

PRESS RELEASE
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

The High Court of Sierra Leone on Tuesday 20th May 2008 convicted Ibrahim Kalilu Manneh (formerly known as Ibrahim Khalilu Manneh Tarawalie), the Post Master of Bo and Charles Jaya Kpaka, former Accountant of Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST) of 45 counts of misappropriating public funds by falsifying remittance slips in respect of Inland Money Orders (IMOs) thereby giving the impression that the money had been remitted by a customer in favour of one of them. Both Accused were charged with 45 counts of Misappropriation of Public Funds amounting to Le 54,050,000 (Fifty Four Million and Fifty Thousand Leones) contrary to Section 12 (1) of the Anti Corruption Act 2000 as amended.

In his Judgment, Justice N.C. Browne – Marke concluded that the Anti-Corruption Commission had proved its case beyond all reasonable doubt in respect of all 45 charges in the indictment against both accused person and found the accused person guilty on each count from count 1 to 45.

The Learned Trial Judge sentenced the first accused Ibrahim Kalilu Manneh to a term of five years imprisonment or a fine of Le 27,000,000 (Twenty Seven Million Leones) and the second accused, Charles Jaya Kpaka, to a term of five years imprisonment or a fine of Le 13,500,000 (Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Leones).

21st May 2008

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