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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
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**THIRTY FIVE (35) SENIOR AND JUNIOR MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE ARMED FORCES PROMOTED**

It has pleased His Excellency the President, Commander-In-Chief of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces and Minister of Defence, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma to promote Thirty Five (35) Senior and Junior Military Officers to their next immediate ranks on Friday 26th August 2016.

The Ministry of Defence, Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces therefore announce the promotion of a total of Thirty Five (35) Officers to various ranks and its equivalent as follows: eight (8) Colonels to the rank of Brigadier General/Commodore, (8) Lieutenant Colonels to the rank of Colonel/Group Captain, (3) Majors to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Wing Commander/Commander and (16) Captains to the rank of Major.

The promoted Senior Officers to Brigadier General or its equivalent rank include Colonels Albert Kargbo, Daniel Yanka, Alhassan Bangura, Usman Turay, Sullay Sesay, Ronnie Harleston and Captain (Navy) Sallieu Kanu.

Similarly, the Forces Medical Chief, Colonel (Prof) Foday Sahr, who was regarded as one of the frontline commanders in the fight against the Ebola epidemic, has also been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Also, included in the promotion category to the rank of Colonel is the Commanding Officer Engineer Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Abu Bakarr Sideeq Bah, whose untiring efforts in the construction of Ebola treatment Centers led to the containment of the EVD. The other Officers in this category are Lieutenant Colonels Paul Alie Koroma, Amara Idara Bangura, George Mamoud Bangura, Sajoh Mohamed Daramy, Sahid Tejan Kanu inclusive Wing Commanders John Gbondo and Michael Soriba Kamara.

Additionally, Squadron Leader Philip Joseph Schenks and Major Mohamed Alie Kamara are temporally promoted to the ranks of Wing Commander and Lieutenant Colonel respectively.

Again, Fourteen (14) Combatant Captains are promoted to Majors and Two Specialist Captains to the rank of Major are Captains (Dr) Komba Songu-M'Briwa and Dr Joseph Edwin Kanu.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
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**THIRTY FIVE (35) SENIOR AND JUNIOR MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE ARMED FORCES PROMOTED**

It has pleased His Excellency the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces and Minister of Defence, Dr Brima Balla Turay to promote Thirty Five (35) Senior and Junior Military Officers to their next immediate ranks on Friday 26th August 2016.

The Ministry of Defence, Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces therefore announce the promotion of a total of Thirty Five (35) Officers to various ranks and its equivalent as follows: eight (8) Colonels to the rank of Brigadier General/Commodore, (5) Lieutenant Colonels to the rank of Colonel/Group Captain, (3) Majors to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Wing Commander/Commander and (19) Captains to the rank of Major.

The promotion of Senior Officers to Brigadier General or its equivalent rank, include Colonels Ahmed Karefa, Daniel Yanka, Alhassan Bangura, Usman Turay, Saibey Saay, Fennie Bortomah and Captain (Navy) Saifusa Kapu.

Similarly, the Forces Medical Chief, Colonel (Prof) Foday Sahr, who was regarded as one of the frontline commanders in the fight against the Ebola epidemic, has also been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Also, included in the promotion category to the rank of Colonel is the Commanding Officer, Engineer Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Abu Bakar Sidorq Bait, whose amazing efforts in the construction of Ebola treatment Centers led to the containment of the EVD. The other Officers in this category are Lieutenant Colonels Paul Ake Krome, Amara Jara Bangura, George Mansour Bangura, Saib Mohamed Daway, Saib Talar Kaku inclusive, Wing Commanders Julia Gibondo and Michael Joseph Kamara.

Additionally, Squadron Leader Philip Joseph Schercks and Major Mohamed Ake Kamara are temporarily promoted to the ranks of Wing Commander and Lieutenant Colonel respectively.