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but voting was delayed in many parts of the country because of late arrival of voting materials. Inaccuracy of voter registers also caused crowds of voters to wait longer in queues.

Speaking to the media after casting his vote, President Julius Maada Bio acknowledged the challenges and encouraged citizens to exercise patient and vote.

"Every process gets glitches," he said. "I heard that polling did not open at 7am, but that does not mean anybody should go home because we have prepared for this day for a very long time. I will just appeal to people to be patient and cast their vote. It's about the future of this country; it's about the own future. It's about the future their own children."

"Vote saful, wait for the result saful, if you win celebrate saful, if u if u loss, sidon saful," the President said.

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After a tough political campaign, Sierra Leoneans have on Saturday on Saturday, June 24th, 2023 voted to elect President, Parliamentarians and Local Council heads for another five-year term.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# BudgIT Sierra Leone engages stakeholders on strengthening health sector access

Under the Health System strengthening domain, BudgIT Sierra Leone team had extensive engagement under the Covid 19 Transparency and Accountability project (CTAP) 3 on the 16th and 17th of June, 2023.

BudgIT Sierra Leone is a civic non-profit organization that enhances citizens' understanding of the national budget and matters of public spending using tech tools to simplify the budget and to raise the standard of transparency and accountability in government.

BudgIT Sierra Leone primary goal is to use creative technology to intersect civic engagement and institutional reforms in Sierra Leone. BudgIT Sierra Leone began operation in September 2020 as a registered non-governmental entity to drive citizens' participation in governance and promote development through efficient service delivery, advocate for effective fiscal and resource governance and provide support for CSO's and government institutions.

BudgIT focuses on the following key areas: Service Delivery Tracking and Reporting, Institutional Support, National Resource Governance and Health System Strengthening.

The team engages regional Stakeholders in the Health Sector on Strengthening Health Sector Access in Sierra Leone. Two regional health stakeholders and two civic meetings were held in the Southern City of BO and the Northern City of Makeni simultaneously.

The meeting attracted senior members in the health sector including the District Health Medical Team represented by the District Medical Officers, District Health Sisters, Public Health Superintendents, Community Health Officers, Nurses, other health professionals and Civil Society organizations to discuss health sector accountability research report and the challenges of inadequate funding for the health sector in Sierra Leone.

The BudgIT Sierra Leone divided themselves into two teams: Alhassan Sesay the Country Lead and Brima Sesay the Institutional and Stakeholder Engagement Lead engaged stakeholders in the Southern City of Bo and Daniel Conteh Research Programmes Officer and Alfred Bangura the finance officer engaged stakeholders in the northern town of Makeni.

In the two engagements, the team presented the CTAP 3 and the Health Sector Accountability Report. In their presentations, they pointed out the following as encapsulated from the reports: government policy response to the covid 19, pattern of covid revenue and expenditures, transparency and accountability framework adopted by government, government budget

allocation as a result of covid 19, availability of covid 19 budget and expenditure data, the procurement policy followed, measures taken by government to cushion the effects of Covid 19, the challenges and obstacles to covid 19 transparency and accountability.

The challenges in the health sector as elucidated in the reports are government failure in increasing support to the health sector in that allocation to the health sector has been between 6% to 7% of total expenditure over the last five years( 2018-2023) which is below the 15% threshold under the Abuja Declaration that all African Union member states signed to in 2005, corruption in the health sector, poor infrastructure, policy inconsistencies, resource short falls, capacity gaps, brain drain, perennial strike actions among others.

During the course of the deliberations, the regional coordinator South for the National Council for Civic Education and Democracy ( NaCCED) Paul A. Sengeh mentioned that civic engagement or stakeholder engagement is a key component of the work of NaCCED and awareness raising and civic education are key tools that enhances citizens involvement in the development process in the country. Ibrahim Jalloh regional coordinator for NaCCED North-East pointed out that civic engagement is quite crucial in ensuring citizens awareness, involvement and participation in the development agenda in the country. He pleaded that they want to see recommendations in the Health Sector Accountability Report in the next National Action Plan (NAP5) as a commitment from government. Ibrahim S.M Kpaka from the Civil Society Organization Health Alert elucidated that Health Care Accessibility as a result of inadequate health infrastructure, poor health financing, problem with mobility constitute the key challenges facing the health system in Bo district and the rest of the regions in Sierra Leone. Matron Hawa Daramy- District Health Sister (DHS1) Bo district mentioned plethora of issues affecting the health sector. These issues she narrated include; no care for the care givers that is, there are no health care provisions for the caregivers, lots of health care professionals without approval or pin codes from government and poor referral process characterized by poor mobility or transport system, poor budget process and slow disbursement of funds. All the other participants in both the stakeholder engagements and civic engagements that contributed to the deliberations vividly mentioned



Brima Sesay, the Institutional and Stakeholder Engagement Lead addressing participants



Participants at the engagement

inadequate funding, logistical and resource constraints, poor health infrastructure, poor data management, corruption among others as the binding constraints or challenges to health service delivery in Sierra Leone.

Several recommendations were brought to the fore for action by government and other health stakeholders. These recommendations include; government to increase allocation from 7% to 15% as stated by

the Abuja Declaration for improve health sector access, strengthen the human resource base, investment on health infrastructure, revitalization of the National Emergency Medical Services (NEMS), robust monitoring of health care institutions and management, increased training opportunities for health professionals, adequate provision of health care materials among others.

## What national and international observers say about June 24 elections?

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

On June 24, 2023, Sierra Leone held one of the most closely contested elections between the governing Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) and the main opposition, All People's Congress (APC) Party.

The elections were covered by a huge number of both national and international observers who are believed to have a critical and crucial role to play in any democratic elections. There observations and recommendations they make are essential to any democratic dispensation.

Following the elections on June 24, some observers issued preliminary reports on their findings on the elections. The European Union Election Observation Mission will officially release its preliminary report today.

But in the late afternoon of June 24, Evin Incir, EU Chief Observer applauded all Sierra Leoneans and Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL) staff for their dedication towards the successful run of the elections. She affirmed that despite the

delay in the commencement of the polls, voting was ongoing in most areas of the country.

The g7 Election Observer Mission's Preliminary report on their findings of general elections that was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel on June 25 highlighted layout at most of the 25 polling stations they visited met international standards.

Head of Delegation, Habib Urrehman Mayar, noted that the voter turnout was high and the elections were largely peaceful. He further said some of the polling staff did not have any identification.

The Eminent Women noted in their press statement that voter turnout was highly encouraging with long queues, that electoral logistics were not deployed on time and that only few centres kept to the 7am start time.

Eminent Women commended the security presence in almost all polling centres and also shed light on the negative influence of social media. They also highlighted the prevention of potential voters with their voter IDs to vote.





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# LOCAL NEWS June 24<sup>th</sup> Polls: Bio, Samura confident of victory



From Cover

For Dr. Samura Kamara, presidential candidate of the main opposition All Peoples Congress (APC), he's on an irreversible path of overwhelming victory and would not accept unverified, manipulated and skewed results.

He urges ECOWAS not to allow the ongoing decline of democracy to continue under their watch in Sierra Leone.

Samura Mathew Wilson Kamara cast his vote at the MAFA field polling centre located at Regent Road in Lumley.

Despite expressing confident of winning the elections, Samura Kamara raised series of concerns regarding the overall process.

The Presidential hopeful catalogued series of concerns around the voting process which includes delay in commencement of polls, poor organization of the polling stations especially where he voted, intimidation of APC party agents in South, especially in Bonthe, Pujehun. Furthermore, Kamara pointed out the presence of missing names on both the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL) and his party's voters list.

In a statement, he said, "If they were afraid of me, or if they were confident

of winning the elections, they wouldn't have been playing all these games."

He further urged the ECSL to ensure that all eligible voters have the opportunity to cast their votes, even if it requires extending the voting period by an additional two days.

In a post-elections press conference, the ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) said there will be no run-off in the awaiting June 24 election results and that the party will win the election with a landslide victory.

"The facts is, we have won this election," Prince Harding, Chairman of the SLPP told the media. "It is been clear from our internal auditing."

He accused the main opposition All Peoples Congress (APC) of spreading false information to distract the democratic process of election and cry foul.

But says, the party has tallied the results, and it is very clear that President Bio has won the election.

"All we are saying is that there will be no run-off. We are not going back for a second round. That one is clear," the SLPP Chairman said.

The election campaign was largely laced with violence, political intolerance, lawlessness, indiscipline and the spread of fake news and hate speech on social media, mainly, by members and supporters of the two

main political parties.

Thirteen (13) political parties contested June 24 Presidential and Parliamentary election. The current President, Julius Maada Bio is seeking a second term under the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP). His main challenger is Sumura Kamara, candidate for the main opposition All Peoples Congress (APC). The candidates tightly faced each other in the 2018 pool that took President Bio to State House, after narrowly defeating Kamara, then ruling party candidate.

Both presidential candidates have been in politics and governances for years. Bio, a retired brigadier in the Sierra Leone Army led the country from 16 January to 29 March 1996 under the National Provisional Ruling Council (NPRC) junta government. Prior to that, he served as Information Minister in the same NPRC regime headed by then Military Head of State, Captain Valentine Strasser. Samura Kamara, the APC presidential candidate served as Financial Secretary in the NPRC regime headed then headed by the current President, and subsequently served as cabinet Minister in the previous Ernest Bai Koroma administration.

The issues around the 2023 general elections in Sierra Leone centers on the economy. Many citizens are not happy with the way things are going at the moment. Prices of food have increasingly soared in the last five years with rising inflation and an increasing draining of the Leones against the US Dollar, fueling violent protests at some points. These issues so muchly armed the opposition during the campaigns,

If elected for a second term, President Bio intends to prioritize agriculture. His manifesto, titled, the 'New Direction Consolidating gains and Accelerating transformation' contains five initiatives. Key among them is the 'Feed Salone', an Initiative to boost agricultural productivity and ensure food security in the country.

In his first term, he focused on human capital development, launching a Free Quality School Education project that increased enrollment of

pupils in primary and secondary schools. He also introduced other reforms and opened more space for women's participation in governance. But Bio's last five years governance did not satisfy the bread and butter issue that interest the common Sierra Leonean more. His government saw an increasing surge in the prices of commodities with incommensurate salaries, hitting the poor the hardest. He came to office in 2018 with elaborate an manifesto, but five years frantic moves for impactful delivery on those promises got crippled with the consequences of the blistering global economic crisis caused by the outbreak of COVID19 and the Russian-Ukraine conflict.

Samura Kamara, the main opposition candidate has promised he will fix the economy if elected President. Handpicked by former president Koroma as preferred successor, Samura Kamara's victory was thwarted in 2018 by the fact that many of the members and supporters of his party were aggrieved with the manner in which the former President unilaterally selected him among other senior party members who had also expressed interest and mounted campaigns for the same position.

Also, the image of the outgoing Koroma administration, at the time, had been riddled by the poor handling of the Ebola funds and other economic misdoings.

Any of two main political parties' candidate who loses in this election will make history. If Bio cannot secure a second term, he becomes the first one term President and the first incumbent to lose reelection since the start of Multi-party democracy in Sierra Leone. If Samura fails to unseat him, he becomes the main opposition candidate to lose presidential election twice in a row.

Counting of the results from Saturday's poll is ongoing, and it's expected to last for couple of days. A candidate needs to secure 55 percent of the total vote cast to be declared winner. If no candidate hits the target, the election goes into a runoff. Whoever is wins 2023 general election, has a range of issues to handle in a deeply polarized society.

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## LOCAL NEWS

By Ishmael Dumbuya, Hassan G. Koroma, Yusufu Bangura, Emmanuel Gborie

# Peaceful voting in Kenema, Kono, Bo and Makeni

On the eve of the June 24th polls, Concord Times deployed reporters in some major cities including Bo, Kenema, Kono and Makeni to observe the process.

### In Kenema

Kenema, in the Eastern Region of the country demonstrated a great deal of tranquility in the conduct of the elections.

All stakeholders in the electioneering process were committed to peace before the commencement of the process.

On Friday, 23rd June, Concord Times went to Kenema and conducted series of interviews ranging from the police, officials of the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL), international observers and voters. In all of the interviews conducted, they were all committed to peace and non-intimidation on polling day.

"We will ensure that a peaceful election is held in Kenema, as a result we have ensured that we move around the entire Kenema District preaching peace and national cohesion," Maggoh Amara, Information Officer, Kenema Regional Police Headquarters. Concord Times spoke with the Chairman for ECSL coordinators in Kenema, Malikie Barrie, who stated that the ECSL in the region will ensure that there is a free, fair, and credible election, which will in turn enhance peace and cohesion.

Alpha Moigula, a Kenema resident and a voter urged all voters to be law abiding and peaceful during the course of the polling.

International and local observers such as Commonwealth, Carter Center, National Elections Watch and Council of Churches Sierra Leone (CCSL), were all on the ground promoting peace and cohesion in the region. In addition, this medium spoke to the various party agents at the centers to take on the process:

"We are so far satisfied with the conduct of the elections and there were no intimidation from the security sector," Victor Amara, APC party agent at Mano Junction.

SLPP party agent, Sia Benya expressed determination to monitor the election in a free, fair and credible manner.



### In Kono

As the elections across the country were closed on Saturday, Kono District laudably experienced very peaceful elections.

Kono from the look of things was speculated to be one of the most inevitable areas for unrest during the elections due to the recent heightened political tensions within the district.

Though there were evident challenges and concerns over late deployment and late arrival of election materials at some polling centres, late voting and absence of some ECSL staff, yet people were seen courageously and patiently waiting to cast their votes. Some were tenaciously at their centres till around 8pm just to make sure their ballots count as they vote for their respective candidates.

Until now the ECSL has not complained about any disruption or feud during the course of the election that affected the successful conduct of the election in Kono.

Head of Media, Sierra Leone Police, Tankoro Division, Komba Sorie noted that it was the responsibility of the police to ensure security in the district during the election.

He however added that things were under control and that there were no such alarming situations that could have affected the smooth conduct of elections. Arrival of ECSL officials from the interiors of the district and collating of district result is still ongoing at the ECSL Office in Koidu City, Kono District.

### In Makeni

#### Voters queuing to cast their ballots

All stakeholders in the electioneering process were committed to peace before, the commencement of the process. Makeni demonstrated a great deal of peacefulness in the conduct of their elections.

On Friday 23rd June, Concord Times reporter went to Makeni City and conducted series of interviews with the police, ECSL, observers and voters. In all these interviews conducted, they were all committed to peace and non-violence before, during and after the Polling Day.

"We will ensure that a peaceful election is held in Bombali district, as a result we have ensured that we moved around the entire Bombali District preaching peace and national cohesion," Sgt John Abass Kamara, Reginal Media Officer, Nort East region.

Concord Times spoke with the Training and Education Officer at ECSL in Makeni, Atieu Jalloh, who noted that the ECSL in the Northeast region will ensure that there is a free, fair, and credible election, which will in turn enhance peace and cohesion in the country.

Also speaking to this medium after casting his vote at Admire Sesay (KEE Koroma) Memorial School, polling centre 4078, station 3 in Makeni, Bombali district, former President Ernest Bai Koroma raised concerns on the level of security in the voting process at the center where he cast his vote.

He confirmed that there was no security where he voted. He further appealed to all Sierra Leoneans to exercise their voting rights and appealed to the Electoral Commission to sort out

certain aspects of the voting process that have been marred with challenges especially in the center where he voted.

He later called on Sierra Leoneans to remain peaceful and law abiding citizens and also urged the Election Management Bodies, National Security Agencies and all stakeholders to make sure everyone is treated fairly.

One of the residents and a first-time voter in Makeni, Warah Kamara said she felt good after casting her vote because she has started taking part in decision making.

She continued that as a first-time voter she didn't not face any challenge while voting as everything went smoothly.

International and local observers such as Mano River Union Observers, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), National Elections Watch, Council of Churches Sierra Leone and Sierra Leone Red Cross were all on the ground promoting peace and cohesion in the region.

In addition, this medium spoke to the various party agents at the centers.

"We are so far satisfied with the conduct of the elections and there were no intimidation or violence from the security sector and the voters. However, the process is peaceful, and we are happy with turnout of voters," said Mariama Bangura, APC party agent at Makeni turntable.

SLPP party agent in the same Polling Centre, Hassan Foday also said that they will ensure that they monitor the election process in a free, fair, and credible manner for the betterment of the country.





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## LOCAL NEWS

# Politics is not a do or die thing

By Alfred Koroma

*Former MP admonished constituents*



The final day of Hon. Hindolo's peace gala competition in Moyiba Community, Kissy, Freetown

**E**mphasizing on the need for peace during the electoral process, former MP, Hon. Hindolo Tennison Sandy advised constituents to be careful with how they exercise their political rights, noting 'politics is not a do or die thing.' It's about ideology. If you believe in Hon. Hindolo's ideology and the party he belongs to, support me. If you don't believe in my ideology, support where you believe. This election should be peaceful and we should conduct ourselves in a peaceful manner, he said. "We don't want violence."

The former MP was speaking on the final day of a peace football competition he organized to send a loud message of peace and to engage young people whom he said are always victims or perpetrators of violence before, during and after elections.

Hon. Hindolo Peace Gala Competition is one of many

steps the former MP took to consolidate peace before June 24 election. The gala competition follows a Peace Rally the MP organized, engaging commercial bike riders and other youths in Constituency 120 on peace talks. That happened before he launched a House-to-House peace sensitization and campaign to educate his constituents on the new electoral system, enlightening them about the need to maintain peace during the electioneering processes.

We organized this competition to send a message that we are all one people. Election happens in one day; it comes and goes. But as community people, we will ever remain together, he told crowds of spectators while speaking on the final of the football gala competition.

Hon. Sandy furthered that the Peace Gala came at the right

time as the country is into a crucial general elections, saying he wants the people to get the message of peace at the back of their minds and not allow anyone to use them to perpetrate violence during the electoral process.

He said he used football because he knows football unifies a nation and brings together the youth.

Eight communities participated in the ten million Leones (Nle 10,000) star priced peace gala competition targeted at the youth in Constituency 120. Speaking to *Concord Times*, the beneficiaries expressed delight for the competition and commended the former MP for his initiative.

Today is my happiest day because my community benefited from the competition, Lansana Jacob, Head Coach of one of the teams that participated in the competition

said, noting for far too long, the stakeholders of our community have been neglecting this venture, but that Hon. Sandy has made the difference, is a mark of true leadership. Jacob furthered that the youths have been the perpetrators and victims of violence during and after elections but this message of peace is timely and will create the anticipated difference.

"I felt good that the competition brought plenty guys onboard. I see friends that I have not seen for long. Everybody has come onboard despite their political alignment," another constituent of Moyiba Community, Sulaiman Bah said. He further expressed delight with the turn out of the youths in the Moyiba community to preach peace and love across their neighborhood. Bah said youths in their communities are football lovers and football brings them together but party politics is one thing that often divides them.





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**Background Introduction**

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PSI Sierra Leone seeks to recruit, on an "independent contractor basis" the services of an M&E Specialist to assist with, amongst other pieces of work, data management for the Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project activities which are aimed at increasing the coverage of COVID-19 Vaccination in Sierra Leone.

Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) is a five-year global project funded by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). EpiC receives COVID-19 funding to bolster health systems necessary to address COVID-19 and reduce cases of reemergence.

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**General Objective of the Position**

Reporting to the EpiC Sierra Leone Country Project Manager and working closely with the M&E Coordinator for the organization, the MEL Specialist will take a leadership role in developing and supporting EpiC Sierra Leone project's data management, utilization and reporting through the EpiC Global Infolink's database platform. The support will include data collection, cleaning, validation and visualization, co-leading administration of the project's activity data base. The MEL Specialist will also work with the global EpiC M&E team on co-design and oversight of implementation of new components of routine data collection (by adding to existing database).

The MEL Specialist will lead the ongoing capacity building and skills maintenance in data management and utilization for program quality improvement among the EpiC Sierra Leone country project team. The position will contribute to consolidating and building EpiC project's evidence and knowledge resources and showcasing the impact of our covid-19 vaccination work both internally and externally. The MEL Specialist will also support the EpiC project team and its implementing partners in oversight and guidance on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) activities. The position will work very closely with the Impact Malaria program M&E team, and when needed, also provide guidance to other program colleagues within the country office.

The specific job functions are as follows:

Leadership on routine & periodic activity data collection and management

Provision of routine covid-19 vaccine management information system backstopping to the EpiC SL team

Technical ME&L assistance to the EpiC project team

Contribute to the learning agenda of the project.

**Key Responsibilities**

Work with the Project Manager (EpiC) and the M&E Coordinator to contribute to strengthening the EpiC Project MEL systems.

Manage routine data, including data cleaning and entry in the global EpiC Infolink's software platform to ensure timeliness, completeness, consistency and quality.

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**Ensure timely and complete reporting and feedback of routine data system, including data quality review, relying on support from the EpiC program Team.**

**Provide technical leadership for the development, validation and implementation of data collection tools and processes, including the adaptation and improvement of the existing suite of quantitative monitoring tools for EpiC Sierra Leone.**

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**Implement processes for tracking progress of routine monitoring (new data tracker detailing reporting elements and their periodicity for tracking, monthly deadlines for receiving data and estimated processing time at country level)**

**Coordinate EpiC Sierra Leone project team's ongoing skills building and provide in-house guidance on the appropriate use of the database.**

Contribute to evidence generation, documentation and information-sharing on covid-19 vaccine integration by working with the EpiC Project Communications Officer to co-author articles and success/ change stories.

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**Qualification and experience**

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Experience conducting monitoring, evaluation and research in a global public health setting.

Solid technical background in Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health and other related aspects

Competence in qualitative and quantitative analysis software programs (SPSS, Epi-Info, SAS, etc.)

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Technical writing and strong presentation skills to both internal and external audiences

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### Public Notice

## Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

The general public is hereby informed that the Guild of Newspaper Editors - Sierra Leone (GoNE-SL) has reviewed the advert pricing for newspapers as follows:

#### Black & White

No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
1	Quarter Page (¼)	700	800
2	Half (½)	800	1,200
3	Full Page	1,000	1,500
4	Centre Spread	2,000	3,000

#### Coloured

No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
1	Full Page	2,500	3,000
2	Centre Spread	5,000	6,000

The cover price remains the same.

Please note that the new pricing takes effect on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023.

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Signed:  
Donald Theo-Harding  
Chairman, GoNE-SL.

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PRESS RELEASE

### INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS

Mile 91 Town, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The National Executive and General Membership of the Sierra Leone Broadcasters Association (SILBA) wish to inform the public that the Association has unanimously resolved to increase the cost of radio commercials.

The decision was reached at a national consultation meeting held at Mile 91 Town, Tonkolili District, on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023, as part of the efforts to meet the current inflation rates and other statutory obligations in the country.

This decision will enhance quality in service delivery and sustainability in the operations of radio stations across the country.

It should be recalled that this is the only increment in commercials announced by radio stations in 12 years.

The Association therefore craves the understanding and patronage of the public.

The new commercial quotation which will take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 shall be as follow:

#### FREETOWN

1. Jingle - Jingle slot - NLe 35.00 per minute
2. Public notice - NLe 30.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minutes airtime, between NLe 750.00 and NLe 1,250.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)  
(b) Cost for 1hr airtime, between NLe 1, 500, 00. and NLe 2,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)

#### PROVINCIAL

1. Jingle - Jingle slot - NLe 20.00 per minute
2. Public notice - NLe 20.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minute airtime: between NLe 500.00 and NLe 750.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)  
(b) Cost for 1hr airtime: between NLe 1,000.00 and NLe 1,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)

SILBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

END

Signed:

Daniel M. Amara  
Secretary General

Approved By:

Stanley Bangura Jr.  
Chairman



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The Padi Way

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**Padi**  
The Padi Way

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**Enriched with Essential Vitamin A & B**

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**Padi, sharing is caring 😊**

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**Padi Spaghetti, strands of deliciousness!**

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The Padi Way

**Daddy you are my best Padi!**

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The Padi Way

**Spread the love!**

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