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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Final departure of ONUB Pakistani Soldiers from Burundi**

**Bujumbura, Burundi** – As part of the gradual drawdown of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) started since December 2005 (see press release No. ONUB/PIO/PR/108/2005), the Pakistani battalion is bidding farewell to Burundi.


The timetable for the final departure of Pakistani soldiers from Burundi covers the period from 21 to 27 September 2006. An initial batch of 225 troops was withdrawn on 21 September 2006, while a second, comprising 225 soldiers, left on Saturday 23 September 2006. Two other groups of 225 and 125 will depart Burundi respectively on 25 and 27 September 2006.

The 800-strong Pakistani battalion arrived in Burundi on 17 September 2005 and was immediately deployed in the Province of Cibitoke. The Pakistani troops will be leaving after a one-year stint in the country.

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