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Nepalese Formed Police Units and Military Police decorated with UN peacekeeping medals

Monrovia, Liberia - The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Operations and Rule of Law, Mr. Luiz Carlos da Costa, on 13 June awarded UN peacekeeping medals to the Nepalese Military Police and two Formed Police Units serving in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), at a joint medal ceremony held at the contingents' headquarters at the National Port Authority Compound.



DSRSG da Costa awards UN peacekeeping medals

In his remarks, DSRSG da Costa commended the police officers for their professionalism and dedication to the mission and said that “by supporting the United Nations peacekeeping operations in Liberia and elsewhere, Nepal has demonstrated its strong commitment to international peace and security.”

Mr. da Costa praised the contingents for playing “a key role in achieving the Mission’s principal objective of maintaining public safety.” In addition, he stressed that “the fundamental purpose of the International Police Service in United Nations peacekeeping missions is to build national capacity in post-conflict environments.” The DSRSG also recognized the important role played by the Nepalese Military Police and Formed Police Units by conducting special investigations and assisting the LNP in escorting, patrolling and crowd control.

He reminded the officers that they must uphold the ideals of the United Nations at all times and strictly abide by the Secretary-General’s policy of zero tolerance for sexual abuse and exploitation and the peacekeepers code of conduct.

The medal presentation ceremony was attended by the UNMIL Force Commander, Lt. Gen. Chikadibia Obiakor, UN Police Commissioner, Mr. Mohammed Alhassan, UNMIL Director of Administration, Mr. Ronnie Stokes, and other UNMIL senior civilian and military personnel.

Since 1958, Nepal has contributed to over 20 UN missions. The Nepalese contribution in Liberia comprises two Formed Police Units with 240 officers and one Force Military Police Unit with 40 officers. There are 16 Nepalese UN Police officers, three Military Observers and two staff officers at Force HQ.
