

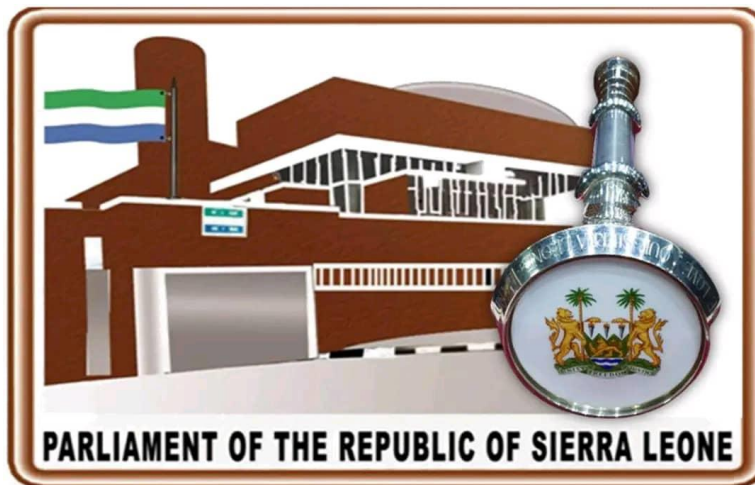


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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE 11 /8/2025

PRESIDENT BIO ASSURES THE NATION ON STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Consistent with Section 84 subsection (1, 2 & 3) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone in tandem with Standing Order 61 of Parliament, the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, His Excellency Brigadier Retired Julius Maada Bio on Thursday 07/08/2025 opened the Third Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone. The President while addressing the nation on the occasion of the State Opening of Parliament assured Members of Parliament and the nation that his government will improve on achievements made, and would also adequately address challenges connected thereto.

PARLIAMENT PASSES SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET INTO LAW

Consistent with Section 112 (3) of the 1991 Constitution and Section 42 (1)(a) of the PFM Act 2016, the Parliament of Sierra Leone on Tuesday, 29/07/2025, extensively debated and passed into law the Bill entitled, 'The Supplementary Appropriation Act 2025, on the theme, 'Fiscal Consolidation and Budget Credibility to sustain Macroeconomic Stability.'

The Supplementary Appropriation Act 2025 is being an Act to authorise expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the services of Sierra Leone for 2025.

The Appropriation Act 2025 was twenty-seven billion seven hundred and sixteen million three hundred and fifty seven thousand four hundred Leones.

Whereas it has become necessary to revise the expenditure downwards from the Consolidated fund with a budget slash of the Sum of eight hundred and seventy one million eight hundred and thirty seven thousand two hundred Leones.

In addition, the Supplementary Budget approved by Parliament for the period, July to December 2025, is fourteen billion four hundred and sixty million seven hundred and sixty thousand four hundred Leone.

PARLIAMENT RATIFES FINANCING AGREEMENTS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has, on Tuesday, 29/07/2025, debated and ratified the Financing Agreement between European Commission and the Government of Sierra Leone for sustainable food and agricultural value chain Development in Sierra Leone.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy Champions Legislative Public Engagement in Sierra Leone

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) on Monday 04/08/2025 commenced national engagements, bringing together Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from across Sierra Leone to discuss 'Legislative Engagement Agenda'. The event was held at the Civil Service Training College, State House Avenue in Freetown, on the theme: "Enhancing Civil Society Engagement in Legislative Public Participation."

The event attracted well-established CSOs with the shared goal of influencing and shaping the country's legislative processes through improved public participation and accountability.

Delivering the keynote address, Director General of Parliament Mrs. Finda F. Fraser described CSOs as "the collective voice of the people." She stressed the importance of sustained collaboration between civil society and Parliament, adding that efforts are ongoing to make the legislative body more accessible and responsive to citizens' needs.

"Parliament is committed to deepening its relationship with civil society as part of its broader agenda to promote good governance and democracy," she stated. "This engagement reinforces our resolve to ensure inclusive participation in the legislative process."

SPEAKER THOMAS PLAYS HOST TO CHINESE DELEGATION FROM THE HUBEI PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

The Speaker of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone, the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas has on 04/08/2025, played host to the Chinese Delegation from the Hubei Provincial People's Congress of China. The Chinese Parliamentary visit to the Rt. Hon. Speaker

Segepoh Solomon Thomas was pegged on the notion of peer knowledge sharing between the two legislative bodies.

Wang Yanling, the Head of the Chinese Delegation from Hubei Provincial People's Congress, who is also the Secretary General of the Communist Party of China and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Hubei Provincial People's Congress, chiefly thanked the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas and all the Leadership of the Sierra Leone Parliament for the memorable hospitality accorded to her delegation. She said Hubei Province had a long-standing relationship with Sierra Leone. She informed the Rt. Hon. Speaker, that their visit was to share knowledge or ideals of mutual cooperation between the two nations.

She continued that Hubei is geographically located in the center of China. She added that China has a National Strategy known as the Rise of the Central Heart of China, of which Hubei is a strategic pillar in such National Strategy of China. He further intimated Speaker Thomas that Hubei is home to a population of sixty-one (61) million people.

In his remark, the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas welcomed the delegation to the Sierra Leone Parliament. Just like the People's Congress of China, Speaker Thomas enlightened the delegation that the Sierra Leone Parliament has three mandatory functions, which are Lawmaking, Oversight, and Representation. He said the Electoral System of Sierra Leone Parliament is known as the Proportional Representation System or the List System.

He continued that the Sixth Parliament has a composition of all tribes across the country, adding that all the districts are represented in the Sixth Parliament.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES SIX PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma has on Tuesday 5/08/2025 approved by Parliament containing six (6) presidential nominees for the development of Sierra Leone.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Ms. Janneh Jabati, Deputy Minister of Finance 2
2. Mr. Emmanuel Sahr Tondeneh, Ombudsman
3. Mr. Mustapha Mark Lissa, Commissioner, National Shipping Agency
4. Mr. Joseph Maada Lahai, Commissioner, National Youths Commission
5. Mr. Alfred Malthus Kobba, Deputy Director General, National Petroleum Regulatory Authority
6. Haja Kadie Johnson, Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority

Presenting the Nominees to the plenary, the Majority Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma told Members of Parliament that the aforesaid nominees were interviewed on Friday, 1st August 2025, at the Committee Room One of Parliament Building Tower Hill in Freetown.

According to the Majority Leader of Government Business, the Nominees were interviewed under oaths and issues pertaining to experiences gained over the years and track records. He said they probed into other requirements, which include tax obligations, asset declaration, and vision for productive tenure of their appointments. He proceeded by telling colleague members of Parliament that other matters regarding the nominees were critically looked into. The Majority Leader of Government Business stated that the Report reflects the unanimous views of the committee.

PARLIAMENT RATIFIES DEVELOPMENTAL

The Parliament of Sierra Leone on Tuesday 05/08/2025 debated and ratified the following agreements:

1. Addendum No. 1 to the Concession Agreement Bulk and Break - Bulk Terminal at Queen Elizabeth II Quay Dated 28th November 2017("Concession Agreement ")By and among Sierra Leone Ports and Harbour Authority (SLPHA) and the Government of Sierra Leone: Represented by the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (GOSL) and the National Commission For Privatisation (NCP), an Agency of the Government of Sierra Leone and Nectar Group Limited(NGL) Nectar Sierra Leone Bulk Terminal Ltd (NSBT) Dated the 3rd of June,2025.
2. Amendment Number 2 to the license Agreement Bulk and Break-Bulk Terminal at Queen Elizabeth II Quay Container Terminal at Queen Elizabeth II Quay by and among Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority ("The Authority") and The Government of Sierra Leone ("GOSL") and National Comission for privatisation ("NCP") and Africa Global Logistics (The Sponsor") and Freetown Terminal Limited (The "Concessionaire") Dated 4th Day of June 2025
3. Addendum Number 5 to the Concession Agreement Container Terminal at Queen Elizabeth ii Quay by and among Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority (The "Authoriry ") and the Government of Sierra Leone (The "GOSL") and National Commission for Privatisation("NCP") and Africa Global Logististic ("The Sponsor") and Freetown Terminal Limited ("Concessionaire") dated the 6th Day of June 2025.

Legislators debated the Agreements and unanimously ratified it for the growth and development of Sierra Leone.

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