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UNAMSIL FORCE COMMANDER DECORATES MILOBS, STAFF OFFICERS WITH UN MEDAL

The Force Commander and the Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, UNAMSIL, Major General Sajjad Akram, December 31, 2003, decorated 54 Military Observers (MILOBS) and 14 Staff Officers with UN medals at mission headquarters, Mammy Yoko, Freetown. UN medals are awarded to peacekeepers who spend three months in the Mission area without committing any offence.

Speaking at the ceremony, General Akram told the Military Observers and the Staff Officers that: “you are very important in UNAMSIL. I am sure you will do your best to make the Mission a success.”

He congratulated the medal recipients and said: “you are excellent ambassadors of your countries”.

The Force Commander stressed that their contributions were “enormous toward the Security Council benchmarks and the Government of Sierra Leone security sectors.” He wished them more success in their stay in Sierra Leone.

Senior UNAMSIL military and civilian personnel attended the short but impressive ceremony.

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