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# Social Welfare Minister: Violence against women is violence against the state

## LRMG conducts "thank you" tour to stakeholders



By Yusufu S. Bangura

Minister of Social Welfare, Melrose Kaminty, during the commemoration of the November 18 United Nations World Day on sexual and gender based violence, asserted that violence against women is violence against the state.

She stated that the United Nations World Day is a very remarkable and an important milestone in the history of the world, because Sierra Leone has joined other nations across the globe to commemorate the day with a goal of raising public awareness about the plights of survivors of sexual and gender based violence.



Melrose Kaminty, Social Welfare Minister

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## TRAVELOGUE

By Alimamy Lahai Kamara

It was in one Thursday. I was in the Ministry on some official engagement. I heard about homecoming. Homecoming, what about it? 'Who is returning home and from where' I queried? I saw the Ministry of Information in wholesome preparedness: the excitement at the administrative wing and the exhilaration at the political wing communicated a deeper accommodation of a minister that talks with his staff and a seamless appreciation to a minister that values human dignity.

He was returning home, has always been there, but he was visiting there this time to be presented as a full cabinet minister – the spokesman for the government of Sierra Leone – returning home with the full complement of all that is around him which shares the burden or the pleasure of the assignment he carries and which lives with the praise or bears the consequence of the decisions he takes. He is Chernor Bah (C Bah), Minister of Information and Civic Education (MICE), resident at 8 Floor, Youyi Building.

He appears to be the youngest even among the very staff he leads, proves to be widely experienced in the administration he administrates, and certifies to be productive in the performance of a job which is arguably the most challenging that battles for people's attention in order to change perception for social development and societal harmony. 'I must be part of this trip,' dashed to the office of the Permanent Secretary – appeared I was late, the bus was already full. Contemplated walking onto him – thought it was already heavy on him, the Minister. Abubakarr Joe Sesay: was leaving a day ahead with his colonnade – a dynamic team that does the uninterrupted live streaming, does the fantastic story-telling, and does the ballooning of a man whose success at MICE is contingent upon the mastery of the varied media genres that have come to impact behavior of society far beyond human imagination utilized by STRATCOM led by this muscular Joe Sesay.

'The minister must see me; I must go support him.' I see his vision; I see his drive; I see his passion – an eclectic desire to foster change and transform agencies he supervises, for example, the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) into a broadcaster that fully functions as a public service broadcaster – one that provides service beyond boundaries created by regions, districts, and chiefdoms. Universality of service! He was in the civil society sphere, an accomplished lobbyist, and an

# Jimmi Bagbo sits in cabinet

acclaimed funds mobilizer, whose contacts can get SLBC radiates TV and radio signals beyond Congo market, beyond Circular Road, beyond Kingtom, and beyond Up-Gun. His contacts can get SLBC to cover new communities such as Hill Station, Regent and Grafton; Goderich, Funkia, Kamayama, Tokeh and beyond; Kissy, Wellington, Calabatown and beyond; Waterloo and nearby communities, and even Kingharman Road, Brookfields, and Tembeh Town. We can tap from his experience in financial administration at Purposeful, and together work at initiating and instituting administrative policies intolerant to corruption and applying measures that defend and protect the rights, values, and dignity of the workforce – colleagues whose passion for journalism is inestimable, whose interest in the art is unrivalled, and whose professionalism on the job is admirable. Journalism is all they know, and a new direction is all they ask for. SLBC must be re-established! Mr. Minister, brace up!

I met Peter Beckly, discussed the trip, with a smile he said: 'perfect, call Imran Sillah'. I rang Imran. A very unpretentious figure, so articulate and welcoming, so diehard and persistent in the Pa-o-Pa course, and so friendly and harmless. He carries his boss, cherishes him, and portrays a vision championed by him. Our trip was to depart on Saturday and return the same day. Marvelous! Less expensive.

We took off at 6:00 AM, arrived in Bo at 10:00 AM, converged on Mahei Boima Road, and drove off at 11:00AM in a long convoy of over seventy vehicles to Jimmi Bagbo, in the Bo district. A galaxy of government officials, business people, friends, family members, members of the Fullah community of Bo and Bagbo constituted the convoy – attended not only to cheer up a brother but to celebrate a friend and a colleague who has become the first sitting minister in sixty-two years hailing from Bagbo. It is a pride and an honour. It is a blessing that today Bagbo sits in cabinet; today Bagbo takes part in decisions to roll out the Feed Salone programme; today Bagbo stands with the First Lady, shares platforms with her, and champions media campaigns for the prevention and healing from sexual exploitation; and today Bagbo takes lead in amplifying government programmes and stimulating perceptions to foster societal



congeniality.

On the road leading to the chiefdom, in every village we drove past, we would make a stopover, would be greeted by a colorful formation of pupils, by a battalion of natives with drums and Sheburehs in attires exhibiting the richness of the Mende culture – pitching songs that appease the heart, remind the mind of the glorious past, and foretell the future of what one might become. C Bah's story is a humble one. A success!

We arrived in Bagbo in a scene of hilarious merriments. A thunderous crowd: those who came from nearby villages and chiefdoms, the youths, the elders – half of their numbers crammed into the community center to listen to their brother, to their son, and to their beacon. Victor Bockarie Foh appeared to be the champion of this event. C Bah is a son to him. For him, President Bio made a wise decision to appoint C Bah as the government spokesman, the Minister of Information and Civic Education. 'C Bah is talented, President spotted that talent, and we have begun counting achievements arising from that appointment' he said.

The Minister spoke less at the event for a personality known to be

loquacious, known to be engaging, and known to be inspiring. A man that always invites the presence of Allah around him. The homecoming for him was made on the principal notion that 'motherland carries the soul of a man'. It is the very reason for existence. He was there to assure his people that that soul lives and thrives. He was there to inform them that he is the Minister of Information and Civic Education, inviting them to join him in showing gratitude to the President. He also told them he would, together with other sons and daughters of the chiefdom, support development programmes there.

I am beating my head as I write in search of words to describe what I saw of the Minister in the hall: he appeared to have been lifted to some height where he was at par with his standing members of the audience, filming through their faces as far as his eyes could catch, who overcrowded the hall, consuming the sitting members. His voice echoed beyond the rooftop, his smiles careened by the wind, and his gesticulations driven in the quietness of a hall or a chiefdom that has got a champion, a giant, and a humanist. I have benefited from his rationality. You will succeed, Minister. You will! Remain yours! Alimamy Lahai Kamara.





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## LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

**E**cobank Sierra Leone, one of the leading Pan-African financial institutions, has concluded and presented prizes to the final winners of their 2023 'save and win promotion'.

The promotion, which was launched in October 2022, with lots of attractive prizes, including cash, phones, bluetooth speakers, motorbikes, tricycle (kekeh) and a brand new car as grand prize to be won by its customers, was won by a total of 36 customers.

Speaking during the ceremony at their Lightfoot Boston Street Head Office in Freetown, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Bank, Sebastian Ashong Katai said the promotion was meant to encourage Sierra Leoneans to learn the culture of savings.

He said the Bank will do more of promotional activities in the coming years that will allow customers to win more goodies, adding that the Bank has lots of digital products that will make their customers able to do banking transactions from their comfort zones and at any time without going to the banking hall.

## Save and Win: Ecobank hands over prizes to final winners



Mohamed Barrie receiving the keys to the tricycle from MD Sebastian Ashong Katai

He said he was excited about the promotion because it was a way of appreciating their customers and also teaching them savings culture.

He told journalists that for someone to qualify to be part of the raffle draw, the person first needed to have a savings account with the bank and must be able to save at least NLe 20,000 and above within the promotion period, to win a brand new car as a grand prize.

He noted that for a customer to win the second big prize, which is the tricycle (kekeh) he or she needed to save at least up to NLe 10,000 and above within the promotion period and a customer who saves at least NLe 5,000 and above wins

motorbike, smartphones and other prizes.

Speaking as one of the winners,

Professor Joe Anthony D. Alie, said he appreciated the fact that he was one of the winners of the promotion, narrating that when he first got the call that he had won the promotion, he didn't take it seriously, thinking that the call came from fraudsters.

Receiving his brand new tricycle (kekeh) as the second grand prize, Mohamed Sallieu Barrie said emerging as the winner of the tricycle, Ecobank has helped him move one step in life.

He promised to make good use of the prizes to better his life and promised to continue banking with Ecobank.

He called on others who were yet to have an account with the bank to do now and stand a chance to be the next lucky winners.



Mohamed Barrie in his brand new tricycle

## Social Welfare Minister: Violence against women is violence against the state

From Cover

Minister Kaminty further said the commemoration highlighted the need for a collective action that will prevent and protect women and girls, particularly from sexual and gender based violence, and to provide a solution for its mitigation, as well as to stand in solidarity within them.

She emphasised that Sierra Leone has made significant strides and progress in addressing sexual and gender based violence, stating that President Bio in his first tenure, declared rape as a public health emergency, demonstrating political will and commitment.

She maintained that the Sexual Offences Act of 2012 was amended to institute stiffer punishment on perpetrators of sexual violence, and that the establishment of the Sexual



Offences Model Court was to accelerate the prosecution of sexual and gender based violence cases.

She said the First Lady's remarkable Hands Off Our Girls campaign was one of the biggest platforms in the world today.

"The protection of women and girls from this heinous crime in our

various communities should be our everyday responsibility. At the global level, let us continue to pursue offenders through law enforcement collaboration. Let us invest more on capacity building on law enforcement officers at the local, regional and national level. Let us use technology effectively to prevent online and offline offenders. Let us improve our criminal justice system across countries so as to be able to bulge out offenders. Let us equip local agencies with the tools to develop place based and group based strategies to respond to threat," she said.

She thanked the First Lady, Fatima Bio, for her remarkable steps taken not only in Sierra Leone, but globally, to get the nation to where it's today.

She further thanked the First Ladies

from Nigeria and Angola for their sustained commitments for the rights of women and girls, and thanked the United Nations for allowing the world to commemorate the UN World Day to remind the world that sexual gender based violence is still happening and it give survivors voices in order for them to be healed.

"Finally, to you our survivors, as you heard from the First Lady, I want to reiterate that you are not alone, be comforted with this global call from our dynamic and passionate First Lady, to celebrate you, rather than discriminate you. I want to leave you with these words, to say that as a nation, President Bio has always reiterated that violence against women is violence against the state, therefore together; we can affect the desired change," she ended.



# LOCAL NEWS LRMG conducts "thank you" tour to stakeholders

**L**eone Rock Metal Group (LRMG), the leading player in the mining industry embarked on a heartfelt "thank you" tour to express gratitude to the stakeholders of the various chiefdoms along the railway and ports corridor. This initiative not only highlights the company's commitment to building positive relationships but also underscores the importance of acknowledging and appreciating the contributions of local communities, government bodies, and environmental organizations.

The tour is a multi-faceted approach to express gratitude and build stronger connections. It involves visits to local communities that play a crucial role in overseeing and managing the impact of mining activities. During these visits, representatives from LRMG led by the CTO Mr. Salim sillah, consists of the General manager Charlie, dept. general manager jay, community and security manager pepel Mr. Alhaji Turay and other LRMG staffs who express their sincere appreciation for the collaboration and support received from these stakeholders during the process of acquiring the new agreement with the government for the railway and port. Some of these stakeholders involved are P.C massayeli II of Gbanti chiefdom, P.C Alimamy dura III of safroko limba chiefdom, P.C Bai makarie nkolo II of makarie chiefdom, Regent P.C Abdul karimu kabba of romende chiefdom, P.C Bai koblo queen II of marampa chiefdom, Regent chief F.S kanu of bakeh-loko chiefdom and Regent P.C Komrabai Lkabbia of kamasondo chiefdom. These stakeholders congratulate the company on their recent success and promise to always collaborate with the company. These chiefs also states that other mining companies only call them when they have issues praising LRMG as the first company to come and visit them.

In addition to expressing gratitude, the tour serves as an opportunity for the mining company to educate stakeholders about their commitment to sustainable practices.

One of the key components of the "thank you" tour is the emphasis on two-way communication. Representatives from LRMG actively listen to the concerns,



LRMG senior management posed with the Paramount Chief of Marampa Chiefdom, Koblo Queen 11



LRMG Management team posed with PC Masayeli II of Gbanti Chiefdom



LRMG Management team posed with PC Alimamy Dura III of Safroko Limba Chiefdom



LRMG Management team pays thank you tour to Regent Chief Foday S. Kanu of Bakeh Loko Chiefdom



LRMG Management visits PC Bai Makarie Nkolo II of Makarie Chiefdom

suggestions, and feedback from community input into their future stakeholders. This dialogue allows plans. Some of the request these the company to address any stakeholders asked for was misconceptions, identify areas for employment, provision of motor improvement, and incorporate cycles, a visit to China for



LRMG cross section Management team pay thank you visit to PC Abdul Karimu Kabbah of Romende Chiefdom

familiarization, building of schools, including their children in the company's scholarship scheme, increment of salaries/consultation fees and improvement for some of the court barrays.

As part of the tour, the CTO Mr. Salim sillah announces new community projects and investments that will directly benefit the local population. These initiatives include the \$250,000 payment for surface rents and 5% increment any year for these chiefdoms and job creation opportunities. By reinvesting in the communities affected by their operations, the mining company aims to leave a positive and lasting impact.

LRMG's "thank you" tour exemplifies a progressive approach to stakeholder engagement in the mining industry. By actively expressing gratitude, fostering open communication, and investing in the well-being of local communities, the company is setting a precedent for responsible and sustainable mining practices. This initiative not only strengthens relationships but also contributes to the broader goal of creating a harmonious balance between economic development and environmental and social stewardship in the mining sector.





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## LOCAL NEWS Africell unveils second edition of Freetown Marathon

By Ishmael Dumbuya

One of Sierra Leone's best telecommunication companies, Africell, has on Friday, 17th November, unveiled the Africell Marathon at the Africell Volleyball Court, Aberdeen in Freetown.

Joe Abass Bangura, Africell's Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, explained that the Freetown marathon is an exercise process wherein participants are required to start the race from Africell's facility at Golf Club, to the eastern part of Freetown.

He added that the Africell Freetown Marathon has numerous health, physical, and mental benefits and that key among them is that exercise builds stronger relationship with communities, and instils confidence in athletes.

He went on to state that he was optimistic that the event will spread across the West African region.



He disclosed that the winner of the full Marathon exercise will take home NLe. 20,000, the second NLe. 10,000 and the third NLe. 7,500.

Joe Abass emphasised that the race is opened for both male and female, adding that the registration fee for

the full Marathon is NLe150, whereas the half marathon is NLe100.

He concluded that the race serves as a touristic approach and that it would start on Sunday December 10th, 2023.

The Head of Marketing at the Sierra Leone Athletic Association, SLAA, Dominic Moore, commended Africell for their initiative. He mentioned that the marathon will enhance cordial relationship with Africell.

He stated that the Africell Freetown Marathon will serve as a platform for development and growth and expressed hope that the marathon will someday go international.

According to the Risk Director, Africell Freetown Marathon 2023, Harold Palmer, the Africell Freetown Marathon will serve as a yardstick for the All African Games.

He thanked Africell for their relentless support to making the event a success and clarified that the race for the full marathon will start at 6:30, and half marathon at 7:00am.

He emphasised that there will be a medical check-up for participants, stating that there will be 100 officials, and 75 water points.

## Agric. Minister lures investors in China

Hon. Minister, Dr. Henry Musa Kpaka, who is the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) of the Republic of Sierra Leone has participated in the Second Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Agriculture held in Sanya, Hainan Province South of China.

The forum is aimed at deepening agricultural exchanges and cooperation between China and African Countries. It provides a platform for stakeholders to discuss the challenges, share experiences, and explore innovative solutions to boost agricultural development.

Speaking on behalf of the Government and the people of Sierra Leone, the Agriculture Minister clearly outlined Sierra Leone's National priorities for achieving food security and increasing productivity as well as promoting agro-processing.

Minister Kpaka reiterated President Julius Maada Bio's commitment to addressing food security challenges in Sierra Leone and the promotion of sustainable agricultural development in the Country.

In a separate engagement in Luoyang City in China, the Minister of Agriculture further held discussions with the YTO Group which specializes in the manufacturing of tractors as a way of exploring opportunities for mechanized

farming in Sierra Leone. The aim is to achieve the flagship program of the President (FeedSalone), enhance agricultural productivity, and ensure sufficient food supply for the Sierra Leonean populace.

Minister Kpaka expressed the Government's commitment to transforming the sector through mechanization thereby embracing modern farming practices as well as the utilization of appropriate machinery systems.

With this, Sierra Leone hopes to increase agricultural output and improve food security, the Minister affirmed.

During the meeting, representatives of YTO Group showcased various types of tractors and other agricultural machinery that could be suitable for Sierra Leone's terrain and farming needs.

The Minister expressed optimism about the potential of these machines to revolutionize the country's agricultural sector. The Minister asserted that with mechanized farming, President Bio will do everything lawful to achieve food security for the people of Sierra Leone.

The Minister also emphasized the importance of forming partnerships with international Companies like YTO Group and others to support Sierra Leone's agricultural sector. These collaborations, the Minister



went on, can facilitate knowledge transfer and technological advancements in enabling the country to adopt best farming practices.

Making his brief remarks Deputy Ambassador/Charge d'affaires Saffawoya Rogers outlined the mutual opportunities for the people and government of Sierra Leone and YTO. He ended by requesting YTO Group to pay a visit to Sierra Leone in a bid to do proper research that will help guide them to manufacture tractors that can work on the soil of Sierra Leone.

The meeting climaxed with a conducted tour of the YTO Group factory where the Minister witnessed and drove first-hand experience on how tractors are manufactured.

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## LOCAL NEWS Solidaridad, EU partners inspect BAFS project

By Mohamed J Kargbo

On the 16th November 2023, Solidaridad, representatives from the European Union in Sierra Leone, and partners, went on a day trip to Malema, Niawama in Kailahun and Guara Chiefdom in Kenema, to inspect the implementation of the Boosting Agriculture and Food Security (BAFS) project.

The project was funded by the European Union through Solidaridad as implementing partner.

With the help of other partners, Solidaridad provided seedlings and farming training to beneficiaries in the districts.

The main objective of the visit was for them to see what the beneficiaries had done so far and which impacts the tree crops have created in the lives of farmers from 2019 to now.

In his keynote, Andrew Koj Morrison, Country Representative for Solidaridad in Sierra Leone, stated that the Boosting Agriculture and Food Security's main objective is to contribute to the food security in Sierra Leone.

He said they were working with farmers to grow tree crops, including cocoa, coffee and cashew, as a means to reducing food insecurity in the country.

He said through the above-mentioned project, they were operating in 13 districts in Sierra Leone where they built the capacity of farmers and national NGOs.

Director Morrison said that within the project, their main objective is to introduce to farmers climate smart technology, to help them increase their production and productivity within their farming system.

He said they were able to work with seven thousand, eight hundred and thirteen farmers across the 13 districts in Sierra Leone, to produce cashew, cocoa and coffee.

He said they trained farmers about climate smart ways of setting up their farms; more intensive farming practices and that farmers can now do intercropping planting.

"The farmers cannot only rely on the cocoa or coffee, but they can plant other crops that will sustain them until the cocoa or coffee is ready," he said.

He said when there is good collaboration with the implementing partners and the communities, one will see a good result and that was exactly what Solidaridad did.

He said they wanted to see that farmers get better livelihood and help reduce food insecurity in the country.

Project Officer at the European Union in charge of the BAFS project, John Christian Abu Bawoh, mentioned that the project was funded by EU, and that as a representative of EU, he was there to monitor its implementation.

He said he was there to monitor and see how the grant allocated to the project has been used for its intended



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proposes, adding that he was also there to check how the implementation has gone with Solidaridad.

He expressed satisfaction that farmers were now able to express agricultural knowledge, which, he said, has never happened before.

"That means that there is a lot of effort put in to this, and we are happy with what we have seen," he said.

Charles Campbell, District Coordinator for the Produce Monitoring Board, Kenema, said he was well pleased with what he had seen so far, and that they were fighting for the sustainability of farmers.

He underscored the importance of training farmers to help them produce quality and good crops, so that they can determine the prices in both the local and the international market.

One of the beneficiaries of the project, PC Lamin Pamley Ngeva III, said Cocoa is a profitable business, and that since the intervention of Solidaridad they have been producing better Cocoa than before.

He confessed that their farming system now is far better than before because after the training and implementation by Solidaridad, they were producing healthy Cocoa, coupled with the making of more profit.

## Two accused persons await sentence for alleged Larceny

By Elizabeth Kamara

Twenty-two-year-old Moses Kargbo a security, twenty-seven-year-old Adikalie and thirty-five year-old Mariatu Koroma, a petty trader, made their first appearance before Magistrate Santigie Bangura of the Pademba Road Court No.3 in Freetown for alleged larceny.

The accused persons were standing on three count charges to wit conspiracy, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

It was alleged that on Sunday, 5th November, 2023, at Deensie Drive, Regent Village, Mountain Rural District of Freetown, conspired together with other persons unknown to commit a crime.

It was alleged that the first and second accused persons, on the said date and place, did steal one gallon of honey valued six thousand Leones (6,000), one set food cool man valued four thousand Leones (4,000), two big red cool man valued three thousand five hundred

Leones (3,500) and one red cool man valued one thousand five hundred Leones (1,500), property of Mariama Sajor Cheung.

It was further alleged that on the above date and place the third accused person did receive one white and red coolman valued three thousand five hundred Leones (3,500), property of the said complainant, knowing same to have been stolen.

When the charges were read and explained to the first and second accused persons they pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor sought for a short adjournment date for him to call the exhibit Clark.

Counsel representing the third accused person, F. Lansana applied for bail, stating that the accused is a Sierra Leonean resident within the jurisdiction.

He said she has reliable sureties who were willing and ready to go

into recognizance on her behalf and that she will not interfere with prosecution witness or witnesses nor will she jump bail.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Santigie Bangura granted the third accused person bail in the sum of five

thousand Leones with two sureties in like sum.

He said the sureties should produce valid identity cards depicting their addresses in Freetown.

He said the bail must be approved by the Bench.

He adjourned the matter to the 24th November 2023 for tendering of exhibit.

## Security guard jailed 3 months for fraud

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Magistrate Sahr Kekura has sentenced a security guard, Mohamed Fullah, at the Male Correctional Centre for three months or alternatively pays a fine one million Leones, for pretending to be a landlord, which is false.

The accused was arraigned before the court on a count charge of obtaining money by false pretences, contrary to Section 32(1) of the Larceny Act of 1916.

Police alleged that the convict, sometimes in August 2023, at Spur Loop, Wilberforce in Freetown, obtained four thousand new Leones

(NLe4,000) from John Matthew Foster, by falsely pretending that he had a single room apartment for rent, knowing same to be false.

When the charge was read and explained to him, without wasting the court time, he pleaded guilty to the charge and promised to refund the said to the complainant.

The case file contained detailed report made by the complainant, his witnesses and that of the convict including the receipt after negotiation.

The complainant told the police during investigation how he contacted the accused at a time he was in dire need of an apartment.



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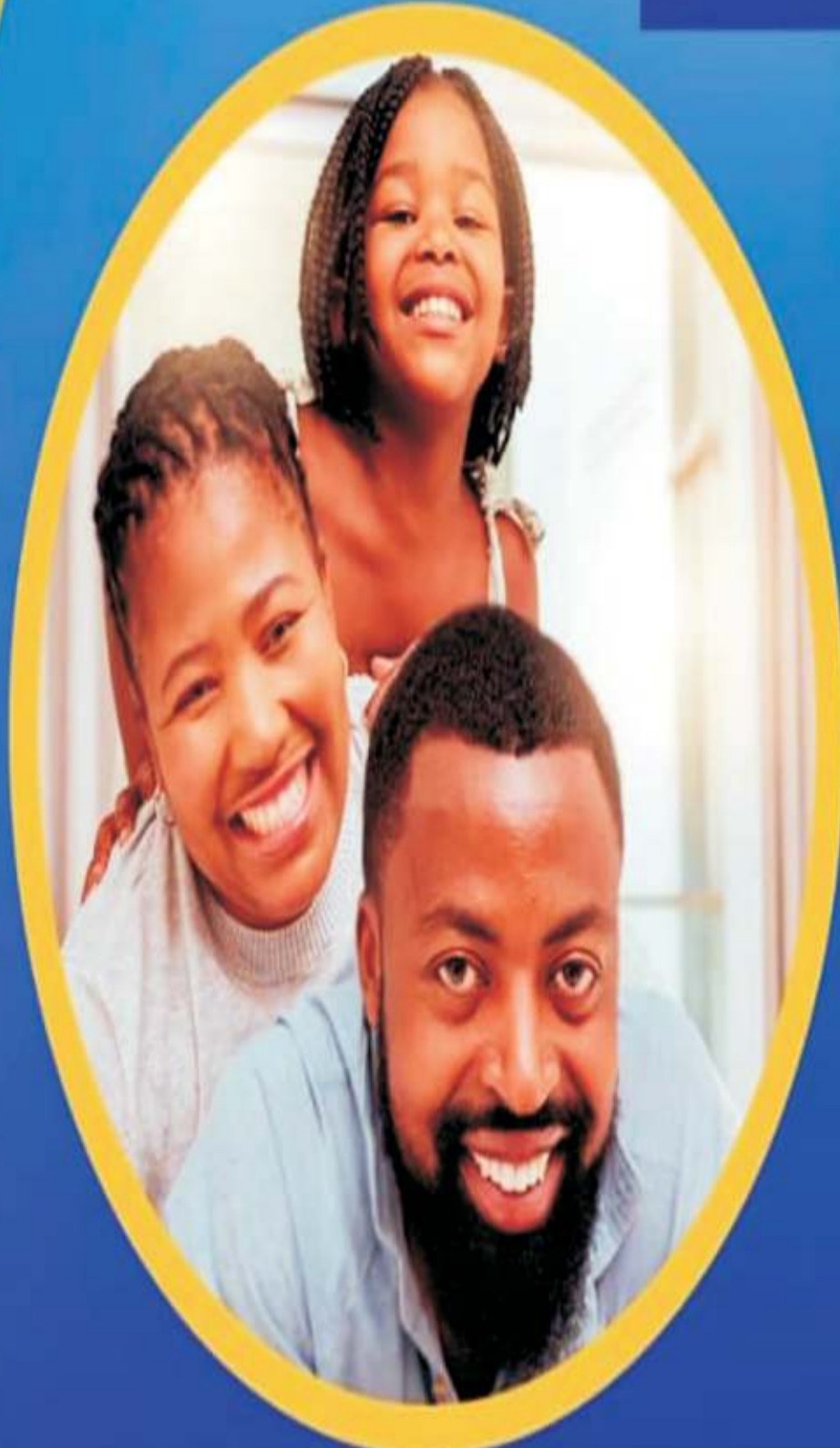


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1	Supply of vehicle	3	280,000.00	sixty (60) days after signing of Contract.
2	Supply of Office Equipment and Furniture	Various	75,000.00	Twenty-One (21) days after signing the Contract

3. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (National), (OCB-N) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto: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:

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

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 12:00 noon on 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:khadiegamanga2015@yahoo.com) with copy to [lavaliepj@yahoo.com](mailto:lavaliepj@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  
PMB 1324 Kissy  
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Email: [khadiegamanga2015@yahoo.com](mailto:khadiegamanga2015@yahoo.com) with copy to [lavaliepj@yahoo.com](mailto:lavaliepj@yahoo.com)  
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## TERMS OF REFERENCE TO HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CONSULTANT

Location	Sierra Leone
Application Deadline	2 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2023
Contract Type	Individual Consultancy – To conduct a study on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in Sierra Leone and co-lead the development of a National Social and Emotional Learning Framework
Working Language	English
Expected Start Date	December 2023
Contract Period/LOE	Seven months

### ChildFund International

ChildFund International is a non-profit development organization working in 23 countries worldwide to improve the well-being of about 21.1 million children and families, regardless of race, creed, religion, and gender. ChildFund Sierra Leone has had a presence in Sierra Leone since 1985 implementing development programs that are geared towards providing positive outcomes for children living in poverty. Our key program interventions include child protection, early childhood development, health, nutrition, education, emergency response, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods, disability inclusion, youth, civic engagement and leadership. We operate in all districts in Sierra Leone except Bonthe and Pujehun, and annually reach over 2, 511,039 children, youth, families and communities. We implement our programs through our local partners in collaboration with government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Non-Governmental Organizations, local councils and other stakeholders.

There are many Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) frameworks that have been developed around the world by governments, donor agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities, colleges and other institutions. These frameworks have been developed based on specific country's context, policies, learning needs and curricula. SEL frameworks can be categorized based on age range such as early childhood, middle childhood, adolescence and adulthood. The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) framework is one of the most widely used SEL frameworks around the globe.

According to the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, Sierra Leone does not have a nationally approved SEL framework. Therefore, NGOs are using different SEL frameworks, such as CASEL, I am Somebody, War Child Ideal, War Child Team Up, Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning and Learning Through Play in implementing SEL in-service teacher training and other SEL related activities. Since Sierra Leone is a post conflict nation that has also experienced several natural disasters, pandemic, epidemic and violence in schools, it is critical for schools to provide safe, conducive, inclusive and gender-transformative environments to enhance life-long learning and SEL and psychosocial well-being.

On that note and in consultation with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, ChildFund International is seeking a consultant to conduct a research in select regions in Sierra Leone to study the existing SEL frameworks, identify skills through participatory research and support the development of a nationally contextualized SEL framework for Sierra Leone that aligns with the provisions of the country's curriculum and education policies. The result of the study will be useful to understand the views and perspectives of teachers, parents and other education stakeholders on SEL skills; identify key SEL skills; literature on SEL and provisions of the Education Sector Plan for SEL.

### Overall Consultancy Aim

The aim of this study is to conduct research on SEL and develop a nationally contextualized Social and Emotional Learning Framework for Sierra Leone.

### Objectives of the consultancy

- To conduct research on SEL in each region in Sierra Leone.
- To identify appropriate global SEL frameworks for the Sierra Leonean context
- To identify the most relevant SEL skills for Sierra Leonean children
- To identify available activities in the existing education curriculum and Education Sector Plan that support SEL skills.
- To develop a SEL framework for Sierra Leone that matches the contextual needs and aligns with the education curriculum and the Education Sector Plan.

### This consultancy will include review of the following:

- Related global literature on available SEL frameworks and domains
- Provisions of the Sierra Leone Education Sector Plan for SEL
- Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan
- Existing SEL Skills in Sierra Leone
- The work of institutions on SEL in Sierra Leone

### Expected Deliverables and Payment Structure

Expected Deliverables	Installment Payment Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inception report delineating the process(es) and tools for the research and development of the SEL framework</li> </ul>	40%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of draft research report</li> </ul>	40%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of final research report and approval</li> </ul>	20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-lead SEL Working Group meetings to develop SEL Framework</li> </ul>	TBD after negotiation with the consultant

### Payment Schedule

The first installment payment of 40% will be made after the approval of the inception report, 40% after the submission of draft research report and 20% final payment upon receipt and approval of the final research report by the MBSSE.

Processing and payment shall be made within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. 6.5% of the professional fees will be retained by ChildFund Sierra Leone as withholding tax and a certificate be awarded to the consultant.

### Payments for Co-leading the National SEL Working Group Meetings

- This payment will be staggered based on the agreement between ChildFund Sierra Leone and the prospective consultant.

### Experience Required

The Consultant should possess the following:

- Experience of designing and undertaking a qualitative study with stakeholders and draw conclusions and identify recommendations related to the findings.
- Experience of conducting research related to primary education and working on programs related to technical assistance for Ministries of Education to integrate SEL in classroom practice.
- Experience of managing and analyzing multiple sources of information with ability to develop common themes and draw conclusions based on varied sets of findings and perspectives.
- Commitment to critically analyze data, interpret it for multiple audiences and identify action-oriented recommendations.
- Ability to deliver to tight timeframe and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work flexibly, adapting approaches as and when findings and learning evolves.
- Ability to adhere to ChildFund International's Child and Youth Safeguarding Policy, Anti-Fraud, Data Protection policies which ensures that the rights and data of those participating in the study are respected and protected and that the funds remitted by ChildFund are judiciously utilized.
- Proficiency in Krio, written and spoken English.

### Skills and Qualification Required

The following are the required Technical Skills and Qualifications

- Minimum higher degree in relevant fields but preferably in Psychology and Education
- More than 5 years of experience in the field of Education, psychosocial support, child protection, and child development programs.
- Sound knowledge and understanding of Social and Emotional Learning concepts and or emotional intelligence.
- Proven track record working with higher-level education authorities.
- Previous experience developing training frameworks, curricula and modules.
- Huge understanding of Sierra Leone education policies, system and the Education Sector Plan
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively as a team member and with people from different cultural and ethnolinguistic backgrounds
- Demonstrated experience using Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Ability to travel across the five regions of Sierra Leone
- Availability between December 2023 - June 2024
- Commitment to ChildFund's values and willingness to abide by ChildFund's Safeguarding, Anti-Fraud and Data Protection Policies and Procedures.

### Application Process

We invite interested candidates to submit the following application documents:

- Expression of interest including relevant expertise, previous relevant work (including one example of link to similar work) maximum 2 pages
- Proposed approach to the study and activity plan-maximum 2 pages
- Detailed budget inclusive of cost for field research
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two relevant references

Applicants should submit documents through the email: [SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org](mailto:SierraLeoneProcurement@ChildFund.org) and copy [bsartie@childfund.org](mailto:bsartie@childfund.org)

with email clearly marked with the title of "SEL Framework Consultancy".

Closing date for submission of complete applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 2023

Only applicants with complete documents will go through the selection process and only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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# Invitation for Bids Mott MacDonald SL Limited

Procurement Number: MMSL/SSEIP2/1088.27

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited, has allocated funds from FCDO for the procurement of 400 units of Wind-Up radios and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

Mott MacDonald Limited trading as Cambridge Education has been appointed by UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to use UK aid to deliver the Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme 2 (SSEIP 2). This programme supports the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education to improve primary and secondary schooling, make schools safer for girls, and target support to students with disabilities.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate experience and the capacity to deliver 400 units of Wind-Up radios.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 09.00 am and 5.00 pm from 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Bidding documents can be collected for free at the address below.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 09:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by:

- Valid business registration certificate
- Valid NASSIT clearance certificate
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- References, indicating the supplier's experience to deliver similar products to reputable organizations - corporations, INGOs and Government
- Demonstrates experience to deliver similar products and provide sample of Wind-Up radio.

Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked "RFP 1088.27 - Wind-Up radios - Sierra Leone".

- The detailed specifications, unit price, total price including 15% GST shall be quoted in SIERRALEONE NEW LEONES.
- The period of bid validity shall be 90 days from the closing date of submission of bids.
- Delivery of goods to MMSL shall be within 4– 6 weeks upon notification of award.

Bids will be opened on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the presence of bidders and/or representatives at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited  
24 Regent Road, Opposite Orange Office  
Hill Station  
Freetown



## CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Marie Stopes Sierra Leone invites eligible Service Providers to submit proposal for the Provision of Human Resource Information System.

Items	Deadline to request the ToR	Deadline for the submission of Proposals	Tender reference
Provision of Human Resource Information System	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 1600hrs GMT	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 1600hrs	MSSL/PROC/HRIS/11/2023

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from Marie Stopes Sierra Leone via: [procurement@mariestopes.org.sl](mailto:procurement@mariestopes.org.sl) / [turay.mohamed@mariestopes.org.sl](mailto:turay.mohamed@mariestopes.org.sl)

Completed documentation should be submitted in soft copies to [procurement@mariestopes.org.sl](mailto:procurement@mariestopes.org.sl).

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## INT'L SPORTS

**M**anchester City and Chelsea run the risk of relegation from the Premier League after Everton's 10-point deduction set a powerful precedent, according to a former financial advisor to the champions.

The Toffees have been left reeling by the deduction, which plunges them to second bottom of the table, and plan to launch an appeal.

City face 115 alleged breaches of the Premier League's financial rules and Chelsea could face scrutiny over alleged payments connected to former owner Roman Abramovich.

Stefan Borson, a lawyer who has advised City, tweeted after Everton's news broke on Friday: 'Without seeing the judgement/award -10 points for Everton feels harsh for a straightforward FFP [Financial Fair Play] breach to me.'

'But reinforces that sanctions against City [if proven] and now Chelsea [if charged and admitted on the off-books payments] will be potentially relegation inducing.'

Borson added: 'One thing is for sure, given the scale of this sporting sanction, Chelsea's calculus [in my opinion] that they could breach PL P&S [Profit and Sustainability] and just take a fine as a cost of doing business, must be in urgent and immediate reconsideration.'

'The January window may be interesting. Even in the best case, they can no longer rely on being able to convince an Independent Commission to accept their Covid and Sanctions allowances as exceptional adjustments [to the extent that was the plan].'

Back in February after City were charged with 115 breaches of the Premier League's financial rules regarding sponsors and contracts across a nine-year time span, Borson

## Chelsea and Man City look set to face RELEGATION from the Premier League after Everton's 10-point deduction, if they are found guilty of breaking FFP rules

spoke of relegation being a potential sanction if they were found guilty.

He tweeted then: 'Alarmist or not, the sheer extent of the PL charges are at a level that IF found proven, must lead to relegation.'

Mail Sport journalist Nick Harris responded: 'Stefan is a former financial adviser to Man City, a Man City fan, a former banker, current lawyer, CEO & general counsel to a PLC dealing with allegations of historic accounting issues. Also well across FFP issues. So this is an interesting view.'

Everton were plunged to 19th in the Premier League table following their 10-point deduction for breaching Premier League profit and sustainability rules.

The club was referred to an independent commission in March for alleged breaches which related to the 2021-22 season and a hearing took place last month.

The Premier League pushed for a sizable points deduction to set a precedent after the club were charged with breaching financial rules back in 2021-22. The Toffees posted staggering financial losses of almost £372million over a three-year period

That is more than £250m above what the Premier League's guidelines permits clubs to lose over a three-year rolling time frame.

The technical alleged breaches related to accounting treatments, with the League arguing Everton breached profit and sustainability rules (PSR).

Reports earlier this week said Chelsea are set to face Premier League scrutiny over a series of payments connected to former owner Abramovich.

The Guardian has claimed that Abramovich, the Russian billionaire who owned the club for 19 years until



he was sanctioned by the British Government last year, used offshore companies to make payments for the club.

The Premier League is already investigating the Blues after their new owners became aware of 'potentially incomplete financial reporting' linked to Abramovich's era while completing due diligence as part of the takeover.

The League has not commented the allegations but it is likely it will look closely at the information reported.

A Chelsea spokesperson said: 'These allegations pre-date the club's current ownership. They are based on documents which the club has not been shown and do not relate to any individual who is presently at the club.' Portsmouth were the last Premier League team to be docked points when they entered administration in 2010 and were given a 10-point penalty, ultimately relegating them.

Everton will point out that entering administration is a more serious breach than their alleged doings.

Financial rules were loosened by the Premier League during Covid with all

clubs suffering from the pandemic in terms of lost gate receipts and commercial opportunities. But Covid hit Everton harder than most, while they also point to the Russian invasion of Ukraine as a mitigating factor.

That had a direct impact on finances due to suspended commercial agreements but also a pre-agreement for a significant naming rights' deal on Bramley Moore Dock with Russian oligarch Alisher Usmanov's USM which never came to fruition due to sanctions.

Everton also insist they have been open and transparent during the process. They were in an imposed agreement with the League since 2021 to work within strict financial guidelines - essentially a salary cap meaning they had to sell to buy with players.

That has been evident in the last four transfer windows with Everton's net spend during that period being -£28million, better than nearly all Premier League clubs in the time. The Toffees insist this is evidence of the club's efforts to comply.

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

## Wladimir Klitschko demands Russia and Belarus athletes are BANNED from the Paris Olympics

**W**ladimir Klitschko wants Russian and Belarusian athletes to be banned from next year's Olympics taking place in Paris as punishment for the ongoing invasion of Ukraine.

The former heavyweight world boxing champion condemned the International Olympic Committee for their decision that currently allows athletes from both nations to compete under neutral representation.

The Russian Olympic Committee has been suspended by the IOC and is no longer entitled to operate as a National Olympic Committee.

Klitschko is Ukrainian and has been an ardent critic of Russia's war against his nation since they started their invasion of the country in February last year.

Wladimir and his brother Vitali served alongside Ukraine's army during the start of the conflict and want further sanctions imposed on athletes from both Russia and Belarus.

Belarus has been a long-term ally of Russia's during the war and has supported their aggression in Ukraine.



Klitschko has called on the IOC to ban athletes from the upcoming Olympics, telling the Mirror that the murder of Ukrainian athletes during the war must be punished.

Sport is extremely important. Now is the conversation about the upcoming Olympic games,' the 47-year-old said. 'Should Russia and Belarus take place -

should their teams go to the Olympics or not?

'They must be banned as a consequence of their government and also athletes that are part of military. While I'm speaking, unfortunately, people in Ukraine are getting killed, athletes are getting killed. Over 250 athletes have been murdered in Ukraine.'

'And we talk about someone who was at the Olympics and someone who is going to be at the Olympics as gymnasts.'

'We're not only talking about boys but also the small little girls that are supposed to go to the Olympics and unfortunately they've been killed.'

The current rulings don't allow any athletes who support the war or anyone contracted to the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies to compete in the Olympics.

The banning of Russian athletes in multiple sports was one of the first punishments dished out by sporting bodies in response to the crisis in Ukraine.

However, multiple sports have since allowed Russian and Belarusian athletes to return to competing, despite the war remaining ongoing in Ukraine.

Wimbledon was one of the first major global tournaments to allow players from both nations back into the sport as they welcomed players from both nations back for this year's tennis competition.

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



## Bo Rangers FC secures another away win

**B**o Rangers FC continues their good run in the Leone Rock Sierra Leone Premier League with a convenient second victory on the road.

The Elephant Boys secured a 1-3 win over Ports Authority FC at the Attouga Mini Stadium last Friday in Freetown, to give John Keister a perfect run in his new assignment.

Goals from Suffian Kaloko, Saidu Bah, and Santigie Seseay were enough for the Southern Region-based team to grab all three points in Freetown, however, Abass Conteh, assisted by Lansana Thoronka, managed a consolation goal for Ports Authority FC.

With another three points in the bag, Bo Rangers automatically moved to the top of the Leone Rock Sierra Leone Premier League, while the Water Front Boys will have to regroup and refine their strategies in preparation for forthcoming matches.

In a remarkable display of individual excellence, Bo Rangers FC Skipper Saidu Bah Kamara was rightfully awarded the Man of the Match accolade.

The other action of the day saw newcomers; Kahunla Rangers, forced a point from Real Republicans as they were held to a goalless draw at the Trade Centre field in Freetown.



## Egyptian FA releases statement after Salah's pitch invaders incident



**T**he Egyptian FA has explained why Mohamed Salah was targeted by pitch invaders during the Pharaohs' 2-0 victory against Leone Stars of Sierra Leone in Liberia on Sunday.

It was speculated that the pitch invaders were away supporters trying to attack the Liverpool star, but according to a statement from the Mirror from Al-Dirandali, the vice president of the Egyptian FA, the fans just wanted "to shake hands" with the

31-year-old.

Al-Dirandali was quoted by Daily Express: "I felt worried after more than one fan came onto the field because the number of police on the field was small, but thank God, God covered them. It was not intentional because they wanted to shake hands with Mohamed Salah, but it could have caused harm."

The Liverpool midfielder was not harmed during either of the incidents.

## Handball: Sierra Leone to host African Zone II championship



**S**ierra Leone Handball Association has been granted the hosting right to stage the African Zone II Beach Handball Championship.

The tournament has been scheduled for February 2024 in Freetown and it's expected to welcome seven Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Senegal and others.

Confirming the news, the President of SLHA, Alie Gibril Koroma said: "The Handball Association has been requested by the Confederation of African Handball to host the 8 Nation Zone II countries come February 2024 in the first edition of the Beach

Handball training workshops and tournaments."

Already the Handball boss is seeking support from the National Olympics Committee of Sierra Leone, the Ministry of Sports and the National Sports Authority.

Italian coach Simonetta Montagni began developing handball on the beach in 1980. As the discipline began to grow in popularity, coach Luciano Bartolini was asked to create the first set of rules for the game in 1990, making the fast-paced game fit within the existing beach volleyball court lines.

In 2000, beach handball became an

official European Handball Federation (EHF) sport, and the first EHF Beach Handball European Championship was held that year in Gaeta, Italy. The sport was further developed with representatives of the International Handball Federation (IHF), and it began to

reach a global audience.

In 2004, the first Beach Handball World Championship was held in Egypt, and the first IHF under-17 World Championships were held in Mauritius in 2017. There, Spain won the men's event and Hungary claimed the women's gold.