

READING COMPREHENSION TEST # 4

"AIRPORT"

SITUATION REPORT # 01

Airport is the place where people meet and depart. Airport is the place what UN Peacekeepers see upon their arrival in the mission. United Nations mission in Liberia (UNMIL) started peacekeeping operation on 1-st October 2003. The first international police officers came to Liberia by air and landed at the Roberts International Airport, located 60 kilometers east from Monrovia.

The state of Liberia was founded in 1847 by immigrants of African descent who returned from the us to their native continent. The first president of Liberia was Joseph Jenkins Roberts. He was born in Norfolk, USA, on March 15, 1809, and arrived in Liberia in 1828 with his widowed mother, four brothers and two sisters. He was one of the famous liberian-political figures of the nineteenth century. He lead Liberia to independence in 1847. He served as president of Liberia from 1847-1856 and from 1872-1876.

The main international airport was built in the second half of the previous century and named after the first Liberian president - Roberts International Airport.

The reconstruction of the Liberian economy after the civil war requires broad air connection with neighboring African countries and Europe. Much humanitarian aid is being sent to Liberia by air and received at the Roberts International Airport.

SITUATION REPORT # 02

UN peacekeeping equipment was mainly transported to Liberia by air. United Nations heavyweight cargo aircrafts only within one month had completed a series of flights, delivering 560 tons of equipment and supplies for UN peacekeeping forces in Liberia. The second Liberian airfield is located in Monrovia and called Spriggs Payne Airport. This airfield is mostly used for domestic flights within Liberia. UNMIL has two helicopter bases located at Roberts International Airport and the Spriggs Payne airport. Helicopters, located at Roberts International Airport are operated by the UN military personnel from Ukraine and helicopters from Spriggs Payne Airport are operated by the Polish civilian helicopter crew. A high level of safety of flights and strong technological discipline of both divisions participating in implementing peacekeeping operation in Liberia is being observed.

SITUATION REPORT # 03

The United Nations personnel are authorized to use un flights to fly from Liberia to Ghana and Sierra Leone. With effect from 15 October 2004 these flights are operated from Roberts International Airport three times a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. There is no charge for official duty travels. UN members have to submit approved movement of personnel form to the booking office at least 48 hours prior to the proposed flight. All movement of personnel forms should indicate a valid telephone number, where the traveler can be reached in the event of changes to the flight. All passengers are authorized to carry up to 25 kgs of accompanied luggage and 5 kgs of hand luggage. A bus service is available to Roberts International Airport 3 hours prior to flight from the mission head quarters.

QUESTIONS: READING TEST “AIRPORT” “A”

Q1: On what date did the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) start peacekeeping operation?

Q2: By whom was the state of Liberia founded?

Q3: Whom did Joseph Jenkins Roberts arrive with in Liberia in 1828?

Q4: When did Joseph Jenkins Roberts serve his first Presidential term?

Q5: What is the nationality of the helicopter crew located at the Spriggs Payne Airport?

Q6: How was the UN peacekeeping equipment mainly sent to Liberia?

Q7: What is the name of the airfield which is mostly used for domestic flights within Liberia?

Q8: To what countries the United Nations personnel are authorized to fly with UN flights from Liberia?

Q9: On which days of the week the UN flights are not operated from Roberts International Airport?

Q10: What type of service the UNMIL makes available to Roberts International Airport from the Mission Head Quarters?
