



## PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

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#### WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE 17/11/2025

#### NEW MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM KAMBIA DISTRICT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Following the passing of the late Hon. Ernest Dura Koroma, and in accordance with the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone as amended and the Proportional Representation System, Hon. Mohamed Shebora Bangura of Kambia District has on Tuesday 11/11/2025 duly sworn-in, to represent the people of Tonko Limba in the said District.

In his declaration, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas Esq., cited Regulation 2022 and the notification letter sent by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone to the Office of the Clerk of Parliament. He confirmed that Hon. Bangura had been duly elected to the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone.

Pursuant to Section 83 of Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone and Standing Order 1(A) Speaker Thomas then invited the Clerk of Parliament to administer the Oath. The Acting Clerk of Parliament, Gilbert Bosco N'habay, accompanied by the parliamentary leadership, administered the Oath of Office for MPs to Hon. Mohamed Shebora Bangura, who afterwards was presented copies of

the Standing Orders and the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone for procedural guidance and effective debate during the course of proceedings in Parliament.

## PARLIAMENT APPROVES 15 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The Second Report of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma has, on Tuesday 11/11/2025, been debated and approved by Parliament for the development of Sierra Leone.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Justice Masiyambay Bangura Chairman, Board of Director, Legal Aid Bored.
2. Ing. Tideni Hawa Jabbi, Managing Director Sierra Leone Water Company (SALWACO)
3. Mr. Festus Kallay Director General, Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission (EWRC)
4. Miss Margaret Martha Kaitibie, Member, National Petroleum Regulatory (NPRA)
5. Madam Sidnella Sallay Nawie, Member National Youth Commission
6. Mr Bashiru Bah, Member National Youth Commission
7. Mr Mohamed Tejan Kellah Chairman, Sierra Leone Railway Development and Regulatory Authority
8. Mr Josiah Paris Member , Sierra Leone Road Authority (SLRA)
9. Mrs Josephine Anselma Metzger Member Board of Directors Sierra Leone Airports Authority
10. Mr Ibrahim Sawanneh Member Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority Board
11. Ing Mariwan Kallon Managing Director Guma Valley Water Company.
12. Mr Victor Vandy, Member National Petroleum Regulatory Authority
13. Mr Charles Lahai Member National Petroleum Regulatory Authority
14. Lansana Koroma Member National Youth Commission (NYC) and
15. Ing Pierre Palmer Director General National water Resources Management Agency.

## MINES COMMITTEE ENGAGES SIERRA RUTILE AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

The Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources, chaired by Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina has, on Thursday 13/11/2025, engaged some host community residents of Moriba Town and management of the Sierra Rutile Company to resolve an ongoing conflict between the mining company and the community.

In his opening remarks, the Committee Chairman, Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina, who also doubles as the Deputy Majority Leader of Government Business 2, welcomed the witnesses. He stated that the Committee is mandated to perform oversight functions on the activities of MDAs and to also settle disputes when the need arises. Hon. Lamina reiterated the government's commitment to transforming the mining sector across the country. "The Government of His Excellency, President Julius Maada Bio, is committed to transforming the mining sector, as demonstrated by the enactment of the Mines and Minerals Development Act," Hon. Lamina said. "These reforms are designed to foster growth for the nation. For instance, the president has increased surface rent by 70% for the benefit of the people of Sierra Leone."

He further explained the purpose of surface rent and emphasized that the meeting was convened to address a specific complaint between the company and the community.

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