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ACC SECURES CONVICTION AGAINST FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE EX-PRESIDENT OF SIERRA LEONE

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), has on 15th December, 2021, secured a conviction against **SHEKA SAHID KAMARA**, former Special Assistant to ex-President, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma and former Secretary of the Hajj Coordinating Committee, on two counts of corruption offences bordering on Misappropriation of Public Funds, contrary to Section 36 of the Anti-Corruption Act No.12 of 2008.

The High Court of Sierra Leone, Holden at Freetown, and presided over by the **HONORABLE JUSTICE REGINALD S. FYNN, JA** found the 1st accused, **SHEKA SAHID KAMARA**, who is also a resident of HS3 Hill Station, Freetown, guilty on counts 4 and 7, Misappropriation of Public Funds, and sentenced him to three (3) years imprisonment on each count to run concurrently.

The public could recall that an indictment was filed against 6 persons; **SHEKA SAHID KAMARA**; **VICTOR BOCKARIE FOH**, former Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; **MINKAILU MANSARAY**, former Minister of Mines and Marine Resources; **MOHAMED ALIE BAH**, former Minister of State in the Office of the Vice President; **IBRAHIM FACKEH CONTEH**, Community Worker; and **ABU BAKARR CAREW**, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs in August 2018 on Eight (8) counts indictment related to the 2018 annual Pilgrimage to the Muslim Holy Land of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, dubbed the 'HAJJ GATE'.

The second, fourth and sixth accused; **VICTOR BOCKARIE FOH**, **IBRAHIM FACKEH CONTEH** and **ABU BAKARR CAREW** respectively, were acquitted and discharged.

The Commission wishes to advise all trustees who are in control of public resources to refrain from misappropriating such resources, as it continues to vigorously pursue prosecution of offenders.

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