

June 26, 2026

The Management,
Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID)
Dubawa
53 Mambolo Street,
Zone 2, Wuse Abuja
Nigeria.

Dear Sir/Ma,

Demand for Immediate Retraction and Apology: False Fact-Check Regarding Sierraloaded Publication

The attention of Sierraloaded Limited has been drawn to a recent fact-check published by your organization titled: "*FALSE: \$582 million cocaine did not originate from Sierra Leone*" (available at: <https://dubawa.org/false-582-million-cocaine-did-not-originate-from-sierra-leone/>).

In this publication, Dubawa explicitly states that: "*Sierraloaded alleged that the \$582 million cocaine was shipped from Sierra Leone.*"

We write to emphatically state that this assertion is entirely false.

As a professional fact-checking organization, Dubawa and its editors should be highly proficient in English and fully understand the critical journalistic distinction between the words "alleged" and "reportedly." If **Party A** makes an allegation about **Party B**, and **Party C** reports on that allegation, it is factually incorrect to state that **Party C** made the allegation.

Sierraloaded never alleged that the \$582 million cocaine shipment originated from Sierra Leone. We strictly reported a claim published by *Crime Intel*, a widely recognized X (formerly Twitter) account focused on tracking major organized crime worldwide. Furthermore, our article and accompanying video explicitly clarified that German investigators had not confirmed the origin country.

For your reference, here is the exact transcript of our reporting:

"Germany Seizes \$582 Million Worth of Cocaine Reportedly Shipped from Sierra Leone

German authorities have seized more than eight metric tons of cocaine with an estimated street value of 500 million euros (\$582 million) from a container that

arrived from West Africa, with reports suggesting the shipment originated from Sierra Leone.

The container was supposed to be carrying cacao beans but instead contained more than 400 packets wrapped in black foil, each holding about 20 blocks of compressed cocaine.

The X (formerly Twitter) account Crime Intel @WorldCrimeIntel reported that the shipment came from Sierra Leone, though German investigators have not officially confirmed the specific country of origin, stating only that the container had arrived from West Africa..."

This report remains publicly available on our website (<https://sierraloaded.sl/news/germany-seizes-cocaine-shipped-sierra-leone/>) and our YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/eS0wmAYc5uc>).

Accurate factchecking requires addressing the primary source of the claim—in this case, *Crime Intel*—rather than falsely accusing Sierraloaded of generating the allegation.

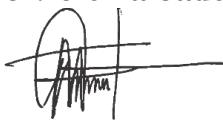
We hereby demand an immediate retraction of the false claim that Sierraloaded made this allegation, alongside a public apology from Dubawa. This must be completed within 72 hours of receiving this correspondence. Your wrongful use of our copyrighted brand name, "**Sierraloaded**," serves to defame and discredit our institution in the eyes of the public.

If you fail to comply with this demand within the stipulated 72-hour period, Sierraloaded reserves the right to institute civil proceedings against Mohamed Dauda Kamara and Dubawa for defamation. We will seek general damages, aggravated damages, and any other available legal remedies under the laws of Sierra Leone and Nigeria in respect of this publication and its continued availability online.

We trust that you will treat this matter with the urgency it requires to avoid litigation.

Sincerely,

For: Sierraloaded Limited



Alhaji Gamanga
Executive Director

