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PRESS RELEASE

The attention of the Sierra Leone Bar Association (hereinafter referred to as "SLBA") has been drawn to a trending social media news on the suspension of the Auditor General of Sierra Leone, Mrs. Lara Taylor-Pearce. As the public awaits official confirmation of the suspension, the "SLBA" expresses deep concern over the developing news story, noting the important role of the Audit Service Sierra Leone in the management of public resources and the public integrity system in Sierra Leone.

In appreciating the provisions of sections 119 (9) and 137 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No. 6 of 1991, and the notable progress Sierra Leone has made on the rule of law, the SLBA calls on the competent authorities to fully respect the Constitution and other applicable rules to ensure both substantive and procedural due process and justice on the one hand, and full transparency on the other hand to maintain public trust.

The "SLBA" will remain seized of this important accountability and rule of law issue and equally urge the public to exercise restraint even as we await the competent authorities to duly inform the public of the development and follow the due process.

"Let Justice be done though the heavens fall."

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