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PARLIAMENT MOURNS LATE HON. DR. BU-BUAKEI JABBI ESQ

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Thursday 08/01/2026, paid glowing tributes, laid wreaths, opened and signed the book of condolence during the official lying-in-state ceremony for the late Hon. Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi Esq, former Member of Parliament, representing Kailahun District.

Giving the purpose of declaration, the Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay, told distinguished mourners and family members that Hon. Bu-Buakei Jabbi was a legal luminary and seasoned politician. He said, until his demise, Hon. Bu-Buakei was an eminent citizen, public servant, lecturer, and a former Member of Parliament representing Kailahun District. He also underscored that the deceased was a good debater in the Fourth Parliament, and had served in various capacities in which his contributions were immense for the development of Sierra Leone.

In his tribute, the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma said the deceased was a political giant who contributed greatly to the lives of many people across the country. He said, Dr. Jabbi was a perfectionist in almost all his activities. "He served the nation and was committed to defending the rights of citizens regardless of tribe or region", he said. He continued that Hon. Bu-Buakei Jabbi would be remembered for his great contributions relating to the growth of democracy in Sierra Leone.

The Leader of Opposition, Hon. Abdul Kargbo echoed on the progressive days the deceased spent with members across the opposition in and outside of Parliament. He told distinguished mourners that Hon. Bu-Buakei was a progressive debater and a bridge builder outside politics. He described the late man as someone with a great sense of respect for individuals beyond politics. ‘‘As an opposition, we want to say, that, the death is indeed a big loss to even the APC as a political party’’, he said.

The President of the Parliamentary Female Caucus, Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa reflected on the good memories she had with the deceased during school days. She said the deceased was zealous about humanity and used to see and treat everyone as human beings regardless of status.

The daughter of the deceased, Tiideni Hawa Jabbi, said her father was a disciplinarian and that he was highly committed to taking care of family members. She continued that her father was passionate about education and that many people became educated through the support of her father. ‘‘His commitment to public service was also exceptional throughout his life’’, she said.

The Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Bashiru Silikie described the deceased as a teacher and someone who was friendly and supportive during their days as Members in the Fourth Parliament assembled. He said the late man was brave and that he was always devoted to ensuring development and progress in the country. ‘‘In terms of thoroughness and knowing issues, there was no one like Dr. Bu-Buakei when we were in Parliament together’’, he said.

Giving tribute as his close friend, John Oponjo Benjamin said, the relationship he had with the deceased was beyond friendship. ‘‘Dr. Jabbi was a legend, and his service to the nation will be remembered forever’’, he said.

Director, Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay, who moderated the event, also emphasized the contributions which Hon. Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi had made towards the growth and development of Sierra Leone.

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