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UN Envoy visits remote northwest; assures support to the strengthening of the Rule of Law

Monrovia, Liberia – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Alan Doss, yesterday visited Bopulu, in northwestern Gbarpolu County, to meet with local authorities and to assess the working and living conditions of UNMIL troops and civilian personnel.



SRSR Doss meeting with local authorities and Bopulu residents

Addressing county authorities and a representative group of residents from Bopulu, Special Representative Doss recognized the considerable challenges faced by the residents of Gbarpolu County due to bad road conditions, shortage of basic amenities such as schools and health services. He reassured the residents that

UNMIL will continue to provide security as the Government, with the support of the international community, undertakes its programme of economic recovery and rehabilitation.

Highlighting the importance of strengthening the Rule of Law in Gbarpolu County, SRSR Doss informed the residents that UNMIL will soon complete the construction of the court house, and begin work on the new police station in Bopulu to ensure the deployment of additional Liberia National Police officers to the area. He also assured the County Superintendent that UNMIL will do its best to help the county administration get off the ground.

Interacting with civilian staff and the Pakistani troops responsible for ensuring internal and border security in Gbarpolu County, SRSR Doss recognized the important work they carried out in difficult circumstances, including foot patrols to inaccessible areas of the county. He urged the military and civilian personnel to strictly abide by the Secretary-General's zero-tolerance policy of sexual exploitation and abuse.

SRSR Doss was accompanied by the UNMIL Deputy Force Commander, Maj.-Gen.Mohammad Tahir and senior military and civilian officials.
