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MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS WARNS VEHICLE OWNERS & DRIVERS TO DESIST FROM ILLEGAL COVERING OF VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES

The Ministry of Internal Affairs notes with grave concern that In spite of an earlier press statement from State House regarding the rampant illegal covering of vehicle number plates by members of the public including government officials, this act has continued unabated.

It must be noted that the act of covering number plates is a clear violation of the Road Traffic Act of 2007, which clearly state that covering of vehicle number plates is an offence and has far-reaching safety and security implications.

Members of the public including vehicle owners, drivers and those vehicles assigned to, are further reminded that the law makes it mandatory for vehicle number plates to be conspicuously displayed at all times.

In the circumstance therefore, the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) is hereby ordered to arrest and prosecute vehicle owners, drivers or those vehicles assigned to, whose vehicles ply the streets of Sierra Leone with covered number plates.

Meanwhile, the Ministry wishes to advise all Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Members of Parliament and other government officials who use customized number plates to contact the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) for their running vehicle number plates, in the event they do not wish to use the customized vehicle number plates.

Moreover, the Ministry is appealing to members of the public to report promptly to the police or the Ministry any violation of the content of this press statement.

For further enquiries, please contact the Information Unit of the Ministry on **076200088**.

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