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DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS KABALA LOCAL COUNCIL MEETING

Freetown, Sierra Leone –Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (DSRSG) for Sierra Leone and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. J. Victor Angelo, recently met with the Paramount Chief, District Council members and youth of Kabala, Koinadugu district, while visiting the northern town's District Council offices and the water works at Yataya.

Mr. Victor Angelo told local councillors that his was "a peace and development visit to discuss your development plan for 2005".

Later, at the house of Paramount Chief, Alimamy Yembeh Mansaray III, the DSRSG met with young people from the district. After their leader had highlighted their problems and appreciation for UNAMSIL and other UN agencies, Mr. Victor Angelo explained that while UN agencies were paying more attention to the concerns of youth, this year was going to be a tough one "in terms of donor mobilization".

Minister of Presidential Affairs, Mr. Sheku Sesay who is from the district, requested that the water problem facing the district was addressed as the town's population was growing rapidly. Other officials, including the Deputy Chairman of the District Council, Mr. Alex Sorie Conteh, expressed appreciation that Mr. Victor Angelo was there to participate in the local council's district planning session.

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