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UNMIL Pakistani contingent-sponsored computer, skills and medical training programme concludes in western Liberia; Deputy Special Representative meets with Bomi County Support Team

Bomi County, Liberia – The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Recovery and Governance, Mr. Jordan Ryan, on 26 August traveled to Tubmanburg, Bomi County, to attend a ceremony marking the completion of the computer, skills and medical training courses organized by the Pakistani contingent for the local residents.



DSRSG Ryan awards certificates at the completion of skills training programme in Tubmanburg

The basic computer and skills training, which lasted for eight weeks, and the medical training programme, which lasted for three months, offered learning opportunities for 54 students. The skills training programme consisted of lessons in carpentry, welding and masonry, while the medical courses focused on paramedics training for x-ray technicians, laboratory assistants and general infusing. Students training as x-ray technicians will undertake another three-month course.

Speaking to the Bomi County residents, students, the local authorities and guests that attended the ceremony, DSRSG Ryan thanked the Pakistani contingent for their continued role in consolidating the peace process in Liberia. “It is encouraging to see that, besides facing the challenging security tasks, UNMIL troops are deeply involved in imparting confidence to the people of Liberia,” he said.

DSRSG Ryan also commended the students for setting an example by taking the time to pursue training and for showing the way to their peers. Mr. Ryan urged the students to put their training to work and said “it is a new day for Liberia. Now that you have completed your training, make the most of it and help make your country prosperous.”

The Pakistani Contingent Commander, Lt.-Col. Majid Eshan, lauded the achievement of the 54 graduates and advised them to use these newly-acquired skills to improve themselves and the communities they live in.

During the visit, Mr. Ryan also met with Bomi County Superintendent, Mohammed A. Massaleh, to discuss the priorities and challenges of the County. Mr. Ryan also took the opportunity to meet the entire Bomi County Support Team (CST), to listen to their challenges and discuss progress made.

Speaking to UNMIL Radio, Mr. Ryan explained that the concept of the CST is to ensure that the “United Nations, together with all the members of the agencies of the UN Country Team, work directly with the County officials and help address the priorities of each County. CSTs will also support the County Superintendent and staff to ensure that their needs are known back in Monrovia and prioritized.”

The meeting with the County Support Team was in line with UNMIL’s commitment to support the restoration of state authority at the decentralized level, ensuring coherence between national and county-level policies and actions.

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