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By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

"I should be honest with you that the Judiciary has transformed itself, it has redeemed its name and the image," remarked seasoned Lawyer Francis Gabbidon, but noted that the Judges need to do more in dealing with cases as quickly as possible.

The Judiciary is one of the three arms of government that is charged with the responsibility of interpreting the law.

What happened? After assuming office in 2018, President Bio appointed Justice Babatunde Edwards as the Chief Justice of Sierra Leone.

Under his leadership, Justice Babatunde has undertaken some physical and other reforms in terms of the delivery of justice to all and sundry.

In order to get the actual picture of what the judiciary has been like over the past five years, Concord Times conducted an exclusive interview with seasoned Lawyer, Francis Gabbidon.



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PONDER MY THOUGHTS

By Andrew Keili

Ever since President Bio invited NGC's Dr. Kandeh Yumkella in Kambia to "come back home", to which he received the retort, "a hole word", the pursuit of the "bride" has been relentless. Publicized appearances of both gentlemen together have set tongues wagging. Emboldened by mandates from the National Executive Councils of both parties to explore a strategic alliance, the parties embarked on a dalliance that has resulted in the announcement last week that they were now "engaged". The real "marriage" has been slated for April 23, 2023 at a big "wedding ceremony".

The public has had some glimpses of the purpose of the proposed marriage. They propose to "pool resources to ensure victory in the election of June 24, 2023 through collaboration at all levels of the political/electoral landscape". They will also develop a joint manifesto. The goal is to promote an inclusive government that will "bring transformative development to Sierra Leone". Undoubtedly, the "marriage vows" will be read at the April 23rd "wedding ceremony".

To assess how this Alliance is viewed, one needs to delve into who exactly the stakeholders are on the NGC side who will be affected by this marriage. There are those who are idealistic and believe the NGC should "stay pure" as a third force party to continue playing its role as an effective opposition. They reckon that even with the impossibility of a third party winning now, the NGC project should be a long term project-say over 10 years, to break the dominance of our two major parties that have "wreaked so much havoc on this country". If this means NGC goes down fighting valiantly, so be it! Any alliance in their view will spell the death knell of NGC. There are others who believe that NGC should be realistic and practical and should form an alliance with one of the existing major political parties to participate in inclusive governance. It would seem the "purist go-it-alone people" and others who may be dissatisfied with the process leading to the formation of the Alliance have got their voices drowned out. These include well-meaning people who have either joined the party and given active support over time and others, who are on the sidelines but nevertheless want change. The "Alliance proponents" who supported moving towards APC lost out mainly because APC gave tepid support to the Coalition of Progressive Parties (COPP) idea which had a still birth.

SLPP's motivation has been simple. Politics is a numbers' game and "NGC renegades", many of whom were as green as grass should come back home and swell up their numbers to defeat the "APC devil incarnate". The real question then for them seems to be what sort of alliance should they have with these "renegades".

a merger in which NGC would be swallowed up or a loose alliance of sorts in which NGC maintains its identity?

Whatever the case, the "wedding" is on and it has left in its wake some disenchanted members and well-wishers, some of whom accuse the NGC and especially its Parliamentary Leader, Kandeh Yumkella of selling out. Some key officials had already bolted from the NGC, accusing the party of pursuing actions "incompatible with the party's ethos". However, the number of people favouring the alliance within the ranks of the NGC seems to have swelled and this includes National Executive members and key patrons of the party. There have been no notable dissenting views from the party's rank and file members. The real issue at this stage seems to be better defining the stake of the party in the Alliance.

In the final analysis, the most important person in the inclusive government debate would seem to be President Bio during a second term the Alliance deems inevitable. He will to a large extent determine the nature and membership of the next government. Though he will depend on advice from top players of the Alliance, including in particular his own trusted advisers, he will have to decide whether he wants a transformational leadership with an eye on leaving behind a commendable legacy, even if this means ditching non performers, who are politically and socially close or to preserve the status quo. The success of the "marriage" to a large extent will also depend on whether the leaders of both parties will work together with their advisers to chart out the transformative leadership that they now tout. Only time will tell.

For now, there is talk that this is a "marriage made in heaven". The success depends on a 5-letter word-TRUST. The serene silence of the APC on this issue for now is worthy of note. An APC pundit however observed wryly- "Yes, marriages may be made in Heaven – but then again, so are thunder and lightning".

Ponder my thoughts.

POLITICAL FOOT-IN-MOUTH DISEASE: ET TU GENTO?

The presumed SLPP Mayoral candidate's now infamous speech in a Mosque is not a unique or even rare event. Gento Kamara has joined a long list of distinguished politicians whose unguarded utterances have widely been viewed as bigoted or divisive. This list includes Solomon Berewa, Samura Kamara, Kandeh Yumkella, Yvonne Aki-Sawyer (YAS), Maada Bio, Fatima Bio, Abu Abu Koroma and others. Even though politicians now

realize that negative statements on tribe, religion and gender are no-go areas, they still stumble into these areas, often in their unguarded moments.

They often do so with no realization there may be moles in their midst or trigger-happy phone cameras capturing the proceedings. In the case of Gento, one political commentator's view was that Gento wanted to demonize his presumed opponent Yvonne Aki-Sawyer who had chosen a Christian Krio as her Running Mate in an "unbalanced ticket". Since Gento could not muster the courage to say so, he went on a long and tortured speech about discrimination against Muslims in employment that defied simple logic.

When he got criticized by SLAJ and other groups, he went on the defensive. Opposition detractors joined the fray and he has been "roasted" on social media.

This episode should however not necessarily put paid to Gento's ambition. A rich populist, with enough cash to fund community projects (SLPP's Jagaban), a likeable northerner with strong roots in Freetown, and a candidate backed by the SLPP hierarchy are good credentials for going into the Mayoral race. Throw in the fact that he is married to Tuma Jabbie, a Christian, and Mende (daughter of Dr. Bubuakei (Injunction) Jabbie – as Mende as they come!) and a mother who is a Christian Pentecostal pastor should earn him more stripes.

Why then did he walk into a "religion minefield?" The same reason why all of those I have listed at the start of this article did- "Foot-in-mouth disease". My CKC mentor, Solomon Ekuma Berewa, a devout Catholic, Church organist and father of a Catholic Priest in an unguarded moment is said to have made an unfortunate slip in a remark about Jesus Christ. Samura Kamara, married to a Pujehun woman and schooled in Bo is said to have made negative remarks about South Easterners. Yvonne Aki-Sawyer with a father of Mende heritage made unfortunate "Buwa Biswe" remarks. President Bio and his wife in speeches to ardent supporters have been accused of making remarks that have been deemed by some to border on the tribal. Abu Abu gave a hardline speech about decapitating opponents that got him temporarily "decapitated" from his Ministerial position. Kandeh Yumkella made a blunder with his famous "one hundred dollar supporters" statement.

Normally, politicians have a lot to say and not much time to say it, and in their haste the message often gets lost on its way from the brain to the mouth resulting in them making funny, embarrassing, and memorable statements. There are very few politicians who do not stumble in this way. That's why Minister R—K never stumbled when called upon to deliver a

speech at our CKC sports event-and that was often. His speech was always the same and he would start with----"It is gratifying....."

Part of the problem is that leaders' remarks do not fade away after they are given. Rhetoric from national leaders also serves as a cue for local figures. Not all utterances are benign however. There are those from people who actually set out to cause trouble. Some politicians and their supporters shamelessly and actively legitimize all sorts of hateful rhetoric. Their violent rhetoric often demonizes their political opponents. More recently, this has been on the upsurge especially on social media. Hateful rhetoric can stir dangerous emotions amongst the populace.

There is a deceptively simple answer to the problem of incendiary rhetoric. Politicians should exercise restraint themselves and condemn their fellow leaders when they cross the line. There is a simple way however of avoiding political slips of the tongue. The handlers and advisers of politicians should advise them to stay clear of tribe, religion, and gender in their speeches, unless these are well thought through. When they make such mistakes, the last thing they should try to do is go on a "Bob Marley" type explanation as Gento did. There is however no better advice than that given by the Apostle James about the tongue in the Bible-James 3-verses 6 through 10.

"The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. * but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.

It is good though to see that Gento has done some recanting of sorts. It is also good to see that Gento's handlers have come out with his manifesto which espouses what he will do, were he to climb that steep hill called "Mount YAS" and become Mayor.

I cannot however end without commending groups like SLAJ and the Inter Religious Council who have come out with guns blazing, condemning the incendiary speech and warning other politicians who may be so inclined. I particularly like Rev. Dr. Jesse Forna's warning as Secretary General of the Inter Religious Council to places of worship not to allow politicians to use their venues for propagating any kind of divisive speech in this country.

Let us all learn during this tense election period to watch our tongues and preserve the unity of this country.

Ponder my thoughts



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LOCAL NEWS

Local Court orders demolition of over 15 Houses in Kabala

Over 15 houses have been demolished in Kabala with hundreds left homeless on the eve of the rainy season after a ruling by the local court authorities in Wara Wara Yagala Court No:1, Koinadugu District. The ruling by the Wara Wara Yagala Chiefdom Court at Gbawuria- Kabala in the Koinadugu District, has sent tongues wagging about the justice system in the country, which to many is a means to undermine government's efforts to transforming the justice system in the country.

One of the victims alleged that the decision to demolish their houses initially came after a judgement made against them by Mr. Ibrahim Bah, the Acting Local Court Supervisor in Koinadugu and Falaba.

The action was not only limited to the demolition exercise in that part of the country, but also saw an acting court supervisor presiding over a court matter and making judgement. The victims also accused the court chairman, Mr. Lansana Gberie Kamara of being partial.

The question here is how both Kamara and Bah manipulated the status of a

local court into being Supreme Court to the extent that their decision must be final and cannot be challenged. Despite the advice from the Paramount Chief, PC Gbawuru Mansaray III in the Wara Wara Yagala Chiefdom not to carry out any demolition considering the economic situation in the country and for a peaceful coexistence, the Order was executed.

The victims further alleged that Bah and Kamara led the plaintiff to contact the AIG in Makeni to provide with police support for the demolition exercise, since the Customary Law Office in Koinadugu and Falaba refused to sign thereby granting them police support from Kabala. During the demolition exercise, the community people were left with shock seeing houses that were built over 20 years destroyed in minutes.

"Bah and Kamara have killed me and left my family displaced", one of the victims cried! The victim, who is a veteran in the Sierra Leone Armed Forces and served for over 20 years expressed his disappointment in the local court justice system, specifically in Kamara and Bah's court. He further told this medium that it was his entire



retirement benefit that he used to put his four bed-room structure to shelter his family who depended on him.

Other victims expressed that they did not only lose their houses but other properties worth millions of Leones including their kids' uniforms, books, and other items. Most of them are now wondering on how to get back their kids to school after the Second Term Recess. They concluded that the action of Kamara and Bah has put the future of their kids in jeopardy.

The community accused the Court authorities of being allegedly corrupt and arrogant; the reason they want the Judiciary and an impartial body to intervene and rescue them from their poor state.

The level of injustice perpetuated in

Kamara and Bah's court is exemplified by the recent Ejectment Summons Notice that they issued to the Wara Wara Yagala Chiefdom Council Authority to give up the possession of a disputed property situated at the Kabala Center. Although the matter has been appealed and was on hold for review by the State Council and Customary Law officer in the district. "Kamara and Bah who serve the court ignored the appeal made by the Chiefdom Council Authorities as well as the two invitations by the State Counsel to review their decision", PC Gbawuru Mansaray III stated in an interview.

But Mr.Ibrahim denied the allegations when contacted by this medium.He stated that the allegations were false and misleading.

Five years of President Bio's administration: Lawyer Francis Gabbidon gives judiciary a pass mark

From Cover

What Gabbidon says? As one of the oldest lawyers in the country with over 30 years' experience, Lawyer Gabbidon who is also a consultant at the Legal Aid Board, explained the successes, challenges and the way forward in the development of judiciary of the country.

According to Lawyer Gabbidon, Justice Edwards has done significantly well in the area of physical reforms, pointing out the distinct separation of the High Court from the Magistrate Courts leading to the transfer of all Magistrate Courts to Pademba Road.

"This ongoing decentralization process of the justice system has been seen by many to have brought sanity to the court system, especially the main Law Courts Building on Siaka Steven Street in Freetown, which hosts the High Courts," he observed.

He cited the renovation of the High Court in recent times after being abandoned for years, with some rooms already been transformed into courtrooms while some are used for other official purposes.

Having been a consultancy at the Legal Aid Board for over five years, Francis Gabbidon said he was able to travel all over the country to look at the courts that the Chief Justice has set up in places where there has never



Lawyer Francis Gabbidon

been courts to try cases.

Lawyer Gabbidon believes that there is more to be done in making the Judiciary effective in serving as the conduit of justice to encourage more investors come to establish businesses in the country.

He said although things are very difficult with some judges not having official vehicles and large area of the country not having court sittings, but that things are much better as compared to previous years.

Lawyer Gabbidon also expressed the need to recruit more judges and magistrates in order to expand access to justice for all and sundry.

He said what was in Sierra Leone when he came in 1972 as a lawyer has changed significantly, expressing hope for improvement of the judiciary.

Judge slams injunction on C4C interim elections committee

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Simeon Alieu has granted an interim injunction restraining the Transitional Interim National Officers' Elections Committee (TINEOC) and servants or agents of the Coalition for Change (C4C) party from conducting any party activity or elections for the appointment of executive members and from conducting any national conference.

The injunction is contained in a five point order dated 14th April 2023 and is pending hearing and determination of the application on 26th April 2023.

The originating motion filed by Gevao and Partners on behalf of Sylvanus Tamba Saidu and Mohamed Yero Bah0 is seeking for the annulment of all decisions and conduct of the Transitional Interim National Officers Elections Committee (TINEOC) and agents of the Coalition for Change (C4C) party for failure to comply with provisions of the party's 2017 constitution.

The claimants are also seeking for the court to declare null and void and illegitimate all executive members elected from all elections conducted and or selected or appointed by the TINEOC of the C4C.

The Plaintiffs in their ten point notice of motion dated 13th April 2023 requested that the court grants an interlocutory injunction against the defendants from



appointing or conducting any party executive officers elections or conducting any party activity until the final resolve of the issue raised and for the Political Parties Regulatory Commission (PPRC) be compelled to supervise all the affairs of the Coalition for Change party.

In a 23 point affidavit in support of the motion, one of the Petitioners, Sylvanus Tamba Saidu who said he was the C4C's Chairman for Kailahun district and Constituency 010 Parliamentary Nominee for the 2018 elections, alleged that as a result of the activities, conducts and decisions of the party's Transitional Interim National Officers Elections Committee (TINEOC), it has deprived other potential members the benefit of contesting and actively participating in the affairs of the party.

LOCAL NEWS Njala University establishes new Campus in Bonthe District

The Chancellor of Njala University, Professor Sahr Moses Gevao has on Saturday, 15th April 2023 inaugurated the Njala University Bonthe Campus.

The ceremony which took place at the Grounds of the former Bonthe Technical Training College, Monument Lane, Shebro Island, Bonthe, was graced by administrative and academic staff of Njala University, the Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, the former Mayor of Bonthe Municipality, Bonthe District Officer, traditional leaders, students and residents of Bonthe.

In his welcome address, Chancellor noted that Njala University is a vibrant, progressive institution, constantly exploring opportunities for growth and sustainability.

Professor Gevao explained that the establishment of a third campus in Bonthe is part of the University's restructuring strategy, designed to unlock economic potential, generate untapped industries and put Njala University on the international stage as a recognised education and research provider, specifically in the global maritime world and the sustainable tourism industry. He added that the University is committed to the achievement of its goals, and rely on support from stakeholders in realising what he referred to as "this ambitious project."

Professor Bashiru Mohamed Koroma, Vice-Chancellor and Principal stated in his inaugural speech that the University's plans to



Newly admitted students at the Bonthe Campus

establish two Schools and Institutes which include the Schools of Maritime Studies, Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management, Institute of Technical Entrepreneurship and Vocational Studies, and the Institute of Teacher Education.

Professor Bashiru Koroma said the three Departments under the School of Maritime Studies will include the Marine Engineering and Navigation, Maritime Management and Logistics, and the Department of Marine Sciences and Coastal Agriculture. He also added that the School of Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management will host the Departments of Tourism and Travel Management, Hospitality Management and Catering Science, and the Department of Cultural Heritage Studies.

"Recognised as a pioneer of initiatives that support sustainable economic growth, the University is now embarking on an exciting Campus establishment in the Sherbro Island that stands to generate enormous benefits at local and national levels," Professor Koroma averred.

According to VC&P, the School of Maritime Studies will address the significant human capacity gaps in Sierra Leone's blue economy industries. "This economic concept," he went



on, "promotes the sustainable utilisation of ocean resources for economic growth, food security, employment creation, energy generation, water transportation and protection of the marine environment for future generations."

He called on the government, partners, and donors to support the new campus in carrying out its mission.

Speaking in the stead of the Minister of Technical and Higher Education, the Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Mr. Sarjoh Aziz-Kamara said that he felt frustrated of the apparent neglect of the historical injustice to Bonthe Island over the years, noting that this is addressed today because of President Bio's desire for education.

The Deputy Minister noted that the transformation is because of the Government's huge investment in education and expressed that Bonthe is lucky to take only thirty-four (34) years to be a constituent Campus of Njala University. He added that His Excellency's emphasis on human capital development and the investment of 22% in education has seen more people going to school, higher pass rate in public examination and increased in the number of students admitted in public

Universities.

The Minister assured that the transformation and expansion at Njala University is significant because of the population growth rate in the country especially the youth. He noted that Njala's Expansion to Bonthe Campus will mean that Njala will be serving about 24% of the population in the Southern province, noting that the expansion is deliberate and purposeful by the Government of President Bio.

Minister Sarjoh Aziz-Kamara furthered that the expansion is in line with MTHE's emphasis on technical and vocational education across the sixteen Districts to empower the middle man power for self-employment and global competitiveness.

He thanked the Administration for considering significant programmes and courses for the new Campus.

Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Honourable Philip Segepoh Thomas affirmed his commitment and support to the new Campus and called on natives, friends, donors and the Government to support the establishment.

Former Mayor Layemin Joe Sandi of Bonthe Municipality committed his fullest support to the Campus and noted that they have longed for this moment long ago because of direction the college was about to take due to its numerous challenges.

The Ceremony was climaxed with the cutting of tape and unveiling signage symbolising the official opening of the Njala University Bonthe Campus.

Seven takeaways from the August 8, 9 10th reports

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

On Thursday 13th of April, 2023, President Bio officially received the 15-member Special Investigations Committee (SIC) report on the 2022 August 8th to 10th protest that took place in various parts of the country.

What happened? On the 10th of August 2022, protests sprouted from various parts of Sierra Leone. The protest began with a sit-at-home on the 8th and the 9th and then on the 10th of August angry protesters took to the streets of various towns in the northern region and the East end of Freetown.

An attempt by police to quell down the protest resulted into violence clash between the police and the civilians, thereby disturbing the peace and stability of the State and subsequently causing death of a number of civilians as well as police officers.

What people said about the protest? Some citizens believe that it was the police unprofessional method in handling the issue that led to the escalation of what was believed to be an initial peaceful protest.

Following the ugly development, President Bio thereafter appointed a Special Investigation Committee (SIC) on 24th August 2022, to investigate the incident.

Some critics opposed President Bio's appointment of a committee that comprises various heads of government institutions and a few professional bodies to investigate who were the organizers, planners and funders of the protests. They were also to identify the root causes and make recommendations to the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) on what needs to be done to prevent a re-occurrence of such incidents.

According to the report of the committee, meetings

were held in Lungi, Port Loko, Lunsar and Kamakewie, Makeni, Binkolo, Magburaka and the Western Area; and in selected locations where the protests did not take place- Kono, Kenema and Bo.

The committee points out that the information gathered from the investigation informed their analysis of, and conclusion on, the August 8th -10th 2022 occurrences, as well as proffering recommendations to address the underlying causes.

Key takeaways from the report: Here are seven key takeaways from the much anticipated report which observers have already predicted the outcome base on the selection of the committee.

Youth unemployment, marginalization, substance abuse, economic hardship and food insecurity are on the increase: Firstly, the Committee's findings were that there were incessant complaints of youth unemployment and marginalization, substance abuse, economic hardship and food insecurity. Although the aforementioned were burning issues, the report stated that those issues were not a justification for the level of violence perpetrated in the country.

"The issue of cost of living may have genuinely contributed to the August 8th to 10th incidents but rogue politicians exploited the reality to their political advantage," the report revealed.

Social media was awash with hate messages and tribal bigotry: Social media was awash with hate messages and tribal bigotry perpetrated by one Will Kamara, alias Adebayor, and his cohorts under the umbrella of the People's Power in Politics (PPP).

Therefore, from the evidence gathered, the SIC will not attribute the activities of 8th to 10th August 2022 solely to socio-economic problems confronting Sierra

Leone.

There was no evidence that the leadership of the main opposition All People's Congress (APC) supported the insurrection: According to the report, at the national level, there was no evidence that the leadership of the main opposition All People's Congress (APC) supported the insurrection based on their public condemnation of the incidents, but at the subnational level it was found that the ringleaders of the insurrection were all active members of the APC.

It was also alleged that senior members of the party were also seen publicly associating with rioters who were arrested and detained at various police stations, and some even provided free legal services for them.

The insurrection was well-planned, financed, and well-orchestrated: According to the report, the insurrection was well-planned, financed, well-orchestrated, timed and geared towards destroying public property and undermining the peace and stability of the state by removing the legitimate and democratically elected President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, President Julius Maada Bio, from political power which they said was exemplified in words like "Maada Bio must go!".

The claims of extra-judicial killings following the August 10th protests could not be ascertained The claims of extra-judicial killings following the August 10th protests, according to the report, could not be ascertained based on evidence collected from engagements with various stakeholders, including the security sector in all the areas visited by the SIC. It is stated that here was no information provided on either missing persons or summary executions despite repeated enquiries. However, public allegations of

extra-judicial killings especially during curfew hours following the insurrection should further be looked into.

The Security Sector was not proactive enough to forestall the infamous incidents: According to the report, the Security Sector was relatively prepared but was not proactive enough to forestall the infamous incidents. This could be attributed to a myriad of factors key amongst which was command and control both within the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) and the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) during the period of the incidents.

Furthermore, the Committee found out that the intelligence provided by the security sector was inadequate to effectively support the preparedness of the sector for operations during that critical period.

Children were used as human shields by the adult rioters: The report also revealed that over 24 children who directly participated in the riot were arrested by the police from different parts of the country, particularly in Freetown, Waterloo, Lungi, and Makeni. Apparently, children were used as human shields by the adult rioters. Some children who were arrested in Freetown reported that they were recruited from Makeni and Portloko and brought to Freetown to participate in the riot.

The bigger picture: a lot of incidences of violence that involves loss of lives have been happening in the country. But it is seldom to see reports on those issues. Despite the large controversies around the report, it seems good to have report on serious issues that involves killing.

And what next? Will the outcome of this report avert future occurrence of such nature? What is going to be government's next line of action after this report?. Those on the fence are watching to see what happened next.



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PERSONAL GLIMPSES

By: Winstanley. R. Bankole. Johnson

HOLDING OUR ELECTORAL PROCESSES TO ACCOUNT (2)

At these defining moments in our nation's history, if there's one thing we cannot – and should not – afford to be trivialized or tainted with levity, it is the integrity surrounding everything pertaining to the June 24th multi-tier elections. I mean everything that has to do with the quality of information disseminated by the Electoral Commission Sierra Leone (ECSL), the body charged with responsibility for the impeccable conduct of those elections to ensure that they are free, fair, credible, transparent, devoid of violence, fully participatory and inclusive of all registered eligible voters and political parties. Furthermore in disseminating those information, quality and sincerity are key to avoid ambiguities. And that is very important especially in a society as divided as ours both along political party and ethno-regional lines.

Regrettably in disseminating updates recently on the printing of our Personal Voters' Identity Cards (PVIC) over the AYV TV, the sincerity of the Lead Communicator from the ECSL Mr. Albert Massaquoi left a lot more to be desired, and rather opened up the integrity of the entire procurement processes leading to the printing of those cards to a vagary of suspicions.

In that interview Mr. Massaquoi exposed the ECSL as not having been transparent in those procurement arrangements. For starters, even as he admitted that there were two successful bidders, he disingenuously used superlative of “the Most successful bidder” instead of “the More successful bidder”. He also did not explain why there having been just two bidders, the process was closed instead of them re-opening it to have ensured that a minimum of three bidders are shortlisted/selected from to arrive at the “most successful” and in compliance with existing procurement guidelines.

Blunder

The ECSL's next blunder was in Mr. Massaquoi's responses on the names and particulars of the actual suppliers of the printed PVICs. He admitted that (and according to him) even though the most successful bidders were in Greece, they had agents in Romania as well as local representatives here in Freetown. What Mr. Massaquoi never clarified was:

1. How those specific government orders to suppliers in Greece to print our PVICs ended up in the hands their partners in Romania. Did the ECSL ever scrutinized that relationship before starting to work with who or what were actually third parties in Romania? Was provision for that made in the contract documents but which Mr. Massaquoi chose not to have explained in the programme?
2. Who are the actual printers of those PVICs? In which specific country were they printed and by whom?
3. Of what relevance were Mr. Massaquoi's references to the local Sierra Leone partners of the Greek suppliers to the printing and or distribution of those cards? Who are they and what roles if any did they play in their printing and distribution locally?

Bogus

Why the interviewer failed to have seen through the ambivalences of Mr. Massaquoi and not to have pinned him down with follow-up questions that could have exposed the deceptiveness or duplicity of the ECSL only the AYV TV would know. But if indeed any parallels could be drawn from the King Duncan's quote in the Shakespearean Play of Macbeth cited by Mr. Massaquoi that “..... there is no art to find the mind's construction in the face” it is to the very duplicitous and deceptive acts or intents of the ECSL that would seem to have succeeded in hoodwinking an entire nation into accepting hook, line and sinker a bogus procurement arrangement for something as sensitive as the printing of our Personal Voter Identification Cards by shadow or proxy suppliers. And this is all the more reason why I believe the entire procurement

processes surrounding their printing and distribution is shambolic and ought to be thoroughly investigated/audited and forensically too.

In that forensic audit opposition parties through their representatives of the Political Parties Liaison Committee (PPLC) working with the ECSL should insist that clear answers be provided on:

1. The actual Trade Names of the original Greek, Romanian and Sierra Leonean local partners as evidenced by their separate Business Registration documents
2. The relationship between and among the Romanian and local partners of the original Greek contractors and how those relations are defined
3. The actual Owners, Directors and Shareholders of the local firm representing the Greek/ Romanian Principal companies. This is important to identify if any evidence of conflicts of interests
4. In support of (2) above tangible documentary evidences of Powers of Attorney where they exist should be availed for scrutiny together with further evidences that they were actually “Notarized” or “Registered” locally before the implementation stages.

Integrity

In a previous piece under this same caption I stated clearly that the quality of the Voters ID Cards distributed opens up the integrity of the ECSL Chair whose remit includes supervising their printing/production and distribution to questions and suspicions. I also recommended that the only way for the ECSL Chair to convince us the electorate that his actions to date are above board and that those Voter ID Cards were indeed printed in Greece (not by a local proxy), are fraud-proof and of a quality commensurate to value of moneys expended for them, he must produce for inspection by all the representatives of the Political Parties' Liaison Committee working with ECSL hard copy evidences of:-

- A copy of the Letter of Credit or copy of the direct wire transfers effecting payments to the Greece Service Providers
- Evidences of the (a). Bill of Lading (b) Final Invoices (c). Packing Lists

That is the only way the ECSL can dispel rumours that our PVI Cards were not printed locally and by an enterprise with strong human-animal political connections. Because if that was so then the entire enterprise is suspect, hinged on nepotism and violates all safeguards against conflicts of interests, and for all of which reasons they are to be nullified/cancelled. Anything to the contrary, and opposition parties should call for the immediate resignation of Mohammed K. Konneh.

Even if my recommendations for a forensic audit would mean the postponement of the elections beyond a month or two then so be it. I am therefore passionately appealing to the international funders of our June 24th elections processes (the EU, US, UK German and Irish governments) to please take heed and to prevail on the government and ECSL to subject themselves to a forensic scrutiny of the entire processes leading up to the printing and distribution of our PVIC to ensure that the processes are above board and that no chance exists for blurred/darkened/faceless Voters ID Cards that have been duplicated to be used across our borders by the thousands of those who were ferry-bussed across to come from Guinea and Liberia to register as citizens.

It will be very stupid of us to sit by and allow the very people that have ruined this country over the last five years to lead us into the next elections with the deliberate intent of stealing them because as things stand, it is not even in God's interests for the SLPP to continue in office for a single any more than the very night the results are announced.



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Missing FBC Lecturer's corpse found in a shrine at Waterloo

By Yusufu S. Bangura

A missing lecturer at the Geology/Geography Department, Fourah Bay College, Kabba Santigie Bangura, has been allegedly found buried in a shallow grave inside the shrine of a famous 'witch doctor' (occultist) Ibrahim Kalokoh.



The missing FBC lecture whose body was found in the shrine of an occultist (Ibrahim Kalokoh)

What happened?: On the 6th March, the pictures of the said lecturer went viral on social media that he had got missing and a week ago, the Cyber Unit of the Waterloo Police Division arrested two men in connection to the mysterious disappearance of lecturer Bangura.

What ASP Jalloh said on the interview: In an interview on Radio Democracy (FM 98.1) 'Gud Morning Salone program', Spokesperson for the Waterloo Police Division, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Aliou Jalloh said that the corpse found at the shrine of the said occultist was the body of the late Kabba Santigie Bangura.

He added that on Saturday 15th April in the afternoon hours, they received intelligence from Sherbro Town community, 4 Mile at Waterloo that there is a certain smell coming from a particular house owned by one witch doctor and that they were not satisfied with.

He said upon receipt of the intelligence himself together with other police personnel went to the scene and upon their arrival the said house which was inhabited by a witch doctor was identified to them.

ASP Jalloh further said the house was already abandoned by the fugitive occultist, so they entered the house and discovered a heap that was grave like. He said the heap was dug in the presence of community members and they discovered a corpse.

"After the discovery of the corpse on Sunday 16th April, a group of people from Freetown have identified the said corpse as Kabba Santigie

Bangura, who went missing on the 6th of March 2023. However, some personal belongings of the said lecturer, including his T-shirts, trousers, among others, were also found inside the said shrine," he said.

He said armed police officers have been deployed in and around the vicinity of the shrine to safeguard the corpse waiting for the government's pathologist to exhume the corpse and conduct autopsy to know what killed the said lecture.

He said 6 people have been arrested; comprising four men and two women and one the women was the wife of the occultist. He concluded that all of them are now helping the Police with investigations.

The bigger picture: The issue of Africans visiting witch doctors to provide them with good luck or avert dangerous happening around them is not a phenomenon, but this tragic event especially when it involves a University Lecturer is strange.

And what next? Will similar incidence continue to happen in Waterloo unabated, when the community is frequently on the spotlight for ritual killings and other heinous crime? Will this tragic incident be the last as it is never the first? Observers are curiously waiting to see what would be police actions to curb such occurrences in Waterloo.

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Madagascar: 2 suspected smugglers arrested after the death of 34 migrants



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A couple of Malagasy smugglers wanted after the sinking last month of a ship carrying around 60 migrants to the French island of Mayotte, in which 34 of them perished, were arrested on Friday, it was reported, learned Sunday from the gendarmerie. This man and this woman in their forties are respectively the captain and the owner of the boat, overloaded, which capsized off the northern tip of Madagascar on March 11. They were wanted for "illegal boarding and clandestine transport, involuntary homicide of passengers to Mayotte". They were arrested in the rural town of Tsarabaria, in the district of Vohémar, in the north of the island, after having been spotted thanks to the geolocation of their telephone. Lieutenant-Colonel Jules Tovoson Andriatsirinaina told AFP. Their wanted notices were posted in all the police and gendarmerie stations in the region. Their trial before the court of Diego Suarez should take place in the week, further specified by the gendarme. Fifteen other people, all suspected of having participated in the organization of the crossing, had already been

placed in preventive detention after their appearance on March 20. "This umpteenth shipwreck has brought to light the migration crisis that Madagascar is currently going through," said Roger Charles Evina, of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Mayotte is attracting more and more Madagascans, but it is currently difficult to quantify the phenomenon. Capsizes of kwassa kwassa, small motorized fishing boats used by smugglers, occur regularly on the sea route linking Comoros, or Madagascar, to Mayotte. Many African and Comorian migrants try every year clandestinely to reach Mayotte, half of whose population is foreigners. The Comorian island of Anjouan has located only 70 km from Mayotte. Since 2019, the French State has considerably increased its means of combating this illegal immigration, in particular the continuous presence at sea of interceptor boats and aerial surveillance. France plans at the end of April a vast operation of the expulsion of foreigners in irregular situations and the destruction of slums in Mayotte.

Senegal music icon Baaba Maal named UNCCD Goodwill Ambassador



Baaba Maal, recording artist/UNCCD Goodwill Ambassador - Copyright © africanews 2023

Senegalese singer-songwriter Baaba Maal was named a UNCCD Goodwill Ambassador Monday (17 April 2023).

He previously served as a UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) Land Ambassador alongside fellow musicians Inna Modja and Ricky Kej. Maal has long been an activist on climate change and refugees. Since 2003, he has been committed to various development challenges in Africa, working with different UN family organizations.

His NANN-K Trust recently opened a solar-powered irrigation project in Senegal to fight desertification, which is one of the main drivers of people leaving the country to start similar schemes in their own communities. Maal is a believer in putting power in the hands of young people and women.

"We are tackling climate change impact, but also fighting desertification on the African continent, especially in my region where we are just not far away from the desert and we see it coming to us. And it had an impact because

people who don't get more opportunities to do agriculture, fishing and many more will have to run away from their places, go to the big cities where nothing is planned for them there, and then later on, some of the young ones will just take the boats to go to Spain or some of these places or just try to cross the desert and it's really dangerous. We did lose a lot of lives," Maal told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Maal was brought up in the small town of Podor in north Senegal, which has a fishing community at its heart. Maal was born into a fisherman caste and was expected to follow that career path, but he befriended storyteller and musician Mansour Seck, and has spent his life performing, traveling and raising awareness about the issues his homeland faces.

"Our role is first to give news about what's going on, because sometimes the local people, they don't know what's happening to them; they don't know what's happening to them is the impact of climate change. They don't know how to stand up against that. But at the same time, when they know about it, they will say what to do. So what to do is to give them, to create new projects, agriculture projects or other projects where they can go and work, especially the woman who can't go to be immigrants - most of the time they have to stay there, stay in the families, and they need to work," said Maal. The veteran musician released his first album in seven years, "Being," on March 31st and will headline the Barbican in London for the first time in 20 years on 30th May.

Asylum seekers revive football team in small French village

The football club in the little town of Argy in eastern central France was on the verge of shutting down when it was lucky enough to have a group of asylum seekers join the team.

With just 610 residents, the local team was down to just six players at the end of winter last year, and it looked like the 102-year-old club would have to be mothballed.

But then one of the players suggested bringing over a few of his friends, most of whom were living in an asylum seekers' reception centre in Buzançais, a little over six kilometres from the village and who were struggling to find a permanent place to play.

"They wanted to have a team and get better at football. We were a team without players and they were players who were looking for a team. So it worked right away," said the club president, Jean-Marie Biaunier.

He said it was complicated in the beginning sorting out the

administrative process of issuing licenses for them to play. The club had to request authorisations from the federations of each country to sign players. US Argy was forced to start the season a week late, but a month later, it was in third place in its league.

Feeling part of the community Telly is a welding and boiler making apprentice from Guinea Conakry. He said when they play football, they forget all their problems.

"When we first arrived, we did not have problems integrating, or communicating with the players. Many had left. But with those who are here, it was really nice. We got along well and now we communicate and we have fun. It's like a little family," he said.

The new additions to the team are from countries including The Gambia, Mali, Salvador, and Haiti. "It's a fine example of integration," said Mayor Bernadette

42 soldiers and soldiers' aides killed in two more attacks in Burkina Faso



Burkinabe soldiers carry a coffin during the burial of 27 soldiers killed while ... - Copyright © africanews OLYMPIA DE MAISMONT/AFP or licensors

Ten soldiers and 32 civilian auxiliaries of Burkina Faso's army were killed on Saturday and Sunday in two attacks in the north of the country, which this week declared a "general mobilisation" against recurring jihadist violence.

On Saturday, a "military detachment and Volunteers for the Defence of the Fatherland (VDP, civilian auxiliaries to the army) was the target of an attack by unidentified armed men" at around 4pm, near Aorema, some 15km from Ouahigouya, according to a statement from the governorate of the northern region, published on Sunday. The army said that "the death toll is forty fighters" ("eight soldiers and thirty-two VDP") and added that "at least 50 terrorists" had been "neutralised" in a "response", notably from the air.

On Sunday, "early in the morning", "another attack targeted the military detachment of Kongoussi (Bam province, Centre-North region)", the same source said, reporting that "two soldiers" were killed and "some twenty terrorists neutralised".

The governorate of the North region said in its statement that "33 wounded" from the first attack were "in a stable condition" and "being treated at the regional university hospital of Ouahigouya", capital of the North region. The army writes that "two wounded" from the second attack

have also been "evacuated for treatment".

According to a security source contacted by AFP, the detachment targeted by Saturday's attack was "providing security for the Ouahigouya airfield which was targeted".

"Violent fighting did take place yesterday (Saturday) evening" for "nearly two hours", said a resident of the town. He also said that "several air strikes targeted positions of suspected jihadists" on Friday.

-General mobilisation-

On Thursday, the transitional authorities in Burkina Faso - who came to power in a coup in September, the second in eight months - declared a "general mobilisation" and a "warning" to "give the state all the necessary means" to deal with the jihadist attacks that have hit the country.

With these measures, they will have in particular "the right to request people, goods and services" but also "the right to call for defence employment, individually or collectively".

On Tuesday, the Ministry of Defence launched an operation called "Empty Granaries", calling on all the country's military personnel, active or retired, to donate their uniforms for the soldiers currently on the ground. Burkina Faso has been caught since 2015 in a spiral of jihadist violence that began in Mali and Niger a few years ago.

Kenya: Police officer accused of killing two teenagers pleads not guilty



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A Kenyan police officer accused of killing two teenagers in cold blood in 2017 pleaded not guilty on Monday to murder charges in a case that has become emblematic of extrajudicial killings in the East African country.

The scene was filmed on 31 March 2017, before making the rounds on social networks, earning the policeman the nickname of "killer cop". It showed Ahmed Rashid, in civilian clothes, executing two young people lying on the ground in the Eastleigh district, on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, in broad daylight, in front of passers-by.

In November 2022, the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) recommended legal action against Ahmed Rashid after it conducted an investigation and found that the deaths "were caused by police action".

Ahmed Rashid denied the charges, telling a Nairobi court that he was a law-abiding police officer who was only doing his duty.

The court granted him bail in return for 200,000 shillings (about €1,350).

The Kenyan police are regularly accused of extrajudicial

killings by Kenyan and international human rights organisations.

In particular, they have been accused of running hit squads targeting people, including lawyers, investigating alleged human rights violations by the security services.

According to the NGO Missing Voices, 1,349 people have died at the hands of the security forces since it began collecting data in 2007. Few investigations into these disappearances have resulted in convictions.

In October 2022, police officers were prosecuted for "crimes against humanity", including the killing of a baby, in the 2017 post-election violence. According to the Kenyan NGO National Human Rights Commission, 94 people were killed, 201 were sexually abused and more than 300 were injured. The violence was mainly attributed to the police.

Kenyan President William Ruto, elected in August, announced on 16 October the dismantling of the dreaded Special Services Unit (SSU), a police unit created 20 years ago and under fire after cases of enforced disappearances and killings. The head of state also promised an overhaul of the police.

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Villefont, "Thanks to them, we have never seen so many spectators on a Sunday."

In the beginning, language differences was a bit of a problem, especially when communicating on the field.

"They speak in all languages," said the captain Jérémy

Logie. "During free kicks or when some players don't agree with each other, I don't always understand everything. But it doesn't matter."

At the end of the day, he said, it is the football that brings them all together.



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WAICA Re announces the vacancy of the position of Assistant Manager, Life to be based in Nigeria.

Job purpose

The Assistant Manager, Life role is responsible for assisting with the coordination of the operations of life technical department including, marketing, claim administration, and retro activities of the entire life portfolio to ensure the organisation reaps good returns from the life business. The role further includes exploring new markets to enable growth, client relationship management, product development and provision of operational processes that support efficient service delivery. Working with the Head Life, the role will ensure the growth in market share in the company in a profitable manner.

Job duties and responsibilities

- Assisting the Head Life to maximize profits with prudent underwriting measures through developing sales strategies that matches customer requirements and promoting life assurance Reassurance products and services.
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- Identify Life training underwriting needs, claim administration and reinsurance and technical support for cedants.
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- Responsible for the design of life promotional activities in our operational countries.
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- Data Management of life schemes.
- Assist in the formulation of life underwriting manual for underwriting and claim administration.
- Evaluating and analyzing the risks involved in reinsurance lives and establishing pricing for accepted assurable life risks to determine the likelihood and magnitude of mortality and morbidity risks for all the reinsurance schemes.
- Verification of all life reinsurance underwriting documentation with a standard premium obtainable by best practice.
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Candidate Profile

Qualifications

- A Degree in Insurance or related field

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Experience

- At least 8 years' experience in Life insurance of which 4 years are at Managerial level.
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Application Procedure

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ChildFund has had a presence in Sierra Leone since 1st July 1985. Key program interventions in 1985 were in primary education and school infrastructure. This was later diversified to include health, youth programs, food security and income-generating projects with associated small loans for investment in small business development.

Project Summary:

With funding from Korea International Cooperation Agency and in partnership with ChildFund Korea, ChildFund Sierra Leone will be implementing a project Titled: Increase access to secondary education for Out-of-school girls in the Western area of Sierra Leone from 1st April 2023 – 31st December 2025 in six schools in western urban and rural districts of Sierra Leone.

Project Impact

- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (SDGs 4)

Project outcome:

- Increase access to secondary education for out-of-school girls in the Western area of Sierra Leone

Output:

- Out-of-school girls have access to the inclusive and safe learning environment
- Out-of-school girls are supported to continue their education
- Community is meaningfully engaged in the protection of marginalized children and enrolling them in schools

ChildFund Sierra Leone is seeking an expression of interest from suitable service providers for the following services:

1. **Contents of construction per school (2 schools in total)**
 - Two blocks of three (3) classrooms
 - one (1) Teacher's office
 - store
 - 1 ramp and 1 railing
2. **Fabrication of classroom furniture (Table and chair)**
 - 70 sets * 6 classrooms
3. **Construction of Toilets: Contents of construction per school**
 - 2 sets of sex-separated VIP latrines with menstrual hygiene for girls and urinal for boys (3 drop holes per set) i.e. one set of two sex-separated latrines per school
4. **Construction of hand wash facilities:**
 - 2 Water Tanks: 10,000 litres water tanks (1 per school)
5. **Boreholes:**
 - Two Mechanized solar-powered boreholes with elevated towers and six taps for each borehole with water piped to the toilets

ChildFund invites prospective service providers to reply to this Expression of Interest (EOI) and submit their offers no later than 21st April 2023.

Interested and qualified service providers are invited to ChildFund Sierra Leone Office at 84 Regent Road, Hill Station, Freetown, Sierra Leone to collect the full bid document. contractors/ service providers can also request further clarifications by email through SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org

Submission of Bids must be by one of the following methods.

Hard copy submission in the tender box on or before 21st April 2023 by 4:30 pm at ChildFund Sierra Leone office at the above-stated address.
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BUDGET ADVOCACY NETWORK

Terms of Reference – External Audit

Background summary

The Budget Advocacy Network (BAN) is a Network of Civil Society Organisations in Sierra Leone committed to work on budgets and budget policies to enhance policy making and implementation for sustainable and equitable development. BAN was established in 2006. The Budget Advocacy Network is organised around the three principle of the budget i.e. participation, transparency and accountability. The purpose is to ensure a greater inclusiveness in the budget process, increase access to information and improved responsiveness geared towards achieving pro-poor budgeting and programmes and effective service delivery. BAN draw it strengthen from its membership which are Transparency International (TISL) Campaign for Good Governance (CGG) Network Movement for Justice and Development (NMJD), Western Area Budget Education Network (WABEAN), Actionaid International Sierra Leone (AASISL), Search for Common Ground (SFCG), and Christian Aid (CA).

BAN is an accountable institution and as such it is accountable to its citizen, the board and the government. One tools its accountable process is the annual financial audit of the operation of the organization. It is bounded by law as per the BAN governance document and also the Corporate Affairs Commission law to submit its annual audited financial statement.

It is on this bases that BAN is seeking an external registered auditor to carry out a comprehensive audit of all BAN activities for a period of three (3) years (2022-2024 BAN financial year).

Audit Objective

The objective of the audit of the Financial Statements is to enable the auditor to express a professional opinion on the financial position of BAN at the end of the reporting period and of the funds received and expenditures for the reporting period, and in particular to confirm that the reported expenditure has, in all material respects, been used in conformity with the provisions the intended purpose.

To also confirm that the Financial Statements agree with the Project accounts (books of account) which provide the basis for preparation of the Financial Statements and are established to reflect the financial transactions in respect of all the Projects,

To also confirm that the Financial Statements agree or reconcile with any other information reported on.

Scope

The audit will be carried out in accordance with international standards of auditing. It will include such tests and controls as the auditor considers necessary. This exercise is required to give full and satisfactory audit discharge to all project expenditure. Specific focus will be:

- ❖ To establish that the funds have been recorded and funds have been expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts.
- ❖ Items and services have been procured in accordance with BAN procurement policy
- ❖ Necessary supporting documents, records and accounts have been kept in respect of programme expenditure.
- ❖ To establish the physical existence of assets per the asset register, their

conditions and locations.

- ❖ Whether the systems, procedures and controls, contractual or otherwise, adopted BAN are efficient, effective and transparent.
- ❖ Whether improvements to BAN systems, procedures and controls can be made as a result of the findings of this audit.
- ❖ Whether the funds in BAN account were deposited, transferred and expensed properly in compliance with BAN guidelines and other relevant financial policies and procedures

Methodology

The approach should include but not be limited to:

- ❖ Hold separate pre-engagement meetings with the BAN to present an outline of the planned approach for conducting the exercise.
 - ❖ Request and hold formal interviews with BAN projects and financial management team and with a view to forming an understanding on the effectiveness of the internal control system in the management of the project.
 - ❖ Examination of the financial transactions of all BAN expenses.
 - ❖ Review and vet invoices for fees and reimbursable expenses by BAN
 - ❖ Review the procurement process and procedures for all short term contracts for the period under review
 - ❖ Review the assets register to ensure it is up to date and confirm that.
 - ❖ Prepare a project expenditure reports showing receipts and expenditure summaries
- ### Deliverables
- ❖ Audited financial report (hard and soft copies) for the period noted.
 - ❖ A management letter, which should highlight observed weaknesses in the system of internal control and the recommendations for managing the identified issues over the life of the programme.

Audit Duration

Three years. Each year audit work shall be completed within two weeks from the date of commencement of the audit.

1st year – 1st January to 31st December 2022

2nd year- 1st January to 31st December 2023

3rd year - 1st January to 31st December 2024

Qualification

The audit firms based in Sierra Leone will be eligible to apply.

Application

Interested audit firm should send their Expression of Interest stating their proposed professional fees per year and all other cost associated in conducting the audit to the Chairman of BAN on abu.brima@nmjdsi.org on or before 1st May 2023 and copy the BAN Coordinator on abkamara@ban-sl.org. The selected audit firm should be ready to negotiate with the Executive Committee of BAN for the appropriate fees per annum.

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1. The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has received a grant and a loan from the African Development Fund and loans from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, and the OPEC Fund for International Development to co-finance the Freetown WASH & Aquatic Environment Revamping Project. In addition, the Government has applied for co-financing from the Netherlands Enterprise Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Islamic Development Bank, the Saudi Fund, the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development and the Green Climate Fund toward co-financing of the project. It is intended to apply part of the financing of the OPEC Fund for International Development to eligible payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision of the Design-Build Contracts for the Construction of Mortem and Mongeba Weirs and Associated Raw Water Transmission Pipelines; Expansion /Rehabilitation of Allentown Water Treatment Plant; Rehabilitation of Two Booster Stations, Rising Mains and Six Reservoirs; and Construction of Distribution Network Extension.**

2. Services to be provided include but are not limited to the following:

- Checking and approving survey data, designs, drawings, programs, and other documentation required to be submitted by the contractor and advising on design adjustments whenever such adjustments become necessary.
- Supervision of the site works for compliance with the approved program, specifications, and any other obligation of the contractor/supplier (including implementation of ESMP and other Environmental Safeguards)
- Inspection, testing, and witnessing of tests on materials, and witnessing completion and acceptance tests for the works or parts of the works.
- Certifying contractor's invoices or claims, dealing with variation orders, ordering works, maintaining cost control in the administration of the contracts, and monitoring cash flow to ensure that there is no unjustifiable cost over-run.
- Monitoring progress of work, preparing and keeping daily field

records, and arranging for periodic site meetings.

- Supervision of the arrangement for and the progress of the contractor's operation and maintenance training programme.
- Provision of post construction professional advice during the Defects Liability period.
- Preparing and delivering on schedule mandated reports.

3. GVWC now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified and experienced to perform the services.

The following core expertise will be required: Water supply project management; Design of water supply infrastructure (weir, intake, treatment, transmission, storage, distribution); Supervision of construction/rehabilitation of water supply infrastructure including pumping stations and reservoirs; Quantity surveying/works measurement and valuation, ensuring compliance with ESMP and other Environmental Safeguards.

Minimum qualification criteria include verifiable track record in the following: (i) Detailed engineering design for rehabilitation/expansion/new construction of urban water supply systems; (ii) Supervision of works and contract management of design-build water supply works contract; (iv) Preparation and implementation of ESMP (Environmental and Social Management Plan); (v) Work in Sub-Saharan Africa; (vi) Work on projects funded by multilateral or bilateral donor agencies. Experience on projects funded by the African Development Bank and the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) will be an added advantage. Consultants may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

4. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the **African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations (BMP)"** dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

5. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 08:00 – 16:00 Hours Sierra Leone time.

6. Expressions of interest must be delivered by email or hand copy to the address below not later than Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 16:00 Hrs. and labelled **"Consultancy Services for Works Supervision (OFID)"**.

Attention:

Procurement Manager, Guma Valley Water Company
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1	4/18/2023 14:25	Latvia	TUKUMS 2000/TSS	10 v 7	FK LIEPAJA	4.89	3.76	1.40	11.00	5.60	1.10	2.34	3.45	2.17	5.20	2.26	1.91	4.80	2.70	1.70	3.25	1.15	1.91	1.53	1.35	2.27	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.64	1.76	3.30	1.14																
2	4/18/2023 14:55	Lithuania	BANGA GARGZDAI	8 v 2	FA SIAULIAI	4.10	3.13	1.60	10.00	4.90	1.14	1.92	3.30	2.80	4.70	2.00	2.22	4.20	2.36	1.97	2.60	1.26	1.57	1.84	1.19	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.78	1.61	1.87	1.71	1.87	1.51	2.05													
3	4/18/2023 15:55	Cyprus	NEA SALAMINA	1 v 4	DOXA KATOKOPIAS	2.06	3.16	2.88	3.85	3.60	1.56	1.29	4.20	6.00	2.80	2.07	3.70	2.48	2.50	3.25	2.95	1.26	1.71	1.84	1.26	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.87	1.83	1.51	2.05															
4	4/18/2023 15:55	Cyprus	AKRITAS CHLORAKAS	8 v 7	OLYMPIAKOS NICOSIA	2.93	3.13	2.06	6.20	4.20	1.28	1.56	3.55	3.85	3.75	2.05	2.80	3.30	2.47	2.48	2.85	1.28	1.66	1.90	1.24	3.10	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.74	1.83	2.07	1.50																
5	4/18/2023 15:55	Romania 2	STEAUA BUCURESTI	2 v 4	DINAMID BUCURESTI	2.19	2.93	2.59	4.30	3.75	1.47	1.34	4.00	5.40	2.85	1.99	3.25	2.50	2.35	2.85	2.70	1.23	1.63	1.77	1.22	2.75	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.61	1.79	1.58	1.83																
6	4/18/2023 16:25	Austria 2	VOIRVARTS STEYR	14 v 7	AMSTETTEN	2.59	3.22	2.25	4.90	4.10	1.36	1.47	3.90	4.10	3.25	2.18	2.90	2.90	2.60	2.60	3.40	1.19	1.90	1.66	1.35	2.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.56	2.09	1.85	1.64																
7	4/18/2023 16:25	Austria 2	ADMIRA	11 v 16	KAPFENBERGER	1.56	3.71	4.20	2.41	3.60	2.05	1.15	5.20	8.60	2.10	2.39	4.60	1.90	2.85	4.30	3.95	1.14	2.17	1.50	1.48	2.21	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	2.11	1.23	3.00																
8	4/18/2023 16:55	Sweden 2	SUNDSVALL	4 v 11	OSTERSUNDS	2.05	3.08	2.98	3.65	3.75	1.56	1.28	4.40	6.00	2.70	2.16	3.60	2.43	2.55	3.25	3.30	1.21	1.83	1.71	1.32	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.60	2.02	1.49	2.08																
9	4/18/2023 16:55	Germany Amateur	ENTRACHT BAHRENG	3 v 12	WURZBURGER TV	1.48	3.66	4.20	2.31	3.55	2.14	1.13	5.40	9.00	2.00	2.10	4.85	1.80	2.50	4.50	3.50	1.12	2.05	1.44	1.43	2.09	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.94	1.19	2.95																
10	4/18/2023 16:55	Germany Amateur	SGV FREIBERG	13 v 1	ULM	4.40	3.37	1.50	11.00	5.20	1.12	2.09	3.30	2.50	5.00	2.09	2.09	4.50	2.48	1.84	2.80	1.22	1.67	1.72	1.24	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.74	1.65	3.00	1.18																
11	4/18/2023 16:55	Germany Amateur	HALBERSTADT	17 v 12	HERTHA BSC II	3.47	3.42	1.65	7.20	4.90	1.19	1.86	3.70	2.70	3.85	2.28	2.17	3.55	2.65	1.96	3.55	1.11	2.08	1.43	1.45	2.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.43	2.08	2.48	1.29																
12	4/18/2023 16:55	Germany Amateur	KICKERS EMDEN	19 v 4	HANNOVER 96 II	5.47	4.30	1.30	11.00	6.00	1.08	2.65	3.65	1.88	5.40	2.49	1.75	5.20	2.95	1.57	3.90	1.08	2.31	1.34	1.55	1.86	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.51	1.93	3.65	1.10																
13	4/18/2023 17:25	Turkey	KARAGUMRUK	9 v 18	UMRANIYESPOR	1.72	3.61	3.52	2.75	3.70	1.83	1.21	4.90	6.80	2.28	2.38	4.00	2.07	2.85	3.70	4.10	1.13	2.23	1.47	1.51	2.14	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.47	2.27	1.33	2.50																
14	4/18/2023 17:25	Turkey	ALANYASPOR	11 v 1	GALATASARAY	4.69	3.91	1.49	9.00	5.60	1.12	2.20	3.80	2.17	4.70	2.55	1.96	4.50	3.00	1.80	4.60	1.09	2.50	1.37	1.65	1.91	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.46	2.31	3.25	1.19																
15	4/18/2023 17:25	South Africa	TSHAKUMA	14 v 3	SUPERSPORT UNITED	2.98	2.54	2.17	7.00	4.10	1.26	1.47	3.55	4.60	3.80	1.81	2.90	3.30	2.09	2.55	2.16	1.39	1.37	2.23	1.11	3.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.88	1.54	1.98	1.48																
16	4/18/2023 17:55	UAE	AL DHAFRA SSC	14 v 11	KHOR FAKKAN CLUB	2.98	3.22	1.85	6.00	4.60	1.26	1.66	3.75	3.20	3.45	2.21	2.39	3.15	2.60	2.16	3.40	1.13	1.98	1.48	1.40	2.15	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.43	2.08	2.14	1.40																
17	4/18/2023 17:55	UAE	AL-NASR DUBAI CSC	9 v 1	SHABAB AL-AHLI DUBAI	4.30	3.52	1.49	9.20	5.40	1.13	2.10	3.60	2.36	4.50	2.28	1.99	4.20	2.65	1.80	3.45	1.13	2.00	1.47	1.40	2.14	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.52	1.92	2.95	1.19																
18	4/18/2023 17:55	UAE	AL BATAEH (UAE)	12 v 13	DIBBA	1.92	3.13	2.88	3.35	3.85	1.60	1.28	4.50	5.60	2.45	2.22	3.35	2.22	2.55	3.00	3.45	1.12	2.01	1.47	1.42	2.11	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.41	2.13	1.44	2.05																
19	4/18/2023 17:55	UAE	AL WAHDA FC (UAE)	3 v 5	AL JAZIRA (UAE)	2.03	3.08	2.69	3.75	3.80	1.54	1.31	4.30	5.40	2.60	2.13	3.25	2.34	2.49	2.90	3.15	1.16	1.85	1.57	1.33	2.33	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.48	1.99	1.51	1.93																
20	4/18/2023 18:40	Scotland Championship	HAMILTON	9 v 5	INVERNESS	2.83	3.13	2.12	5.80	4.20	1.31	1.53	3.70	3.95	3.55	2.09	2.85	3.15	2.50	2.55	3.05	1.25	1.73	1.81	1.27	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.91	1.99	1.54																
21	4/18/2023 18:40	Scotland League 1	FALKIRK	2 v 6	EDINBURGH CITY	1.39	3.52	4.30	2.40	3.45	2.11	1.13	5.20	9.60	2.02	2.21	4.70	1.81	2.60	4.30	3.20	1.16	1.87	1.55	1.34	2.32	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.60	1.81	1.19	2.95																
22	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	LINCOLN	12 v 4	BARNSEY	3.61	3.13	1.82	8.00	4.50	1.20	1.73	3.40	3.25	4.40	2.05	2.55	3.90	2.45	2.24	2.80	1.30	1.62	1.95	1.22	3.25	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.82	1.75	2.48	1.34																
23	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	SHREWSBURY	10 v 1	PLYMOUTH	3.32	3.22	1.88	7.20	4.40	1.23	1.68	3.45	3.35	4.10	2.08	2.60	3.65	2.50	2.29	2.95	1.27	1.69	1.86	1.25	3.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.75	1.83	2.32	1.39																
24	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	OXFORD UNITED	20 v 9	PORTSMOUTH	2.27	3.03	2.64	4.30	3.80	1.46	1.35	4.10	5.20	3.00	2.09	3.35	2.65	2.49	3.00	3.05	1.25	1.73	1.81	1.27	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.66	1.93	1.63	2.02																
25	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	MK DONS	19 v 11	CHARLTON	1.18	4.89	9.77	1.65	3.45	3.55	-	6.40	21.00	1.66	2.50	9.20	1.48	3.10	9.00	3.50	1.18	1.96	1.61	1.37	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.66	1.93	1.63	2.02																
26	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	IPSWICH	2 v 18	PORT VALE	2.93	2.98	2.13	6.40	4.10	1.29	1.53	3.55	4.10	3.80	1.99	2.90	3.30	2.39	2.55	2.65	1.32	1.58	2.02	1.20	3.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.81	1.84	1.53	2.02																
27	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	FOREST GREEN	24 v 14	FLEETWOOD	3.08	3.13	2.00	6.60	4.30	1.26	1.59	3.55	3.70	3.85	2.07	2.75	3.40	2.48	2.41	2.90	1.27	1.68	1.87	1.25	3.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.73	1.85	2.15	1.46																
28	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	EXETER	13 v 7	DERBY	2.44	3.08	2.42	4.80	3.85	1.40	1.41	3.85	4.80	3.20	2.05	3.20	2.85	2.47	2.85	2.90	1.27	1.68	1.87	1.25	3.05	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.70	1.87	1.74	1.73																
29	4/18/2023 18:40	England League 1	CAMBRIDGE UTD	21 v 8	WYCOMBE	3.03	3.22	1.98	6.20	4.30																																									

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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:

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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

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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:
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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 follows:

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 1,250.00 (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.

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