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By Ibrahim A. Corbin

Magistrate Mark Ngigbo of the Pademba Road Court No.1 on Monday 28th December, 2022, sentenced 43 suspects to prison after he found them guilty of committing various offences during the August 10 riot in the capital city of Freetown.

The magistrate charged 12 accused persons.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## SLPPNA recommits financial, technical supports for President Bio re-election

Just after the Africa Leadership Summit in the United States of America, the Sierra Leone People's Party North America (SLPPNA) Region spearheaded by its indefatigable Chairman Desmond Pessima, held a meeting with President Julius Maada Bio wherein, the SLPPNA gave an unflinching assurance and optimism to President Bio that the SLPPNA is in high spirit to use their little resources and expertise in reaching out to the last village in Sierra Leone throughout the electioneering campaign in ensuring that President Bio is re-elected 2023 without run-off.

Chairman Desmond Pessima crystallized that during the registration of voters, they came to Sierra Leone with their resources and expertise reaching out to their respective villages, and encouraging people to be actively involved in the Voter Registration process. Chairman Desmond Pessima also reaffirmed the SLPPNA commitment to replicate that same vim and vigor exhibited during the Voter Registration Exercise to the 2023 electioneering campaign with the prime focus of re-electing President Bio without run-off.

Chairman Desmond Pessima also gave an unflinching trust and confidence to President Bio that the SLPPNA would visit the last village from the North, South and the Eastern provinces of Sierra Leone as a united SLPP North America, to campaign for the so run-off reelection of President Bio.

"I want to tell you Mr. President that our commitment is reaffirmed and that commitment is going to be extended

throughout the country as we move across as a united SLPP North America to campaign for your so run-off reelection", said Chairman Pessima.

Chairman Desmond Pessima also assured that the SLPPNA would come as a region to participate united, with their little resources and expertise to go down the trenches during campaign. He recalled that President Bio has always been reminding them not to just limit themselves in America speaking English without taking active part in the country's socio-economic and political revitalization. In accordance with such clarion call from the President, Chairman Desmond Pessima made an indelible stance that they are going to put the English aside in 2023, and go down to Freetown, Bo, Makeni and other parts of the country as a united SLPP North America, to be part of the historic so run-off reelection of President Bio.

Chairman Desmond Pessima also used the opportunity to extend profound thanks to President Bio for being adamant in pushing for the adoption of the Proportional Representation System in the 2023 multi-tier elections. He acknowledged that during the constituency system, most communities were unflatteringly unrepresented of



Chairman Desmond Pessima and President Bio in the U.S

which the PR System would definitely address. He also appreciated the President for staying committed to Women's Empowerment as he has been dubbed as champion of women empowerment. He said the SLPPNA and Sierra Leone by extension would continue to celebrate President Bio for promoting Women's Empowerment. Chairman Pessima also thanked Her Excellency Madam Fatima Maada Bio for her indefatigable effort in making sure that she champion issues of women empowerment and sexual violence across the globe.

Desmond Pessima Concluded by avowing that with the adoption of the Proportional Representation System, the Sierra Leone People's Party would have majority seats in the Wall of Parliament. Chairman Desmond Pessima also expressed elation and optimism that the discriminatory law preventing diaspora from participating in the country's polity politics would be soon expunged. He therefore requested that the SLPPNA has five men and

women who want to represent their people in parliament and therefore, called for a kind consideration of the President and National Chairman of the Party to incorporate the SLPPNA in the PR System.

The Desmond Pessima, SLPPNA led Executive also recognized and awarded President Bio and his team for their arduous work in officiously managing state affairs. Below are among the meritorious awardees of the maiden SLPPNA Excellence Service Awards. His Excellency President Bio was presented Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition and honor for his inimitable achievements as African leader of the year 2022. First Lady Madam Fatima Bio was also presented an award in recognition and honor of her achievement as a global champion and Honoree of the UN Zero Tolerance Policy for Sexual Exploitation. Jacob Jusu Saffa, the country's Chief Minister was presented an award in recognition of his excellent contribution towards enhancing fiscal discipline when he was Minister of Finance among others.

## August 10 riot: 43 jailed, 12 discharged

From Cover

The convicts were on trial for 21 counts offences ranging from riotous conduct, disorderly behavior, malicious damage, insulting conduct, throwing missiles, looting, insulting behaviour to carrying offensive weapon contrary to law.

According to the particulars of offence, on Wednesday 10th August, 2022 at various locations in Freetown, the convicts: Mobinty Bangura, Mohamed Jalloh, Fomata Bangura, Kadiatu Kamara, Ousman Junior Kamara, Massey Bangura, Kadiatu Bangura, Mohamed Kargbo and 47 others did behave in a riotous and disorderly manner.

They were on the same day found throwing missiles and looting within the capital city of Freetown.

The convicts also damaged K- Stop Police Post, Kissy Police Post, Congo Water Police Post, Approved School Police Post, Wellington Police Post and amongst others.

In his ruling, Magistrate Ngogba said the prosecution has proven their case beyond all reasonable doubt by providing all necessary elements of the offences charged.

He therefore disclosed that the prosecution led 10 witnesses in court and that all witnesses were cross examined by defence counsel in court.

He stated that 41 witnesses testified for the defense, while the 20th, 21, 22, 31, 33, 44, 50, 54 accused didn't testify, which according to him, they informed the court that they relied on the statement which

they made to the Police.

According to the Magistrate, the evidence adduced before the court for the 54th, 10th, 10th, 10th, 20th, 19th, 37th, 55th, 49th, 34th, 36th, 40th and 20th accused were not convincing to find them guilty, while for the 41 convicts it was convincing to find them guilty for the offences charged against them in court.

In his plea of mitigation, defense counsel Musa Barrybay Kay, pleaded with the Bench to temper justice with mercy.

He said the convicts were first time offenders, urging the Bench not to pass a custodial sentence to his Clients.

Defense counsel reiterated that the custodial sentence would affect their wellbeing, noting that they have been under custody for about five months and that they have learned their lesson he stated.

Magistrate Ngogba without wasting time, sentenced the convicts to seven jail term of 24 months on the offence of malicious damage, 18 month imprisonment for the offence of riotous conduct, 12 month imprisonment for the offence of disorderly behavior, while 6 month imprisonment for the offence of throwing missiles and looting respectively.

He noted that the jail term must run concurrently and it is should be per the offence.

## APC: Registration for lower level election faulted

If information within the Interim Transitional Governance Council (ITGC) of the main opposition All People's Congress (APC) is anything to go by, then the ongoing registration of voters for the lower level election is reported to be fraught by series of flaws.

Reports are that the five man committee set up to conduct the registration process are seriously disenfranchising voters by restricting them to participate in the process.

"The Five Man Committee set up to conduct the voter registration exercises instructed registrars to register only 100 people per wards and it was supposed to

be an open registration that is not limited to numbers. We do not have limited numbers for membership registration it's supposed to be open for all and people can register themselves as much as possible," the source disclosed.

Also, it was reported that, in places including Kambia, Kailahun and Tonkolili, the registration didn't commence as stipulated, which is a blatant disregard for the timeline set by the ITGC for the process.

The ITGC is of the view that the committee is seriously undermining the posse of the party by maximizing a flawed process that has the tendency to create chaos.



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## LOCAL NEWS

**W**orld Bank through the International Development Association (IDA), has approved additional 50 million United States Dollars, to support the country's preparedness against food insecurity and improve the resilience of its food systems in the country.

The financial approval which was done on Thursday December 15, was the second phase of the West Africa regional Food Systems Resilience Program (FSRP-2) that stands to benefit an additional of 516,700 people in Sierra Leone.

According to World Bank Country Manager for Sierra Leone, Abdu Mawung, in Sierra Leone, food and nutrition insecurity situation has been exacerbated by the recent flooding and requires a serious and scaled-up response.

He said this Additional Financing is a strong vehicle to address both immediate needs to mitigate the impact of the ongoing food security crisis, as well as invest in productive capacities and critical infrastructure to strengthen the longer-term resilience of vulnerable populations to more frequent and severe economic and climate shocks.

He said agriculture is the engine of economic growth and poverty alleviation

# World Bank doles out \$50m to strengthen food Systems in Sierra Leone

in Sierra Leone, but it is characterized by low and stagnating productivity in key crops, limited market-oriented diversification, major aggregation and coordination bottlenecks, a weak private sector, and a low-capacity public sector.

He further stated that yields of rice, the country's main staple, in major producing areas average less than one (1) metric tons per hectare and per capita rice consumption stands at 185kg per year (the 5th highest in the world), while domestic demand for rice exceeds domestic supply by over 400,000 metric tons per year, requiring imports valued at over \$200 million per year.

He also stated that short-term interventions under the project will help address the immediate impact of food insecurity through cash transfers to vulnerable and food insecure agricultural households to help them cope with the cumulative impacts of production shocks, stating that the project will promote activities that close gender gaps in women's participation in the

agriculture sector and will provide access to productive resources for women.

However, the additional financing builds on the interventions of FSRP-1, approved in July 2022, to help address the immediate food and nutritional needs of vulnerable groups, while also building resilience to tackle underlying drivers of vulnerabilities to food insecurity in West Africa.

It also brings the total IDA amount provided for the FSRP program in the region to \$995 million, covering Burkina Faso, Chad, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone and Togo, as well as three regional organizations including the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), and the West and Central Africa Council for Agriculture Research and Development (CORAF).

World Bank Director for Regional Integration for Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and North Africa, Bouthaina Guermat, said food insecurity is caused by many factors

that are beyond national border and it is good to see countries and institutions come together to implement the broad program that will simultaneously increase agricultural productivity through climate-smart agriculture, promote intraregional value chains and trade, and build regional capacity to manage agricultural risks.

The International Development Association (IDA) is the World Bank's fund for the poorest. Established in 1960, it provides grants and low to zero-interest loans for projects and programs that boost economic growth, reduce poverty, and improve poor people's lives.

IDA is one of the largest sources of assistance for the world's 76 poorest countries, 39 of which are in Africa. IDA resources help effect positive change in the lives of the 1.6 billion people living in the countries that are eligible for its assistance. Since its inception, IDA has supported development work in 133 countries. Annual commitments are constantly on the rise and have averaged \$21 billion over the past three years, with about 61% going to Africa.

## Kadijah Lodge: New luxury hotel opens in Calaba Town

By Alfred Koroma



**E**ight-bedroom luxury hotel named Kadijah Lodge is now opened at 15A Epyline Kolatree, Calaba Town - the East of Freetown.

In addition to the eight bedrooms, Kadijah Lodge has conference rooms, Bar and restaurant and provides all types of beverages and food, including fresh sea food, local and international cuisine, spaghetti and many others. The hotel also offers catering services and many more.

Hotels of Kadijah's type are rarely located in the East of Freetown, but the Assistant Manager of the hotel, Michael B Thomas said the location of the facility was deliberately chosen to promote decentralization.

The hotel is 60% customer-driven and 40% product-driven with a solar energy and two standby generators to provide instant electricity for customers in the case of power cut.

"All we do is for the benefit of the customer and not for ourselves or the system. We anticipate what the customer want often before they need ask for it," Thomas told a group of journalists.

"If you are guest don't hesitate to come. We are always prepared to change our perceptions and do things the way the guest wants things to be done," he added.



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# Temporal Job vacancy

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Abt Associate is currently seeking qualified individuals to fill the temporary position of **Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant** (23 positions) and **Data Entry Clerks** (58 positions) in Bo and Bombali districts. Successful candidates for M&E assistants and data entry clerks will be contracted for one and two months respectively.

#### Operation Sites

**Bo District:** Dambala, Ngala, Jemba, Seraba, Gordama, Sumbaya, Jimmi, Gbalima Songa, Mongere, Koribondo, Geriban, Fengehun, Tikonko, Bumpo

**Bombali District:** Rokontha, Mara, Pate Bana, Binkolo, Kamabal, Kagbere, Makarie, Kalangba, Yeli Sanda

#### AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- M&E Assistants** – The position will be responsible for all data reporting-related activities during the IRS campaign. He/she will also assist the M&E Manager in conducting monitoring checks, and data reviews to identify errors and supervise data collection by spray operators in line with reporting requirements.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for monitoring data collection activities during the campaign
- Support data entry and ensure timely reports to data centers
- Ensure correct use of M&E tools at the site
- Ensure data are reported according to the approved dataflow and timelines and attend to any other duties assigned
- Ensure all data are reviewed and verified by Team leaders/Brigade supervisors for their respective operation sites
- Daily data collection on errors identified and reported to the M&E manager via the data-collection tool provided
- Ensure and precisely reported to be used for quality improvement at the site level
- Supervise site-level data reporting cycle to ensure data completeness on a periodic basis, or when required
- Performs other duties as assigned
- Train IRS seasonal workers on data collection using M&E tools and procedures
- Perform data collection verification in project-supported communities
- Coach personnel on data entry and verification
- Ensure timely delivery of data (on phones or paper forms) from the field to the data center
- Supervise Data Entry Clerks and ensure data entry is complete and thorough
- Provide feedback to supervisors on common data collection errors
- Produce weekly spray data progress reports for the assigned district
- Perform other duties as assigned by the M&E Manager

#### Education, Experience, and other requirements:

- Graduate in Social sciences, statistics, or Public Health (students are encouraged to apply)
- Significant experience in data entry and data management
- Demonstrate competence in assessing priorities and in managing a variety of activities in a time-sensitive environment, and meeting deadlines with attention to detail and quality
- Strong writing, editing, and formatting skills
- Demonstrate computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite applications including Word, Excel, etc. will be of advantage
- Residents in Bombali or Bo are our preferred

- Female candidates **MUST** not be pregnant or lactating mothers during the spray campaign
- Must be both physically and medically fit with no history of chronic respiratory infection and non-allergic to insecticides
- Experience in the use of Microsoft Excel, DHIS2, CommCare, and ODK**
- Experience training large groups of people preferred**

- Data Entry Clerk** – This position will be responsible for handling clerical tasks relating to entering or updating data into the Vectorlink DHIS2 database. And ensuring the database is accurate and updated.

#### Duties and Responsibilities of Data Entry Clerk

- Reviewing data for accuracy and Enter data collected during the project activities into a project database
- Sorting and organizing paper records or notes following data entry according to project data filing protocols
- Updating the database daily
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- Provide feedback to spray team supervisors on data collection errors
- Generate and print various data reports as requested
- Perform other duties as assigned by the program M&E Manager

#### Education, Duties, and Other Requirements

- Must be able to focus for long periods and perform quickly and adequately
- Must have excellent touch typing skills
- Knowledgeable and experienced in data entry and management
- Good organizational and communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a team
- Experience in the use of Microsoft Excel and/or DHIS2 preferred
- Ability to work under pressure
- Previous experience in IRS activities is preferred

#### How to apply

- Select a preferred Operational Site from the list provided above and state it in your application letter. **Application letters that do not have a specific Operational Site indicated will not be considered.**
- Attach a copy of the education certificate.
- Original certificate (s) will be required during the selection process.

Submit an application letter and CV by the methods stated below.

- Email the application to the following address: [abtassociates.sl.recruit@gmail.com](mailto:abtassociates.sl.recruit@gmail.com)

**Please indicate the position and preferred operational site in the subject line of the email.** Emails without an operational site and job title will not be considered.

- Or you can deliver a hard copy to the IRS Malaria Focal Person- DHMT Office for the preferred district.

**The deadline for submission of applications is 5:00 PM Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.**

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

#### Additional Information

**SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT:** A selection committee will evaluate ALL applications. The evaluation process would include the qualifications of each applicant (recentness and appropriateness of the applicant's education and experience), answers to the supplemental questions, results of employment references investigated, and any other appropriate information available.

The selection committee will admit to the interview only those persons who possess the most job-related qualifications and may establish admittance criteria beyond the minimum qualifications stated above. The interview will comprise 100% of the applicant's earned grade. A candidate must earn a qualifying grade of 70 or more to be eligible for an appointment.

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November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## OPEN LETTER

Dear Sir,

### **RE: SC No. 6/2019 – Ibrahim Sorie v General Legal Council**

The General Legal Council (Council) is in receipt of your letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with an Order of the Supreme Court in the aforementioned matter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

In response to your offer of settlement of the costs as mentioned therein:

I am directed to inform you that Council is pleased to have come to an acceptable compromise with you in the best interest of the legal profession, and as agreed:

1. **The General Legal Council hereby tenders its unreserved apology for any embarrassment or professional injuries caused through "unprofessional, discourteous, derogatory and defamatory statements" made against [your] person in the statement of case filed by the General Legal Council during the course of proceedings".**
2. Further, concerning the settlement of costs:

Council shall pay the sums of Le5,000/00 each to the Sierra Leone Bar Association and Legal Access Through Women Yearning For Equality Rights and Social Justice (LAWYERS) on your behalf, the remainder of the costs awarded by the Court to be foregone.

Council prays that all parties may now be able to move forward and past this brief time that has proven so tumultuous for our entire profession. Council tenders its thanks for your magnanimity in this process.

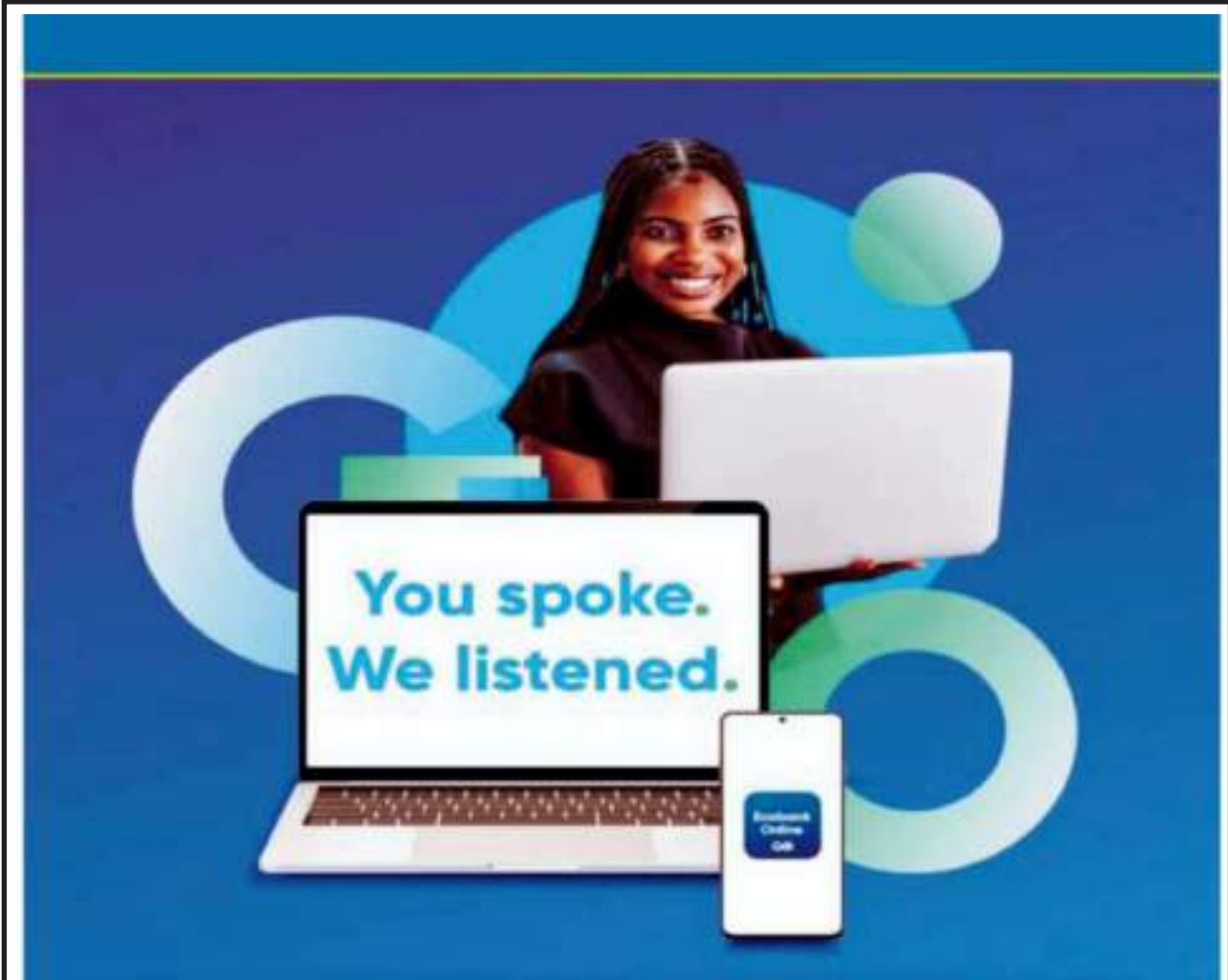
Yours faithfully,



Nicky Spencer-Coker Esq  
Secretary, General Legal Council

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## Burkina Faso: at least eight dead, including six civilians, in two separate attacks

At least two Burkinabe soldiers and six civilians were killed Saturday in two separate attacks in northern and eastern Burkina Faso. AFP learned Monday from security and local sources.

The first attack took place near Bouroum, in the northern province of Namentenga, where "a team of defense and security forces (FDS) on a mission hit an improvised explosive device," a security source told AFP.

"Unfortunately, two soldiers were killed and five wounded who were evacuated for appropriate care," the source said.

The second attack, also on Saturday, occurred in the village of Kokodé, on the Tendokogo-Billou road, in the east-central part of the country, near Ghana.

"Armed individuals intercepted a public transport bus, also causing casualties," the security source said.

Another security source said "six civilians were killed by the assailants, who also robbed the bus passengers."

"Among the victims is an important economic operator in the region," said a member of the union of traders in the region, confirming the toll of the attack.

Since 2015, Burkina Faso has been regularly plagued by jihadist attacks that have killed thousands and forced some two million people to flee their homes.

These attacks by groups linked to the Islamic State and al-



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Qaeda targeting military and civilians have increased in recent months, mainly in the north and east of the country. Captain Ibrahima Traoré, the transitional president who emerged from a military coup on September 30 – the second in eight months – has set himself the goal of "reconquering the territory occupied by these terrorist hordes.

Between December 1 and 10, 39 "terrorists" were killed in an anti-jihadist operation conducted in northwestern Burkina Faso, the army said.

Called "Feleho" or "take back one's property" in the local Bwamou language, this operation aimed at "securing the Banwa province" in the Boude du Mouhoun region (north, bordering Mali), made it possible to liberate a dozen localities under siege by armed groups, according to the army.

## Tunisians indifferent to election results

The Tunisian opposition called on Sunday for President Kais Saïed to resign, a day after parliamentary elections were largely ignored by the 9 million-strong electorate.

According to the electoral authorities, turnout stood at 8.8%, the lowest ever in the country.

"I boycotted this process. When you vote, it's a position. When you vote blank, it's a position. And when you boycott, it is also a position. If we look at the abstention rate, we can understand that it is a strong message from the society and the people to the authors of this process and this project," said Majed Boussetta, an employee in the private sector.

Others have revealed their disappointment at the lack of investments previously promised by the government.

"The people are frustrated because of the economic situation and the high cost of living. I personally participated on the day of July 25th

(2021, the day of Kais Saïed's power grab, Ed.) and in the demonstrations of 13 and 14 January (In 2011, Ed.)

He (President Kais Saïed, Ed.) promised investments and he did not keep his promises. He promised us to fight corruption and he didn't do it. He promised us to clean up the judiciary and he didn't. He promised a lot of things and he didn't keep them", denounced unemployed Hamdi Belgacem.

Despite an abstention rate of more than 91% some feel the results are positive.

"These are acceptable results. It is a normal result. It is not a problem whether it is 8% or 50% or 1%. These are logical and positive results. Sincerely, these are sufficient results", said retired citizen Mohamed Amri.

The ballot for the new 161-seat assembly followed three weeks of barely noticeable campaigning, with no serious debate among a public worried with day-to-day economic survival.

## Liberians demonstrate against President Weah



Opposition activists demonstrate against President George Weah in a suburb of Monrovia - Copyright © africanewsEMMANUEL TOBEY/AFP or licensors

Hundreds of Liberians gathered on Saturday in a suburb of Monrovia to demonstrate against the President George Weah.

The protest was organized by the opposition as the country grapples with soaring prices and shortages of basic goods.

"Our gathering here today will send a signal to the international community that we are tired with everything that is unfolding in our country", said demonstrator Ambrose Kamara.

The leader of the opposition coalition, CPP, and potential presidential candidate accused President Weah of failure.

"We're going to give President Weah an 'F' because he has failed us as a people", denounced Alexander Cummings, one of the leaders of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) coalition. CPP spokesman, Lewis Browne, added "for those who are tired of suffering and scared to be here, we are here because of you too. This is a beginning of a march to a new Liberia".

President Weah has been out of the country since the end of October and is expected to return officially this Sunday after seven weeks away.

Liberians are set to choose a new president and parliament in October 2023.

## South Africa deploys army to guard power plants

The South African presidency announced on Saturday the deployment of the military to guard the country's electricity plants.

Blackouts have become routine in Africa's most industrialised nation but further cuts imposed recently by state-owned company Eskom have generated anger.

According to President Cyril Ramaphosa's spokesman, the move was "in response to the growing threat of

sabotage, theft, vandalism and corruption" at coal and diesel-powered plants.

The cuts have cost the economy hundreds of millions of dollars in lost output as well as disrupting trade and industry.

Earlier this week Eskom CEO Andre de Ruyter announced his resignation, citing crime and corruption as

## Ghana suspends payment of part of its foreign debt, including Eurobonds



A woman holds a bundle of cedis in Accra on July 3, 2007 - Copyright © africanews ISSOUF SANGGO/AFP

Ghana has temporarily suspended the payment of part of its external debt, including Eurobonds, as it seeks to restructure it after an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last week.

"We are announcing today (Monday) the suspension of all debt service payments on certain categories of our external debt, pending restructuring," Ghana's Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta was quoted as saying in a statement.

This measure aims to "prevent a further deterioration of the economic, financial and social situation of Ghana," he said.

With historic inflation of more than 50%, the collapse of the local currency by 50%, prices at the pump that have doubled and a debt whose repayments swallows half of the state revenue, Ghana is grappling with a serious economic crisis. It's the worst in decades.

"Our financial resources, including the international reserves of the Bank of Ghana, are limited and must be preserved at this critical juncture," the Finance Minister said in explaining the decision.

"This suspension is an interim emergency measure

pending future agreements with all relevant creditors," the statement added. It concerns a large part of the country's external debt. Eurobonds, commercial term loans and most of its bilateral debts.

Excluded from this suspension are the payment of multilateral debt and new debts contracted as of Monday. Until a few years ago, Ghana was held up as an example in Africa for its high growth rates, rising oil production and strong investor interest.

But like much of the African continent, Ghana struggled to recover from the downturn caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic, before being hit hard by the economic fallout from the war in Ukraine.

President Nana Akufo-Addo turned to the IMF to avoid defaulting on his debt, having once promised a "Ghana without aid. It must be said that as the country sinks into crisis, investors are turning away from it.

So last week the government signed a \$3 billion bailout agreement with the IMF to shore up public finances. The agreement includes a debt restructuring.

Many Ghanaians fear that the deal will force the government to impose further austerity measures that will further burden the population.

## COP15: Nations reach 'historic' deal to protect nature at Montreal summit



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Countries adopted a historic deal to reverse decades of environmental destruction threatening the world's species and ecosystems at a marathon UN biodiversity summit in Montreal, Canada early Monday.

Some of the points the main points of the agreement include maintaining, enhancing and restoring ecosystems, including halting species extinction and maintaining genetic diversity. The "Sustainable use" of biodiversity - essentially ensuring that species and habitats can provide the services they provide for humanity, such as food and clean water was also agreed. And ensuring that the benefits of resources from nature, like medicines that come from plants, are shared fairly and equally and that indigenous peoples' rights are protected.

China, which holds the presidency of the COP15, thought it had found a consensus on a compromise

text presented on Sunday morning, which included progress on the areas to be protected and on the release of new financial resources for southern countries.

A plenary session had been convened at the end of the day to adopt this "peace pact with nature", which the planet sorely needs to stop the destruction of biodiversity and its resources essential to humanity.

But this has been constantly postponed since then. According to sources close to the negotiations, the Chinese presidency has multiplied the bilateral meetings in the evening.

Some countries of the South, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, continue to demand more financial means from rich countries to give their final approval.

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	Agricultural Farm Project Manager
<b>COUNTRY PROGRAM:</b>	SIERRA LEONE
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	OPERATIONS MANAGER
<b>LOCATION:</b>	FREETOWN

HI is seeking for a qualified individual to fill the above-mentioned National Position.

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This position requires working in partnership with two local organizations (NETHIPS and VSLT) to cover activities in two districts (Western Area Rural and Moyamba). This includes direct interaction with people living with disability and HIV and interaction with community members.

#### Missions/responsibilities

##### Mission 1: Management

- Manager as a role model: embody HI's values on a daily basis, and be a role model.
- Manager as a coach for meaning: understand the strategy, make it explicit, translate it into operational objectives for his or her team, and lead the necessary changes. Give meaning to each management action. Encourage inter and intra-departmental exchanges of practice. Encourage innovation and risk-taking.
- Operational manager: organize the operational management of his or her team, structures the work around identified
- processes, steer performance, and facilitate the resolution of problems.
- First HR & Coach: contribute to the development of his or her staff, creating the conditions for their commitment.
- professionalism and attachment to HI. Ensure compliance with the code of conduct and institutional policies, the mindset, and expected individual and collective behavior

##### Mission 2: Strategy and steering

- Contribute to the development of the programme's operational strategy
- Contribute to programme or country operational strategy (StratOp).
- Draft new project proposals for the continuity or expansion of the project.
- Contribute to the drafting of new proposals for new opportunities, if necessary

##### Mission 3: Operational implementation

- Ensure the implementation of the project, is in line with the logical framework and allocated budget.
- Ensure that project implementation complies with the existing frameworks
- Ensure project monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning
- Ensure project data management
- Coordinate the teams involved in the project

##### Mission 4: Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Lead the emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganize the priorities of his/her team according to the humanitarian priority, in order to ensure a quick and efficient response by HI.

#### Other skills

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Skills in developing and facilitating training
- Emotional Regulation skills
- Communication skills
- Problem Solving skills

#### Required for the job

##### Education & Knowledge

- Bachelor's degree or master's any social sciences-related courses
- Applied knowledge of development work and/or disability issues
- Fluent in written and spoken English
- Knowledge in project management

##### Experience

- Minimum five years of working experience in a development-related field or similar position
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Working in INGO

Salary: As per the HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 3 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with the possibility of renewal based on performance.

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	Agricultural Farm Project Officer (2 Persons)
<b>COUNTRY PROGRAM:</b>	SIERRA LEONE
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	AGRICULTURAL FARM PROJECT MANAGER
<b>LOCATION:</b>	FREETOWN AND MOYAMBA

HI is seeking qualified individuals to fill the above-mentioned National Positions.

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### Missions / responsibilities

#### Mission 1: Operational Implementation

**Responsibility 1:** Contribute to project planning and implementation in line with the existing frameworks

- Contribute to planning and preparing activities, tools, and the associated resources, and implement the action plan in conjunction with the support services and the technical unit.
- Ensure that activities are implemented and that resources are correctly allocated as authorized by the project manager.
- Ensure regular reporting of activities, and contribute to the internal and external reporting as requested by the project manager.
- Contribute to identifying areas of the project in which adjustments are required and put forward adaptations to the project manager.
- Contribute to the drafting of amendment requests when asked by the project manager.
- Contribute to coordination with the local stakeholders and to monitoring the partnership relationship with the project partners.
- Ensure that project documents and information are properly archived.

**Responsibility 2:** Contribute to project monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning

- Contribute to project monitoring, specifically activity progress indicators and the expected outcomes.
- Contribute to project evaluations at the request of the project manager, and ensure that project evaluation recommendations are followed.
- Contribute to the setup and smooth running of accountability mechanisms.
- Contribute to project learning.

**Responsibility 3:** Ensure project data management

- Ensure that the appropriate data collection and management tools are in place and are used correctly on the project, in line with global standards.
- Collect and compile project-related data in the relevant database.

**Responsibility 4:** Contribute to the coordination of project teams

- As authorized by the project manager, facilitate coordination meetings between the project teams and the support services located in the area when necessary.
- Ensure that the project teams and the support teams (shared and technical services, in particular) work well together in order to facilitate the implementation of the project in the country.
- **Responsibility 5:** Contribute to external project communication
- Contribute to HI's external influence by taking part in networks, when required.
- Communicate about the project to partners, authorities, and stakeholders when relevant.

#### Mission 2: Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Contribute to the programme's emergency preparedness initiatives, and in an emergency situation, adapt his/her working arrangements in order to contribute to an effective humanitarian response from HI.

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Training Facilitation Skills
- Community mobilization and engagement skills
- Emotional Regulation
- Communication Skills

### Required for the job

#### Education & Knowledge

- Diploma or degree in any social sciences-related courses
- Knowledge of development work and/or disability issues
- Fluent in written and spoken English

#### Experience

- Minimum of three years of working experience in a development-related field or similar position
- Experience in livelihood project
- Experience in the VSLA approach
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Previous working experience with an INGO

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Skills in developing and facilitating training
- Emotional Regulation skills
- Communication skills
- Problem Solving skills

**NOTE:** Please state the location you apply for.

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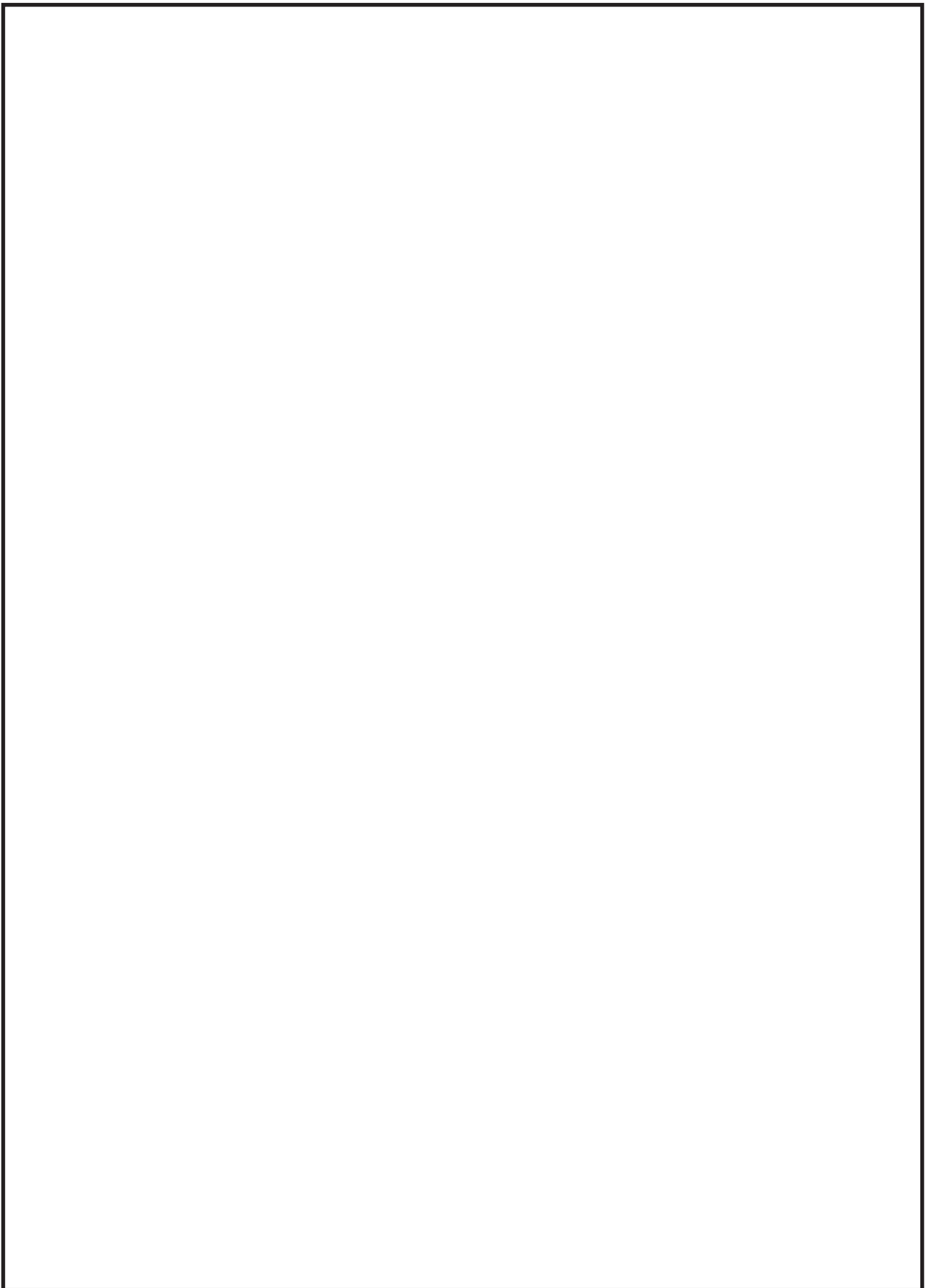


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## Tuesday 20/12 & Wednesday 21/12

No.	Class	Competition	Home Team	Away Team	Normal		Handicap [0.1]		Handicap [1.0]		First Half Result		Second Half Result		Win 1.5		Win 2.5		Win 3.5		Full week values (2022)		Total for Year?		Draw for Year									
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1	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.70	3.52	2.90	3.25	1.40	1.22	1.28	2.28	1.19	0.90	2.02	1.24	2.20	1.54	2.30	1.34	2.31	3.02	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.51	1.92	1.21					
2	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.35	3.01	2.28	2.08	1.40	1.08	1.00	1.20	1.00	1.00	1.64	2.31	2.20	1.50	1.52	1.31	1.27	1.27	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.48	1.71	1.12	2.35			
3	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.91	2.91	3.08	3.12	3.15	1.79	1.17	0.92	2.35	1.86	2.08	2.08	2.31	2.20	1.58	1.28	1.33	1.30	1.90	1.80	1.32	1.80	1.21	1.81	1.41	1.21	2.35			
4	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.33	2.61	2.09	1.94	2.00	1.49	1.14	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
5	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.27	2.31	2.22	0.25	0.28	1.22	1.05	1.01	0.99	0.21	1.71	2.00	2.00	1.03	1.23	1.26	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
6	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.38	2.86	0.89	1.12	1.43	2.17	1.18	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			
7	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.08	2.64	3.09	0.40	0.40	1.52	1.25	1.43	1.40	1.70	1.00	1.55	2.40	2.35	2.40	1.31	1.42	1.75	2.27	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.95	1.50	1.40			
8	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.34	2.58	2.09	0.01	0.03	0.42	1.30	0.90	0.28	2.00	1.00	0.20	0.75	2.30	3.00	2.38	1.38	1.38	2.49	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.85	1.56	1.58	0.81		
9	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.37	0.38	0.96	1.05	1.05	2.06	1.06	0.07	1.02	1.74	1.18	0.00	1.54	1.89	0.80	2.06	1.45	1.41	2.31	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.88	1.71	1.89	0.90		
10	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	4.30	3.52	1.40	0.80	0.30	1.13	1.11	1.40	1.70	2.18	2.04	4.30	2.03	1.81	2.22	2.48	1.82	1.82	2.27	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.83	1.77	1.89	1.30		
11	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.04	2.48	0.78	0.40	0.40	1.45	1.32	0.85	0.80	1.83	0.40	0.30	2.48	2.20	2.22	2.48	1.71	1.67	2.15	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.86	1.60	1.40	1.31		
12	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.94	3.42	0.78	0.40	0.40	1.45	1.32	0.85	0.80	1.83	0.40	0.30	2.48	2.20	2.22	2.48	1.71	1.67	2.15	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.86	1.60	1.40	1.31		
13	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.53	2.22	0.59	2.03	1.15	2.06	1.11	1.00	1.00	2.15	1.06	0.40	1.88	2.34	0.70	2.42	1.30	1.50	1.95	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.85	1.50	1.37	1.80		
14	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.49	3.17	0.69	2.18	1.15	2.12	1.11	1.20	1.00	2.02	2.20	0.20	1.81	2.45	0.70	2.39	2.28	1.43	1.76	1.27	2.76	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.79	1.81	1.37	2.30
15	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.98	2.91	0.95	0.95	1.15	1.37	1.37	0.60	2.70	1.94	0.65	1.75	1.71	2.70	1.95	1.97	1.97	1.97	2.49	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.70	1.95	1.45	2.45		
16	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.61	3.37	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42		
17	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.45	0.71	0.40	0.38	0.48	2.12	1.17	0.40	0.80	1.67	2.26	0.80	1.76	2.39	0.80	1.60	1.47	2.21	2.40	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.37	1.88	1.37	0.85		
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19	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.02	3.78	0.52	0.30	0.30	1.20	0.30	0.40	0.80	2.00	1.40	0.30	2.40	2.32	2.30	1.33	1.45	1.42	2.33	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.37	1.50	1.80	2.13		
20	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.02	2.68	1.13	0.20	0.20	1.54	0.20	0.40	0.70	1.80	0.30	2.40	2.32	2.30	1.33	1.45	1.42	2.33	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.37	1.50	1.80	2.13			
21	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	0.79	3.42	1.47	11.00	0.30	1.13	1.18	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21		
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23	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.01	0.61	1.19	18.00	0.40	1.06	2.40	0.20	2.08	2.28	1.40	0.40	1.64	1.71	2.00	2.28	1.40	1.40	2.23	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.87	1.76	1.67	1.30		
24	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.52	4.17	0.05	1.00	0.75	1.94	1.01	0.00	2.21	1.00	0.70	1.95	2.49	0.20	1.60	1.20	1.91	1.91	1.91	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.92	1.52	1.21	2.75		
25	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.32	4.18	0.47	1.95	0.20	2.66	1.00	0.00	12.00	1.79	1.38	0.40	1.60	1.85	0.20	2.11	1.42	1.42	2.49	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.39	1.82	1.31	3.00		
26	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	3.71	3.08	0.51	0.25	0.49	1.77	1.19	0.40	0.20	0.46	2.02	0.20	2.08	1.68	0.30	1.70	1.28	1.82	1.98	1.27	2.80	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.68	1.71	1.80	2.68
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29	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.89	1.78	2.40	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10		
30	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.74	2.49	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
31	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	5.01	3.18	2.83	0.18	0.20	2.63	1.28	0.40	0.40	2.00	2.14	0.40	2.04	2.80	0.20	1.87	1.51	2.18	2.41	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.46	1.98	2.41	2.46		
32	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	2.59	2.78	2.24	0.60	0.00	1.33	1.45	0.70	0.40	0.50	1.81	0.55	2.95	2.20	2.60	1.50	1.28	1.31	1.51	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	1.70	1.60	1.81	1.30		
33	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	1.55	3.32	3.18	2.70	0.00	2.58	1.12	5.00	14.00	2.38	1.98	0.20	1.48	3.17	0.40	2.40	1.43	1.40	2.30	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.31	1.40	1.37	1.85		
34	11/00/0012 11/00	Verde Cup	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	0.20	0.79	0.64	1.44	0.70	0.10	1.05	0.40	0.40	1.63	2.40	0.40	1.48	3.19	0.40	2.40	1.43	1.40	2.30	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.80	1.21	2.31	1.40	1.37	1.85		



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