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**ACTING FORCE COMMANDER WELCOMES ARRIVAL OF NEW  
PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS**

*Freetown* – The Acting Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), Maj. Gen. Syed Athar Ali, today welcomed the arrival of the first group of new Pakistani peacekeepers, consisting of 320 officers and men, at Lungi International Airport.

The troops arrived to replace the departing contingent deployed in the districts of Kono and Kailahun. Over 4,000 troops Pakistani troops will rotate from today, an exercise expected to last for about one month.

The new Pakistani Contingent Commander, Brig. Gen. Ijaz Awan, also arrived today. He will replace Brig. Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha, who was present at Lungi to receive the new peacekeepers.