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### **Mission's Hospital gives top medical care**

*Sierra Leone—30 August 2005*, The Jordanian Medical Contingent (JorMed 10) treats many common diseases in Sierra Leone, especially malaria, typhoid fever, chest infection and fracture. Based in Choithram Hospital, JorMed 10 manages a Level II hospital for UNAMSIL and has successfully treated a total of 246 cases since they arrived some three months ago. Despite its withdrawal program which has entered the final stage, UNAMSIL's Level II Hospital at Choithram continues its work of caring for the sick and currently has 52 patients admitted.

UNAMSIL Force Commander, Major General Sajjad Akram was at the hospital to welcome JorMed10 and to carry out an inspection tour of the facilities. General Akram was briefed by the Jordanian Commanding Officer, Colonel (Dr.) Ibrahim Khresat. According to Colonel Khresat, the Jordanian Doctors are professionally trained in all aspect of medicine and are well qualified to handle all types of diseases, including tropical diseases such as those endemic to Sierra Leone. The Jordanian doctors are here to help save the lives of the people irrespective of their race, gender or religion and can not be deterred by any barrier, Colonel Khresat continued.

After the guided inspection tour, General Akram expressed satisfaction at the professional manner in which the patients were handled. He was also there to ensure all necessary logistical needs were being met.

General Akram encouraged the medical team to continue providing excellent medical support to the mission until UNAMSIL final withdrawal. He also advised them that all UNAMSIL staff, civilian and military should receive equal medical.

The Force Commander applauded the contributions of the successive Jordanian Medical contingents who have served the mission since 2001 and said he was confident that the present contingent will live up to the high standard maintained by their predecessors of giving excellent medical care.

The Choitram Hospital is located in Freetown and JorMed utilizes half of the facilities while the other half is private.

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