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SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO ARRIVES IN MIAMI FOR THE 4TH FII PRIORITY SUMMIT

Miami, United States, Tuesday, 24 March 2026 – His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio touched down in Miami to attend the 4th edition of the FII PRIORITY Summit, taking place from 25 to 27 March.

The event is organised by the Future Investment Initiative Institute under the theme "Capital in Motion". President Bio had been invited as a featured speaker and will be the only African head of state offering insights on how the continent can transform its growing population into a driver of economic strength. He was scheduled to deliver a keynote presidential address and join a fireside chat dedicated to discussions on Africa.

This year's summit also featured a special address by the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, along with contributions from policymakers, business executives, investors, and global thought leaders. President Bio's participation underscores his rising international profile as a respected reformer, proponent of good governance, and strong advocate for foreign direct investment in Africa.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO CALLS FOR INCLUSIVE GLOBAL GROWTH AT FII PRIORITY SUMMIT IN MIAMI, USA

Miami, USA, 26 March 2026 - His Excellency Julius Maada Bio called for a more inclusive and equitable global economic system, urging world leaders, investors, and development partners to prioritize human capital development and sustainable growth.

Delivering a keynote address at the FII PRIORITY Summit 2026 in Miami, President Bio highlighted the urgent need for global cooperation in addressing shared challenges, including economic inequality, climate change, and access to education. He emphasized that Africa, and Sierra Leone in particular, is ready to partner with international stakeholders to unlock opportunities for growth and innovation. The President underscored his government's commitment to investing in people, particularly through education, which he described as the foundation for long-term national development.

"Our focus is on building human capital as the most sustainable pathway to economic transformation," President Bio stated, noting that Sierra Leone's Free Quality Education initiative continues to expand access and improve outcomes for young people.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RECEIVES AU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MALI AND THE SAHEL, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO REINTEGRATION OF AES COUNTRIES INTO ECOWAS



State House, Freetown, Tuesday 10 March 2026 – His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio received the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Mali and the Sahel and Head of MISAHEL, Mamadou Tangara, during a courtesy call at State House in Freetown. Delivering greetings from the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Dr Tangara thanked President Bio for his leadership and commitment to peace, stability, and regional cooperation.

He updated the President on his recent engagements with the leadership of AES member states, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, towards developing a framework for cooperation. Dr Tangara noted that since the formation of the AES in September 2023, there have been encouraging signs of openness, including the participation of non-AES states in some of the alliance's engagements, which he described as a positive step toward renewed regional dialogue.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO ARRIVES IN CONAKRY FOR MANO RIVER LEADERS' MEETING ON REGIONAL PEACE AND BORDER SECURITY

Conakry, Guinea, Monday 16 March 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of Economic Community of West African States, arrived in Conakry, Guinea, to attend a high-level meeting of Mano River leaders focused on regional peace and border security.

Upon arrival, President Bio was received by the Prime Minister of Guinea, Amadou Oury Bah, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Morissanda Kouyaté. President Bio was joined in Conakry by H.E Joseph Nyuma Boakai, President of Liberia, for a meeting hosted by H.E Mamadi Doumbouya, President of the Republic of Guinea.

The three Heads of State are expected to deliberate on issues relating to peace, security, and regional cooperation within the Mano River Basin. Recent developments have heightened tensions over boundary concerns involving Sierra Leone and Guinea, as well as, between Liberia and Guinea.

HEADS OF STATE OF GUINEA, LIBERIA, AND SIERRA LEONE REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND BORDER COOPERATION AT TRIPARTITE SUMMIT IN CONAKRY

Conakry, Guinea, March 16, 2026 - The Presidents of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone reaffirmed their collective commitment to peaceful coexistence and cooperation along their shared borders following a high-level tripartite summit held in Conakry on Monday, March 16, 2026.

The meeting brought together H.E Mamadi Doumbouya, President of the Republic of Guinea, H.E Joseph Nyuma Boakai, President of the Republic of Liberia, and H.E Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone. The Côte d'Ivoire participated as an observer. The summit focused on strengthening cooperation to address recent tensions in border communities and to promote stability within the Mano River Union (MRU). The three leaders reviewed the prevailing security situation along their common borders and emphasized the importance of dialogue and collaboration to prevent further incidents.

In their final communiqué, the Heads of State expressed concern about the growing number of crises and conflicts around the world, noting that their economic, security, and humanitarian impacts are being felt most strongly in developing countries.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO COMMISSIONS WAICA RE HEADQUARTERS, REAFFIRMS SIERRA LEONE'S POSITION AS REGIONAL FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT HUB

Hill Station, Freetown, Tuesday 31 March 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio officially commissioned the headquarters of the West African Insurance Companies Association Reinsurance Corporation (WAICA Re) PLC, reaffirming government's commitment to providing a stable legal and regulatory environment for investment.

Delivering his keynote address, President Bio described the occasion as a significant milestone for Sierra Leone, WAICA Re, and the broader West African financial sector. He noted that the commissioning fulfills a longstanding commitment stemming from the 2011 agreement that established WAICA Re in the country and paved the way for the construction of its permanent headquarters. The President emphasized that the Headquarters Agreement outlines the government's responsibility to ensure an enabling environment for the corporation's operations, reaffirming Sierra Leone's commitment to honoring its obligations. He assured continued support for financial sector development, regulatory stability, and the protection of institutional rights, stressing that the country remains open to credible, long-term investment.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO COMMISSIONS ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC AND BURNS UNIT, MARKING MILESTONE IN HEALTH SECTOR REFORM

Connaught Government Hospital, Freetown, Thursday 2 April 2026 - His Excellency, Dr. Julius Maada Bio commissioned a state-of-the-art CT Scan, ultrasound equipment, and a modern burns unit at Connaught Government Hospital in Freetown, reaffirming his government's commitment to a people-centered healthcare system. The newly commissioned facilities include Sierra Leone's first publicly owned advanced CT scanners and a fully equipped burns unit, significantly enhancing the country's capacity to diagnose and manage complex medical conditions.

In his address, President Bio commended healthcare workers, partners, and stakeholders, urging professionalism and proper maintenance of the facilities. He emphasized that a nation's strength depends on the health of its people, reiterating his government's focus on human capital development.

He also called on citizens and health professionals to safeguard the new infrastructure to ensure it remains fully functional and beneficial to the public.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO COMMISSIONS FLEET OF VEHICLES AND MOTORBIKES TO BOOST HEALTHCARE DELIVERY NATIONWIDE



Bo Government Hospital, Southern Region, 4 April, 2026 - His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio commissioned a fleet of buses, utility vehicles, motorbikes, and a fully equipped mobile maintenance workshop vehicle for healthcare workers across the country, in a major step toward strengthening Sierra Leone's healthcare delivery system.

The fleet, comprising 10 buses, 10 utility vehicles, 1 mobile maintenance workshop vehicle and 450 motorbikes, is designed to significantly improve mobility for health personnel, particularly those operating in remote and underserved communities where access has long been a challenge.

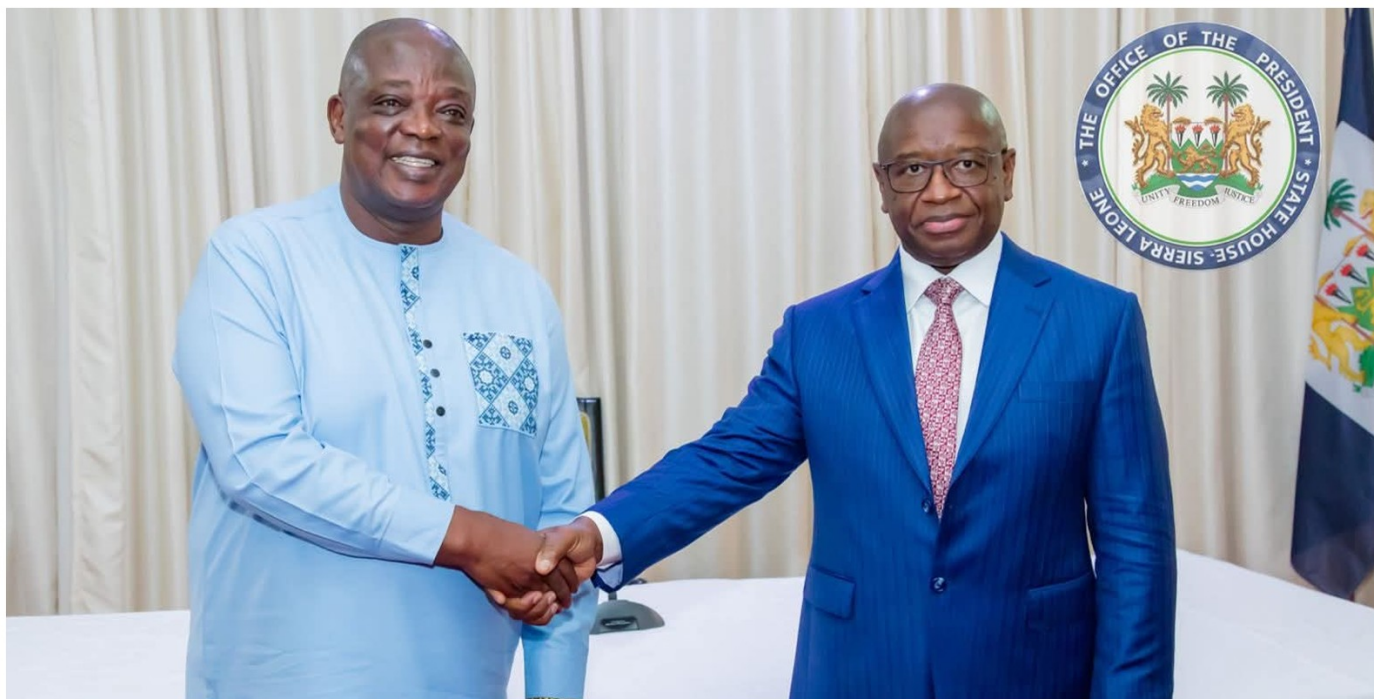
Describing the initiative as a historic milestone, President Bio noted that the investment, fully funded by the Government of Sierra Leone with support from friends of the President, represents the first large-scale, comprehensive mobility intervention of its kind in the health sector. He emphasized that addressing transportation gaps is critical to improving response times, expanding outreach services, and ensuring that essential healthcare reaches every corner of the country.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RECEIVES PROGRESS REPORT ON FEED SALONE INITIATIVE, REAFFIRMS THE INITIATIVE AS A RESPONSE TO FOOD INSECURITY

State House, Freetown, Thursday 12 March 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio received a progress report from members of the Presidential Council for Delivering Feed Salone at State House, reaffirming that the initiative is the government's flagship response to the country's long-standing food security challenges. Inaugurated in October 2023, the council was mandated to ensure that Feed Salone delivers tangible results for Sierra Leoneans. Speaking at the meeting, President Bio noted that the council is made up of qualified Sierra Leoneans tasked with transforming agriculture from subsistence farming to a productive sector that creates jobs and drives economic growth.

The President highlighted improvements in rural livelihoods and efforts to reduce malnutrition, adding that idea-sharing and innovation are key elements in successful agricultural transformation. He emphasized that Sierra Leone has the potential to produce enough food to feed its population. President Bio also stressed the importance of strengthening domestic food production amid global uncertainties, including conflicts and geopolitical tensions that continue to disrupt supply chains. He described Feed Salone as a national resilience strategy and noted that pressure on food imports has already declined due to progress made over the past three years.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO PRESIDES OVER SWEARING-IN OF NEW CHIEF ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO CONSTITUTIONALISM AND ELECTORAL INDEPENDENCE

State House, Freetown, Tuesday 3 March 2026 -His Excellency President Dr, Julius Maada Bio presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the newly appointed Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman of the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL), Mr Edmond Sylvester Alpha, following his approval by Parliament. Declaring the purpose of the ceremony, the Secretary to the President, Baba Brima Fortune, informed the gathering that in line with Section 32(3) of the 1991 Constitution, President Bio directed consultations with the leadership of all registered political parties prior to the appointment. He disclosed that on 10 February 2026, 14 registered political parties were formally notified, with 12 parties submitting letters of approval of Mr Alpha's appointment.

Mr Alpha expressed profound gratitude to President Bio for the confidence reposed in him. Describing his appointment as "a sacred contract with the people of Sierra Leone," he pledged to serve with independence, transparency, integrity, and inclusiveness. President Bio, in his congratulatory remarks, stated that he exercised his constitutional authority in making the appointment, noting that unlike previous instances he witnessed while in opposition, he fully complied with the consultative requirements of the Constitution.

NATIONAL MANDINGO UNION PAYS COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND NATIONAL COHESION

State House, Freetown, Tuesday 10 March 2026 - His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio received a delegation from the National Mandingo Union of Sierra Leone, led by its President and Mansa, Alhaji Kanja I. Sesay, during a courtesy visit at State House. Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Alhaji Kanja Sesay thanked President Bio for granting them an audience, explaining that the visit also served as a formal introduction of the current leadership of the Union. He highlighted the strong support the executive has received from members across all sixteen districts and reaffirmed the group's commitment to peace and national unity.

In his response, President Bio congratulated the leadership of the Union for their efforts in maintaining peace and cohesion. He commended the Mandingo people for their contributions to national development and their long-standing tradition as traders and scholars who have integrated across different communities. The President reaffirmed his government's commitment to national unity and peaceful coexistence, noting that Sierra Leone's strength lies in its diversity. He also applauded the Union's initiative to preserve and promote the Mandingo language and culture.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RECEIVES FREETOWN COMMUNIQUÉ, BACKS BOLD AGENDA FOR WEST AFRICA INTEGRATION AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT

State House, Freetown, Thursday 30 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, in his capacity as Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS, received the Freetown Communiqué from a high-level team of expert planners, technical advisers, ministers, and regional coordinators who have been leading preparations for the forthcoming West Africa Integration and Investment Summit (WAIS 2026). The delegation was headed by renowned energy expert and Special Envoy for the Summit, Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella.

President Bio commended the expert planning team for its visionary and results-oriented work. He reaffirmed his commitment, as ECOWAS Chair, to advancing regional integration, economic cooperation, and investment-led development across West Africa.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO ATTENDS BO SCHOOL'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY, CALLS FOR LEADERSHIP AND INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION

Bo School Campus, Southern Region, Friday 3 April 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, accompanied by First Lady Fatima Maada Bio, joined alumni, students, and dignitaries to commemorate the 120th Speech Day and Prize-Giving Ceremony of the Bo Government Secondary School, marking over a century of excellence in education and character development. Delivering the keynote address, President Bio, a proud alumnus, described the occasion as both personal and historic, noting that the institution has played a defining role in shaping generations of leaders.

"Bo School does not simply produce educated men, it produces men who shape nations," he stated, emphasizing that the school's enduring strength lies in its commitment to discipline, character, and leadership. Reflecting on the theme, the President described legacy as a responsibility that must be actively preserved and strengthened. He urged students to rise to the expectations of the institution and called on alumni to move beyond symbolic support toward structured mentorship and sustained investment. First Lady Fatima Maada Bio presented prizes and awards to outstanding students and teachers in recognition of academic excellence and service. The ceremony also featured contributions from distinguished alumni, including Alpha Tejan Wurie, who served as guest speaker and reflected on the school's continued relevance in national development.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO OPENS SLPP BONTHE DISTRICT OFFICE, CALLS FOR UNITY AHEAD OF 2028 ELECTIONS

Matru Jong, Bonthe District, Saturday 4 April 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, who also doubles as the Leader of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), officially opened the SLPP District Office in Matru Jong, calling on party members to set aside differences and work together toward victory in the 2028 elections.

Describing the new office as a hub for engagement and community interaction, President Bio emphasized that the facility belongs to all party members in the district and should be used to strengthen unity and coordination. "I urge all of you to put aside your differences and work together for a landslide victory in 2028," he stated, adding that the office will also be equipped with internet connectivity to enhance communication and outreach.

First Lady Fatima Maada Bio commended the construction of the office and echoed calls for peace and unity, particularly following recent internal SLPP elections. She also noted progress on the Bo-Matru Jong road project.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO AND FIRST LADY FATIMA MAADA BIO JOIN MUSLIMS TO OBSERVE EID-UL-FITR PRAYER, EMPHASIZING UNITY AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE



Presidential Lodge, Freetown, Friday 20 March 2026 -His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio and First Lady Fatima Maada Bio joined Muslims across Sierra Leone and around the world to observe Eid al-Fitr prayer at the Presidential Lodge in Freetown. President Bio thanked the Muslim community for joining the prayers and expressed gratitude to God for the opportunity to witness the end of Ramadan. He prayed for Allah's blessings upon those who observed the fast and emphasized the importance of unity and religious tolerance as key strengths of Sierra Leone. Reflecting on his upbringing, the President shared that although he is a Christian, he often accompanied his mother, a devoted Muslim, to the mosque during his childhood, an experience he said shaped his deep respect for Islam and interfaith harmony.

He reiterated his commitment to serving all Sierra Leoneans and called for continued prayers for peace, unity, and national development. He urged citizens to uphold the values of love, tolerance, and coexistence as the country marks the end of the holy month. Also speaking, First Lady, Fatima Maada Bio expressed appreciation to the Imam and the Muslim community for their participation throughout Ramadan. She thanked the President for making the Presidential Lodge available for prayers and commended religious leaders for their dedication during the holy month. She concluded with prayers for Allah to accept the fast and reward the faithful.



ARCHBISHOP NICOLAS DUNCAN-WILLIAMS PAYS COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO, EMPHASISES THE POWER OF PRAYER

State House, Freetown, Thursday 5 March 2026 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio received renowned Ghanaian religious leader Nicolas Duncan-Williams, Founder and General Overseer of Action Chapel International, during a courtesy visit at State House.

Delivering his statement, Archbishop Duncan-Williams reflected on his longstanding relationship with President Bio. He noted that his visit forms part of the global prayer mission focused on Africa. He emphasised that prayer remains essential for peace and stressed that his visit is also to pray for Sierra Leone, its leadership, and its people.

In his response, President Bio welcomed the Archbishop and highlighted the importance of spiritual guidance in leadership. He reaffirmed Sierra Leone's tradition of religious tolerance and emphasised that his government continues to prioritise human capital development, recognising the people as the nation's greatest asset.

IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL RAFAEL MARIANO GROSSI COMMITS SUPPORT TO SIERRA LEONE'S NUCLEAR ENERGY AMBITIONS

Vienna, Austria, Thursday 9 April 2026 – The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi, reaffirmed his commitment to supporting Sierra Leone's pursuit of nuclear energy during a meeting with His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone. Grossi noted that nuclear energy has become a significant topic of discussion across Africa as countries seek reliable power solutions. He pointed out that while South Africa currently operates the continent's only commercial nuclear power plant, several other nations are now evaluating nuclear options to meet growing energy demands.

President Bio, in response, expressed appreciation for the Director General's continued support to Sierra Leone, particularly in sectors such as health and food security. He underscored the persistent challenges within the energy sector and welcomed the prospect of collaborating with the IAEA to explore nuclear energy solutions.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO CHAMPIONS GREEN INDUSTRIALISATION AND ENERGY ACCESS AT VIENNA HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE

Vienna, Austria, Thursday 9 April 2026 - His Excellency, President Dr. Julius Maada Bio called for urgent action to link energy access to economic transformation, positioning green industrialisation as a key driver of stability and shared prosperity in Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries.

Speaking at a high-level roundtable on "Green Industrialisation for Stability and Shared Prosperity" on the margins of the International Vienna and Energy Forum, President Bio emphasized that energy must go beyond access to directly power production, create jobs, and strengthen livelihoods. "For countries like Sierra Leone, energy is not the end goal, it is the engine of production, jobs, and stability," he stated, underscoring the need to connect energy investments to real economic outcomes.



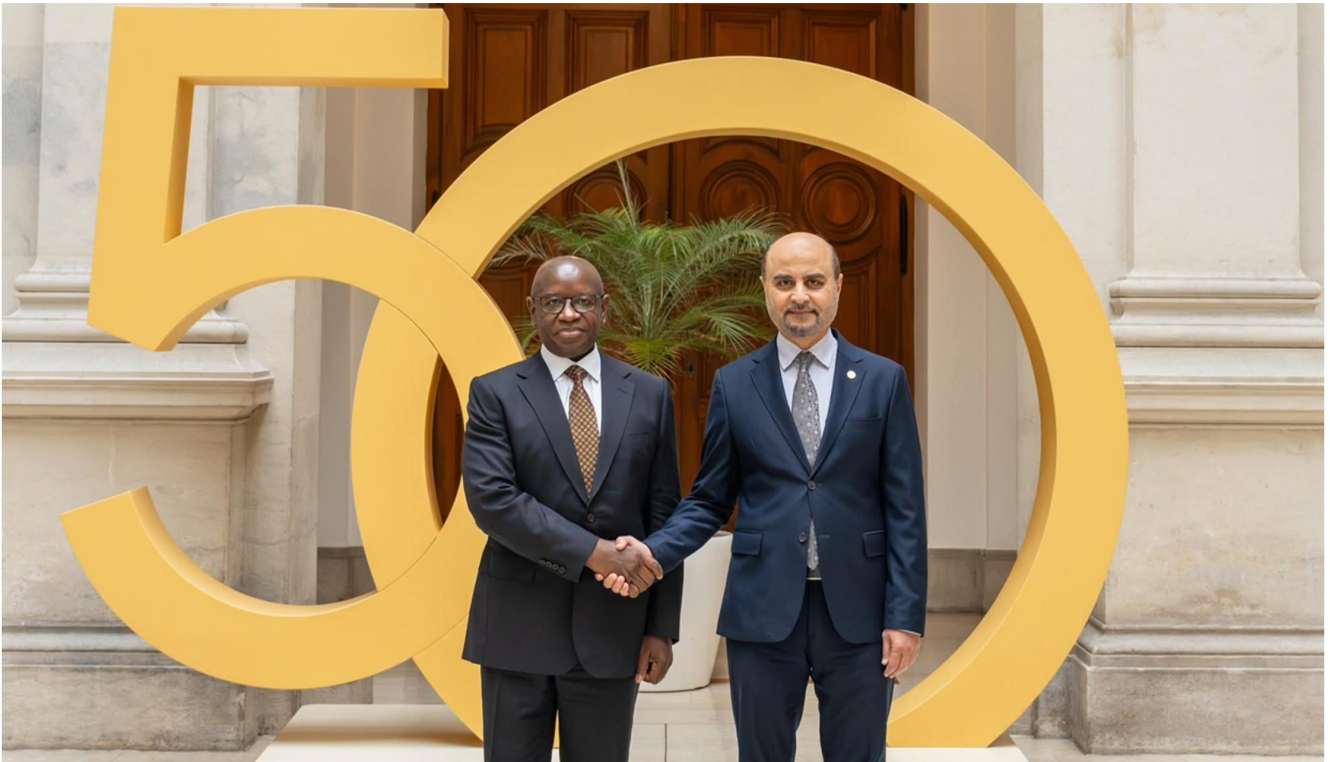
SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RALLIES STRONGER GLOBAL AND AFRICAN ACTION ON GUINEA-BISSAU AND SOUTH SUDAN AT G7+ EMINENT PERSONS MEETING



State House, Freetown, Tuesday 14 April 2026 - His Excellency Julius Maada Bio successfully concluded a high-level virtual meeting of Eminent Persons of the G7+, where he called for intensified collective action to address political and security challenges in fragile member states, particularly Guinea-Bissau and South Sudan. The meeting, convened by Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, to strengthen cooperation, solidarity, and strategic engagement among G7+ countries and establish formal bilateral relations between Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Republic of Sierra Leone.

In his remarks, President Bio commended Timor-Leste for its continued leadership in hosting the G7+ Secretariat and reaffirmed Sierra Leone's commitment to advancing the group's core principles of peace, resilience, and sustainable development. He emphasized that the G7+ remains a vital platform for collective advocacy, peer learning, and cooperation among countries with shared experiences of fragility and post-conflict recovery.

OPEC FUND PRESIDENT ABDULHAMID ALKHALIFA PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR CANCER CENTRE IN SIERRA LEONE, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND THE ECONOMY



Vienna, Austria, Friday 10 April 2026 – OPEC Fund President Dr. Abdulhamid Alkhalifa pledged support for the construction of a Cancer Centre in Sierra Leone and reiterated the Fund’s commitment to strengthening the country’s agriculture, energy and economic sectors. He made the remarks during a meeting with His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio at the OPEC Fund Headquarters. Dr. Alkhalifa briefed President Bio on the Fund’s partnership with the International Atomic Energy Agency aimed at expanding radiotherapy access in countries with limited or no treatment facilities, noting that the Democratic Republic of Congo has already benefited from this collaboration.

President Bio, in response, reaffirmed his appreciation for the partnership and commended the Fund’s leadership in advancing sustainable development. He thanked the OPEC Fund for co-hosting the 2024 Roundtable, which generated USD 850 million in pledges, including a USD 260 million new Country Partnership Strategy.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO REAFFIRMS REFORM AGENDA AS IMF COMMENDS SIERRA LEONE'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

State House, Freetown, Thursday 30 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio reaffirmed his government's strong commitment to sustaining economic reforms and meeting programme targets under the International Monetary Fund-supported Extended Credit Facility (ECF), during a high-level engagement with an IMF mission to Sierra Leone.

The visiting delegation was led by Christian Saborowski, who commended President Bio and his administration for the progress achieved in stabilising the economy and implementing key reforms.

President Bio expressed appreciation for the Fund's continued partnership and support to Sierra Leone's economic recovery agenda. He thanked the IMF for facilitating the successful completion of the first and second reviews under the ECF by the IMF Executive Board, which led to the disbursement of US\$89.8 million in support of budget implementation in 2025.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO COMMISSIONS NEW FLOUR MILL, EMPOWERING LOCAL PRODUCTION AND ENTERPRISE



Cline Town, Freetown, Thursday 30 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio commissioned a new state-of-the-art flour milling facility operated by Sierra Leone Flour Mill, describing the investment as a strong vote of confidence in private sector-led growth and the productive capacity of Sierra Leoneans. The facility, owned by businessman Alhaji Amadu Juldeh Sowe, was expected to significantly expand domestic flour production, strengthen food security and reduce reliance on imports.

President Bio described the project as a major milestone in Sierra Leone's industrial transformation agenda.

He said the investment aligns with his government's commitment to convert locally available raw materials into finished products, diversify the economy and build national productivity.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO COMMEMORATES SLPP'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY, CALLS FOR UNITY, DISCIPLINE AND ELECTORAL PREPAREDNESS AHEAD OF 2028 ELECTIONS

Bintumani Conference Centre, Freetown, Tuesday 28 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, Leader of the governing Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), joined party faithful, supporters, dignitaries and invited guests in Freetown to commemorate the party's 75th anniversary, using the landmark occasion to call for unity, discipline, service and strategic preparedness ahead of the 2028 general elections.

Held under the theme "75 Years of Leadership, Legacy and Service," the Diamond Jubilee celebration reflected on the SLPP's historic role in Sierra Leone's political development while setting a forward-looking agenda for the party's future. In his keynote address, President Bio paid tribute to the party's founding fathers, mothers, Paramount Chiefs and grassroots mobilisers whose sacrifices laid the foundation for self-governance, independence and national unity. He particularly praised the women who sustained the movement through their labour and commitment, saying many led without titles and organised without platforms.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO LAUNCHES ECOWAS LIQUEFIED GAS PROGRAMME, ANNOUNCES 10,000 CLEAN COOKING GAS CANISTERS FOR SIERRA LEONE

Radisson Blu Hotel, Aberdeen, Freetown, Tuesday 28 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio officially launched the Economic Community of West African States Commission's Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Programme in Sierra Leone, unveiling a pilot phase that will deliver 10,000 canisters of clean cooking gas to households across the country.

The launch took place during a high-level policy dialogue on clean cooking, gender equality and child protection, bringing together regional leaders, policymakers, development partners and private sector stakeholders to advance access to safer and more sustainable cooking solutions across West Africa. In his keynote address, President Bio described access to clean cooking as both a public health and development priority, revealing that nearly 10,000 Sierra Leoneans died in 2021 from air pollution linked to cooking with firewood and charcoal.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO COMMISSIONS MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN PUJEHUN, LAUNCHES PUJEHUN-GBONDAPI ROAD



Kpanga Krim Chiefdom, Pujehun District, Saturday, 25 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio commissioned the 25km Bandajuma–Pujehun Road, the Julius Maada Bio Bridge, and the newly completed Gobaru Monument, while also launching the construction of the Pujehun–Gbondapi Road as part of his government's ongoing infrastructure and food security agenda.

President Bio described the projects as “pathways to dignity,” improving access to health facilities, schools, markets, and economic opportunities for citizens. “Pujehun strict has suffered historical injustice for many years, and we are correcting that now,” the President said. “It should not be acceptable to have a district headquarters town without a paved road.”



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO UNVEILS NATIONWIDE PLAN TO EXPAND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ACCESS

Country Lodge, Freetown, Friday 24 April, 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio officially launched the Salone Peken fo Play en Lan Outcome Fund Programme, a major initiative aimed at strengthening early childhood development across Sierra Leone.

The programme is set to reach over 29,000 children aged 3 to 5, targeting 87 community-based early childhood education centres over the next three years.

President Bio highlighted that his government has consistently allocated over 20% of the national budget to education, demonstrating a strong commitment to human capital development. He noted that since the introduction of the Free Quality Education initiative, more than one million additional children have been enrolled in school. Emphasizing the importance of early childhood education, the President stated that every child deserves a strong start, noting that early experiences shape not only individual futures but also the future of the nation.

WORLD BANK EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS VISIT PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO, REAFFIRM STRONG SUPPORT FOR SIERRA LEONE'S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

State House, Freetown, Friday 24 April 2026 - A high-level delegation from the World Bank, led by Executive Director Dr. Zarau Kibwe, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, reaffirming the Bank's continued support for Sierra Leone's national development priorities.

President Bio welcomed the delegation and acknowledged the World Bank's longstanding partnership and impact across critical sectors of the economy. "The World Bank's support has been instrumental in our development journey, especially in agriculture, infrastructure, and human capital," he stated.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO UNVEILS SIERRA LEONE'S FIRST INDUSTRIAL FISHING PORT IN HISTORIC BLACK JOHNSON PROJECT



Black Johnson Village, Western Area Rural District, Thursday 23 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio turned the sod for the construction of the Julius Maada Bio Industrial Fishing Port at Black Johnson, marking a historic step toward transforming Sierra Leone's fisheries sector and advancing the Blue Economy. The President described Sierra Leone as a maritime nation by both geography and identity, emphasizing that while the country boasts over 570 kilometers of coastline and some of the world's richest marine ecosystems, it has long lacked the infrastructure to fully benefit from these resources. He noted that although Sierra Leone has an estimated sustainable fish stock of 450,000 metric tons annually, only a fraction is utilized due to weak systems for harvesting, preservation, processing, and regulation.

President Bio reiterated that for decades, the absence of proper port infrastructure has allowed foreign fleets to extract value from Sierra Leone's waters, while local fishing communities continue to face significant post-harvest losses.

SIERRA LEONE AND SENEGAL DEEPEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN MINING AND ENERGY THROUGH LANDMARK TREATY SIGNING IN DAKAR

Dakar International Conference Centre, Senegal, Monday 20 April 2026 - Under the strategic leadership of His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, the Government of Sierra Leone signed a mining and energy cooperation treaty with the Republic of Senegal aimed at exploring and harnessing shared strategic opportunities in the extractive and energy sectors. The agreement was signed by the Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources, Mr. Julius Daniel Mattai, on behalf of Sierra Leone, alongside his Senegalese counterpart. The signing took place on the margins of the 10th Edition of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa, held at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Centre.

The treaty represents a significant milestone in strengthening bilateral relations between Sierra Leone and Senegal, building on commitments made during high-level exchanges between the two countries. These include the state visit of His Excellency Bassirou Diomaye Faye, President of the Republic of Senegal, to Sierra Leone, as well as the follow-up visit by Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko to Freetown.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO CHAMPIONS "PREVENTION BEFORE INTERVENTION" AT DAKAR FORUM ON PEACE AND SECURITY

Abdou Diouf International Conference Center (CICAD), Diamniadio, Senegal, Monday 20 April 2026 – His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio delivered a strong and forward-looking address at the 10th Edition of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa, where he advanced the "Dakar Doctrine" of prevention before intervention as the most sustainable pathway to peace, stability, and sovereignty across the African continent.

President Bio underscored the urgent need for Africa to shift from reactive responses to crises toward proactive strategies that prioritize early warning systems, inclusive governance, and preventive diplomacy. He emphasized that the cost of conflict, both human and economic, makes prevention not only necessary but imperative.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT BIO SHOWCASES PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE, VISITS NEWTON POULTRY AND COMMENCES 22-METRIC TON FISH HARVEST

Freetown / Mafintha, Port Loko District, Thursday 16 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio reaffirmed his administration's commitment to agricultural transformation under the flagship Feed Salone Initiative, following a strategic visit to Newton Poultry and the symbolic commencement of a 22-metric ton fish harvest at his farm in Mafintha, Masiaka, Highway. The President visited Newton Poultry, Sierra Leone's first fully automated poultry farm, where he was warmly received by Founder, Manav Shahani. Established in 2024, the facility represents a direct response to the President's call for increased private sector participation in advancing national food security.

With a production capacity of 22,000 eggs per day, Newton Poultry is expected to significantly reduce reliance on imported eggs, provide fresher and more affordable options for consumers, stabilize market prices, and create employment opportunities for Sierra Leoneans. President Bio commended the initiative as a model of innovation and partnership, underscoring the critical role of private investment in achieving the goals of Feed Salone.





SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO JOINS PRESIDENT JOSEPH NYUMA BOAKAI SR. OF LIBERIA TO LAUNCH 255KM ROAD PROJECT, ADVANCING REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN WEST AFRICA

Bo Waterside Border Post, Liberia, Saturday 18 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio joined His Excellency President Joseph Nyuma Boakai Sr. of the Republic of Liberia to officially launch the upgrading of 255 kilometres of primary roads in Liberia under a Design, Build, Operate, and Transfer (DBOT) concession. The project is expected to significantly enhance regional integration and trade within the Mano River Union and across West Africa.

President Bio described the project as a historic milestone that will reduce travel time, lower transportation costs, and facilitate the free movement of people, goods, and services across borders. He noted that the initiative reflects a shared commitment by both governments to strengthening economic ties and improving the livelihoods of citizens.

SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO COMMISSIONS NATCA HQ, REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO DIGITAL INNOVATION

Southridge, IMATT, Freetown, Friday 17 April 2026 - His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio officially commissioned the new headquarters of the National Telecommunications Authority (NatCA), reaffirming his government's commitment to safeguarding national data, strengthening digital infrastructure, and enhancing service delivery across Sierra Leone.

The modern facility, located at Southridge, Freetown, now accommodates both NatCA and its supervising body, the Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation (MoCTI), and houses critical national assets including the National Data Centre and the Network Operations and Regulatory Authority.

President Bio emphasized that the project reflects his government's dedication to empowering young people and advancing national development through technology.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PEACE AS INTERNATIONAL GUARANTORS REVIEW PROGRESS ON AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL UNITY



State House, Freetown, Friday 17 April 2026 - International moral guarantors of the Agreement for National Unity between the Government of Sierra Leone and the opposition All People's Congress (APC) paid a courtesy call on His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio, commending his leadership in advancing peace, dialogue, and democratic stability both in Sierra Leone and across the ECOWAS region. Lead Moral Guarantor, Mrs Fatoumata Jallow-Tambajang, former Vice President of The Gambia, reiterated that the delegation's mission was to evaluate implementation progress and support sustained dialogue. She commended President Bio for his demonstrated leadership, particularly at the level of ECOWAS and his broader contribution to peace and stability on the continent.

In his response, President Bio thanked the delegation for their continued engagement and reaffirmed his sustained commitment to peace, national cohesion, and democratic governance. "I have always viewed Sierra Leone not through a political lens, but through a development and peace lens," the President stated, reflecting on his longstanding dedication to national stability and democratic progress.

PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO VISITS ONE OF SIERRA LEONE'S LARGEST ONION FARMS, BOOSTS FEED SALONE DRIVE

Loko Masama, Lungi, 16 April, 2026 - His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio visited the Pee Cee and Sons Onion Farm at Loko Masama, Lungi, reaffirming his government's unwavering commitment to advancing the Feed Salone agenda and strengthening food security across the country.

The 140-hectare farm stands as one of Sierra Leone's largest onion-producing sites, reflecting growing private sector investment in agriculture and the country's drive toward self-sufficiency.

Speaking during the visit, President Bio underscored the importance of increasing domestic food production, noting that growing what the nation consumes is critical to reducing reliance on food imports. He emphasized that Sierra Leone possesses the land, human capital, and potential to achieve sustainable food security.



SIERRA LEONE'S PRESIDENT JULIUS MAADA BIO RECEIVES FIVE AMBASSADORS, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING BILATERAL RELATIONS



State House, Freetown, Tuesday 14 April 2026 - His Excellency, President Julius Maada Bio received letters of credence from five newly accredited envoys, reaffirming Sierra Leone's commitment to deepening diplomatic and economic cooperation with key international partners. President Bio warmly welcomed the envoys and formally accepted their credentials, reaffirming Sierra Leone's longstanding and cordial relations with their respective countries.

He emphasized that strengthened partnerships will remain critical to advancing national development priorities and fostering shared prosperity. The ceremony marks a significant step in Sierra Leone's diplomatic engagement, reinforcing its commitment to international cooperation, mutual respect, and sustainable development.

PHOTO GALLERY



President Bio receives certificate of recognition from First Lady Fatima Bio at the opening of the SLPP office in Matru Jong



450 Motorbikes, Buses, and Unity Vehicles Rolled Out for Health workers



His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio and First Lady Bio inspect new buses commissioned at Bo Govt. Hospital



"Bo School produces men who shapes nations." President Bio declares at Speech Day



President Julius Maada Bio delivers on promise, positioning Sierra Leone as West Africa's financial and investment hub.



Connaught Hospital now delivers advanced diagnostics and critical treatment locally, ending reliance on foreign hospitals.

KEY QUOTATIONS



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Severe food insecurity in Sierra Leone has dropped dramatically, from 28% to 13% between 2023 and 2025, showing that strategic agricultural investment can directly improve household welfare.

H.E Julius Maada Bio
President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairman of ECOWAS Authority
Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Henry Musa Kpaka



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Domestic rice production has grown steadily, bringing Sierra Leone to 73% rice self-sufficiency and moving the country closer to ending its dependence on imports.

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Forty new tractors are being deployed to accelerate mechanised cultivation in key rice production hubs.

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