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### PPRC News Brief 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015



The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 informed the media that the Commission will not continue with the mediation process between members of the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) as the Ambassador Alie Bangura group has backed out of the process and has taken the matter to the Supreme Court.

This was disclosed during a press conference to inform the press about the mediation process in resolving the impasse between Ambassador Allie Bangura and the National Executive of the SLPP.

In his welcome statement, Commissioner Alhaji Muctarr B. Williams informed the Press that party members loyal to Ambassador Allie Bangura approached the Commission to address the issue relating to the expulsion of Ambassador Alie Bangura. Commissioner Williams stated that during the mediation process, an expressed understanding was reached by both sides in which the National Executive Officers decided to convey a SLPP NEC meeting to reinstate Ambassador Allie Bangura and further requested that Ambassador Allie Bangura withdraw the matter in court.

Addressing the Press, PPRC Chairman Hon. Justice M.E Tolla Thompson informed the media that the Commission started the mediation between both sides after the party's convention in Bo. Hon Justice Thompson says before the release of the Commission's report, Ambassador Allie Bangura had already filed a case to the Supreme Court. He emphasized that the Commission had no jurisdiction to hold a parallel settlement, as the court is already looking into the matter.

With regards the expulsion of Ambassador Alie Bangura, Hon Justice Thompson informed the press that the Commission was almost at the tail end of the mediation process, when the

Ambassador Allie Bangura group decided to withdraw from the process saying that they wanted the Commission to make a ruling on the expulsion of Ambassador Alie Bangura. Justice Thompson made it categorically clear that the PPRC is not a court but a body set up to mediate and bring political party members together.

Speaking on the willingness of the National Executive Officers, Justice Thompson stressed that the National Executive Officers are still willing to continue with the mediation process. Justice Thompson says he was perplexed to realize that an affidavit with regards the expulsion was also filed to the court.

In his statement, Commissioner N'fa Allie Conteh informed the Press that since the two matters are now in the Supreme Court, the Commission would be constrained to adequately address the impasse. When asked if the Commission will resume the matter if requested, Commissioner Conteh says it is the mandate of the Commission and the Commission is always ready to settle disputes between and among political parties.



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