



**SIERRA LEONE POLICE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING A CASE OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE INVOLVING ONE ALHAJI AMADU BAH ALIAS L.A.J.

THE SAID LAJ WAS TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY ON SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2022, FOLLOWING A REPORT MADE AGAINST HIM AND SOME OTHERS BY THREE FUEL PUMP ATTENDANTS, WORKING FOR LEONCO FILLING STATION, WHICH IS SITUATED ALONG MAIN MOTOR ROAD, CONGO CROSS.

SOCIAL AND TRADITIONAL MEDIA WERE LATER AWASH WITH NEWS THAT LAJ WAS INJECTED AND HIS DREADLOCKS SHAVED OFF WHILST STILL IN OUR CUSTODY.

THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO BE CLEAR ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A) THAT ALHAJI AMADU BAH IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE POLICE FOR A FELONIOUS OFFENCE, FOR WHICH HE COULD BE KEPT IN POLICE CUSTODY, WHILE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING, FOR A PERIOD SPANNING UP TO TEN (10) DAYS;
- B) THAT, IT IS NOT TRUE, AS ALLEGED, THAT HE WAS INJECTED WITH ANY RED SUBSTANCE WHILE STILL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE POLICE;
- C) THAT THE HOLDING CENTRE CUSTODY FACILITY WHERE HE IS, OPERATES A STANDARD PROCEDURE, PREDICATED ON PRESERVING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL MALE SUSPECTS;
- D) THAT ALL MALE SUSPECTS TAKEN INTO THAT FACILITY WOULD HAVE THEIR HAIR SHAVED OFF THEIR HEAD, WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE HOLDING CENTRE;
- E) THAT ALHAJI AMADU BAH, WHO WAS AND STILL IN THAT CUSTODY FACILITY, HAD HIS DREADLOCKS SHAVED OFF, AS THE SOP IN THAT FACILITY DICTATES; AND ALSO FOR SECURITY REASONS. THESE STANDARD PROCEDURES WERE CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO THE SUSPECT BEFORE HIS HAIR WAS SHAVED.
- F) THAT HE IS STILL BEING HELD IN OUR CUSTODY AWAITING LEGAL ADVICE ON THE PREFERMENT OF APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL CHARGES, ON HIS FILE.

THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE CONTINUES TO ASSURE HIS FAMILY MEMBERS, FANS/FRIENDS AND OTHER PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE MATTER, THAT LAJ IS BEING WELL LOOKED AFTER AND ALL HIS RIGHTS WILL BE FULLY RESPECTED WHILE IN OUR CUSTODY.

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