



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
FIRST SESSION, 2023/2024
FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-FIRST SITTING**



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TUESDAY 26th MARCH, 2024

**The House Met at 10:00a.m.
The Acting Speaker, Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay, Presided.**

I. ATTENDANCE:

| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT: | | | |
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| NO | NAME | PARTY | DISTRICT |
| 1. | Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman | SLPP | Bo |
| 2. | Hon. Amara Haja Miatta | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 3. | Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh | SLPP | Bo |
| 4. | Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim | SLPP | Karene |
| 5. | Hon. Bangura Adama | SLPP | Kambia |
| 6. | Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty | APC | Karene |
| 7. | Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz | APC | Port Loko |
| 8. | Hon. Bangura Mariama | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 9. | Hon. Bangura Mohamed | APC | Karene |
| 10. | Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa | APC | Bombali |
| 11. | Hon. Banya Sarty | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 12. | Hon. Barrie Ibrahim | APC | Bombali |
| 13. | Hon. Bayoh Alie | SLPP | Kenema |
| 14. | Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 15. | Hon. Bockarie Momoh | SLPP | Kenema |
| 16. | Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.) | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 17. | Hon. Conteh Adama | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 18. | Hon. Conteh Hawa | APC | Koinadugu |
| 19. | Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 20. | Hon. Conteh Kemokoh | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 21. | Hon. Conteh Mohamed | APC | Falaba |
| 22. | Hon. Conteh Paul Samba | APC | Bombali |
| 23. | Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 24. | Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 25. | Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa | SLPP | Bo |
| 26. | Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 27. | Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 28. | Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie | SLPP | Kambia |
| 29. | Hon. Fofanah Musa | SLPP | Kono |
| 30. | Hon. Fornah Daniel | APC | Tonkolili |



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| 31. | Hon. Forna Mabinty | APC | Tonkolili |
| 32. | Hon. Gberah III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba | - | Port Loko |
| 33. | Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 34. | Hon. Goba Mariama Ella | SLPP | Kenema |
| 35. | Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril | - | Kailahun |
| 36. | Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie | SLPP | Falaba |
| 37. | Hon. Jalloh Memunatu | APC | Port Loko |
| 38. | Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha | APC | Falaba |
| 39. | Hon. Kabba Ibrahim | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 40. | Hon. Kamara Abdulai A. | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 41. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim | APC | Port Loko |
| 42. | Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash | APC | Karene |
| 43. | Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 44. | Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash | SLPP | Bo |
| 45. | Hon. Kamara Mamoud | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 46. | Hon. Kamara Marie | APC | Bombali |
| 47. | Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei | SLPP | Kono |
| 48. | Hon. Kamara Rugiatu | APC | Tonkolili |
| 49. | Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama | - | Tonkolili |
| 50. | Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya | SLPP | Bo |
| 51. | Hon. Kanneh Mohamed | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 52. | Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 53. | Hon. Kargbo Abdul | APC | Port Loko |
| 54. | Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 55. | Hon. Kargbo John Sartty | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 56. | Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff | APC | Karene |
| 57. | Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 58. | Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei | - | Bo |
| 59. | Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria | - | Karene |
| 60. | Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba | - | Bombali |
| 61. | Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda | APC | Kono |
| 62. | Hon. Kellie Tamba | APC | Kono |
| 63. | Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna | APC | Tonkolili |
| 64. | Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura | APC | Kambia |
| 65. | Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu | - | Moyamba |
| 66. | Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba | APC | Bombali |
| 67. | Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 68. | Hon. Lahai Musa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 69. | Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson | SLPP | Kono |
| 70. | Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide | SLPP | Western Area Rural |



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| 71. | Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince | - | Bonthe |
| 72. | Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay | APC | Tonkolili |
| 73. | Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada | SLPP | Bo |
| 74. | Hon. Lebbie Nenneh | SLPP | Bo |
| 75. | Hon. Mackery Yusuf | SLPP | Bo |
| 76. | Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben | APC | Moyamba |
| 77. | Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla | APC | Koinadugu |
| 78. | Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah | SLPP | Koinadugu |
| 79. | Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balasama | - | Koinadugu |
| 80. | Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 81. | Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai | - | Falaba |
| 82. | Hon. Moigua Musa Peter | SLPP | Kenema |
| 83. | Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu | SLPP | Kono |
| 84. | Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava | SLPP | Bo |
| 85. | Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu | - | Kambia |
| 86. | Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr | SLPP | Kenema |
| 87. | Hon. Pyne Umu | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 88. | Hon. Quee Komba | SLPP | Kono |
| 89. | Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 90. | Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 91. | Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya | SLPP | Kenema |
| 92. | Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 93. | Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff | APC | Port Loko |
| 94. | Hon. Sesay Aminata | APC | Port Loko |
| 95. | Hon. Sesay Jawah | APC | Tonkolili |
| 96. | Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman | APC | Bombali |
| 97. | Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 98. | Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh | SLPP | Falaba |
| 99. | Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 100. | Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 101. | Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 102. | Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 103. | Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice | APC | Kambia |
| 104. | Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 105. | Hon. Tholley Foyoh | SLPP | Tonkolili |
| 106. | Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 107. | Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiana | SLPP | Kono |
| 108. | Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 109. | Hon. Tucker Tom Issic | APC | Kono |



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| 110. | Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba | APC | Tonkolili |
| 111. | Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura | SLPP | Bo |
| 112. | Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph | SLPP | Bo |
| 113. | Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia | SLPP | Pujehun |
| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT: | | | |
| 1. | Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie | APC | Tonkolili |
| 2. | Hon. Conteh John Charles | APC | Bombali |
| 3. | Hon. George Edward | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 4. | Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon | SLPP | Kono |
| 5. | Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 6. | Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara | SLPP | Kenema |
| 7. | Hon. Kallon Hawa | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 8. | Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan | APC | Kambia |
| 9. | Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 10. | Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 11. | Hon. Kemokai Abu | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 12. | Hon. Koroma Ibrahim | SLPP | Kenema |
| 13. | Hon. Mansaray Brima | SLPP | Kenema |
| 14. | Hon. Munda Boston | SLPP | Kenem |
| 15. | Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 16. | Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 17. | Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 18. | Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba | - | Kono |
| 19. | Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 20. | Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 21. | Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 22. | Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 23. | Hon. Turay Benjamin | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE: | | | |
| 1. | Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 2. | Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu | APC | Tonkolili |
| 3. | Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 4. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim | APC | Kambia |
| 5. | Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima | APC | Koinadugu |
| 6. | Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 7. | Hon. Silikie Bashiru | SLPP | Bo |
| 8. | Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab | APC | Bombali |
| 9. | Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 10. | Hon. Timbo Zinab | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 11. | Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed | SLPP | Pujehun |



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Entry of the Clerks-at-the Table

Officer in charge - The Director General of Parliament (**Madam Finda F. Fraser**)

Announcement by The Director General of Parliament:

The Director General – “Hon. Members, I announce the unavoidable absence of both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section 88 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No.6 of 1991) and Standing Order 10 (1), this House may therefore elect from amongst its Members, a person to preside over today’s proceedings.”

Nominations:

The Director General: “I therefore call for nominations.”

Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie- moved a motion that **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** did take the Chair as presiding officer for that day’s proceedings.

Hon. Alpha Ben Mansaray –seconded the motion.

The Director General put the question for vote as quoted:

“That **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** does take the chair as presiding officer for today’s proceedings.”

“All those in favour, say aye.”

“All those against, say nay.”

Through collection of voices, the Director General declared that the ayes had it, and that the motion had been carried.

The Director General – called on **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** to withdraw, robed and take the Chair as Speaker.

After the said pronouncement, the Mace Bearer; the Acting Clerk together with two Clerks-at-the Table and **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** who had been elected to act as Speaker processed out of the Chambers so that the Acting Speaker would be fully robed.

Later on, the Mace Bearer; the Acting Speaker; the Acting Clerk together with two Clerks-at-the Table processed into the Chambers for the proper commencement of proceedings.



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1. Prayers were read by Mr. Alimamy L. Bangura (Table Clerk).

2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:26 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:26 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers** from **Puhehun District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Habib Keifa Fabbah** from **Bo District** and approved by the House.

3. Statements Made:

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** congratulated the Acting Speaker (**Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay**) for being elected as Speaker and also recognized the Director General of Parliament, as the Acting Clerk. He said that that was not the first time for a woman to have acted as Speaker, but that day was a multiple scenario wherein two different women were acting in two capacities as Clerk and Speaker of Parliament. He also informed members of the Fourth Estate that The Parliament of Sierra Leone was not a selfish Parliament because it had been promoting women empowerments in all shades of affairs. He congratulated **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** for being elected as acting Speaker for that day's proceedings. He assured her that the proceedings would go on as normally as expected because he as the Majority Leader was committed in promoting Gender Equality by enforcing the policies to become a reality.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo** joined the Majority Leader in congratulating the Acting Speaker (**Hon. Veronica K. Sesay**). He said there was a level of unanimity among the Members of Parliament to support the motion from both sides of the House. He stated that it was the demonstration of their collaborative effort and to show that "what man can do, a woman can do it better". He also said that, the said Acting Speaker had been a champion and also the Mother of both the ECOWAS Parliament and the Parliament of Sierra Leone. He congratulated her and wished her well.

4. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 12th March, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 12th March, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Massay Ngahinteh Aruna** from **Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Fatmata Bintu Bockarie** from **Bonthe District** and adopted by the House as amended.

5. Madam Speaker's Announcement:

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay** thanked the Almighty God for making it possible for her to preside again as Acting Speaker of the House. She said that she could vividly remember that on 3rd July 2018, she first presided as Acting Speaker, and history had repeated itself again. She thanked the House together with The Majority Leader, The Minority Leader as well as the nominator (**Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie**) for nominating her to be elected as Acting Speaker. She said that she was grateful to them for their respects and confidence bestowed on her



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to act as the Speaker for that day's proceedings. She assured the House that she would do her best with their cooperation. She affirmed that she was truly happy to preside over a document that would speak about the security of the nation as a whole. She noted the following as quoted: "Because as a woman, security begins from the home."

6. Government Motion by the Minister of Defence

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy L. Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Defence to proceed with the motion.

The Deputy Minister of Defence, **Col (Rtd.) Muana Brima Massaquoi**, presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification with the following words as quoted:

"Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following Agreements which were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 12th March 2024:

- i. Military Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the Republic of Turkey.**

- ii. A Military Cooperation Protocol between the Ministry of Defence of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Sierra Leone.**

Madam Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

| No. | Names of Honourable Members | District |
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| 1. | Hon. Alex Mattia Rogers | Pujehun |
| 2. | Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie Gbassay Koroma | Western Area Urban |
| 3. | Hon. Sylvester Arnold Maxwell Boima (Rtd. Capt) | Moyamba |
| 4. | Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao | Kailahun |
| 5. | Hon. Wuyatta Bernadette Songa | Kailahun |
| 6. | Hon. P. C. Prince Lansana Bio | P. C. |
| 7. | Hon. Emelia Lolloh Tongi | Kailahun |
| 8. | Hon. Mohamed Bangura | Karene |
| 9. | Hon. Abdul Kargbo (Minority Opposition) | Port Loko |
| 10. | Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma (Majority Leader) | Kenema |



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7. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12 noon:

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Osman Charles Abdulai from Bo District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Emelia Lolloh Tongi** from **Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued.

The Deputy Minister of Defence, **Col (Rtd.) Muana Brima Massaquoi**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

Madam Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

"All those in favour, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

Through collection of voices, Madam Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, pronounced that the Government Motion by the Deputy Minister of Defence had been ratified.

Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations):

The following Hon. Members rose on S.O. 23:

- 1) Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina** from **Kono District**, stood on S O 23 and informed the House that Sierra Leone as a sovereign State had no interest in a subject called monopoly. He referred the House to Section 73 (2) and (3) together with Section 105 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) which made the Parliament of Sierra Leone as the supreme legislative authority in the making of all laws. He further referred the House to Section 93 (3) and (6) which talked about the powers of a Committees of Parliament to investigate an issue from MDAs within its purview and that Committees of Parliament shall have such rights, powers and privileges as are vested in the High Court. He also informed the House about intriguing news from a two-day oversight they went on. He told the House that they had realized that monopoly undermined the principle of free market and gave room for exploitation. He gave a case study of Jamill Sahid who monopolized the fishery, cement factory and also Low cost Housing in the country. He went on to say that, that should be a wakeup call to Members of the Sixth Parliament that they were against monopoly to take over the nation.

Madam Speaker responded that monopoly was not good for the nation, and that there should be free market for the growth of the economy of the country. She said the market should be opened



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to competition. She asked the House to wait for the question and answer session to Ministers so that the said issue would be addressed.

Hon. Aaron A. Koroma from **Tonkolili District** joined in congratulating the Acting Speaker (**Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay**) as the first female Speaker of the Sixth Parliament even though she had acted in the Fifth Parliament. He fully adopted the importance of a free market against monopoly as a submission made by the Deputy Leader 2 of Government Business. He said that monopoly was an unfair trade practice and gave example of Leo Rock and Sierra Rutile to discourage monopoly in the mining sector. He also made mention of the mining going on in Kono. He thanked Madam Speaker for taking the step to investigate the issue on monopoly in the mining sector.

- 2) **Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie** from **Bonthe District** stood on S O 23 and brought to the attention of the House the behavior of Marampa Mining. She said since one of the duties of the House was to do oversight, a letter was sent to the said Company for a meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources, but the mining company did refuse to attend the meeting. She stated that it was a total disrespect to the Committee and the House as a whole. She, therefore, called on the House to summon the Marampa Mining Company.

Madam Speaker advised the Committee on Mines to rewrite the Company with a strong invitation.

- 3) **Hon. Alpha Ben Mansaray** from **Moyamba District** rose on S O 23 and brought to the attention of House the international trade policy. He referenced pages 39 and 51 from the Sierra Leone Trade Policy. He asked the House to pay attention to the constant decline on the export of goods from the country and the Labour Job Market which was affecting the economy. He called on the House to encourage competition in the market for growth in the economy. He thanked the Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources for his pragmatic leadership. He noted that he was with the firmest conviction that the said Chairman would do more to solve the issues in the Mining sector.
- 4) **Hon. Fatmata Sarah Soukenah** from **Western Area Urban District** stood on S O 23 and informed the House about their oversight to all the Mining Companies they had visited. She also spoke against monopolization in the mining sector. She thanked the Chairman of the Committee for bringing the issue before the House for deliberations so that the country could benefit from its minerals.
- 5) **Hon. Musa Fofanah** from **Kono District** stood on S. O 23 and joined the Minority Leader 2 about the seriousness of the issue. He asked the House to pay attention to the Mining Lease Agreement (MLA). He stated that there were mining companies in the country that did not have the MLA. He said the agreement was binding on communities, the companies and the government but there were



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multi-billion companies that did not have the MLA. He also stated that the Port Loko Bauxite had lost its value over sixty eight years without benefit. He further said that was a matter that should not wait for question time but to call on the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources to an emergency meeting.

Hon. Tamba Kellie from Kono District congratulated Madam Speaker for being elected to act as Speaker for that day's proceedings. He observed that the issues concerning the mining companies must firstly be dealt with by the relevant stakeholders as there had been contractual relations between those mining companies and the Government of Sierra Leone.

- 6) **Hon. Mohamed Bangura from Karene District** stood on SO 23 and brought to the attention of the House the recent demolition at the Lumley Beach. He stated that it had become a national issue and citizens were crying of injustice. He asked Madam Speaker to call on the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs together with his officials to come and answer to questions from the House about the modalities that they applied in the demolition process.

Madam Speaker advised the Chairman of the Committee on Tourism and Cultural Affairs to invite the Minister on the said issue.

Adjournment:

**Madam Speaker adjourned the House to Wednesday 27th March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 12:50 p.m.**