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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **PARLIAMENT APPROVES DR. MARAH, MOIGBEH AND EIGHT (8) OTHERS**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on the eve of its dissolution ratified the nominations of ten presidential candidates to serve in high offices of State. The House adopted the recommendations of the 12<sup>th</sup> Report of its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service.

Submitting his congratulatory remarks after approval, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the House, SBB Dumbuya invidiously extolled the outgoing and incoming Inspector Generals of Sierra Leone Police, Francis Munu and Dr. Richard Moigbeh respectively, for the professional execution of their duties, saying he had no scintilla of doubt that they would perform exceptionally well in their new appointments. He attributed Dr. Moigbeh's new appointment to John Milton's famous inscription, "that God only serves those who stand and wait", whilst wishing the other nominees well in their pursuits. During the debate, he intervened by cautioning politicians to behave well, and by so doing relieve the military of the burden of making and unmaking the State", contingent on concerns raised by some of the MPs.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

- I. Dr. Kaifala Marah-Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- II. Dr. Richard Moigbeh-Inspector General of Sierra Leone Police
- III. Major General Brima Sesay-Chief of Defence Staff, Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces
- IV. Alhaji Dr. Alpha B.S. Kanu-Minister of Information and Communications
- V. Rtd. Major Ishmail S. Koroma-Minister of Internal Affairs
- VI. Mr. Francis Alieu Munu-Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia
- VII. Mr. Momoh Vandi-Minister of State II, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
- VIII. Mr. Brima I. Bangura-Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Development
- IX. Mr. Tamba Opel Pessima Sam Sumana-Deputy Minister of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs
- X. Mr. Eric Dura Sesay-Minister of State, Office of Vice President

MPs who spoke to the motion acclaimed President Koroma for appointing "these fine nominees" with proven track records in various spheres of work, observing that no woman was

among them. They noted that the security of the State is now in the hands of the military and the police to ensure a peaceful transition, as the country is at cross-roads pending the next general elections in early March 2018.

They also admonished the nominees not to consider their appointments as pay back, but as a recognition of their good work, and encouraged them to continue to professionally execute their duties in earnest.

Other MPs spoke to the motion.

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