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19 May 1994**Military Status Report
for Sarajevo, Gorazde, and Tuzla**Summary

Both Bosnian Serb and Government forces are now routinely violating the cease-fire agreement and heavy weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo. The Bosnian Serbs continue to test the UN's resolve to control the zone, while government forces are more openly violating earlier UN agreements. Bosnian Serb forces also have not fully implemented their withdrawal agreement with the UN around Gorazde. Serb forces recently stepped up their shelling of Tuzla and its airport. [REDACTED]

Recent Sarajevo Exclusion Zone Violations

The Serbs appear to be systematically challenging the UN's control of Sarajevo, particularly since the NATO airstrikes around Gorazde. Initially, Bosnian Serb violations of the 20-kilometer exclusion zone seemed to be an effort to assess the UN's threshold for action.

- The UN troops discovered three more undeclared Serb heavy weapons in the exclusion zone last weekend.

- Serb forces have not returned about 20 heavy weapons removed from UN weapon collection points since mid-April.

- Firefights occur regularly throughout Sarajevo now, and heavy weapons occasionally are used. A Malaysian UN military observer was killed by mortar

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fire in the zone on 12 May. [REDACTED]
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Government forces also are adopting a bolder attitude in their interaction with the UN.

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- A Swedish UN convoy came under small-arms fire from Government forces near Mt. Igman on 15 May, according to a UN spokesman. [REDACTED]
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Bosnian Serb Compliance with the Gorazde Ultimatum

The UN is increasingly concerned about Bosnian Serb violations of the Gorazde exclusion zones. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UN Special Representative Akashi told Bosnian Serb leader Karadzic on 10 May that he would have to approach the Secretary-General and the Security Council, unless the Bosnian Serbs immediately complied with the Belgrade cease-fire agreement. Akashi, however, has not done so yet, and the Serbs continue to violate the agreement.

- Although some armed Bosnian Serb "police" have been withdrawn, about 100 to 150 remain stationed inside the three kilometer exclusion zone, according to UN officials. The Serbs reneged on an agreement with the UN to withdraw these personnel last Friday.
- On several recent occasions, UN military observers have found Serb heavy weapons inside the 20-kilometer exclusion zone. Although the Serbs later withdrew these weapons, the UN commander in Gorazde stated that the Serbs probably are hiding other weapons in areas they have declared off limits to the UN observers.
- The Bosnian Serbs continue to harass and delay UN military and relief convoys entering Gorazde. The

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Serbs recently disarmed six British soldiers and forced them to sign confessions of guilt after they failed to stop at a Serb checkpoint on their way from Gorazde to Sarajevo, [REDACTED]
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- A Ukrainian soldier was shot and killed on 18 May near Gorazde, [REDACTED] It is unclear, however, who fired the shot. Government commanders have charged that the Ukrainians are too friendly with the Serbs and involved in black marketeering. [REDACTED]

Bosnian Serb Actions Against Tuzla

The Bosnian Serb Army has stepped up its shelling of Tuzla city and the nearby UN-controlled airport over the past week, possibly in response to recent attacks by Government forces on Serb positions in the area.

- The Serbs have shelled the city at least five times since 11 May. [REDACTED]

The Serbs fired at least nine shells at Tuzla airfield on Tuesday while a UN transport was trying to land, but ceased fire after UN tanks were deployed around the airfield, [REDACTED]

- The Nordic UN troops in the area reportedly requested NATO close air support, but UN Bosnia commander Rose and Special Envoy Akashi rejected the request.

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- The UN resumed flights to Tuzla yesterday. Three UN flights were scheduled to fly into Tuzla on 18 May, but the Ukrainian civilian pilots refused to fly because of the danger. [REDACTED]

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