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UNPOL MACKY SISSOKO: CAREER POLICE OFFICER, TEACHER BY VOCATION.

UNPOL Macky SISSOKO took no time to demonstrate his selflessness and professionalism. He arrived in the Mission eight months ago and drew the attention of his supervisors and colleagues who find him « very sociable with an unparalleled capacity to integrate », committed and doesn't hesitate to take initiatives. These qualities appreciated by his supervisors have earned him an appointment as tandem to the Goma Deputy Chief of Sector in charge of Training.

PIO/UNPOL: Who is UNPOL Macky SISSOKO?

I am UNPOL Macky SISSOKO of Malian Nationality. Born on 26 July 1969 in Bamako, I am a trained teacher. I enrolled in the Malian National Police in 1992 as sub officer. In 2006, I became Officer passing out as first student of my batch. I previously served in Public Order Management Units, the Special Intervention Brigade before specializing in forensic, medical and legal management of mass graves and crime scenes. I have gone round the world in search of knowledge through practical experience, "the school of life". This is why as a true believer; I am a humble, generous and serviceable person.



Deployed in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Congo on 07 December 2014, I was posted to Goma Sector. I quickly drew the attention of my supervisors who immediately appointed me as Focal Point for Human Rights, Environment, Protection of Civilians and Adviser at the North Kivu Congolese National Police Unit in charge of Research and Investigations, then as tandem to the Deputy Chief of Sector in charge of Training.

PIO/UNPOL: Can you tell us why you chose to serve as a Police Officer in Peace keeping Operations and particularly in the DRC especially when we know the prevailing situation in your country?

My country Mali has been going through difficult moments due to the recurrent rebellion since 1959. To address this situation, it is necessary to live other experiences to be able to help our people, while also bringing our contribution. It is therefore, this urge for transfer of competence that pushed me to apply to serve in the United Nations. I would like to use this occasion to laud the decision of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations for accepting to deploy police officers from countries in crisis, within the perspective just mentioned earlier.

PIO/UNPOL: Ever since you arrived in the Mission, you have been serving as Trainer in Goma Sector, can you tell us more about your experience in this domain?

-Effectively, ever since my arrival in the Mission and despite my other equally passionate aptitudes, I have been victim of professional deformation because as a trained teacher, I am more at ease in this domain. This is why my devotion and selflessness in this field quickly caught the attention of my hierarchy.

I thus coordinated and supervised the basic police training of 400 North Kivu Congolese Police Officers, the on-going refresher training on elections security in Goma for 450 PNC Officers. Presently I am preparing the training of 315 PNC. 50 of whom in Mines and hydrocarbons, 240 in frontier police, 25 in lakeside Police in collaboration with the Organization for International Migration (OIM).

Training is a domain which enables people to know you in a few minutes. This is why though relatively new in MONUSCO Goma, I think I am more useful to the Police Component as a trainer within the PNC.

PIO/UNPOL: Do you have other ambitions for MONUSCO Police?

My ambition is very big for the Mission, because I wish that through training, I can reduce the number of untrained PNC Officers. This explains why during my Joint Assessment Missions at KITSHANGA, MWESO, PINGA and MUNINGI, I have always proposed a training or sensitization session geared towards the capacity building of our PNC partner in line with the insufficiencies noticed. I am also preparing myself to assume supervisory functions within the component for the attainment of our objectives. For the time being, I am learning in order to better understand the Mission in all aspects.

PIO/UNPOL: What has stroke you most in this Mission?

Three things amongst others have stroke me in the mission. They are:

Responsibility within the Mission: Carry out assigned tasks with responsibility by ensuring the sustainability and enhancing the visibility of the Mission and the United Nations, while safeguarding your personality and projecting the image of your country.

The vulnerability of the human being. The example of this woman whom I found seriously burnt in her hurt, following an epileptic feet that pushed her into the fire as she was cooking in her kitchen in the BUHIMBA Internally Displaced Person's camp near Goma. Thanks to action taken by UNPOL, a Non-Governmental Organization took charge and this woman has never failed to thank UNPOL through my person.

Finally, I am marveled by the human warmth of our PNC partners. Wherever I find myself in Goma, I am greeted with one word "MUALIMU", meaning "Teacher". This recognition, acceptance of the transfer of competence, this feedback comforts and revitalizes me, as I continue to work towards sustaining and enhancing the capacity of my partners.

PIO/UNPOL: Any final word?



I appeal for the respect of the principles of the United Nations in Peace keeping Missions as the success of the implementation of the mandate of the Security Council depends on this.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT HIM....

UNPOL FAKOOU Zakarie, Goma Chief of Sector.

UNPOL Macky Sissoko has been serving in Goma Sector since 16 January 2015. This is his first experience in peacekeeping missions. He is specialized in training and is one of the best in this Sector. Though newly deployed in the Mission, by respecting instructions and taking laudable initiatives in May 2015, he succeeded in supervising while at the same time giving lessons during the first phase of the basic training course for 400 Congolese National Police Officers in Goma, Masisi, Rutshuru and



Walikale in the absence of the substantive. This performance led to his objective appointment as tandem to the Deputy Sector Commander in charge of Training. His proven professionalism, devotion, commitment and experience that exceed expectations cannot be contested.

Furthermore, Macky is the Focal Point for the UNPOL colocation team with the Research and Investigation Group of the Congolese National Police where his quality of work, his close working relations built within a very short time with the PNC, are improving the level of professional and operational capacities of this Unit. He was first to come up with a mentoring plan with the Unit to which he is attached which was approved by the Chief of Sector before being examined and adopted by the commander of the Research and Investigations Group. A

present evaluation of this plan has revealed significant progress.

UNPOL ISMAEL HALABY, Goma Sector:

In less than six months in the mission, this Officer has demonstrated his availability, integrity and professionalism. Very sociable and with an unparalleled integration capacity, he has been able in a very short time to change the outlook of the Research and Investigations Group of the Congolese National Police (GRI/PNC), where he is Adviser. Macky is ever ready to sacrifice for the group and for the wellbeing of the population. At work, he is undoubtedly ingenious. Twice in my presence, he has deferred his CTO in favor of the capacity building of the PNC. I encourage him to continue in the same vain, because he is honoring his country, the Police Component and the United Nations.

UNPOL YORO TRAORE, Serious and Organized Crime Support Unit, HQ- Goma:

I will start by saying that I knew him before our enrollment into the Malian National Police. Macky graduated from the “Ecole Nationale Secondaire” (ENSEC) as first student of his batch. He is thus a trained teacher. He joined the Police in 1992, a year before me. After his basic training, he was deployed in the northern part of Mali within the scope of securing that part of the national territory pruned to secessionist movements. Thereafter, Police Sargent Macky SISSOKO was transferred to Bamako in the private secretariat of the Director General of the Malian Police. At this level he was quickly distinguished for his discipline and his drafting skills. He served under three Directors General of the Malian Police. In 2003, he rose to the rank of Police Inspector which is the equivalent of “Officier de Police” in some countries. After his training, he was in charge of the Research Brigade of the 10 District of Bamako which is noted as one of the crime pruned neighborhoods of the Malian capital. He distinguished himself through the arrest of hardened bandits. Following the creation of the forensic Department (PTS) of the Malian Police, the Ministry of Internal Security and Civil Protection carried out a selection test aimed at constituting a viable

team. Inspector Macky Sissoko came first in this test and today he is specialized in Forensic. Meantime, he has not missed out on his profile as a teacher because he is a permanent Instructor at the Malian National Police School. To conclude, I encourage my compatriot and wish him good luck. I equally encourage all UNPOLs to be committed in order that we together succeed in this noble mission which is the stabilization of the Congo.

