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**PRESS RELEASE**

**APOLOGY TO THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE BY MR SPEAKER**

The Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu has for the second time rendered his apology to the people of Sierra Leone over the incident that occurred at the Bintumani Conference Center, when President Bio constitutionally summoned an Emergency Sitting of Parliament.

He expressed apologies today again on Thursday 29/04/2021 at the Bintumani Conference Center to the people of Sierra Leone for the incident that happened on Monday 19/04/2021, which according to him, "it should never have happened".

He said Hon. Members of Parliament are expected by the general public of the country to conduct themselves in accordance with the law and to behave as Hon. Members as always should.

He said what happened of course is not unique to this Parliament, adding some might even say, it is an incident of our democratic process.

Furthering, he said it is part and parcel of the expression of our democratic rights and obligations. Sometimes, he said, we expressed them within the confines of the law and on some exceptional occasions, we do so outside the strict limits or boundaries of the law.

Speaking on the need of relegating the incident to history, Dr. Bundu promised that "never again to bring to their proceedings what happened on that inglorious day at Bintumani Conference Center on Monday 19/04/2021.

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