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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE
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Dear Sir,

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

I am a retained Barrister and Solicitor for MED KAY, JOHN YAPO BANGURA, KADIE CONTEH, LUCY TURAY, SANTIGIE DUMBUYA, ABUBAKARR KAMARA, SAIDU DUMBUYA, MASERAY SESAY, SILLAH KAMARA and OTHERS (hereinafter referred to as my clients), who have instructed me to act on their behalf.

Following a letter dated 15th August 2022, from this office, addressed to the Inspector General of Police on the above subject matter, you were copied and your office was duly served by my process server, informing you about the state of affairs of my clients and the many concerns of their relatives regarding their arrests and safety in detention. MED K's wife has emotionally questioned me on the existence of her husband, I was unable to give her a definitive answer due to the fact that I have not yet been able to see him.

As the principal legal adviser of this country, I understand and verily believe that you have read the said letter and have also instructed the Inspector General of Police to allow legal practitioners access to their clients as enshrined in the 1991 Constitution, specifically section 17 (2) (a-b).

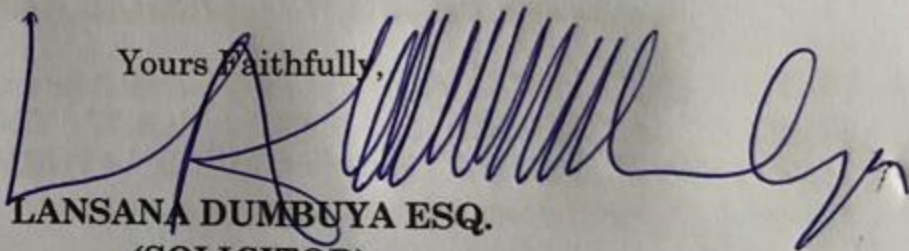
TAKE NOTICE that the Inspector General of the Sierra Leone Police continues to deny Legal Practitioners access to their clients who have been detained by the State. It is unprecedented in the history of legal representation in Sierra Leone for the Inspector General of Police to deny Barristers and Solicitors legal access to detained clients. For the records, I have only been allowed to see few of the prisoners at the CID.

TAKE NOTICE further that since the suspects were arrested and detained, the bulk of them have neither had access to their lawyers, nor do their lawyers or relatives know their current place and state of detention. Please note that such a stance by the Sierra Leone Police is unprecedented and this is the first time in the history of Sierra Leone that Legal Practitioners are denied access to their clients by the Inspector General of Police.

In view of the foregoing, I request, in the interest of justice and preservation of law, as the Principal Legal Adviser of Sierra Leone, that you continue to uphold the Constitution without fear or favor and that you should not entertain any step to whittle it down. Please instruct the Inspector General of the Sierra Leone police in writing, to grant legal practitioners access to clients now detained at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Benghazi and the Sierra Leone Correctional Services at Pademba road.

I remain grateful for your kindest understanding.

Yours Faithfully,


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(SOLICITOR)

CC:

The President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
The Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
The Minister of Internal Affairs
The Solicitor General
The Inspector General of Police
The Director of Public Prosecutions
The Deputy Inspector General of Police
The Head of Criminal Investigations Department
The Operations Officer, Criminal Investigations Department
The Sierra Leone Human Rights Commission
The United Nations Human Rights Commission
Extraordinary African Chambers (EAC)