



SIERRA LEONE ROADS AUTHORITY

Public Notice

Monday, June 7, 2021

Clearance of the Right-of-Way

The Management of the Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) wish to inform the public, especially encroachers that it will continue the clearing and reclaiming of the Right-of-Way nationwide.

The Right-of-Way is a demarcated portion of land that spans 30 metres from the centre line to either side of the road for major highways, 20 metres for urban township roads, 6 – 10 metres for rural roads. This portion of land is normally reserved for future expansion of the road and the installation of utility services including water pipes electricity and fibre cables.

The public should kindly note that Part VI (1) of the SLRA Act confers all land in the right-of-way to the Authority. The section states as follow:

All rights-of-way for road purposes existing immediate before the commencement of this Act shall be vested in the Authority.

The public would recall that in recent years, most road projects have either been put on hold or delayed due to the resistance of persons who had encroached and constructed permanent structures on the right-of-way. The removal or relocation of those encroachers have cost government huge amounts of money as compensation to those encroachers, mostly on humanitarian grounds. In order to prevent similar problems in future, the SLRA has robustly embarked on the clearing and reclaiming of the right-of-way.

The public is therefore reminded that the SLRA and the national security forces will, from Saturday, June 12, 2021, continue the clearing and reclamation exercise along the Cline Town, Wellington/Masiaka Highway, Jui/Grafton environs, Regent/Grafton Highway, Wilberforce, Aberdeen Road Junction – Aberdeen, Central Freetown, Lumley/Tokey Road, up to River No. 2, Waterloo, Newton, Rokel Junction, and other parts of the country.

The operation will be repeated in any section that the Authority notices that the vacated squatters have reoccupied. In the interest of safety and development, therefore, all persons who have occupied the right-of-way across the country for business or residential purposes are kindly encouraged to vacate these portions.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amara H J. Kanneh', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ing. Amara H J. Kanneh
Director General