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DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO MILITARY POLICE COURSE GRADUANDS

Freetown, Sierra Leone – UNAMSIL Deputy Force Commander (DFC) Brigadier General Paul Kwabena Opoku today presented certificates to thirty soldiers of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) Provost who graduated from a UNAMSIL organized Military Police Cadre Course at the PAKPROVOST Company in Goderich.

Addressing the graduands, Brigadier General Paul Opoku commended the efforts of the instructors for working tirelessly to make the course a success. "Very competent instructors were detailed from PAK Provost, Northern Command and RSLAF Provost. I appreciate the hard work and effort they put in to wheel the cadre in a very successful manner," he noted. The DFC pointed out that the course initiative was a healthy sign and provided the opportunity to enhance integration between UNAMSIL and the RSLAF.

The five-week course, which was organized by UNAMSIL, has since February 2004 produced three sets of Provost Soldiers of the RSLAF who received instructional and practical training in basic police duties, provost in the field and criminology.

The graduation ceremony at which certificates were awarded to participa nts was also witnessed by UNAMSIL and RSLAF Provost Marshals, Colonel Ajaz Ahmed and Lieutenant Colonel Garry Evanson.
