



Junior Doctors' Association of Sierra Leone

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In the early hours of today, 13th April 2021, the executive of Junior doctors' associations of Sierra Leone was informed about an unfortunate situation at Connaught Hospital where one of its female members was physically assaulted by the Permanent Secretary (PS), the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Deputy Minister 1 (DM 1) of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS).

This event is frustrating and shows the continuous disrespect by the officials at MoHs towards the medical practitioners across the country.

The JUDASIL executive and its membership are following the matter keenly. It is worth noting that the said assaulted member has been very dedicated and proactive in discussing matters concerning healthcare in Sierra Leone.

It is important for the public to note that despite the deplorable conditions and filth at Connaught Hospital and other facilities around the country, doctors have continued to work and serve the public with commitment. It is unfortunate that authorities that should mitigate the filth at the facility, are adding salt to the injury.

The executive and members of the association are requesting for the PS, The CMO and DM 1 for their immediate resignation because our members don't feel safe and confident working with authorities who violate the fundamental human rights of its people.

With immediate effect, the junior doctors across the country will be Laying down tools until appropriate action is taken about the assault and the working environment (cleaning at Connaught Hospital, water supply at PCMH Hospital) is improved.

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