

SIERRA LEONE POLICE PRESS RELEASE

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE (SLP) IS AWARE OF TEXTS, AUDIO AND VIDEO MESSAGES MAKING THE ROUNDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, POINTING TO PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY 4TH JULY, 2022.

THESE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING PUSHED FOR BY AN UNKNOWN OR UNREGISTERED GROUP THAT CALLS ITSELF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S WING SIERRA LEONE (NWW/SL).

IN VIEW THEREOF, THE SLP'S MANAGEMENT WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT NO PERMIT WAS GRANTED TO ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS OR ORGANISATION TO HOLD ANY FORM OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY, ON MONDAY 4TH JULY, 2022, OR THEREAFTER.

THE SLP THEREFORE WISHES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT WHOEVER ATTEMPTS TO HOLD ANY DEMONSTRATION(S) AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY DEMONSTRATION, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONTRAVENED THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT NO. 46 OF 1965; WHICH PROVIDE FOR PEOPLE TO OBTAIN PERMIT FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE BEFORE ENGAGING IN SUCH.

BE IT NOTED THAT WHOEVER ORGANISES AND/OR PARTICIPATES IN AN UNAUTHORISED DEMONSTRATION SHALL BE MADE TO FACE THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF THE LAW.

WE ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGING ANYONE WISHING TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION ANYWHERE WITHIN SIERRA LEONE, TO FIRST APPLY AND SEEK FOR APPROVAL, AS PROVIDED FOR BY SECTION 17 OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT NO. 46 OF 1965.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATION POLICE HEADQUARTERS GEORGE STREET – FREETOWN DATED: JULY 2, 2022