PRESS RELEASE

Socfin Group responds to the joint statement concerning the deaths of Musa Amara and Sebatu Sengeh

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The Socfin Group has taken note of the joint statement issued on November 20th on Farmlandgrab.org by civil society organizations concerning the deaths of Mr. Musa Amara and Ms. Sebatu Sengeh in Malen Chiefdom, Sierra Leone. The Group extends its sincere condolences to their families and loved ones.

Musa Amara

In its press release of November 7th 2026, Socfin Agricultural Company (SAC) reported that Mr. Amara's body had been found on 5 November near a palm fruit processing site in Fakaba Village. The Sierra Leone Police opened an investigation to establish the exact circumstances of his death. SAC remains available to assist the police with their enquiries.

Sebatu Sengeh

In its press release of October 24th 2026, SAC reported that Ms. Sengeh, an employee in its Agriculture Department, died following a workplace incident involving a Company vehicle in Division 3 on October 23rd. SAC has notified the relevant authorities, is cooperating with the investigation and is offering support to Ms. Sengeh's family.

The exact circumstances of both deaths remain under investigation. The Socfin Group supports thorough and independent investigations and has received at this point no further verified information from the authorities.

Land access and dialogue in Malen Chiefdom

In response to the concerns raised about families' access to agricultural land, the Group recalls that SAC and the Malen Development Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding on August 29th, 2025, following dialogue supported by the Sierra Leonean authorities. The agreement gives the Committee a formal role in coordinating dialogue between SAC and local communities, provides a process for raising and addressing grievances, and commits SAC to funding projects under an agreed Community Development Action Plan. The Group remains committed to dialogue through this framework on land-related concerns raised by communities in Malen.

About Socfin

Founded in 1905, Socfin is an **international agro-industrial group active in tropical agriculture**, whose activities focus primarily on the production of natural rubber and palm oil. Operating in 10 countries across Africa and Asia, the Group draws on long-term experience in agricultural development. Its approach is based on the gradual strengthening of environmental and social practices, constructive stakeholder engagement and a continuous improvement process, in line with internationally recognized standards.

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