



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION  
4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, YOUYI BUILDING  
BROOKFIELDS, FREETOWN**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Freetown, Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021**

**For Immediate Release**

**Joint Statement by MOHS, SLMDA, JUDASIL and SLMWA**

Following series of meetings held between senior officials of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) and the executives of Sierra Leone Medical and Dental Association (SLMDA), Junior Doctors' Association of Sierra Leone and Sierra Leone (JUDASIL), Sierra Leone Medical Women's Association (SLMWA), we hereby wish to jointly present the following resolutions:

1. That all parties acknowledge the challenges in the healthcare delivery system and have resolved to work together to address these challenges; including concerns of doctors and other healthcare workers.
2. That the MoHS guarantees the safety of all its employees including doctors and all healthcare workers; and that all parties condemn unacceptable conduct by any official of the Ministry against any person or group of persons.
3. That we acknowledge actions have so far been taken to address the sanitation and other related challenges at the Connaught Hospital.
4. That MoHS will constitute an Independent Committee to investigate the unfortunate and regrettable incident that occurred on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Connaught Hospital and we await the Committee's findings and recommendations, while all parties are assured that such will not recur.
5. That the SLMDA will inform its membership to resume work, following the signing of this statement by all parties involved.

Sign:

1. Dr. Austin Demby  
Minister of Health and Sanitation

*Austin Demby*

Sign :

2. Dr. Delwin Findlay  
President SLMDA

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3. Dr. Olabisi Claudius-Cole  
President SLMWA.

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Sign: *Unisa Jalloh*

4. Dr. Unisa Jalloh  
President JUDASIL.

Witnessed By:

Sign:

*Simitie Lavaly*

Commissioner Simitie Lavaly  
Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone