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## *Editorial*

### **UNOCI's Support for Cote d'Ivoire at a Redefining Moment of its Evolution**

**O**n 13 may 2011, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1981 to extend the mandate of the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI) until 31 July and also extended the temporal redeployment in Cote d'Ivoire of UN peacekeepers and material in Liberia (MINUL) until 30 June 2011. By unanimously voting to maintain the peacekeepers, the Security Council reaffirms the support of the UN for Cote d'Ivoire.

After a post-electoral crisis lasting four months, the Ivorian government must overcome a number of challenges including reinforcing security, pacification and national reconciliation. The stability of Cote d'Ivoire is predicated on the total mastery of the security situation by the new government which came into being a few days ago. Many weapons are still circulating even if one notices a reduction in cases of armed robbery.

Investors and financial institutions are surveying the field and making studies for an eventual return to Cote d'Ivoire where, everyone agrees, there is work to be done and especially to bring support for economic revival. In order not to rush and be disappointed in their decision to return,

which would permit the country to breathe and bounce back in the sub-region, clear signals have been sent to the decision makers who apparently are conscious of the challenges ahead.

UNOCI and the entire international community are ready to play their part as they have done in the past many years; before, during and now, after the crisis. The commission on Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation is being awaited impatiently by all Ivorians irrespective of their political leanings. Cote d'Ivoire cannot develop without justice, peace, security, dialogue, tolerance and reconciliation.

UNOCI which for two weeks hosted a Technical Assessment Mission from the UN HQ in New York would certainly experience a modification of its mandate. The evaluation team took notes, made observations and received recommendations and listened attentively.

Information gathered would enable the UN to formulate a new mandate to support the efforts of the Ivorian government. What is certain is that UNOCI would accompany Cote d'Ivoire on its way to a durable and lasting peace.

## 1 *UNOCI in action*

- **Abou Moussa meets National Assembly President and 3rd Vice President of FPI**

The Principal Deputy Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Cote d'Ivoire, Mr. Abou Moussa met on Wednesday 18 May with the President of the National Assembly and 3rd Vice president of the FPI party, Mamadou Koulibaly at the UNOCI HQ. Mr. Koulibaly said he had come for a courtesy visit and told ONUCI FM Radio that he had discussed his security concerns and a return to normality. He said "the UN would support normalization and that Ivorians must understand that the war is over.

We should lend each other a hand to rebuild the country."



## 2 *UNOCI meets the press*

-The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Cote d'Ivoire, Y.J. Choi on Thursday received the President of the Independent Electoral commission, Yousouf Bakayoko to discuss perspectives for the forthcoming parliamentary elections. Mr. Choi is expected to assure Mr. Bakayoko of UNOCI's continued support for IEC to help it accomplish its tasks.

-UNOCI is providing multi-faceted support to the Ivorian government for the inaugural ceremony of President Alassane Ouattara on 21 May 2011 in Yamoussoukro. UNOCI is to mobilise human, material, security and logistic resources for the event to be attended by a powerful UN delegation led by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and comprising the Chief of the UN Peacekeeping Department, Alain Le Roy and the head of the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire Y.J. Choi. This attendance demonstrates the UN's determination to continue to assist the Ivorian people to turn over a new page in their history after the sad experience of the post-electoral crisis. The focus should be to overcome the challenges of social cohesion and national reconciliation in order to revive the economy.

-UNOCI Force will take part in ensuring the security

of the airport and main streets in Yamoussoukro and the clearing of Houphouet Boigny Foundation of any harmful devices or objects and the protection of the Foundation.

-UNOCI Forces conducted 689 land and air patrols during the past week as well as joint patrols with the Republican Forces of Cote d'Ivoire.

The bomb disposal team continued its mission throughout the national territory. It has collected and stored unexploded bombs and ammunitions in Abidjan. The next demining zone earmarked is Azague, 45 km north of Abidjan.

-UNOCI on Wednesday 18 May received some 100 weapons and ammunition collected by the French Licorne Force during patrols in Abidjan. The weapons were handed over to UNOCI's Special Jordanian Police contingent who would record them in a register

On the humanitarian front, UNOCI's peacekeeping troops provided medical care to 728 patients and distributed 103,000 litres of drinking water to the population last week.

### 3 *Sensitisation à...*

#### UNOCI SENSITIZES INHABITANTS OF FEREFOUGOULA ABOUT FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

**U**NOCI made a stop-over in the village of Ferefougoula on 17 May on the occasion of a reconciliation ceremony organised by the people of the Bako sub prefecture, 836 km north-west of Abidjan.

The Chief of the village, Amara Kante called on his people to show tolerance and avoid vengeance. "Let's do everything to be united because peace is necessary for any development," he advised. He used the occasion to express the needs of his village including drinking water, health centre and classrooms. People from the neighbouring villages of Niamatogola, Fasseronzo, Neguela, and Foula took part in the ceremony marked by traditional



and religious singing as well as prayers and blessing for victims of the post-electoral crisis.

#### THE PEOPLE OF OUELLE MAKE A COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION AND SOCIAL COHESION

**U**NOCI organised a sensitization campaign on 18 May 2011 on reconciliation and social cohesion in Ouelle, 278 km north of Abidjan. The occasion was attended by administrative and religious authorities, elites of the village, administrative cadres and traditional authorities, not forgetting students and tutors of the Lycee Moderne.

In his welcome address, the Mayor of the town, Mr. Amani Comoe thanked UNOCI for the initiative,



saying: "If we have been able to identify the population, organize elections, and manage the post-electoral crisis, it was thanks to UNOCI. Without UNOCI, Cote d'Ivoire would have experienced a genocide like in Rwanda."

The sub-prefect of Ettroko, who was standing in for the interim sub-prefect of Ouelle, Mr. Kablan anzian Andre, indicated that a new page was being written in Cote d'Ivoire and every one of us is called upon to contribute toward a convivial and harmonious life. "Let us eradicate hate and contempt by mutually accepting to respect each other," he stressed. He also called on civil servants to avoid doing politics at their jobsite. "Do not force your colleagues to do politics at the work place. Leave politics to politicians and let's do our work," he said, adding: "Each Ivorian must act every day within the framework of reconciliation."

The Ouelle population made a commitment to play their part in making national reconciliation a reality and suggested to UNOCI to set up a committee to criss-cross the remote villages to spread the message of reconciliation.

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## 4 Postelectoral Situation

### • Recuperation off arms by Togo battalion

**U**NOCI launched an appeal through its FM Radio to the population to gather all weapons abandoned during the post-electoral fighting.

The appeal yielded fruit as the traditional chieftaincy of Cocody-Village handed over some 50 Kalashnikov rifles and ammunitions to the UN mission. The gesture demonstrates the willingness

by Chief Aby Leon and his people to resolutely work for reconciliation and contribute to the security and pacification of the country.

UNOCI thanked the population for their cooperation and reiterated its call for continued cooperation with UNOCI to ensure the recuperation of arms in Abidjan city.



### • Restitution of Looted property

**U**NOCI's Togolese battalion has begun restituting stolen property looted during the post-electoral fighting. The property that was recuperated with the cooperation of the Republican Forces of Côte d'Ivoire (FRCI) was stored in

a UNOCI warehouse in the Riviera neighbourhood of Abidjan while waiting for the claimants to show up. This includes cars, refrigerators, and identity cards and personal effects. Claimants continue to show up at the UNOCI camps at Riviera.

## ONUCI FM's FREQUENCIES

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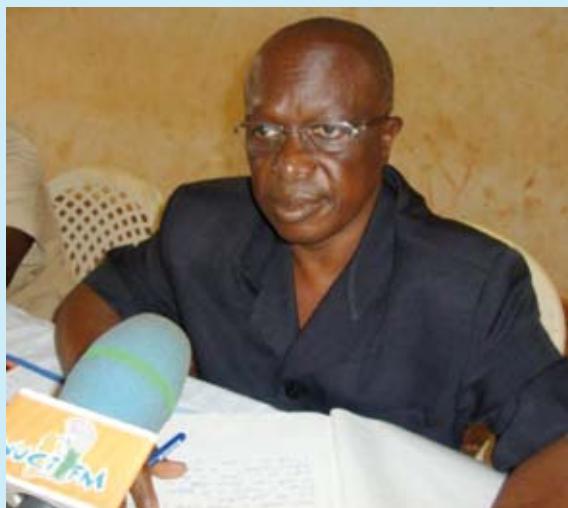
## 5 Message of peace

Mayor of Ouelle, Amani Comoe Paul

I would like to thank UNOCI for what it has done for democracy and peace in our country. I wish that each one of us, in a spirit of sincerity and magnanimity can forgive.

Forgive all losses, all the errors, all the persons we have lost and to look ahead to the future. What is important for us and our children is the future. The future of this country is in the peace that will bring back the development we had known in the past.

We should be sincere and we must respect others and their opinion, without which we cannot be reconciled with one another. »



## 6 Portrait

### ■ Brigadier general Nazmul Hussain



Brigadier general Nazmul Hussain joined the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire on 13 June 2010 after serving for 31 years in the Bangladeshi Army. Cote d'Ivoire is his third peacekeeping mission after Rwanda and Sierra Leone. General Nazmul is Commander of the East sector made up

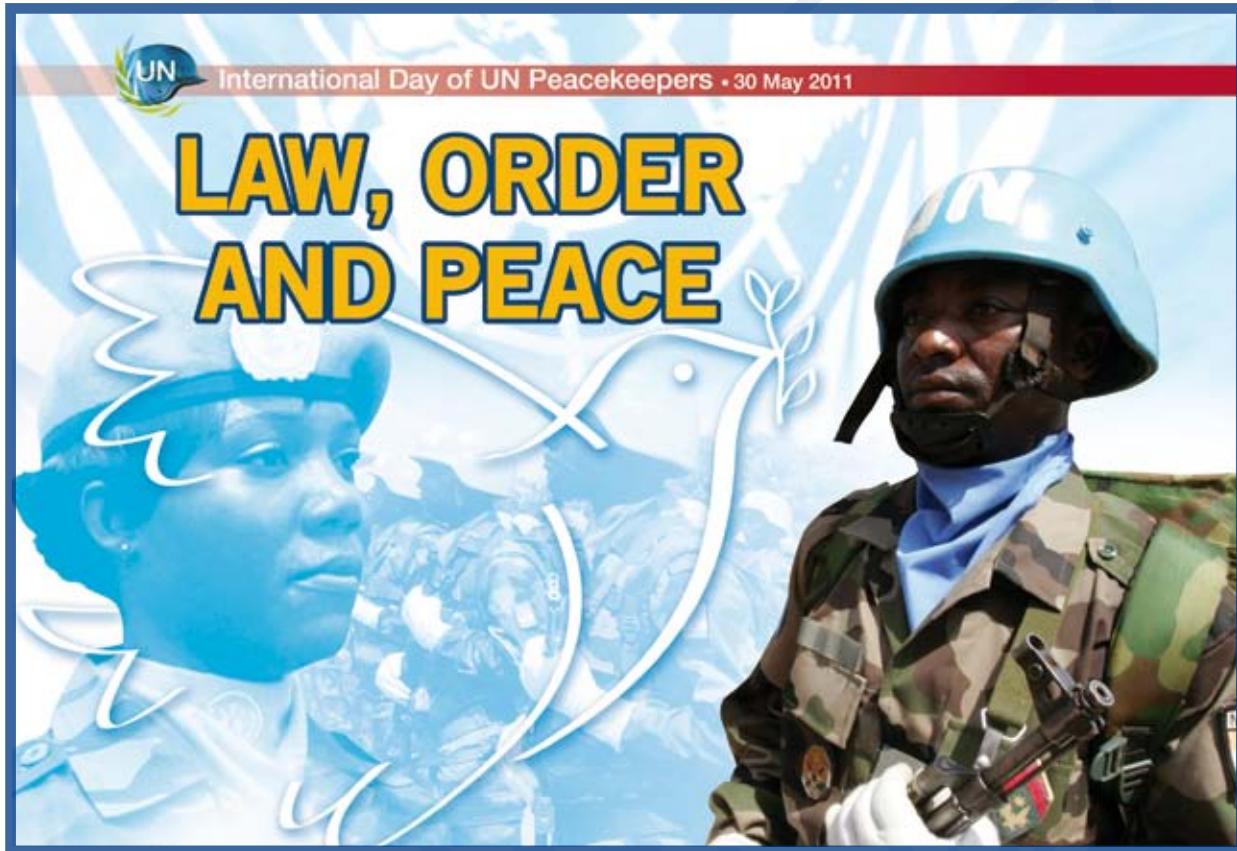
of two Bangladeshi battalions, one Benin battalion and one Moroccan battalion as well as a Bangladeshi engineering contingent.

The tasks if these troops consist in conducting patrols, ensuring the security of UN personnel and materials. Other activities include providing humanitarian assistance to the population through quick impact projects such as rehabilitating school buildings, free medical consultations and treatment, the distribution of drinking water etc.

According to General Nazmul, the problem frequently experienced by his troops is a longing for their respective home countries. Asked what he thought was his most remarkable souvenir of Cote d'Ivoire, he said it was the national motto: <Union, Discipline and Work>.

Peace, harmony, unity, fraternity and the strength to overcome the difficulties experienced by Ivoirians is the wish he has for the people of Cote d'Ivoire.

## 7 *Image of the week*



## 8 *What's new on ONUCI FM ...*

ONUCI FM the Radio for Peace whose aim is to inform Ivorians about peace and national reconciliation, proposes its regular newscasts at 7h00, 8h00, 12h00 and 18h00 plus its news on the hour as from 9h00.

We are also offering special reports and magazine programmes on society, health and sport. On Monday 23 at 7h40 we invite you to visit the INPHB professional school in Yamoussoukro.

On 24 May we take a look at the resumption of activities following the reopening of banks in Bondoukou. On Wed. 26, we feature the reggae music of singer Reddish who sings peace and

reconciliation.

On Thursday 26 May, ONUCI FM examines the return of social cohesion in Agboville. On Friday 27 May, the International Day for the Fight Against illicit medicines, we propose a report on the dangers of street side medicines.

Before all that on Saturday 21 may you will be treated to a live coverage of the investiture of Ivorian President Alassane Ouattara in Yamoussoukro.

This would also include interviews with a number of personalities and in the evening you can follow the Concert all on ONUCI FM.

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