



INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD

PRESS RELEASE

INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGED USE OF FORCE BY SOME POLICE OFFICERS AT IPAM IN FREETOWN

It is announced for the information of the public that the Independent Police Complaints Board (IPCB) has commenced preliminary investigation into reports of excessive use of force and stripping of a female student by some personnel of the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) while dispersing protesting students at the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM) on Monday 12th April, 2021.

This is in pursuance of section 3 (1) (d) of **The Independent Police Complaints Board Regulations, 2013**, which provides for an investigation into incidents of injuries, assault or wounding caused by a police officer, and section 9 which mandates the IPCB to conduct **an investigation on its own initiative or on the basis of a complaint made by a member of the public, a police officer or a public body.**

The public will be kept fully informed of developments as and when they do occur.

Signed:

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FREETOWN
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