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Speaker of ECOWAS Parliament Sympathizes with Sierra Leone

The Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament, H.E. Hon. Moustapha Cisse Lo, has acknowledged with sympathy, the August 14 disaster that struck this nation. At the Speaker's Boardroom of Parliament where he led an eight-man high powered delegation immediately from the airport, he expressed deepest condolences to the government and people of Sierra Leone.

Speaker Lo recounted to Rt. Hon. S.B.B. Dumbuya, Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone, the commendable relationship that exists with MPs from Sierra Leone in the ECOWAS Parliament, headed by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah. He thanked them for their relentless efforts and contributions to the ECOWAS Parliament and promised to continue working with Sierra Leone Parliament in order to achieve the ECOWAS Parliament's objectives.

The delegation includes Hon. Aminata Toungara, 2nd Deputy Speaker from the Ivory Coast; Hon. Mohamed Shaaba Lafiagi, Chair, Finance Committee; Hon. Melvin Snowe Jr. from Liberia and Dr. Nelson Magbagbeola from Nigeria, Secretary-General (Clerk) of Ecowas Parliament. Also in the delegation were the Speaker's Aide, Mr. Abdoul khadre Niang and Mr. Mohamed Diaw, journalist.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, S.B.B. Dumbuya, appreciated the ECOWAS Speaker and his team for sympathizing with this nation on the disaster that left hundreds dead and hundreds more homeless. He said what happened in Sierra Leone was more than a disaster, describing it as "a calamity of monumental proportions". Sierra Leone's Deputy Speaker also praised his colleague MPs from ECOWAS Parliament and appreciated their visit.

Earlier, the Clerk of Parliament Hon. Ibrahim Sesay spoke words of commendation for the high powered delegation and wished them well.

The team today visited H.E. the President at State House and later, the mudslide disaster site at Regent.



The speaker's appreciating each other