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**APPROVAL PROCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES ONGOING**

Our attention has been drawn to the Global Times Publication of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 with a front page headline titled: **“New Ministers Approval Delayed”**, and to inform the public that the Parliament of Sierra Leone is currently issuing and receiving declaration forms from Presidential nominees and other statutory appointees.

As at current, only the proposed Minister of Social Welfare Gender and Children’s Affairs, proposed Appeals Court Judge, and several other Commissioners have collected, filled, and successfully submitted their declaration forms to the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, whilst awaiting interviews. Other Presidential nominees are still collecting their declaration forms to be duly filled and returned to Parliament as part of the approval process.

Consequent to that, the article with the said caption, does not reflect a true and fair view of the status quo regarding Presidential Nominees.

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