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COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS INTERVIEWS NINE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service (CAPS), chaired by Hon. Ibrahim Bundu has started interviewing Presidential nominees for various high offices of the State on 30th March, 2016.

The Committee consists of 16 Hon. Members, including 9-APC, 6-SLPP and 1 Paramount Chief Representative. It is a public hearing in the full glare of the general public, including the Press and other MPs who are not members of CAPS. They were in attendance to observe the proceedings relating to the vetting process of the Presidential nominees.

The nominees were grilled in line with public criticisms, commendations, curriculum vitae, experience, track records in various work situations, qualifications, and visionary tenure if approved by Parliament.

The following Presidential nominees have been successfully interviewed by CAPS as listed, subject to the approval of Parliament:

- I. Captain (Rtd) Abdul Rahman Kamara-proposed Deputy Minister of Defence
- II. Dr. Christiana Thorpe-proposed Deputy Minister I, MEST
- III. Dr. Sylvia Olayinka Blyden-proposed Minister of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs
- IV. Mr. Monfred M. Sesay-proposed Justice of the Court of Appeal
- V. Mr. Mohamed Bangura-proposed Minister of Information and Communications
- VI. Mr. Bai Mahmoud Bangura-proposed Minister of Youth Affairs
- VII. Mr. Ahmed Khanou-proposed Minister of Sports
- VIII. Ms. Nanette Thomas-proposed Minister of Political and Public Affairs and
- IX. Mr. Sidi Yayah Tunis-proposed Minister of Tourism and Culture

These nominees are subject to the approval of Parliament if the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service adjudged them to be suitably qualified for the positions to which they have been nominated by His Excellency, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

The interview continues tomorrow for the next batch of Presidential nominees.