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Femi Claudius-Claudius, Leader of the Unity Party addressing the press on burning issues

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Femi Claudius-Claudius, Leader of the Unity Party (UP) had stated that the August 8th, 9th and 10th report which was released on Thursday 13th of April is one-sided that is full of falsehood and wild claims with no evidence.

She said as a party, they categorically reject the Special Investigation Committee Report (SCI), claiming that the report is littered with unsubstantiated accusations, half-truths, falsehood and little or no evidence for its wild claims.

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TOO MANY QUESTION AND GAPS IN THE SIC REPORT

By: Winstanley, R. Bankole, Johnson

In my humble view, the substance of the Report by the fifteen-man Special Investigations Committee (SIC) launched 24th August 2022 by HE President Bio to look into the August 10th Riots/Insurrections and to make recommendation therefrom to prevent a recurrence has left the SLPP government more exposed to questions and critical gaps than they could ever have imagined. Those questions ranged from why the government opted for a "SIC" instead of a "Judicial Commission of Inquiry", to why even though most of the extra-judicial killings attributed as the handiworks of the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Lahai Lawrence Leema occurred well before or beyond the Committee's specific deadline of 10th August, they still decided to rope him in and throw him under the bus. In between both questions have crystallized critical gaps in the said Report that should not only be of interest to Sierra Leoneans, but also to the international community at large, if they are really committed to ensuring that the democratic gains made in this country particularly over the last twenty years are not reversed.

Lacuna

Incidentally the government's preference for a "SIC" as opposed to a Judicial Commission of Inquiry which would have had criminal connotations and possible indictments for anyone found culpable was because they very well knew that:

- Only their own people and party supporters would emerge as bearing the greatest responsibility for extra-judicial killings and other crimes against humanity before, during and after 10th August.
- The security forces have always been outrageously highhanded if not brutal in their reactions to quell demonstrations, especially those occurring within the main opposition APC strongholds.

That was why they opted instead a "SIC", the outcomes of which they also know are not binding in law. And it is on account of such a lacuna that the Deputy Internal Affairs Minister Lahai Lawrence Leema chose to have treated the invite extended to him by the SIC to appear before them with disparaging levity and disregard.

Critiquing

But let's open up with critiquing the compositions and remit of the Committee.

1. First off the entire membership of that Committee is tethered to State House. That is to say even where they are not in the direct employ of President Bio, 80% of them belong to the category of people that he avowed in 2018 enjoy his trust because they either share ethno-regional affinity or work ethics.
2. Second, even before setting up the SIC the establishment had orchestrated "daily pilgrimages" to State Lodge by the heads of most of the Civil Society Organizations, some of whom were ultimately included in it (and more on the fringes) including Traditional Leaders and Tribal Heads drawn from right across the country, not only to condemn the rioters, but also to presume them as guilty as was being alleged by the President.

In the event, the bulk of the report was a foregone conclusion as it encapsulated nearly precisely the frustrations and condemnations of the President as if it was he who had dictated what they should write to wit: That the riots were a "well-planned, well financed and well-orchestrated enterprise with a view to toppling the legitimate government of HE President Bio".

Basically the entire Report read like a parody of 2. Tim. 4. 3 – 4 paraphrased: "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrines, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears.... For they will turn away from the truth and be turned aside to fables".

So SIC Chairman Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai Esq. and team gave President Bio his just desserts: Fictions of their vain imaginations about the 10th August 2022 riots masturbated as facts. Otherwise how come that though they were able to have ascertained that the riots were "...well-planned, well-financed and well-orchestrated..." they could not name a single individual as being culpable?

3. Third the SIC largely strayed away from their specific remit deadline of 10th August 2022, and instead dwelt amply on adducing circumstantial evidences and indictments that are intended to either directly implicate the main opposition APC Party or require further in-depth investigations by another Committee that they recommended should be formed for that specific purpose.
4. And even where they failed in adducing sufficient prosecutorial threshold against the APC Party leadership, the Report speculated and surmised that by their actions to have provided legal and other representation and reliefs for detainees, Lawyer Boniface and some senior APC Party members were by such associations with the detainees, also complicit and therefore guilty of the riots and insurrections. What however makes their speculations both illogical and preposterous is that should they hold, then the State and the Legal Aid Board could also be deemed co-conspirators and complicit in crimes committed by those they strive to defend and represent for misdemeanors or capital offenses because of indigence. Or should we stretch that to mean that medical personal treating wounded criminals could also be considered as accomplices to the crimes committed?

Gaps

Whether by human or divine coincidence, the SIC Report contained many gaps that have exposed this government to ridicule and clearly indicating that the crafters did not do due diligence to their task as follows:

1. First of all the release of the Report would appear premature, but deliberately timed to

diffuse the recent barrage of accusations separately levied against this government by the European Union (EU), US State Department, the UK Government and the Amnesty International (AI) as being autocratic, schismatic, intolerant, barbaric and guilty of persistent harassments and detentions of opposition elements, apparent manipulations of State Institutions (Police, Judiciary, the Political Parties Regulations Commission, Statistics Sierra Leone and Electoral Commission Sierra Leone) against its citizens and opposition parties as well as of extra-judicial killings, seizures and unorthodox disposal of corpses of victims without the participation of immediate surviving family members.

Incidentally two separate Reports are said to have been documented by the SIC: One for public consumption and another apparently for Presidential eyes only. Even if that makes more sensible perusal, why the secrecy?

2. It downplayed the reasons that climaxed those riots or insurrections to wit: economic hardship, high unemployment, food and shelter insecurity, marginalization, inequitable and selective dispensation of justice inter-alia, and even without observing the golden rule of audi alterem partem (hearing the other side), the SIC disingenuously sought solace in blaming "Adebayoh", "PPP" and "rogue politicians" for exploiting the dire situations in the country and described it as an insurrection. That is, an insurrection during which not a single shot was reported to have been fired by the protesters or a single shotgun seized from them. As a matter of fact the only "weapon" of the "insurrectionists" was their chants that "Bio Must Go!!", and in no part of the said Report did the SIC qualify or explain how the alleged "insurrectionists" intended for "Bio to go" and "when".
3. In the Lungi situation where the SIC alleged that the "insurrectionists" even attempted to remove the tarmac on the airstrip so as to prevent the plane bringing the President from abroad from landing, not a single evidence was adduced to show the extent of the damage caused the runway, nor was even a single Trowel or a single Shovel recovered from the "Crime Scene" to support their allegations; nor was any one arrested.
4. Even though the main opposition APC Party was exempt from direct participation, the SIC could not conceal their zeal to stigmatize that party, so they proceeded to directly accuse the Party membership for ".....failing to recognize that (the Bio) administration is a democratically elected government in place to be recognized and supported throughout the country....."
5. The Report recommended that though claims of extra-judicial killings post 10th August 2022 could not be ascertained (that is even with abundant evidences that the corpses of victims classified as "Terrorists" were initially seized, but later "upgraded" for State Funerals), a fresh "Investigations Committee" should be set up for the purpose including for investigating the death of Hassan Dumbuya (a.k.a. Evangelist Sampson). In that regard the SIC further urged affected family members to come forward with concrete evidence to substantiate same.

Riots

One interesting development arising from the SIC Report apart from their straying beyond their 10th August deadline remit is the ensuing altercation between the Committee Chair Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai Esq and the Deputy Internal Affairs Minister Lawrence Leema, especially on account of repeated references by the SIC to the itemized listing of riots and the attendant extra-judicial killings by the security sector also arising from those riots and demonstrations that include (a). APC Office Police crackdown of 14th Jan 2020 during which Leema was captured live on video strafing the entire APC Party Office/Hannah Benka-Coker axis with bullets (b). Pademba Road Prisons Riot 29th April 2020 for which former SLPP National Chair Lady Fatmatta Sawanneh commended his prompt arrival on scene since 05:00 hours that day (c). Lunsar Riots 29th April 2020 (d). Tombo Riots of 6th May 2020 (e). Makeni Riots of 17th July 2020 and (f). Mile 91 Riots of 12th April 2022.

Crush

Whether Leema's hands are stained with the blood of innocent victims who died in all of those riots and disturbances so listed or not, he is on record to have repeatedly boasted on live Radio and TV shows to have the ability "...to crush anyone who dares to stand in the way of his SLPP government....". So you can imagine public expectations as we await implementation of the SIC Chair's recommendation for another "Investigative Committee" to look into deaths and disappearances of uncountable number persons arising from all other riots and disturbances since the SLPP government ascended power in April 2018, but more especially as they predate the 10th August 2022 riots

From those social media audio exchanges between the SIC Chair Emmanuel Saffa Abdulai and Lahai Lawrence Leema, the latter would appear to have taken a serious exception to the SIC inferences associating him with "impunity", and is almost feeling as if the Party for which (in his own words) "...he has made so much sacrifices for is now conspiring against him and wants to tarnish his personal and family names and reputation by throwing him under the bus. From his agitated manner of speaking, and even though he hasn't denied any of the allegations against him, Leema doesn't look prepared to go down alone. But whatever betide, the public is waiting with baited breath to see whether President Bio will continue to retain him as a Minister of State even if for nothing else, but for his refusal to have supported and assisted the work of a Committee set up by our very President and Fountain of Honour after consultative Cabinet conclusion, and at whose singular wish and pleasure Leema was appointed to serve as Deputy Minister.

Personally I am cocksure that like myself, President Bio must have been very disappointed with the quality and contents of the final Report released by the SIC. It so lacked substance that to give it flesh, they had to lapse into vagaries. My hope however is that a key recommendation that another Investigative Committee be set up to look into all other killings that had taken place since this government assumed power in April 2018 will soon be constituted, because it is looking odd that the August 10th riots and insurrection would appear to have been wrongly prioritized.



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LOCAL NEWS Africell launches "Wave Yu Flag"

Africell Sierra Leone has launched the Wave Yu Flag Independence Promotion in a quest to give back to their valuable subscribers as Sierra Leone celebrates its sixty-second independence anniversary celebration.

It could be recalled that Sierra Leone gained independence on the 27th of April 1961 and Republican status on the 19th of April 1971.

Since independence, there have been many changes in the socio-political, and economic spheres.

Speaking during the launching ceremony, the Chief Cooperate Affairs Manager of Africell Jose Abass Bangura said that the initiative behind this 'wave you flag promotion' is to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Sierra Leone.

Joe Abass Bangura furthered it is a fusion of traditional and modern that showcase the country's diversity and unity on Independence Day.

Joe Abass Bangura continued that Africell Sierra Leone will have an interactive offer, challenges, and activities with a new song and music video to connect with the general public and promote the country's rich culture, history, and national pride.

Joe Abass Bangura added that even though it is not rosy but we are better as a country compared to other nations because we are not at war and the country is experiencing a stable peace.

Joe Abass Bangura said this wave you flag promotion is in three different categories as the first part is that if you are not an Africell subscriber you can buy and register a new Africell sim card and

get the green, white, and Blue Sierra Leone flag free with five minutes talk time, fifty sms and twenty-five megabytes which you will use for internet connectivity.

He said the second aspect is that as an Africell subscriber, you can take a photo with the Sierra Leone flag, post it on your social media, and tag africellsl on the various social media handles adding that the top ten posts with the most engagements, and likes on each platform will receive 2.5 gigabytes.

Whereas for Tik Tok, the top three male and female most creative participants with the highest likes, views, comments, and cumulative engagement will get cash prizes as the first position will bag home NLe 5,000, Second runners up NLe 3,000, and the third position will win NLe 2,000.

Joe Abass Bangura called on all and sundry to be part of the wave you flag promotion as Sierra Leone is a resilient and steadfast country that has surpassed the ten-year civil war, Ebola, and Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Bangura fostered that Africell aims at making a difference through the communication sector and the community being Sierra Leone leading telecommunications, data operator, internet connectivity, and Mobile Money.

He ended by congratulating and wishing every Muslim happy Eid Mubarak for adhering to one of the five pillars of Islam which is Fasting (sawm) wherein during the daylight hours of Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, all healthy adult Muslims are required to abstain from food and drink.



August 10th report is full of falsehood, wild claims with no evidence

From Cover

-Femi Claudius-Cole

What happened? On the 10th of August 2022, protests arose 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.

The protest ended up into violence crash between the police and the civilians, thereby disturbing the peace and stability of the state and subsequently causing death of number of civilians as well as police officers.

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

Why did Claudius-Cole say the report is false? In a press conference, the Unity Party (UP) held on April 19, at the party's head office on 4 Pandemba Road in Freetown, leader and chairperson of the party said one of the points to expose the high-level of inaccuracies is a doctored tweet included in the report. She said the fake tweet which appeared under Annex J (page 63) was debunked by her but the Committee went ahead to include the tweet without fact-checking it.

Another evidence of the half-truths and that SCI was a mission to deliberately target some members of the critical opposition is the inclusion of Annex -E with the title "Excerpts of the transcript of Councilor Sheku Turay alias Ice Tee's video ahead of the August 10th demonstration".

Madam Claudius-Cole said the Committee crucially omitted the date and circumstances under which the



circumstances were made.

"The statement by Councilor Turay was made a year earlier and in reference to a totally unrelated budgetary issue".

The Unity Party leader also note that claims of 'insurrection' that was planned and financed with the goal of ousting the democratically elected government was baseless and unfounded.

The party further states that the refusal of one of the protagonist, the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Lahai Lawrence Leema to honor the invitation of the committee, undermines the credibility of the report itself.

"Unity Party wishes to point out that the investigation, in our views, fail to meet the basic threshold of an impartial investigation expected from a state sanctioned institution. This is evidenced by the fact that the committee failed to engage those who were arrested or the family members of those killed in their homes as well as those who endure indiscriminate arrest at the hand of the Sierra Leone Police-certainly, a missed opportunity to understand their grievances as well as why they protested and how lives were lost."

Fake Inspector General dupes APC Jagaban Over Le100M

By Jeneba A. Conteh

Fake Inspector General of Police, Samuel Bundu, who identified himself as William Fayia Sellu, on Wednesday 19 April 2023, made his first appearance before Magistrate Isata Sellu Tucker of the Pademba Road Court No 2 in Freetown. He was alleged of defrauding Mohamed Omodu Kamara alias Jagaban over one hundred million Leones with the pretext that he was sent by the Inspector General of Police to collect such amount of money for him.

The accused is standing trial before the court on three counts charges ranging from conspiracy to defraud contrary to law, obtaining money by false pretenses contrary to Section 32 (1) of the Larceny Act 1916 and personation contrary to Section 3 of the Personation and Uniform (Amended) Act No. 13 of 1975.

The charge sheet indicated that the accused on Friday 24 February 2023, at Malter Street, Freetown, with intent to defraud, conspired together with other

persons unknown and defraud Mohamed Omodu Kamara alias Jagaban the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven million Leones with the pretext that he was sent by the Inspector General of the Sierra Leone Police, which was known to be false.

The charge sheet further that the accused on the same date and place under the assumed character of the Inspector General of the Sierra Leone Police, obtained another forty million Leones from Mohamed Omodu Kamara alias Jagaban without lawful authority.

After the charges were read and explained to the accused, no plea was taken.

The prosecutor A.S.P Hawa Bah sought for a date because the witnesses were absent in court.

The accused was unrepresented before the court and so no bail application was made on his behalf.

He was remanded in custody until Monday, 24 April 2023, for hearing.

LOCAL NEWS

After signing MOU with KRP for using the Railway & Port... CTC Mining SL Ltd. commences haulage of first consignment of Bauxite to Pepel Port for shipment

The CTC Mining Sierra Leone Limited (Ltd.) yesterday has successfully hauled the first consignment of 50 tons of Bauxite to Pepel Port for shipment.

It could be recalled that Kingho Railway and Port (KRP), the manager and operator of the railway and Pepel Port and a subsidiary of the Leone Rock Metal Group (LRMG) on Friday 17th March 2023 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CTC Mining Sierra Leone Limited (Ltd.) which is a new bauxite mining company for the export of their bauxite ore through the Pepel Port.

In his statement, the Chief Technical Officer (CTO), Mr. Salim Sillah said as a Company, they are proud because for the first time in the history of Sierra Leone has two mining companies of different entities worked together in using the same service for the economic development of Sierra Leone.

"This achievement will not be possible without the willingness of the Government of Sierra Leone to design our agreement in such a way that gives us the right to expand the capacity of the Railway and Port to enable us to open the service to multiple users along the railway corridor through commercial agreement between our company and third-party users as agreed in Section 4.03 of the agreement", he stated.

Director Salim further said that after the successful completion of this first shipment, KRP and CTC will work together to develop a plan for CTC to export more shipments until the long-term plan is operational, noting that

the short-term plan is important due to the technical difficulties in handling Bauxite and Iron Ore using the same transport and ship loading facility as Bauxite can cause contamination that may have impact on Iron Ore grade.

He said Leone Rock Metal Group has been tirelessly engaging not only CTC, but other mining operators along the railway corridor to develop similar mutual commercial agreement that will be a win-win for all companies but more especially for the Government and the People of Sierra Leone.

"Our company believed the Government of Sierra Leone chose to sign the management and operational right with Kingho Railway and Port Company due to our ability to rapidly transform the transport sector for the betterment of the mining industry. This agreement by allowing CTC Sierra Leone Ltd to use the Railway and Port will tremendously help CTC to grow rapidly as their export volume will be highly competitive with other players.

It could be recalled that after the signing of the MOU with KRP and CTC Sierra Leone Ltd, many newspapers and online bloggers doubted the implementation of the MOU agreement between the two companies. Since the signing of the MOU, CTC and KRP has jointly held several engagements with the communities along the haulage road to sensitise them about the increase in traffic on the road. CTC has recruited youths from the communities along the



haulage road that will be flag men and women to control traffic during the entry and exit of the heavy-duty trucks. Both companies are committed to implementing very high safety and environmental standards that will mitigate hazard and incident during the haulage.

The Port Manager of KRP Mr

Karlson congratulated CTC for their first step to be the first company to enjoy the multi-user arrangement of the port and he reiterated that the company is committed to load the agreed 175,000 Tons in May 2023 for the export of the first Bauxite consignment from CTC operational Mine.





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LOCAL NEWS DoFA engages the aged on their role in June elections

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

Dorwontony organization for the Aged (DoFA), last Thursday in a one day symposium, engaged the aged on electoral violence and their role toward the 2023 elections.

Speaking at the symposium that was held at 50/50 Group Secretariat on the theme 'aging and electoral violence the role of the aged toward the 2023 elections, chairman of the event Mohamed Asmieu Bah, said Sierra Leone should be proud to have old people.

He said old people are reservoir of knowledge and called on the young people to ensure they always respect the aged and also care for them.

He said during elections, the role of the aged is very critical because they are vulnerable to violence and most time they are the victims.

He called on the aged to engage their children and grandchildren to stay out of violence before during and after elections.

Chief Executive Officer of Dorwontony organization for the Aged, Doreen S. Barrie, said the event was to discuss the necessary things that should be done to protect the aged from violence and ensure peaceful elections.

She said the inclusion of old people into electioneering processes is key, noting that at the symposium, they will outline things that will promote and help them to be able to not only cast their votes easily but to do it safely and in peaceful environment. She said during the election



registration process, they provided cash as transportation to the aged to go and register, noting that they also want to ensure that they include the aged in the monitoring process across the country.

Representative from the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Thomas Kamara, said the government has the aged at heart and that the social protection has started to recognize the aged in the country and the government has also started to put the aged at the centre-stage of the social protection projects.

He disclosed that they were currently working on a social protection bill and a part of the bill will give the aged advantage to access services easily including public transportation and other facilities.

One of the aged, Rev. David B. Kallon, said election is a process of electing leaders and not a violent process, noting that "you can convince someone to support your side during election, but you can't force people to support your side.

Deputy Head of Community Outreach at the Sierra Leone Police (SLP), Assistant Superintendent of Police, Samuel Sao Conteh, said the SLP is ready to support and protect the aged, noting that it is their right to vote and nobody should be threatened by no one.

He encouraged them to report to the police any violence at their centres, noting that the SLP is prepared to provide the necessary security to ensure peaceful elections process.

Director of External Relations at

Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, Albert Massaquoi, said one of the major characteristics of the aged is that they have vast knowledge about the world.

He said one of the causes of electoral violence is politics, because opponents are using people against one another, noting that the role of the aged is to prevent non-violence before, during and after elections using their experience.

He said they should always ensure that they advise the young people at their homes, communities and be peace makers in their communities because they are more listened to.

He said they are going to create provision for the aged including people with disabilities not to queue to cast their votes.

Unity Party accuses PPRC of unfair treatment

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

The Unity Party (UP) has accused the Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC) of unfair treatment.

Leader and Flagbearer of UP, Femi Claudius-Claudius said the party finds itself in the dragnet of the PPRC, claiming that their party has obviously been earmarked for deregistration despite fulfilling all the requirements.

The party, on 19th April held a press conference at it 4 Pandemba Road Head Office in Freetown. Reading from a press release that was issued during the conference, the party leader said the PPRC has fell short of its role to encourage multiparty democracy and to promote and nurture the country's young and still fragile democracy.

Madam Claudius-Cole said the PPRC claimed to have had no knowledge of

their lower-level elections despite numerous letters sent to inform them about those elections spanning from December 2022 to February 2023, complete with the location, dates, and time.

The UP conducted its lower-level elections, which culminated in its National Delegates' Conference on 2nd March 2023.

"On 28th February 2023, a letter titled; "Invitation to our Lower-Level Ward, Constituencies and Districts Executive Elections" that reads in part; the party would like to inform you again on the continuation of its lower-level elections in the following districts: Kambia, Karene, Koinadugu, Falaba, Bombali, Bo, Bonthe, Moyamba, Kenema, Kono, Western Rural and Western Urban."

She said on 25th February, the UP addressed a letter to the Inspector General of Police (IGP), informing the

Police of its National Delegates' Conference that was to be held from the 2nd to the 3rd of March 2023.

She added that on 28th February 2023, the Police approved for the UP to go ahead with its National Delegates Conference.

"We were dismayed when troops of OSD police officers swooped in and interrupted our conference, stating that it was on the directive from the PPRC. In a meeting with the PPRC on 4th April 2023 the executive secretary informed us that the UP qualifies for deregistration based on the conclusions of their investigations that the Unity Party did not conduct lower-level elections".

She claimed that it appears that the Unity Party has been singled out, creating the suspicion that the goal is to deliberately exclude UP from participating in the forthcoming general elections as no petitions or

complaints have been filed with the commission.

She noted that the disenfranchisement of a political party should only be possible upon gross misconduct and violations, on irrefutable evidence, proof, and or upon a thorough examination of all the pieces of evidence provided i.e., pictures, expenditure spreadsheet, toll receipt, etc.

The up leader went on to state that party has been unable to secure an appointment with the chairman and his commissioners despite numerous requests to prove that UP lower-level, regional, and national elections were conducted democratically.

"The planned disenfranchisement of the Unity Party is unconstitutional. Dates for nominations in some districts have been published by ECSL and the Unity Party has been excluded from the list," she concluded.



May this Eid-ul-Fitr be a special one for you with many happy moments to cherish forever.

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Alleged murder Of First Lady's bodyguard: Defence opens case

By Jeneba A Conteh

The alleged murder of personal bodyguard to Fatima Bio, Abubakar Dumbuya, came up again before Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road Court No.1, where defence lawyers representing the accused, Mohamed Samura, Mohammed Lamin and Momodu Evelyn Jabbe, have opened their defence after the exhibit clerk tendered items before the court.

In his evidence, Detective Police officer, 8576 Issa Kamara, attached at the Exhibit Office Criminal Investigations Department headquarters, said some of his duties are to register all exhibits related for investigation at the station.

He recalled on 27 February, 2023, when Inspector Karim JBM handed over to him one mix colour facing cap, one small purse and a piece of stone, adding that he then registered them against serial number RCE46/2023.

The said exhibits were tendered before the court to form part of the court records. Lawyer Madiou Sesay for the first accused said he will do a written no case submission before the court, while lawyer Nylender and H. M Geavo said the second will testify before the court.

Lawyer N.Jalloh representing the third accused will also do a written no case submission.

Taking the witness stand, the second accused, Mohamed Lamin said he is a businessman and recalled on the 26 February, 2023.

He said on that day, at 11am, he went to the thanksgiving service of Saint Edwards School since he is an old boy, adding that after the service he went out with his friends to have some drinks.

Witness Lamin continued that after that he dropped his friends at lodge with his car, he went to Wilberforce to sleep.

He said the following day at 10am, he left for Kambia to see his mother who was sick and while returning to their home at Kambia, he saw two police officers standing at the residence of his mother.

He said the officers stopped his car and walked closely to him and asked of his name, saying that they were looking for one Kelvin, adding that they were investigating a case of murder that allegedly took place in Freetown.

He said the police officers instructed him to lead them to the house of his mother to do a search without no warrant, adding that they didn't find anything in the room and they also searched his car.

He said in his car he was having sixteen thousand, eight hundred British Pounds Sterly, one thousand one hundred United States Dollars, including five million, one hundred old Leones.

He said the police officers took the money and they made records of it and also signed

that they took such amount.

He further testified that after giving them the money they arrested his Nissan Car with registration number ATX 141, adding that the car was owned by his friend, Ramatu.

He said since then he didn't receive his money from the police officers.

Defence counsel, Nylender, made an application that the court should made an order to the head of CID headquarters for

the money taken from the accused be made available in court as the exhibit clerk ought to have tendered it before the court, but they refused

Magistrate Ngegba made an order to the head of the CID and the prosecution that the items taken from the second accused be returned to him.

He adjourned the matter to the 24 April 2023.

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PRESS RELEASE **INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED PROCUREMENT** **IRREGULARITIES AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF** **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

The Independent Procurement Review Panel (IPRP), on 5th April, 2023, commenced investigation into complaint filed by **FAYIA UNITY GARAGE**, on 32 Steward Street, Freetown (the Appellant) against the **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION** (Respondent) on allegations of procurement irregularities bordering on the **AWARD OF FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY FOR SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (LOT-1) PROCUREMENT NO: MoFAIC/ ADM/ FWC /2022/ 002/.**

The IPRP is a creature of section 65(1) of the Public Procurement Act No. 10 of 2016. The IPRP is charged with the responsibility to review complaints/ appeals from dissatisfied bidders, private contractors about decisions of a procuring entity in procurement process.

Furthermore, the procurement process of Sierra Leone is governed by the Public Procurement Act No.10 2016 and the Regulations Statutory Instrument No .15 of 2020.

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

For further enquires on this and other IPRP matters, please contact the Public Relations officer, on **23275166461 / 232/080-855375** or via email iprpanel218@gmail.com

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Invitation for Bids

Freetown, Sierra Leone
March 2023

Re: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Agricultural Equipment.
Reference No: AVDP-PMU/ICB/G/5/1/23

- The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI), the financing of which is being administered by IFAD towards the cost of Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP) and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project.
- The goal of AVDP is livelihoods and climate change resilience of rural farming households in Sierra Leone improved, while the project development objective (PDO) is to promote agriculture as a business for enhanced incomes and reduced rural poverty, among 42,985 rural households. The AVDP will be implemented nationwide over a six-year period. A value chain development approach will drive the implementation process, supported by the application of a robust targeting strategy to ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in both the implementation of project activities and the sharing of the benefits and priority attention to enhancing climate resilience among the project beneficiaries.
- The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities ("bidders") for the supply, delivery and installation of agricultural equipment. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.
- This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to the restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully deliver the goods and related services.
- The goods and related services, and the contract expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot No	Lot Description	Item No	Item Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
1	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Rice Processing Equipment	1	Rice Mills	No	25
		2	Rice Reaper	No	25
		3	Rice Thresher	No	25
		4	Winnowers	No	25
		5	Destoner	No	25
2	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Power Tillers	1	Power Tillers	No	25
3	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Production Equipment	1	Power Saw	No	90
		2	Compactor/Rammer	No	90

Bidders could quote for multiple lots. The Purchaser retains the right to award a maximum of two Lots to a bidder

- Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The ICB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
- Please note that a pre-bid conference will not be held as described in the bid data sheet BDS, Section II of the bidding document.
- Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of SLE500 or 25\$. Payment shall be made to the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project through Western Union Money Transfer, RIA, MoneyGram or in the following account:
Account Name: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project
Account No: 014-001-107-861-136-462
Bank: Commerce and Mortgage Bank
- Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail with a copy of the payment slip, giving full contact details of the bidder and the subject of procurement, to avdppmu@gmail.com. This will also ensure that the bidders receive the bidding document by email or hard copy (at the following address), as well as any updates regarding the bidding document.
Address: 23 Torwama Road, Bo, Southern Sierra Leone

Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the following link and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than 4th May, 2023 at 12:00 GMT. Link: <https://bit.ly/equipbidsubmission>

- Bidders shall be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance. All bids must be accompanied by:
 - Applicable to Local Bidders
 - Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
 - Copy of valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate
 - Copy of valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
 - Copy of valid Local Council Certificate
 - Manufacturer's authorization
 - Evidence of the availability of aftersales services facility in Sierra Leone, including contact details of workshop/garage (for Lots 1 & 2 only)
 - Applicable to Foreign Bidders
 - i) Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
 - ii) Copy of valid Tax Clearance Certificate
 - iii) Manufacturer's authorization,
 - iv) Evidence of the availability of aftersales services facility in Sierra Leone, including contact details of local accredited agents' workshop/garage (for Lots 1 & 2 only) along address of workshop/garage

1. Bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee. The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be in the equivalent of US\$, denominated in any freely convertible currency and be expressed in lots as indicated below: Lot 1 = \$14000; Lot 2 = \$5,500 and Lot 3 = \$11,000. Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable

- Please note that only electronic bids shall be accepted.
- There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on 4th May, 2023 at 12:30 GMT.
Link to join Bid Opening: <https://bit.ly/bidopeningequip>
- For any further clarification, please contact the above email address:

Yours sincerely,
Project Manager
Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Public Transport Authority Act 2023 enacted

By Jariatu S Bangura

Lawmakers have enacted the Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act 2023, which seeks to regulate the public transportation sector and provides license for specific route to be plied by drivers.

The new Authority will take over the operations of the Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC) completely. In his presentation, Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, Rex Bonapha said the authority will be providing services to the public transportation sector with vehicle owners expected to pay 3% tax yearly as stated in the Finance Act.

He said another objective is to ensure that the sector works in a harmonised manner as specific time will be given for drivers to leave and as well return to their respective

points on a regular working day, even if they don't have enough passengers to board the vehicles per day.

The deputy minister further stated that vehicle owners will be paying for their vehicle license and as well pay operator's license as a public transport, to avoid people using their private vehicle to run as public transportation.

Members of Parliament from various aisles argued that the tax levied for the transport sector is but a pittance as the sector collects lot of monies from passengers without any regulations by the SLRTC.

Others argued that even if their taxes are increased or decreased, it would be difficult to pay by the regulators, adding that there are other means they will be collecting revenues.

Parliament ratifies Arise IIP framework agreement

By Jariatu S. Bangura

Members of Parliament have debated and ratified the framework agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and Arise Integrated Industrial platforms concerning the implementation of a special economic zone in Sierra Leone dated April 2023.

Also, they ratified agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and GVR Bottlers Company (SL) Limited dated March 2023 and agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and Kadat Foods & Beverages (SL) Limited dated, April 2023.

Minister of Trade and Industry, Hinga Sandy said the agreements will boost the economy of the country as the GVR Bottlers Company will be replacing the Sierra Leone Bottling Company that have moved their operations to Guinea even though the company wanted to use the market whilst production is no longer taking place in the country.

He said the government thought it fit to close their agreement and allow others to use the space for Sierra Leoneans to benefit in terms of job creation and many more.

He stated that Arise IIP will be opening space for economic zone that will bring greater opportunities for the country.

He added that the Kadat Foods and Beverage will be replacing the Grafton Spring Water Company as though the company have started operations in the country. He said they have started producing the bravely spring water that is almost in the market but they wanted to expand their operations with non-alcoholic beverages.

MPs however lauded the agreements on the basis that they hope the citizens would be considered first with job opportunities among other benefits.

They said Arise IIP should note that they are not the first to commence economic zone operation in the country therefore they should tread with caution for the good of all.

Three remanded for alleged fraud

By Jeneba A Conteh

Three accused persons—John Amidu Conteh, Zainab Kamara and Fatmata Koroma are currently being preliminarily investigated on two count charges of conspiracy to defraud and obtaining money by false pretences contrary to law.

It was alleged that the accused between January 1st, 2021 to December 31st, 2022, at Luca Street, Freetown, with intent to defraud, conspired with other persons unknown to commit a crime to wit obtaining money by false pretences.

The accused were alleged to have obtained NLe88,000 from one Adikalie Kamara on January 1st on the pretext that they will facilitate the travelling of the said complainant. Led in evidence, Adikalie Kamara, who identified himself as a student, said he knew the accused persons and recalled the above

dates.

He recognised the 2nd accused as his college mate who informed him that he has someone that will facilitate his travelling to Australia and that he informed his parents.

"Two thousand five hundred United States Dollars was paid upfront to start the process and I made the payment to the 2nd accused," he said.

The witness said after he had made all the payment, the accused didn't issue any receipt to him and that the 2nd accused then told him that the process will finish in two weeks.

He further testified that visas were issued out on 27th August, 2022 through WhatsApp and he made the balance payment of two thousand New Leones.

He said the 2nd accused issued out a visa for them to travel in November and because it didn't work "I made a report at Criminal Investigations Department headquarters in January after the 2nd accused failed to facilitate the program and didn't refund the money.

At that juncture, the matter was adjourned to 28th April 2023 for cross examination.

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VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Regional Tally Centre Coordinators

The Electoral Commission Sierra Leone (ECSL) has administrative independence and aims to achieve high levels of effectiveness, accountability, neutrality and efficiency necessary to ensure autonomy as mandated by law. In light of this, the Commission therefore, advertises vacancy for five (5) Regional Tally Centre Coordinators.

These are for five (5) regions for the tally of the 2023 multi-tier election results.

The Commission requests the services of suitable qualified Sierra Leonean to serve as Regional Tally Centre Coordinators (1 per region) for the period of three months (1st May to 3rd July) to assist in the organization of the Tally Centres.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Coordinate the establishment and organization of the Regional Tally Centre
2. Coordinate the recruitment of Regional Tally Centre Staff
3. Coordinate and assist in training Regional Tally Centre Staff
4. Plan and control activities like parking space allocation, visitors, waste disposal, and facility security
5. Supervise all facility staff (Cleaners, Generator Attendant and Security Personnel)
6. Coordinate the welfare of Regional Tally Centre Staff
7. Liaise with Regional Data Management Officer on all Technical issues.
8. Liaise with the District Elections Manager on administrative matters.
9. Report all Technical related issues to the Regional Data Management Officer.
10. Maintain safekeeping of all sensitive and non-sensitive materials at Tally Centre
11. Coordinate safe retrieval of ECSL equipment from Tally Centre to the ECSL District Office.
12. Provide detailed report on all activities undertaken at the regional Tally Centre
13. Perform any other duties that may be assigned to you by your supervisor from time to time.

Qualifications and Relevant Experience

- Bachelor's degree in information systems or related field
 - Proven experience in the management of Microsoft Windows Server and MS SQL Server
 - Experience in the management of the Voter Verification Kit (VVK) and Voter Identification Unit (VIU)
 - Well-versed in Information Technology operations management
 - Knowledge of basic computer programming
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
 - Excellent organizational and leadership skills
 - Good analytical/critical thinking

Skills and Competencies:

- Proficiency in the use of MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Ability to deal with people from different backgrounds
- Ability and patience to teach and train both technical and not-technical staff.
- Ability to work well under pressure, resolve conflicts, and balance trade-offs.
- Ability to work in a team.
- Interpersonal skills, integrity, and ability to adapt to situations.
- Ability to multitask.

Equal Opportunity Employer

- All positions in the omission are advertised on an equal opportunity.
- Women and Persons with Disabilities that have the requisite qualification and experience are highly encouraged to apply. All applicants will be required to take a test and attend interview when shortlisted.

Interested and qualified applicants should visit the ECSL online application portal <https://jobportal.ec.gov.sl/> and complete an application. For additional questions or concerns, please email us at info@ec.gov.sl

Closing date for receipt of applications is 1st May, 2023.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
FAO REPRESENTATION IN SIERRA LEONE
Office of the Representative

TENDER NOTICE No.

2023/FRSIL/FRSIL/121625

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is an Intergovernmental Organisation with more than 190 member countries. Since its inception, FAO has worked to alleviate poverty and hunger by promoting agricultural development, improved nutrition and the pursuit of food security - defined as the access of all people at all times to the food they need for an active and healthy life.

To achieve its goals, FAO cooperates with thousands of partners worldwide, from farmers' group to traders, from non-governmental organizations to other UN agencies, from development banks to agribusiness firms (further and more detailed information on FAO can be found on the internet site: <http://www.fao.org>).

FAO herewith invites online Bids from eligible bidders for;

The Construction of Poultry House

Tender No. 2023/FRSIL/FRSIL/121625

Interested bidders should register on this website; <https://www.ungm.org/Vendor/Registration> to have a UNGM number and Log-in to be able to access and partake in the tendering process for The Construction Poultry House on or before 26th April, 2023 at 13:00 GMT.

NB: An induction session for prospective bidders will be conducted on 20th April 2023, 11:00am at 38A Freetown Road, Wilberforce Freetown.

All enquiries and request for bidder's instruction should be forwarded to the following email addresses below;

To:
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Copy:
Sarah.Kaikai@fao.org

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: ASSISTANT MANAGER, LIFE DEPARTMENT

Introduction of the Corporation

WAICA Re is one of the fastest growing reinsurance companies in Africa. WAICA Re is headquartered in Freetown (Sierra Leone) and operates through four (4) Regional Offices across Africa namely Lagos (Nigeria), Accra (Ghana), Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), Tunis (Tunisia) and Dubai (United Arab Emirates). It also has four (4) Subsidiary Companies namely, WAICA Re Zimbabwe Limited in Harare (Zimbabwe), WAICA Re Kenya in Nairobi (Kenya), an investments company namely WAICA Re Capital, Accra (Ghana) and WAICA Re (United Kingdom).

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.
- Liaising with the Head Life to identify new production opportunities through research of new and existing markets and product design.
- Identify Life training underwriting needs, claim administration and reinsurance and technical support for cedants.
- Conduct life trainings in all our regions of operation and beyond.
- Responsible for the design of life promotional activities in our operational countries.
- Responsible for new and renewal premium in the company on assigned life accounts.
- 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.
- Implementation of all work processes within the specified time frame.
- Reinsurance premium quotation on standard, or sub-standard lives with relevant loadings on mortality related risks.
- Rendition of statutory retro returns as at when due.
- Ensuring the attainment of the collection KPI for assigned accounts.
- Liaising with the Finance department to ensure that claims processing is done accurately and settled in a timely manner.
- Formulates all necessary reports as requested by Head Life to aide decision making.
- Command of the Life Reinsurance system including but not limited to keeping records of business offered, declined and accepted in the Life software.

Candidate Profile

Qualifications

- A Degree in Insurance or related field

Professional qualifications

- CII

Experience

- At least 8 years' experience in Life insurance of which 4 years are at Managerial level.
- Knowledge of Life Underwriting is a must.
- Experience of data management and producing Management Information relative to both Life information using a software.
- Experience with a Reinsurance company in the Life department is an added advantage.
- Ability to speak both French and English shall be an added advantage.
- Fair Medical examination and interpretation of medical report.

Competencies

- Good analytical skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Working knowledge of MS Office
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work under minimal supervision
- Ability to work and meet deadlines
- Proactive and result oriented

Application Procedure

Interested Candidates for this role shall be required send an Application letter and a CV to vacancies@waicare.com

Closing date for application: 25 April 2023



INVITATION FOR BID

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.

ChildFund Sierra Leone is seeking for a suitable service provider 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 invitation to bid.

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 bidding 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.

or via email to SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org on or before 21st April 2023 by 4:30 pm

Please follow the submission instruction as per the bid document.

NOTE: LATE TENDERS WILL BE REJECTED



Guild of Editors – Sierra Leone

C/O MRCG 145 Circular Road, Freetown.
 Email: editorsguild94@gmail.com Mob: +23276653596

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

We All Na Wan Family
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Fix No.	Sales Close	Competition	Home Team	Home	Draw	Away	1 / 1 (1)	1 / X (2)	1 / 2 (3)	X / 1 (4)	X / X (5)	X / 2 (6)	2 / 1 (7)	2 / X (8)	2 / 2 (9)	
1	4/19/2023 13:55	Turkey	ISTANBULSPOR AS	16	v	10	ANTALYASPOR	4.90	14.00	27.00	7.00	5.00	5.20	35.00	14.00	3.35
2	4/19/2023 13:55	Turkey	KAYSERISPOR	7	v	12	KASIMPASA ISTANBUL	3.45	13.00	30.00	5.80	5.60	6.80	26.00	13.00	4.30
3	4/19/2023 14:25	Latvia	BFC DAUGAVPILS	9	v	2	RIGAS FUTBOLA SKOLA	14.00	21.00	21.00	18.00	7.20	3.35	99.00	21.00	1.60
4	4/19/2023 14:55	Finland	KUOPION PALLOSEURA	9	v	12	FC HONKA	3.75	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.10	6.40	35.00	15.00	5.20
5	4/19/2023 14:55	Finland	HJK HELSINKI	1	v	10	VAASAN PALLOSEURA	1.95	20.00	90.00	3.70	6.20	15.00	26.00	21.00	13.00
6	4/19/2023 14:55	Lithuania	DZIUGAS TELSIAI	10	v	1	FK PANEVEZYS	13.00	21.00	23.00	16.00	6.20	3.35	90.00	20.00	1.71
7	4/19/2023 15:55	Latvia	FS JELGAVA	4	v	6	FK AUDA RIGA	6.60	15.00	23.00	8.60	5.00	4.10	45.00	14.00	2.38
8	4/19/2023 15:55	Cyprus	AEL LIMASSOL	3	v	6	PARALIMNI	3.25	15.00	40.00	4.80	4.70	7.00	30.00	16.00	5.60
9	4/19/2023 15:55	Cyprus	ANORTHOSIS	2	v	5	KARMIOISSA FC	2.45	16.00	50.00	4.20	5.40	9.80	25.00	17.00	7.80
10	4/19/2023 15:55	Russia Cup	CSKA MOSCOW	0	v	0	URAL	2.39	17.00	60.00	4.00	5.20	10.00	27.00	18.00	8.80
11	4/19/2023 16:25	Norway	LILLESTROM	16	v	8	STROMSGODSET	2.25	15.00	50.00	4.40	6.40	11.00	22.00	16.00	7.80
12	4/19/2023 16:40	Holland	GO AHEAD EAGLES	12	v	8	WAALWIJK	3.10	14.00	40.00	5.20	5.60	8.00	26.00	15.00	5.60
13	4/19/2023 16:55	Lithuania	DFK DAINAVA ALYTUS	5	v	4	VILNIUS FK ZALGIRIS	12.00	19.00	23.00	14.00	5.80	3.40	80.00	18.00	1.81
14	4/19/2023 17:25	Turkey	KONYASPOR	8	v	4	ADANA DEMIRSPOR	3.65	13.00	30.00	6.00	5.40	6.60	27.00	13.00	4.30
15	4/19/2023 17:25	Turkey	BASAKSEHIR	5	v	2	FENERBAHCE	6.20	15.00	25.00	8.60	5.40	4.70	40.00	14.00	2.70
16	4/19/2023 17:55	UAE	AL-WASL FC	6	v	10	FC BANIIYAS	2.06	15.00	45.00	3.90	6.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	7.60
17	4/19/2023 17:55	UAE	AL-ITTIHAD KALBA	8	v	7	AJMAN CLUB	3.00	13.00	29.00	5.00	5.20	6.60	23.00	13.00	4.40
18	4/19/2023 17:55	UAE	AL AIN	2	v	4	SHARJAH	3.00	13.00	30.00	4.70	4.90	6.40	24.00	13.00	4.60
19	4/19/2023 18:40	Championship	WATFORD	12	v	21	CARDIFF	3.05	16.00	50.00	4.60	4.80	8.20	30.00	17.00	6.60
20	4/19/2023 18:40	Championship	SWANSEA	13	v	8	PRESTON	3.45	16.00	40.00	5.20	4.90	7.00	30.00	16.00	5.40
21	4/19/2023 18:40	Championship	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	4	v	2	NORWICH	5.20	15.00	30.00	7.00	5.00	5.40	40.00	15.00	3.55
22	4/19/2023 18:40	Championship	BLACKBURN	6	v	7	COVENTRY	3.85	15.00	35.00	5.80	4.80	6.60	30.00	15.00	4.70
23	4/19/2023 18:40	Qatar	AL MARKHIYA	8	v	10	AL-SHAMAL	3.10	12.00	30.00	4.90	4.60	6.60	25.00	13.00	4.70
24	4/19/2023 18:55	Championship	MIDDLESBROUGH	4	v	15	HULL CITY	2.08	19.00	70.00	4.00	6.80	14.00	24.00	20.00	11.00
25	4/19/2023 18:55	Championship	READING	22	v	3	LUTON	8.00	18.00	30.00	9.40	4.70	4.40	60.00	17.00	2.80
26	4/19/2023 18:55	UEFA Champions League	INTER MILAN	0	v	0	BENFICA	3.30	15.00	40.00	5.20	5.20	7.40	28.00	15.00	5.40
27	4/19/2023 18:55	UEFA Champions League	BAYERN MUNICH	0	v	0	MANCHESTER CITY	4.10	14.00	26.00	7.00	6.20	6.40	28.00	14.00	3.65
28	4/19/2023 19:10	Egypt	PHARCO FC	8	v	10	GHAZL EL MAHALLAH	3.05	16.00	70.00	4.40	3.60	8.60	40.00	17.00	7.80
29	4/19/2023 19:10	Egypt	NATIONAL BANK EGYPT	16	v	18	HARAS EL HODOOD	3.05	15.00	50.00	4.50	4.20	8.00	30.00	16.00	6.80
30	4/19/2023 19:10	Egypt	TALAEA EL GAISH	17	v	2	FUTURE FC	7.60	15.00	35.00	9.00	3.80	4.70	60.00	14.00	2.95
31	4/20/2023 13:55	Turkey	ANKARAGUCU	14	v	15	GIRESUNSPOR	2.95	14.00	35.00	5.00	5.60	7.80	24.00	14.00	5.40
32	4/20/2023 16:40	Europa Conference League	FIorentina	0	v	0	LECH POZNAN	1.79	24.00	99.00	3.80	7.80	19.00	25.00	24.00	16.00
33	4/20/2023 16:40	Europa Conference League	AZ ALKMAAR	0	v	0	ANDERLECHT	2.60	16.00	50.00	4.50	5.40	9.80	27.00	17.00	7.60
34	4/20/2023 17:25	Turkey	SIVASSPOR	13	v	6	TRABZONSPOR	4.20	14.00	30.00	6.20	4.70	5.80	35.00	14.00	4.00
35	4/20/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	SEVILLA	0	v	0	MANCHESTER UNITED	5.20	15.00	27.00	7.60	5.40	5.40	35.00	14.00	3.25
36	4/20/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	SPORTING	0	v	0	JUVENTUS	3.65	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.50	7.00	35.00	16.00	5.40
37	4/20/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	SAINT-GILLOISE	0	v	0	BAYER LEVERKUSEN	5.60	14.00	27.00	8.00	5.40	5.40	40.00	14.00	3.15
38	4/20/2023 18:55	UEFA Europa League	AS ROMA	0	v	0	FEYENOORD	2.90	16.00	50.00	4.50	4.90	8.60	29.00	17.00	7.00
39	4/20/2023 18:55	Europa Conference League	WEST HAM	0	v	0	GENT	2.39	17.00	60.00	4.30	5.60	11.00	27.00	18.00	9.20
40	4/20/2023 18:55	Europa Conference League	NICE	0	v	0	BASEL	2.22	18.00	70.00	4.10	6.20	12.00	25.00	19.00	9.80

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