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PRESS RELEASE

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY: FALSE INFORMATION ON ALLEGED ANTHRAX
OUTBREAK IN PORT LOKO DISTRICT**

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For Immediate Release

The general public is hereby informed that an audio message currently circulating on social media platforms claiming that there is an ongoing outbreak of anthrax in Port Loko District, and advising against the consumption of meat, is completely false and misleading.

The National Public Health Agency (NPHA) the Ministry of Health and the Livestock Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security wish to categorically state that there is no confirmed or suspected anthrax outbreak in Port Loko District at this time. No official report or laboratory confirmation supports the claims being shared in the said audio message.

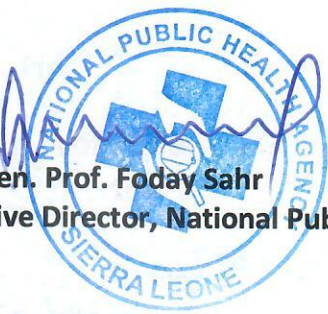
Members of the public are strongly advised to disregard this misinformation and refrain from spreading unverified messages that may cause unnecessary fear, panic, and disruption to livelihoods, particularly those dependent on livestock and meat trade.

We urge the public to rely only on official information from recognized government communication channels for accurate and timely public health updates.

The health authorities remain vigilant and continue routine disease surveillance across all districts to ensure the safety and well-being of the population. Any genuine public health concern will be promptly communicated through official channels.

For questions or to report suspected health concerns, please contact your nearest health facility, district health office, or call the NPHA hotline.

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