



## **Human Rights Commission Engages Striking Doctors**

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As part of its mandate of protecting and promoting the rights of all, the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) today 20th April 2021 met with a cross-section of executive members of the Junior Doctors Association of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone Medical and Dental Association and the Sierra Leone Medical Women's Association at its office.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ongoing strike action and assist with mediation between the parties and the Ministry of Health so that the right to health of patients nationwide is protected and the concerns of the striking doctors are addressed.

Commissioner Simitie Lavalley chaired the meeting, with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and other Commissioners present.

The Doctors' representatives aired their grievances and outlined the resolution they were seeking.

On behalf of the HRCSL, Commissioner Lavalley thanked the representatives for coming to the meeting and urged them to consider calling off the strike action for the benefit of all, especially patients admitted at the hospital. She assured them that the Commission will engage the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and had already written to the Minister requesting for a meeting to discuss the issue.