



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION  
4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, YOUYI BUILDING  
BROOKFIELDS, FREETOWN

PRESS RELEASE

## Incident at the Connaught Hospital

**Freetown, Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021:** We apologize to the general public for the disruption of healthcare services at Connaught Hospital since Tuesday 13 April 2021.

We regret the unfortunate incident that occurred at the Connaught Hospital in Freetown as a result of a labour dispute and another occurrence involving staff of the ministry.

We want to assure the public and, in particular those who have been affected by this incident, that an independent body of professionals from diverse backgrounds will be constituted to fully investigate the incident and address the issue of cleaning at the Connaught Hospital and other hospitals nationwide.

The public is assured of the ministry's unflinching commitment to providing quality healthcare services to all citizens.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Austin Demby'.

AUSTIN DEMBY (DR.)  
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SANITATION