

## HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA LILONGWE (MALAWI)

## Press Release

## MDF officers attending UN Peacekeeping Course for African Partners in India

The High Commission of India, Lilongwe hosted the three Malawi Defence Officers nominated by the Republic of Malawi to attend a three week Training Programme being organized by the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) Course for African Partners on 13 July, 2017. The training is to be held in New Delhi from 17 July to 04 August, 2017. The training programme is being organised in coordination with the United States Global Peace Operation Peace Initiative (GPOI). Ms. Katrina Washington, OSC Operations NCO and Mr. Kalezi Zimba, Military Programms Manager representing United States Embassy in Lilongwe attended the event.

- 2. The training programme is being offered to Defence Officers from eight identified African countries viz., Malawi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo and African Union. Malawi is represented by Captain Overton Gondwe, Major Chikondi Chalira and Captain Kissa Kadaluka.
- 3. CUNPK was established in September 2000 as a Centre of Excellence for UN Peacekeeping related activities. The Centre promotes multi-national intellectual exchange to refine the philosophy, doctrine and strategy of UN Peacekeeping. As part of its multi-year programme, the Centre has been imparting training to UN Peacekeepers which include participants invited from a number of friendly foreign countries. Since its inception, it has trained 6864 Indian officers and 1138 officers from 96 foreign countries.
- 4. India has been committed to UN Peace keeping efforts since its inception in the 1950s. India has contributed nearly 195,000 troops, the largest number from any country and participated in more than 49 missions. 168 Indian peacekeepers have made supreme sacrifice while serving in the UN Missions. At present, India at present contributes 7683 personnel deployed in 10 out of 16 active UN Peace keeping Missions of which 777 are police personnel.

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## Scope of Training Programme

- (a) UN Peacekeeping Operations History, evolution and types of peacekeeping.
- (b) Legal Aspects and mission analysis.
- (c) Org and Role of:-
  - (i) UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations.
  - (ii) Mission HQ, Force HQ and Sector HQ.
  - (iii) Functioning of Joint Operations Centre & Joint Mission Analysis
- (d) Duties and responsibilities of various appointments.
- (e) Thematic subjects:-
  - (i) Protection of Civilians
  - (ii) Sexual Exploitation and Abuse / Conflict Related Sexual Violence & Child Protection.
  - (iii) Civil Military Coordination
- (f) Role and responsibilities of UN Agencies and UN Police.
- (g) International Humanitarian Law (IHL) & Laws of Armed Conflicts.
- (h) Peace building activities.
- (i) Media management.
- (i) Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR).
- (k) Cultural Sensitivities.
- (1) MILOB Oriented subjects to include:-
  - (i) Role of MILOBs in UN Peacekeeping Operations.
  - (ii) Experience sharing of Military Observers (MILOBs).
  - (iii) Administration, safety & security in UN Peacekeeping Operations.
  - (iv) Negotiation & Mediation.
- (m) Staff Officers Oriented subjects to include:-
  - (i) Role and Duties of MSOs / MLOs.
  - (ii) Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP).
  - (iii) Military Component Planning Process (MCPP).
  - (v) Introduction to Crisis Management.
- (n) Logistics Oriented subjects to include:-
  - (i) UN Logistics system & Support at mission level.
  - (ii) Management of Contingent Owned EquipmentCOE.
  - (iv) Introduction to Contingent Owned Equipment COE manual.
- (o) Contingent Officers Oriented subjects to include:-
  - (i) Contingent (Preparation, Induction & De-induction).
  - (ii) COB / Team site: Siting, layout & security.
  - (iii) Use of Force & its implications.
  - (iv) Primary, Secondary & other tasks.
  - (v) Coordination & Integration.
- (p) Classroom Exercises / Blackboard exercises regarding various critical issues to include:-
  - (i) Ex Helping Hands.
  - (ii) Ex on PoC / CRSV / SEA.
  - (iii) Ex Blue Helmets.
  - (iv) Ex INSTEX.