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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE 20/10/2025

SPEAKER THOMAS PLAYS HOST TO CUBAN AMBASSADOR

The Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas hosted the Cuban Ambassador in his office on the 13th of October 2025. The two Leaders discussed matters relating to deepening bilateral relations between the Parliament of Cuba and Sierra Leone. The Cuban Ambassador requested and handed over invitation letter for Speaker Thomas to lead a Parliamentary Delegation to Cuba. The Rt. Hon. Speaker thanked the Ambassador for the visit and promised to lead a parliamentary delegation to Cuba early next year.

SPEAKER INTRODUCES NEW CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

The Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas Esq., on Monday, 13/10/2025, officially announced and introduced Mr. Karmoh K. Conteh to the plenary as the new Clerk of Parliament, following his recent appointment by President Julius Maada Bio, in line with provisions inscribed in the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

Addressing the Hon. Members of Parliament, Speaker Thomas recognised and praised Mr. Conteh for his experience in parliamentary work, and highlighted his previous roles as Director of the Department of Legislative Services and had also worked with multiple committees as a Committee Clerk. He also heaped praises on the new Clerk of Parliament for his astute and proven track records in light of performance, effectiveness, and efficiency in service delivery.

SPEAKER THOMAS WARNS CITIZENS AGAINST UNPATRIOTIC BEHAVIOR

At the commencement of the First Allotted Day for the presidential debate on the speech, which was graciously delivered by H.E. President Julius Maada Bio on the occasion of the State Opening of the Third Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone, the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas Esq., on Monday 13/10/2025, admonished the nation by calling on citizens to behave responsibly, especially in handling and using social media. The Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas urged Sierra Leoneans to put on the lenses of patriotism and nationalism compared to other countries.

We, the politicians, are the ones destroying the image of this country for political reasons. Crimes are happening everywhere across the globe. Even in the United States of America, you have foreigners who commit offences. So why do we present Sierra Leone as the worst nation on earth? he asked. And yet, we want investors to come and create jobs in the country. Who has bewitched this nation?”, Speaker Thomas asked again.

FIRST ALLOTTED DAY;

PARLIAMENT DEBATES PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

The Parliament of Sierra Leone Monday 13/10/2025 commenced debates on the speech of His Excellency the President he so graciously delivered on Thursday 7th August 2025.

Commencing the debate, the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie highlighted the significance of the speech delivered by President Bio. He asked colleague Members of Parliament to look at the speech in good faith and be objective in holding the government accountable. 'In this chamber, we don't speak as SLPP or APC, but we speak as Members of Parliament representing the people of Sierra Leone' and went on to say, "our business is not only to criticize but to also provide solutions for the people of Sierra Leone". He urged colleague MPs to be sincere and nationalistic in their contributions to the debate. The Leader added that education should be the bedrock for the development of the nation. On health, electricity, economy, employment and other sectors, he said the current government has done more than any government in the history of Sierra Leone.

SECOND ALLOTTED DAY

PARLIAMENT CONTINUES DEBATE ON PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Tuesday 14/10/2025, continued debates on the speech of His Excellency the President Julius Maada Bio, which he so graciously delivered on Thursday 7th August 2025.

Continuing the debate, . Brima Mansary from Kenema District commended President Julius Maada Bio for being the best leader with a huge development impact on the country. He highlighted the successes of the Feed Salone agricultural initiative and improvements in infrastructure and education under the current administration.

THIRD ALLOTTED DAY:

PARLIAMENT CONTINUES DEBATE ON PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Wednesday, 15/10/2025, continued debates on the speech of His Excellency the President Julius Maada Bio, which he so graciously delivered on Thursday 7th August 2025.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES 15 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The First Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie has, on Wednesday 15/10/2025 approved fifteen (15) presidential nominees for the development of Sierra Leone.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Mr. Stephen Mustapha Swaray, member Board of Directors Bank of Sierra Leone.
2. Ing. Dr. Albert Fode Director General, Sierra Leone public Transport Authority
3. Mr. Christian N.Ngombu Esq Deputy Director General, Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority
4. Mrs. Zorah Efua Beryl Anthony members board of trustees National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT)
5. Mr Umar Fuad Bawoh, Member National Youth Commission
6. Mr Foday Conteh National Youth Commission
7. Mr Stephen Godfrey Swarray, member of the Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority (SLCAA)
8. Mr Emmanuel Delwyn Pratt national social security and Insurance Trust Board of Trustees (NASSIT)
9. Mr Sheik Dyphan Abass Massaquoi Member, Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority Board (SLRSA)
10. MS .Ibnatu Nat Kanu. Member National Youth Commission
11. Mr Abdul Kabba Kargbo Member of the Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority (SLCAA) Board
12. Mr Swakata Sannoh Member Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Airports Authority (SLAA)
13. Mr Lamin Bangura Member , National Social Security and Insurance Trust Board of Trustees (NASSIT)
14. Mr Moses Henry Kamara Member , Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLCAA)
15. Mr Samuel Yusuf Tarawally Member, National Youth Commissions.

FOURTH ALLOTTED DAY

PARLIAMENT CONCLUDES DEBATE ON PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

Continuing the debate on Thursday, 16th October 2025, Hon. Hawa Conteh from Koinadugu District expressed concerns over the deprivation of Koinadugu and Falaba Districts of good roads, health

care, and other facilities. She appealed to President Bio to provide them with good road networks in order to support food security. "Sierra Leone can never achieve food security if roads in Koinadugu are not fixed," she stated and denounced the system of education, and recommended for WASH facilities in schools and also asked President Bio consult former President Koroma for "wisdom".

PARLIAMENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO HON. ERNEST DURA KOROMA FROM KAMBIA DISTRICT

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Friday, 17/10/ 2025, paid a glowing tribute, opened and signed the book of condolence during the official lying-in-state ceremony of Hon. Ernest Dura Koroma, former Member of Parliament, representing Tonko Limba, in Kambia District at the State Hall of Parliament.

The lying-in-state ceremony attracted a bipartisan political solidarity between the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) and main opposition, All People's Congress (APC). The deceased was a patriot who transcended political boundaries.

The ceremony was graced by many important personalities, including former and current Leadership of Parliament, former and current Hon. Members of the Parliament. Also, in attendance were executive members of political parties, former ministers of government, the bereaved family.

PARLIAMENT PAYS LAST RESPECT TO THE LATE HON. AGNES FEIMA KOBBA FROM KAILAHUN DISTRICT

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Thursday 16/10/2025, paid tribute, opened and signed the book of condolence during the official lying-in-state ceremony for the late Hon. Agnes Feima Kobba, representing Kailahun District at the State Hall of Parliament.

Pastor Francis A.M. Mambu offered prayers and blessed the book of condolence during the ceremony.

Giving the purpose of declaration, the Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay, told distinguished mourners and family members that Hon. Agnes Feima Kobba was a laboratory technician, a devoted Christian, political activist, and a former Member of Parliament representing Kailahun District. He also emphasised that the deceased was a good debater and a lovely motherly figure.

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