READING COMPREHENSION TEST # 2.
"POLICE ACADEMY"

SITUATION REPORT # 01

At 10.00 hrs on 05 July 2004 the Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia, Special Representative of the Secretary General and UNMIL Civilian Police Commissioner attended the ceremony of the reopening of the Liberian National Police Academy. New training program was launched for the new police service of Liberia. The United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Civilian Police in collaboration with the Transitional Government aims to train 3,500 police officers within two years and to have 1,900 new officers fully operational by the time of the national elections, which would be held in October 2005. The launch of the training program makes a significant step forward in the development of a new police service for the country. The civilian police Commissioner said at the launching ceremony, that it was the beginning of a new day for policing in Liberia. During civil war in Liberia the police force had become a part of the great tragedy that Liberia has suffered for 14 years. The initial 150 cadets - who include 50 serving members of the Liberian National Police and 100 new candidates selected through a massive recruitment campaign and later vetting process, are men and women from 13 of Liberia's 15 counties, representing 17 ethnic groups.

SITUATION REPORT #2

The training staff at the Academy is comprised of 44 UN civilian police officers (UNCIVPOL) from 17 countries in addition to Liberian instructors.

On 12 August 2004 UNMIL Civilian Police Chief of Staff visited Police Academy and spoke with cadets. The trainees were happy to have opportunity to take on the values of courage, to be trained by the team of International police instructors. The cadets wear blue uniform and receive necessary knowledge and physical training for future work. The trainee from group number nine said that all cadets understand that after graduating from the Police Academy they must go out and earn the respect of the Liberian citizens in the streets by showing their readiness to serve the people. The UNMIL civilian police Chief of Staff said that 30 percent of the trainees after graduation would be deployed at the boarder close to Guinea and Ivory Coast.

SITUATION REPORT #3

Liberian police stations are still bad in shape. The UNMIL Police Commissioner had appealed to the donor countries for help. Donation is needed in areas of office equipment, chars, tables, typewriters, and computers. The first 150 Liberian cadets were released on 26 September 2004. The presently trained Liberian Police Service is required to carry side arms but the Police do not have enough pistols and ammunition. Donations of at least100 pistols would solve immediate need. The Liberian National Police had only three patrol vehicles in its fleet by September 2004. Donation of five patrol cars would modernize their mobility problem. In the middle of September 2004 Nigerian Inspector General of Police paid official visit to Liberia and proposed to train 500 Liberian police officers to form special antiterrorist unit in the sister African country by February 2005.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

QUESTIONS: READING TEST "POLICE ACADEMY"

Q1: What time and date was the ceremony of the reopening of the Liberian National Police Academy held?

Q2: How many new fully operational police officers does the Police Academy intend to release by the time of the national elections?

Q3: What is the composition of the training staff at the Police Academy?

Q4: How many Liberian counties were the first cadets selected from?

Q5: On what date did the UNMIL Civilian Police Chief of Staff visit Police Academy?

Q6: What color of uniform do Cades of the Liberian National Police wear?

Q7: Close to which countries 30% of the trainees would be deployed after graduation?

Q8: Who had appealed to the donor countries for help?

Q9: How many patrol vehicles did the Liberian National Police have in its fleet by September 2004?

Q10: What unit did the Nigerian Inspector General of Police proposed to train 500 Liberian police officers for?

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