



PRESS RELEASE

THE ATTENTION OF THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE (SLP) HAS BEEN DRAWN TO SOME INCITING AND MALICIOUS AUDIOS MAKING ROUNDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA CALLING ON PEOPLE TO COME OUT IN THEIR NUMBERS AND PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CONTENT OF THESE AUDIOS, TO A VERY LARGE EXTENT, AIMED AT INCITING VIOLENCE, CREATING HATRED, DISAFFECTION, AND INSTABILITY IN THE COUNTRY.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SLP WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DISPLEASURE OVER SUCH NEGATIVE AND UNPATRIOTIC ACTS. IN LIKE MANNER, THE SLP WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE LEGAL PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT NO. 46 OF 1965 WITH REGARDS TO ASSEMBLY, DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR PROCESSIONS.

MANAGEMENT WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO ADVISE AND ENCOURAGE THE INTENDED ORGANIZERS OF ANY PROTESTS TO THINK TWICE AND STAY PUT; AS VIOLATORS WOULD BE DEALT WITH AS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

BE IT NOTED THAT BECAUSE THE WHOLE NATION IS NOW FOCUSSED ON DEFEATING COVID-19, THE SLP, UNDENIABLY, IS AT THE FRONT TO ENFORCE MEASURES INSTITUTED BY THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE. COUPLED WITH OTHER COMPETING DEMANDS, IT IS THEREFORE NOT FEASIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT TO GRANT APPROVAL TO ANY ORGANISATION TO HOLD A PROCESSION OR DEMONSTRATION AT THIS TIME.

MEANWHILE, THE CYBER UNIT IS INVESTIGATING THE SOURCE(S) OF THESE AUDIOS SO AS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR AUTHORS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ASSURED OF THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO ABOUT THEIR NORMAL LAWFUL BUSINESS.

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