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On the Prevailing Threat to Peace in the Nation

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Our success from the EBOLA was on three fronts; namely our resilience as a nation, our compliance with the regulations prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, and most importantly, our cohesiveness as a nation to fight a common enemy at that, the EBOLA epidemic.

As a nation, it does not make sense to open multiple battle fronts, while addressing the current Global Pandemic of COVID 19 and other related issues in the country. Issues like reported events at the Pademba Road Correctional Center, Lunsar, Kambia and recently at Tombo are becoming very disturbing and untenable, coupled with hate speeches, incitements, and misinformation by some unpatriotic Sierra Leoneans. This has led to violent uprising in some parts of the country leading to loss of life and property.

In light of the above, the IRCSL extends our sincere condolences to the families of those innocent souls who lost their lives in the afore mentioned incidents and prays for the speedy recovery of those who were injured.

Moreover, IRCSL has always condemned the state of indiscipline and violence in any part of our country. In a particular way we condemn the irresponsible use of the social media. There are various channels of redress in the country for any form of dissatisfaction. The doors of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone are opened at all times to mediate conflicts between aggrieved parties. It is important therefore that we use all those available mechanisms rather than take the law into our own hands and resort to violence.

Furthermore, we appeal to the government not to relent under any circumstances, in carrying out her responsibility of ensuring that her citizens live in peace and tranquility by upholding the Constitution of Sierra Leone, and promoting unity, peace and justice throughout the country.

Finally, we appeal for the recognition of the sanctity of the month of Ramadan, and therefore allow our Muslim compatriots to fulfil one of the pillars of Islam in peace and tranquility, so that their prayers for the nation may be heard by Almighty Allah.

Long live the Nation of Sierra Leone.

Long live the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone

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