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**United Nations Systems mourns with Sierra Leone**

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**Freetown, Sierra Leone:** The United Nations in Sierra Leone expresses its deepest condolences to the victims of the fuel tanker incident on Friday night, 05 November at the Wellington Industrial Estate Area in the outskirts of the capital Freetown. Latest figures indicate that over a hundred casualties, including over 90 deaths have been reported, and that number is expected to rise.

The UN family wishes fortitude and peace to the bereaved families, and the Government and people of Sierra Leone in this period of grief.

Furthermore, as partners in the country's development aspirations, the UN family closely monitors the situation and stands ready to activate necessary response to support the Government's relevant emergency pillars to respond to the Friday night fire disaster at Wellington.

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