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### PEACEKEEPING IN SIERRA LEONE

#### VIDEO

#### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

UNHQ IN FREETOWN

After more than six years of keeping the peace in Sierra Leone, the United Nations has decided to pull out its troops from this West African country by the end of this year. (10)

UN PEACEKEEPING VEHICLES

The United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, UNAMSIL, was created in October 1999 to help restore peace to Sierra Leone after a brutal ten year civil war. The Mission was given a special mandate. (14)

FORCE COMMANDER ON-  
CAMERA

#### AKRAM:

"This mission right from its inception got a very robust mandate from the UN. We were given chapter seven to operate on." (9)

#### NARRATION

FORCE COMMANDER IN OFFICE

Major-General Sajjad Akram is the force commander. (3.5)

GENERAL ON-CAMERA

AKRAM:

"We were given the troops and all the enablers like gunship helicopters and other resources that needed to enforce that mandate." (8)

MORE PEACEKEEPING

NARRATION

At the peak of the mission, UNAMSIL had 17,500 troops, the largest UN peacekeeping force ever deployed. It was able to restore peace and stability to one of the most troubled nations in Africa. (14.5)

MILITARY GRADUATION

The mission helped the government of Sierra Leone reorganize its security forces and upgrade its military facilities. President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah is grateful. (10.5)

PRESIDENT ON-CAMERA

KABBAH:

"I wish to extend my government's sincere thanks and appreciation to UNAMSIL." (7)

MILITARY MARCHING /UN  
EQUIPMENT

NARRATION

As the government asserted its authority and began rebuilding its institutions, UNAMSIL launched a campaign of peace building. More than 32 quick-effect projects were completed through out the country. (13)

The results are appreciated by the people of Sierra Leone, says the Special representative of the Secretary-General, Ambassador, Daudi Mwakawago. (9.5)

SMSG ON-CAMERA

MWAKAWAGO:

“...Five years on, they’ve enjoyed the peace. They don’t want us to leave.” (7)

BARRACKS

NARRATION

Wilberforce Barracks in Freetown is home to more than 5,000 soldiers and their families. Years of neglect and civil war left the barracks in ruins, says Sergeant John T.P. from the Sierra Leone Army. (13.5)

SERGEANT ON-CAMERA

JOHN T.P.:

“These barracks just broke down. No water, no lights, no toilet, that’s no good.” (10)

BLUE HELMETS AT WORK

NARRATION

UNAMSIL’s Pakistani Engineering Battalion carried out a major maintenance project in the camp. (6)

REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

The engineers put in plumbing and water storage facilities... installed modern toilets... and rehabilitated camp roads, football and volleyball fields, as well as the camp’s primary school. Glades John is the head teacher of the school. (15)

HEAD TEACHER ON-CAMERA

JOHN:

“We are very grateful, especially to the United nations and the peacekeepers. Thank you very much.” (5.5)

NARRATION

PEOPLE

UNAMSIL is one of the most successful missions the United Nations ever deployed in a conflict area. It was given all the human, military and financial resources to make the mission succeed and ensure that the people of Sierra Leone can live in peace and harmony. (17)

UN LOGO

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