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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

PARLIAMENT TRAINS PRESS GALLERY ON PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING

The Parliament of Sierra Leone on Wednesday 22/10/2025 in Committee Room One, Parliament Building provided a day's training for members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery on the theme: "Enhancing Parliamentary Journalism for effective democratic governance".

Welcoming participants during the event, the Deputy Clerk of Parliament, Gilbert Bosco N'habay welcomed all the members of the Press Gallery. He spoke on the commitment of Parliament to working closely with the press with the view of making Parliament an open environment. He encouraged the press to be objective and accurately report on the proceedings of Parliament.

In his keynote address, the Clerk of Parliament, Karmoh Conteh, reaffirmed that he had tremendous regard for the press and that he had always been a friend to members of the press. He described the press as an instrumental tool for holding Parliament accountable. He encouraged the media to report within the laws governing the practices and procedures of Parliament. He urged parliamentary journalists to abreast themselves with the rules and procedures of Parliament for purposes of accuracy. He expressed special thanks to President Bio for the repeal of Part V of the Public Order Act of 1965. "Whilst the journalists should report positive news about Parliament, the House is not also averse to negative news against itself, but it must be done responsibly". He encouraged

journalists to improve on their dress code when coming to Parliament. He maintained the need for issuing identity cards to accredited parliamentary journalists and assured of maintaining professional working relationships with members of the Parliamentary Press Galley.

GROUP OF FOREIGN INVESTORS MEETS WITH SPEAKER THOMAS AND UNVEILS PLANS TO INVEST IN SIERRA LEONE

The architect of the GO-FOR-GOLD Program, Stephen Barnes, alongside a group of foreign investors from countries such as the United States, Germany, and India, paid a courtesy visit to the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas in his office on October 27, 2025. The investors expressed profound interest in investing in Sierra Leone, citing the country's open-door policy and friendly populace.

During the meeting, Barnes stated that their visit aimed to promote direct foreign investment and called on Speaker Thomas to facilitate the ratification of related agreements at the parliamentary level. He assured the Speaker that they shared President Bio's vision for foreign investment and had a firm intention to invest in Sierra Leone for the nation's benefit.

Speaker Thomas welcomed the delegation and commended their good intentions. He assured them that Sierra Leone is open to genuine investors and that the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic is committed to enacting progressive laws that protect both Sierra Leoneans and investors. The Speaker also guaranteed that the Parliament would support and ratify agreements that bring investments to the country, providing adequate protection for investors.

PARLIAMENT MOURNS LATE HON. HELEN KUYEMBEH

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Thursday 30/10/2025, paid tributes, laid wreaths, opened and signed the book of condolence during the official lying-in-state ceremony for the late Hon. Helen Kuyembeh, former Member of Parliament representing Bo District.

Rev. Reginald Collier was the City Chaplain who offered prayers for the late Hon. Helen Kuyembeh.

Giving the purpose of declaration, the Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay, told distinguished mourners and family members that Hon. Helen Kuyembeh was an eminent public servant, a legislator, activist, and a former Member of Parliament representing Bo District. He also underscored that the deceased was a good debater and a motherly figure.

WFD ENGAGES MPs IN MALE ALLYSHIP REFLECTION & LEARNING SESSION

As part of efforts to promote women's empowerment and gender equality, the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) on Thursday, October 30, 2025, organized a Male Allyship Reflection and Learning Session at the Conference Hall of the New Administrative Building of Parliament in Freetown.

Welcoming participants, the President of the Parliamentary Female Caucus, Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa, said the purpose of the session was to reconnect, reconstruct, and sustain initiatives that promote women's empowerment. She emphasized that the work of the Female Parliamentary Caucus was focused on advancing gender equality and inclusive governance.

Hon. Songa further highlighted that the concept of male allyship was aimed at strengthening partnerships between men and women in promoting women's leadership and gender equality. She commended UN Women and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy for their constant support to empower women in Sierra Leone.

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