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The Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson on Thursday met with the Chairman and Leader of the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) John O. Benjamin on issues relating to violence during the on-going party mini convention.

Addressing the meeting, Hon Justice Tolla Thompson says this is part of the Commissions effort to settle the impasse following confrontation and alleged beating of two party members during the mini-conventions. The former Supreme Court Judge expressed disappointment over the unfortunate incident and admonished the Leader of the SLPP to do his level best to ensure that sanity return to the party ahead of the Party's August Convention.

Briefing the Chairman John O. Benjamin informed Justice Thompson that it was his desire that they would have settled the impasse in-house without referring to the Commission. The incident he says is not an isolated incident as the matter is currently with the Police and that his party is looking into the incident and disciplinary action will be taken against those found wanting. The alleged perpetrators he says are not acting on their own but as a cabal. He says the Party still maintains the presence of the Police in their office in a bid to maintain law and order.

Re-emphasizing the issue, the National Women's Leader of the SLPP Isata Jabbie Kabbah appealed to the Commission to intervene immediately as these acts of violence are not part of the SLPP they know. In the party office she says, youth are in possession of offensive weapons which endanger their lives. She charged the Police to do more and to speedily bring the perpetrators to book.

In conclusion, Hon Justice Thompson informed the meeting that he will scheduled a meeting with the Inspector General of Police and other key stakeholders involved in the matter.

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