

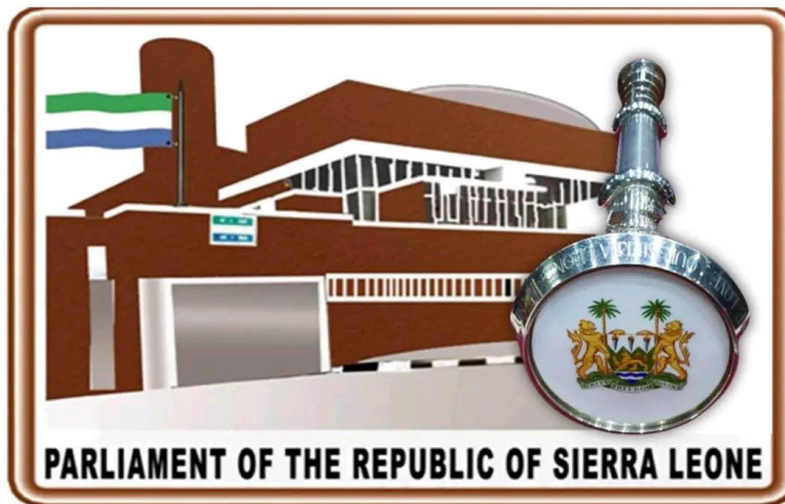


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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE 24/11/2025

TURKISH CEO OF AFRO-ANATOLIA EXTENDS INTER-PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO SPEAKER THOMAS

In a courtesy call on the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, FATIH ILHAN the Chief Executive Officer for the Afro-Anatolia Consultancy Services has on Wednesday 19/11/2025, outlined a bold new chapter in Sierra Leone-Türkiye ties. The Türkiye-Sierra Leone Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Programme is set to become a conduit for experience-sharing, business networking and capacity-building across a range of sectors.

ILHAN told Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas that the programme would enable lawmakers from both nations to exchange insights on mining, agriculture, culture, technology, industry and education. "Türkiye's rich history, advanced technology and vibrant industrial base offer lessons we could adapt to Sierra Leone's development agenda," he said.

Speaker Thomas welcomed the proposal, praising the initiative as a "timely boost for our parliament's outreach and a catalyst for economic growth." He assured that he would assemble a ten-member delegation to travel to Türkiye early next year, signalling a concrete step towards a deeper inter-parliamentary collaboration.

PAC PRESENTS RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO 2023 AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO LOCAL COUNCILS

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Wednesday, 19th November 2025, engaged key stakeholders from Local Councils at the Parliamentary Conference Room, New Administrative Building to discuss resolutions arising from the Auditor General's Report for 2023 during the course of its oversight activities relating to the same.

Chairman of the PAC, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh, who doubles as the Deputy Speaker of the Sierra Leone Parliament, noted that the Committee's oversight revealed several fiscal management challenges, but in the same vein the PAC had recovered over 2 Million Dollars in financial irregularities relating to the 2023 Auditor General's Report. He also said that 80% of audit issues were successfully resolved, and over two million dollars had been recovered during the period under review largely from withholding taxes and other statutory deductions.

Speaker Thomas Celebrates World Children's Day in Parliament

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas Esq., has on Thursday 20/11/2025, joined world leaders to celebrate World Children's Day, marked this year under the theme: "My Days, My Right."

During the special sitting, school pupils filled the Chamber of Parliament, turning the historic well into a vibrant celebration of youth. In his address, Speaker Thomas welcomed the children to the gallery, saying their presence "sends a clear message: your voices matter." He reminded the young guests that they are the nation's most important stakeholders and that the day's theme affirms every child's right to participation and a future shaped by their own dreams.

He further informed that Parliament would host a National Children's Dialogue at 2 PM in Committee Room One, co-organised with relevant parliamentary committees. The event will bring together the Health, Gender, and Social Welfare committees, among others, to discuss issues affecting children.

Chinese Ambassador Bids Farewell to Speaker Thomas & Sierra Leone Parliament

The Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Wang Qing, has on Thursday the 20th of November 2025, made a courtesy call on the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas Esq., and the Clerk of Parliament, Karmoh Conteh, to bid official farewell as his diplomatic tour of duty draws to a close at the end of the month.

In his farewell remarks, Ambassador Wang said the visit was intended to formally say goodbye to the Speaker and the Parliament of Sierra Leone. He recalled arriving in Sierra Leone in 2023 and noted that his years of diplomatic tenure would conclude in December, this year. During his time in the country, he said, bilateral relations—particularly with the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic—had flourished. He highlighted reciprocal visits between Members of Parliament and Chinese officials, and praised Speaker Thomas for leading a parliamentary delegation to China last year.

"The hospitality I have received from the House will be greatly missed," Ambassador Wang said, adding that he now considered Sierra Leone as his second home.

Speaker Thomas expressed deep gratitude for the Ambassador's contributions to Sierra-Leone-China ties. He acknowledged that Ambassador Wang had facilitated the construction of ten mobile offices

for Parliament, a gesture for which the institution will remain forever grateful. The Speaker requested the Clerk of Parliament to arrange a commissioning ceremony for the new offices in honour of the Ambassador's efforts.

7 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES SAIL THROUGH PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL

The Third Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Majority and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma has, on Thursday 20/11/2025, been approved.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Dr. Susan Amie Robert, Deputy Commissioner, National Commission For Social Action (NaCSA)
2. Mr John Vandí Rogers, Director General, National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)
3. Mr. Sulaiman B.Sowa (Esq) Deputy Director General, National, Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)
4. Mr, Noah Mansaray, Chairman Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency
5. Mr. Abdul Manaf Kemokai, Chairman, National Social Protection Authority Board
6. Mr. David Allen Amara member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority, and
7. Mr . Gideon Gbappy, Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency.

PARLIAMENTARY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETS SIERRA RUTILE

Following previous engagement with Sierra Rutile Limited (SRL) Management and their host community residents in light of a complaint, the Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Hon. Musa Fofana from Kono District on Wednesday 19/11/2025, completed an investigation at SRL's Plant Site, Imperri Chiefdom, Bonthe District.

Consistent with Section 93 (4) the Ad Hoc Committee members were selected to go and investigate the complaints earlier lodged by host community landowners at Victoria Village in the Imperri Chiefdom. The landowners had alleged that the Sierra Rutile Limited Company had destroyed their crops during exploration work, and had refused to pay compensation for the affected crops after several consultations and engagements by the residents.

The Ad Hoc Committee toured the area around Victoria Village and the exploration site, where landowners alleged that their crops were destroyed without compensation. It was discovered at the site that SRL's crop assessors who counted the crops have been investigated and dismissed by its Management. The Committee also discovered that there were remaining crops in the area which was described as a grassland.

DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER LEADS SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION TO AFRICA CHILD PARLIAMENT FORUM IN MOROCCO

The Deputy Leader of Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie, headed a parliamentary delegation to the Africa Child Parliament Forum in Rabat-Morocco, representing the Speaker of Sierra Leone Parliament, Rt. Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas Esq.

The three-day conference, held from Friday 21 to 23 November 2025, gathered MPs, children's parliamentarians and senior officials under the theme: "Children's Participation in Africa's Development."

Delivering his address, Hon. Silikie, speaking on behalf of Speaker Thomas, said the forum was an opportunity to move beyond tokenism and embed children's voices in policy-making. He highlighted the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and Agenda 2040 as frameworks that must be matched by concrete action.

PARLIAMENT COMMEMORATES WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, together with UNICEF, has joined the world in celebrating World Children's Day on Thursday 20/11/2025 in Committee Room One Parliament Building in Freetown.

The theme for the event is "My day, my right." The essence of the event was to keep raising awareness on the right of children across the country.

Earlier, the Speaker and the Leadership of Parliament made statements in the Chamber of Parliament in order to raise awareness and commemorate international children's day.

During the commemoration, the Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Legislative Services, Hon. Abdul Sulaiman Marray-Conteh applauded the organizers for the event. He reminded participants that lawmaking, representation, and oversight are their key functions as Members of Parliament. He stated the tireless efforts made by Parliament, including the enactment of laws for the protection and safety of children and women across the country.

Legislative Department Consoles Consultant Cyril F. King After Bereavement

Staff of the Legislative Services Department, Parliament of Sierra Leone have extended their heartfelt condolences to their former Director and current Consultant to the Speaker of Parliament, Cyril F. King, following the death of his son.

Mr. King is a long-serving public servant and expert in parliamentary practices and procedures who has been a vital part of the institution for many years. He is renowned for his dedication and professionalism. Mr. King continues to provide invaluable institutional knowledge and guidance in his role as a Consultant to the Speaker of Parliament.

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo Launches Maiden Newsletter

The Member of Parliament representing Pujehun District, Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo, has released her first maiden newsletter detailing her parliamentary activities, since her election to the current Parliament assembled, otherwise known as the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone.

The Newsletter titled, "The Female Legislator," is a compendium, chronologically detailing Hon. Zombo's engagements in the spheres of lawmaking, oversight, and representation.

She explained that the newsletter was created to highlight the work of female MPs, which she felt has been under-reported. "This maiden edition is mainly about the work I did in my two years as a Member of Parliament," she stated. Hon. Zombo announced that future editions will feature activities from other female MPs to promote women in politics and showcase their strengths and contributions to the governance landscape in the country. "I'm opening this newsletter up for other women who want their activities to be showcased," she added. The next edition is scheduled for release in six months.

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