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UNAMSIL FORCE COMMANDER BIDS FAREWELL TO BANGLADESHI SIGNALS 3

The Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Maj. Gen. Sajjad Akram today bade farewell to officers and soldiers of the third Bangladesh Signals (BANSIG 3) who have completed their one-year tour of duty in UNAMSIL.

Addressing the peacekeepers Gen Akram said the efforts of the peacekeepers in operational and communication aspects, as well as in the area of humanitarian assistance "have gone a long way in wining the hearts and minds of the people of Sierra Leone", adding that it showed "the commitment and devotion" of the Bangladesh contingent in consolidating the peace in Sierra Leone.

Gen. Akram reiterated that the "soldierly qualities, good conduct and professional performance of the troops in the discharge of their duties" had also earned them and their country the special gratitude of Sierra Leoneans and the international community.

The Force Commander also welcomed to the Mission area, the incoming fourth Bangladesh Signals (BANSIG 4) under the command of Lt Col Masud Duraham. He urged the troops to sustain the legacy bequeathed them by their predecessor and live up to expectations.

BANSIG 3 was in charge of providing electronic communication for the entire UNAMSIL and provided free medical service in their areas of deployment which included Goderich, outside Freetown and reconstructed the UNAMSIL Charity Home, an orphanage at Mile 91 in the northern district of Port Loko.