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UNAMSIL DONATES EXPLOSIVES TO RSLAF

Freetown, Sierra Leone - The United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) on Wednesday donated series of explosives to the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) during a short but impressive ceremony at the Hastings Airfield, east of the capital Freetown.

Following an audit of future demolition requirements, UNASMIL identified surplus stores that could be gifted to the RSLAF Explosive Ordnance Demolition (EOD) Team. These stores are being provided to assist the RSLAF EOD team in its work, notably the disposal of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and unserviceable ordnance. However, they should not be used for other combat military activities. They were previously in the custody of the Bangladeshi contingent.

Receiving the items on behalf of the RSLAF, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), Brigadier General Alfred Nelson-Williams, assured that the explosives would be used only for peaceful purposes. Also taking advantage of the presence of the Bangladeshi contingent, he expressed appreciation for that country's contribution to infrastructural developments in Sierra Leone, such as the construction of schools, roads, mosques and health centres, among others.

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