



**DISTRICT COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTER (DICOVERC) - BO**  
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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **VIOLATION OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION (PROTECTIVE MEASURES) REGULATIONS 2020 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (ACT No. 6 OF 1991)**

The attention of the DiCOVERC Command Centre in Bo has been drawn to an awkward development regarding the operations of Entertainment Centres i.e. Night Clubs, Cinema Halls and Video Centres in Bo District.

Owners of Entertainment Centres are informed that the Bo District COVID-19 Emergency Response Centre (DiCOVERC) was established by Government of Sierra Leone to respond to the Corona Virus outbreak in the District. The wider ownership of Entertainment Centers are hereby reminded that **Article 4 (1), a & b, of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone**, which prohibits the operations of Night Clubs, Cinema Hall and Video Centers is still in full force and has not been lifted.

It is evidently clear that owners of such Entertainment Centres are either ill-informed on the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 on Sierra Leone or are deliberately refusing to adhere to the **COVID-19 Enhanced Regulations** as enshrined in **the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone**. This is so because, despite DiCOVERC incessant engagement and or sensitization of owners of these Centres on the dangers of the virus, its Socioeconomic impact on National Development and the Government **Enhanced Regulations** as a containment measure, the situation remains extant which is tantamount to spreading the virus, and at the detriment of the wider community.

A credible business entity is one that will seek the general health and wellbeing of its customers, abide to **Government Regulations** and support the nation in time of crisis. Owners of said Entertainment Centres should not be seeing exposing their customers to the deadly virus but rather should be seeing educating their clients on the dangers of the virus by adhering to the **Enhanced**

**Regulations.** The COVID-19 Fight is, and should be a collective responsibility by all and sundry.

Consequently, the Bo DiCOVERC Command Centre in consultation with the Bo City Council, the Bo District Council, the Office of National Security (ONS), the Security Forces, NGO Partners and other relevant stakeholders in the District, wish to inform the general public especially owners of these Entertainment Centres Namely; **Night Clubs, Cinema Halls and Video Centres**, that effective 23 September 2020, all such Entertainment Centres in Bo District must "Cease to Operate" until further notice.

DiCOVERC Operations Pillar will continue with its routine security patrol and are empowered to ensure compliance, effect the levying of Fines and to further conduct arrest of defaulters.

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