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**UN Envoy visits UNMIL personnel in Margibi and Bong Counties**

*Monrovia, Liberia* – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Alan Doss, yesterday visited Kakata in Margibi County and Salala and Totota in Bong County, to meet with UNMIL personnel working in these counties and to inspect the new facility that is being constructed at Maimu for the Bangladeshi contingent.

The SRSR received a detailed briefing on the security situation in Margibi and Bong from the Ghanaian and Bangladeshi contingents respectively, and held discussions with UN Police officers and Liberia National Police officers deployed in Kakata, Salala and Totota.



The SRSR meeting with UN Police and Liberia National Police in Salala, Bong County

Special Representative Doss urged UN staff members to work closely with the local authorities to identify priorities and develop project proposals that will help mobilize resources for recovery and development. By bringing together the activities of the various UN actors in each county under one umbrella – a County Support Team – the UN will ensure that its knowledge and resources are properly harmonized in support of the local authorities and communities. He reminded all UNMIL personnel that they must strictly abide by the UN’s code of conduct.

During an interview with UNMIL Radio in Totota, SRSR Doss called on the people of Liberia to go about their normal business in a peaceful and lawful manner and cooperate with the Government to move the country forward. He also commended the Government of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf for making determined efforts to improve the living standards of the people of Liberia.

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