

GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

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PRESS RELEASE

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES

Government's attention has been drawn to published allegations of unfairness, injustice, and corruption among Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources officials in the wake of the sad demise of a Republic of Korea national Kim Sung Nyeon who was resident in Sierra Leone.

We express heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased and to the friendly Government and people of the Republic of Korea. A comprehensive administrative inquiry will fully investigate all the issues and circumstances around this unfortunate event.

Government has identified the Fisheries and Marine Resources sector as critical for economic diversification, food security, and international trade and investment. Government therefore remains fully committed to providing an open, fair, and transparent investment ecosystem through enhanced governance of the sector.

Government is also committed to stemming annual revenue losses from illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing by interdicting tax evasion and clamping down on underreporting of catch and overfishing.

Government will continue to develop and expand the sector through transparent and sustainable management and governance policies and practices.

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