

## ***'Ideal Village' latest project by UN peacekeepers to boost Liberia's food security***



Lieutenant-General Abu Tayeb Muhammad Zahirul Alam meets with people in Maimu Town, near Totota in Liberia's central province of Bong 26 February 2009 – A new 150-acre agricultural village, complete with poultry, a fish pond and school and community-based farms, is the latest initiative by Bangladeshi peacekeepers serving with the United Nations Mission in Liberia (**UNMIL**) to boost food security, a crucial component to lasting peace in the West African nation.

Inaugurating the "Bangla-Bong Ideal Village," UNMIL's Force Commander noted that the country has very fertile soil, excellent land-to-people ratio and wonderful weather, and urged Liberians, especially young people, to use their resources to develop their country.

"If you harness all the great opportunities your fertile land offers, I'm certain that you will one day stand on your feet, and march ahead, and you will be one of the examples in West Africa," Lieutenant-General Abu Tayeb Muhammad Zahirul Alam told the community at Maimu Town, near Totota in Liberia's central province of Bong.

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The General encouraged the people of Maimu Town to own the project and manage it well. "This is your property, it is you who have to really nurture it, secure it, and develop it further."

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