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**PRESS RELEASE**



**PARLIAMENT ACCEPTS REMORSE FROM THREE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 28/02/2023 adopted the Report of the Committee of Privileges & Ethics and Ruling of the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu on the riotous conduct of the three Honourable Members in the Chamber of Parliament on the 23rd November, 2022.

Prior to laying the Report of the Privileges and Ethics Committee, the Chairman of the said Committee, Hon. PC Alhaji Alie Badara Sheriff III said the incident took place on the 23rd of November 2022 and the subsequent Ruling by the Hon. Speaker on 30/11/2022 involved the three Members of Parliament.

The Chairman of the Committee also informed Parliament that, the Committee received letters of remorse from the three Members of Parliament expressing regrets for that unfortunate incident on that fateful day in Parliament.

The Chairman of the Committee confirmed that, the Committee met and discussed the issue and after consultations with the Hon. Clerk of Parliament, the latter confirmed that the former had forfeited their salaries and allowances for the months of December 2022 and January 2023. He went on to say, the Committee had recommended for their two months salaries to be forfeited instead of three months judging from the fact that they had already expressed regrets over their actions on the 23rd November 2023 in the Chamber of Parliament.

According to the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee is established mainly to ensure that, discipline and decorum are maintained for the dignity and image of Parliament.

The motion was moved by the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges and Ethics Committee and seconded by Hon. PC Haja Fatmata Bintu Koroma Meama-Kajue and was carried by the House.

As soon as the motion was carried, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu graciously ordered the three Members of Parliament to take their seats respectively in the Chamber of Parliament.

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