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CRIMINAL SESSIONS OF THE HIGH COURT COMMENCES WITH 353 ACCUSED PERSONS

FREETOWN, Judiciary of Sierra Leone, 28th August, 2020: The Judiciary of Sierra Leone wishes to inform the general public that the 2020 Criminal Sessions of the High Court will commence in **Kailahun, Pujehun and Port Loko on Monday, 31st August, 2020 – 11th September, 2020; Moyamba and Kabala towns from the 14th September, 2020 – 19th September, 2020 & 14th - 28th September, 2020 respectively;** followed by **Mattru Jong, 21st - 26th September, 2020 and Magburaka from 12th - 26th October, 2020.**



Since his appointment as Chief Justice of the Republic of Sierra Leone by His Excellency the President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, His Lordship, Justice Desmond Babatunde Edwards has ensured expeditious trials and effective access to justice for every citizen.

The Criminal Sessions of the High Court is fully funded by the Judiciary of Sierra Leone courtesy of the Government of Sierra Leone and geared to addressing overcrowding in correctional centres. It will be held in places where there are no sitting Judges.

“Bringing justice to the doorsteps of residents of respective localities is very fundamental to my leadership and the proposed Criminal Sessions of the High Court will create the opportunity for justice to be meted out in the respective localities within the shortest possible time,” said Hon. Justice Desmond Babatunde Edwards.