



## SECURITY SECTOR PRESS RELEASE

**Freetown (25<sup>th</sup> April, 2021)** – The Security Sector views with utter dismay the recent behaviour of commercial motorbike riders in outrightly challenging the implementation of the regulation against plying the Central Business District (CBD) in Freetown.

Regulation against plying the CBD is not a new phenomenon and commercial motorbike riders are under obligation to comply with the implementation. For commercial motorbike riders to resort to violent confrontations with law enforcement agencies to the extent of destroying private and public property is wrong and unacceptable.

Concerned about the implications of a continued riotous and disorderly behaviour by commercial motorbike riders for national security and the tendency of miscreants joining the fray, the Security Sector held a stakeholders' engagement on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 with a view to addressing the menace.

In an inclusive dialogue comprising state functionaries and the leadership of the Motorbike Riders Union, the following were agreed for immediate implementation:

1. That areas previously designated as CBD should be maintained as prohibited areas for commercial motorbike riding. These areas include:
  - Kissy Road, Siaka Stevens Street, Kroo Town Road, Wallace Johnson Street, Pademba Road, Campbell Street, Goderich Street, Macauley Street, Sani Abacha Street, Savage Street, Rokel Street, Adelaide Street, Sanders Street, Circular Road, Congo Cross and Wilkinson Road.
2. Any private bike rider carrying a pillion and plying any part of the CBD should show proof of worker's identification.
3. The leadership of the Sierra Leone Roads Safety Authority (SLRSA) to mount billboards indicating prohibited areas for commercial motorbike riding.
4. The Security Sector will continue to engage the relevant stakeholders.

The Security Sector will continue to make frantic efforts to ensure the safety and security of the State and to enhance a successful 60<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary. The Sector wishes to state that it is not oblivious of plans by miscreants to undermine the security of the State. It will like to state that, effective immediately, there is a change of security posture in pursuit of national security.

Members of the public are assured that the Security Sector is in full control and people are encouraged to go about their normal lawful business.

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**For and on behalf of the Security Sector**

