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FORCE COMMANDER PAYS WORKING VISIT TO LEVEL IV JORDANIAN MEDICAL HOSPITAL

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Freetown, Sierra Leone - Force commander (FC) of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Maj Gen Sajjad Akram yesterday paid a working visit to the Level IV Jordanian Medical (JORMED) hospital (Choitram) operated by UNAMSIL in Freetown.

He met the Commanding Officer of JORMED, Col (Dr) Mahmoud Al. Yamani who gave a detailed brief on the functions of the hospital, saying it provided medical services to UNAMSIL staff. He expressed satisfaction with the work the Jordanian medical team was providing, saying reports reaching him indicated that all was well at Choitram.

The Force Commander advised that the JORMED team make it possible to be visiting contingents in their stations and conduct medical check-ups on them, at least once in every three months. He urged the hospital administration to ensure they had enough oxygen supplies in the case of emergencies.

On the categories of patients the hospital attends to, Major general Akram advised that in addition to UNAMSIL military personnel, the hospital should endeavour to extend their services to UNAMSIL and UNDP civilian personnel, as well as personnel of Non Governmental Organisations like Red Cross and staff of the International Military Advisory Training Team (IMATT). He told the administrator that it was paramount that anybody visiting the hospital should leave satisfied of the services provided.

On a conducted tour of the hospital, the Force Commander had the chance to talk to a few outpatients who assured him that services being provided were good.