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## PRESS STATEMENT

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The Sierra Leone Bar Association (hereinafter known as the SLBA) notes with deep concern the incident that occurred in the Northern town of Makeni on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 leading to the loss of lives of citizens.

In line with our mantra of constructive engagement, the executive of the SLBA embarked on a fact finding mission as to the cause of the unfortunate incident. Our inquiries have revealed that the government and other relevant agencies have launched a formal investigation into the incident.

Due to the above development, the SLBA hereby states that as important and crucial as the incident is, we would have to wait until the report from the Government's formal investigation is published before making a comprehensive statement on same for fear of prejudicing the ongoing investigations.

At this juncture, we hereby express our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives during the incident aforesaid. Let our membership and the general public be assured that we shall give necessary updates as soon as they are available.

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