

GUINEAN ENVOY CALLS ON SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT

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The Guinean Ambassador to Sierra Leone, His Excellency Fode' Camara, has proposed exchange visits between the respective Speakers of the Guinean National Assembly and the Sierra Leone Parliament. In a courtesy call on the Speaker of Parliament, Hon. S.B.B. Dumbuya, Ambassador Camara conveyed greetings from His Excellency President Alpha Conde and the people of the Republic of Guinea. Noting the extremely good relations between the Governments and peoples of the two countries, he said – quoting President Conde, that these sister Republics are in essence, the same nation.

Observing that Presidents Ernest Bai Koroma and Alpha Conde have continued in the good tradition of excellent relations between leaders of the two countries, Ambassador Camara declared that he was here, “at the disposal of (his) brothers and sisters of Sierra Leone.” In remarks laced with ethnic anecdotes, he said anything he could do to enhance the already excellent ties between these countries, will be a mark of fulfillment for him.

The Speaker of Parliament, amidst amiable exchanges, thanked Ambassador Camara for taking time to see him, noting that from his days in the Pan African Parliament, he had observed that Francophones speak English more readily than Anglophones speak French. Recalling his diplomatic career in Nigeria, China and the wider Asia, the Hon. Speaker said that the Ambassador was not only visiting the Speaker of Parliament, but a diplomatic colleague as well. On the Ambassador's reference to past leaders, the Speaker described the late Sheku Toure as one of the greatest leaders Africa bequeathed to the world. He posited that Africa's present enlightenment is due to the cultural foundations laid by such leaders as Sheku Toure and Kwame Nkruma, of the ilk of Siaka Probyn Stevens. He said that as a country Sierra Leone remains indebted to Guinean fraternity, noting that both countries have close affinities as exemplified in indigenous tribes across the boundaries. He regretted that the Ebola outbreak has now become “a very big distraction,” but expressed optimism that it will soon be overcome. The Speaker assured the Ambassador that he will receive every support and cooperation and hoped the proposed exchange visits can be realized in the New Year.

Ambassador Camara, who had presented his letters of credence to President Ernest Bai Koroma at State House a week earlier, is one of the first West African diplomats to have called on the Honourable Speaker.



Speaker SBB Dumbuya (l) & Guinean Envoy