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Mongolian Guard Force Honoured by Special Court at Rotation Ceremony

In a colourful handover ceremony in Freetown Friday, the men and women of MONBATT VII said farewell to Special Court officials as they prepared to leave for home.



Acting Registrar Binta Mansaray hailed the work of the UNMIL Mongolian Guard Force, both in securing the premises of the Special Court and for their contributions to the consolidation of peace in Sierra Leone.

“Six months ago you arrived in Sierra Leone, far from your homes in Mongolia, with a mission to provide security at the Special Court for Sierra Leone,” Mansaray said. “On behalf of the Special Court, I say thanks. You have served honourably and you have served well.”

Since January 2006, seven contingents of Mongolian peacekeepers have guarded the premises of the Special Court to provide security for the judicial process. As the commander of MONBATT VII handed over to his successor at MONBATT VIII,

Mansaray pledged that the Special Court would provide all necessary support to the new contingent to enable them to do their work.

The Mongolian Guard Force commander, on behalf of the Mongolian Ministry of Defence, conferred upon Binta Mansaray “the Honour of Warrior” for her “valuable support to the Mongolian contingents at the Special Court for Sierra Leone.” Mansaray accepted the award on the Special Court.



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