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UNAMSIL & RSLAF IN JOINT EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OPERATION AT MASIKA

Freetown, Sierra Leone – Last Thursday 19 August, a four-man team of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF), led by Lieutenant Mohamed Tarawalie of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit, in a joint exercise with the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) disposed of some ordnances at Masiaka, northern Sierra Leone.

The aim of this exercise was to showcase RSLAF's capability of disposing unwanted or damaged ordnances as UNAMSIL is in the process of drawing down gradually on its military component to pave the way for the Government of Sierra Leone to resume total security responsibilities.

The Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces EOD unit actually carried out the task of demolishing the ORDNANCES while UNAMSIL provided the Ammunition Technical Officer and the necessary demolition accessories to carry out the task.

Major Issack Noor Aden of UNAMSIL's Force Ammunition Cell, who supervised the operation and had been training the RSLAF bomb team over the past three months, said in preparation for the withdrawal of KENBATT 12 from Masiaka later this month the disposal of unserviceable ordinance was required.

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