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MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES

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Salut Renaud.

Back from Sarajevo where I spent a whole evening in an HCR atmosphere...
After lots of info (from top HCR, UNPROFOR special services...), here are
the main points:

To summarize:

Now it is clear for me: **the issue is not MSF.**

All the negotiation about a document, political aspects of our declaration, the
plan of distribution for the middle of March are just a trick to gain
time. Only tool that the civilian authorities can officially use.

The issue is military. The real threat of a BiH offensive before the end of the
cease fire is the reason.

Militarily speaking, you better cut the supply of medical items rather than
food to weaken an army. (reline la lettre de Machi)

Medecines will therefore be refused for all agencies.

This is why for ex: HCR refused for unlabelled MSF medicines, Dutch Bal
convoy with PSF/MSF-H from Tuzla was refused, ICRC clearance refused...

So let's stop being paranoiac and let's prepare to an emergency.

We discussed the need of airdrops, maybe (because BSA hates airdrops) just
as a tool to force some convoys in. It is the only solution left.

I will be in contact with Karen to forward necessary information.

Movements of expats will ^{be} a tough part too (because it is medical staff) but
should be solved. I have put all efforts to get this matter solved for
tomorrow. let's see the result.

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We will, of course, continue pushing the Pale authorities for our convoys..etc.

I have approached UNPROFOR for convoys in Sarajevo.

For the moment it is technically (refusal of medical items) sterile. But they are ready to cooperate. HCR could give us some space in their warehouse at the airport.

Have you decided about an MSF surgeon for Gorazde?

If we decide about an exmat for Sarajevo (I think that even within the MSF-H

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