

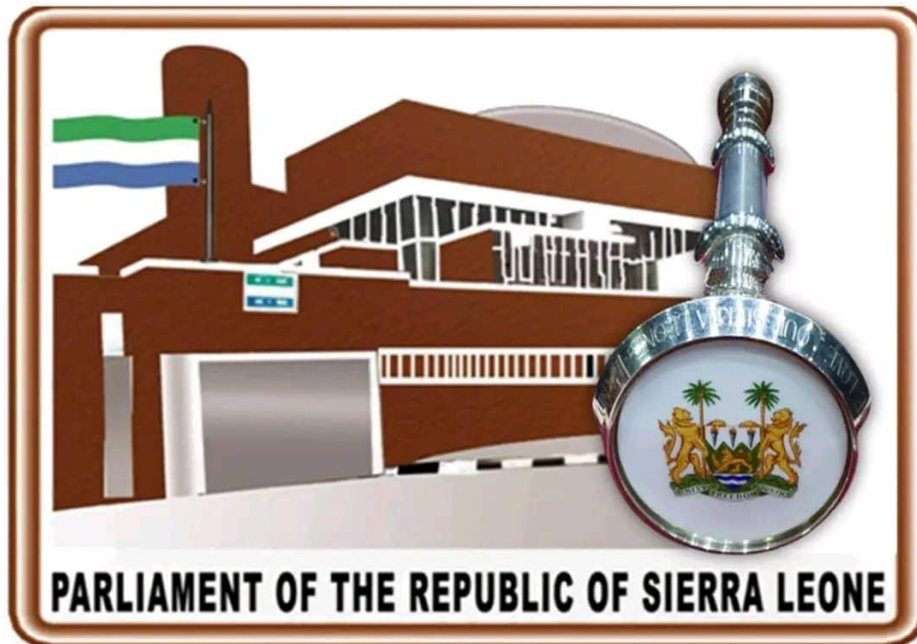


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#### PAC GIVES SEVEN DAYS ULTIMATUM TO MNOs AND ISPs

Following its continued public hearings on queries raised in the Auditor General's Report for 2023, the Public Accounts Committee, chaired by the Deputy Speaker of Sierra Leone Parliament, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh, today Wednesday 09/04/2025, heard officials from the Universal Access Development Fund (UADF) and gave a seven-day ultimatum to Internet Service Providers and Mobile Network Operators including Orange, Africell, Qcell, Zoodlabs, Metro Cable, and K3 to submit their audited financial statements to the Public Accounts Committee.

It required by law to submit documents to the Public Accounts Committee during the course of executing her constitutional mandate, failing which is deemed contemptible by Parliament.

Upon submitting their audited financial statements, the actual calculations will be done for purposes of deducting the actual sums that are payable to the government as required by law.

Consequently, the aforementioned MNOs and ISPs, therefore, stand summoned and required to appear before the Public Accounts Committee on Wednesday 23/04/2025, considering the Easter holidays, at 10:00 forenoon, Parliament Building with their audited financial statements for consideration by the said Committee.

The UADF was established by an Act of Parliament to provide access to mobile and internet services to unserved and undeserved areas in rural communities.

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