



## Press Release

### **The Illegal Production and Issuance of Births Certificates**

The attention of the National Civil Registration Authority (NCRA) has been drawn to an illegal production and sale of Birth Certificates to School pupils and students of various academic Institutions by some miscreants. The NCRA understands that these miscreants have been requesting the sum of Le.30,000 for the issuance of these fake Birth Certificates and other forms of legal identity documents.

The Authority wishes to inform the general public that the issuance of Births Certificates including other Legal Identity documents is done at designated NCRA Offices (for Late and Delayed Certificates) and Health facilities (for Current starting from 0-90 days of the occurrence of Birth) across the country. The NCRA further wishes the public to know that it has not established any Center neither in Schools nor in any other academic Institution or deployed individuals in such facilities for the issuance of Birth Certificates or any Identity document. Therefore, the NCRA wishes the general public to know that individuals engaged in such fraudulent activity are neither staff nor Agents of the Authority. Accordingly, School authorities, students and pupils alike are encouraged to report such persons to the NCRA, the Sierra Leone Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies for appropriate action.

The Authority sternly warns all those engaged in such a criminal enterprise that has the potential to undermine the efforts of Government and its Development Partners to ensure the security and safety of Legal Identity documents and such individuals are advised to desist forthwith or face the full force of the law.

The general public is further assured of quality service in the conduct and management of securitized legal documents that include but not limited to Birth Certificates in line with the NCRA mandate.

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