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By Alhaji Haruna Sani

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The Secretariat of Sierra Leone's main opposition party, All People's Congress (APC) has called on supporters to remain calm after recent court case filed against the party's leader at the Supreme Court. In their latest press release issued on 23rd May, the party acknowledged that they received the originating notice of motion filed by counsels representing former Sports Minister, Paul Kamara and former deputy Ambassador to the United States, Reverend Allimamy Coleson Turay.



Dr. Samura Kamara, APC Flagbearer

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# Sierra Leone Decides 2023: Key determinants of the elections

By Ishmael Dumbuya

As Sierra Leone's elections are scheduled for June 24th 2023, the main front-runners are the incumbent President Julius Maada Bio of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), and the main opponent, Samura Kamara of the All People's Congress (APC). For the sake of clarity, it's important that we look at three key determinants that could influence the outcome of the June 24th elections across the country.

## Economy

It's no secret that under the current administration, the state of the country's economy is so dire, and addressing issue of 'Bread and Butter,' is a prominent feature in the upcoming elections.

According to Human Development Index, Sierra Leone was ranked 179 out of 188, and two-thirds of the populations subsist on less than \$1.25 per day, and almost 50 percent of the populations is malnourished.

The country's inflation rate in 2018 was over 16 percent, but was brought down to 11 percent by 2021, which is still a staggering rate. The economy grew by 3.2 percent in 2021 after shrinking 2 percent in 2020. A doubling of the prices for goods and services by the end of 2022, however, eroded the 2021 gains, leading to an inflation rate of over 26 percent. The youth unemployment rate is 60 percent, one of the highest in West Africa. Regardless of other challenges facing Sierra Leone, if the candidates—and the eventual winner—fail to effectively address this issue there will be continuing problems.

## Inclusive governance

A secondary, but potentially explosive issue is the inclusivity—or possible lack thereof—of the electoral process. In the past, there have been a large number of contenders in the national elections, but there is a possibility that participation

in the 2023 general elections could be limited. Abdullai M. Bangura, chair of the Political Parties Regulation Commission, speaking at a seminar on the state of electoral justice in Sierra Leone in Freetown on March 23, 2023, said that, of the seventeen registered political parties, only three, SLPP, APC, and NGC, meet the functionality requirement of the PPRC Act of 2022. In order to be considered functional under the Act, parties must hold delegate conferences and elections for national offices and have offices in all regions of the countries. As of the date of the meeting, Bangura said only the three aforementioned parties satisfied these criteria. In a best-case scenario, the disqualified parties will accept the situation and work to prepare for the next elections. But there is also the possibility of prolonged legal battles or even localized violence in response to the PPRC decision.

## Misinformation/Disinformation

Another strategic component that might determine the outcome of the June 24th election is that of misinformation and disinformation. Lately, we have seen instances wherein social media frequents have been misinforming people with series of inciteful and hate messages which eventually led to a riotous protest on August 10th in Freetown, the Tombo riot, and the Makeni incident, leading to the loss of lives and destruction of properties in those areas.

On the 24th March 2023, in order to combat disinformation around the country's 2023 elections, a project was launched at the Elections Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL) Conference Hall in Freetown. The Project basically focuses on ways in which key stakeholders' in the information sector can combat the scourge.

During the engagement, the Chairman of the Independent Media Commission (IMC), Dr. Victor Massaquoi, warned that disinformation can reduce trust

in Government institutions and urged everyone to take responsibility for combating the scourge of fake news.

According to Ahmed Sahid Nasralla, President of SLAJ, the project will monitor, identify, pre-bunk, and debunk disinformation and its engendered forms, including hate speech. It will also build SLAJ's capacity to counter disinformation, increase citizens' awareness of disinformation trends, and improve access to credible information on national political processes. He also added that the project will promote media safeguards against engendered disinformation and hate speech and support women's chances of success in the 2023 elections.

"Accurate information is crucial to the success of public elections. Citizens should have access to the correct information to enable them to participate and make informed decisions around the elections," said Nasralla.

## Social Media

Social media is playing an increasingly important role in shaping African political engagement, and Sierra Leone is no exception. On the one hand, social media has helped develop spaces for political participation. WhatsApp, for example, plays a key role in Sierra Leone as an avenue for smaller political parties and new voters. On the other hand, social media can also be a conduit for disinformation that can be used to incite election-related violence. While Sierra Leone has the fourth-lowest level of internet usage in the world, it has one of the fastest growing numbers of internet usage in Africa. During the 2017–2018 election cycles, 16 percent of the population used social media, and it played a pivotal role. While many relied on it to provide information and promote peace and cohesion, others used it to promote misinformation and hate.

## EC-SL Stance

The Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, EC-SL has lately

been very apprehensive and concerned about the level of disinformation in the build up to the country's election.

The Chairman of the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, Mohamed Konneh, has identified disinformation as one of the major threats to the country's democracy and good governance ahead of the elections. Konneh urged members of the public to listen to authentic sources of information and confirm when they receive information on social media. He also assured the public that the Electoral Commission will continue to be transparent, inclusive, and open to members of the public.

## The Sierra Leone Police

Whenever elections approach, the functions of the SLP are compromised, as the opposition always make statements of police harassment and brutality during polling day. The impartiality of the police during elections are highly compromised as the citizens lack trust in them and often accuses them of siding with the incumbent government during polling day.

However, the Sierra Leone Police has counteracted these claims, describing them as baseless and noted that they as a security institution are there to serve and protect Sierra Leoneans as that is there paramount constitutional mandate. The SLP has been putting out statements warning against hate and inciting remarks, noting that it will undermine the security of the state.

In my conclusion, ethnic tension has bedevilled the country in the past, but it is not as pronounced in Sierra Leone as in other countries. Most of the violence has been caused by economic inequality, incumbents unwilling to give up power, and the enlistment of former military and youth to intimidate opponents.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# Easy Solar ranks top 10 among Africa's fastest-growing businesses

**E**asy Solar, a West African renewable energy company, headquartered in Freetown Sierra Leone, has made it to the top 10 Financial Times' 2023 list of the fastest-growing businesses in Africa. This ranking is a testament to the company's commitment to providing sustainable energy solutions to communities across the region.

Founded in 2016, Easy Solar has quickly grown into one of the leading providers of solar energy solutions in Sierra Leone and Liberia. The company's vision is to improve energy access in West Africa by providing affordable and reliable renewable energy products to households and businesses. Using pay-as-you-go technology, Easy Solar enables customers to access solar products and other durable goods, without having to pay the full cost upfront. This has made it easier for low-income households and businesses to access energy and other life improving products.



The company's products and pay-as-you-go software platform are

According to the company's Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Nthabiseng Mosia, Easy Solar has faced challenges unique to the renewable energy sector and economic landscape. "Despite facing several challenges in the last couple of years, such as rampant inflation, a fuel crisis, spiraling currency devaluation, and the COVID-19 pandemic, we've

been quick to adapt to new challenges, and still find avenues for growth. However, companies like ours, due to the customer profile we serve (rural low-middle income households and SMEs) are often walking a tightrope and unexpected and negative changes in policy and sustained economic crisis can undermine the growth we've experienced."

Easy Solar's rapid growth in uncertain times is a testament to how vital the solutions like it provide are critical to populations in these regions. The fragility of the growth path shows how governments and donors can support in creating and maintaining a viable enabling environment for continued growth.

As the demand for renewable energy continues to grow, Easy Solar is well-positioned to expand its operations and reach more customers. The company's innovative business model and focus on sustainability have set it apart from its competitors, and it is likely to remain a key player in the renewable energy sector in West Africa for years to come.

Easy Solar is proud to have been named one of the fastest-growing businesses in Africa. They remain steadfast in their commitment to making a positive impact through renewable energy solutions and will continue to work towards their simple mission to light up lives.

designed to meet the needs of low and middle income households and SMEs. Their offering includes solar lanterns, home systems, appliances as well as clean cookstoves and smartphones, all available on flexible credit plans. Easy Solar also offers bespoke power solutions for larger residential, commercial and industrial clients that are seeking to be less dependent on the grid, making it easier for them to invest in renewable energy and access reliable power.

Easy Solar's achievements transcend its financial growth, as it has made a significant impact in the communities it serves. By providing affordable energy solutions, the company has now impacted and transformed the lives of over a million individuals in Sierra Leone. This has improved the quality of life for thousands of households and businesses, who previously relied on expensive and unreliable sources of energy such as torch lights and diesel generators.

Nascent markets like Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, and others are currently home to some of the largest off-grid populations. In these regions, access to energy is severely limited. In spite of this, Easy Solar, with its unique business model, seized an opportunity in these markets. The company's rapid growth can be attributed to the ripe market conditions that made its products and services highly sought-after.

## Supreme Court matter: APC allays fears of supporters

From Cover



"The action relates to interpretation, construction and determination of three questions pursuant to provisions of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone," the Party's Secretariat wrote.

The party intimated to its supporters that they will be represented by their legal team and have already instructed them to also represent their Presidential Candidate, Dr. Samura Kamara who is also one of the respondents in the matter.

"We have been instructed by the APC legal team that they have entered an appearance and also filed an application for the matter to be struck out for various legal reasons,"

the Secretariat noted.

The main opposition also asked their supporters to be calmed while affirming that the Supreme Court matter does not constitute a petition to the nomination of Dr. Samura Kamara as Presidential Candidate under the Public Elections Act 2022.

"Our Presidential Candidate is still qualified to contest the forthcoming June 24th Presidential Elections," the party affirmed.

Meanwhile, the APC urged the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone to publish the name of their candidate in the final list of Presidential Candidates.

## LOCAL NEWS 2023 Elections: PMDC vows to address needs of Sierra Leoneans

By Yusufu S. Bangura

National Chairman and Running Mate for the People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), Tony Bob Hindolo Songa, has promised that after they win the June 24th general elections, they would address the needs and aspirations of all Sierra Leoneans.

He made the above pronouncement during an exclusive interview at their PMDC's head office, 46 Rawdon Street in Freetown.

Speaking to this medium on series of national issues, especially on the economy, Hindolo Songa said the current state of the country's economy is so alarming that the prices of basic food commodities have increased rapidly, thus making it difficult for most Sierra Leoneans to have three meals a day.

He said PMDC is committed to preaching peace, enhancing national cohesion, and inclusiveness in decision making.

He further said even though the PR System is very difficult especially for them as a smaller party, but appealed to Sierra Leoneans to see reasons and vote them in the upcoming June 24th elections.

Speaking about their presidential candidate, Charles Francis Kondo Margai, he referred to him as a senior lawyer who has worked for over 30 years.

He said Margai is hardworking, goal

oriented, a critical thinker, tolerant and gives feedback and has worked for the people of this country for so long.

He added that their candidate also possesses vast knowledge in the legal sector and that he had fought for so many Sierra Leoneans and has trained a lot of people in the justice sector, adding that if elected president, he will introduce a lot of reforms that will help transform the justice sector and recover Sierra Leone's dead economy.

"When we assume governance we will bring other people on board so we can have an inclusive government as a way to push this country forward. We have a lot of resources to tackle the economic crisis that we have been struggling to handle over the years, but if we focus on them and use them wisely, then we can create a change because we have plenty resources to make us a better, reliable and a developed nation. But it all about leadership so with our leader being a President we will move this country to another level," he promised.

In terms of women participation, he said they have a good number of women occupying high ranking positions including Secretary-General and the Regional Chairperson.

In the area of education, Songa noted that education is the bedrock of development in any nation, and that they as a party, were very much



Running Mate for PMDC, Tony Bob Hindolo Songa

determined to improve the quality of education in the country.

He noted that the current Free Quality Education Project is just a political gimmick with no substance as claimed by the government.

He said when they assume power, they will invest more in education to make it meaningful to all Sierra

Leoneans.

"My final message to Sierra Leoneans is for us to be law abiding and peaceful citizens because hate speech will not bring peace to this country. We should have the fear of God and make sure we give this country the peace it deserves as we didn't deserve what is happening now," he said.

## ECSL to use Guinean ballot boxes in June elections

By Alfred Koroma



The Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL) has signed MOU with the Guinean Ministry Government for the use of the country's ballot boxes in the 24 June 2023 elections in Sierra Leone. It's a move acceptable under the West Africa Electoral Peer Support Initiative.

Guinea will release about eleven thousand (11,000) empty ballot boxes to ECSL as Guinea's assistance in the conduct of the forthcoming elections in Sierra Leone, the Electoral Commission reported yesterday, referencing Guinea's Foreign Affairs Minister, Guinea, Morissanda Kouyate.

coordinated by Guinea's Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, responsible for elections administration in Guinea and the Sierra Leonean Embassy in the neighboring country, ECSL says.

Guinea's Minister of Territorial Administration and

The Chief Decentralisation, Mory Conde Electoral Commission chaired the MoU signing ceremony of the MOU.

for Sierra The Foreign Affairs Ministers of Leone, both Sierra Leone and Guinea, Mohamed together with the African Keneu Integration and Guineans Abroad, Konneh led Agriculture & Breeding and the the delegation Minister of Post and of Electoral Telecommunications were also in attendance.

s and staff of According to ECSL, the Minister of the ECSL to Foreign Affairs for Guinea, the signing of Morissanda Kouyate pledged his t h e country's commitment to foster Memorandum bilateral relationships with another o f sister country and to help in time of Understandin g (MOU) in need. The Minister said Guinea is happy to Promote Africa and Pan Guinea. African exchange of ideas and materials in the area of Governance.

The signing ceremony was jointly At the event, ECSL Chairman, Mohamed Konneh said Guinea's support will create a significant impact towards a successful conduct of election in Sierra Leone. He expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Guinean Authorities and promises to take good care of the electoral materials and to return them in good order.



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## LOCAL NEWS

By Ishmael Dumbuya

A 28-year-old Fistula survivor, Iye Joseph, from Kenema District, expressed her profound gratitude to UNFPA, HaiKal and the Iceland Embassy, for their unwavering support in helping her and other survivors recuperate from their Fistula condition.

Giving her testimony, Iye Joseph explained that in 2022, a certain man arrived in their community announcing that whoever had Fistula should make herself available so they could take her to HaiKal, a hospital in Bo that treats and takes care of Fistula patients. She said initially she felt ashamed to come forward, as there is high stigma attached to Fistula Victims in the community.

"Upon hearing the announcement, I sent my grandmother to go and keenly listen to the announcement," she narrated.

She added that she was feeling persistent stomach pain after delivering her baby, and that her grandmother then took her to HaiKal Foundation, following the instructions from the man that shared the news. She said she was taken to the facility for surgery, and that the operation was very successful.

The fistula survivor made narrated her ordeal during the 2023 Commemoration of the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula which took place on Tuesday 23rd May at the Bo Government Hospital, '20 years on-Progress but not enough! Act now end Fistula by 2030.'

In his keynote address, the Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby stated that access to essential care for women in pregnancy and childbirth is placed high on the national agenda, adding that the government aims at ending the occurrence of obstetric fistula in Sierra Leone.

"This can only be possible if we strengthen the quality of our reproductive health services at all levels of the health care system and across the life stages of our women and girls," he noted.

# My Husband abandoned me because I had Fistula

## -Fistula survivor narrates ordeal

The minister went on to state that every effort should be made to find and treat all women still living with obstetric fistula regardless of their location, to restore their dignity.

In that regard, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation has developed the National Fistula Strategy which clearly articulates how the country intends to achieve that goal.

In his outline of the strategies, the minister highlighted that his ministry is committed to Preventing Obstetric Fistula, noting that it will be anchored on improving access to quality comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services for women and girls across the life stages, including comprehensive obstetric care, and sensitizing communities about obstetric fistula and how to prevent it.

He also cited improving care for women with obstetric fistula, which includes identification of fistula survivors wherever they are, linking them to surgical care, and providing rehabilitation and social re-integration services after surgery.

He further stated that they would strengthen governance, leadership, program management, and partnerships towards elimination of Obstetric Fistula.

He said they intend to improve resource mobilization and financing for elimination of obstetric fistula, and ensure sustainability of the interventions, and to Strengthen Monitoring and Evaluation, learning and research on obstetric fistula in Sierra Leone.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Country Representative, Nadia Rashid, stated that the commemoration was geared towards observing a special milestone, marking 20 years of the global campaign to end fistula.

She said they needed to accelerate their joint efforts and actions to be able to end fistula by 2030.

She went on to state that in 2015, the world committed to the Sustainable



Fistula survivor, Iye Joseph

Development Goals as a global blueprint to end poverty, foster peace, and safeguard rights and dignity of all people, by 2030.

"This Agenda calls on us not only to leave no one behind in realizing development aspirations, but to reach the furthest behind first," she emphasized.

She added that Fistula is a condition that represents the critical importance of that call to reach the furthest behind first, and that women and girls living with fistula often face extreme marginalization and isolation, depriving them of an income, home, family and community.

"Globally, half a million women and girls are estimated to be living with fistula. The condition is one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries, and yet it is almost entirely preventable. Fistula is driven by failings in our health and social systems, and compounded by poverty and gender inequality, including harmful practices such as child marriage and adolescent pregnancy," she said.

She indicated that UNFPA and partners launched the global campaign to end fistula, and much progress has been made since that time, remarking that with support from UNFPA, nearly

140,000 women have undergone fistula repair surgeries globally, and in Sierra Leone, since 2011, UNFPA has partnered with the Aberdeen Women's Centre and the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to support more than 1,800 women to undergo fistula surgeries.

She climaxed on the note that for every woman who dies in child birth, 20 or more are injured or disabled, adding that timely access to high-quality care, and greater efforts to reduce maternal injury and disability, are therefore critical to saving lives of mothers and new-borns as well as to preventing fistula.

"Sierra Leone has made commendable progress in this regard, reducing maternal mortality by almost 74% between 2000 and 2020. This success is a result of significant improvements in quality of care, access to skilled birth attendance, and deliveries in health facilities, in line with the ambitious vision set by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation," she said.

The UN diplomat called on the health sector in partnership with the social sector, traditional and religious leaders and communities, to ensure timely access to high-quality emergency obstetric and new-born care, including trained professionals with midwifery skills at childbirth, to ensure universal access to modern contraception, including by empowering women to decide on when to have children and how many to have, to intensify efforts to end child marriage and reduce adolescent pregnancy, including by enabling young people to access sexual and reproductive health information and services, and engaging men and boys as allies in promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls.

The commemoration ended with an on the site visitation, wherein staff and the leadership of UNFPA, HaiKal Foundation, PPSL, Aberdeen Women Center, Iceland Embassy, and pressmen visited the two Fistula facilities in Bo. That is, the West Africa Fistula Center and the HaiKal Fistula Foundation.

## ANALYSIS

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

With less than a month to the June 24 elections- an election projected to be tightly contested between the ruling Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) and the main opposition All People's Congress Party, we continue to bring to the public a predication as to who wins in what district and how that win will influence the general outcome of the elections.

Over the years, voting pattern by district and region largely determines who wins the presidential elections. Since 2017, Sierra Leone has been divided into sixteen political districts and six regions, including the North-East, North-West, South, East, Western Urban and Western Rural.

Below is short analysis of our voting pattern based on district and region

## 2023 presidential elections: who wins in what region? Part two

since 2007.

In 2007, the voting pattern was unique in its own way. The SLPP swept vast majority of votes in all districts in the South-East districts including Kono and the APC cleared the North and Western Area, save for Kambia and Koinadugu where the SLPP shared the votes with the APC. But the unique aspect of the election was that the APC secured a significant number of votes from all South-Eastern districts. Those votes were influenced by the defection of Charles Francis Margai- a disgruntled former SLPP strongman whose uncle and father, Sir Milton Margai and Sir Albert Margai were the first and second Prime Minister of Sierra Leone respectively.

Interestingly enough, Charles Francis Margai who influenced those votes in the South-East that brought the Ernest Bai Koroma APC

administration to governance in 2007 had again defected to the APC, promising to bring back the party to power.

While officially declaring for the APC in their Old Rail-Way Line Head office in Brookfields, Freetown, Margai said "2023, we have decided that the APC will take back the mantle of governance".

Margai described himself as the game changer who never compromises "In 2007, I supported the APC and they won. In 2018 when I supported President Bio he won; now I am here again to give back the power to the APC.

By virtue of the electoral especially taking into consideration tribe, the ruling SLPP would probably sweep the entire South-East, with a tight race in Kono while the APC will win the Western Rural, Western Urban and

the entire north, save for Kambia and Falaba where the SLPP has maintained traditional votes over the years.

Winning the elections for the SLPP will be pegged on the number of votes they amass in the Western Area Urban. The SLPP will secure huge votes from Kambia in the north because of the influence of Kande Koleh Yumkallah, a native from Kambia who recently defected to the SLPP in a so-called strategic alliance. The SLPP will also get some huge votes from Falaba because of the native Fulas who are traditionally SLPP supporters.

Verdict: If the APC is to win the election, they should at least secure 18% of the average votes in the South-East and if the SLPP is to win they need to secure at least an average of 28% of the total votes in the North and Western Areas. Watch out!



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## LOCAL NEWS UBA SL unveils Drizilik as brand Ambassador for Leo, NEXTGEN Banking Products

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

**U**BA Sierra Leone, Africa's best and most resilient banking group with operations in 20 African countries and offices in three global financial centers, has signed Sierra Leone best singer and songwriter, George Menelik Benjamin (AKA Drizilik), as Brand Ambassador for UBA Leo and NEXTGEN Retail Banking Products.

The unveiling was done on Wednesday 24th May, 2023, at their head office 15 Charlotte Street, Freetown.

In his statement during the signing ceremony, Mohamed Alhajie Samoura, Acting MD/CEO of UBA Sierra Leone, expressed his heart felt appreciation to sign partnerships with the artists Drizilik as brand ambassador for their two products.

He said the strategic collaboration signifies a powerful union between artistry and innovation in banking, aiming to inspire young people in Sierra Leone and worldwide to cultivate the habit of banking, adding that Drizilik is a multi-award-winning Sierra Leonean singer and rapper with over 3 million online streams in the past three years and notable collaborations in the music industry.

"As a bank, we believe he will serve as an excellent voice to promote the features of UBA Leo and NextGen Account. Banking doesn't have to be boring; Leo is a Chatbot that enables you to effortlessly send money to any

UBA bank account, UBA prepaid card, other banks, and financial institutions," he said

He further stated that the two products are simple to use 'Simply type 'Send money' on any of the Leo platforms to transfer funds to oneself and loved ones. He added that to make the transactions simple, easy, and faster, the customer can do so just by having a conversation with Leo on WhatsApp +23279919919, Facebook Messenger, Apple Messages, Instagram, and Google Business Chat.

He said the UBA NextGen accounts cater for students in senior secondary school, tertiary institutions, or National Youth Service Corps members aged 18-25 years. He said it provides a tailored banking experience for young individuals.

"UBA Leo and NextGen Products are designed with the youth in mind, aiming to make banking services easy and accessible for young people. As a bank, we want to encourage young individuals in Sierra Leone to view banking as a lifestyle rather than a mundane task."

"Drizilik brings a unique perspective and unparalleled artistic prowess to this partnership, embodying the core values and principles shared by both UBA Sierra Leone and our esteemed customers. Since these products are youth-oriented, Drizilik's exceptional talent, combined with his deep understanding of their brand's vision, makes him the perfect embodiment of the spirit and ethos that define his craft as an ambassador for these products,"



Mohamed Alhajie Samoura, Acting MD/CEO of UBA SL and George Menelik Benjamin (AKA Drizilik), Brand Ambassador

he said.

He continues that the collaboration sets the stage for exciting and groundbreaking activities such as the Leo Party, Customer Engagement, Campus Storms, social media engagements, and branch visitations.

He said the activities to be revealed in the coming weeks and months, promise to revolutionize enrolment on Leo and NextGen like never before.

George Menelik Benjamin (AKA Drizilik), said he was honored to the part of the UBA family as their product

brand ambassador, stating that he will ensure the two products reach far and wide across Sierra Leone.

"I am thrilled to collaborate with UBA Sierra Leone on this exciting venture. The bank's dedication to excellence and commitment to pushing the boundaries of innovation resonate deeply with my artistic vision. Together, we will embark on a journey to improve product knowledge and encourage young people to open accounts with the bank," he said.

## CGSL National Debating Championship for Girls Quarter finals: Intellectual Clashes and Empowered Voices Take Center Stage

**T**he quarterfinals of the National Debating Championship for Girls 2023 have arrived, bringing together eight exceptional schools in exhilarating intellectual showdowns. As the competition intensifies, the debates continue to challenge norms, advocate for empowerment, and embrace the importance of online safety, reproductive health, gender equality, and more.

On Thursday, May 25, 2023, Malama Comprehensive will engage in a clash of ideas with The International School Limited. The topic at hand will be "Online safety measures should be integrated into school curriculums." Expect a thought-provoking discussion on the crucial need to equip students with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely.

Simultaneously, Government Model Secondary School will lock horns with Beacon High School on the topic "Sexual and reproductive health should be taught in schools." This debate promises to shed light on the significance of comprehensive sexual

education in promoting healthy relationships, informed choices, and the well-being of young individuals.

Friday, May 26, 2023, will witness another round of captivating debates. Saint Joseph's Convent will tackle Providence International on the topic "Marriage is a patriarchal institution." Brace yourselves for an engaging discourse that explores the dynamics of marriage and its impact on gender equality, societal expectations, and personal freedoms.

Simultaneously, Methodist Girls High School will face off against John F. Kennedy School, debating the topic "The two major religions gravely undermine the empowerment of women." This debate will delve into the intersection of religion, cultural norms, and women's empowerment, offering insightful perspectives on the challenges and potential solutions.

Amidst the excitement, it is worth highlighting the remarkable efforts of Marigold, an organization dedicated to supporting girls in their journey towards technological development and online safety. As a proud sponsor



of the National Debating Championship for Girls, Marigold empowers young women, equipping them with essential skills to thrive in the digital age.

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## NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

### Europe dumps 90% of used clothes in Africa & Asia - Report



Women buy used clothes outside a street in Malabo, Malabo will hold the... - Copyright © africanews Sunday Alamba/AP

Recent data has shown that a whopping 90% of used clothes and textile waste from European countries have been making its way to Africa and Asia through exports.

This concerning trend, brought to light by the European Environment Agency (EEA), emphasizes the alarming impact of textile waste on the environment and climate change, ranking it as the fourth most significant source of pressure resulting from European consumption.

With sustainability in waste management practices becoming increasingly crucial, these findings shed light on the pressing demand for heightened responsibility within the global textile trade.

Europe's heavy reliance on Asia and Africa for low-cost manufacturing has led to an overabundance of used clothes and textile waste, causing serious environmental concerns. This practice has been profitable for businesses but has resulted in alarming consequences for the environment.

According to a report by the EEA (European Environment Agency), the production and consumption of textiles in the European Union have a significant negative impact on the environment and climate. Within the value chain, textile consumption ranks high in land use and water consumption, coming in third place. It also ranks fifth in material resource utilization and greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, the production of textiles introduces chemicals that further harm the

environment and contribute to climate change.

One major issue of concern is the widespread use of synthetic textiles, which are derived from fossil fuel resources. These materials are found in various aspects of daily life, such as clothing, household textiles, and even automotive components.

The production, consumption, and improper disposal of synthetic textiles not only contribute to greenhouse gas emissions but also deplete non-renewable resources and release harmful microplastics into the environment.

Europe generates approximately 5.8 million tonnes of textile waste annually, with synthetic fibers making up nearly two-thirds of this waste. While some textile waste is recycled within Europe, the majority is exported to Africa and Asia due to limited local recycling capabilities. In 2019, Africa received over 60% of EU textile exports, but Asia's share has significantly increased, accounting for 41% of EU imports.

The fate of these exported textiles is uncertain, as the reuse, recycling, or disposal methods in recipient countries are not well-documented. African countries primarily use imported textiles for local reuse, but unsuitable textiles often end up in landfills.

Asian countries sort and process used textiles in economic zones, downcycling them into industrial rags or filling materials. Textiles that cannot be recycled or re-exported may end up in general waste management systems, including landfills.

### 'A day without press' in Guinea as the media snubs ruling junta

Several private media and online outlets in Guinea launched a one-day boycott of news in protest at press and internet restrictions by the authorities. The protest was announced Monday after the ruling military shut down two radio stations owned by the Afric Vision group, limited access to popular websites and social media, and threatened to close any media that "undermines national unity."

"From 5AM, until now when I'm talking with you, there is no radio being broadcast, at least in FM band, and therefore TV is 100% down, except RTG (ed: Radio Television Guineenne), national television. And also, TV is the programs, the programs are down, it's just the music, so for us it's satisfying," said Kemo Mansaré, President of ATPAG (Association of Professional Media and Audiovisual Technicians of Guinea).

The government has denied any crackdown against Afric Vision or blocking of the internet. Civilians are now calling upon the government to respect freedom of the press as enshrined in the constitution.

"I think it's not good, it's not good for us, the population, it's not good for the state, because the media journalists are our sources of information. And despite the abundance of social networks, and even that is currently blocked. And we manage to listen to the radios and the



A radio station left vacant in Guinea following protests - Copyright © africanews AFP

TVs to better inform ourselves. Because an uninformed person, or society, is a danger to society," said one resident.

The state has been run by the military since 2021, when President Alpha Conde was overthrown.

The opposition has called for fresh demonstrations in the capital Conakry on Wednesday and Thursday.

### Horn of Africa: UN appeals for \$7 billion humanitarian aid

The United Nations is appealing for a full \$7 billion in funding ahead of the upcoming UN Horn of Africa Pledging Conference scheduled to start later this week.

Even though there was no famine declared in the region, the International Rescue Committee along with the UN is saying the appeal is necessary to help communities struggling to survive in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia.

"What we would want to see these resources being used for and what we would want to use them for, is to promote and to find ways in which we can promote pastoral or agro-pastoral livelihoods which is adapted to the climate change that we are seeing, which is adapted to the change in their environment. We also want to see a lot more resources going into building community resilience, in building community infrastructure, in building social resilience for communities themselves to be able to cope with these



Mothers wait for high nutrition foods and health services at Tawkal 2 Dinsoor camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Baidoa, Somalia, on February 14, 2022. - Copyright © africanews YASUYOSHI CHIBA/AFP or licensors

## Namibia: Man dies of Congo fever



A health worker wears protective gear against the virus at a treatment - Copyright © africanews John Bompengo/Copyright 2018 The AP. All rights reserved.

A man died in Namibia of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, known as Congo fever, a viral disease that is transmitted by ticks, we learned on Wednesday from the Ministry of Health.

"A single case is enough to declare an eruption" of the disease and for sanitary measures to be put in place against transmission, according to international standards, Ben Nangombe, executive director at the ministry, told AFP.

The case was confirmed on Sunday after testing, the ministry said in a statement Tuesday. The man, who had been placed in isolation in a hospital in the capital Windhoek and who died last week, has been in contact with a total of 27 identified people, according to health authorities.

The infectious disease is a zoonosis, which means that it affects animals and can be transmitted to humans. Transmission of this hemorrhagic fever occurs "either through tick bites or through contact with blood or tissues of infected animals, during or immediately after slaughter", according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The mortality rate is 10 to 40%.

The last known cases in Namibia date back to 2020, according to the Ministry of Health. The death rate in the country on the last cases had reached 50%.

Contaminations generally affect people working in the livestock sector, slaughterhouse employees, or health personnel, according to the Ministry of Health.

## Cholera-hit South African town blames government for deadly outbreak

A family from Hammanskraal, North of Pretoria is mourning the death of a relative who fell victim to a deadly cholera outbreak which has killed 15 people in recent days.

They are seething with anger, blaming the government in Africa's most advanced economy for failing to solve their perennial water woes.

Kagiso Sadiki cannot remember a time when Hammanskraal's tap water was fit for consumption. His 53-year-old cousin Michael Sadiki died within a week of falling ill.

The tap water is brown and dirty, the 37-year-old said.

"Everybody has the right to have clean water," he said, visibly distressed, sitting under a lemon tree.

"I hope my cousin's death is not in vain".

South Africa recorded its first two cholera cases in February on the back of outbreaks in nearby Mozambique and Malawi, the two most severely affected countries in 2023, according to the UN. Several cases have now been recorded.

Out of 34 people who have contracted cholera in Gauteng province, where Hammanskraal is located, 15 have died. The infection is showing "a very high fatality rate," said Sandile Buthelezi, health ministry director general.

"Overburdened" -

The deadly disease is contracted from a bacterium generally transmitted through contaminated food or water.

Sadiki said his cousin died after being turned away from a local hospital due to a shortage of beds and staff.

Nurses "are overburdened (and) are not given enough support," Mogomotsi Seleke, a spokesman for nursing union DENOSA told AFP outside the Jubilee Hospital, which is handling most of the cases.

"Nurses only have two hands... and when they are not enough at some point patients suffer," he said.

Anger at the government is widespread and growing in the small town 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Pretoria where residents battle power and water outages for several hours a day.

Many residents are unemployed and spend their time sitting outside homes made from mud or sheet metal, behind barbed wire fences.

The cholera outbreak is a symptom of dysfunctional wastewater treatment, poor piping infrastructure and municipal graft, locals say.

"We don't have water" -

Following public outcry, the government announced it would probe the causes of the Hammanskraal water crisis.

Sitting legs crossed, Sadiki described how his cousin developed diarrhoea and constant vomiting before he quickly became weak, unable to walk, sleep or wash himself.

After being rushed to hospital a second time, he died in the emergency room.

The water crisis is "a problem that could have been solved a long time ago," a frustrated Sadiki said.

He added that the family was struggling to raise money for the funeral and now "has to bear the brunt".

Municipal authorities have urged Hammanskraal residents not to drink tap water, promising that tankers would distribute water, but residents say these only show up once or twice a week.

"We don't have water, we don't have houses... we have nothing," said Rosa Kovani, collecting water from a tanker on a dirt road in a neighbouring township.

With a baby strapped on her back and a water bucket in her hand, the 61-year-old said she had lost hope of seeing a tap installed at her house, a shack with sheet-iron walls.

Some have capitalised on the water crisis, setting up shop to sell purified water, which many residents cannot afford.

Cholera has seen a global resurgence since 2021 after a decade of steady decline, according to the UN, which this week warned one billion people in 43 countries were at risk.

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droughts and the longevity of droughts much better than they are able to today," explains Shashwat Saraf, Regional Emergency Director, International Rescue Committee.

These communities are facing the worst drought in 40 years, with more than 43.3 million people in need of assistance and more than half of those lacking access to sufficient food.

The United States announced at a U.N. conference on Wednesday in the region in 40 years — and the need for more than \$5 billion.

Malnutrition rates in Somalia doubled and the drought is believed to have destroyed millions of livestock, a major source of livelihoods for people living in the region.

The International Rescue Committee said that until now the appeals have received less than a quarter of the donations they need.

Wednesday, the United States announced nearly \$524

million in additional humanitarian aid for the region aiming to put a spotlight on the extreme effects of climate change and the drought.

"We are able to ensure that the money is going to the communities, the money is going for drilling or rehabilitating the boreholes, the money is going for cash transfers directly in the hands of the populations that are affected, the money is going for treatment of the child that is severely acutely malnourished. What we also ensure is to have robust systems of community feedback and community complaint mechanisms which will ensure that the community can hold us accountable to the money that we are raising and the way we are working with the communities to meet their needs," adds Shashwat Saraf.

The \$7 billion aid is expected to help provide new innovative ways to avert future crisis in the regions and assist local communities to be resilient in the face of droughts in the future.

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>JOB TITLE:</b>       | <b>HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER</b> |
| <b>COUNTRY PROGRAM:</b> | <b>SIERRA LEONE</b>           |
| <b>REPORTS TO:</b>      | <b>COUNTRY DIRECTOR</b>       |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>        | <b>FREETOWN</b>               |

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

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

Handicap International has clear institutional policies on "Child Protection", "Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption", "Disability, Gender and Age" and "Protection of Beneficiaries from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment". It is therefore mandatory for all staff to commit themselves to respect, uphold and promote these policies, and to sign the HI Code of Conduct.

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Handicap International "HI" (operating as Humanity & Inclusion) is an International NGO which has been working closely with the Government of Sierra Leone, international and national partners in the country since 1996 supporting vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Program areas include inclusive education, social and economic inclusion, rehabilitation, prevention of disabilities, advocacy and rights. Currently, HI is implementing four projects for the promotion of Inclusive Education, Mental Health, Accessible and Technical support and Protection. HI is currently in design/approval process for new projects to create a comprehensive portfolio, in line with the implementation strategy for 2022 and onwards.

#### Position's context:

In the short and mid-term, the Human Resources Manager is expected to lead the deployment at field level of strategic HR projects developed by HI at Federal level (Manager 2.0, Classification Project, HR Information System) as same as oversee and ensure the successful completion of field projects (Nationalization, Remuneration, Skills development, among others).

#### General Mission

Reporting to the Country Director, the Human Resources Manager defines and rolls out the HR component of the Programme's Operational Strategy in Mano River.

S/he is the preferred contact for HR operations centres at Headquarters.

S/he ensures that HR activities are consistent with his/her budgetary framework and with HI's HR frameworks. S/he actively analyses changes in context so as to identify the risks and opportunities in his/her scope of responsibility.

#### Missions / Responsibilities:

1. Assumes the role and stance of manager with regards to his/her HR and Administrative staff, with special attention to the contribution towards the professional development of the team members.
2. Designs the HR part of the Operational Strategy of HI in Mano River and oversees its associated action plan.
3. Rolls out standards, contributes to HI's Expertise and Accountability in his/her scope of responsibility.
4. Operational implementation of HR:
  - a. Oversees the dimensioning and quality of the human talent
  - b. Oversees the Career Management and Skills Development systems.
  - c. Coordinates and guarantees the quality of the administrative management for all members of staff.
  - d. Assists managers with the implementation of HI's HR policies.
  - e. Is responsible for maintaining the social environment and ensuring the compliance with the legal HR framework.
  - f. Supports the Country Director with the deployment of the HR part of the Code of Conduct and the PSEA, the Fraud and Corruption Policy and other institutional policies.
5. Oversees emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganises the priorities of his/her team in accordance with the humanitarian imperative, in order to ensure a rapid and effective response by HI.

#### Main Activities:

1. Setting up the standard system as same as revising/updating the procedures and policies for the Sierra Leone Program ensuring the alignment to the new structure.
2. Continuous update and successful implementation of the different phases of the new HR Information System (HIPEOPLE).
3. Create/Update a skills development plan and ensuring its implementation.
4. Ensure the team's competences are developed with the required training and coaching of the Human Resources staff to ensure efficient functioning.
5. Improving the operational human resources in support of the field activities will be a key responsibility of the Human Resources Manager.

#### PROFILE SOUGHT

|  | Essential   | Preferable   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Qualifications:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master's Degree in the relevant fields of Human Resources Management, Administration, or equivalent in any related field of study</li> <li>Proven expertise in Operational Human Resources.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Experience (type and amount of experience):</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 10 years' experience in the Human Resources Field with increasingly higher levels of responsibility</li> <li>Minimum 3 years working experience in management of teams in humanitarian or development programs</li> <li>Experience with donors reporting</li> <li>Previous experience working in humanitarian/ development programs in Sierra Leone</li> <li>Demonstrated capacity building and training of teams</li> <li>Team motivation and direction</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience creating and following HR budgets</li> <li>Experience in Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning activities is a plus.</li> <li>Experience setting up systems and procedures in new structures.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Skills (knowledge, abilities required for the position, refer to skills repository document):</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent communication and writing capacities in English</li> <li>Proficient: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint</li> <li>Being capable of helping team members to progress: developing his/her staff's ability to work autonomously</li> <li>Knowing how to position oneself so things can move forward</li> <li>Knowing how to simplify and prioritise</li> <li>Proven proficiency in Emergency Response and Humanitarian monitoring and Emergency Preparedness</li> <li><b>Professional skills:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization design,</li> <li>sourcing and recruitment,</li> <li>Mobility,</li> <li>Training facilitation and/or design</li> <li>Management of training and skill development actions</li> <li>Personnel administration</li> <li>Payroll</li> <li>Remuneration and management of the wage bill</li> <li>Employment law</li> <li>HR IT Tools</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good communication and writing capacities in French</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Personal qualities:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent communication skills and diplomacy</li> <li>Ability to work independently and as a member of a team</li> <li>Flexibility</li> <li>Strong attention to details</li> <li>Good capacity to coordinate and consult with others</li> <li>Good organizational skills</li> <li>Practical, dynamic and solution oriented</li> <li>Open to cultural differences.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emotional maturity</li> </ul>   |

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

Probation Period: 4 months

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

All interested candidates should send their CVs and cover letters only, with attachments bearing your full name; example: John Doe – CV (for your CV) and John Doe - Cover Letter (for your cover letter) with the subject of the position applied for by email only to: [recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org](mailto:recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org)

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## NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (ESMP) STUDY REPORT FOR ZAM ZAM (SL) LIMITED PROPOSED CASHEW PROCESSING FACILITY AT SUSSEX VILLAGE, WESTERN AREA RURAL DISTRICT, SIERRA LEONE.

In conformity with the **Sierra Leone Environmental Protection Agency Act 2022**, this advert serves to notify interested and/or affected persons/parties of the **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE** on the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) Study Report conducted for **ZAM ZAM (SL) Limited**.

The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) study report has been submitted to the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA-SL)**, prior to presentation to the affected and interested stakeholders during the public disclosure processes for discussion.

Environment Protection Agency-SL, Environmental Management Services (SL) Limited, and Zam Zam (SL) Limited are proposing to carry out a public disclosure engagement process at the following location and date:

**VENUE: Sussex Community Center, Sussex Village, Western Area Rural District.**

**DATE: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**TIME: 10:30 AM**

The report can be accessible at the following locations:

- § Environment Protection Agency Sierra Leone (EPA-SL) - 92 Dundas Street, Brookfield, Freetown.
- § Zam Zam (SL) Limited – Momonga Drive, Sussex Village, Western Area Rural District.
- § Environmental Management Services (SL) Limited – 3 Uno Ayo Dr, Hamilton, Freetown.

Stakeholders and/or interested persons/parties are welcome to participate in the public disclosure consultation process at the above location. Your comments, as well as any questions or feedback you may have about the projects, will be helpful. Feedback may be submitted verbally at the stakeholder workshop or in writing.



### EXTERNAL JOB VACANCY

Sierra Diamonds Limited is looking for a qualified candidate for the following position:

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|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Position:   | Paramedic   | Location:      | Tongo Field, Sierra Leone |
| Department: | HSE         | Reports to:    | Mine Risk Manager         |
| Hours:      | 44 per week | Contract Type: | Fixed Term                |

**Key deliverables:**

- Providing emergency and routine medical support and patient care services including primary, occupational medical care to ensure a healthy and "fit for purpose" workforce in support of SDL operations.
- Adheres to the policy, procedures and protocols related to advanced life support guidelines that is in accordance with the HPCSA schedules.

**Key Duties Include:**

- Plan, initiate and control medical emergency preparedness (ambulance and clinics), and response services 24/7,
- Arranging and coordinating medical evacuations in accordance with Company medical insurance guidelines and continually updating management accordingly,
- Occupational health surveillance and screening processes and administration (entry/ annual/ exit),
- Plan and manage primary health care and preventative medicine services,
- Plan and coordinate First Aid Training,
- Conducting weekly hygiene and health inspections, and reporting appropriately,
- Drawing up of weekly medical statistics and reporting to the HOD timeously,

**Skills and Qualifications required:**

- Demonstrated competency in advanced airway management inclusive of intubation, mechanical ventilation, ECG monitoring/ defibrillation, cardiac pacing/ cardio inversion, administration of scheduled medication, setting up and monitoring of continuous intravenous infusions (IVAC machine attachments)
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- Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers (Certification).

**How to apply:**

To apply for this role, please submit your updated CV and copies of certificates to any of the following addresses depending on your location: For the attention of:

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| The Human Resources Department<br>Sierra Diamonds Limited<br>Tongo Camp Site, Tongo Field | The Human Resources Department<br>3 Cole Street, Murray Town, Freetown, Sierra Leone |
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 Applications will be treated as and when they are received.

**opportunity statement:**

All posts are advertised on an equal opportunity basis and qualified women and men are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

## Market Watch With: Elizabeth Kamara

**M**arket Watch is a column that looks at the prices and commodities of cosmetic materials in various markets across Freetown. It seeks the views of traders as well as customers on sales of their goods and price at which the least consumer buys. Ahead of the June 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 elections, business people have expressed frustration and disappointment over the low sales and hike in prices of cosmetics. In this edition of market watch, Concord Times Elizabeth J. Kamara interviewed some shop owners and customers dealing in cosmetics in Freetown to determine the rate at which prices are being increased or decreased.

### Below are the current Price of cosmetic At Abacha street.

|                  |             |            |  |
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| ZENTA power soap | Per bag     | Nle610.00  |  |
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| touch            | For 1       | Nle20.00   |  |
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| Power plus soap  | Per packet  | Nle40.00   |  |
| Magic            | For 1       | Nle25.00   |  |
| Pan sprays       | Each types  | Nle30.00   |  |
| Cocoa plump oil  | Per packet  | Nle80.00   |  |
| Sass soap        | cartoon     | Nle200.00  |  |
| alovera paste    | Half dozen  | Nle200.00  |  |
| Styling gel      | Half dozen  | Nle115.00  |  |
| Family BOA       | dozen       | Nle140.00  |  |
| Baby oil         | For 1       | Nle30.00   |  |
| ABC hair Cream   | For 1       | Nle2543.00 |  |



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## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Country                 | Sierra Leone                                  |
| Project Name            | Sierra Leone Compact Development Program      |
| Procurement Title       | Architect / Interior Design Consultant        |
| Procurement Ref. Number | SLCDU/CDF/IC/2022/013                         |
| Type of Procurement     | Consulting Services (Individual Consultant)   |
| Employer                | Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit (SLCDU) |
| Publication Date        | May 22, 2023                                  |
| Submission Deadline     | <b>5:00pm GMT, June 9, 2023</b>               |

- The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Republic of Sierra Leone (the “Government”) signed a Compact Development Funding Agreement (as amended or otherwise modified, the “Grant Agreement”) on March 3, 2022, pursuant to which MCC agreed to provide a grant of up to **Eleven Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five U.S Dollars (\$11,970,375)** (“MCC Funding”) to the Government to facilitate the development and implementation of a proposed Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America and Sierra Leone (such processes, collectively, “Compact Facilitation”).
- The Government has designated the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit (SLCDU) to oversee and implement the compact development process in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement requires the Government (including any designee) to ensure that it procures all goods, works and services related to Compact Facilitation in accordance with the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (“PPG”). The Government, acting through the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit, intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Specific Procurement Notice (“SPN”) is issued.
- Any payments made by the SLCDU under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and related documents, including restrictions on the use and distribution of MCC Funding. No party other than the Government and the SLCDU shall derive any rights from the proposed Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding. The Compact Development Funding Agreement and its related documents can be found on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov).
- MCC requires that all beneficiaries of MCC Funding, including the MCA Entity and any applicants, Bidders, Suppliers, contractors, Subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants under any MCC-funded contracts, observe the highest standards of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. MCC's Policy on Preventing, Detecting and Remediating Fraud and Corruption in MCC Operations (“MCC's AFC Policy”) is applicable to all procurements and contracts involving MCC Funding and can be found on the MCC website at: <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/policy-fraud-and-corruption>.**
- SLCDU now invites Applications from eligible **Individual Consultants** to provide Architect / Interior Design consultant services. **More details are provided in the Terms of Reference of the Request for Application (RFA).**
- Location: The location of the assignment is **Freetown, Sierra Leone**.
- Anticipated Start Date: **August 2023**.
- Duration of Assignment: 74 days.
- Individual Consultants will be selected under the Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines which are provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
- Consultants interested in receiving the RFA can submit their details using following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/S5FcplqzMg> Please fill in the form to get access to the solicitation documents. Please contact Zenobia Maddy ([Zenobia.Maddy@crowagents.co.uk](mailto:Zenobia.Maddy@crowagents.co.uk)) with copy to [SLCDU.procurement@gmail.com](mailto:SLCDU.procurement@gmail.com) if you have any questions
- The deadline for submission of Applications is **5:00pm GMT, June 9, 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

Ndeye Fatu Koroma  
National Coordinator

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| 1                   | 5/25/2023 9:55  | Ukraine         | MIMAI 11 v 13                 | FC RUKH LVIV          | 2.64        | 2.88              | 2.37        | 1.35              | 5.60        | 3.85                 | 1.35          | 3.70                 | 4.90          | 3.50                 | 1.94          | 3.20                 | 3.10          | 2.32                 | 2.80          | 2.55                 | 1.36          | 3.60             | 3.00                 | 3.00              | 2.10                 | 1.80          | 1.72 | 1.87 | 1.71 | -    | -    | -    |      |      |   |
| 2                   | 5/25/2023 9:55  | Vietnam 2       | BA RIA VUNG TAU FC 0 v 0      | BINH THUAN            | 1.43        | 3.52              | 4.89        | 2.26              | 2.31        | 3.30                 | 2.26          | 1.10                 | 5.40          | 1.98                 | 2.13          | 5.40                 | 1.75          | 2.55                 | 4.90          | 2.85                 | 1.21          | 1.70             | 1.69                 | 1.25              | 2.60                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.77 | 1.62 | 1.14 | 3.25 |   |
| 3                   | 5/25/2023 9:55  | Vietnam 2       | BINH PHUOC 0 v 0              | QUANG NAM FC          | 2.83        | 2.93              | 2.03        | 2.28              | 6.20        | 4.20                 | 1.28          | 1.54                 | 3.60          | 3.55                 | 1.96          | 2.70                 | 3.10          | 2.32                 | 2.39          | 2.60                 | 1.26          | 1.57             | 1.84                 | 1.20              | 2.90                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.67 | 1.72 | 1.99 | 1.48 |   |
| 4                   | 5/25/2023 10:55 | Ukraine         | 11.72 v 10                    | CHEMNOMORETS ODESSA   | 11.72       | 4.89              | 1.16        | 26.00             | 6.20        | -                    | 3.80          | 3.30                 | 1.63          | 12.00                | 2.39          | 1.65                 | 11.00         | 2.95                 | 1.46          | 3.05                 | 1.25          | 1.75             | 1.79                 | 1.27              | 2.90                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 2.70 | 1.34 | 5.80 | -    |   |
| 5                   | 5/25/2023 10:55 | Ukraine         | FC INGULET PETROVE 12 v 9     | METALIST 1925         | 1.59        | 3.27              | 4.69        | 2.80              | 3.10        | 1.99                 | 1.12          | 4.90                 | 12.00         | 2.12                 | 1.99          | 5.60                 | 2.02          | 2.40                 | 5.00          | 2.48                 | 1.38          | 1.50             | 2.15                 | 1.16              | 3.70                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 2.12 | 1.54 | 1.21 | 3.10 |   |
| 6                   | 5/25/2023 11:55 | Ukraine         | FC KRIVBAS KRIVY RIH 7 v 15   | METALIST KHARKIV      | 1.57        | 3.52              | 4.40        | 2.55              | 3.35        | 2.03                 | 1.14          | 5.00                 | 9.80          | 2.19                 | 2.20          | 5.00                 | 1.95          | 2.65                 | 4.60          | 3.20                 | 1.23          | 1.80             | 1.74                 | 1.30              | 2.75                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.76 | 1.81 | 1.22 | 3.05 |   |
| 7                   | 5/25/2023 12:25 | Turkey 3        | 1461 TRABZON FK 0 v 0         | VAN SPOR FK           | 1.97        | 2.74              | 3.18        | -                 | -           | -                    | -             | -                    | -             | 2.60                 | 1.90          | 3.75                 | 2.30          | 2.20                 | 3.50          | -                    | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |   |
| 8                   | 5/25/2023 12:55 | Armenia         | LERIKAVAN AKHTSARKH FC 10 v 7 | ARARAT YEREVAN        | 3.76        | 2.98              | 1.70        | 9.20              | 4.60        | 1.17                 | 1.80          | 3.25                 | 3.15          | 4.50                 | 1.93          | 2.38                 | 4.00          | 2.28                 | 2.08          | 2.41                 | 1.31          | 1.49             | 1.97                 | 1.16              | 3.15                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.84 | 1.57 | 2.55 | 1.27 |   |
| 9                   | 5/25/2023 12:55 | Turkey Amateur  | KARAMAN FK 0 v 0              | AYVALIKGUCU           | 1.89        | 2.78              | 3.32        | 3.65              | 3.40        | 1.63                 | 1.21          | 4.40                 | 8.00          | 2.60                 | 1.89          | 4.10                 | 2.27          | 2.22                 | 3.55          | 2.37                 | 1.32          | 1.46             | 2.01                 | 1.15              | 3.25                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.80 | 1.60 | 1.36 | 2.25 |   |
| 10                  | 5/25/2023 13:40 | Bulgaria 2      | SPORTIST SVOGE 5 v 11         | FC YANTRA GABROVO     | 1.80        | 2.74              | 3.37        | -                 | -           | -                    | -             | -                    | -             | 2.50                 | 1.90          | 4.00                 | 2.20          | 2.20                 | 3.65          | -                    | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |   |
| 11                  | 5/25/2023 14:55 | Estonia 2       | TALLINNA FC FLORA 3 v 7       | ELVA                  | 1.47        | 3.86              | 3.47        | 2.40              | 3.90        | 1.98                 | 1.19          | 5.20                 | 6.80          | 2.02                 | 2.50          | 3.75                 | 1.84          | 2.90                 | 3.55          | 4.30                 | 1.05          | 2.65             | 1.25                 | 1.74              | 1.66                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.30 | 2.45 | 1.26 | 2.55 |   |
| 12                  | 5/25/2023 15:25 | Finland 2       | MIKKELIN PALLOILIJAT 3 v 4    | SIK-ANKATERMA         | 1.98        | 3.27              | 2.98        | 3.45              | 3.70        | 1.61                 | 1.28          | 4.40                 | 5.80          | 2.65                 | 2.20          | 3.60                 | 1.86          | 3.55                 | 6.20          | 3.45                 | 1.19          | 1.92             | 1.64                 | 1.36              | 2.55                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.57 | 2.08 | 1.47 | 2.12 |   |
| 13                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Estonia 2       | VIIMSJK 2 v 6                 | FC TALLINN            | 1.54        | 3.86              | 3.57        | 2.43              | 3.70        | 2.00                 | 1.18          | 5.20                 | 7.20          | 2.06                 | 2.39          | 3.90                 | 1.84          | 2.85                 | 3.65          | 3.90                 | 1.08          | 2.33             | 1.33                 | 1.57              | 1.85                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.38 | 2.20 | 1.25 | 2.60 |   |
| 14                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Estonia 2       | LEVADIA TALLINNA U21 4 v 9    | TALLINNA LEGION       | 1.21        | 5.08              | 6.25        | 1.62              | 4.10        | 3.15                 | 1.06          | 6.60                 | 12.00         | 1.59                 | 2.80          | 5.60                 | 1.43          | 3.35                 | 5.80          | 4.60                 | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | - |
| 15                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Estonia 2       | FC NOMME UNITED 1 v 8         | PAIDE LINNAMEESKOND   | 1.10        | 6.06              | 8.60        | -                 | -           | -                    | -             | -                    | -             | 1.40                 | 2.85          | 9.00                 | 1.33          | 3.35                 | 8.00          | -                    | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | - |
| 16                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | OFK PETROVAC 7 v 10           | ISKRA                 | 1.92        | 2.93              | 3.03        | 3.65              | 3.55        | 1.60                 | 1.25          | 4.30                 | 6.80          | 2.60                 | 1.97          | 3.75                 | 2.29          | 2.33                 | 3.30          | 2.60                 | 1.25          | 1.58             | 1.83                 | 1.20              | 2.85                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.67 | 1.72 | 1.41 | 2.12 |   |
| 17                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | FK MORINAR BAR 6 v 1          | FK BUDUCNOST          | 3.32        | 3.03              | 1.79        | 7.80              | 4.40        | 1.21                 | 1.71          | 3.40                 | 3.35          | 4.10                 | 1.96          | 2.47                 | 3.60          | 2.33                 | 2.16          | 2.55                 | 1.27          | 1.55             | 1.87                 | 1.18              | 3.00                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.74 | 1.65 | 2.32 | 1.34 |   |
| 18                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | JEZERO 8 v 4                  | FK DECIC TUZI         | 2.15        | 2.78              | 2.74        | 4.50              | 3.55        | 1.48                 | 1.30          | 3.95                 | 6.20          | 2.95                 | 1.86          | 3.55                 | 2.55          | 2.21                 | 3.10          | 2.31                 | 1.34          | 1.44             | 2.06                 | 1.14              | 3.35                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.81 | 1.60 | 1.53 | 1.90 |   |
| 19                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | JEDINSTVO 5 v 9               | RUDAR                 | 2.13        | 2.93              | 2.64        | 4.30              | 3.65        | 1.49                 | 1.32          | 4.00                 | 5.80          | 2.85                 | 1.94          | 3.40                 | 2.50          | 2.30                 | 3.00          | 2.55                 | 1.27          | 1.55             | 1.87                 | 1.14              | 3.35                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.69 | 1.70 | 1.54 | 1.88 |   |
| 20                  | 5/25/2023 15:55 | Montenegro      | FK ARSENAL TIVAT 3 v 2        | FK SUTJESKA RIKSIC    | 6.06        | 3.66              | 1.34        | 15.00             | 5.80        | 1.07                 | 2.50          | 3.25                 | 2.10          | 6.20                 | 2.15          | 1.87                 | 5.80          | 2.55                 | 1.66          | 2.80                 | 1.22          | 1.68             | 1.72                 | 1.24              | 2.65                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.90 | 1.53 | 3.75 | 1.10 |   |
| 21                  | 5/25/2023 16:25 | Germany Amateur | NORDHAUSEN 13 v 14            | ANDER FAHNER HOHE     | 1.83        | 3.57              | 2.78        | 3.05              | 3.90        | 1.68                 | 1.29          | 4.60                 | 5.20          | 2.45                 | 1.91          | 4.05                 | 2.18          | 2.22                 | 3.68          | 4.00                 | 1.08          | 2.37             | 1.32                 | 1.60              | 1.81                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.32 | 2.38 | 1.43 | 2.08 |   |
| 22                  | 5/25/2023 16:25 | Germany Amateur | FSV BUDISSA BAUTZEN 6 v 18    | OBERLAUSITZ           | 1.25        | 4.79              | 5.67        | 1.72              | 3.90        | 2.90                 | 1.07          | 6.40                 | 11.00         | 1.65                 | 2.45          | 6.25                 | 1.50          | 2.95                 | 6.00          | 4.50                 | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | - |
| 23                  | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Austria Amateur | FC GLEISDORF 09 9 v 2         | LASK                  | 4.40        | 3.91              | 1.42        | 9.20              | 5.60        | 1.12                 | 2.27          | 3.65                 | 2.15          | 4.60                 | 2.41          | 1.90                 | 4.30          | 2.85                 | 1.70          | 3.80                 | 1.09          | 2.25             | 1.36                 | 1.53              | 1.90                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.45 | 2.04 | 3.10 | 1.17 |   |
| 24                  | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Sweden          | DEGERFORS 12 v 10             | HAMMARBY              | 3.47        | 3.32              | 1.80        | 7.00              | 4.70        | 1.21                 | 1.75          | 3.60                 | 3.00          | 4.00                 | 2.24          | 2.41                 | 3.70          | 2.65                 | 2.17          | 3.50                 | 1.18          | 1.94             | 1.63                 | 1.37              | 2.50                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.58 | 2.05 | 2.44 | 1.35 |   |
| 25                  | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Turkey Amateur  | ORDUSPOR 1967 0 v 0           | KUSADASSIPOR          | 1.74        | 3.03              | 3.52        | 3.05              | 3.55        | 1.76                 | 1.19          | 4.80                 | 7.80          | 2.30                 | 2.10          | 4.00                 | 2.07          | 2.43                 | 3.60          | 2.95                 | 1.19          | 1.73             | 1.66                 | 1.28              | 2.50                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.58 | 1.83 | 1.30 | 2.43 |   |
| 26                  | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Turkey 3        | ESENLER ERDKOPOR 0 v 0        | ANKARASPOR            | 1.71        | 3.03              | 3.66        | -                 | -           | -                    | -             | -                    | -             | 2.25                 | 2.00          | 4.35                 | 2.05          | 2.35                 | 3.85          | -                    | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |   |
| 27                  | 5/25/2023 13:55 | Turkey 3        | ISKENDERUNSPOR AS 0 v 0       | ANKARA DEMIRSPOR      | 1.91        | 2.83              | 3.22        | -                 | -           | -                    | -             | -                    | -             | 2.55                 | 1.90          | 3.90                 | 2.25          | 2.20                 | 3.55          | -                    | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |   |
| 28                  | 5/25/2023 16:55 | Turkey 3        | AMED SPORTIF 0 v 0            | 24 ERZINCANSPOR       | 2.06        | 2.78              | 2.93        | -                 | -           | -                    | -             | -                    | -             | 2.70                 | 1.90          | 3.55                 | 2.40          | 2.15                 | 3.40          | -                    | -             | -                | -                    | -                 | -                    | -             | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | - |
| 29                  | 5/25/2023 17:10 | Bulgaria        | BEROE STARA 2 v 6             | FK SPARTAK 1918 VARNA | 1.64        | 3.42              | 4.10        | 2.75              | 3.35        | 1.92                 | 1.16          | 4.90                 | 9.20          | 2.30                 | 2.14          | 4.80                 | 2.04          | 2.60                 | 4.30          | 3.00                 | 1.25          | 1.73             | 1.81                 | 1.27              | 2.95                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.78 | 1.79 | 1.26 | 2.80 |   |
| 30                  | 5/25/2023 17:25 | La Liga         | MALLORCA 12 v 13              | VALENCIA              | 3.08        | 2.83              | 2.29        | 7.60              | 4.20        | 1.30                 | 1.51          | 3.60                 | 5.00          | 4.10                 | 1.85          | 3.25                 | 3.55          | 2.23                 | 2.80          | 2.27                 | 1.52          | 1.40             | 2.60                 | 1.12              | 4.80                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 2.18 | 1.59 | 2.02 | 1.55 |   |
| 31                  | 5/25/2023 17:25 | Turkey Cup      | ANKARAGUCU 0 v 0              | BASAKSEHIR            | 2.23        | 3.08              | 2.40        | 4.30              | 3.90        | 1.45                 | 1.39          | 4.00                 | 4.80          | 2.85                 | 2.08          | 3.05                 | 2.55          | 2.46                 | 2.70          | 3.00                 | 1.18          | 1.77             | 1.62                 | 1.29              | 2.46                 | 3.00          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.52 | 1.92 | 1.64 | 1.75 |   |
| 32                  | 5/25/2023 17:55 | Iceland         | KA-AGUREYRI 6 v 1             | VIRKINGUR REYKJAVIK   | 2.98        | 3.52              | 1.77        | 5.80              | 4.50        | 1.27                 | 1.67          | 3.75                 | 3.20          | 3.60                 | 2.30          | 3.60                 | 2.75          | 2.26                 | 3.85          | 1.15                 | 2.11          | 1.52             | 1.11                 | 1.52              | 2.45                 | 2.28          | 3.00 | 2.10 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.49 | 2.22 | 2.19 | 1.44 |   |
| 33                  | 5/25/2023 18:25 | Switzerland     | GRASSHOPPERS 6 v 7            | ST. GALLEN            | 2.49        | 3.47              | 2.19        | 4.40              | 4.          |                      |               |                      |               |                      |               |                      |               |                      |               |                      |               |                  |                      |                   |                      |               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |   |

## INT'L SPORTS

# Man City star Jack Grealish admits Pep Guardiola's side feel 'unstoppable'

Jack Grealish declared that Manchester City feel 'unstoppable' as they continue their march to the Treble - before Erling Haaland interrupted his interview with an obscene compliment.

Grealish was an unused substitute as City beat Chelsea 1-0 at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday afternoon to put the gloss on their title win.

Pep Guardiola and Co lifted the Premier League trophy in front of their fans in their penultimate league game of the season.

Speaking to Sky Sports after the final whistle, Grealish admitted his side are full on confidence as they aim to win the Champions League and FA Cup in their last two games of the season.

But team-mate Haaland stole the show as he cut in before saying 'I f\*\*\*ing love you!'.

Grealish had said: 'This year I've played much more of a part, I feel good, I feel confident, back to my

normal self. I spoke to some of the lads and they said to win the league you've got to win 12 in a row, we've got so much talent in this squad.

'We feel unstoppable. I feel so much more confident, I feel fitter, this is why Man City bought me and I feel like I've still got a lot more to offer. It doesn't stop here. We've still got some massive games coming up.

'Since the last international break we feel unstoppable, we've been unbelievable, April was probably one of the strongest months this club's ever had. Over the moon.'

Before he added on Haaland: 'We've got a great relationship, we come into training a lot together, we live in the same building, I've assisted him a few times.'

Presenter Dave Jones said 'Talking of the devil!' when he saw the record-breaking goalscorer coming over for a chat.

Haaland then intervened by telling



Grealish how much he loves him, as Grealish, hugging the Norwegian striker, threw his head back and burst out laughing at the X-rated outburst.

Pundit Micah Richards joined in the laughter, shouting 'Whoah, whoah,

whoah.'

Before Jones was forced to say sorry for the swearing, immediately saying: 'I do apologise, I do apologise'.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football>

## David Moyes targets Man United full back Aaron Wan-Bissaka to strengthen West Ham's defence



West Ham boss David Moyes is keen for the club to move for Manchester United full back Aaron Wan-Bissaka this summer to help strengthen their defence.

The Hammers have struggled defensively this season, shipping 53 goals in their 37 Premier League

matches.

A late resurgence saw West Ham pull clear of the relegation battle, while Moyes has led the club into the Europa Conference League final.

West Ham are keen to improve their defence this summer, with Moyes identifying Wan-Bissaka as a target.

The right back has made 32

appearances for Man United this season in all competitions, including 18 in the Premier League.

Wan-Bissaka had only played four minutes in the first four months of the campaign due to a combination of illness and injury.

The 25-year-old has since forced his way back into the Man United team

and recently was hailed by Leicester City's James Maddison as 'probably the best in the world' at defending one against one.

Wan-Bissaka faces a potentially decisive summer with his United contract expiring at the end of next season.

Mail Sport reported last month that Man United have not ruled out extending Wan-Bissaka's deal.

The full back is also of interest to Crystal Palace, who could look to bring the defender back to the club after selling him to United for £50million back in 2019.

Vladimir Coufal has largely been West Ham's first choice right back this season with the 30-year-old making 36 appearances, while Ben Johnson and Thilo Kehrer have also been used in the position.

West Ham are also interested in signing Ecuador centre-back Piero Hincapie from Bayer Leverkusen, but Wolves' Max Kilman has been viewed as a more achievable target.

The 25-year-old former Fulham trainee has impressed club scouts.

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