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### **NIBATT 17 HANDS OVER REHABILITATED POLICE POST TO SIERRA LEONE POLICE**

*Freetown, Sierra Leone* – The seventeenth Nigerian battalion (NIBATT 17) serving with the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) today handed over to the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) the rehabilitated Kissy Ferry Junction police post in the east of Freetown.

Commanding Officer of NIBATT 17, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen P. Ovadge said his officers and men decided to undertake the \$US4,800 project following reports of suspects escaping from police custody due to structural defects of the post.

Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police for Personnel, Training and Welfare, Morie Lengor said the building was effective for policing in the area and had immortalized Nigerian peacekeepers in particular and UNAMSIL in general, in the minds of the Kissy Ferry community. Mr. Lengor paid tribute to Nigerian peacekeepers for their assistance in Sierra Leone, which dated back to the days of the West African force, ECOMOG. He assured that the post would be put to maximum use and well maintained.

A representative of UNAMSIL's Civil Affairs Section expressed the wish that the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) would emulate the example of the peacekeepers and implement humanitarian activities, which would help win the hearts and minds of the people.

Also present at the ceremony were General Staff Officer Class 1 of UNAMSIL's Northern Command, Lieutenant Colonel Ado Abubakarr and a number of senior SLP officers.

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