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UN Envoy commends the Swedish government for contributing to peace in Liberia

Monrovia, Liberia – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Alan Doss, has commended the government of Sweden for deploying to Liberia 229 Swedish troops who have worked as part of the mission’s Quick Reaction Force (QRF). The UN Envoy, who was speaking during a meeting on Tuesday with the Director of Operations of the Swedish Armed Force, Lt.-Gen. Jan Jonsson, praised the QRF for maintaining high standards of performance: “We are very pleased with the support and effectiveness of the QRF.”

Outlining UNMIL’s plans to deploy a new Pakistani Quick Reaction Force to replace the departing Swedes, SRSG Doss said that the UN is prepared to stay the course to ensure the government has the time it needs to move ahead with the consolidation of peace and recovery.

Mr. Doss urged the Swedish government to continue its support for Liberia especially for building the capacity of the national security institutions.

General Jonsson said the two-year mission in Liberia was the first large African mission undertaken by the Swedish Armed Forces. He added that the lessons learnt in Liberia will be of tremendous use in future peacekeeping missions in Africa.

UNMIL’s Quick Reaction Force, made up of Swedish and the Irish troops, can deploy through land, air and sea. The QRF has carried out extensive patrolling operations along Liberia’s borders and has been involved in special security assignments within Liberia. Representatives of the incoming Pakistani QRF are currently in Liberia on a reconnaissance mission to prepare the ground for the arrival of their contingent in November.



Swedish troops on patrol along Liberia’s border with Côte d’Ivoire
