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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
GEORGE STREET
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Dear Sir,

**RE: REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF PLACE OF DETENTION AND
ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF SUSPECTS CURRENTLY
IN YOUR CUSTODY (MED KAY, JOHN YAPO BANGURA, KADIE
CONTEH, LUCY TURAY, ABUBAKARR KAMARA AND SILLAH
KAMARA).**

I have been consulted and my services retained by relatives of suspects currently in your custody, such as MED KAY, JOHN YAPO BANGURA, KADIE CONTEH, LUCY TURAY, ABUBAKARR KAMARA, AND SILLAH KAMARA (hereinafter referred to as my clients), who have instructed me to write on their behalf.

I am instructed that between 8 to 14 August 2022, my clients were arrested at their homes late in the evening hours by some of your Police Officers and remanded at the CID, Benghazi and other unknown locations.

I am also instructed that when relatives received rumours that the suspects were detained at Benghazi, some of them attempted to visit the suspects in custody to enquire on the reason (s) of their arrest and detention, but they were prevented from doing so.

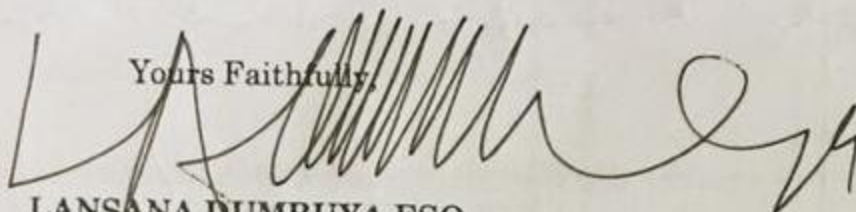
It is the position of the law as provided for by section 17 (2) (a-b) of the 1991 Constitution that when persons are arrested, they have the right to access legal representation without delay.

TAKE NOTICE that since the suspects were arrested and detained, they have neither had access to their lawyers, nor do the lawyers or their relatives know their current place of detention. Please note that such a stance by the police contravenes the 1991 Constitution and it also amounts to an incommunicado detention and is against the Criminal Justice system and is also against the principle of natural justice.

In view of the foregoing, I request, in the interest of justice and preservation of the law, to show me their current place of detention and to also instruct your officers to allow me and other lawyers access to the suspects so we can be well informed about the allegation (s) against them and to also have conference with them.

I remain grateful for your kindest understanding.

Yours Faithfully,



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(SOLICITOR)

CC:

The Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Justice

The Solicitor General

The Director of Public Prosecutions

The Deputy Inspector General of Police

The Head of Criminal Investigations Department

The Crime Officer, Criminal Investigations Department ✓