

## **AUDIT SERVICE SIERRA LEONE EXONERATED**

**December 2009/Freetown:** Allegations that the Audit Service Sierra Leone illegally terminated the services of seven (7) of its staff has been cleared by the Solicitor General. In a self-explanatory memorandum forwarded to the Auditor General by the Secretary to the President, it states that the termination of the services of the seven (7) staff was properly done.

The Board of Directors, the memorandum stated in consultation with the institution's solicitor has dealt with the matter and they (the Solicitor General's Office) cannot proffer any opinion contrary to what has already been proffered by the solicitor of the Audit Service.

Meanwhile, a set of complaints forwarded by the terminated staff to the Anti Corruption (ACC) accusing the Audit Service of administrative anomalies has also been cleared.

The ACC in a letter to the Auditor General stated that after examining the said complaints, a conclusion was reached that there was no breach of any administrative procedures; the relevant provisions of the Audit Service Act and the Conditions of Service were fully complied with in the termination of the services of the complainants.

Audit Service Sierra Leone continues to be a respected, agile, merit-based and ethically transparent institution. We are very much concerned on the calibre of staff we maintain due to the sensitivity of the nature of our job. To maintain our integrity, we have over the years put polices in place to ensure that members of staff maintain their respect and dignity in and out of office.

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