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Sierra Leone

Overview

Sierra Leone has held regular multiparty elections since the end of its civil war in 2002, though the results have sometimes been contested. Civic groups are constrained and demonstrators and opposition parties have faced police violence and restrictions on assembly; some improvements have been made in recent years. Corruption remains pervasive.

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Political Rights

A. Electoral Process

B. Political Pluralism and Participation

C. Functioning of Government

Civil Liberties

D. Freedom of Expression and Belief

E. Associational and Organizational Rights

Score Change: The score improved from 1 to 2 because there have not been any major incidents of violence against protesters during the previous two years.

Score Change: The score improved from 2 to 3 because a strike action taken by the Sierra Leone Teachers Union over compensation and working conditions was resolved through negotiations with the government.

F. Rule of Law

G. Personal Autonomy and Individual Rights

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