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**Major General Sajjad Akram,  
UNAMSIL Force Commander**

*Freetown* - Pakistani-born Major General Sajjad Akram has been appointed as the Force Commander (FC) for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). This follows the departure from UNAMSIL of former FC General Daniel Opande who is now the Force Commander for the United Nations Mission in Liberia, UNMIL.

Until his appointment, Maj.Gen. Akram was UNAMSIL's Deputy Force Commander. Chief of Staff, British-born Brigadier General Adrian Forster takes over as Acting Deputy Force Commander. Brig. Foster will now combine both duties.

Commissioned in 1971, the new Force Commander took over as DFC and Chief Military Observer (CMO) on August 11, 2003. Before coming to UNAMSIL, he was Director General in Inter Services Intelligence in Pakistan.

Major General Akram is a graduate of Command and Staff College and National Defence College in Pakistan and holds varied experience of Command, Staff and Instruction at different levels in the army.

The appointments of both Gen. Akram and Brig. Foster take effect from October 1, 2003.

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