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The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) wishes to refer to its Press Release of 8th January, 2018 in which it ordered the Leadership of the Citizens Democratic Party (CDP) to bring down all its posters and billboards.

The Commission regrets that the message was completely misconstrued by some members of the Islamic faith. The PPRC wishes to assure them that the meaning construed purportedly linking Islam to terrorism was not intended.

The Commission wishes to unequivocally state that it regard all religions including Islam as sacred and will never do anything to slight the image and integrity of any religion.

However, the Commission wishes to state that in the performance of its mandate, it should ensure that all registered political parties comply with the provisions of the **1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone**, the **Political Parties Act of 2002** and the **Terms and Conditions** of their registration.

Section 35 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone Act No. 6 of particularly Sub-section 5 prohibit any Political Party to operate, function or use any name, symbol, colour or motto that has exclusive or significant connotation to members of any particular tribal or ethnic group or religious faith.

It is therefore in this regard and pursuant to Section 6 (2) (a) of the **Political Parties Act of 2002** that the Commission wishes to ensure that the CDP take the necessary action to comply with the terms and conditions of their registration.