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By Ishmael Dumbuya

The 2024 Finance Act has raised concerns among citizens due to the proposed increase in taxes on essential commodities such as rice, cooking gas, cement, and iron rods. The increment in the price of cooking gas might encourage citizens to resort to the use of firewood and charcoal, which is a significant concern as more than half of the population struggle to use gas for cooking.

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LOCAL NEWS

By Yusufu S. Bangura

The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has organised a one-day national validation workshop on the tracking mechanism for the effective monitoring of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

The validation workshop, which attracts representatives from different Ministries, Departments and Agencies, took place at the Freetown City Council hall in Freetown.

Welcoming participants, Dean of Pure and Applied Sciences at Fourah Bay College (FBC), Dr. Reynold Johnson, said the workshop was organised to validate the tracking mechanisms for effective monitoring of the NDC and the NAP.

He said in 2015, the NDC was called Intended Nationally Determined Contributions that was an intention, but following the Paris Agreement in 2015, the intention became a nationally determined contribution, which was supposed to be updated every five-year.

He added that the first NDC was done in 2015 and that it was updated after five years in 2021, therefore Sierra Leone has developed and submitted two NDCs, both in 2015

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and 2021.

He further said Sierra Leone has also developed the National Adaptation Plan, which is an offshoot of the National Adaptation program of action, which was developed in 2006 as submitted to the UNFPA in 2008, which actually articulated the urgent and immediate needs of Sierra Leone, to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.

He went on to say the NAP was developed in the same year around 2015 to 2017 and it was called the National Adaptation Plan of Action. "The National Adaptation Plan was developed because Sierra Leone is a low emitter of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, and the low contributor to global warming and climate change because of its status and level of emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. But, however, Sierra Leone is one of the countries that are suffering disproportionately from the adverse effects of climate change. In effect, though we have not met emitters of greenhouse gases, yet we have most of the consequences and that is why Sierra Leone was listed as one of the



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most vulnerable countries among three countries suffering from the adverse effects of climate change among Guinea Bissau, Bangladesh and Sierra Leone according to the Metro crops index," he said.

He said in that vein, Sierra Leone developed its national adaptation plan of action and that they have already developed the national determined contribution, but that in those documents they suppose and prescribes measures that Sierra Leone and other countries should take in implementing the Paris Agreement.

He the goals which they set in those agreements were met for Sierra Leone to be considered among the nations of the world that are making efforts to reduce the footprints of carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

He ended that at the same time, the country was making cogent, reliable and transparent contributions in reducing the emissions in the country, that's why the EPA in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, developed a tracking mechanisms.

Director of Climate Change Secretariat at EPA, Tamba Emmanuel Nyaka said the developing of the tracking mechanism came from the time when they were about reviewing and updating their NDC.

He further said the previous NDC was done, but that there was no mechanism for them to check the progress they have been making and the progress that was made during the five years of implementation.

He said the NDC is a national document which is not owned by a

single institution or a single entity or a single sector because climate change is affecting every facet within society and that they have sectors that are lead contributors.

He added that they also have sectors that are more vulnerable to the impact of climate change, but when the NDC is developed, every sector has to contribute in the implementation of it.

He said they have to track their progress and during that particular period in 2021/2022 during the review it was a challenge.

"Sierra Leone has made a commitment to look at the NDC which has broader thematic area that are addressing the issues of climate change mitigation because climate change mitigation is what we are doing for us to reduce on the initial release of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere so UNDP supported the government of Sierra Leone to develop this tracking mechanism and it was given by a consultancy. This is why the consultant engaged different stakeholders across the country which I believe most people present here participated during the development of this tracking mechanism, therefore we are here today to validate it," he ended.

The NDC and the NAP tracking tool was presented by the Professor of Environmental Chemistry at Fourah Bay College (FBC), Prof. Ronnie Frazer-Williams and the Director of Research at Milton Margai Technical University, Dr. Alhaji I. Sankoh.

After the presentation of the NDC and the NAP tracking tool, representatives from MDAs validated the tracking mechanism.

2024 Finance Act: Price increase on cooking gas may be distressing to citizens, environment

From Cover

According to the Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey (SLIHS) report of 2018, only 5% to 7% of Sierra Leoneans use gas as their primary cooking fuel. The proposed Finance Act calls for an increment in the price of gas, which might lead to a further reduction in the number of people using gas for cooking.

The government aims to encourage the use of clean energy sources for cooking and discourage the use of wood and charcoal. The restoration of import on cooking gas was exempt with the expectation of a reduction in prices to consumers.

The increment in the price of cooking gas has greatly shocked a significant number of people that use it as a means of cooking. However, additional resources collected from the import duty on cooking gas will support the government's tree planting and reforestation program.

It is true that cooking gas is economical, and its excellent heating capacity helps one cook food in less time, saving fuel costs. It is also supposed to provide Sierra Leoneans with a safe and portable alternate

energy source, as well as help reduce deforestation, and its clean burning properties will reduce the pollution that results from burning traditional fuels such as wood and paraffin.

Amidst all this, if the government is really concerned about climate change and safe cooking methods, they should consider decreasing the price of gas rather than increasing it. This will encourage more usage of the product, which will eventually help reduce deforestation, and its clean burning properties will reduce the pollution that results from using wood.

Overreliance on firewood and charcoal for cooking in Sierra Leone has contributed to high rates of deforestation and resulted in substantial indoor pollution, which has negatively impacted the health of many individuals.

The proposed increment in the price of cooking gas might lead to a further reduction in the number of people using gas for cooking, which is a significant concern as more than half of the population struggle to use gas for cooking.

LOCAL NEWS Parliament approves new Bank Governor, 5 others

By Jariatu S. Bangura

Members of Parliament have yesterday approved Dr. Ibrahim Stevens as the new Bank Governor of the Bank of Sierra Leone and five others, to serve in different institutions.

Prior to his appointment, the new Bank Governor acted in that capacity for almost a year.

The other nominees include: Ing. Alfred Jabbie Momodu as Director General, Sierra Leone Roads Authority, Alhaji Mustapha Turay as Chairman, National Minerals Agency, Julius Tommy as Chief Executive Officer, National Public Procurement Authority, Abubakarr Carew as board member at Local government Commission and Sheikh Mahmoud Sesay as board member at Sierra Leone Port Authority, respectively.

Hon. Aaron Koroma called on the new Bank Governor to take note of the mobile money with the banks as

the charges are exorbitant and that there was need to harmonize it.

He said there has been a turn-around in the economy since he was appointed to act as Bank Governor, which means he is capable to handle the country's economy.

He said the interest rate on loan is high and that it is a huge burden on business people.

He urged the nominee going to the Sierra Leone Road Authority to monitor very well.

Hon. Amie Moriba said the Governor should look into the issue of tenants paying rent in Dollars as against the Leones.

She said the dollar rate is killing so many homes, therefore keen attention should be given to it.

Hon. Francis Kaisamba said the governor should consider that he is in charge of the monetary policies; therefore his office should continue to work keenly with the Ministry of Finance.



Governor Ibrahim Stevens

Auditor's General Tribunal: State House Accountant testifies in court

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Accountant at the Office of the President State House, Musa Jajua, has testified in the tribunal hearing of the former Auditor General, Lara Taylor Pearce and her deputy, Tamba Momoh.

According to the tribunal witness, Musa Jajua, he was a staff at the Accountant General Office, but had since 2011 been attached at State House as assistant accountant.

The witness said as an Assistant Accountant and a custodian of receipts, his role was to prepare payment of vouchers for the Office of the President through the supervision of his boss, the Chief Accountant, Joseph Elliot.

He testified that he was also working closely with the State Chief of Protocol, the Ministry of Finance, Accountant General Department for payment processing approved by the Office of the Secretary to President, coordinate payments for local and overseas travel, being approved by the Office of the President

The witness said he recalled in May 2021, when his office at State House received a letter from the Audit Service of Sierra Leone, informing the Account Department at State House that they were coming to do verification

for the financial year 2020.

He said the engagement letter from Audit Service Sierra Leone was endorsed by the Secretary to President. The team of auditors came and had an engagement meeting with them at State House. At the meeting, he said the team requested for certain documents needed for the audit process, and to be provided by the Office of the President.

The documents requested, according to witness, were presented to the team of auditors and that they proceeded with their auditing.

He said after which the team went and later sent the draft report, stating that they will be coming again for certain documents that were not provided to the team of auditors.

He said the team came and he (the witness) provided the documents which they verified, and in their final report the team commented that the expected issue had therefore been resolved.

He said payment receipts of hotel bills overseas were amongst the list of documents requested and which he witness identified.

Musa Jajua also recalled on the 19th October 2021, when verification report was addressed to the Secretary to President.

Asked by Principal State Counsel,

Accused remanded for alleged possession of harmful drugs

By Elizabeth J. Kamara

Chris Emmanuel, a Nigerian, was Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, sent to prison by Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road Court No:1 for unlawful possession of cocaine and Kush.

The accused was arraigned on three count charges of unlawful possession of class 'A' drugs contrary to Section 17 of the Pharmacy and Drug Act, 2001.

It was alleged that the accused on Friday, 13th October, 2023 at Baoma, Goderich in the Western Area, was found in possession of class A drugs, to wit quantity of methamphetamine, which is a controlled drugs weighing 60.50 grams, without lawful authority. The police further alleged that the accused on the same date and place,

was found in possession of five tablets of heroin, which is a controlled drugs without lawful authority.

It was further alleged that the accused on the same date and place was found in possession of a plastic tie of Kush, weighing 15.8 grams without lawful authority.

When the charges were read and explained to him, no plea was taken.

Defense Counsel, Y K T Mansaray, applied for bail on behalf of the accused, pursuant to Section 79 of the Criminal Procedure Act No:32 of 1965.

Police Sergeant, 9939 Lahai M asked for a date to bring his witnesses.

Magistrate Ngegba refused bail and adjourned the matter to the 22nd November 2023 for further hearing.

Ahmed J. Maxwell Bockarie, as to whether he (witness) is familiar with the phrase of 3rd party confirmation, the witness answered no.

While being cross examined by Lawyer Roland Wright on behalf of the first respondent, Lara Taylor Pearce, the witness said at the beginning of the audit investigation he was not in possession of certain documents, but with the State Chief of Protocol.

The lawyer asked the witness whether he was aware that there was a discrepancy of seven hundred United States Dollars

difference as per the calculation of receipts, the witness said he was not the author and not in the position to say.

The 4th tribunal witness was presented as an expert satisfied chartered accountant, but was objected to Lawyer Roland Wright on the grounds that there was no statement before the Court and for him to lead evidence the State Counsel need to come the right way.

An application for the 4th tribunal witness to lead evidence was made by Ahmed J. Maxwell Bockarie.

The tribunal has been adjourned to the 16th November, 2023 for ruling of State Counsel application.

LOCAL NEWS PPRC validates inter-parties dispute resolution guidelines

By: Abubakarr Tarawally

Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC), with support from IDEA International and European Union, has ended a two-day political party dispute reconciliation and validation meeting.

The meeting commenced on Tuesday 14th and ended on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023 at the New Brookfields Hotel in Freetown.

The motive of the meeting was to equip political parties with the knowledge to discuss inter-party conflict through dialogue as a means of addressing challenges among political parties.

Addressing political parties' representatives, Head of Programme, IDEA International, Dr. Idressa Tarawallie, said the inter parties dispute resolution guide meeting was very necessary, stating that their job is to help promote democracy and electoral ideas.

He continued that PPRC exist today because the parties exist as political parties, emphasising that PPRC would not be around if the parties have not been in existence.

He said the political parties are very critical in shaping the political process of any nation.

Tarawallie further stated that, the way Sierra Leone continues to develop is contingent on the activities of political parties, since they are the most important actors in any democratic country.

He said whatever agenda political

parties have will definitely become a national agenda, citing that in 2007 the manifesto of the All People's Congress became the agenda for change, also in 2012 the same APC manifesto set the agenda for prosperity.

He said since 1996 to date, Sierra Leone has gone through series of democratic challenges, just like every other country, which means that people understand that those problems exist, that is why it will be important to find entry point to solve those problems.

"What we are starting here today and tomorrow should not just stop in Freetown, rather we want it to reach the protectorate and all political party structures. Political parties have demonstrated that they have what it takes to resolve conflict, that is why we want politics to become a Civil Affairs in Sierra Leone," he said.

Speaking about the timeliness and relevance of the inter-party dispute resolution guide, the Chairman of PPRC, Abdulai Bangura Esq, said the brain behind the inter-party dispute resolution and validation guide is to deepen democracy within the political parties and to ensure that political parties are inclusive, tolerant and that conflict is dealt with constructively within the political parties.

He continued that the guide had been developed over the past couple of months, with interviews conducted from political parties, to make their inputs, so at the end of the day it can



help deal with inter-party conflict within their own parties.

Bangura added that often a time inter-party conflict is more intense, especially in national elections and after national elections, yet politicians spend so much time and effort in addressing inter-party conflict rather than focusing on national development.

He emphasised that PPRC with support from IDEA International and European Union commissioned the guide, to help capacitate political parties to deal with internal conflict more constructively.

He pointed out that because PPRC didn't have the mandate then which was why they had a lot of court cases being brought in by the ordinary members of the parties, since that was the only platform that was open for them because they could not go to PPRC by law.

"The 2022 Political Parties Act has given us the mandate to mediate

between political parties or among political parties. The Act has given the ordinary members of the political party now have the mandate to come to PPRC with complaints from their political parties," he said.

According to All Political Parties Association, Prince Coker, the meeting was timely as it will help some political parties to settle their political dispute, stressing that the meeting will only be impactful if put into practice because saying things will never be a problem, the problem will always be when it comes to power struggle, at that time many people will forget what they have learnt because of the quest for power.

Coker stated that, the meeting was very timely that is why all the political parties are fully represented, with the harsh reality of political dispute among political parties. He said if the structure had been there, a lot of political issues would have been addressed.

Innovation SL hosts global entrepreneurship week

By Ishmael Dumbuya

Innovation Sierra Leone has on 15th November hosted the Global Entrepreneurship Week at the Bank Complex, Kingtom, Freetown.

In his opening remarks, the CEO and Founder, Francis Steven George, stated that Innovation SL is an entrepreneurship support organization that plays a key role as the national host for Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) in Sierra Leone.

He added that Innovation SL celebrate entrepreneurs and support SMEs and start-ups by creating an enabling environment through webinars, panel discussions, and pitch nights.

According to the CEO, since 2017, Innovation SL has been the national host for Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) in Sierra Leone, noting that the first GEW was held at the Sensi Tech Hub, with a closing grand event at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, Hill Station.



"In 2019, we had one of the biggest events, which was hosted at the British Council Hall on Tower Hill. Since its inception, we have brought together stakeholders from every component of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including the government, banks, educational institutions, NGOS, development partners, and ambassadors," he concluded.

Mabel Ironn Sky Turay, an

entrepreneur, commended Innovation SL for hosting them, and creating the platform for her to share her story.

She went on to state that Entrepreneurship not only provides large-scale employment and ways to generate income, it also has the potential to improve the quality of individual life by developing products and services that are affordable, safe to use, and add value to their lives.

She added that this year's celebration focuses on female entrepreneurs'.

Mabel emphasised that entrepreneurship has a manifold of benefits such as a Growth Mindset. As the business expands, one must constantly adapt to market shifts and overcome new challenges, unique experiences, a rewarding Career, flexibility, work-Life Autonomy, flexibility to work anywhere, Innovation and positive Impact.

In an interview with Concord Times, Hannah Campbell, the Financial Controller of Innovation SL explained that this year's Global Entrepreneurship Week focuses on the gains and developments of female entrepreneurs' in Sierra Leone. She added that primary goal of Innovation SL is to bring together stakeholders from every component of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including the government, banks, educational institutions, and NGOS. The celebration attracted female entrepreneurs' from different institutions' as well as members' of the fourth estate.



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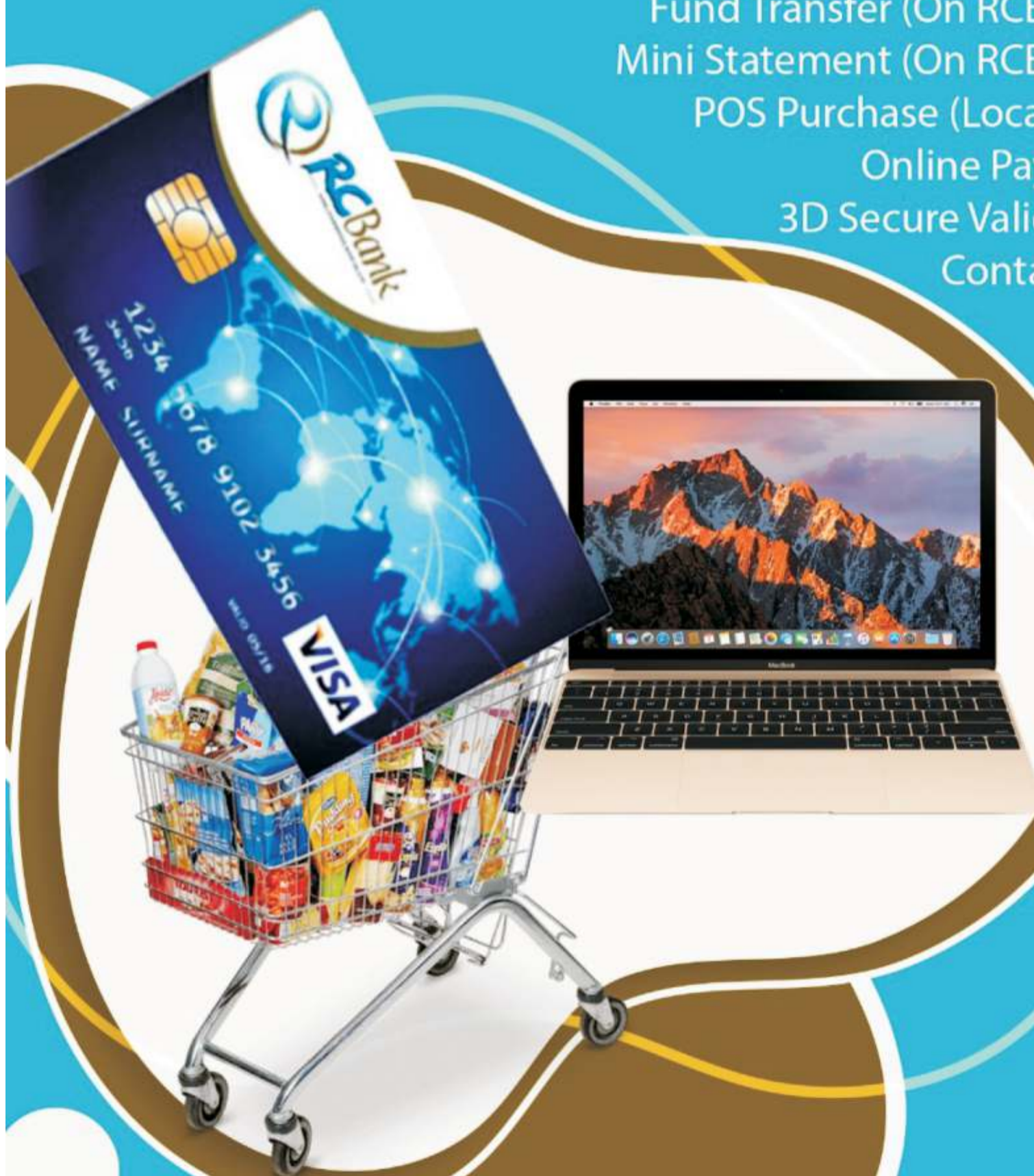
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For calling a judge 'Bra'

Notorious armed robber jailed 5 years

By Blessing C. Cole

On Wednesday, 15th November, Justice Monfred Sesay of the Siaka Steven Street High Court sentenced one notorious armed robber, Alpha Kamara, to 5 years imprisonment for calling a judge 'bra'.

The convict was before the court on two counts of conspiracy and robbery with aggravation contrary to the laws of Sierra Leone.

It was alleged that the convict on the 13th January 2023 in Freetown, conspired with unknown persons to commit a crime.

It was further alleged that the convict on the same date and place stole Cordial Peters' property worth NLe 8, 496.00.

When the charges were read and explained to the convict by the

court registrar, he pleaded guilty to the offense and he was immediately convicted by Justice sesay.

Giving a brief fact of the offense by state counsel, Aruna Jalloh, in the evening hour of the said date and place, the complainant was jugging along the beach road, Aberdeen when the convict and unknown persons robbed her back park which contained one Iphone 11 promax valued NLe 8000, one black bag valued NLe 150, one pair hand glove valued NLe 200, one skipping rope valued NLe 100, one bottle water valued NLe 6 and a fiscal cash of NLe 40, all to the total value of NLe 8, 496.00.

He said after the incident, the convict and the other unknown persons ran into the Golf Club compound while the complainant

alerted the police along the beach road.

He said the convict and his colleagues were chased by the police officers, but that they succeeded in arresting the convict while the others ran with the items.

He also said upon the arrest of the convict, he told the police that he went into the said compound to defecate, but when he was asked to show the faeces it was nowhere to be seen.

He said the convict was arrested and taken to the police station where he was investigated and later charged to court.

After giving the fact of the matter, Justice Sesay asked whether the convict had anything to tell him before the sentencing, but the convict pleaded with him to temper him justice with mercy as it was a mistake through

temptation.

While pleading with the judge to temper him justice with mercy, the convict mistakenly called justice Sesay as 'bra'.

In that light, Justice Sesay told the convict that he had lost the mercy that he had for him by calling him 'bra.'

However, defence counsel, Randy S. Bangura made a plea on behalf of his client, but the judge said that he will punish the convict for him to learn his way of speaking.

Meanwhile, Justice Sesay cautioned and discharged him on count one and sentenced him to 5 years imprisonment on count two, which should be run consecutively. He informed the defense counsel that his last order was part of the punishment he gave the convict for calling him 'bra' so that he could control his language.



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1	Supply of vehicle	3	280,000.00	sixty (60) days after signing of Contract.
2	Supply of Office Equipment and Furniture	Various	75,000.00	Twenty-One (21) days after signing the Contract

3. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (National), (OCB-N) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework² Rules and Procedure for the Procurement of Goods and Works, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information and

inspect the bidding document at the office of the Director of Procurement, Sierra Leone Roads Authority PMB 1324Kissy between 9.00AM and 3PM on weekdays (Monday to Friday only – excluding public holidays). Email: khadiegamanga2015@yahoo.com Tel: +232 76 898740.

5. The bidding document in the English language may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **SLL 1,500.00** (one thousand five hundred Leones) or in a convertible currency. All payments for the purchase of the Bidding document should be made to the SLRA Bank Account with details below:

Bank Name:	Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name:	Sierra Leone Roads Authority Highway Maintenance Account
Account No:	02-011544957 SLRA.
Address:	25/27 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone
Ref:	SLRA/ADF/G01/2023 – Supply of Vehicles

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 12:00 noon on 11th December **2023**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened will take place at 12:15 p.m. in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below:

Sierra Leone Roads Authority
PMB 1324
Kissy
Freetown
 Email: khadiegamanga2015@yahoo.com with copy to lavalielijah@yahoo.com
 Tel: +23276898740 or +232 76 982348

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security of (i) Lot I: Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Leones (Le280,000.00) and (ii) Lot II: One Hundred and Forty Thousand Leones (140,000.00) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address(es) referred to above (are):

Att: The Director General,
 Sierra Leone Roads Authority,
 MRU Road Development and Transport Facilitation
 Programme Phase III
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Victor Osimhen 'leads Chelsea are three-man shortlist' ahead of the January transfer window

Chelsea have 'made Victor Osimhen a priority target' with the Napoli striker said to be open to joining them.

Osimhen fired Napoli to the Serie A title and scored 31 goals in all competitions last season and has continued his good form this campaign.

Mauricio Pochettino's side have prepared a three-man shortlist of options to bolster their forward line after a lukewarm start to the season. It is Osimhen who the Blues want most according to the Evening Standard.

Napoli chairman Aurelio Di Laurentiis drives a hard bargain and whacked a valuation north of £150million on his prized asset in the summer.

However, with Christopher Nkunku injured, Nicolas Jackson only just finding his feet, and Armando Broja still learning his craft, Chelsea could spend big to blast their way into the top four race.

They also have eyes on banned Brentford forward Ivan Toney - who could cost about £100m - and Club Brugge's 18-year-old Antonio Nusa.

While Toney would bring proven top-flight net-busting experience, Nusa is

more of an unknown quantity with just seven career goals but is one of Europe's most widely admired wonderkids and has already played for Norway four times, scoring once.

All three would bring different qualities and prospects but Osimhen is the standout name after being one of Europe's best players last season.

Napoli will hope to cling onto him until at least the summer and the Evening Standard claims that Chelsea will only finalise their January transfer plans in mid-December.

However, Osimhen is seemingly unsettled and has a souring relationship with the club and the fans.

In September, Osimhen was the subject of two controversial videos posted to the club's TikTok account.

The first showed the 24-year-old appealing for a penalty, with sped-up audio captioned 'Gimme penalty please' before showing him putting the spot-kick wide.

A second video, which has been circulated online and since deleted, compared Osimhen to a 'coconut' - widely viewed as a racial slur.



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Napoli responded by issuing a statement pleading their innocence but the relationship between player and club appears to have been heavily affected by the incident.

He has also been out with a hamstring injury since mid-October, limiting him to ten appearances so far.

However, in that time, he has still managed six goals.

Napoli rolled the dice and sacked Rudi Garcia in recent days, replacing

him with Walter Mazzarri, and it will be intriguing to see how the new coach affects his form and relationship with the club.

Chelsea have found their feet in November and have scored eight goals in their last two games, but are still only the joint-eighth top scorers in the Premier League alongside West Ham.

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Dani Alves will stand trial for sexual assault in Spain

Former Barcelona and Brazil defender Dani Alves has been ordered to stand trial in Spain on charges of sexual assault of a woman in a Barcelona nightclub last December, a Spanish court said on Tuesday.

Alves, 40, was arrested on January 20 and has been held in a prison outside Barcelona. If found guilty he could face a jail sentence of four to 15 years.

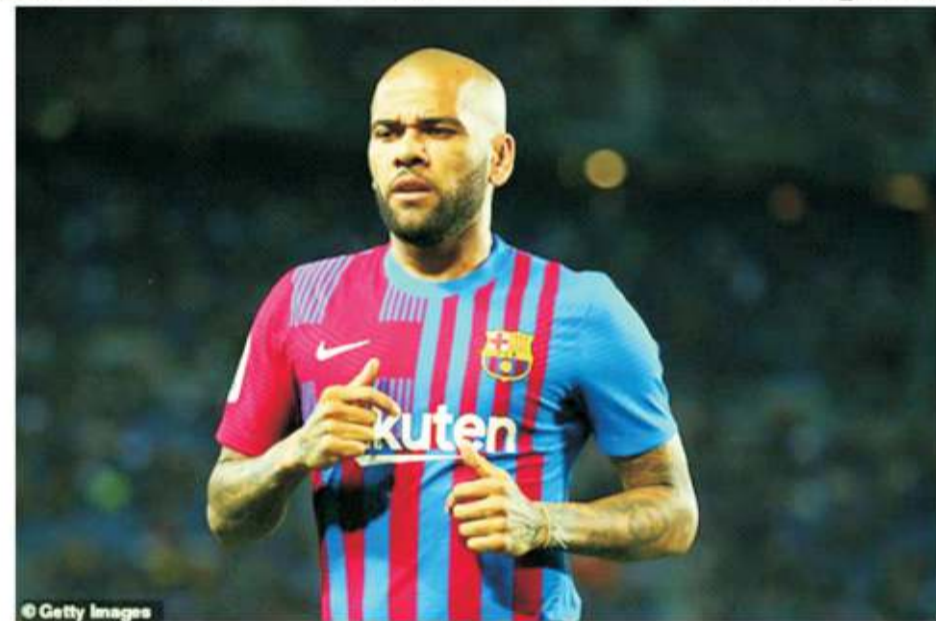
The former Brazil international, who also played for Sevilla, Juventus and PSG, has denied any wrongdoing.

In a document signed by three judges, the investigation court No. 15 in Barcelona, which is yet to set a date for the proceedings to begin, said there were sufficient grounds for Alves to stand trial, following requests by the public prosecutor and the woman's lawyer.

In August, judges formally indicted Alves after finding evidence of suspected wrongdoing by the former right back.

'The statements of the alleged victim and the witnesses statements and experts' reports that appear in the case must be considered as sufficient for this purpose, without prejudice to the final outcome following the plenary phase,' the court said.

Under Spain's sexual consent law passed last year, sexual assault takes



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in a wide array of crimes from online abuse and groping to rape, each with different possible punishments.

A case of rape can carry a maximum sentence of 15 years.

Alves said previously: 'It will be proven that I am not guilty and it was a consensual relationship.'

'It would never cross my mind to impose a sexual act on anyone.'

His wife, the model Joana Sanz, appeared to confirm she had split from the footballer in a social media post dated March 15.

In a handwritten letter, she said 'it will take years to erase from my

memory his way of looking at me' and 'here is a strong woman moving on to the next stage of her life.'

Alves was held in custody at Brians 1, a prison in Catalunya at the centre of a number of controversies.

Parlament de Catalunya sobre Departamentos Especial de Régimen Cerrado (DERT) heard that prisoners had been locked up for up to 21 hours a day in 2017 testimonies.

One inmate died by suicide after nine months kept in isolation, reportedly tied up on multiple occasions.

Two prison officials were convicted for ill-treatment of an inmate in

September 2017.

Alves was later moved to neighbouring Brians 2 'for his own protection', according to Marca.

Manu Marlasca said on Onda Cero the move was common for high-profile inmates.

Brians 2, meanwhile, is where eccentric tech guru John McAfee was found dead in his prison cell in June 2021.

Former Barcelona president Sandro Rosell was also once held at the prison.

Brians 1 and 2 are known as the Catalan jails for 'famous people.'

Alves won 42 titles - including three Champions Leagues with Barcelona and two Copa Americas with Brazil.

He is widely considered as one of the greatest full-backs of all time, having been a full international for Brazil since 2006 and the nation's second most-capped player of all time, making 126 appearances and scoring eight goals.

Alves became the oldest Brazilian to play in a FIFA World Cup by playing in his nation's defeat against Cameroon in the final round of Group G games.

The right back famously played for Barcelona from 2008-2016 and briefly returned to the LaLiga team for the 2021-22 season.

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