



Media Reform Coordinating Group-Sierra Leone

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MRCG CONDEMNS THREATS AGAINST JOURNALIST AMADU LAMRANA BAH

The Media Reform Coordinating Group (MRCG) expresses keen concern over threats allegedly made and circulated on social media by Madam Admire Bio against Amadu Lamrana Bah, a journalist and Co-Founder of Truth Media.

The MRCG joins the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ) in condemning the threats against the journalist, as they constitute a serious attack on media freedom and the safety and security of journalists in their work.

MRCG notes that the matter has been reported to the Criminal Investigation Department and calls on the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) to swiftly investigate the matter and ensure the safety of journalists across the country, as such acts hinder media freedom—an advocacy the MRCG has championed since its inception. The organisation will monitor the situation closely.

In the World Press Freedom Index for 2025, regarding the safety of journalists, Reporters Without Borders noted that journalists are not immune to harassment; they can also be the target of threats, online intimidation campaigns, and even attempted murder when working on sensitive investigations.

Between 2022 and 2024, we have conducted numerous engagements, including with senior management of the SLP and other security agencies, to ensure journalists' safety at all times. We also established a National Coordination Committee for the Safety of Journalists. When issues like these arise, after the sacrifices media organisations have made and continue to make towards media development initiatives and the safety of journalists and media workers, they raise questions about our overall efforts to guarantee individuals' rights," said MRCG's National Coordinator, Dr Francis Sowa.

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