

SIERRA LEONE

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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 http://www.sierra-leone.org/Laws/1965-32.pdf
	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 Commanding 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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