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The attention of the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and the National Minerals Agency (NMA) has been brought to a video clip on social media depicting a violent confrontation between a Chinese mine worker and a Sierra Leonean at the Tonkolili mine site.

The Ministry wishes to state at the outset that it condemns in the strongest terms any act of violence incited, provoked or perpetrated by any party particularly in the work environment, which ought to be seen as a place for harmonious working relationship amongst various stakeholders, rather than a platform for combative engagements, or other variants of breaches of safety measures and general work place code of conduct.

The Ministry and the NMA have driven a swift mobilization of efforts of the primary stakeholders including Kingho mining company, towards getting to the bottom of this undesirable incident. Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been executed against those so far found culpable.

The Ministry and the NMA are therefore soliciting the cooperation of the wider stake-holding community, and are calling on same to engage in acts that are compatible with a sustainable cordial relationship between Sierra Leoneans and foreign workers - for a mutually rewarding and pleasant outcome.

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