



INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD

PRESS RELEASE

INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGED POLICE SHOOTING INCIDENT IN MAKENI CITY, BOMBALI DISTRICT ON 18TH JULY, 2020

The attention of the Independent Police Complaints Board (IPCB) has been drawn to fracas between some residents of Makeni City and security forces, including personnel of the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) allegedly resulting in the discharge of firearms killing five (5) members of the civil populace and some others severely left wounded on Saturday 18th July, 2020 in Makeni City, Bombali District.

It is reported that some residents took to the streets to protest against an attempt by the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA) to temporarily relocate a 1.65 Mega Watts Thermal generator to Lungi Town in Port Loko District.

As provided for under **Regulation 3 (1) (c) of the IPCB Regulations, 2013**, the **IPCB** is mandated to investigate, among others, *"a shooting incident where a police officer has discharged a firearm or killed a person."*

Accordingly, the IPCB has commenced preliminary investigations on **its own initiative pursuant to Regulation 9** of the said Regulations with a view to determining the **conduct of the SLP personnel** involved.

The public will be informed of any developments on the matter.

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