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ACC SECURES CONVICTION AGAINST YEABU M.D KAMARA, FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF THE NASSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN THE NASSIT SISIMI CORRUPTION MATTER

The High Court of Sierra Leone, Holden at Freetown, presided over by the **HONOURABLE JUSTICE MIATTA M. SAMBA (JSC)**, has on Thursday 5th August, 2021, convicted and sentenced **YEABU M. D KAMARA**, former Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT), and of No. 14 Third Road, Off Regent Road, Hill Station, Freetown, to pay a fine of **FIFTY MILLION LEONES (Le 50,000,000.00)** immediately, on **FOUR (4)** out of **SIX (6)** Counts of corruption offences.

YEABU M. D. KAMARA was standing trial alongside **JOSEPH SEDU MANS (deceased)**, former Director General of NASSIT, on one count of Engaging in a Project without Prior Planning, contrary to Section 48(2)(c); one count of Willfully Failing to Comply with the Law Relating to the Tendering of Contracts, contrary to Section 48(2)(b); one count of Misappropriation of Public Funds, contrary to Section 36(1); and three counts of Conspiracy to Commit a Corruption Offence, contrary to Section 128(1); of the Anti-Corruption Act 2008.

The **HONOURABLE JUSTICE MIATTA SAMBA (JSC)** fined **YEABU M. D. KAMARA** on the third count of Willfully Failing to Comply with the Law Relating to the Tendering of Contracts, and cautioned and discharged her, on the first, second and fourth counts of Engaging in a Project without Prior Planning and of Conspiracy to Commit a Corruption Offence respectively. Mr. Joseph Sedu Mans was saved from conviction by the cold hand of Death, but his corrupt role was well elucidated by the court.

It could be recalled that, on the 20th December, 2018, the ACC filed an indictment against **YEABU M. D. KAMARA** and **JOSEPH SEDU MANS (deceased)** for the misappropriation of **Six Billion, Five Hundred and Ten Million, Two Hundred and Ninety Thousand Leones (Le 6,510,290,000)**, being funds meant for the SISIMI NASSIT Medical Project, a joint venture Special Project Vehicle meant for the development, construction and delivery of an urgent care delivery service system that should provide quality medical and diagnostic services in Sierra Leone. This follows on-going recovery of **One Billion Leones (Le 1,000,000,000)** from the former Deputy Director-General of NASSIT, **Five Hundred Million Leones (Le 500,000,000)** from the former Resident Engineer and **Two Hundred Million Leones (Le 200,000,000)** from the Project Officer, SISIMI.

In this regard, the Commission wishes to reassure the general public of its relentless commitment to protecting public funds and resources at all times.

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