

PRESS RELEASE

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The Independent Media Commission views with dismay the decline in the professional standard and moral ethics of certain recent publications.

On Wednesday the 24th January 2006, the Awareness Times published a photograph of the Managing Editor of Standard Times on the front page with the headline “Reckless fool”.

On Friday 26th January 2006, Standard Times publication carried a portrait of a cladly dressed woman being viewed by the late Foday Sankoh with the caption “Sylvia Blyden, Foday Sankoh’s parlour wife”?

This portrait which appeared on the front page was reproduced on page 10 of the same edition enlarged to make it more prominent.

The IMC condemns in no uncertain terms both publication and is therefore appealing to both sides to refrain from such immoral publications and to desist forthwith.

The IMC vehemently condemns publications of this nature and appeals to both parties to observe the ethics of professionalism.

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