



## **International Day of UN Peacekeepers 29 May, 2005**

### **UNIC Harare**

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UNIC Harare commemorated the International Day of UN Peacekeeping through a photographic Exhibition showcasing UN soldiers at work in various peacekeeping missions. The Exhibition was divided into three segments: the first group of photographs featured Zimbabwean soldiers at work in various peacekeeping missions, the second group featured the Zimbabwe Republic Police at work in various missions and the last group was of soldiers from different countries across the globe at work in peacekeeping missions.

The Minister of Defence, represented by Air Marshall Perence Shiri, who is the Commander of the Zimbabwe Air Force, launched the Exhibition on Monday 30 June at a ceremony. The Air Marshall gave a background to Zimbabwe's involvement in UN peacekeeping. UNIC Officer in Charge and National Information Officer Tafadzwa Mumba gave a brief background on the International Day of UN Peacekeeping before reading the Secretary General's statement on this Day. This ceremony was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Information and Publicity Bright Matonga, the Deputy Chairman of the National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Senior army and police members, members of the diplomatic corps, government representatives, NGO representatives, the Media and students.

UNIC Harare organized the Exhibition in conjunction with the Ministry of Defence and the National Gallery of Zimbabwe. The Ministry of Defence provided funding. Over 400 people attended the Launch. The Exhibition was very popular even to the general public who went to view the Exhibition at the National Gallery during the week of 30 May to 4 June.

The Launch of the Exhibition was widely picked by both the Electronic and print Media. Stories were carried both on radio and on television and some were translated into the local languages of Shona and Ndebele. A newspaper supplement on this Day was also produced.