

Complaint against Managing Editor Standard Times by Hon P.C. M.S.K.

Banya IV

Hon. P.C. M.S.K. Banya forwarded a letter of complaint to the Independent Media Commission against the Managing Editor of the Standard Times Newspaper. The offending article dated 17th October 2007 carried on page 1 was captioned "ARSON" 'Paramount Chief Implicated in Kailahun House Burning'.

Hon. PC M.S.K. Banya IV informed members that the story was untrue and was a calculated attempt by the publisher to assassinate the characters of important persons in the Kailahun community.

He informed members that when he visited the Managing Editor of Standard Times in his office and explained to him about the embarrassment he had caused the Kailahun community, he gave him copy of a retraction of the article that he had published.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Managing Editor had published a retraction of the said article, he was advised to give it the same prominence on the front page as he did with the offending article. The Managing Editor complied.