

READING COMPREHENSION TEST #7

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCES

As numerous Unexploded Ordnance and bombs remaining in Liberia pose danger to local population as well as International workers, Pakistani Peacekeepers organized on 11th February, 2006 a UXO demonstration to raise people's awareness of the risk of UXOs.

About 450 people from school children to local administration officials to UNMIL civilian staff attended the demonstration held in Tubmanburg to understand the dangers posed by various kinds of ordnance and bombs and learn what to do if they find them in the bush and elsewhere. Some of these people came from Monrovia because they considered the demonstration very important to all Liberians. The Team Leader of UN Police Induction Training Unit and his team were in attendance. Their presence was necessary to enable them update their Lecture on Mine Awareness meant for newly arrived UN Police officers. A team of Pakistani Engineers gave the audience a lecture, demonstrated how the Peacekeepers handle UXOs and exploded a bomb to show how dangerous it could be.

The Commander of PAKBATT 3, in his address, told the people that no serious UXO related accident involving Peacekeepers has been recorded in Liberia since inception of this Mission on Oct. 1st, 2003 and that this was due to awareness and safety precautions observed at all times by Peacekeepers.

'Don't touch it' was the message we want to deliver to you people in our area' said Maj. Ahmed, Public Information Officer of Pakistani Battalion 3 in Sector 2, who addressed the people after the Commander had left the podium. He told them that UXOs are a serious threat to UNMIL troops and aid workers when they patrol remote areas, deliver humanitarian aid or develop community infrastructure. He hoped that everyone appreciated the Pakistanis' efforts in creating the people's awareness.

In year 2005, PAKBATT 3 disposed 310 UXOs and 38,100 rounds of small ammunitions in its area of responsibility in Sector 2.

QUESTIONS: READING TEST "A"

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Q1: On what date did the Pakistani Peacekeepers organize the demonstration?

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Q2: Where was the demonstration held? And how many people attended?

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Q3: What does UXO stand for?

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Q4: Why was a bomb exploded by the Pakistani Engineers?

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Q5: When did the UN Mission in Liberia begin?

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Q6: What message did PAKBATT want to deliver to the people?

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Q7: Who is Maj. Ahmed?

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Q8: Who addressed the people first?

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Q9: How many UXOs and ammunitions were disposed in 2005?

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Q10: Why were the people from Monrovia present in Tubmanburg?

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