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COMMUNICATE

Yesterday morning, an EMERGENCY vehicle was caught up in a riot near Freetown. A doctor who was on his way to go home after his shift was beaten up, while the driver was stabbed on the arm. Fortunately, neither of them is in a serious condition. The vehicle was set on fire by some of protesters.

EMERGENCY cannot accept these actions towards its staff and vehicles.

EMERGENCY began working in the country in 2001 to provide care for war victims and continues to provide free surgical care to the Sierra Leonean population. During the period of the Ebola epidemic, from 2014 to 2015, EMERGENCY intensified its efforts by opening two Ebola treatment centres and operating the only dedicated intensive care unit present in any of the countries affected by the epidemic to offer patients care comparable to that available in high-income countries.

The work that has been done over the years is testament to EMERGENCY's commitment and dedication to the people of Sierra Leone, which has always come before any consideration of the sustainability of the project, and for this reason EMERGENCY cannot tolerate its staff being put at risk.

Should other incidents occur that threaten the safety and security of its staff and facilities, EMERGENCY will be forced to take serious action that will affect the future of the hospital.

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