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UNAMSIL FORCE COMMANDER WELCOMES BANSIG 4, URGES TO MAINTAIN PROFESSIONALISM



Freetown – The Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Major General Sajjad Akram, today welcomed officers and soldiers of the fourth battalion of the Bangladeshi Signals (BANSIG 4) to the Mission area.

Maj Gen Akram (Left) being introduced to BANSIG 4 officers by the CO, Lt Col Masud

Speaking to them at their area of deployment at Goderich, outside Freetown, General Akram urged the peacekeepers to exhibit “a high standard of professionalism and sense of purpose” during their tour of duty in Sierra Leone. He said the Bangladeshi peacekeepers were not new in the peacekeeping having been involved in several peace keeping operations in then last 14 years. He said they had contributed immensely to global peace, tranquility and stability as exuded by the United Nations, and reminded the troops that the UN code of conduct was clear on the issue of discipline and would not be compromised irrespective of who fell short.

The Commanding Officer of BANSIG 4, Lt Col Mahmud Masud told the Force Commander that efforts were being made by his unit to provide computer orientation package for the students of the Milton Margai College of Education and Technology stationed in their area of deployment. The package, he said would include tutorials on different utility soft wares.

Lt Col Mosud also revealed that the Unit was presently giving training assistance in Signals Communication to the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF), in compliance with UNAMSIL planned objective of building the capacity of the Government of Sierra Leone.

BANSIG 4 arrived in Freetown on 15 March 2004 and took over the responsibility of providing communications support to UNAMSIL Force Headquarters and other commands.

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