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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **SEND OFF CEREMONY OF IFPU-III: 7<sup>TH</sup> BSF CONTINGENT PROCEEDING TO HAITI ON UN MISSION**

Going beyond the borders for the call of duty, Bordermen have given a sterling performance as UN Peace keepers.

The 7<sup>th</sup> BSF Contingent for United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in Haiti (IFPU-III) has been flagged off today (9<sup>th</sup> Mar' 2017) by Shri K K Sharma, IPS, Director General, Border Security Force from the Headquarters, (CGO Complex, New Delhi).

The BSF Peace Keeping Mission proceeding to Haiti has a total strength of 140 personnel {Officers – 09, Sub Ordinate Officers – 11 and Other Ranks – 120} headed by Shri Suresh Kumar, Commandant, the contingent is proceeding to Haiti to join the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and will replace the 6<sup>th</sup> BSF Contingent already deployed in Haiti since Jan 2016. This contingent returns after completion of one year successful UN Mission.

Haiti is a small country with area of 27,750 Sq Km in the continent of North America. It has a population of approximately one million and has been adversely affected by natural calamities alongwith years of poor governance. Port-au-Prince is the capital city of and HQrs of many political institutions as well as Headquarters of UN Mission.

The role of contingent in Haiti will be to maintain Civil order, Crowd control, protection functions, filling capacity gap, VIP security of UN Staff, capacity enhancement and armed support to HNP (Haiti National Police).

To meet the prevailing challenges in UN Mission, BSF Contingent has been trained with specific reference to combat the menace of civil war and assist the local-police in maintaining Law & Order. A specific capsule training was imparted by BSF to the Peace Keeping Mission personnel including Knowledge of French language, Mob dispersal, riot control, protective patrolling, driving, aid to civilians, human rights etc. as per the guide lines of the UN.

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The Border Security Force has been regularly deployed in various United Nations Peacekeeping Missions in addition to its primary role of Border guarding. Some of such missions are UN Mission in Namibia-1989, Cambodia-1992, Mozambique-1994, Angola-1995, Bosnia & Herzegovina -1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

The United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) was established on June 01, 2004. The devastating earthquake of Jan'2010 which resulted in more than 2,20,000 deaths delivered a severe blow to country's already shaky economy and infrastructure. MINUSTAH played a vital role in the immediate recovery, reconstruction and stability efforts in the Country. IFPU-3 Contingent was deployed in Haiti on self-sustainment basis during the year 2010 after massive earthquake in Haiti.

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