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## PRESS RELEASE



### PARLIAMENT PAYS LAST RESPECT TO LATE HON. SAIDU BABAH KAMARA OF PORT LOKO DISTRICT

Honourable Members of Parliament has on Tuesday 12/11/2024 at the State Hall of Parliament, graced the Laying-in State Ceremony for the late Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara, former Member of Parliament representing Port Loko District, constituency 058.

Hon. Kamara who passed away on October 24, 2024, in Germany, was a respected leader known for his dedication to Public Service and his unwavering commitment to the development of his community. Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara also made indelible contribution towards the advancement of legislative progress of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

The Speaker of Parliament Rtd. Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas signed the book of condolence, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh signed the book of condolence. Other dignitaries joined the bandwagon to sign the Book of Condolences including the Leader of Government Business Hon. Matthew Sahr Nyuma, the Leader of Opposition Hon. Abdul Kargbo among others.

Making his tribute, the Deputy Leader of Government Business 2 Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina delivered a moving tribute on behalf of the SLPP.

"I convey his deep-felt condolences to the kamara family. Distinguished Mourners, the deaths of our late brother, Saidu Baba Kamara, came as a shock, a shock to members of the Fifth Parliament, as well as members of the Sixth Parliament. The late Saidu Baba was too dearly loved", he mourned.

Hon. Lamina recalled the deceased's compassion and straightforwardness, recalling their interactions during committee meetings. He expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family and offered prayers for the deceased.

The Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Abdul Kargbo, equally delivered an emotional tribute on behalf of his party. "Mr. Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Leader of Government, today we have mixed feelings, feelings of sadness. we all gathered here to pay respect to somebody who has served his society with diligence. Our former colleague lived his life for his people", he noted .

The Leader said ,the late man was the Deputy Chairman of the Labor Committee,  
He said he served as the caucus chairman for the Port Loko District.

"We came together to give him the last respects. So from the bottom of our hearts, we want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation, and we pray that his soul will rest in perfect peace",he concluded

Mr. Osman Malam on behalf of the family he thanked the entire Parliament for gracing the laying out. He narrated the reconstructed of 32 classrooms school building done by the late man in Makeni and referred to him as a peacemaker.

"On behalf of the family, once more, we are pleased, we remain grateful, we acknowledge your efforts. We pray that Allah continue to protect you and your family and forgive my younger brother", he stated.

On behalf of Member of Parliament, the Deputy Leader of Opposition 1 Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma appreciated both former and current, Members of Parliament for gracing the laying out ceremony.

"I came to know our late brother in 2012. We were all colleagues in the same Parliament, and we were seated very close to each other. So we used to hang out when we had challenging time , But one thing I observed of my brother, at first, I saw him as a very cool man, but the day he made his first intervention, that was the time I knew that he had a positive character. I was with him in the same committee, the Labour Committee", he said .

"On behalf of Members of Parliament we want to sympathize with the family for their loss of their beloved Father and Brother", he concluded .

Close friend Hon. Saliu Osman Sesay also delivered an emotional tribute in which he said, the late man was a man of his words, a dedicated friend and a friend that believed in serving others.

"Hon. Kamara lying there, I am left alone I didn't know what to say. Words are not enough to express how I felt about your departure. You left so early. You did everything to save your life.I remember when you called me at around 4 AM in the morning in Germany, and you said to me, I did everything possible to get my third term, But God said no to it and I accept my fate. But believe me, I will never leave the APC. I will remain to be a loyalist to the APC", he narrated.

Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department Sheku Lamin Turay who moderated the laying out ceremony acknowledged the kindness of the late member of Parliament .

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