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Labor and Social Security Minister, Alpha Timbo was Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education when the school feeding rice got missing.
By Alfred Koroma

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is considering further action on the theft of 49,000 bags of rice donated to Sierra Leone by the Chinese Government, says Patrick Sandi, ACC Director of Public Education and External Outreach Department.

The rice was sent to Sierra Leone in 2019 to help government feed thousands of citizens in its school feeding project. But drama occurred, the rice suddenly went missing.

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LOCAL NEWS

Makeni, Bombali District, 8th December 2022: Today, the Bombali District Council, in the presence of the European Union Delegation to Sierra Leone, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, have officially handed over new market stalls facilities to serve the critical needs of farmers, petty traders and the communities to support the socio-economic development of Panlap and Makama communities in Bombali District.

The European Union provided funds for the newly constructed market stalls to support the district's critical infrastructure needs and benefit approximately two thousand people, particularly women and farmers who depend on small agri-businesses for their livelihoods. This investment will significantly provide security for their businesses, improve sanitation and safety, increase the incomes of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and smallholder farmers, and boost the revenue generation capacity of the district council.

The handing-over ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Sierra Leone's Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs, Hon. Tamba Lamina, the Deputy Minister of Economic Planning and Development, Hon. Dr. Robert Chakanda, Chairman of Bombali District Council, John Shangai Koroma, Head of Cooperation of the European Union Delegation to Sierra Leone, Gerald Hatler, Government officials, development partners, traditional and local authorities

Bombali District Council hands over markets and other EU-funded infrastructures to the communities



Minister of Local Government Tamba Lamina cut the tape to the facility while EU Ambassador looks on



and women and youth groups, including hundreds of beneficiaries.

The development of markets is one of the EU-funded investments in Bombali District that is part of the Support to Civil Society and Local Authorities for local development in Sierra Leone programme. Other EU contributions towards the economic and social development of Bombali District include the construction of a cattle paddock, a university campus student hostel, water facilities and the rehabilitation of feeder roads, culverts and bridges, in line with the District Development Plan.

Before the construction of the facilities, traders in these communities used to sell their products in temporary makeshift structures along the highway, posing

severe risks to the health and safety of traders and motorists. The new infrastructure will increase accessibility to market trading and promote economic opportunities for local traders, who are primarily women. This focus greatly supports the national development agenda of the Government of Sierra Leone and the EU's goal of economic and gender equality. The market facilities will also protect produce and other perishable goods from inclement weather. Furthermore, the facilities will generate revenue to support the Bombali District Council in support of decentralization and the provision of critical social services to the local population.

The District Council also celebrated the handing over of water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) facilities built by Inter Aide. The EU-funded WASH facilities will greatly boost the quality and quantity of water available and improve basic sanitation for the community.

Through this programme, the EU has funded the construction of additional market facilities in Falaba, Kambia, Karene, Kenema, and Pujehun District. The market projects are just one example of the EU's support to developing Sierra Leone's infrastructure to enhance effective service delivery by district councils, promote local development and support decentralization efforts.

Patrick Sandi: ACC is considering further action on missing Chinese rice

From Cover

President Bio then dismissed four senior government ministers and officials with regards allegations of corruption involving the rice.

The present Minister of Labour and Social Security, Alpha Timbo, who was then Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education when the rice disappeared was among those temporarily sacked together with Emily Kadiatu Gogra, Deputy Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education; Charles Kamanda, Permanent Secretary of Ministry; and Mamusa Massaquoi, Director of Nutrition, also in the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education.

The officials were charged by ACC for misappropriating the forty-nine thousand bags of 50 Kg rice. But ACC controversially dropped the charges pegging it on lack of evidence, eventually leading to the reinstatement of the suspected officials.

But speaking on AYV Wake Up Salone Program yesterday, the ACC spokesperson, Patrick Sandi said they are again considering further action on the matter.

"On the 49 thousand bags of rice, I want the people to know and understand where we are. Indeed, the ACC has charged that matter to court. And then it was discharged. We came back and reviewed it. After the review, we realized that it was quite a difficult issue..."

"At the moment, ACC is now considering further action with regards that matter," he said.

Sandi was speaking to AYV ahead of the Commission's commemoration of the International Anti-Corruption Day happening today at CATCO International Conference Centre. President Bio is expected to deliver a keynote address at the event where he will reaffirm his



commitment to the fight against corruption.

ACC under Francis Ben Kaifala has successfully prosecuted several public officials and recovered billions of stolen public funds, winning the Commission several international accolades.

However, critics say corruption is still persistent in the country, especially among officials of the present Bio led Government under which Kaifala became head of the country's Anti-Corruption. According to critics, ACC is not doing much in prosecuting officials of the government accused of corruption. Instead, the Commission targets only officials of the previous administration.

"We are seeing Sierra Leone making strife in times of ratings. In principle, there is much we are doing. But in reality, we are still seeing a prevalence of corruption, unexplained wealth," Lecturer and media analyst, Thomas Dixon said.

Thomas Dixon who was in AYV studio with the ACC official called on the Commission not to wait for a change of government before they investigate allegations of unexplained wealth.

He alleged that in Gloucester, Mambo - politicians of the present government are building houses incommensurate to their salaries while other politicians outside the government are being targeted for the same crime.

Ahead of 2023 elections... NPDC to organize political debate for youth, women and PWDs

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

National Political Debates Committee (NPDC), has told newsmen that ahead of the 2023 elections, the committee will be organising debates for youth, women and Person with Disabilities (PWDs) in political parties, which is set to take place in January 2023.

The NPDC is made up of 11 institutions including the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAAJ), Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), civil society organisations and some media outlets, among others.

While speaking at the SLAJ Headquarters, 56 Campbell, Freetown, Ahmed Sahid Nasralla, Chairman NPDC said the NPDC is a body that is responsible to organize political debates in Sierra Leone, which was born out of the 2018 elections.

He said the purpose of NPDC is to implore politicians and have them obtain the culture of debate so that they can dialogue on issue-based politics rather than tribe and region.

"Today, we want to unveil our plan for the January. With support from the National Democratic Institute, three debates will be organized in January 2023 before the Presidential Elections," he stated.

He said the three debates will be conducted young people in politics, women in politics and PWDs. He said the debates will be held on January 2nd, 19th, and 26th respectively.

The SLAJ president continues that there would be three topics for the three



Members of the NPDC on High table at SLAJ Headquarters

debaters and each category having one topic.

He said the young people's debate which will be held between 7pm - 10 pm on January 2nd at the Brookfields Hotel in Freetown will be on the topic 'what possible solutions will your party proffer to address youth unemployment, drug abuse instead of hate speech and disinformation and to create national security issue and national cohesion'.

The second debate for the women will be held at the same venue and time on January 19th, 2023. He said the second debate will be on the topic 'what role will your party play to ensuring the effective implementation of the GEWE Act across the nation'.

"The 3rd debate for the person with disabilities will be held on January 26th on the same time and venue and will be on the topic 'what will your party do to promote the inclusion and ensure the active participation of PWDs in political parties,'" he said.

He concluded that they will provide a two-day workshop for the coaching and orientation of debaters on how to go about the debate, adding that one person will represent each of the 17 political parties and will speak for only 5 minutes before.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Yusufu S. Bangura

Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) has on Wednesday presented the final assessment report to cabinet ministries and heads of agencies where Sierra Leone scored 87.5% in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard report.

The event was held at D'Bim D' Bim multipurpose hall, Upper Wellington Street in Freetown, with the theme 'EITI validation, a pathway to enhance transparency and accountability in the extractive sector'.

Doing a power point presentation, National Coordinator for SLEITI, Mohamed Bambia Koroma said the validation report is an assessment done by EITI international secretariat to look at the progress made by countries in implementing the EITI standard, which has 33 individual requirements.

He said in the 2018 validation report, they scored meaningful progress with 74% but this year they made another validation where the country scored 87.5%, so the meeting was to present the report to stakeholders on the outcomes, findings and recommendations of the report.

He continued that the overall score reflects an average of the three component scores on stakeholder engagement, transparency, and outcomes and impact.

The National Coordinator for SLEITI said when the validation process started they were pleased that they were going to score high on beneficiary ownership, but they were disappointed that they scored low because in 2018, President Bio made a pronouncement that he would improve the beneficiary ownership as part of the mining laws in the country, but they did not meet the standard at that time.

He promised to work on the areas they scored low by engaging various institutions to ensure that they establish a registered document that would host company information for beneficiary ownerships, and that they would send beneficiary owner's template to the extractive companies for the corrective actions to be implemented before the next

validation.

He said the next validation will commence on 1st January 2025 for Sierra Leone to carry out their corrective actions regarding contract and license allocations, beneficial ownership, production data, export data, disaggregation, and revenue distribution.

"President Bio was very pleased with the report because we scored 87.5% as Sierra Leone is among other countries that scored high mark. We have done well. As an institution, we are very proud to score 87.5% which shows that we are getting support from the government and partners. It also gives a positive signal to investors who want to come and invest in the country because they know they Sierra Leone is safe," he said.

Project Coordinator for Extractive Industries Technical Assistance Project (EITAP), Mustapha Sheku Gibril said the overall score was announced on the 12th October 2022 at the 54 EITI board meeting held in Oslo, Norway.

He said with funding from World Bank, they provided financial support to the validation processes which resulted to the achievement made by the country, adding that over the years they have supported governance and management reforms of the extractive sector.

Gibril said the 87.5% shows that key project objectives in compliance with set standards on transparency and accountability in the payments made in oil, gas and mining sector, were met to eliminate all forms of corruption in those areas because they were disclose among other things.

"We are proud of our contributions to optimizing gains from the mines and minerals sectors for the country and we hope that the government would build on these achievements to deepen efforts that would make Sierra Leone a great destination for foreign direct investment," he said.

Speaking on behalf of Chamber of Mines, Hussine Yilla said the Chamber of mines is a group of mining companies collectively working together on mining sector issues. She said they provided opportunities for the common good and support the government agencies on responsible

mining in the country, adding that they also support the common principle of SLEITI based on promoting transparency and accountability in extractive industries in the country through data collation, verification and reporting.

She continued that the chamber collaborates with ministries, departments agencies, CSOs and the media in ensuring that Sierra Leone adheres to the EITI reporting standards as demonstrated by the recent achievement made in implement the 2019 EITI standard.

"Most notably, industry engagement



National Coordinator for SLEITI making his presentation

scoring 90% which shows that the chamber is committed to the entire process. So I want to commend the government for making SLEITI secretariat a priority and ensuring Sierra Leone remains compliant with EITI standards," she said.

Giving the keynote address, Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources, Kenei Lamin said the validation process started way back in 2007, when SLEITI was launched and he referred to the institution as a baby, taking into effect they have only existed for 15 years.

He said Sierra Leone had its first report in 2008, which was produced by Adam Smith International, adding that as a ministry, they were very happy about the tremendous progress made so far, but called on the necessary stakeholders to improve on the 87.5% in the next validation.

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is the global standard to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources.

The EITI standard requires the disclosure of information along the Extractive industry value chain from the point of extraction to how revenues make their way through the government and how they benefit the public, by doing so, the EITI seeks to strengthen public and corporate governance, promote an understanding of natural resources management and provide the data to inform reforms for great transparency and accountabilities in the extractive sectors.

Ahead of the International Human Rights Day...

HRC- SL highlights state of Human Rights

By Ishmael Dumbuya

The Human Rights Commission, an umbrella body responsible for monitoring, promoting and protecting human rights in Sierra Leone, has highlighted the strides the country has taken over the years in order to improve the human rights records of the country.

It came as the International Human Rights Day will be held on Saturday 10th December 2022

In his interview on Radio Democracy, the Vice Chairperson of the Commission, Lawyer Victor I. Lansana, started by stating that the International Human Rights Day is a day set aside by the United Nations through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on the 10th December 1948 in order to promote and protect human rights across the world.

He went on to state that the Sierra Leone's Human Right Commission since its inception strives to live up to that commitment of protecting and promoting human rights in the country.

Victor Lansana added that the commission as a way of protecting and promoting human rights has held public enquiries into the activities of law enforcement officers and conducted stakeholders' engagements.

He indicated that this year's theme would be 'dignity, freedom and justice for all, stand up for human rights', noting however that, because elections are around the corner, the commission has decided to localize the theme to; human rights and elections.

The vice chairperson explained that this year's event is a 'Walk for Human Rights' wherein participants will walk from Uppun to Taylor Cummings Garden, adjacent Cotton Tree, while the official event will take place on Monday.

When asked about the status of human rights in the country, Victor Lansana clarified that the Commission has the mandate of compiling an Annual State of



Human Right status in the country, but it first goes to the Office of the President and then to parliament before it is finally placed in the public domain.

Victor Lansana was elated to inform the public that Sierra Leone's Human Rights Commission has been re-assessed as a grade A national institution by the United Nations Human Rights Council through the Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions.

He further stated that the economic and cultural rights were proving very challenging as there are less employment opportunities, coupled with the rise in the prices of food commodities.

He said as a commission they urge government to address those areas, adding that the civil and political rights are at their best in the country.

He climaxed that one of the recommendations in the Annual State of Human Rights 2021 is for government to address the water shortage particularly in the Western Area, as people have got the right to potable drinking water in the country.

"A lot of children have become careless with their studies because they have to spend the rest of the day in queues to fetch water, particularly our girls who are prone to lots of dangers." He ended.

Parliament approves 10 Appeals and High Court Judges

By Jariatu S. Bangura



Members of the Appointment and Public Service committee on Thursday, December 8, approved ten presidential nominees to serve as Appeals and High Court Judges respectively.

The Judges of the Appeals Court includes: Justice Francis Bangs Kamara, Justice Hannah Bonnie, Justice Aggrey Aruna, Justice Adrian Fisher, Justice Mohammed Bawoh, Justice Abdul Sheriff and Justice Abu Bakarr Sannoh.

Also, the Judges for the High Court includes Justice Tonya Bannette, Justice Samuel Omodele Moses Taylor and Justice Michale Patrick Hindolo Mammy Jm respectively.

Chairman of the Committee and Leader of

Government Business, Hon. Matthew Nyuma, commended his colleagues for making the approval of the judges for the benefits of all, thus urging that the same atmosphere be accorded to others.

Also, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Segepor S. Thomas, commended the President for recognizing the hard work of his colleague legal luminaries, but called on government to help improve the welfare and improve the status of judges considering their workloads.

He also urged that emphasis be placed on improving the technological creativity in the courtrooms as some judges have to sit for longer period writing on paper for each witness or prosecutor one at a time.



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LOCAL NEWS

African, Caribbean and Pacific states to work together on road safety

The second day of work in Luanda, as part of the summit of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACP), which will bring together heads of state next Friday and Saturday in the Angolan capital.

The day was marked by the Youth Forum where road safety and the role of youths in this matter were discussed. Every year the lives of approximately 1.25 million people are cut short as a result of a road traffic crash, with 90% of the fatalities occurring in low and middle-income countries, according to WHO.

The OACP Secretary General Georges Chikoti said that the approach of the governments of the organisation's member states, with regard to Road

Safety, must be "inclusive and involve the private sector", universities, civil society and young people in general.

"It is essential to forge inclusive and effective alliances and implement programmes at the national level to overcome the challenges in terms of Road Safety," Chikoti said.

Road traffic crashes cost most countries 3% of their gross domestic product. The newly adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has set an ambitious target of halving the global number of deaths and injuries from road traffic crashes by 2020.

The Angolan Ministry of Youth and Sports vowed to continue implementing road safety awareness programmes in schools and religious centres, in a country where road safety is still a struggle.



The summit of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACP) is taking place in Luanda, Angola - Copyright © africanewsCleared

US Secretary of State, USAID, Tony Elumelu Foundation host opening reception for Biden's US-Africa Leaders' Summit

The U.S. Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Tony Elumelu Foundation are partnering to host an official kickoff event to increase trade and investment between African nations and the United States.

This dynamic evening event will open President Biden's U.S.- Africa Leaders' Summit on December 12, 2022, bringing together investors, entrepreneurs, members of the Diaspora, influencers, and media leaders to celebrate and strengthen cultural and economic ties between the U.S. and African nations, support young entrepreneurs, encourage relationship building and deal making, and highlight the opportunity and dynamism across the U.S.-Africa investment ecosystem.

This welcome reception themed "The Innovators Gathering: Investing in U.S.-Africa Cultural and Economic Ties" will be hosted by the Secretary of State and the Prosper Africa Initiative, in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Tony Elumelu Foundation. The event will take place on Monday, December 12, 2022, and will feature a remarks program and panel discussion, followed by a reception.

The Innovators Gathering is the first U.S. government hosted event during the week of President Biden's U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit, bringing together African and Diaspora innovators, entrepreneurs, and U.S. investors for an evening to celebrate and strengthen U.S.-Africa cultural and economic ties.

The evening will support in catalyzing partnerships between African and Diaspora innovators/entrepreneurs and U.S. capital/technology. It will showcase how the United States and its partners such as the Tony Elumelu Foundation, are bringing together U.S. and African investors, entrepreneurs, members of the Diaspora, influencers, and media leaders to strengthen cultural and economic ties between the U.S. and African nations.

This reception will celebrate and



strengthen US-Africa partnerships, serving as a milestone for the work achieved together so far, and as a catalyst for future action. It will showcase the dynamism and depth of the multi-dimensional cultural and economic ties between the U.S. and African nations, and highlight the opportunities in Africa as one of the fastest-growing startup cultures in the world. The event will feature U.S. government leaders, young entrepreneurs, investors, sports figures, artists, and influencers who show the rich ties between the U.S. and African nations.

It will also draw media attention and showcase young Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurs in attendance to foster greater relationship building and deal making, and to highlight the opportunity and dynamism across the U.S.-Africa investment ecosystem.

President Biden is hosting leaders from across the African continent in Washington, DC on December 13-15, 2022, for the U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit. The Summit will demonstrate the United States' enduring commitment to Africa, and will underscore the importance of U.S.-Africa relations and increased cooperation on shared global priorities.

EAP group of companies engages management of RC Bank

By Alhaji Haruna Sani



Professor Alex O. Phillips Chairman of EAP group and Dr. Walton Ekundayo Gilpin MD of RC bank

Members of the Ebenezer the Almighty Prosperous aka E.A.P group of companies have on December 7th, 2022 engaged management of the Rokel Commercial Bank on a mutual agreement to have the Bank as its official banking partner for the company's business.

The EAP group of companies which is set to have a modern city that will be environmentally fascinating, exotic and stunning for residential, entertainment, recreational and tourism purposes at York Village will complete its first project by a modernize water by Easter next year.. Professor Alex O. Phillips said the Motherland City project which is to be implemented by the EAP Group of Companies will brand Sierra Leone as one of the foremost tourist investment destination in Africa.

"The establishment of the most attractive 21st century smart city is said to begin in 2023. Infrastructures such as roads, water and electricity will occupy the first phase of construction, which is expected in two years and the city which costs is estimated at around 200 million USD is expected to be completed by April 2027," Professor Phillips assured.

Chairman Phillips told the management of the Rokel Commercial Bank that the Motherland City will consist of 10,000 residential units, shopping mall in 250 units, wax museum, 4 factories, and energy wind mills for power generation, ferry depot and terminal, hospital complex, schools, amusement park, hotels, restaurants, entertainment centers among other life enjoyable facilities.

Phillips averred that the Smart city will attract more businesses, thereby boosting the Country's economy and reducing unemployment because businesses flock to cities with smarter infrastructure to lowers their operating costs, thereby improving their profit margins and opportunities for growth.

Chairman Phillips assured that the Motherland City when completed will save each Sierra Leonean citizen staying in Freetown 125 hours a year. He said Freetown is currently 4 mph, causing drivers to lose up to 70 hours per year due to congestion.

"Motherland city will provide better traffic management and therefore quicker and safer roads, this will give drivers up to 60 hours back annually. The Sierra Leone's Motherland City of hope, when completed will improve net spending inflows, create jobs and contribute to tax revenues by generating substantial amounts of taxes to the local and central Government," he concluded.

Dr. Walton Ekundayo Gilpin, Managing Director of Rokel Commercial Bank thanked the delegation and the EAP group for not losing faith in RC Bank as a local bank. He said the Rokel Commercial is indeed a banking solution provider, maintaining that they want the partnership to become the envy of Sierra Leone and by extension the whole world.

"We are a local bank that is for the people, by the people and of the people and what EAP is doing for the people of Sierra Leone. As the project is in its inception mode, we can be proud to say we are part of the process, therefore we will give you all the service that you need," he assured.

He said the company is bringing home what Sierra Leoneans have been paying to go and see, feel and enjoy in other Countries. He assured the EAP group of their Bank's support as he emphasized on their banks accessibility to every Sierra Leonean through the SIM KOPOR mobile banking.

Other key staff of the Bank expressed further commitment in working with the EAP group of companies. They all noted that they will always be ready to give special attention and apt service to the EAP Group.



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SLFA lifts ban on Musa Noah Kamara

By Musa K Baidna

The Sierra Leone Football Association in a press release issued on Wednesday 7th December has lifted the temporary suspension levied on controversial striker, Musa Noah Kamara, popularly known as Musa Tombo.

The lifting of the suspension comes as a result of the investigation carried out regarding the abandonment of a professional contract in Libya.

The SLFA stated that it has established that Musa Noah Kamara signed a two year deal with Al Ittihad Sports Club and registered under the Libyan Football Association.

"The contract is valid from 15th August, 2022 to 14th August 2024. The Sierra Leone Football Association is therefore urging Musa Noah Kamara to respect the contract in Libya and carefully follow guiding principles and international transfer rules," SLFA stated.

The SLFA on 14 September 14 2022, temporarily suspended Musa Noah Kamara (Musa Tombo) from participating in all SLFA-related competitions in Sierra Leone after controversies over Kamara's contractual issues with Libyan champions Al Ittihad SC.

The forward was reported to have signed a two year with Al Ittihad and later on, he wanted to breach the agreement of the contract.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES FOR UN AGENCIES IN SIERRA LEONE

UNICEF Sierra Leone wishes to invite proposals for the provision of high-speed internet services for UN Agencies in Sierra Leone through a Long-Term Agreement (LTA) for an initial period of 24 months with a possible extension for another 12 months.

The deadline for bid submission which is through the online method only is Friday 23rd December at 10 am.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SERVICES FOR UN AGENCIES IN SIERRA LEONE ON LONG TERM AGREEMENT BASIS (ungm.org)

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A bid conference will be held/was held on Friday 9th December 2022 at 10 am at the UNICEF Country Office, New England, Freetown.



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Total, NGOs in court over oil projects in Uganda and Tanzania



“Cynicism” of TotalEnergies or “obstinacy” of NGOs?

The French group was summoned before the Paris court on Wednesday by six NGOs who accuse it of failing in its “duty of vigilance” on a mega oil project in Uganda and Tanzania.

Friends of the Earth, Survival and four Ugandan NGOs accuse TotalEnergies of carrying out this project in defiance of human rights and the environment and call on the group to respect a law passed in 2017 which imposes on multinationals a “duty of vigilance” on their activities around the world.

This legislation obliges them in particular to “prevent serious violations of human rights, the health and safety of people and the environment” through a “vigilance plan”.

The hearing at the heart of this case, the first brought to justice since the law was voted in 2017, was held before many associative and political actors. It arrives three years late due to a procedural battle lost by TotalEnergies. The six NGOs have in their sights two colossal sites of the group: “Tilenga”, a drilling of 419 wells in Uganda partly located in a natural park, and the EACOP project (East African Crude Oil Pipeline) intended to transport hydrocarbons to the Indian Ocean crossing Tanzania over 1,445 km.

The active phase of the works began in February and the commissioning of the project is scheduled for 2025. “118,000 expropriations”

During this first hearing, Louis Cofflard, the lawyer for the NGOs, regretted that TotalEnergies had not taken advantage of the three years of proceedings to “commit to and comply with its obligations”, seeing it as “a certain form of cynicism”.

He was particularly sorry not to find in the vigilance plan of TotalEnergies “the environmental risks and the climatic impacts linked to the project”.

Céline Gagay, lawyer for Survie, went further by listing the opposition to the project and several figures.

Some “118,000 partial expropriations are necessary for this project”, she assures, but the populations to be compensated, often small farmers, are “deprived of the right to work their land before having received the slightest compensation”.

In total, 28,000 people are still waiting for compensation

and “TotalEnergies is taking no action to prevent thousands of farmers from being deprived of the right to use their land”, she continues.

“We have very concrete requests for the distribution of food to people deprived of their means of subsistence, for the revision of compensation rates, for consultation of those affected”, detailed after the hearing Juliette Renaud, of Friends of the Earth.

“Shame for them” - Opposite, the lawyer for TotalEnergies, Antonin Lévy, assures that he “could have spent five hours denouncing” what he considers to be untruths but prefers to focus on “the inadmissibility” of the NGO request.

Among other reasons, he notes that the summons launched in 2019 was aimed at the vigilance plan of 2018, which has since evolved, and that the judge in chambers cannot take extra-territorial measures. The project, recalls Me Lévy, is led by TotalEnergies Uganda, a subsidiary of the French group.

The NGOs actually want to bring “the trial of TotalEnergies, Tilenga and EACOP, Tanzania, Uganda and their leaders”, asserts the lawyer, denouncing “this obstinacy to be (...) the one who may set a precedent, to the detriment of the populations concerned”.

What to fulminate the French MEP Pierre Larrourou (S&D, left), present at the hearing: “I found that the lawyers of Total made fun of the world”. And to cite the example of a Ugandan met on the spot. “He told us: + they forced me to sign and gave me 6 million shillings, but I would need 12 million to have the same surface +. We did the calculation, what this gentleman is missing and his family, it’s 1,600 euros (...) I’m ashamed for them”.

After the hearing, TotalEnergies assured AFP that its “vigilance plan clearly identified the risks responding to the concerns of NGOs” and that it was “effectively implemented”, the group having “ensured that its subsidiary in Uganda had applied the appropriate action plans”.

The group also assures that, according to independent figures from October, 92% of compensation agreements had been signed and 88% of compensation paid on the Tilenga project in Uganda.

Deliberation expected on February 28.

100-year-old Ethiopia’s French-built railway remains vital for residents



A train operator assistant looks on at the old Franco-Ethiopian train station in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, on October 24, 2022. - Copyright © africanews AMANUEL SILESHU/AFP or licensors

The train pulled out of Dire Dawa station with a creak and disappeared into the pre-dawn gloom, the lights that once illuminated its decades-old carriages having stopped working long ago.

Over a century after the French laid a railroad in eastern Ethiopia, the old track remains indispensable for trade and transport, even with the recent arrival of a modern, Chinese-built line.

Twice a week, passengers and cargo pile into carriages dating from 1955 to make the 12-hour, 200-kilometre (125-mile) journey by diesel locomotive from Dire Dawa to Dewele, on the border of Djibouti.

There, they trade vegetables and khat -- a mildly narcotic shrub -- for food and other items.

“We use it as transport,” said a young shopkeeper who declined to give her name, and said she exchanged goods for rice, sugar, pasta, spices, tomato sauce and oil. The journey today spans the only functioning part of the original 784-kilometre line, which once ran between Addis Ababa, the capital of landlocked Ethiopia, and Djibouti City on the Gulf of Aden.

Since 2016, a modern, electrified railway line built by China connects the two capitals in anywhere between 12 hours and 18 hours.

But in Dire Dawa, which was built by the French to accommodate rail workers with the advent of the “Franco-Ethiopian Railway”, the “Chinese train” as it is locally known does not suit everyone.

“Ablessing” - Stops along the Chinese line are outside city lines, and the ticket price is higher.

Crucially, it only makes three stops between Dire Dawa and Dewele, compared to eight along the French line.

“The (Chinese) train doesn’t stop at any station near us,” said the young shopkeeper.

“The railway was built along small towns and districts, and people settled near the stations,” said Mulugeta Kebede, 70, a driver on the old train for four decades.

“There are places that cars can’t go, and the only means of transportation is the train.”

Ismail Khayad, deputy general manager of the ‘Dire Dawa-Dewele Railway’, said the new route did not service the region in the same way the French-built line did.

“People say the old railway is a blessing; the other one is... useless for us,” he said.

People have come to depend on the train as a bringer of food and other essentials, said Ayoub Asofa, 62, who mans the first stop after Dire Dawa, a shack about 10 kilometres from the city.

“This train is tied to the existence of the people,” he said. “It will affect people’s daily lives if this train stops.”

- Slow decline - Nostalgia and bitterness is evident among the railway workers of Dire Dawa, a pretty town with tree-shaded streets.

At the old train station, signs in Amharic and French -- a language still spoken by some of the older railway workers -- are a reminder of its storied past.

Ordered by Emperor Menelik, work on the line began in 1897 in modern-day Djibouti, then a French colony. The line reached Dire Dawa, 311 kilometres to the south, by Christmas 1902, and Addis Ababa by the summer of 1917. Sitting at an economic crossroads, Dire Dawa was for a long time Ethiopia’s second-most populated city.

“It was the railroad that founded this city,” said Ismail. But the railway went into decline in the 1970s with the rise of road transport and greater access to the sea via Eritrea, then part of Ethiopia.

Neglect, frequent derailments and a plodding pace saw the line fall into disuse. The Addis-Dire Dawa line was abandoned in the early 2000s, followed by the Djibouti leg. Just 300 of its 2,500 employees remain, and the luxury sleeping cars that once ferried guests in style now lie rusting by the station.

The city, too, has deteriorated economically and socially over the years, said Ismail, who accused the Ethiopian government of having “abandoned” the railroad and its workers.

- Century-old trade - To keep these historic trains running, the original rail workshops are kept operational, manned by a few dozen technicians.

Some of the machinery is as old as the railroad itself. “Elwell&Seyring, Plaine St-Denis, 1903”, reads a steel plate on a particularly vintage machine operated by veteran technician Belay Mulu, who switches it on to prove it still works.

Today he relies on a newer model, but all parts are repaired and repurposed on site because they don’t buy spares, the 53-year-old said.

“We don’t have much work now, because there’s not much traffic,” says Berhanou Bekele, 60, who heads the “Towed Equipment Repair” department at the station.

Beyond keeping trains on the tracks, these workshops are a crucial service for the region, their tradesmen turning their skills to repairing equipment at hospitals and factories.

“There is no workshop like it” within 500 kilometres, said Woubest Arefe, who relies on technicians at the railway to build crucial parts for the detergent factory he manages.

“If it’s not here, either we have to bring it from China, which is very costly... otherwise we have to go to Addis Ababa,” he said, adding that would increase the overall cost.

The railway workers refuse to let their century-old know-how disappear.

“We have received it from our elders and we need to pass it to the next generation to preserve it,” said Ahmed Abdallah, a 53-year-old train driver. “People get old, but knowledge never gets old.”

Fake soldier arrested in Ghana, attempting to access military installation



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The Ghana Armed forces has arrested a man posing as a senior military officer at the forces base in Burma Camp located in the capital city, Accra.

The suspect identified as Rufai Abubakar was arrested after trying to access a military installation using forged credentials.

“The suspect who entered Burma Camp in a commercial vehicle was closely monitored as he alighted at a bus stop and headed to the Air Force Base. The guards on duty noticed his suspicious behaviour, questioned him and after some incoherent answers, he confessed he was not service personnel”, a press release by the Ghana Armed

UN warns of “catastrophic emergency” in Somalia

The UN Humanitarian coordinator for Somalia warned on Tuesday of a “catastrophic emergency” in the country due to the ongoing drought.

Speaking on Tuesday at a joint meeting between the UN and the League of Arab States, the coordinator said Somalia was suffering from its fifth consecutive failed rainy season.

“The end to the emergency is nowhere in sight. As we gather here today, approximately 7.8 million Somalis, and that is nearly half of its population, have been affected by the drought and nearly 1.3 million people have been displaced since January 2021, 6.7 million people are expected to face high levels of acute food insecurity. That is by the end of this coming year”, said Adam Abdelmoula, UN

Humanitarian coordinator for Somalia. The Arab League secretary-general stressed the risks for the security situation in the country.

“Statistics indicate that the numbers of people who are living in pre-famine or near famine conditions in Somalia have increased five times since the beginning of the year and internal displacement is still ongoing. the conflict for scarce resources is dangerously affecting peace and security for society and the political situation in Somalia”, said Arab League Secretary-General, Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

Nearly half of Somalia’s 15 million people are affected by food insecurity. Since January 2021 that 1.3 million people have been forced to abandon their homes.

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Forces on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 read.

Details of the statement also has it that the suspect “...posed as a Senior Military Officer to enable him to defraud one Mr Abdallah Abdul Fatahu from whom he had collected an amount of three thousand Ghana Cedis (GH3,000.00) (\$230) under the pretext of recruiting him into the Ghana Armed Forces.

“The suspect who was dressed in a military camouflage uniform, decorated with fake Lieutenant Colonel ranks, claimed he was stationed at Northern Command Headquarters and was proceeding to the Air Force Base to book a flight to Tamale (Northern region)”, the press release stated.

It added that fake military identification and business cards and other documents bearing his name were found on the suspect at the time of his arrest.

Rufai Abubakar took the Military Police officers to two residences where they discovered documents including several certificates and fake GAF recruitment reports bearing names of defrauded persons, military uniforms and a toy pistol.

The suspect, according to the GFA has since been handed over to the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID) of the Ghana Police Service for further investigation and prosecution.

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Abt Associates, a major American business and government research, technical assistance, and consulting company, manages the USAID-funded VectorLink Project. VectorLink will support the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and USAID to plan and implement an integrated vector control approach with the overall goal of reducing the burden of malaria. Abt has implemented indoor residual spraying (IRS) for PMI since 2011, delivering high-quality IRS programs and gathering the most comprehensive vector control entomological data in the world. Under this contract, Abt will expand entomological monitoring to guide programs focused on insecticide-treated mosquito nets and IRS and continue to assist PMI in reducing the burden of malaria through IRS and capacity building in 24 African countries where malaria is endemic. Abt also will continue to support PMI in IRS monitoring and evaluation as well as environmental compliance.

Abt associates Inc., received funds from USAID, to implement the Programme: "Vectorlink Project" in Five (5) different districts of Sierra Leone. Part of the funds has been allocated for the Procurement of various Services. We hereby invite all legally constituted companies, or business or enterprises that can provide these goods and services, to Request for RFQ in their areas of Specialization.

Schedule of RFQ:

| Lot Number | Description of items |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Lot 1 | Printing Services |
| Lot 2 | Stationery Items |
| Lot 3 | Transportation Services |
| Lot 4 | Cleaning Items |
| Lot 5 | Lodging Services |
| Lot 6 | Miscellaneous Items |
| Lot 7 | IRS Cards |

Interested bidders must request the RFQ clearly stating their area of interest via email to SierraLeoneProcurement@pmivectorlink.com, between the hours of **8:00am** and **5:30pm** from **5th December 2022 to 8th December, 2022** and you may seek any clarification via email to SierraLeoneProcurement@pmivectorlink.com. Please note that all clarifications will be made to potential bidders latest **Tuesday 6th December 2022**.

Bidders are required to submit their respective bids not later than **December 9th, 2022**, at **13:00pm**. And bids can be dropped in the bid box in our office at 41W1 Derrick Drive, Off Spur Road, or via email to SierraLeoneProcurement@pmivectorlink.com. E-mail submissions must not be of file size above 2mbs in PDF format.



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**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN) DESIGN AND REPAIR OF
KONGO DAM, KONGO WEIR, TACUYAMA WEIR, SUGAR LOAF WEIR, AND
ASSOCIATED RAW WATER TRANSMISSION PIPELINES. IN FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE**

Invitation for Bids

IFB Number: WASHAERP/ADF/GoSL/GVWC/003-WKS
Sector: Water and Sanitation
Project ID No: P-SL-E00-004
Employer: Guma Valley Water Company
Project: Freetown Water & Aquatic Environment
Revamping
Project Contract title: Design and Repair of Kongo Dam, Kongo Weir, Tacuyama Weir, Sugar Loaf Weir, and associated raw water transmission pipelines in Freetown, Sierra Leone
Country: Sierra Leone
Loan No. 2100150040547

Procurement Method: Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI No: WASHAERP/ADF/GoSL/GVWC/003-WKS

Issued on: 18 NOVEMBER 2022

- The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) and Ministry of Finance (MoF) has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Freetown Water & Aquatic Environment Revamping Project (WASHAERP). It is intended to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Design and Repair of Kongo Dam, Kongo Weir, Tacuyama Weir, Sugar Loaf Weir, and associated raw water transmission pipelines in Freetown, Republic of Sierra Leone.
"For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit."
- The Guma Valley Water Company in Freetown, republic of Sierra Leone now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Design and Repair of Kongo Dam, Kongo Weir, Tacuyama Weir, Sugar Loaf Weir, and associated raw water transmission pipelines Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), OCBI procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework Standard Bidding Document for procurement of small works December 2021 version, and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding document at the office of:

The Procurement Manager, Freetown WASH and Aquatic Environment Revamping Project,
Guma Valley Water Company,
7th Floor, Guma Building, 12/14 Lamina Sankoh Street
Freetown
The Republic of Sierra Leone
Electronic mail address: gumaprourement@yahoo.com
and washaerpprocurement@yahoo.com
- The bidding document in English Language may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Fifty (50) United

State Dollars or Le 850,000 (Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Leones) from Guma Valley Water Company Procurement office 7th Floor.

The method of payment will be cash or direct deposit to the Guma Valley Water Company designated account number to be provided upon request.

The document will be sent by email or International express courier at the expenses of the contractor.

- Bids must be delivered to the address below (10a) on or before Thursday 12 January 2023 at 15:00 hours Freetown Local Time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below (10b) on Thursday 12 January 2023 at 15:15 hours Freetown Local Time.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Security of USD 65,000.00 (Sixty-five Thousand) United States Dollars or SLE 1,137,500 only from a reputable Bank in the form of a Bank Guarantee.

8. Some of the evaluation criteria include:

(i) Minimum average annual construction turnover of US\$ 3,000,000 calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last three years, divided by years

(ii) A minimum number of three similar contracts specified below that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor between 2nd January 2018 and bid submission deadline: (three contracts, each of minimum value USD 500,000)
The similarity of the contracts shall be based on the following: Based on Section VII, Scope of Works, construction/repair of concrete dams and weirs.

9. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

10. The address(es) referred to above is:

(a) Address for submission

Guma Valley Water Company
Freetown Wash and Aquatic Environment Revamping Project
Guma Building
7th Floor, Procurement office
12/14 Lamina Sankoh Street,
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

(B) address for bid opening

Guma Valley Water Company
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Invitation for Bid
(National Competitive Bidding - NCB)

RE-BID REQUIREMENT

Sierra Leone Agribusiness & Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS) Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF).

- Requirement:** Supply & Delivery of Fertilizers and Related Items for SLARI
- Bid & Contract No:** MAF/SLARIS/NER/NCB/004/2022
- Date of Issue:** 6th DECEMBER 2022

4. The Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice value Chain Support Project of the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) has received a Grant from the African Development Fund (AfDB) towards the Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Development Project (SLARIS) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this grant will be utilized for the procurement of Fertilizer and related items as summarized below:

5. Description of Goods:

| No. | Description | Qty | Bid Security from a reputable Commercial Bank Amount (NSLL) | Estimated Delivery Period After Award |
|-----|---|-----|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | NPK 15:15:15 & Urea (46%) - 50kg bags | Lot | 92,000.00 | within One (1) Month |
| 2 | Selective & Non - Selective Herbicide (liters) | | | |
| 3 | Rice bag sowing rope - bundles | | | |
| 4 | Seed treatment chemical - (phostoxin) - cartoon | | | |
| 5 | Pesticide (sharpsooter) - liters | | | |
| 6 | Apron XL seed treatment - liters | | | |
| 7 | Jute Bags -pieces | | | |
| 8 | Napsack sprayers with full dressing kits | | | |
| 9 | Rain coats & Rain boots (for swamp use) | | | |

6. Bidding is open to all competent National Contractors with all valid business registration documents issued by the Government of Sierra Leone.

7. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the office of the Project Manager, Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice value Chain Support Project (SLARIS), MoA Building, Moyamba, between 9.00AM and 3PM on week days (Monday to Friday only – excluding public holidays).
Email: kakuboy@gmail.com and chrisebbie84@gmail.com
Tel: +232 76 364800, +232 79 453004.

8. Bidding documents shall be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NSLL 800.00 (eight hundred new Leones). All payments for the purchase of the Bidding document should be made to the following bank account with details below:

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Bank Name: | Rokel Commercial Bank |
| Account Name: | Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS) |
| Account No: | 02-01-1011970 |
| BBan No: | 002001002101197079 |
| Address: | 25/27 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone |
| Ref: | Fertilizer & Related Items for SLARI |

9. SLARIS upon receipt of proof of payment, shall provide both printed and electronics copies to the purchaser as may be required.

10. Every Bidders is required to quote for all items or none.

11. Bids MUST be clearly marked and delivered to the address below on or before 12 Noon of Tuesday, 17th January 2023 – Sierra Leone Time.

The Project Manager
Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS)
Ministry of Agriculture Building, Moyamba, Sierra Leone.
Ref: **Supply & Delivery of Fertilizer and Related Items for SLARI**
Tel: +232 76364800/+232 79 453004

12. The Bidder shall submit with its bid the following additional documents:
- Bid Security amount of SLL 92, 000.00 from a reputable Commercial Bank
 - Completed Bid Form;
 - Each offer to include brand name/make/country of origin (where applicable) for each item offered
 - Compliance with the SLARIS delivery Schedule.
 - Evidence of at least two (2) same/similar contracts successfully completed in the last five (5) years in a form of copy of signed Contracts/certification letter from the Contracting institutions or related.
 - Audited Financial Statement for the past three (3) previous years
 - Business Registration Certificate;
 - A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA)
 - A Certified True Copy of National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) Clearance Certificate

13. Bids will be publicly opened on Tuesday, 17th January 2023 at 12:15 PM, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Please note, Late bid (s) will be rejected and returned unopened by SLARIS.

14. Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARIS) Ministry of Agriculture Building, Moyamba, Sierra Leone. Tel: +232 76364800/+232 79 453004



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| 14 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Holland 2 | HERACLES | 8 v 1 | ADO DEN HAAG | 2.65 | 15.00 | 40.00 | 4.70 | 5.80 | 8.60 | 23.00 | 15.00 | 6.20 |
| 15 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Holland 2 | BREDA | 14 v 7 | HELMOND | 1.95 | 18.00 | 70.00 | 4.00 | 7.00 | 14.00 | 22.00 | 19.00 | 11.00 |
| 16 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Holland 2 | TOP OSS | 17 v 11 | JONG UTRECHT | 3.00 | 14.00 | 35.00 | 5.20 | 5.80 | 7.60 | 24.00 | 14.00 | 5.20 |
| 17 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Holland 2 | VENLO | 19 v 2 | ALMERE CITY | 4.40 | 13.00 | 25.00 | 7.00 | 5.60 | 5.80 | 30.00 | 13.00 | 3.35 |
| 18 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Holland 2 | WILLEM II | 20 v 12 | JONG PSV | 2.28 | 16.00 | 45.00 | 4.30 | 6.60 | 10.00 | 22.00 | 17.00 | 7.40 |
| 19 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Slovenia 2 | TRIGLAV KRANJ | 13 v 16 | PRIMORJE AJDOVSCINA | 1.94 | 16.00 | 60.00 | 3.65 | 5.80 | 12.00 | 21.00 | 17.00 | 9.20 |
| 20 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Hungary | VASAS | 9 v 1 | PAKSI | 3.80 | 13.00 | 30.00 | 6.00 | 5.20 | 6.40 | 28.00 | 13.00 | 4.20 |
| 21 | 8/5/2022 17:55 | Turkey | ISTANBULSPOR AS | 13 v 18 | TRABZONSPOR | 7.40 | 15.00 | 25.00 | 9.80 | 5.20 | 4.50 | 50.00 | 15.00 | 2.50 |
| 22 | 8/5/2022 18:10 | Switzerland 2 | XAMAX | 10 v 1 | YVERDON-SPORT | 3.95 | 14.00 | 28.00 | 6.20 | 5.40 | 6.20 | 29.00 | 14.00 | 3.90 |
| 23 | 8/5/2022 18:10 | Switzerland 2 | THUN | 9 v 6 | AARAU | 3.45 | 14.00 | 27.00 | 6.00 | 6.20 | 6.60 | 25.00 | 14.00 | 4.10 |
| 24 | 8/5/2022 18:25 | Poland | LEGIA WARSZAWA | 7 v 17 | PIAST GLIWICE | 3.00 | 15.00 | 45.00 | 4.70 | 4.70 | 7.80 | 28.00 | 15.00 | 6.20 |
| 25 | 8/5/2022 18:25 | Poland 2 | ODRA OPOLE | 18 v 3 | WISLA KRAKOW | 5.20 | 14.00 | 27.00 | 6.60 | 4.30 | 4.40 | 40.00 | 14.00 | 3.00 |
| 26 | 8/5/2022 18:25 | Bundesliga | EINTRACHT FRANKFURT | 7 v 3 | BAYERN MUNICH | 9.20 | 18.00 | 20.00 | 14.00 | 8.80 | 4.50 | 60.00 | 18.00 | 1.96 |
| 27 | 8/5/2022 18:25 | Slovakia | TRENCIN | 12 v 7 | MICHALOVCE | 2.60 | 13.00 | 35.00 | 4.50 | 5.20 | 7.60 | 22.00 | 13.00 | 5.40 |
| 28 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Ireland | DUNDALK | 2 v 3 | DERRY CITY | 3.75 | 14.00 | 35.00 | 5.40 | 4.60 | 6.40 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 4.70 |
| 29 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Ireland 2 | CORK CITY FC | 1 v 9 | ATHLONE TOWN | 1.41 | 27.00 | 99.00 | 3.30 | 9.40 | 26.00 | 21.00 | 26.00 | 20.00 |
| 30 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Ireland 2 | GALWAY UNITED FC | 2 v 6 | WEXFORD FC | 1.92 | 16.00 | 50.00 | 3.75 | 6.40 | 11.00 | 19.00 | 17.00 | 8.40 |
| 31 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Ireland 2 | TREATY UNITED | 5 v 3 | WATERFORD FC | 7.20 | 15.00 | 21.00 | 9.60 | 5.60 | 3.95 | 45.00 | 14.00 | 2.17 |
| 32 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Scotland Championship | QUEENS PARK | 6 v 8 | AYR UNITED | 3.75 | 15.00 | 40.00 | 5.20 | 4.40 | 6.20 | 35.00 | 15.00 | 4.90 |
| 33 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Championship | BIRMINGHAM | 14 v 19 | HUDDERSFIELD | 4.10 | 15.00 | 40.00 | 5.60 | 4.50 | 6.40 | 35.00 | 15.00 | 4.80 |
| 34 | 8/5/2022 18:40 | Belgium | CLUB BRUGGE | 8 v 7 | WAREGEM | 1.61 | 24.00 | 99.00 | 3.80 | 9.40 | 22.00 | 22.00 | 24.00 | 16.00 |
| 35 | 8/5/2022 18:55 | Ireland | FINN HARPS | 10 v 8 | DROGHEDA UNITED | 3.50 | 15.00 | 40.00 | 5.20 | 4.70 | 6.60 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 5.00 |
| 36 | 8/5/2022 18:55 | Premier League | CRYSTAL PALACE | 7 v 2 | ARSENAL | 7.20 | 16.00 | 26.00 | 9.40 | 5.40 | 4.60 | 50.00 | 16.00 | 2.70 |
| 37 | 8/5/2022 18:55 | France league 1 | LYON | 9 v 1 | AC AJACCIO | 1.85 | 22.00 | 90.00 | 3.90 | 7.60 | 17.00 | 24.00 | 22.00 | 14.00 |
| 38 | 8/5/2022 18:55 | Italy Cup | LECCE | 0 v 0 | CITTADELLA | 2.31 | 17.00 | 60.00 | 4.00 | 5.40 | 11.00 | 26.00 | 18.00 | 8.80 |
| 39 | 8/5/2022 19:10 | Portugal | BENFICA | 2 v 1 | AROUCA | 1.52 | 30.00 | 99.00 | 3.45 | 8.80 | 29.00 | 27.00 | 30.00 | 25.00 |
| 40 | 8/5/2022 19:10 | Italy Cup | SAMPDORIA | 0 v 0 | REGGINA | 2.04 | 19.00 | 80.00 | 3.75 | 5.80 | 14.00 | 26.00 | 20.00 | 12.00 |

Prince Sualley boosted in race to gain NOC-SLE presidency

Presidential candidate for the National Olympic Committee of Sierra Leone (NOC-SLE), Prince Vandy Sualley, has received a boost in his bid to become the new president of the NOC-SLE with just a day to go to the polls. Earlier this year, it was confirmed that Sualley will contest for the presidency to replace Dr. Patrick Coker, who is leaving his role after two terms in charge. With the election set for Saturday 10 December 2022, Sualley has been getting the support and backing of his colleague's Presidents. Since he took the lead by officially outlining his five (5) point plan as his strategy towards his presidential plans and his pathways for the NOC-SLE, the Sierra Leone Wrestling Association president has had so much of a boost in his run-up to the elections. Key and paramount to his plans is to

improve and diversify the revenue stream of the NOC-SLE by establishing partnerships and sponsorship with the private sector and other potential partners. He said: "I would be focusing on regulatory reforms and compliance with global best practices in sports governance, with the provision of facilities to be able to identify talents and develop future Sierra Leonean Olympians who can make a difference for us in international competitions." "Also, we must not forget about that fact that winning medals in all disciplines is a priority but also we must focus on retention of our elite athletes beyond international competitions and bridging the gender gap by promoting female leadership in Olympic sports," the Presidential hopeful said, adding that his leadership will come with commitment,



experience and the values of Olympism. Sualley who is the outgoing Treasure of the NOC-SLE has enjoyed good sports administrative run with the Sierra Leone Wrestling Association at the just concluded Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. His Association was named as the best performing Sierra Leone sport with five of his wrestlers making a great impact in the competition with two of them losing a semifinal fight and one missed out on a bronze medal battle. In 2019 at the African Championship in Tunisia, his wrestler Sheku Kassegbama won a bronze medal and in 2018 at the ECOWAS traditional wrestling in Niger, Sierra Leone returned home with silver medals thanks to Mohamed Bundu. Again, in 2018 Sierra Leone's only medal at the Youth African Games came from wrestler Mariama Jalloh, who won the bronze medal while Foday Kargbo won also the scoop bronze at the African Championships the same year.

Another biggest success in his leadership as president of the Sierra Leone Wrestling Association came when three Sierra Leone wrestlers fought at the rampage round only to lose all three of their bronze medals fights. The experience administration believes Sports administrator runs in his blood, observing its operational nuances since childhood coupled with his own leadership experience over the past decade has enabled him to accumulate unrivalled expertise in Olympic sports. He said: "I believe the time is right for my leadership at the helm of the NOC-SLE, the last time the membership did admit that and my time working as the Treasure was also a learning curve and I am no more a stranger within the Olympic administration as I am coming as President with experience and commitment to take the NOC-SLE and sports development to another level."

Bo Rangers, Real Republicans clash in SLPL opener



The 2022/23 Premier League actions resume today with champions Bo Rangers hosting newcomers Real Republicans at the Bo Stadium in their opening game.

This will mark the first official Premier League meeting between the two sides and the host is keen to get started on a good footing while the newcomers are looking forward to an upset.

The Soccer Ambassadors are also hoping to send a strong message to the rest of the teams in the league after 13 years of absence from the top-flight league.

Foday Mansaray, the Team Manager of Real Republicans said the three times premier league champions are aware of the quality

players their opponents are having and also their current form. "We respect our opponent and we know what they are capable of doing, but we remain confident and focused ahead of the match," he said.

"The technical team and the players are all determined for this match which will serve as a big test for us in our return to the premier league. We're determined not only for this opening encounter but also to send a strong message to the rest of the teams in the premier league. The Chairman's Real Republicans Alhaji Umaru Bah, who is also the Team Manager of Leone Stars B continued. "We encourage our boys to go and make us proud and they'll be compensated. I wish them good luck," he stated.

SWASAL concludes sports commentary training for members

The Sports Writers Association of Sierra Leone (SWASAL) with funding from the Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) on Tuesday completed a two-day sports commentary capacity-building training for its members held at the Harry Yansanneh Hall, SLAJ Headquarters in Freetown. The two-day sessions which gathered the association's members from all regional areas were meant to build the capacity of sports journalists in the country in the area of football and volleyball commentary. During the two-day sessions, participants were taken through sports journalism, sports commentary for radio, podcast, television and open-air commentary, the skills, language and the do's and don't of commentary. Speaking at the closing of the programme, Sahr Morris Jr, president of SWASAL, thanked the SLFA for the support as well as the previous executive headed by the former president, Frank Cole. He said the journalism profession is passion driven, as most of them got to it because of the passion they have for trade. "With that passion at some point, one tends to do something which the person thinks is the right thing. At some point, one also falls short of what exactly is needed in terms of

executing your task as expected as a reporter." This, he said, is where SWASAL comes into play, adding that they might not be able to send everyone to school but instead they will continue to do the much-needed training and build the capacity of the individuals who have the passion for the profession. "This commentary training will help to build the knowledge and skills of an individual that engaged in bringing live pictures to people back home or anywhere they are and can't get a visual picture of sports actions." According to him, he believed that the knowledge gained from the training will help participants to what they have already done over the years in terms of what they do daily. Ahmed Khanou, one of the course instructors, expressed delight in associating himself with the two-day capacity-building programme organised by SWASAL. He commended SWASAL for conceiving the idea to build the capacity of Sports Journalists in Sierra Leone. "This is a very useful exercise looking at the work and challenges sports journalists face in their work. So, I have enjoyed the last two days and hope that the participants will put into good use what they have learnt."