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## Press Release

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### SLAJ Commends Judiciary of Sierra Leone

The **Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ)** welcomes and applauds the decision of the **Judiciary of Sierra Leone** to allow, for the first time in its entire history, the national broadcaster (SLBC) to enter the court room with their cameras and tape recorders and report live on the proceedings.

For this privilege to start at the Supreme Court, the highest Court in the land, during delivery of a landmark judgment on Election Petition, is in itself not only worthy of commendation but gives an indication of the new thinking of the country's justice system.

*"This as a huge boost to freedom of the media to bring important information to the people; and the promotion of transparency and accountability in the dispensation of justice,"* said SLAJ President, **Ahmed Sahid Nasralla**.

Furthermore, SLAJ wishes to appreciate the **Chief Justice Desmond Babatunde Edwards** for his leadership in adopting this policy, and the role played by the **Director General of the SLBC, Joseph Egbenda Kapuwa Esq.**, (who is one of us) in convincing the Judiciary to open up to the public.

Meanwhile, SLAJ and its affiliate body the **Sierra Leone Court Reporters Association (SLCRA)**, who have also been lobbying the leadership of the Judiciary in this regard, hope that the privilege will not only stop with this election petition ruling, and should be extended to other media houses.

Sign:

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