

PRELIMINARY REPORT: DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY AND LOSS OF LIVES OCCASSIONED BY VIOLENT PROTESTS ON AUGUST 10, 2022, IN SIERRA LEONE

Following violent protests and demonstrations in parts of the Western Area (Rural and Urban), North-East and North West Regions on Wednesday August 10, 2022, the Media and Public Relations Department of the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) is taking the pains to release a preliminary report of available records, in respect of fatalities and injuries sustained by personnel and also government and police property destroyed during the violent protests and demonstrations.

FREETOWN EAST REGION

The following personnel suffered injuries and one was fatally injured by the irate youths:

- (1) PC 19061 Momoh Kallon of Harbor Division. He suffered gunshot wounds;
- (2) S/Major 11890 Ibrahim Jalloh attached Harbour Division sustained bullet wounds on his stomach whilst escorting PC Kallon;
- (3) Sgt. Desmond Hancils aka Pastor who was attached to OSD Headquarters was fatally injured at Rokupa by irate youths.

POLICE STATIONS AND POST VANDALIZED OR COMPLETELY BURNT DOWN.

KISSY DIVISION

- (1) Kissy Market Police Post Old Road under Kissy Division was vandalized.
- (2) Approved School Police Post was completely vandalized.
- (3) Congo Water Police Post vandalized.
- (4) Wellington Police Post vandalised

HARBOUR DIVISION



(1) PWD Police Post was burnt down.

WATERLOO DIVISION.

- (1) Bassa Town Police Post burnt down
- (2) Corner kick 55 Police Post vandalized
- (3) Lumpa Police Post burnt down
- (4) Tombo Junction Police Post vandalized
- (5) 2 Govt. Buses were burnt down at Waterloo
- (6) NaCSA's Office and Warehouse were burnt down.
- (7) Ministry of the Lands office at Waterloo also burnt down.

NORTH EAST REGION - MAKENI.

A total of 97 suspected demonstrators were arrested.

DEATHS AT THE NORTH-EAST REGION

- > Two personnel were killed in Kamakwie, namely: Supt. Osman Fofana (Support Officer) and one Sgt. 7389 Munda Turay (OSD)
- One (1) in Makeni PC 14625 Abu Barkar Turay.

DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY IN KAMAKWIE

The Police Station and the barracks were burnt down as well as private property belonging to Police Officers.

MAGBURAKA DIVISION

2 Male suspects and one a female were arrested.

NORTH WEST REGION

LUNGI TOWN:

> Sixteen (16) suspects were arrested



Two Police Officers were injured and a motorbike belonging to a Police Officer was burnt down.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

In total:

- ➤ 4 Police Officers were killed nationwide.
- > 4 Police Officers were injured nationwide.
- > 113 suspects were arrested for both North-West and North-East regions as of now.
- Scores of public and private property destroyed

The Inspector General, Executive Management Board members and the rank and file of the SLP wish to extend heartfelt condolences to all the families who lost their relatives/loved ones (Police Officers) whilst in the discharge of their lawful duties to the State. They were killed in the service of humanity and in pursuit of the stability of the State. The savagery meted on our colleagues is indeed painful! We therefore will continue to mourn their painful deaths and will always remember them in our prayers.

May the good Lord/Allah forgive their sins and grant all of them eternal rest.

Be informed that the Management of the Sierra Leone Police will continue to update the public on developments, as and when they are available.

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