### RULES/GENERAL LAWS

| General | RSLAF Act 1961 (As amended), RSLAF Policy (March 2013)  
| http://www.mod.gov.sl/rslaf-consolidated-policies.html  
| Constitution of Sierra Leone (SL) 1991,  
| Civil Laws of Sierra Leone and Criminal Procedure Act 1966  
| Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) has law that covers all personnel deployed on UN PSO.  
| RSLAF Personnel are always on duty twenty four hours when deployed on UN/AU Peacekeeping missions. However, some personnel may be off on weekends whilst some may have rest or recreation depending on the operational situation in the mission area. |

| SEA: military offence? | Sexual Offences Act 2012  
| Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is a military offence. Sexual related crimes in general are punishable under the RSLAF Act 1961 as amended.  
| Fraternalisation is an offence according to the RSLAF Act 1961 (As amended) and RSLAF Policy (March 2013). |

| Powers of the Commading Officer (CO) | RSLAF Act 1961 (As amended), RSLAF Policy (March 2013),  
| Summary Jurisdiction Rule 1961  
| The CO has the power to promulgate rules and policies and such rules falls under his disciplinary powers. Such rules and policies are published in Part 1 Orders.  
| The CO has full administrative and disciplinary powers over his subordinates. Criminal and investigative powers are delegated to the MP by the CO. |

### INVESTIGATION

| Who can investigate? | Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is a military offence. Military Police investigates all criminal offences or breaches in the field or theatre of Ops.  
| The Military Police Sierra Leone/Civil Police Unit if deployed with contingent or UNPOL can investigate.  
| National Investigation Officer (NIO) | Military Police units are organic to SL contingents deployed. A Legal officer is also assigned to the CO for legal advice on SEA |

### PROSECUTION

| Referral | The Military Police refer completed investigation report to the CO for his disposal.  
| Who can charge? | In accordance with RSLAF Act 1961 (As amended), the CO is empowered to charge, after prima facie case has been established against the accused person(s) |

### JUSTICE

| Military justice | Sierra Leone has a Military Justice System (Summary Dealing and Court Martial).  
| Deployable Court Martial? | SL Contingents do not have deployable Court Martial. Therefore all Court Martial offences are referred to Home Country (SL) - Court Marshall Procedure Rules of 2003. |

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