TO WQICH THESE REFUGEES MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN. END COMMENT.

ATTACK ON ICRC

10. C) [REDACTED]
 THE ICRC COMPOUND IN DILI WAS ATQACKED BY MILITIA ON SEPTEMBER 6
 "AS REGULAR MILITARY TROOPS WATCHED." WHILE HE DID NOT BELIEV
 THE ATTACKERS INTENDED TO KILL ICRC PERSONNE, "THEY WENT TO THE
 VERY EDGE," SHOOTING THROOQH THE WINDOWS IN A HEAVY ATTACK WHICH
 LASTED 20 MINUTES. ONCE IN THE COMPOUND, SOME OF THE "MILITIA"
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 MEMBERS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS PLICE. AFTER THE ATTACK, THE
 MILITIA, POLICE QND MILITARY PERSONNEL WORKED TOGETHER
 INDISTIGUISHABLY IN ROUNDING UP THE SOME 2000 PEOPLE WHO HAD
 TAKEN REFUGE AT ICRC. SOME OF THE REFUGEES WERE BEATEN,
 SEVERELY. THE FATE OF ICRCQS LOCAL DILI STAFF IS UNKNOWN. THE
 REFUGEES FROM ICRC WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO EST TIMOR

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OR THE WESTERN PART OF EAST TIMOR. ALL DILI ICRC INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED TO JAKARTA. ICRC PLANS TO STEP UP ITS HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN WESTTIMOR BUT WILL NOT RETURN TO EAST TIMOR UNTIL A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS ARE MET, INCLUDING SECURITY GUARANTEES AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCES IS ACTUALLY WORKING.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OR WEST TIMOR

11. (C) USAID CONTACTS IN ATAMBUA ESTIMATE SOME 8,000 REFUGEES THERE; REFUGEES ARE ARRIVING AT THE RATE OF 5,000 A DAY BUT MONEY ARE CONTINUING ON TO OTHER DESTINATIONS. RESOURCES ARE NOT THE PROBLEM; THERE IS FOOD AVAILABLE. THERE ARE 16,000 TONS OF RICE IN KUPAG AND ANOTHER 10,000 TONS SHOULD ARRIVE IN 10 DAYS. ATAMBUA HAS 2,700 TONS OF RICE AND RELIEF AGENCIES ARE PREPARED TO MOVE ANOTHER 5,000 TONS TO ATAMBUA IN THE NEXT WEEK. DISTRIBUTION AND SECURITY ARE THE ISSUES. AITARAK FORCES IN ATAMBUA HAVE TOLD FOREIGN NGOS THAT THEY ARE SCREENING EVERYONE CROSSING THE BORDER AND TURNING BACK THOSE

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2. (C) SUMMARY. UNAMET REPORTS CONTINUING SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS IN DILI IN GENERAL AND GREAT CONCERN ABOUT ITS OWN SECURITY, BUT NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO EVACUATE. UNAMET HAS EVACUATED ITS STAFF FROM BAUCAU AFTER ITS COMPOUND THERE CAME UNDER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. VARIOUS EMBASSY SOURCES AND MEDIA REPORTS INDICATE THAT EAST TIMORESE WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN CHURCH AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FACILITIES ARE BEING FORCED OUT OF THESE SAFE HAVENS BY TNI AND MILITIA. SOME HAVE FLED INTO THE HILLS WHILE OTHERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY TO UNKNOWN DESTINATIONS. LATEST REPORTS FROM DILI INDICATE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IS NO LESS TENSE, WITH MUCH SHOOTING STILL BEING HEARD. THERE ARE REPORTS OF HOUSE BURNINGS IN BAUCAU AS WELL.

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 WFP, CARE, CRS, AND ICRC WORKERS, AS WELL AS USAID PERSONNEL, PLAN TO TRAVEL TO WEST TIMOR THIS WEEK TO ASSESS THE REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SITUATION. FOOD IS AVAILABLE BUT DISTRIBUTION AND SECURITY ARE PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

UNAMET'S PERSPECTIVE

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 3. (C) IN A SEPTEMBER 7 CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, UNAMET

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

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-- THE SITUATION IN DILI HAS NOT IMPROVED. SHOPS ARE BEING LOOTED AND MILITIA HAVE BROKEN INTO THE UNAMET VEHICLE COMPOUND. "AITARAK (MILITIA) ARE RIDING AROUND DILI IN UNAMET VEHICLES." (COMMENT: ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTED SEEING REGULAR MILITARY TROOPS LOOTING HOUSES ALONG THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT. END COMMENT.)

-- UNAMET'S OWN PERSONNEL (200 REMAINING AT THE HEADQUARTERS) ARE STAYING OFF THE STREETS AND ARE ALL STAYING OVERNIGHT IN THE MAIN COMPOUND.

-- UNAMET HAS EVACUATED STAFF FROM BAUCAU AFTER MILITIA ATTACKED THE UNAMET OFFICE WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE.

-- THE PREVIOUS NIGHT WAS ONE OF HEAVY GUNFIRE AROUND THE UNAMET HEADQUARTERS IN DILI WITH A NUMBER OF AITARAK MOVEMENTS TOWARD THE COMPOUND. [REDACTED] REMAINED "VERY CONCERNED" ABOUT UNAMET'S SECURITY.

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-- A TNI MAJOR HAD ARRIVED AT THE UNAMET COMPOUND WITH 200-300 WHICH HE SAID WERE FROM KOSTRAD FROM SURABAYA. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICER, HIS TROOPS WERE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR UNAMET'S SECURITY. AS THE KOSTRAD TROOPS ENTERED, BRIMOB POLICE FORCES WHO HAD BEEN AT THE COMPOUND EXITED, FIRING THEIR WEAPONS IN THE AIR.

-- HIGH-RANKING INDONESIAN POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICERS IN DILI ARE TELLING UNAMET THAT THERE IS NOW A 9 P.M. CURFEW IN EFFECT AND THAT "HEAVY ORDERS" HAVE COME DOWN REGARDING THE "STATE OF
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 EMERGENCY" DECLARED ON SEPTEMBER 7. [REDACTED] SAID TNI HAD
 EXPRESSED A DESIRE THAT UNAMET NOT PULL OUT.

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-- UNAMET CAN CONFIRM THAT, DESPITE REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, CNRT LEADER LEANDRO ISAAC IS ALIVE, BUT THEY HAVE CREDIBLE INFORMATION THAT ANOTHER WELL-KNOWN CNRT FIGURE, MAHUDU, HAS BEEN KILLED.

4. (C) ACCORDING TO AN UNAMET POLITICAL OFFICER IN DILI, THE UNAMET COMPOUND REMAINS JAMMED WITH EAST TIMORESE SEEKING REFUGE BUT THE NEW KOSTRAD OFFICER HAS AGREED TO ALLOW 500 OF THEM TO MOVE TO A SCHOOL NEXT DOOR AND PROMISED THEY WOULD BE PROTECTED. THERE WAS SOME HOPE AMONG THE UNAMET STAFF THAT THE INSERTION OF THE KOSTRAD FORCES WOULD IMPROVE THEIR SECURITY SITUATION, AND SHE ADDED THAT UNAMET'S CORE STAFF IN DILI HAD NO PLANS TO

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EVACUATE. WATER AND ELECTRICITY SERVICES ON THE COMPOUND,
HOWEVER, WERE SAID TO BE DETERIORATING.

5. (C) ACCORDING TO THIS UNAMET SOURCE, UNAMET LOCAL EAST
TIMORESE STAFF IN DILI HAD BEEN TAKEN TO BAUCAU TO BOARD AN
EVACUATION FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA. INDONESIA SECURITY AUTHORITIES
REFUSED THEM PERMISSION TO BOARD, HOWEVER, AND THESE PERSONNEL
WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO DILI.

THREAT TO REFUGEES IN CONVENT

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[REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT SHT WITH
 DOZENS OF REFUGEQVER 300 WOMEN AND
 CHILDQHAD SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE CONVENT.
 ON THE EVENQNG OF SEPTEMBER 6 SOME OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
 QEPARTED WITH GOI POLICE TO BE MOVED TO UNAMET HEADQUARTERS.

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[REDACTED] UNDERSTANDS THAT THEPOLICE TRANSPORT THE REFUGEES
 FROM UNAMET INSALLATIONS TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS BEFORE THEY ARQ
 MOVED ONWARD TO ATAMBUA IN WEST TIMOR AND TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINY.
 MANY WOMEN AND CHILDRENREFUSED TO DEPART WITH THE POLICE. SOME
 FLEDOVERNIGHT TO THE HILLS IN BACK OF THE CONVENT. EARLIER
 THIS MORNING MILITIA APPEARED AT THE CONVENT AND THREATENED TO
 BURN DOWN THE BUILDIN IF ITS OCCUPANTS DID NOT EVACUATE BY
 NIGHTFALL. SOON THEREAFTER, THE POLICE RETURNED TO QHE CONVENT
 TO OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSQORTING THE REFUGEES TO
 SAFETY.

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[REDACTED] ALSO NOTED THAT THE
 CANOSSIAN CONVENT NEXT DOOR WAS FORCEFULLY EVACUATED THE
 PREVIOUS NIGHT AND ITS OCCUPANTS REOVED. THIS MORNING MILITIA
 SEIZED CANOSSIQN CONVENT VEHICLES AND OTHER ASSETS AND THEY
 QHREATEN TO BURN IT TO THE GROUND TONIGHT.

8. (C) WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY OTHER REPORTS OF SIMIAR FORCED
 EVACUATIONS OF CATHOLIC FACILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE
 COMORO AREA OF WESTDILI AND IN DARE, SOUTH OF THE CITY. SOME
 OF THOSE FORCIBLY REMOVED ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED
 TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, OTHERQ TO WEST TIMOR OR OTHER
 ISLANDS. WE HAVE ONEREPORT THAT SOME 8000 REFUGEES HAVE
 ARRIVED IN ATAMBUA, WEST TIMOR, REPORTEDLY INCLUDING SOME OF
 THOSE TAKEN FROM THE CHURCH COMPOUNDS IN DILI. THERE ARE ALSO
 MANY VOLUNTARY REFUGEES (AMONG THEM NON-EAST TIMORESE AND

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PRESUMED INTEGRATION SUPPORTERS) ARRIVING IN WEST TIMOR.

9 (C) COMMENT: OUR SOURCES CANNOT CONFIRM ANY OF THE VARIOUS REPORTS CIRCULATING THAT PEOPLE TAKEN FROM THE CHURCH AND OTHER COMPOUNDS HAVE BEEN KILLED. NEITHER CAN WE CONFIRM THAT THOSE TRANSPORTED AWAY HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY IN WEST TIMOR OR ELSEWHERE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES IN THE AREAS TO WHICH THESE REFUGEES MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN. END COMMENT.

ATTACK ON ICRC

10. C) [REDACTED]
 THE ICRC COMPOUND IN DILI WAS ATTACKED BY MILITIA ON SEPTEMBER 6 "AS REGULAR MILITARY TROOPS WATCHED." WHILE HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE ATTACKERS INTENDED TO KILL ICRC PERSONNEL, "THEY WENT TO THE
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 VERY EDGE," SHOOTING THROUGH THE WINDOWS IN A HEAVY ATTACK WHICH LASTED 20 MINUTES. ONCE IN THE COMPOUND, SOME OF THE "MILITIA" MEMBERS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS POLICE. AFTER THE ATTACK, THE MILITIA, POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WORKED TOGETHER INDISTINGUISHABLY IN ROUNDING UP THE SOME 2000 PEOPLE WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE AT ICRC. SOME OF THE REFUGEES WERE BEATEN SEVERELY. THE FATE OF ICRC'S LOCAL DILI STAFF IS UNKNOWN. THE REFUGEES FROM ICRC WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO EAST TIMOR OR THE WESTERN PART OF EAST TIMOR. ALL DILI ICRC INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED TO JAKARTA. ICRC PLANS TO STEP UP ITS HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN WESTTIMOR BUT WILL NOT RETURN TO EAST TIMOR UNTIL A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS ARE MET, INCLUDING SECURITY GUARANTEES AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCES IS ACTUALLY WORKING.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OR WEST TIMOR

11. (C) USAID CONTACTS IN ATAMBUA ESTIMATE SOME 8,000 REFUGEES THERE; REFUGEES ARE ARRIVING AT THE RATE OF 5,000 A DAY BUT MANY ARE CONTINUING ON TO OTHER DESTINATIONS. RESOURCES ARE NOT THE PROBLEM; THERE IS FOOD AVAILABLE. THERE ARE 16,000 TONS OF RICE IN KUPAG AND ANOTHER 10,000 TONS SHOULD ARRIVE IN 10 DAYS. ATAMBUA HAS 2,700 TONS OF RICE AND RELIEF AGENCIES ARE PREPARED TO MOVE ANOTHER 5,000 TONS TO ATAMBUA IN THE NEXT WEEK. DISTRIBUTION AND SECURITY ARE THE ISSUES. AITARAK FORCES IN ATAMBUA HAVE TOLD FOREIGN NGOS THAT THEY ARE SCREENING EVERYONE CROSSING THE BORDER AND TURNING BACK THOSE

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WITH PRO-INDEPENDENCE TENDENCIES. LOCAL MILITARY PERSONNEL TOLD WFP IN KUPANG THAT ALL ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES IN ATAMBUA AND ELSEWHERE WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. USAID, CARE, WFP, CRS, AND ICRC PLAN TO VISIT ATAMBUA AND OTHER SITES LATER THIS WEEK.
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