



Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning

Press Release

Freetown, February 8, 2021: The public is hereby informed that a moratorium has been placed on allocation/sale of all State Lands for private use in the Western Area with immediate effect. During this period, Government will only allocate or sell State Land for investment purposes or to diplomatic missions.

While this moratorium remains in force, the Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning will soon constitute a Complaints Committee of eminent persons to receive and investigate complaints from persons who feel disadvantaged in land allocation between April 2018 and January 2021 and report findings to Government for appropriate action.

The public is hereby informed that all decisions and actions taken by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning during the period April 2018 to January 2021 remain valid and unchanged until Government decides otherwise.

The details of the Committee including Terms of Reference, Composition and operational modalities will soon be made known to the public. All persons who feel aggrieved by the decisions and actions of the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning during the aforementioned period are advised to take their complaints to the Committee when established.

We urge all citizens especially aggrieved parties to remain calm while Government puts in place the appropriate redress mechanisms for a transparent, fair and equitable process for land administration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Turad Senesie', written over a dotted line.

Dr. Turad Senesie

(Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning)