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REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**TENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE
ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS- MAY, 2025**

1. Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, in tandem with its constitutional obligations met on Monday, 5th May, 2025 and interviewed **two** Presidential nominees for the following positions: i) the Minister of Youths Affairs ii). **One** Member, Board of the National Commission for Social Actions.

2. Procedure

The Committee maintained as usual, its strict established procedures and interviewed the aforesaid nominees on issues pertaining to their educational backgrounds to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to lead such important offices of state. Probing questions covered wide ranging issues relating to track records pertinent to their declared assets, tax obligations and visions for sustainable and productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were also strictly looked into by the Committee.

3. Tenth Sitting of the Committee on Monday, 5th May, 2025

The Committee interviewed the following nominees on oath:

i. Mr., Ibrahim Sannoh, Proposed Minister, Ministry of Youths Affairs.

Mr. Sannoh is a young and dynamic personality with very high expectations of the Youths sector of the Country. He is a team player, excellent communicator and has

excess potential to deliver quality results within a given time space. He served as Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) in 2019-2022 and 2018-2019 respectively. His administrative leadership skills shown recently have exhibited much maturity and propensity to handle bigger national assignments.

In 2023, Mr. Ibrahim Sannoh was appointed as Deputy Minister of Communication, Technology and Innovation and was successfully approved by this Sixth Parliament. Having served nearly two years in the said position with diligent performance, this Committee reserves no iota of doubt that the nominee will excel in his next assignment and therefore reaffirms its earlier recommendation in the third report of the Sixth Parliament

In the field of educational achievements, he holds both Bachelor of Arts and Master in Public Administration Degrees from the University of Sierra Leone

In his response to the Committee on his new role, the nominee said he was optimistic that hard work and dedication to duty would help him face the numerous challenges of the youths Ministry. He said he would work with professionals to expand and calibrate the activities of the Ministry with emphasis on drug menace, sustainable safety net projects, agriculture, and other livelihood programmes for youths including the physically and visually impaired amongst others. "I will ensure I represent the youths to lead the future of this country through revamping the middle level manpower skills trainings." he promised.

ii. **Mr Mohamed Ali Bah , Proposed Member, National Commission for Social Action(NaCSA)**

Mr Aie Bah is a communication expert, multi-linguist , a politician and an indigene of the Kailahun District. He imbibes both the fullah and the Mende cultures which even sometimes because of fluency in languages make it difficult to judge him. Whilst he spent his formative and educational years in Jojoima, Malema Chiefdom, greater part of his higher education were spent in the Arab World that makes him an Arab scholar and holder of several Arabic credentials.

He holds a Master of Arts Degree in English and Arabic classified as **linguistics and transitions** from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (United Kingdom) in 1996; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Madinah Islamic University, **Al Madinah Munawarah**, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1992).

Furthermore, his thirst for in-depth strategic communication profession also earned him the following:

- 2010 - Diploma in Communication infrastructure and economic regulation, Cyber Security Coordination and Country code top level domain administration and operations from the United States
- 2008 Post Graduate Certificate in ICT & Telecommunication Training and Management for Senior African Professionals ,College of Arts and Technology, Cairo University ,Cairo ,Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 2004 Certificate in Information Technology, College of Arts and Technology, Manchester, United Kingdom.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, based on the plethora of educational background, the nominee has excelled professionally as were noted:

- i. 2023-date Lecturer /Tutor of Arabic Language and Contemporary Middle Eastern Affairs and Culture at the Foreign Services Academy (FSA),Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
- ii. 2015-2017- Minister of State ,Office of the Vice President ,Republic of Sierra Leone ;
- iii. 2008-2012; Director of Communication, Ministry of Information and Communication., Ministry of Information Communication
- iv. 2007- 2010- Deputy Government Spokesman under former President Ernest Bai Koroma
- v. 2006-2007-Deputy Presidential Spokesman to Late President Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabba; to name but few.

Responding to the Committee on the activities of NaCSA in terms of project implementation drives, the nominee said he was impressed with the deliveries of the Commission and promised to use his communication strategies collaboratively with colleagues to help NaCSA builds connecting bonds with clienteles and beneficiaries.

4. Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be adequately qualified for their proposed appointments and are therefore recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Mr, Ibrahim Sannoh, Proposed Minister, Ministry of Youths Affairs.
- ii. Mr. Mohamed Alie Bah, Proposed Member, National Commission for Social Action(NaCSA)

5. Conclusion.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the **Tenth report** reflects the **unanimous** view of the Committee. I therefore move that the **Tenth Report** of the Second Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Signed.....

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Chairman and Leader of Government Business

