Test # 1. "Monrovia Freeport"

SITUATION REPORT # 01.

The UN Security Council Resolution 1509, which was adopted on 19.09.2003 called for the immediate restructuring of police and other security services, maintenance of law and order by an interim police force, eventual deployment of a newly trained national police force. The United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) was also requested to monitor the activities of the interim police force and help to develop and implement police training programs. The Monrovia Freeport harbor was officially opened in 1948 and played one of the major roles for the Liberian National budget. The Liberia Seaport Police is headed by the Director, who is appointed by the President of the Republic of Liberia. The Director of the Monrovia Free Port has three Deputies, Chief of Patrol, Senior Inspector and Task Force Commander. The original name of Monrovia Free Port police was "Port Guard", which was later changed to "Safety Security Department". Since 1997, security service was restructured and named "Liberia Seaport Police". The role of the Liberia Seaport Police is to ensure personal and property protection within the premises of the National Port. The Free Port police have executive power for investigation and arresting of criminal offenders. The Liberia Seaport Police is also responsible for the other ocean Liberian ports called Buchanan, Greenville and Harper.

Follow up Report # 02.

The UNMIL International Police Service (IPS) team commenced its duties at the Freeport of Monrovia on 01.08.04 with the strength of six IPS officers. The IPS met full support from the Freeport Management and the Liberia Seaport Police Commander. Two IPS officers were assigned to monitor, instruct and advice the Immigration bureau and two were assigned for the Customs and Health agency. One IPS officer was assigned a task to establish communication and liaise with the Ghana military battalion, which is actually providing security at the gates to the Monrovia Freeport. The IPS team after first three days concluded, that the current situation in the Freeport area reflects a complex of problems. The Freeport Monrovia police has very limited training and very poorly equipped. The IPS team requested UN Head Quarters to increase its manpower at the Monrovia Free Port by adding fourteen more IPS officers with the seaport related experience.

FOLLOW UP REPORT # 03.

On Tuesday 24 August 2004 IPS Officers assigned to Immigration, Customs, and Health agencies held a workshop for the Liberia Seaport Police. After theoretical part of the workshop the IPS officers conducted practical course on inspection of the crew and cargo documents of the incoming vessel called "Blue Line". Passports of the crew were inspected and stamped. The cargo documents were presented by the captain of the vessel, checked by the Liberia Seaport Police and they found them appropriate. At the end of the workshop the IPS officers concluded, that the inspection of vessel was carried out successfully.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

QUESTIONS: READING TEST
"MONROVIA FREEPORT""**A"**

Q1: When was the UN Security Council Resolution 1509 adopted?

Q2: Who has the authority to appoint the Director of the Liberia Seaport Police?

Q3: What was the original name of the Monrovia Free Port Police?

Q4: What are the names of the ocean ports besides Monrovia that the Liberia Seaport Police is responsible for?

Q5: On what date did the UNMIL International Police Service (IPS) team commenced its duties at the Freeport of Monrovia?

Q6: How many IPS officers were assigned for the Customs and Health agency?

Q7: Who provides security at the gates to the Freeport of Monrovia?

Q8: Whom did the IPS team apply to increase their quantity at the Monrovia Freeport?

Q9: What was the name of the incoming vessel?

Q10: Who presented the cargo documents to the Liberia Seaport Police?

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