



**SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR YOUYI BUILDING**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The attention of Government has been drawn to an incident that occurred earlier today, Wednesday 29th April 2020 at the Central Correctional facility at Pademba Road in Freetown.

Preliminary investigations indicate that this was an attempted prison break. The situation has been brought under control. A full assessment of damage and injuries is ongoing and Government will provide the public with full details. A comprehensive investigation has also been launched into the incident. Findings will also be made public as soon as possible.

Government would like to acknowledge the efforts of the joint security forces in forestalling the attempted prison break. Government also praises the heroic efforts of the Sierra Leone Fire Force for putting out the fire at great personal risk to the firefighters.

Government strongly condemns this attempt to destabilise the security of the state.

Meanwhile members of the public are encouraged to go about their normal business as government remains committed to ensuring the continued protection of all citizens.

Deputy Minister Information

**29th April 2020**