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## SECURITY SECTOR

Freetown (October 9, 2020) - The Security Sector wishes to express its utter dismay with regards the incident that occurred in Makeni on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 hovering on the planned engagement between the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and former President Koroma.

It was noted with clear manifestations, the lawlessness and inciteful behaviour of a cross section of the youths, their sponsors and cohorts in restraining the ACC and other law enforcement officials from having constructive engagements with the former President.

The Security Sector wishes to emphasize that it has the constitutional mandate for the maintenance of law and order and that any further action that serves as impediment to this effect will be viewed with utter dismay and punitive actions will be instituted to forestall such. It must be noted that there is still a ban on the activities of secret societies and hence their use as occurred in Makeni will not be countenanced. Also, be mindful that minors and children should not be used as human shields in unlawful gatherings as it is criminal in nature.

In view of the foregoing, the public is hereby reassured of robust security measures in subsequent engagements and to this effect, youths, their sponsors and cohorts who engage in lawless behaviour are admonished to desist forthwith as defaulters will face the full wrath of the law.

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