



ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
PRESS RELEASE

The Anti-Corruption Commission has today filed a 168 count indictment for the offence of Misappropriation of public funds, contrary to Section 12(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act 2000(as amended) against **FRANCIS A. GABBIDON**, former Ombudsman of the Republic of Sierra Leone. It is alleged that the said **FRANCIS A. GABBIDON** on dates unknown in 2001 - 2007 being the Ombudsman of the Republic of Sierra Leone misappropriated public funds entrusted to him by falsely representing that certain individuals were employed by the office of the Ombudsman in various capacities. **Francis A. Gabbidon** was to be arraigned before Justice M.M. Sey this morning. Mr. Gabbidon failed to appear in court and his whereabouts have been unknown since the afternoon of Thursday 10th July 2008. In the circumstances, the Commission successfully applied for a Bench Warrant for the arrest of **Francis A. Gabbidon** and for him to be brought before the Court as soon as practicable after his arrest. The Commission has informed the Police, Immigration and Office of National Security about his disappearance.

Meanwhile, the Commission has also filed a two account indictment for the offences of Soliciting and Accepting an Advantage contrary to Section 8(1)(a) and (b) of the Anti Corruption Act 2000 as amended against **SANTIGIE ABU BAI KALOKOH**, a Public Officer attached to the Public Service Commission of the Government of Sierra Leone as Higher Executive Officer. The allegation is that the said **SANTIGIE ABU BAI KALOKOH** solicited and accepted an advantage from two people so that he can assist their relative to secure enrollment into the Government of Sierra Leone Civil Service as a Nursing sister in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. Santigie Bai Kalokoh was arraigned this morning at the High Court presided by Justice M. M. Sey. The accused pleaded not guilty to both counts and was remanded on bail to appear before the same court on the 18th July 2008.

Dated 11th day of July 2008.

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Communications Officer