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### UNOCI REHABILITATES 35 KMS OF ROAD IN THE WEST

“A good road is a prelude not only to development but also to security and that is why we are grateful to UNOCI for rehabilitating the Daloa-to-Yacouba Carrefour Road”, the Prefet of Daloa, Mr. Foulé Kouame, said on Wednesday, 19 April 2006.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the 35-kilometre road, which was rehabilitated by engineers from UNOCI’s Bangladeshi Battalion, as part of the Mission’s Quick Impact Projects (QIPS) program. The ceremony, which was attended by other local authorities, was held at a crossroads leading to the rehabilitated road, a few kilometers from Daloa city centre.

The Sub-Prefect of Zaibo Prefecture, which includes Yacouba Carrefour, echoed Mr. Kouame’s words Mr. Boni Kouakou Adolphe. He said it would now be easy for the area’s coffee and cocoa planters to take their produce to Daloa using the road.

Giving a brief overview of the work involved, the Commander of the Bangladeshi Engineers, Lieutenant Colonel Sharif Hussain, said that they had faced difficulties in moving heavy engineering equipment along the road. He added that during demonstrations by Young Patriots against UNOCI in January, his engineers had been threatened and prevented from continuing their work.

Lt-Col Sharif said he was proud, however, to have been part of a project, which will benefit the people of Côte d’Ivoire. He said that the joyous response of villagers who live along the road had made the work worthwhile.

Acting Sector West Commander Colonel Abdulbasher Imamuzzaman formally handed over the road to the Prefet, after which BANBATT’s Religious leader said prayers.





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