

GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE GUMA BUILDING, LAMINA SANKOH STREET

PRESS RELEASE

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The attention of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has been drawn to a Press Release by Native Consortium and Research Center dated 24th July, 2021 accusing the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of Abuse of Office by remote controlling the court led by Honorable Justice A.K. Musa to arbitrarily arrest and detain Lawyer Musa Pious Hemoh Sesay Senior, over an alleged fraudulent conversion of property that has been seized from the Chinese CCECC by court order and execution.

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, is a custodian of the Rule of Law and Justice, and in no situation will he abuse his Office, to jeopardize that.

CCECC is a Chinese Aid under Diplomatic Coverage, that upgraded the 3.2 km road from Limkokwing University to Regent Village, free of charge. CCECC was a sub-contractor to African Minerals Mining Company, and are not responsible for a contract agreement between African Mineral and the Kanu Family at Makinkiba, Buya Romende Chiefdom, Port Loko District.

The ruling by the Court against CCECC is a default judgement, being the fact that they were not aware of the matter in court, neither did they responded to the claim made against them. As a result of the default judgement, Lawyer Musa Pious Hemoh Sesay and Bailiff Kallon, went and fife six (6) vehicles of CCECC, and parked them at Pious Sesay's resident, instead of the Law Court Compound.

CCECC Executive reported the matter to the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice and also went to court to set aside the judgment against them, by hearing to their own story. By ruling of judgment of the court, CCECC were supposed to collect their vehicles that have been executed upon. They discovered that one of the vehicle has been missing when they went to collect their

vehicles, and upon investigation by the Police, it was discovered that this vehicle has been sold by Pious Sesay and Kallon.

CCECC then reported the matter to Criminal Investigation Department (CID), with request made for the questioning of Lawyer Pious Sesay. The Attorney-General then forwarded the request to the Chairman and Executive of General Legal Council, which gave the Police the permission to continue their investigation against Pious Sesay, who failed to honor the invitation of the CID on several occasion for questioning, in order to carry investigation of the matter reported by CCECC.

A warrant of arrest was attained from the court for Pious Sesay upon which he was arrested. His statement claimed he has placed all the burden on the Bailiff Kallon, who was also invited for questioning but refused to comply, and with a warrant was also arrested for the furtherance of the investigation.

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has not Abuse his Office on the said matter as he has only acted upon request made for the investigation to be carried out against Lawyer Pious Sesay.

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