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PARLIAMENT MOURNS HON SAMBA TURAY

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday 21/1/2022 conducted the official laying out ceremony and singing of the book of condolence for the Late Honourable Ahmed Samba Turay, at the State Hall Parliament Building at Tower Hill in Freetown. The ceremony attracted many important personalities including the Leadership of Parliament, led by the Speaker, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu, Members of Parliament and staff, the Mayor of Freetown City Council, Madam Yvonne Aki-Sawyer Sawyer, family members, and other distinguished mourners.

Until his demise, the Member of Parliament represented the people of Constituency 073 in Port Loko District under the banner of the All People's Congress (APC) party in Parliament.

Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie said in his tribute that, the deceased was his friend and used to consult him on his development projects. "He would never be forgotten for the services he rendered to the people of Sierra Leone", he said.

In his tribute, Hon. Dr. Mark-Mamoud Kalokoh in tears and solemnity told other mourners that, they were devastated, shocked, and confused.

"The passing of Hon. Ahmed Samba Turay is a big loss" he stated and went on to say, the deceased will be missed by all including the APC, family, the sports community, and the nation. According to him, the deceased served many sectors including education, sport, and health. "We have missed a hero", he concluded.

The Leader of C4C, Hon. Emerson Saa Lamina recalled that he worked with the deceased at the council. "Hon. Samba can be counted for reestablishing the local council", he informed. According to the Leader, the deceased was very honest, friendly, and had a passion for the sport. He referenced the tragedy of death from one of Williams Shakespeare's books and spoke about the general welfare of MPs.

A family member, Ibrahim Samba Turay, who doubles as a son, emotionally spoke in tears about his father's humorous character. Ibrahim used the opportunity to advise his family to unite and asked for forgiveness for the deceased.

On behalf of the APC, the Secretary-General of the party, Ambassador Osman Foday Yansaneh said in solemnity, "Here lie the remains of Hon. Ahmed Samba Turay". Spoke about his diligent service in the country and politics. "He was able to translate oversight of a Member of Parliament through development in his Constituency," he said; adding that the impressive presence of mourners shows that, the deceased was a good man. He rendered prayers in Islamic recitation from Holy Quran for the Late MP.

Closed friend, Abass Kargbo said the deceased had been a close friend for many years. He spoke about his business acumen, sanitation, sport, and development orientation. "He constructed several bridges, schools, hospitals, solar electrification, and agriculture," He revealed and said the deceased is a fallen hero.

Councilor of Freetown City Council, Osman Koroma, who also doubles as Deputy Mayor recalled Late Hon. Ahmed Samba Turay's good attributes. "He was one of those who pioneered the Local Council to come back into governance", he disclosed and recalled their political activities. According to him, the deceased will be remembered for unity, sport, and love. He used the opportunity to console the family.

The singing of the book of condolence and laying of wreaths climaxed the ceremony.

Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations, Sheku Lamin Turay, who served as master of ceremonies used the occasion to give out background information about the late MP.

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