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## News from Pastor Yatta

The ministry is led by Pastor Yatta Samura who has been a friend of St Andrews for over 20 years. Pastor Yatta leads 6 Sierra Leonean Churches between Freetown on the Coast and Kono some 200 km in land. Pastor Yatta sends some troubling news:

*“Sierra Leone may get into hot waters as over 2,000 Ecomog “peace keeping soldiers are on their way to Sierra Leone with conflicting stories”.*

*The country is tense like we are sitting on a time bomb. We value your prayers so badly. I want to be around to observe the situation at the moment in the country”.*

## Electoral Instability

We spoke with Pastor Yatta recently. He is deferring a visit to the UK until the New Year because of increasing tension in the streets of Freetown. He reminded us of the failed coup in November last year because of dissatisfaction with the 2023 election. The House of commons library reported on the 2023 election as follows.

*Several countries and international organisations commented on the processes and results in Sierra Leone’s presidential election. As well as making individual comments, the US, the UK, Ireland, Germany and France issued a joint statement on 28 June, expressing concern over “the lack of transparency in the tabulation process” and calling on stakeholders to engage in dialogue to resolve disputes.*

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9829/>

Pastor Yatta continues: “*The hunger in this country is too much and the poverty rate is very high*”.

## PRAISE

1. We thank you for the medical supplies sent out in the summer which are a real blessing.
2. We are doing good work in the Freetown Schools who welcome our expanding sports ministry.
3. We are planning a big Camp for over 250 young people in December.

## PRAYERS

1. For peace and stability in Sierra Leone.
2. For the alleviation of poverty.
3. For our churches and the sports ministry to grow.
4. For funds for the sports ministry and the annual community meals at Christmas.