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UNAMSIL FORCE COMMANDER INAUGURATES HEALTH CARE CENTRE

Freetown, Sierra Leone, 8 December 2005 UNAMSIL Force Commander of the United Brigadier General Pual Kawabina Opoku, on 3 December, officially commissioned the Yele Health Care Centre built by Bangladeshi Administration and Signal (BANADMIN & SIGNAL Contingent 5).

In his address before commissioning the clinic, Brigadier General Paul Kawabina Opoku praised BANADMIN & SIGNAL-5 for their exemplary, professional and dignified conduct while in the mission area. He noted that besides being involved in the peace making process in Sierra Leone, BANADMIN & SIGNAL-5 had also participated in humanitarian activities financed by their own fund.

The Force Commander said he was particularly pleased to notice Bangladeshi contingent distributing food, cloths, religious book and materials to the people of Sierra Leone adding, "I am privileged and honoured to have commanded such a highly disciplined and professional battalion.

He counseled the people to cultivate a maintenance culture that will ensure that the facilities donated to them stand the test of time.

He praised the contingent's contribution to the peace process in Sierra Leone and wished them safe journey as they go to reunite with their loved ones.

The commanding officer of the contingent, Lt Col Saiful Islam, who advised the community to take good care of the Health Center stated that, "though Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world, we always try to extend our helping hand towards the distressed people". He

The officers and men of BANADMIN & SIGNAL-5 are repatriating back home after 11 months tour of duty with UNAMSIL.

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