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Good morning team,

I hope everyone had a great weekend and is ready for another productive week.

As you know, hostilities between Gileland and Burcet have rapidly escalated, particularly in the southern region of Gileland. We have received information raising concerns about Burcet's internment camps.

At this time, we have no direct information regarding the detainees, their status, or the conditions within the camps. Our current knowledge is based solely on a limited amount of publicly available information from a newspaper, which will be shared with the team shortly.

Given Burcet's proximity, we have been asked to visit the camp to conduct an independent assessment of the situation. We have coordinated with the relevant authorities in both countries and have been granted security assurances and access to the camp. While on-site, be prepared to engage with officials as needed, answer any questions, and clearly articulate the ICRC's mandated role. Additionally, make every effort to speak with the detainees—your experience will guide you in gathering the relevant information.

Our priority is to ensure that the detainees' rights and protections are being respected and that they receive the necessary provisions. Please remain mindful of your role, as well as your rights and protections under the ICRC mandate.

Safe travels, and I look forward to your reports.

Best regards,

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BREAKING NEWS

CONCERNS MOUNT OVER CONDITIONS AT BURCET'S P.O.W. CAMP: HUMANITARIAN DISPARITIES AND INCONSISTENCIES.

In recent weeks, concerns have surfaced regarding the conditions of prisoners of war (POWs) held at Burcet's detention facility, where military personnel from Gileland are detained. Reports suggest that detainees are facing harsh environmental conditions, including extreme cold at night and relentless sandstorms, while distant explosions occasionally shake the facility.

Sources indicate that the camp hosts a range of detainees. However, new information has emerged through a smuggled letter, reportedly written by a detained individual and recently obtained by The Beshibi Herald. The letter offers a rare glimpse into life inside the camp, raising concerns about the treatment of detainees. While the detainee confirms that food is available, he describes persistent shortages and expresses fears that guards may be diverting supplies for their own use.

Beyond material hardships, the letter details the psychological toll of captivity, including the ever-present sounds of overhead rocket fire and the tremors of distant explosions. The detainee also describes suffering from the relentless elements—sandstorms that leave grains embedded in his eyes and freezing temperatures that make the nights unbearable.

Religious accommodations within the camp have also raised concerns. According to the letter, the individual expresses frustration over the lack of recognition for religious diversity, noting that, as a follower of Sylvanism—a nature-based faith—he is unable to access even a simple image of a tree, a sacred element in his beliefs. The letter further reveals that the majority of POWs in the camp adhere to Sylvanism, yet their religious needs appear to be largely disregarded. It also suggests that detention commanders have intentionally obstructed views of nearby trees, allegedly as a punitive measure against individuals who failed to comply with intelligence interviews.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), mandated under international law to visit POWs and assess their treatment, is closely monitoring the situation at Burcet. Ensuring the dignity and well-being of prisoners of war remains a core legal obligation, and the ICRC continues to engage with relevant authorities to uphold these protections in accordance with international law.

Human rights advocates have called for immediate oversight to ensure that these individuals are afforded the rights and protections guaranteed under international law. Family members of the detainees have spoken out, voicing their fears for the well-being of their loved ones. "We want to ensure their safety," said one relative.

The administration at Camp Burcet has not yet responded to requests for comment regarding medical practices or religious staffing concerns. Meanwhile, local and international human rights organizations are calling for transparency and accountability, urging officials to investigate these alarming reports.

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