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ECOWAS and AU delegation at State House with President Bio and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Mamdi Ngobeh Kamara

President Julius Maada Bio has received delegations from the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS, and the African Union, AU, that are on a fact-finding mission and to gauge the level of the country's preparedness for the June 24 multiter elections.

Leader of the delegation, Commissioner Ambassador Dr. Abdel-Fatau Musah, thanked the President for the reception and said their visit was in fulfillment of the two main protocols of the regional economic bloc, Ecowas and the continental union, the AU.

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LOCAL NEWS SLPP Washington Metro Chapter donates \$40 000 towards elections

By Commissioner
Braima Moiforay

The ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party North America (SLPPNA), Washington DC Metro Chapter, on Sunday, April 9, presented a check of 40,000.00 United States Dollars to the Regional Chairman, Desmond Pessima as part of their contribution towards the re-election of President Julius Maada Bio.

Washington DC Metro Chapter Chairperson, Fatmata Wurie, acknowledged the efforts of her Executive, 2023 Election Committee and chapter members for their relentless support to SLPP party.

All major players, including the Fundraising Committee, Election Committee and other executive members graced the presentation of the check to the regional chairman.

"Ladies and gentlemen, your positive efforts and thinking about the re-election of our talk-and-do President Julius Maada Bio have yielded a huge success," remarked chairman Wurie. Team Washington had donated over

\$1000 to the SLPPNA as part of its fundraising efforts in raising funds for the re-election of President Julius Maada Bio.

In his response, regional chairman Desmond Pessima thanked SLPP Washington Metro Chapter for such a singular, but historic donation towards the re-election of President Julius Maada Bio come June 24, 2023. He echoed the hopes and aspirations of President Bio concerning his re-election come June 24, 2023.

He said President Bio has categorically informed the ranks and files of SLPP that he heavily relies on his people, including the Diasporans for his re-election.

The regional chairman also informed his audience that President Bio has told all and sundry that he will not take a single dime from the national account for his re-election effort.

Chairman Desmond Pessima expressed his profound appreciation to Team Washington for such a lump sum towards the re-election of President Julius Maada Bio.

The regional chairman thanked his



Members of the SLPP Washington Metro Chapter posed with the cheque

wife, Rachael Desmond Pessima, for her continuous support towards him in ensuring that the re-election of President Bio goes as planned and without any run-off.

The regional chairman recalls the previous role played by the chapter during the era of late President Ahmed Tejan Kabba and Solomon

Berewah.

"Washington, your effort will never go unrecognised, unappreciated or unrecorded, as long as I am your chairman for SLPPNA region. You have loudly answered the call of President Bio and this will go down in history," he said.

We need to reimagine and transform our educational systems

-Deputy UN Secretary-General

By Alfred Koroma



Deputy UN Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed has stressed there is a need to reimagine and transform educational systems globally, if they are to be fit for purpose.

She also stressed on the need to examine the link between education, technology and demographic, and an action upon the opportunities and challenges they bring, calling for initiatives to get all learners "climate-ready" and connected to the internet and the world of digital innovation, which she said is especially important for girls and women from the Global South, who are the most excluded.

Despite global promises and progress, some 263 million children and young people are out of school, indicating that achieving quality education for all by 2030 is seriously off track, Madam Mohammed said on Monday at the

ongoing session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), taking place at UN Headquarters in New York. CPD was established nearly 80 years ago by the UN Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC), one of the six main bodies of the

global Organization. The 56th session of the Commission concludes on Friday.

"Ultimately, we need to reimagine and transform our educational systems if they are to be fit for purpose," Ms. Mohamed stated. "We need to learn how to learn throughout our lives, and learn to live in peace with one another and with nature."

She said countries are facing "a triple crisis in education – one of equity and inclusion, quality and relevance, to equip current and future generations with the skills they need to thrive in a fast-changing world."

She said many students simply are not learning, as nearly 70 per cent of children in poorer countries cannot understand a basic text by age 10, due to chronic factors such as poverty and malnutrition.

The UN Diplomat also focused her

statement on the need to ensure inclusive education for women and girls, and to encourage them to pursue

studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the so-called STEM fields.

MP says Child Rights Bill is close to Parliament's heart

Bashiru Thullah Esq., attached to the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs, Aberdeen Road in Freetown, on Wednesday 12th April, 2023 spoke to this medium about the current status of the reviewed Child Rights Bill which had been sent to Parliament for and had reached the Legislative Committee.

According to him, "Parliament may sit on it today, Thursday 13th April, 2023 to discuss and finalize some contentious areas which need justification."

He explained that one sticky area is "diversion". He said this involves cases where children commit acts which can be described in law as a crime but on the other hand, are deemed to be mistakes. "The question about diversification therefore arises: who to divert and where to divert."

He noted that it is sometimes very difficult to decide what to do with a child who breaks a vehicle glass for example, or does something else similar to this. He added that it also becomes a question to determine where to place that a child who commits such "crimes" – whether to place that child in a home or in the prison.

According to him, other contentious issues that need clarification or

justification include but are not limited to: corporal punishment in schools and in homes, harmful practices such as FGM, Poro Society among others.

He informed this press that for them to decide on justifications and clarifications on the above issues to be in readiness for Parliament when they invite the Ministry and other stakeholders to make a final conclusion, they had held a meeting at the Atlantic Hotel, Lumley Beach in March this year to brainstorm the issues.

On her part, Chairlady of the Parliamentary Committee on Gender and Children's Affairs, Hon. Katherine Z. Tarawally, said the reviewed Child Rights Bill was presented to Parliament on February 24, 2023. According to her, the House places premium on the protection of the rights of children across the country.

"We are very much particular about the rights of children and we take the reviewed Child Rights Bill very seriously," she said.

The fate of this most important Bill now rests on Parliament. "If it is not passed into law before Parliament goes into recess, then we will have to wait for the next Parliament which would start the process anew," Bashiru Thullah Esq. said.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Jariatu S. Bangura

The Speaker of the Sierra Leone Parliament, Hon. Abass C. Bundu has urged the Parliamentary Party leaders to tell their political parties leadership to give more space to women during the forthcoming general elections.

He made the above call while commenting on a letter sent from the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliament to the him in regards to a visit they will be making to Sierra Leone in few weeks' time.

"I am appealing to the Parliamentary leadership to convey the message to their Party leaders to do so and there are serious implications for failing to adhere to these laws and the world is watching," he urged.

He said the fifth Parliament has done its bit by enacting the Public Elections Act, 2022 which creates the space for a female representation with two males in any position.

He said they have also enacted the Gender Empowerment Act, 2022 which is a clear manifestation to the entire world that parliament has done a lot to protect women, therefore it was now left with political parties to comply with Section 58(2) of the Public Elections law and the GEWE law respectively.

"This Parliament has done its bit to make the law, it is now left with the political parties to do the needful and also make sure that in the sixth Parliament women should be seen more to Parliament. The leaders of political parties should also make sure that the relevant provisions are strictly adhered to and see what good will come out of it," he emphasised.

ECOWAS, AU assess elections preparedness

From Cover



ECOWAS and AU delegation at State House with President Bio and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Mamdi Ngobeh Kamara

"The ECOWAS Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance and the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance obligate these two bodies to render necessary assistance to member states on the eve of the organisation of their elections," he said.

Dr. Musah added that the team would also engage the different political parties, civil society groups, traditional leaders and other parties that were part of the electioneering processes.

"After our visit, we will put our report together for the attention of the President of the African Union, who will give assistance where needed," he ended.

In his brief response, President Bio welcomed the team and informed its

members that he once led a process to a democratic rule after 30 years of authoritarian rule, adding that he was also pleased to lead the country again into another democratic election.

He made reference to his government's efforts at taking anti-democratic laws and barriers out of the way, including expunging sections of the 1965 Public Order Act that criminalised free speech and abolishing the death penalty, which political opponents feared in the past.

"I have, therefore, broadened democratic space. I also, urge the election steering committee, which our international partners are also part of, to discuss the rules and agree on them, way ahead of time. That way, we can go into the elections with a clear mind," he said.

Speaker calls on Political Parties to give space to more Women



House Speaker Abass Bundu is passionate about women's representation

Leone Rock Metal Group seeking growth opportunities in West Africa

Mr. Collin Ding, the President of Leone Rock Metal Group who was leading a high-level delegation to Conakry together with the Director-General of African Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, said on Monday 10th April 2023 that it was expanding its operations in Guinea and Liberia because of new opportunities in a number of commodities, including Iron Ore, Bauxite, and other base metals. During the stay in Guinea this time, the delegation held fruitful discussions with several groups including high-ranking government officials, country manager of enterprise for mineral logistics, and exports with original ideas for the development for the mining sector in Guinea.

"We are expanding our West African operations, as the miner of the biggest iron project and operator of the rail and port infrastructure in Sierra Leone through its subsidiary groups, Kingho Mining and Kingho Railway and Port to access viable projects," Gilbert Zhao, CEO of LEONE ROCK, Kingho's Sierra Leone parent investment company, told news reporters in Conakry during an investment visit to the west African Nation.

LEONE ROCK, which has benefited from excellent government and community relations in Sierra Leone, will serve as a reference point for the other two west African countries. The Company's investment model has brought about verifiable and tangible steps in the transformation of the iron

ore industry in Sierra Leone. A vertical integration model that has seen an initial investment of over 500 million US Dollars transitioning from ore mining, processing, exporting and building a steel factory. Contrary to the model of the previous operators of the Tonkolili mine, Leone Rock has in the past two weeks commissioned the construction of a 12 Million Metric Tons beneficiation plant and expansion of the rail and port infrastructures totaling around 400 million US Dollars. This investment decision is not only aiming at producing high concentrate iron ore of 62% or expanding the rail and port facilities for multiple users, but to build a regional sustainable strategy that will blossom the economies of iron rich nations of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia.

These recent moves is fueled by the commodity demand tied in part to China's rapid economic growth after Covid pandemic.

The Company's Sierra Leone operator paid last week 1 million US Dollars to its mining host communities, at a ceremony attended by the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Julius Maada Bio. This payment is in line with the company's commitment to a community development agreement, says Salim Sillah, the group's new Chief Technical Officer.

The new projects assessed by the company's team in Conakry, if approved, will increase the investment portfolios of the group and place them among the biggest operators in the Sub-region.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

With the aim to ensuring and maintaining peaceful environment and promotes young people's participation in politics and peace building in the country, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), on Wednesday, April 12, launched their 'Youth in Politics and Peace Building Project.'

The project aims at fostering social cohesion and dialogue for women, youth, and persons with disabilities's involvement in civic engagements at national and community levels through training, change communication, advocacy, and awareness raising to address the underlining factors that prevent youth positive involvement in peacebuilding and leadership and address the limited livelihood empowerment opportunities for youth in Sierra Leone.

It also aims to include multi-stakeholder intergenerational and inter-religious dialogue at national and district levels and will ensure safeguarding and protecting young peacebuilders through CRS multi-stakeholder dialogue and civic education training with young adults, law enforcement and other stakeholders.

Speaking at the Sierra Leone Peace Museum, Jomo Kenyatta Road in Freetown, CRS Country Representative, Jeanne Ella Andrianambinina, said Sierra Leone is in a very fragile context based on the past history, and that the current situation economically places the country in high risk.

He said they hope and pray that they can be able to mitigate conflict through the project.

She said the project is very important because it involves different stakeholders including the main actors who are the youth and pointed out that when the youth are in a vulnerable condition they can be used.

She further stated that, through the project, they recognised the two key ministries including the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs because they have a part to play to provide peace in the country.

Commissioner of the National Youth Commission, Thomas Ngolo Katta, said the project is in line with government mid-term national development plan for 2019-2023.

He said already the young people are innovators, farmers, engineers, lawyers, doctors and everywhere they want to show some level of talent and that is what they want to utilise in the course of the project.

He said in the country, eight out of ten Sierra Leoneans are below age 35 and

CRS launches youth in politics and peace building project



almost 40% of the country's population falls between 15-35 years, noting that the project was coming at the right time to support young people.

He said as the country moves towards June 24 elections, out of the 3,774,258 Sierra Leoneans that registered for the elections, 60.7% of them fall below age 35.

He said the above data tells them how it is important for the government to train more young leaders to achieve the political culture the country deserves.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator to Sierra Leone, Babatunde Ahonsi, said the project is particularly relevant to the context of Sierra Leone, because it addresses young people, female and male, politics and peacebuilding.

He commended the Catholic Relief Service, Caritas and the National Youth Commission for their partnership in that important endeavour, stating that indeed, young people have a key role to play in the present and future of democracy in Sierra Leone.

He said engaging young people in democratic processes and allowing them to participate safely and constructively in politics are core aspects of any effort to sustain democracy and investing in the capacity, agency and leadership of young political leaders will strengthen their ability to collaboratively lead peace efforts and use their skills to tackle other concerns that affect their lives, particularly in those challenging national and international times.

He said on 9th December, 2015, the

United Nations Security Council adopted the Resolution 2250 on youth, peace, and security (YPS), which acknowledged the positive role young women and young men play in the society as well as in sustaining peace and security.

He said the resolution recognised young people as a positive force in preventing and resolving conflicts and building sustainable peace.

"I therefore welcome the support that the project offers to develop the skills of young women and men on civic education and leadership to empower them as leaders in their communities and country," he said.

He said successive governments of Sierra Leone have prioritized investment in youth and women and at the end of the civil war, the late President Tejan Kabbah's government established a Ministry of Youth and Sports, adopted the first National Youth Policy, established the National Youth Commission (NAYCOM), developed a National Employment Policy and a National Youth Employment Action Plan (NYEAP).

He said the Mid Term-National Development Plan (2019-2023) has prioritized the development of human capital, including the Free Quality School Education policy, the National Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Strategy and its successor National Strategy for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy and Child Marriage and the Radical Inclusion Policy for schools aimed at creating an inclusive environment for all Sierra Leonean children, including pregnant and parent learners.

He said in November, the Parliament enacted the landmark Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act, which provides for a quota for nominating and appointing women in government and political positions.

"As we look forward to its implementation, we are confident that the project will also contribute to making the implementation of the Act a reality. Notwithstanding these efforts, challenges remain as about 75% of the country's population is below the age of 35 and young people represent about 63% of the economically active population, 67% of which is unemployed. Drug abuse is also on the increase and, particularly affects young women and men," he said.

He further noted that those challenges are becoming of increased concern as the country moves towards the June 24th national elections amidst high political tension and a toxic and divisive political discourse.

He said the toxic ethno-regional, political, and religious divisions should not have space in Sierra Leone, which is still considered one of the most peaceful countries in Africa and in the world.

He expressed his excitement that the project addresses the need to strengthen dialogue at all levels of society, including community stakeholders, traditional leaders, the Inter-Religious Council, the Sierra Leone Police, the Office of National Security, city and district councils, chiefdom youth councils, and political party structures.



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LOCAL NEWS President Bio heaps praises on Prof. Alpha Wurie for 60% drop in maternal mortality

President Julius Maada Bio while cataloguing his achievements in the past five years at the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving ceremony of his alma mater, The Bo School, on Friday, 7th April 2023, praised the Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Prof. Alpha Tejan Wurie, for the significant drop in maternal mortality rate in Sierra Leone.

According to President Bio, it was when Prof. Wurie was serving as Minister of Health and Sanitation between 2018 and 2021 that major interventions under his watch saw the unprecedented decline from 1140 per 100,000 live births in 2018 to around 700 in 2020 and just under 500 in 2022.

Prof. Alpha Wurie who was profusely thanked and appreciated by President Bio highlighted a number of factors that contributed to this massive gain.

He started off with the inauguration of district ambulance services across the country in 2018 that has considerably reduced difficulty in accessing health facilities.

Secondly, he went on, authority was given to him to employ 4,000 nurses, which constituted over 40% of the

workforce of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. "Recruitment on district basis was a novelty in the exercise as it allowed trained and qualified personnel to be in all secondary hospitals and most Primary Health Units (PHUs), hence the arrival of pregnant women whose situations were treated and addressed by professionals."

Another contribution to the latest drop in the maternal mortality rate is the creation and operationalization of the National Medical Supplies Agency which improved the distribution of drugs to the last mile PHUs.

Furthermore, the inauguration of the newly built Rokupa and King Herman Road Hospitals as child and maternal service entities expanded the outreach of tertiary services beyond PCMH (Princess Christian Maternity Hospital).

Also, the operationalization of a blood bank at the PCMH started to address haemorrhage situations in the Western Area even though it is required to be expanded nationwide.

The new WHO representative in Sierra



Prof. Alpha Wurie

Leone, Innocent Nuwagira, recently congratulated President Bio for the landmark achievement. He said: "Your Excellency, I am here to congratulate the country on the drastic reduction in maternal mortality that has occurred. We are proud of that achievement at WHO. Sierra Leone used to be one of the countries with the highest maternal mortality, which it has moved away from. In this year's estimation that we

have released recently, Sierra Leone was the number one country. You are at the top for reducing deaths by 60 percent in the region. Non was comparing to your country."

Meanwhile, President Bio had also received global accolade for the country's efficient handling of the Corona pandemic, thanks to Prof. Wurie who was at the helm of affairs in the health sector.



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PRESS RELEASE

INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED PROCUREMENT IRREGULARITIES AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF BASIC AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

The Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP), on 4th April, 2023, commenced investigation into complaint filed by **HARRIS Construction AND ENGINEERING SERVICES** on 62 Main, Sewa Road Bo (the Appellant) against the **MINISTRY OF BASIC AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION** (Respondent) on allegations of procurement irregularities bordering on the **CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF THE BO AND KENEMA GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL (LOT 2)**.

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The proceedings of the IPRP is underway and outcome will be made public.

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Invitation for Bids for the Sale of Idle/Obsolete Equipment

Date of First Issue: 5th April, 2023

1. Njala University announces its intention to dispose of used equipment listed below and invites sealed bids from the general public.
2. All bids must be accompanied with a Bank Draft in favour of Njala University at the value of 10% of the bidders' offer. Bank Draft from unsuccessful bidders will be returned while those from the successful bidders will be considered as deposit for their purchase. Successful bidders' draft will be forfeited if they fail to make payment within fifteen working days after notification of award.
3. Njala University would not give warranty or bear any responsibility for items bought and found not to be in good working condition.
4. The Bid Application Form can be obtained from the office of the Procurement Officer, Room 7 Secretariat, Njala Campus upon receipt of a non-refundable fee of NLe250 (Two Hundred and Fifty New Leone) to the below mentioned accounts:

BANK NAME: Union Trust Bank
 ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
 ACCOUNT NO.: 210113253-01
 BBAN NO.: 00-4001113253120144

BANK NAME: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
 ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
 ACCOUNT NO.: 003001081791112183
 BBAN NO.:

BANK NAME: Rokel Commercial Bank
 ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
 ACCOUNT NO.: 02-011012428
 BBAN NO.: 002001002101242863

5. Bids for each item must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Unit, Room 7, Secretariat, Njala Campus on or before Tuesday 4th May, 2023 at 12:00 noon.
6. The bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 12:00 noon on the 4th May, 2023:
 The Senate Room
 University Secretariat
 Njala University
 Moyamba District.

A. MOTOR VEHICLES

SN	REGISTRATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	AJL 383	Land Rover Discovery	Njala Campus
2	AEM 039	Nissan Pathfinder	Njala Campus
3	AEQ 742	BMC Water Bowser	Njala Campus
4	AFY 883	Mitsubishi	Njala Campus
5	ANM 985	Toyota Land Cruiser	Njala Campus
6	ANM 379	Land Cruiser	Njala Campus
7	ADF 422	Land Rover	Bo Campus
8	ADF 430	Land Rover	Bo Campus
9	AEF 377	Hyundai Aero Tow Bus	Bo Campus
10	ABS 162	Nissan Patrol	Njala Campus
11	AEK 966	Ford Ranger	Njala Campus
12	AHU 200	Hino Truck	Njala Campus
13	AGD 598	Toyota Land Cruiser V8	Njala Campus

B. MOTOR BIKES

SN	REGISTRATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	AHA 737	Kengo Motor Bike	Njala Campus

C. GENERATORS

SN	DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	45 KVA	Perkins	Njala Campus
2	400 KVA	Detroit	Njala Campus
3	175 KVA	Caulmoh	Njala Campus
4	350 KVA	Perkins	Njala Campus
5	350 KVA	Perkins	Njala Campus
6	1,200 KVA	Perkins	Bo Campus
7	165 KVA	Commins	Bo Campus
8	250 KVA	Man Diesel	Bo Campus

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NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

Dollar drops as inflation comes in below economists' expectations



US dollar notes are photographed in Buenos Aires, on June 23, 2022. - Copyright © africanews LUIS ROBAYO/AFP or licensors

The US dollar suffered a sharp decline on Wednesday following the release of data that revealed consumer prices in the United States rose less than anticipated in March.

The unexpected result has prompted experts to speculate that the Federal Reserve may halt its rate-hiking efforts, possibly after a rate increase in May.

The implications of this latest development are significant, as the Fed's monetary policy decisions can have a major impact on the global economy. Last month's Consumer Price Index (CPI) only saw a 0.1% climb, falling short of economists' forecasted 0.2% gain and marking a decrease from the 0.4% rise observed in February. Over the 12 months leading up to March, the CPI increased by 5.0%, which represents the smallest year-on-year gain since May 2021. By comparison, the CPI had risen by 6.0% on a year-on-year basis in February.

Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the CPI increased 0.4% last month after rising 0.5%

in February. Sticky rents continued to drive core CPI.

"Headline inflation coming down more than expected is backing the view of the Fed being basically one more and done," Reuters quoted Joe Manimbo, senior market analyst at Convera in Washington, D.C. in a report.

The dollar index was last at 101.68, down 0.41% on the day and below the level of around 102.11 before the data. The euro reached \$1.09900, the highest since Feb. 2, and was last at \$1.0967, up 0.48% on the day. The dollar dipped to 133.04 Japanese yen, from around 133.85 before the data.

According to fed funds futures traders, there is a 69% chance that the Fed will increase rates by 25 basis points at its meeting on May 2-3. This probability has decreased from approximately 76% prior to the latest data.

Retail sales data on Friday will be analyzed next for how consumer spending is being affected by higher prices.

Five elephants shot in Chad, fears of renewed poaching



An elephant at Zakouma National Park on February 23, 2014. - Copyright © africanews MARCO LONGARI/AFP PHOTO/MARCO LONGARI

At least five elephants were killed last week in southern Chad by poachers who took their tusks, according to the authorities and an NGO which is alarmed Tuesday by a "sudden resumption" of these acts.

There are less than 1,500 pachyderms left in Chad in 2023 compared to several tens of thousands 30 years ago, and the last known killings for their ivory were in 2017, the Chadian NGO SOS Elephants said in a statement.

"At least five elephants were killed last week by poachers" in the area of Beinar, capital of the

Dodjé department, 400 km south of the capital N'Djamena, Adam Ahmat Assane, secretary general of SOS Elephants, assured AFP.

"Elephants have been killed but their number has not yet been communicated to me, our forces are tracking down the poachers who shot them," Hamid Mahamat Houssein Itno, deputy director general of the Administration of forestry, wildlife and Fisheries, confirmed to AFP.

They were killed by "armed horsemen" and the bodies were found "without their tusks", the NGO said in a statement. It is "concerned about the

Kenya: Court hears case against Meta over dismissal of employees

A Kenyan court hears a bid by Facebook's parent company Meta to stop a lawsuit accusing it among other things of exploitation and poor working conditions. Meta is seeking to have the case struck down, arguing that the local employment and labour relations court has no jurisdiction over it because it is neither based in nor trades in Kenya.

In March, 43 moderators working at Facebook's moderation center in the east African nation announced that they filed a lawsuit against Meta, the platform's parent company, for unlawful dismissal.

Mercy Mutemi, is the lawyer for former content moderators at Sama. After the court session in Nairobi on Wednesday she said "what basically is the challenge of the case is how they were treated, while being Facebook content moderators, and the manner in which Facebook and Sama tried to terminate their contracts. That's what this case is about."

The 43 were part of over 260 moderators fired in

January by Sama, the outsourcing company that has run the office since 2019.

"One of our claims in the petition is that the moderators who were engaged through Sama have tried seeking alternative employment as Facebook moderators through Majorel (Another outsourcing firm) and the response they are getting is that they are not engaging moderators who previously worked at Sama. So that, the claim that they're amaking in the court is that that's discriminatory, and everyone has a right to work, and they should have a right to apply and get equal opportunities for work." Mutemi explained further.

It is not the first time that Facebook is being involved in controversy leading to lawsuits in Kenya. In December 2022, Meta the social media parent company was accused of fueling online ethnic hatred and violence in Kenya and Ethiopia. A \$1.6 billion fund has been called for to compensate victims while legal proceedings are still ongoing.

Kenya: Residents of Nakuru county turn to geothermal steam for affordable water

Nakuru County lies within East Africa's vast Rift Valley. Hundreds of thousands of people here are suffering from acute water shortages, made much worse by drought.

Volcanic and tectonic activity in the rift started about 30 million years ago and the area is still geologically active, with volcanoes, hot springs, and geysers. Now local communities here are embracing this local resource.

In Eburru Mbaruk, volcanic activity makes it dangerous to dig wells and loose soil and low water tables mean they collapse very quickly. Local residents now embark on a long and laborious process of searching for geysers.

Where the geysers look as though they might produce water, the villagers dig five feet below the ground and trap the steam which condenses into water. The source of water here led to the Camp Brethren Christian School setting up its secondary school at this location.

The school's accountant Paul Nduthu says: "The geothermal steam is very important to the school. When we first set up our primary school, we had a lot of problems with water and that's why we chose this place as a site for our secondary school. The steam water is all year round, we also supplement it with rainwater, but rainwater comes during the rainy season and after some time it gets depleted, but the steam water runs throughout, and also it is safe for drinking."

The bigger the pipes and tanks, the greater amount of water can be collected.

Freshwater rivers are few and far between, and without the geothermal tanks people would be forced to walk long distances to collect water. The pipes are connected to huge slanting tanks above the ground where steam condenses to water.

To increase the amount of steam condensing, the tanks are fitted with long slanting metallic pipes through which cold air enters the tank, condensing more steam to water and also allowing residual steam to escape. The residents mainly use aluminium sheets to construct pipes and tanks because the material does not rust.

Lake Naivasha, a freshwater lake in Nakuru, is heavily polluted by neighbouring flower farms and cannot be used for domestic purposes.

Local resident Douglas Chege says: "The area is so much contaminated; we have the greenhouses around that area and this water is running towards that lake."

"When we get that water from that (lake) the water will be too much contaminated for our domestic use. So the government came up with this point of just getting this water," says Chege.

But it's unclear whether demand for water can be met using this system. Another resident Patricia Nyaguthii says: "Though it is clean water, it is very little and it is not enough but we do not have any other source of water. It is a long time since it rained."

Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), an electricity power plant in the region, does provide piped water, but residents says it's untreated and exposes them to water-borne diseases.

Since only a few locations have enough steam to be tapped, the government of Kenya has allocated communal land where villagers harvest steam.

Steven Okoth, a geologist at the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation explains the causes of geothermal steam jets. He says the seismic activity creates cracks in the Earth's crust.

"So, the area is rifting, it is tearing apart, that is what is called the rift and when it is tearing apart, there is the magma in this area which is the source of heat in this area and then where there is rifting there are also a lot of fractures. There is a lot of fracturing which is taking place when the rifts are formed," says Okoth.

According to Okoth, water flowing from Mau forest is swallowed up by surface fractures which is why the region lacks visible rivers. Okoth further explains that geothermal steam water is renewable.

"So it is renewable, as long as there is still rain in the Mau and water is flowing into these fractures, it will be renewed, the water will be renewed and when there is still hot molten rock, it will continuously heat the water which is flowing," says Okoth.

It's good news for residents who rely on geothermal steam for clean, safe water.

Credit: africanews with AP

sudden resumption of this serious attack on Chad's wildlife".

This type of poaching "gradually stopped about 10 years ago" after Chadian President Idriss Déby Itno, who was killed two years ago in a battle with rebels, "took very strict measures to protect the last elephants in Chad from 2008," the NGO said.

Most of the 1,500 or so elephants listed by the association live in protected reserves, but they are poached especially as soon as they leave them, explains SOS Elephants, which calls on President Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, proclaimed head of

state by the army on the death of his father on April 20, 2021, to "show the utmost firmness."

Between 2009 and 2011, more than 200 elephants were killed in the provinces of Chari Baguirmi and Mayo Kebbi East", close to Beinar and bordering Cameroon, said Mr. Ahmat Assane, adding: "We have to be very careful not to kill elephants in the provinces of Beinar and Mayo Kebbi East. Ahmat Assane, adding: "The last cases took place in 2016 and 2017 in these two provinces, with at least 20" pachyderms killed.



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Public Notice Increase in Advert Pricing for Newspapers

24th March, 2023.

The general public is hereby informed that the Guild of Newspaper Editors – Sierra Leone (GoNE-SL) has reviewed the advert pricing for newspapers as follows:

Black & White

No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
1	Quarter Page (¼)	700	800
2	Half (½)	800	1,200
3	Full Page	1,000	1,500
4	Centre Spread	2,000	3,000

Coloured

No.	Description	Old Price (NLe)	New Price (NLe)
1	Full Page	2,500	3,000
2	Centre Spread	5,000	6,000

The cover price remains the same.

Please note that the new pricing takes effect on Monday, 3rd April, 2023.

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Signed:
 Donald Theo-Harding
 Chairman, GoNE-SL.

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PRESS RELEASE INCREASE IN COST OF RADIO COMMERCIALS Mile 91 Town, 25th March 2023

The National Executive and General Membership of the Sierra Leone Broadcasters Association (SiLBA) wish to inform the public that the Association has unanimously resolved to increase the cost of radio commercials.

The decision was reached at a national consultation meeting held at Mile 91 Town, Tonkolili District, on Saturday, 18th March 2023, as part of the efforts to meet the current inflation rates and other statutory obligations in the country.

This decision will enhance quality in service delivery and sustainability in the operations of radio stations across the country.

It should be recalled that this is the only increment in commercials announced by radio stations in 12 years.

The Association therefore craves the understanding and patronage of the public.

The new commercial quotation which will take effect on 1st May 2023 shall be as follow:

FREETOWN

1. Jingle – Jingle slot – NLe 35.00 per minute
2. Public notice – NLe 30.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minutes airtime, between NLe 750,00 and NLe 1,250 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)
 (b) Cost for 1hr airtime, between NLe 1, 500, 00.and NLe 2,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the Radio station)

PROVINCIAL

1. Jingle – Jingle slot – NLe 20.00 per minute
2. Public notice – NLe 20.00 per 50 words
3. (a) Cost for 30 minute airtime: between NLe 500.00 and NLe 750.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)
 (b) Cost for 1hr airtime: between NLe 1,000.00 and NLe 1,500.00 (Depending on the coverage of the particular Radio station)

SILBA regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

END

Signed:

Daniel M. Amara
 Secretary General

Approved By:

Stanley Bangura Jr
 Chairman





LONG LIST

Thursday 13/04 & Friday 14/04

Fix No.	Close	Competition	Home Team		Away Team		Normal	Handicap [0:1]	Handicap [1:0]	First Half Result	Second Half Result	Wire 1.5	Wire 2.5	Wire 3.5	Half With Most Goals	Odd or Even?	Draw No Bet																				
			1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)											5 (5)	6 (6)	7 (7)	8 (8)	9 (9)	10 (10)	11 (11)	12 (12)	13 (13)	14 (14)	15 (15)	16 (16)	17 (17)	18 (18)	19 (19)	20 (20)	21 (21)	22 (22)	23 (23)	24 (24)	25 (25)
1	4/13/2023 12:10	Vietnam	HANOI FC	2 v 6 HAI PHONG			1.41	3.61	4.79	2.39	3.40	2.14	1.12	5.40	11.00	2.09	2.26	5.20	1.88	2.70	4.80	3.30	1.21	1.86	1.69	1.33	2.65	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.76	1.82	1.18	3.25	
2	4/13/2023 12:10	Vietnam	HO CHI MINH CITY	13 v 4 BINH DINH FC			3.71	3.32	1.74	8.00	4.70	1.19	1.60	3.40	3.00	4.40	2.13	2.42	3.95	2.55	2.14	3.05	1.25	1.74	1.80	1.27	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.74	1.83	2.60	1.31	
3	4/13/2023 12:55	Turkey 2	RIZESPOR	4 v 3 SAKARYASPOR			1.55	3.61	3.81	2.75	3.40	1.92	1.18	4.80	8.20	2.31	2.19	4.50	2.03	2.70	4.10	3.25	1.22	1.84	1.70	1.31	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.70	1.88	1.28	2.70	
4	4/13/2023 12:55	Cyprus	PARALIMNI	5 v 1 NEA SALAMINA			2.20	3.03	2.74	4.30	3.60	1.49	1.32	4.00	5.80	3.00	2.00	3.60	2.65	2.42	3.15	2.70	1.32	1.59	1.99	1.20	3.35	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.80	1.77	1.58	1.94	
5	4/13/2023 12:55	Cyprus	DOXA KATOKOPIAS	4 v 7 OLYMPIAKOS NICOSIA			1.96	3.13	3.13	3.65	3.45	1.62	1.25	4.20	6.80	2.75	2.02	4.00	2.39	2.46	3.50	2.75	1.30	1.62	1.95	1.22	3.25	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.80	1.77	1.44	2.20	
6	4/13/2023 13:55	Hungary 2	SZENTLORINC SE	17 v 9 GYOR			2.93	2.88	2.00	6.40	4.20	1.27	1.56	3.60	3.85	3.60	1.97	2.65	3.20	2.31	2.35	2.60	1.25	1.58	1.83	1.20	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.66	1.73	2.04	1.45	
7	4/13/2023 13:55	Georgia	FC SABURTALO TLISHI	6 v 8 FC TELAVI			1.49	3.37	4.59	2.48	3.30	2.11	1.12	5.20	11.00	2.06	2.09	5.00	1.83	2.47	4.60	2.80	1.22	1.66	1.73	1.24	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.76	1.64	1.17	3.05	
8	4/13/2023 13:55	Greece Cup	PAOK	0 v 0 LAVRIA			1.14	5.28	11.72	1.53	3.55	4.10	-	6.40	23.00	1.58	2.60	11.00	1.41	3.25	11.00	3.65	1.17	2.03	1.57	1.40	2.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.33	1.45	-	5.80	
9	4/13/2023 15:55	Hungary 2	MTK BUDAPEST	2 v 7 HALADAS			1.26	4.30	6.06	1.80	3.65	2.85	1.06	6.20	13.00	1.70	2.48	6.00	1.52	2.95	5.60	3.75	1.09	2.22	1.37	1.51	1.94	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.59	1.81	1.08	3.90	
10	4/13/2023 15:55	Hungary 2	BUDAPEST	10 v 1 DIOSGORSI VTK			3.66	2.98	1.63	8.60	4.70	1.18	1.77	3.40	3.10	4.30	1.99	2.35	3.80	2.33	2.09	2.60	1.26	1.57	1.84	1.20	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.67	2.48	1.29	
11	4/13/2023 15:55	Georgia	FC DILA GORI	4 v 5 FC SAMGURAU			1.70	3.03	3.76	3.10	3.30	1.80	1.17	4.70	9.00	2.35	1.96	4.50	2.07	2.31	3.95	2.49	1.28	1.53	1.90	1.17	3.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.79	1.61	1.27	2.55	
12	4/13/2023 16:40	UEFA Europa League	FEYENOORD	0 v 0 AS ROMA			2.23	3.03	2.98	4.60	3.70	1.54	1.32	4.20	6.80	3.10	1.96	3.90	2.70	2.37	3.40	2.60	1.40	1.53	2.23	1.18	3.95	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.97	1.72	1.56	2.01	
13	4/13/2023 16:40	Europa Conference League	GENT	0 v 0 WEST HAM			3.18	3.22	2.03	7.00	4.50	1.28	1.64	3.70	3.85	4.00	2.08	2.80	3.50	2.50	2.45	3.00	1.31	1.69	1.96	1.25	3.30	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.81	1.86	2.19	1.47	
14	4/13/2023 16:55	Argentina	ARSENAL DE SARANDI	26 v 17 GODDY CRUZ			2.78	2.74	2.35	6.00	4.00	1.31	1.43	3.70	4.80	3.65	1.93	3.10	3.20	2.27	2.80	2.48	1.37	1.69	1.42	1.16	3.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.88	1.70	1.89	1.61	
15	4/13/2023 16:55	Romania 2	ASC OTELUL GALATI	3 v 5 FC BUZAU			2.07	2.83	2.83	4.10	3.60	1.52	1.28	4.10	6.40	4.00	2.75	1.92	3.60	2.44	2.27	3.15	2.49	1.29	1.52	1.92	1.17	3.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.68	1.49	1.97
16	4/13/2023 17:25	Turkey 2	ALZANTIMIZIR	13 v 15 ALTINORDU			1.99	3.22	2.64	4.10	3.70	1.50	1.34	4.00	5.40	4.00	2.95	2.09	3.45	2.60	2.55	3.05	1.11	2.09	1.43	1.44	2.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.54	1.89	1.14	3.25	
17	4/13/2023 17:55	UAE	DIBBA	13 v 4 AL WAHDA FC (UAE)			6.45	4.20	1.26	14.00	6.00	1.06	2.85	3.50	1.84	6.20	2.39	1.72	6.00	2.85	1.54	3.45	1.13	2.02	1.46	1.41	2.13	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.70	1.69	4.00	1.08	
18	4/13/2023 18:40	England Amateur	DARTFORD	2 v 15 TAUNTON TOWN			1.44	3.52	4.79	2.31	3.35	2.22	1.11	5.40	11.00	1.98	2.18	5.20	1.76	2.55	4.70	3.00	1.18	1.78	1.62	1.29	2.46	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.69	1.70	1.15	3.20	
19	4/13/2023 18:40	England Amateur	CONCORD RANGERS	26 v 23 HUNGERFORD			2.05	3.03	2.69	3.90	3.70	1.53	1.31	4.20	5.60	2.70	2.03	3.35	2.39	2.41	2.95	2.85	1.21	1.69	1.70	1.25	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.57	1.84	1.51	1.93	
20	4/13/2023 18:40	Qatar	AL ARABI DOHA SC	2 v 7 AL AHU DOHA SC			1.39	3.91	4.79	2.11	3.55	2.35	1.10	5.60	10.00	1.88	2.35	5.00	1.68	2.80	4.60	3.55	1.11	2.09	1.43	1.44	2.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.54	1.89	1.14	3.25	
21	4/13/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	MANCHESTER UNITED	0 v 0 SEVILLA			1.45	3.66	4.49	2.90	3.40	2.20	1.10	5.40	10.00	1.88	2.24	4.80	1.76	2.65	4.40	3.75	1.15	1.97	1.53	1.35	2.27	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.60	1.60	1.17	3.10	
22	4/13/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	MANCHESTER UNITED	0 v 0 SEVILLA			1.33	4.40	7.23	1.99	3.50	2.85	1.07	6.80	17.00	1.97	2.41	7.20	1.66	2.95	6.80	3.60	1.22	1.90	1.69	1.37	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.00	1.70	1.09	4.40	
23	4/13/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	PUENTE	0 v 0 SPORTING			1.75	3.22	4.20	3.20	3.40	1.88	1.18	5.20	11.00	2.50	2.03	5.00	2.19	2.44	4.50	2.70	1.38	1.57	2.16	1.20	3.80	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.04	1.67	1.28	2.80	
24	4/13/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	BIYER LEVERKUSEN	0 v 0 SAINT-GILLOISE			1.50	3.91	5.08	2.38	3.60	2.27	1.13	6.00	12.00	2.08	2.35	5.40	1.86	2.80	5.00	3.75	1.20	2.00	1.66	1.39	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.76	1.92	1.18	3.40	
25	4/13/2023 18:55	Europa Conference League	LECH POZAN	0 v 0 FIORENTINA			4.30	3.52	1.67	10.00	5.40	1.17	1.98	3.50	2.85	4.90	2.17	2.34	4.40	2.60	2.07	3.15	1.28	1.77	1.87	1.28	3.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.85	1.82	2.90	1.26	
26	4/13/2023 18:55	Europa Conference League	ANDERLECHT	0 v 0 AZ ALKMAAR			2.49	2.98	2.59	5.20	4.10	1.43	1.40	4.10	5.40	3.25	2.05	3.35	2.90	2.44	3.00	2.95	1.32	1.66	2.01	1.24	3.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.79	1.89	1.72	1.79	
27	4/13/2023 18:55	Europa Conference League	BASEL	0 v 0 NICE			3.32	3.18	2.01	7.40	4.70	1.27	1.66	3.70	3.75	4.10	2.09	2.75	3.60	2.50	2.42	3.00	1.30	1.70	1.95	1.26	3.30	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.80	1.88	2.75	1.44	
28	4/13/2023 19:10	Egypt	HARAS EL HODOOD	18 v 4 ZAMALEK SC			4.10	2.83	1.71	10.00	4.60	1.16	1.73	3.20	3.45	5.10	2.09	1.88	2.60	4.40	3.25	1.46	2.41	1.12	4.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.16	1.52	2.65	1.29		
29	4/13/2023 19:10	Egypt	ISMALY SC	15 v 11 ENPPI CLUB			2.78	2.64	2.23	6.40	3.85	1.31	1.41	3.60	5.20	3.80	1.83	3.35	3.30	2.16	2.90	2.19	1.48	1.37	2.49	1.11	4.30	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.08	1.57	1.86	1.63	
30	4/13/2023 19:10	Egypt	MOKAWILAH AL ARABI	6 v 7 AL MASRY CLUB			1.99	2.64	3.18	4.50	3.45	1.49	1.25	4.10	7.40	3.05	1.84	4.20	2.70	2.17	3.60	2.20	1.48	1.38	2.48	1.11	4.30	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.09	1.56	1.49	2.08	
31	4/13/2023 19:25	Argentina	COLON DE SANTA FE	24 v 3 TALLERES CORDOBA			3.03	2.88	2.14	6.60	4.10	1.27	1.52	3.55	4.20	3.85	1.97	2.90	3.40	2.33	2.60	1.34	1.54	2.09	1.18	3.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.85	1.73	2.06	1.51		
32	4/13/2023 20:25	Colombia	ENVIKADO	11 v 6 CO TOLIMA			2.74	2.88	2.30	6.20	3.80	1.32	1.45	3.50	4.80	3.75	1.87	3.25	3.20	2.27	2.80	2.31	1.44	1.43	2.32	1.13	4.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.02	1.60	1.89	1.61	
33	4/13/2023 20:55	Algeria	CR BELOUZZAD	1 v 14 PARADOU			1.22	4.10	8.21	1.94	3.15	2.90	-	6.00	20.00	1.85	2.21	8.40	1.63	2.70	8.00	2.80	1.29	1.64	1.92	1.22	3.20	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.37	1.43	1.07	4.70	
34	4/13/2023 20:55	Brazil Cup	NAUTICO	0 v 0 CRUZEIRO			3.47	3.03	1.89	7.80	4.40	1.21	1.67	3.40	3.50	4.30	1.99	2.65	3.80	2.39	2.33	2.60	1.34	1.56	2.05	1.19	3.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.88	1.70			

INT'L SPORT Chelsea 'launch bid to sign Gavi this summer'

Chelsea have launched an operation to sign Barcelona's young star Gavi this summer - with talks reportedly already held between the Blues and the player's representatives.

The 18-year-old Spain international midfielder could be available for nothing if there is no solution to the contract registration row between his club and LaLiga.

Barcelona haven't been able to register Gavi as a first-team player, despite his importance to the side, because of their ongoing financial struggles.

Diario AS reported that Chelsea plan to take advantage of the situation by presenting a compelling case to persuade the teenager to join them.

They say an initial meeting took place in Madrid three weeks ago between Gavi's midfielder Ivan de la Pena and Chelsea technical director Christopher Vivell.

Chelsea's aim was to express their desire to sign Gavi and to stress how important a role he would be to their

side going forward.

AS report the first meeting was satisfactory for all involved and a second one is expected shortly to discuss the next steps.

Gavi isn't happy with Barcelona for the way they have handled the contract situation after he was stripped of the No 6 shirt, as worn by legends such as Xavi, and made to go back to the No 30.

Barcelona have not been able to register him as a first-team squad member but are adamant a solution can be found ahead of next season.

The four-year contract extension Gavi signed back in September, which contained a £879million (€1 billion) release clause, will no longer be valid because LaLiga didn't register it.

Gavi would be able to leave for nothing in the summer if an answer isn't found, a true bargain for Chelsea, who shelled out £323m on new players in January.

Barcelona had initially managed to find a legal route around LaLiga's refusal to register Gavi's new deal but



this was overturned on March 25 and he reverted to a youth team contract, negating his transfer market value.

It could well be the case that former Barcelona player and manager Luis Enrique could be Gavi's manager at Chelsea next season, after talks with owner Todd Boehly last week.

The Blues are on the hunt for a new permanent manager after Graham

Potter was fired with the club languishing mid-table in the Premier League.

Frank Lampard returned to the club as interim manager last week, his tenure beginning with a 1-0 defeat at Wolves on Saturday.

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Paul Ince: Reading sack manager after dropping into Championship relegation zone



Reading have sacked manager Paul Ince after the club dropped into the Championship relegation places on Easter Monday.

The club has appointed U21 manager and former striker Noel Hunt as interim manager until the end of the season while assistant manager Alex Rae has also departed.

A 2-1 defeat at Preston on Monday left Reading a point from safety with five games to go and winless in their last eight.

Reading dropped from 18th to 20th last week after being handed an immediate six-point deduction for violating agreed budget restrictions after a previous breach of the EFL's profitability and sustainability rules.

Hunt's first game in charge is at home to already-promoted Burnley on Saturday and he will be assisted by

director of player development Eddie Niedzwiecki and first-team coach James Oliver-Pearce.

Reading's head of football operations Mark Bowen said: "I would like to thank Paul and Alex for their efforts throughout what has admittedly been a frustrating and exceptionally challenging season so far. We would like to wish them well in their future endeavours.

"The board will work diligently to identify the manager who is the best fit for this football club going forward - a candidate capable of driving it towards a healthier, brighter future.

"However, for the next five games, our only focus is on doing everything we can to survive this season. Put simply, that means everyone - from myself, to the staff, to the supporters - lending all their support to Noel, Eddie, James and the first team players as

we go into five crucially important games at the end of our 2022-23 campaign."

Ince was appointed initially on an interim basis in February 2022 and helped the club stave off the threat of relegation with four wins from the final 14 fixtures last season.

He was appointed permanent manager in the summer, putting together a new-look squad on a much-reduced wage budget while working under a transfer embargo.

Reading were handed an immediate six-point deduction for violating agreed budget restrictions after a previous breach of the EFL's profitability and sustainability rules.

The sanction relates to the club's failure to meet the terms of a business plan agreed following a breach of the profit and sustainability limits in 2021. The initial breach carried a six-point penalty with a further six points suspended until the current campaign, and that has now been enforced.

The Royals have also been under a transfer embargo since the summer of 2021 because of the breach.

A statement from the independent Club Financial Reporting Unit read: "Reading Football Club will be deducted six points from the 2022/23 Championship table, after the club admitted that it has failed to comply with the budget restrictions imposed, following a previous breach of the

EFL's profitability and sustainability rules (P&S).

"The points deduction is an activation of a suspended six-point penalty, which was set out in the terms of an agreed decision between Reading and the EFL in November 2021."

A Reading statement said: "Despite radical changes implemented at first team level and right across the structure of the business to its very core - and a rigid adherence to a strict league-monitored wage structure and transfer

embargo, the club accepts that it has not sufficiently satisfied certain elements of the planned budget and that, as a result, the independent club financial review panel has been unable to ratify that the club has met its forecast for compliance.

"We have worked closely with the EFL and the independent club financial review unit throughout the process in our aims to achieve the targets set out in the agreed business plan and every reasonable effort has been made to construct a competitive squad of players whilst avoiding further punishment.

"However, despite the substantial progress we have undeniably made and the lessons that have indeed been learned, as promised, we accept that the situation was never going to be easily or quickly fixed."

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