



**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY,  
DR. JULIUS MAADA BIO, PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
ON THE THREE-DAY LOCKDOWN - 30  
APRIL 2020**

Fellow Sierra Leoneans

Epidemiological data and other evidence indicate that there is community transmission of COVID-19 in Sierra Leone.

Informed by expert advice therefore, Government has decided to intensify contact tracing and detection; scale up testing and isolation; expand treatment, and undertake all other measures necessary to break COVID-19 transmission in the country.

I therefore declare a three-day nationwide lockdown covering the period Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> May, and 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020).

All other existing measures, including the curfew and restrictions on inter-district travel, shall remain in full force.

Banks will be open on Friday and Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May).

Recognising the challenges citizens may face as a consequence of the three-day lockdown, Government will continue to cushion the effects associated with these enhanced measures.

I urge everyone to adhere strictly to all hygiene protocols and healthcare directives.

Thank you and God Bless Sierra Leone.