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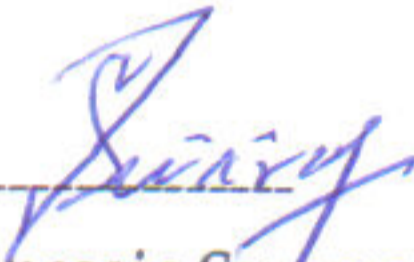
Communiqué on resolution of case of attack on Radio Wanjei

Pujehun, 23 January 2009 – Following a meeting in Pujehun town today, between members of the Independent Radio Network (IRN), the Paramount Chief and other stakeholders in the town, the District Secretary General of the All People's Congress party Mr. Francis Senessie Swarray admitted that his party's supporters attacked Radio Wanjei on the 8th January 2009 due to a misunderstanding. In that attack the electrical appliances of the station were maliciously damaged, eventually shutting down the station.

Mr. Usman Kaikai, a supporter of the Sierra Leone People's Party also admitted to beating up a journalist at the radio station Mr Anthony Deen on 5 January 2009.

Both parties condemned their actions and apologised to the radio and the community. They appealed for the two cases to be dropped, and committed themselves to the safety and protection of all journalists and their radio stations in the district.

Signed:




Francis Senessie Swarray
District Secretary-General, APC



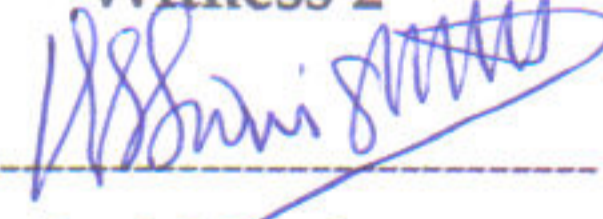
Usman Kaikai
SLPP Party Supporter

Witness 1



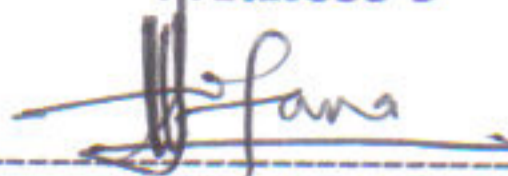
Alimamy Jaia Kaikai,
PC, Panga Kabonde chiefdom

Witness 2



Ransford Wright
National Coordinator, IRN

Witness 3



Umaru FOFANA
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