



PRESS STATEMENT

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE (SLP) WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT A FATAL SHOOTING INCIDENT THAT OCCURED AT HASTINGS VILLAGE, ON THURSDAY 15TH APRIL, 2021, INVOLVING SOME OF OUR PERSONNEL.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED SO FAR REVEAL THAT THE INCIDENT EMANATED FROM A LAND DISPUTE BETWEEN THE NOW DECEASED ALPHA KARGBO AND ANOTHER RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE.

ON SUSPICION THAT ALPHA KARGBO WAS FATALLY INJURED, SOME RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE WENT ON THE RAMPAGE BY SETTING ROADBLOCKS, BURNING DOWN HOMES, THROWING MISSILES AND DAMAGING PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

THE POLICE RESPONDED TO THIS SEEMING PUBLIC DISORDER SITUATION AND THEREBY ARRESTED THIRTEEN SUSPECTS. THE FOUR POLICE OFFICERS WHOM WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE FATAL SHOOTING WERE ALSO ARRESTED AND TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY.

THE SLP WOULD LIKE THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT THESE OFFICERS HAVE SINCE BEEN SUSPENDED FROM DUTY AND PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

MANAGEMENT WISHES TO APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY, RESIDENTS OF HASTINGS VILLAGE, TO REMAIN CALM AND TRUST IN THE SLP TO CONDUCT FAIR AND EXPEDITIOUS INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SAID INCIDENT.

THE PUBLIC IS ASSURED OF BEING REGULARLY UPDATED ON THE INVESTIGATIONS' PROGRESS AND SUBSEQUENT FINDINGS UPON CONCLUSION.

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, BASED AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, GEORGE STREET, FREETOWN, ON +23277361070/+23277507955.

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