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SIERRA LEONE : NPRC

1. THE COMPOSITION OF THE NPRC WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE RADIO AT 12.45 TODAY. YOU WILL NOTE KANU'S ABSENCE. IT IS RUMOURED THAT HE IS UNDER ARREST.

2. THE LIST AS FOLLOWS :

CAPT V E STRASSER CHAIRMAN

LT S A MUSA

LT S K CAMPBELL

LT C A MBAYO

LT J M BIO

2ND LT TOM NEWMAN

2ND LT I KAMARA

MAJOR G S T MANU

MR JOHN BENJAMIN

MAJ K H CONTEH

MAJ S O WILLIAMS

MAJ A A GIBRIL

MAJ A B Y KAMARA

MAJ S F Y KOROMA \*

*N'ems Province /*

LT COL D K ANDERSON

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LT CMDR M T JABBIE

RET'D COL A O KAMARA \*

RET'D MAJ S B JUMU \*

COL J S GOTTOR \*

MR JIM FUNNA \*

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SIERRA LEONE : NPRC

1. HERewith CORRECTED VERSION OF OUR TELNO 093 OF 011410Z:
2. THE LIST AS FOLLOWS :

- CAPT V E M STRASSER                      CHAIRMAN
- LT S A J MUSA
- LT S K KAMBO
- LT C E BAIYO
- LT J M BIO
- 2ND LT TOM NUWMA
- 2ND LT K S MONDEH
- 2ND LT I KAMARA
- MAJOR G S T MANI
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 AND TO PRIORITY DAKAR, WASHINGTON.

SIERRA LEONE : NPRC

IN A FURTHER BROADCAST BY THE NPRC AT 1600 HRS TODAY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE :

QUOTE

THE ARMY IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THIS POINT FOR THE TOTAL SUPPORT AND COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM THE NATION AS A WHOLE AND THE POLICE AND SSD IN PARTICULAR TOWARDS THE PEACEFUL AND BLOODLESS ACTION SO FAR OF THE NPRC. THE COUNCIL NOW AWARE OF THE QUIET AND TRANQUILITY PREVALENT OVER THE ENTIRE NATION AND MORE SO OVER THE CAPITAL OF FREETOWN WANTS TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC OF THEIR SAFETY AND ABSOLUTE FREEDOM TO RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITIES. THE COUNCIL WISHES TO APPEAL TO ALL COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS. THE NPRC WISHES TO ASSURE ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS OF THEIR SECURITY AND SAFETY. THE COUNCIL FURTHER APOLOGISES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCES THAT MAY HAVE OCCASIONED DURING THE PROCESS OF ITS TAKEOVER ACTIONS. THE COUNCIL WANTS TO ISSUE A FINAL WARNING TO ALL FORMER APC GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND PARTY SECRETARIES WHO ARE STILL IN HIDING TO REPORT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION NOT LATER THAN 6.00 PM TODAY FRIDAY 1 MAY 1992. THEIR REFUSAL TO COMPLY TO THIS INSTRUCTION WILL RESULT IN SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. FINALLY, THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY WARNED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST AND THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING THE PRESENT PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTS OF VALDALISM AND LOOTING. OFFENDERS WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT.

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2. THE SITUATION CERTAINLY DOES NOT WARRANT THE EVACUATION OF ANY BRITISH NATIONALS.

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1. THE NPRC MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS AT 2013 ON 1 MAY.

A) TWO FURTHER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL. THEY ARE MR JOSEPH STANLEY, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE AND DR JOHN KAREMO.

B) THE NPRC APPEALS TO ALL REBELS ENGAGED IN THE WAR AGAINST THE SECURITY FORCES OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF SIERRA LEONE TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND JOIN IN THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THIS NATION. THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE REBEL INCURSION WAS THE NEED TO CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT. THIS OBJECTIVE HAVING BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH A PEACEFUL REVOLUTION, IT IS THE GREATEST EXPECTATION OF ALL SIERRA LEONEANS AT HOME AND ABROAD THAT THE REBEL WAR IS BROUGHT TO AN IMMEDIATE END. ACCORDINGLY THE NPRC IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE, AND WILL GRANT PARDON TO, ALL REBELS WHO ARE WILLING TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS. LET US ALL FORGIVE AND FORGET THE EVENTS OF THE PAST AND LOOK FOWARD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE.

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1. THE SECRETARIAT BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS AT 12.15 ON 2 MAY :

AT A BRIEF MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, INCLUDING HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PERMANENT SECRETARIES YESTERDAY, FRIDAY 1 MAY 1992, THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NPRC APPEALED TO ALL AND SUNDRY TO SURPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE NPRC FOR THE REALISATION OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THE NPRC WISHES TO INFORM THE NATION AND THE PUBLIC THAT MR BAMBAY KAMARA, THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE, HAS VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO THE POLICE FOLLOWING AN EARLIER PRESS RELEASE FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NPRC. MR BAMBAY-KAMARA IS NOW HELD IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AT THE CENTRAL PRISON, PADENBA ROAD IN FREETOWN. THE NPRC FURTHER WISHES TO ASSURE THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT ALL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO DEAL WITH THE LOOTING OF SHOPS AND PREMISES, AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO ENABLE ORDINARY CITIZENS TO GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS. THE NPRC IS THEREFORE CALLING ON ALL COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES, BANKS, EDUCATION AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO RESUME THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES. THE SECRETARIAT ALSO WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, SHOULD CAUSE THE FERRY AND HOVERCRAFT SERVICES TO COMMENCE NORMAL SCHEDULE OF RUNS.

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1. NO, REPEAT; NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES AMONG BRITISH COMMUNITY. DESPITE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PANIC CAUSED BY RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF IMPENDING US EVACUATION, MOST BRITISH NATIONALS REMAIN IN GOOD SPIRITS.
2. THE BRITISH FAMILY WHO WERE SUBJECT OF ROBBERY EARLIER IN THE WEEK WERE YESTERDAY MOVED TO A SAFER LOCATION. BRITISH VISITORS STAYING AT HOTELS IN FREETOWN HAVE BEEN SEEN AND ARE WELL.
3. SITUATION IN FREETOWN REMAINS CALM, WITH A SEMBLANCE OF NORMALITY RETURNING TO THE STREETS. THE 6.00 PM TO 6.00 AM CURFEW WAS STRICTLY IMPOSED ON THE NIGHT OF 1/2 MAY, ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VEHICLES WERE ALLOWED TO MOVE FREELY. THE NPRC ARE URGING BANKS, BUSINESSES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO REOPEN ON MONDAY, 4 MAY, WHEN IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WOULD BE OPERATIONAL.
4. WE ARE ADVISING BRITISH NATIONALS TO UNDERTAKE ONLY ESSENTIAL JOURNEYS FOR THE MOMENT, AND TO MOVE WITH CAUTION. WE ARE ALSO ADVISING THAT WE SEE NO NEED FOR ANY EVACUATION AS THINGS STAND AT PRESENT.

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SIERRA LEONE : BRITISH COMMUNITY

1. NO, REPEAT NO, REPORTS OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR BRITISH NATIONALS RESIDENT OR VISITING S.L. APART FROM GENERAL INCONVENIENCE, EG FOR THOSE VISITORS WHO SHOULD HAVE LEFT SOME DAYS AGO.
2. SITUATION REMAINS CALM AND IS EVEN MORE RELAXED TODAY. CURFEW NOW FROM 10. PM UNTIL 6.0 AM. NORMAL CHURCH SERVICES IN EVIDENCE, AND WE HAVE REPORTS THAT SOME BEACH BARS ARE OPEN. MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE STREETS IS MINIMAL.
3. AIRPORT NOW OPEN, AND FERRY AND HOVERCRAFT SERVICES ARE OPERATING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KLM ARE HOPING TO FLY IN TOMORROW, 4 MAY.
4. CURRENT ADVICE TO BNS IS THAT TRAVEL AROUND THE CITY IS POSSIBLE, BUT THAT THEY SHOULD REMAIN CAUTIOUS, COMPLY WITH CURFEW AND ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY NPRC.
5. FIRST US FLIGHTS LEFT TODAY, 3 MAY. US EMBASSY YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE US INFORMATION SERVICE WOULD BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL ON TUESDAY, 5 MAY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARS TO HAVE QUIETED FEARS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT AMONG OTHER EXPATRIATE COMMUNITIES. WE AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL INTEND TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL ON MONDAY 4 MAY.

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1. THE US AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS AND I MET THIS AFTERNOON WITH [REDACTED] PSE RESPECT CONFIDENCE.

2. DESCRIBING THE LENGTHY SESSION OF THE NPRC ON SATURDAY, [REDACTED] SAID THAT NOT A LOT HAD HAPPENED. ON RESTORING LAW AND ORDER THE APPOINTMENTS OF [REDACTED] AS CHIEF OF STAFF AND [REDACTED] AS IGP WERE EFFORTS TO PUT RESPONSIBILITY WHERE IT BELONGED, WITH THE ARMY AND THE POLICE. THEY WOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

3. FOOD. THE SITUATION SERIOUS. STOCKS LOW. ENOUGH FOR TWO WEEKS COUNTRY-WIDE. BUT THREE SHIPS DUE SOON.

4. FUEL. POSITION UNCLEAR. NEED TO TALK TO OIL COMPANIES. SAID I THOUGHT THAT SUPPLIES ADEQUATE (FREETOWN TEL 108).

5. GOVERNMENT. THE NPRC WILL REMAIN THE SUPREME BODY AND LARGELY MILITARY. [REDACTED] SEEMS FIRMLY IN PLACE. WHO WILL BE SENIOR MEMBERS: TRICKY. GOVERNMENT BY HOPEFULLY SMALL CABINET OUTSIDE COUNCIL, BUT CABINET MEMBERS ALSO COUNCIL MEMBERS. CABINET TO BE CHOSEN BY CHAIRMAN STRASSER TOMORROW.

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7. US NON- ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL EVACUATION. UNSETTLING INFERENCE IS THAT US KNOWS SOMETHING THAT THE REST DO NOT. US AMBASSADOR: POSSIBILITY OF PUBLIC STATEMENT.

8. RAP. DELAY CAUSED BY COUP FRUSTRATING. WE DID MUCH TO REASSURE PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD STAY ON COURSE. IF NPRC ARE FIRM, GIVE YES/NO ANSWERS, THE RAP HAS A NEW START. IF THE

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NPRC SUCCUMB TO THE MANY TEMPTATIONS JUST AHEAD THEY WILL FAIL.

9. RECOGNITION. WORRIES THEM.

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NEW GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

1. SL RADIO ANNOUNCED THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT AT 1810 TODAY :

CAPT V.E.M.STRASSER CHAIRMAN AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE

LT SOLOMON ANTHONY JAMES MUSA VICE CHAIRMAN

DR JIM S.A.FUNNA MINISTER FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

DR AHMED DUMBUYA MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

LT COL DANIEL KOBINA ANDERSON MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES

MAJOR ABDUL KARIM SESAY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHRIES

DR ARTHUR ABRAHAM MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTHS AND SPORTS

MAJOR AKIM AJEBOLA GEBRIL MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

LT SAMUEL KOMBA KAMBO MINISTER OF LABOUR, ENERGY AND POWER

MAJOR JAMES PHILIP GBONDO MINISTER OF WORKS

MR JOHN BENJAMIN MINISTER OF STATE IN THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

LT CHARLES EMILL BAYOH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM

RTD COL ALIMANY OSMAN KAMARA MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

[REDACTED]

DR JOHN KAREMO MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND STATE  
ENTERPRISES

LT JULIUS MAADA BLO MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

MR ARNOLD GOODING ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

CAPT FALA SEWAH RESIDENT MINISTER NORTHERN PROVINCE

MAJOR GABRIEL SYVESTER MANE RESIDENT MINISTER SOUTHERN  
PROVINCE

2ND LT TOM NUWMA RESIDENT MINISTER EASTERN PROVINCE

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1. FIRST COMMERCIAL FLIGHT (KLM) DUE OUT LATER TODAY. ODA VISITORS ALONG WITH SOME OTHER STRANDED BRITISH VISITORS WILL BE ON BOARD.
2. LIFE MORE OR LESS BACK TO NORMAL TODAY, 4 MAY. BANKS, SHOPS AND SCHOOLS HAVE REOPENED. PEOPLE ARE BACK AT WORK.
3. OUR ADVICE TO BRITISH NATIONALS, IF ASKED, WILL BE TO CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THE CURFEW, NOW LIKELY TO BE 11.0 PM UNTIL 6.0 AM, AND TO SHOP WISELY (BUT NOT TO HOARD) IN CASE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES BECOME DIFFICULT.
4. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE ANOTHER BULLETIN UNLESS SITUATION DETERIORATES.

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MILITARY COUP: BRITISH COMMUNITY

1. CONSULAR OFFICER, [REDACTED] AND OTHER BHC STAFF HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS WITH BRITISH COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR WARDEN NETWORK. [REDACTED] (HMS) ARE ATTEMPTING TO VISIT ALL WARDENS TODAY.
2. SITUATION QUIETER, BUT UNTIL NPRC ARE IN CONTROL OF ALL UNRULY FACTIONS WE ARE ADVISING BRITISH NATIONALS TO REMAIN INDOORS.
3. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED AMONG BRITISH COMMUNITY. ONE FAMILY ROBBED, AND SEVERAL HAVE HAD VEHICLES STOLEN. MOST ARE IN GOOD HEART AND ARE PREPARED TO SIT IT OUT.
4. BHC STAFF TRAVELLING TO OFFICE THIS MORNING WERE TREATED COURTEOUSLY AT THE ONE AND ONLY CHECKPOINT. SMALL SHOPS AND STREET TRADERS DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL.
5. PLEASE PASS TO ODA, BRITISH COUNCIL AND VSO.

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