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**FORCE COMMANDER, OTHERS PAY LAST RESPECT TO
DECEASED UNAMSIL SOLDIER**

Freetown – The Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Major General Sajjad Akram yesterday laid a wreath on the coffin of the late Nepalese peacekeeper serving in UNAMSIL, Sergeant Bir Bahadur Tamang, who passed away on 24 February 2004 after a brief illness.



It was a brief but solemn ceremony with a combined parade of Kenyan, Nigerian and Ghanaian peacekeepers at the UNAMSIL headquarters at Mammy Yoko. The body of late Sgt Bir was

The Remains of Late Sgt Bir Bahadur Tamang being conveyed on parade

supposed to be flown home for burial (ON DAY DATE.) The flight was, however, cancelled due to bad weather. He will now be flown home on Monday 8 March.

The 38-year-old Sgt. Bir, who joined the Nepalese Army in May 1984, arrived in Mission area on December 18 2003.

Other senior military officers who also paid their last respect included the Deputy Force Commander, Brig. Adrian Foster, the Commander Sector West, Brig Gen Alhaji Nuhu Bamalli, Nepalese Contingent Commander, Lt Col. Dilip Dikram Rana as well as UNAMSIL civilian staff.