

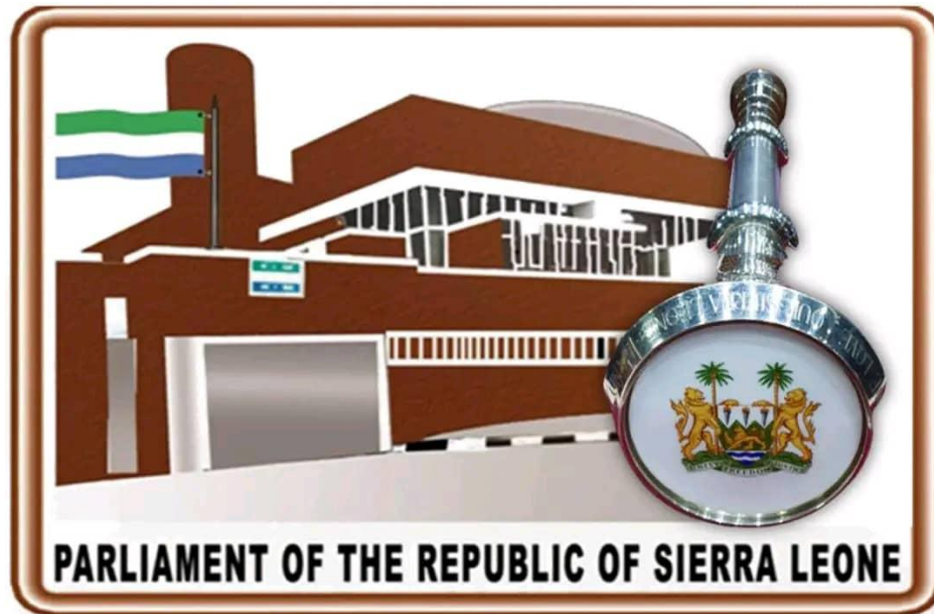


## PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE 7/7/2025

#### PARLIAMENT ENDS A 4- DAY MID-TERM PLANNING & OPERATIONAL RETREAT WITH RENEWED FOCUS

In a strategic move aimed at strengthening institutional performance, strategic planning, and operational excellence, the Parliament of Sierra Leone concluded a four-day Mid-Term Planning and Operations Retreat at Companero Bureh Beach. The event started on July 1st and ends on 4th 2025.

The retreat, held under the direction of the visionary and supportive leadership of the Rt Hon. Speaker, Solomon Segehpoh Thomas. The event brought together directors, deputy directors, and senior staff from across all the departments of Parliament for what participants described as a transformative engagement.

The retreat was organised by a cross-departmental planning committee, headed by Mohamed Alpha Jalloh, Director of Training and Strategy at the Centre for Strategy and Parliamentary Studies (CSPS) in Parliament.

The core objective of the retreat was to bolster Parliament's institutional performance, coordination, and planning. Through deep reflection, mid-year reviews, and forward looking strategies, participants validated Parliament's 2024 performance against its planned activities and collectively shaped priorities for the second half of 2025.

## **PARLIAMENT ENACTS THE INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (Ratification) ACT 2025**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Tuesday 24/06/2025, debated and passed into law with some amendments, the Bill entitled "The Investment Framework Agreement (Ratification) Act 2025".

The Bill Seeks to provide for the ratification by Parliament of the Investment Framework Agreement for Investment in and development of Sherbro Island Between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of the one part and Shebro Alliance Partnership Limited of the Other part and to provide for other related matters.

## **PARLIAMENT APPROVES 10 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES**

The Thirteenth Report of the Committee of Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma was on Tuesday 01/06/2025 approved by Parliament.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Mr. Abu Bockarie Kokofele, Director General, National Social Protection Authority
2. Mr. Prince Bernard Comatech Cotay, Member, Statistics, Sierra Leone Council.
3. Mr. Mohamed Kpana- Gbato Kemokai, Member, Statistics Sierra Leone Council
4. Mr. Alhaji Alie Badara Yillah, Member, Statistics Sierra Leone Council
5. Mr. Prince Terenah Quee, Member, Statistics ,Sierra Leone Council
6. Mr. Kalie Sallue Samura, Member, Statistics ,Sierra Leone Council
7. Mr. Brima Baluwa Koroma, Director General, National Petroleum Regulatory Authority
8. Mr. Michael Hallie Kendoh, Chairman, National Petroleum Regulatory Authority
9. Mr. Brima Abdulai Sheriff, Chairman, National Commission for Persons with Disability and
10. Mr. Josiah Murphy Kargobai, Member, Sierra Leone Water

## **PARLIAMENT COMMENCES MID-TERM PLANNING AND OPERATIONAL RETREAT WITH RENEWED COMMITMENT TO SERVICE DELIVERY**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, with support from the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), on Tuesday, 1st July 2025, commenced a four-day Mid-Term Planning and Operations Retreat at Companero Hotel, Bureau Beach, along the Coastal Rural Peninsula.

All departments under the Parliamentary Service are actively participating in this strategic retreat aimed at collective reflection, operational strengthening, and strategic repositioning.

In her opening remarks, the Director General of Parliament, Madam Finda F. Fraser, welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of mid-term reflection within the current strategic cycle (2021–2025). She highlighted that the retreat will assess parliamentary operations, resource utilization, and interdepartmental collaboration in order to enhance efficiency and improve service delivery to both Members of Parliament and the citizenry. “This retreat is about honest reflection, renewed commitment, and refining our frameworks to better serve the people of Sierra Leone,” she stated.

#### TONKOLILI PARAMOUNT CHIEF TABLES PUBLIC PETITION IN FAVOUR OF GENTO GROUP OF COMPANIES

On behalf of other Tribal Authorities and people of Dansogoya, Sambaia & Diang Chiefdoms, Hon. PC Alhaji Musa Bamba Foray Kulio Jalloh III, representing Tonkolili District, has on Thursday, the 03/07/2025, tabled a Public Petition in Parliament. The Public Petition is urging Parliament and the Government of Sierra Leone to accept, recognise and respect the collective and unanimous resolve of the people and tribal authorities of Dansogoya, Sambaia, and Diang Chiefdoms to enter into a valid lease agreement with the Gento Group of Companies, an indigenous Sierra Leonean company.

“Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament, I rise today in my capacity as Paramount Chief Member of Parliament from Tonkolili District and the Lead Petitioner in the matter before us, to formally present the prayers contained in the public petition duly submitted to the office of the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 17 and the dictates of the rules of procedure. This petition, supported by a cross-section of concerned citizens and rightful landowners of Dansogoya, Sambaia, and Diang Chiefdoms - is rooted in the constitutional rights afforded the people to express grievances and seek redress through their elected representatives”, he said.

He continued by highlighting the following prayers in the petition, which read as follows:

1. That Parliament and the Government of Sierra Leone accept, recognise and respect the collective and unanimous resolve of the people and tribal authorities of Dansogoya, Sambaia, and Diang Chiefdoms to enter into a valid lease agreement with the Gento Group of Companies
2. That Parliament recall and, where admissible, declare null and void the Sierra Leone Mines and Minerals Development and Management Corporation (Allocated Minerals and Mineral- Related Assets) Regulations, 2024 Statutory Instrument No. 11 of 2024.
3. That, pursuant to Standing Orders 17 and 70 (5)a, the Public Petitions Committee investigate the SLMMD's engagement with the landowners and

4. That Parliament convenes a special hearing involving stakeholders and community members regarding the Kasafoni Iron Ore Deposit

## PARLIAMENT PASSES THE CHILD RIGHTS ACT 2025

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has, on Thursday 3/7/2025, debated and passed into law with some amendments, the Bill entitled "The Child Rights Act 2025".

The Act seeks to repeal and replace the Child Rights Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007), to make provision for the promotion of the rights and responsibilities of children and the obligation of the state to provide for such rights as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children and to provide for other related matters.

The Act was earlier debated and committed to the Legislative Committee for further scrutiny. The Chairperson of the Legislative Committee Hon. Sulaiman Marry Conteh presented to the House the Legislative Committee report for the consideration of the House.

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs Dr. Isata Mahoi piloted the Bill.

## SPEAKER THOMAS NAMES GILBERT BOSCO N'HABAY AS ACTING CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

Following the leave of the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas has on Thursday, 03/07/2025, announced in the Well of Parliament to Members of Parliament that the Deputy Clerk of Parliament, Gilbert Bosco N'habay, is now the Acting Clerk of Parliament until further notice.

In a letter dated 1st of June 2025, the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas informed the Opposition Leader, Hon. Abdul Kargbo, that the President had directed the Clerk of Parliament to go on leave effective 20th June 2025.

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