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The D-Unifier Media Team of prominent opposition politician, Dr. Richard Konteh, has refuted social media reports alleging that Dr. Richard Konteh received \$300,000 from Dr. Samura Kamara for the setting up of a Collation Centre and \$600,000 for the payment of party agents.



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I find Vickie's thoughts on the exploitation of many young professional journalists quite intriguing. Since I'm a media graduate who has enjoyed the short luxury of working in and with newsmen, it behoves me to expand this enriching conversation that is clouding the viability of Sierra Leone's media landscape.

The underpayment and exploitation within the realm of professional journalism in Sierra Leone hold significant implications that stretch far beyond financial constraints, impacting the integrity, depth, and diversity of news reportage. A poignant case that illustrates these effects is ever visible but quite neglected in Sierra Leone, where journalists face multifaceted challenges in their pursuit of delivering accurate and comprehensive news coverage. Within Sierra Leone, the perceived flourishing media landscape is marred by a combination of factors, including low wages, limited resources, and vulnerability to political pressures.

Many young media graduates with huge expectations work tirelessly under precarious conditions, often with minimal compensation, which severely affects their ability to dedicate time and resources to in-depth investigative reporting. As Remoe bravely asserts "media companies exploit young journalists, offering "visibility" instead of fair pay and livable wages." As a result of this sad but true reality, the quality and scope of news coverage are compromised, with many crucial stories left unexplored due to resource constraints and professional ethics thwarted. The financial strain on journalists in Sierra Leone directly correlates to the broader impact on the profession itself. It's no doubt that the frontpages of our local papers are flooded with the same PR stories with little or no human interest angles.

"Most journalists who don't engage in unethical practices receive less than \$100 a month to live on." Affirming Remoe's claim, underpaid professional journalists often juggle multiple jobs or freelance assignments to make ends meet, leaving them with little time and energy to focus on their primary journalistic endeavours. This perpetuates a

cycle where quality reporting becomes a secondary concern to financial stability, hindering the profession's growth and potential impact on society.

Moreover, the issue of exploitation extends beyond monetary compensation. Young journalists in Sierra Leone often face in-house censorship from their editors when reporting on sensitive topics or being critical to powers that be. This outlandish form of censorship creates a chilling effect on journalism, where self-censorship becomes a means of self-preservation, ultimately limiting the freedom of the press and the public's right to quality human interest stories and not event management promotions. As Remoe claims that a good number of the well "trained and experienced journalists" are quickly exiting the profession they once cherished with pride in pursuit of greener opportunities "as public relations managers, media advocates, or communications managers."

The exploitation and underpayment of professional journalists also have reverberating effects on the diversity and inclusivity of reporting. In Sierra Leone, marginalised voices, including those from hard to reach rural areas or minority groups, are often underrepresented and underreported in mainstream media especially the Print media due to limited resources and biased editorial priorities. This lack of diverse perspectives diminishes the depth and accuracy of reporting, perpetuating societal imbalances and hindering a more holistic understanding of complex issues. Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach that involves both structural changes and a shift in societal attitudes towards journalism. At this point, the Independent Media Commission (IMC), the Media Reform Coordinating Group-Sierra Leone (MRCG-SL), Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ) and other key stakeholders in the media industry need to explore sustainable ways to encourage and support media companies for fair labour practices in order to empower journalists and elevate the standards of reporting.

In conclusion, we must remind

Are Journalists Being Exploited?**Reacting To Vickie Remoe's Article "Underpaid and Exploited: The Harsh Reality For Sierra Leone's Young Journalists"**

ourselves that "young media practitioners are among the most underpaid professionals, yet they are expected to report the news and investigate public interest stories." The impact of underpayment and exploitation on professional journalists in Sierra Leone is profound and far-reaching. It not only impedes the quality and depth of news reporting but also erodes the fundamental principles of a free and vibrant press. Recognizing and addressing these challenges are imperative not only for the well-being of journalists but also for the preservation of an informed and democratic society.

Attached is the link to Vickie Remoe's article



<https://vickieremoe.com/blog/2023/11/24/underpaid-and-exploited-the-harsh-reality-for-sierra-leones-young-journalists>

Richard Konteh refutes claims of receiving money from Samura Kamara

From Cover



"Dr. Richard Konteh did not receive \$300,000 or any money from Dr. Samura Kamara for the setting up of a Collation Centre. Dr Richard Konteh actually financed the Collation Centre that was set up in his hotel in Makeni. The 10 Laptops, which were assigned to him for the Collation Centre in Makeni were returned to the National Secretary General immediately after Dr. Samura called him up and asked him to close the Collation Centre in Makeni on the 26th June 2023," a statement from the team affirmed.

The further refuted claims that Dr. Richard Konteh receive \$600,000 from Dr Samura Kamara for the payment of Party Agents.

"Dr Konteh only assisted the National Treasurer in making some of the initial payments and the report on same has since been submitted to the Treasurer and National Secretary General. The part payment

was only effected because Dr. Konteh was directed at a NAC meeting to proceed with the part payment whilst the Party solicits additional funds to complete the payment. Those funds were never made available to complete the payment."

The statement reads that Dr. Richard Konteh demonstrated the highest degree of loyalty and devotion to the APC Party and to the Dr Samura Kamara Campaign.

"To therefore attempt to smear his hard earned reputation based on false accusations is truly unfortunate and does not augur well for our gracious Party.D-UNIFIER Media Team wishes to make it known that Dr. Richard Konteh is a very clean man and we hereby challenge anyone with credible evidence to the contrary to come forward with same to refute the assertions made in this Statement."

With his eyes on the big ball,Dr. Richard Konteh and his UNIFIER Team members, stated that they will stay focused and not be deterred by unscrupulously orchestrated negative propoganda designed to tarnish the image of a fine and loyal APC member.

Dr. Richard was one of the frontrunners of the flagbearer race of the main opposition All People's Congress.In the hotly contested national delegates' convention, running up to the 2023 elections,Dr.Konteh secured a second position with significant votes.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

The United Bank for Africa, in collaboration with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE), on Friday, November 24, launched the 4th edition of the national essay competition for pupils in senior secondary schools.

Managing Director and CEO of the United Bank for Africa- Sierra Leone (UBA-SL), Mohamed Alhajie Samoura, said he believes the UBA Foundation's 4th edition of the national essay competition will give children across the country the opportunity to participate in the life-changing competition, whilst also offering them an opportunity to strengthen their critical thinking, civics, and other skill set relevant to their growth.

"The winners will be given an opportunity to get scholarship grants for their university education in any African University of their choice up to the limits of 50,000 Leones, Le 30,000 and Le 20,000 for the first, second and third positions respectively," he said.

UBA-SL launches 4th edition of national essay competition

Mohamed Alhajie Samoura said the essay competition is the UBA Foundation's initiative that started in 2011 as part of UBA Group's drive to improve access to education for the underprivileged across Africa.

The UBA CEO noted that the essays submitted by participants from all the 16 district levels will be marked by panel of academic judges, who will be selected by the MBSSE and UBA, adding that the announcement of the 12 finalists of the competition will be made over TV broadcast, radio and newspaper.

He said the topic for this year's competition "Substance abuse among youths in your community; explain the problems and the interventions that you wish to be implemented to tackle this menace in your community."

"UBA Foundation is committed to organizing NEC annually to compliment the Sierra Leone government's efforts in promoting quality education in the country," acting said

He further stated that all



The Acting Managing Director and CEO of UBA-SL Mohamed Alhajie Samoura, and the participants

participants must submit their hand-written essays not later than 29th December 2023 at 5: PM, at any of the 16 MBSSE district offices or at UBA Bank headquarters located at 15 Charlotte Street, Freetown or at any UBA branch across the country.

He added that the essay should be between 450 to 500 words, and all essays must have a title, noting that the essay will be judge based on the structure, grammar, illustrations of ideas and their creativity.

He concluded that all the 12 finalists who sufficiently defend their essays in a 5 minute interview with the judges and meet a cut off mark of 40%

and above in the second rounds of essay will each receive a laptop.

The national coordinator, Ministry of MBSSE, Emmanuel Alieu, said the NEC may seem like just a competition, but that is not what it is for them as a ministry, stating that it is an opportunity for students to learn.

"NEC complements our ongoing work to improve learning outcomes for a positive impact on society. The essay competition offers an opportunity for pupils in SSS to strengthen their critical thinking, civics, and other skill-sets relevant for their growth," he said.

RCBank recognised for unwavering commitment to environmental protection

Our dedication to environmental protection and biodiversity hasn't gone unnoticed. Few years ago, we partnered with an organization called Keeping Hope Alive to plant forest trees along the Masiaka/Bo Highway. As a part of our several corporate social responsibility interventions, we have committed our time and resources to promoting and preserving the environment at all times.

From the cleaning of our pristine beaches to getting rid of plastics and other types of inorganic waste in parts of Freetown and the provinces, RCBANK will always aspire to a clean, healthy and safe environment - for our customers and the general citizenry.

Today, we want to thank Shout Climate Change, the Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency and the Freetown City Council for acknowledging these efforts with a "Climate Change Champion CEO of the Year" award presented to our Managing



Director, Dr. Walton Ekundayoh Gilpin and the "Environmental Excellent Bank of the Year" Award presented to RCBank at the 7th Environmental Care Awards held yesterday, 24th November, 2023 in Freetown.

We will derive more inspiration from this as we work harder to make our environment safer for generations to come.

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2 accused incarcerated for alleged stolen diamond

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Ibrahim Barrie and Sao Fefegulah made another appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngegba of Court No.1 at Pademba Road and they were remanded to the Male Correctional Centre.

The accused persons were standing trial on four counts ranging from conspiracy to commit a felony contrary to law, house breaking and larceny contrary to Section 26(1) of the Larceny Act 1916, receiving stolen goods and fraudulently converting all contrary to the laws of Sierra Leone.

According to the indictments, the accused persons sometimes in August 2023, at Baoma Oil Village, Kendu Leppiama Chiefdom in the Kenema District, Eastern Region of Sierra Leone, with intent to defraud, conspired together with other persons unknown to defraud Alusine Mohamed Conteh four carat fifteen percent (4.15) diamond valued Le 477,250 New Leones.

The police further alleged on counts two that the accused Ibrahim Barrie on Friday 25th August 2023 at Baoma Oil Mill Village, with intent to steal, broke into and entered into the dwelling house of Moses Brima Conteh and stole therein four carat fifteen percent diamond, valued Le

477,250 New Leones, eight-six percent diamond valued Le 7,912 new notes, seventy three percent diamond valued Le 5,037, and one carat fifty five percent diamond valued Le 21,390, all to the total valued of NLE 511,589 property of Alusine Mohamed Conteh, whiles in the custody of Moses Brima Conteh.

It was further alleged that the accused, Sao Fefegulah, sometimes in September, 2023, at the same town, did receive one four carat fifteen percent diamond valued Le 477,250 New Leones from Ibrahim Barrie, knowing same to have been stolen.

Whiles counts four added that the accused Sao Fefegulah on the same date and place in Kenema district fraudulently converted to his own use and benefit certain property-one four carat fifteen percent diamond valued Le 477,250 new Leones entrusted to him by Ibrahim Barrie for the purpose of sale, property of Alusine Mohamed Conteh.

The state Prosecutor was ready to lead in a witness in court to testify, but the witness was absent in court, so he sought for an adjournment for him to be brought to court.

The accused persons were not represented by any legal counsel in court and no bail application was made on their behalves.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Ngegba adjourned the matter to the 30th November 2023 for further hearings.



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JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/EXTERNAL Date: 7th October, 2023.

Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

SHIP LOADER OPERATOR – X 4 POSITIONS

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Saturday 14th October, 2023.

The role will report to the Port Superintendent – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

Specifically, the Ship Loaders Operator Shall be:

Be proficient in operating a conveyor system to transfer cargo between the dock and the ship's holds safely and efficiently.

Ship loader Operator must carefully stow the cargo inside the ship's holds to ensure proper weight distribution and stability. This is particularly important to maintain the vessel's balance during the voyage.

Ensuring that cargo is securely fastened and properly stowed is crucial to prevent shifting during transit. Ship loaders must use appropriate lashings, tonnage, and other securing methods to maintain the safety of the ship and crew.

Ship loader Operator need to follow safety protocols and comply with relevant regulations while handling cargo. They must be aware of safety procedures, use personal protective equipment (PPE), and follow guidelines to prevent accidents and injuries.

Effective communication with other team members, supervisors, and ship crew is crucial for smooth cargo handling operations. Ship loaders must follow instructions, relay important information, and work collaboratively with others.

Loading ships is time-sensitive operations, and ship loaders need to work efficiently to minimize port turnaround times and ensure ships depart on schedule.

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Port Department in Cargo Handling, Communication, Maintenance and Inspection, Environmental and Safety Compliance and Efficient Time Management.

Education/Experience/ Skills:

At least a Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

At least 3 (three) years' work experience in a similar capacity;

Ability to work alone without supervision and must be a team player;

Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

Interested candidates are requested to forward their applications including updated CVs to the: Human Resources Department, Kingho Railway and Port Company Ltd, Pepel, or via email to:

pepelahim@gmail.com and Cc: mmconteh01@gmail.com; momodusawaneh129@gmail.com

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further application processing.

JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/EXTERNAL Date: 7th October, 2023.

Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

STACKER & RECLAIMER OPERATOR – X 3 POSITIONS

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Saturday 14th October, 2023.

The role will report to the Port Superintendent – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

Specifically, the Stacker/ Reclaimer Operator Shall be:

Operate Stacker/ Reclaimer effectively and in accordance with standard operating procedures and safety guidelines.

Ensure materials are supplied to the appropriate location in a timely manner.

Liaise with relevant personnel to ensure smooth material supply to cement mills.

Liaise with Stores to ensure Stacker/ Reclaimer are sufficiently fueled at all times.

Liaise with Maintenance to ensure that appropriate maintenance is carried out on Stacker/ Reclaimer when due.

Ensure efficient stacker/ reclaimer operations to enable adequate quantities of material to be transported to on the designated point.

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Port Department in Operate Stacker & Reclaimer effectively to ensure timely transportation of iron ore material to the stock yard or vessel.

Education/Experience/ Skills:

At least a Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

At least 3 (three) years' work experience in a similar capacity;

Ability to work alone without supervision and must be a team player;

Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

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JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/EXTERNAL Date: 1st October, 2023.

Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

PLANT MECHANIC – X 19 POSITIONS

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Saturday 14th October, 2023.

The role will report to the Port Superintendent – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Port Department in providing electro-mechanical repair services for industrial AC/DC electric motors, generators, gear boxes, and related equipment of the power plant equipment, apparatus and fixtures used.

Specifically, the Plant Mechanic Shall be:

Perform preventative and predictive maintenance tasks other precision-based maintenance methods

Completes maintenance records and maintains operating logbooks and databases as required

Maintains control of plant tools, manuals, repair parts, assemblies and consumables

Works closely with and takes direction from the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) and coordinates in ordering repair and/or spare parts, maintenance parts, assemblies and consumables

Complies with applicable Safety, Environment, Health, and Waste Management policies and procedures

Monitors liquid nitrogen production equipment

Monitors and performs preventive maintenance on waste heat recovery system and components

Performs any other duties as assigned by superior.

Education/Experience/ Skills:

At least a National Diploma or equivalent;

At least 3 (three) years' work experience in a similar capacity;

Ability to work alone without supervision and must be a team player;

Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

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JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/EXTERNAL Date: 1st October 2023.

Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

PLANT A/C TECHNICIAN – X 3 POSITIONS

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Saturday 14th October, 2023.

The role will report to the Port Superintendent – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Port Department in providing maintenance support for electrical, heating and cooling systems, parts inventory and maintaining all aspects of the physical plant.

Specifically, the Plant A/C Technician shall be:

Install new equipment related to refrigeration and air conditioning

Carries out routine checks and logs of the status of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment/plant

Requisitions for materials required for smooth operation of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment/plant

Perform other reasonable job/duties as requested by the Superior

Ensures that the standards of service excellence and guest satisfaction are met and maintained

Plant and system upgrade participation Plant and system upgrades are performed in accordance with project plan

Plant/equipment maintenance

Technical Support / Trouble shooting - Problems resolved within agreed times (SLA)

Quality control / operations - Compliance to all departmental standards, processes and legislative precripts

Education/Experience/ Skills:

At least a National Diploma or equivalent from a recognized institution.

At least 3 (three) years' work experience in a similar capacity;

Ability to work alone without supervision and must be a team player;

Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

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JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/EXTERNAL Date: 1st October, 2023.

Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

BELT SPLICER – X 6 POSITIONS

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Saturday 14th October, 2023.

The role will report to the Port Superintendent – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Port Department in responding to assigned company orders to install conveyor belts or repair as needed and ensuring conveyor belts or systems are working effectively as per company orders and instructions

Specifically, the Belt Splicers Shall be:

Responding to assigned company orders to install conveyor belts or repair as needed

Ensure conveyor belts or systems are working effectively per company orders and instructions

Install conveyor belts using rigging gear, winches or cranes as required to fit and assemble system components

Certify that jobs are completed within order times

Loads, delivers, installs, and spees equipment.

Completes all required paperwork (time sheets, service orders, forms, inventory, expense reports, purchase card, and equipment related items).

Properly identify basic conveyor system components and troubleshoot to perform basic splices, belt cleaning and pulley lagging.

Serves as a technical contact for assistance with the training and ongoing technical support for other technicians and administrative staff.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience/ Skills:

At least a Certificate or equivalent;

At least 3 (three) years' work experience in a similar capacity;

Ability to work alone without supervision and must be a team player;

Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

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Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

PLANT MECHANIC DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – X 2 POSITIONS

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Saturday, 14th October, 2023.

The role will report to the Port Superintendent – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Port Department in coordinating with other supervisors to ensure that projects are completed on time and ensuring that all safety regulations are followed by workers at all times

Specifically, the Plant Mechanic Deputy Supervisor Shall be:

Maintaining records on workers' hours, wages, and other employment data

Overseeing the workforce to improve efficiency or safety in the workplace

Training new employees on proper safety procedures and encouraging them to follow these guidelines at all times

Providing guidance to workers on how to perform their jobs safely and efficiently

Ensuring that all machinery is properly maintained to avoid accidents

Scheduling workers' shifts and ensuring that they are able to complete their tasks within these time constraints

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Performs any other duties as assigned by superior.

Education/Experience/ Skills:

- At least a National Diploma or equivalent;
- At least 3 (three) years' work experience in a similar capacity;
- Ability to work alone without supervision and must be a team player;
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

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JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL – Date: 1st September, 2023.

Kingho Railway & Port Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the following position:

PILOT – X 1 POSITION

This position is open to qualified Sierra Leoneans and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is on Friday, 15th September, 2023.

The role will report to the Transshipment Supervisor – KRP Company, and will be based in Pepel.

Role Purpose:

The primary purpose of this role is to provide support to the leadership of the Transshipment department in commanding ships to steer them into and out of harbors, estuaries, straits, and sounds, and on rivers, lakes, and bays.

Specifically, the Pilot Shall:

- Consult maps, charts, weather reports, and navigation equipment to determine and direct ship movements.
- Direct courses and speeds of ships, based on specialized knowledge of local winds, weather, water depths, tides, currents, and hazards.
- Give directions to crew members who are steering ships.
- Operate ship-to-shore radios to exchange information needed for ship operations.
- Prevent ships under their navigational control from engaging in unsafe operations.
- Provide assistance to vessels approaching or leaving seacoasts, navigating harbors, and docking and undocking.
- Serve as a vessel's docking master upon arrival at a port and when at a berth.
- Steer ships into and out of berths, or signal tugboat captains to berth and unberth ships.
- Advise ships' masters on harbor rules and customs procedures.
- Maintain ship logs.
- Oversee cargo storage on or below decks.
- Relieve crew members on tugs and launches.

Education/ Experience/ Skills:

- At least a High School certificate or equivalent;
- At least 2 (two) years' work experience in a similar capacity;
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadline.

Interested candidates are requested to forward their applications including updated CVs to the: Human Resources Department, Kingho Railway and Port Company Ltd, Pepel, or via email to: pepelrahim@gmail.com and Cc: mmconteh01@gmail.com, momodusawaneh129@gmail.com

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further application processing

JOB VACANCY – INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL ADVERT

Kingho Mining Company Ltd is inviting applications from interested and qualified candidates for the position of:

CRANE OPERATOR (3 persons)

This position is opened to qualified Sierra Leoneans, and qualified women are especially encouraged to apply. **The deadline for all applications is on Friday, 8/12/2023.** This role will report to the **Operation & Maintenance Manager** and will be based at the Tonkolili Mines.

Role purpose:

- Be able to operate different kinds of cranes, especially 180 tons crane.
- To safely operate cranes for daily crane activities, on all cranes and auxiliary lifting equipment connected to Tonkolili operations, including contractors.
- To maintain integrity of on-site crane safety in compliance with Kingho Mining Company standards and BS7121 approved codes of practice
- Train as Basic Rigger to execute lifting operations and supervise basic lifts
- Ensure Crane is kept clean, tidy and in good working condition at all times.
- Be willing to receive on the job training and experience
- Train to comply with all relative Company HSE policies and associated lifting regulations to achieve zero harm
- Observing the road and traffic laws and regulations of the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority.
- Ensure that safe driving practices are adhered to including local driving codes and international agreed standards.
- Prepare and submit vehicle monitoring report, including records of vehicle operations, maintenance, mileage, at the end of each month.
- Train to comply with standards associated with all lifting activities throughout site, and address issues where necessary
- Assist when required all other LRMG sites with lifting activities whether

physical or informational.

- Alcohol must not be consumed or present whilst on duty.

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Skills:

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- Leadership Skills
- Presentation of information
- Multi-tasking capability
- Ability to work unsupervised

Experience:

- At least 3 years working with Mobile Cranes
- Basic knowledge associated with Rigging and Lifting

Interested candidates are requested to forward their application including updated CV's to the:

- Human Resource Manager, Kingho Mining Company Ltd, Tonkolili mine site
- Or contact: +23230901434/+23277730673/+23299619136
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LOCAL NEWS Two accused granted bail for 'allegedly receiving stolen goods'

By Elizabeth Kamara

Alie Bassie, Momoh Swaray and Abubakara Sesay made their first appearance before Magistrate Santigie Bangura of the Pademba Road Court No.3 in Freetown.

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

It was alleged that on the 30th, July 2023, at Mile 13 Village, in the Western Area Rural of Freetown, the accused did steal one hundred and ten cartoons 600 millimeter tiles, twenty two pipe toilet fittings, twelve pieces of security door handles, twenty-two pieces of plumbing flitting for toilet, twenty two pieces of sinking tube, all to the total sum of sixty eight thousand one hundred Leones (68,000), property of Amie John.

It was alleged that the second

accused person on the said date and place, did receive five cartoons tile, seven set of security door handles and one plumbing fittings, all to the total sum of nine thousand five hundred Leones (9,500), property of Amie John, knowing same to have been stolen.

The third accused person was alleged to have on the said date and place received 600 by 600 millimeter tiles valued two hundred Leones (200), property of Amie John, knowing same to have been stolen.

Inspector Terencia Macfoy led a prosecutor witness.

The first witness Musa, an entertainer, said he recognised the first accused person as his caretaker and the second and third accused, who he usually bought items from.

He recalled on the 1st day of July to the 30th July, 2023, he noticed that

his warehouse cable was missing and that he called the first accused person and asked him for the missing items.

He said he then identified who he sold the cable to and that, after that the first accused person escaped and was nowhere to be found.

He said that he noticed that other items were also missing- four door handles, one hundred and ten tiles, twenty two feet of toilet seat and others.

He further said that he went to Adonkia Police Station and made statement and that, the first accused person was arrested together with the accused person.

He said some police officers went to the scene of crime at Mile 13 where the accused person identified the second accused person and his shop where he sold the items.

The witness said that he saw five

cartoons tile and five security door.

He also said that himself together with the accused and the police went to the house of the third accused where the first accused person identified five cartoons tile he sold to the accused.

He said they later returned to the police station where he made his statement.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Santigie Bangura granted the third and second accused eighty thousand Leones with two sureties in like sum. He said the sureties must be resident within Freetown and should produce valid identity cards depicting their addresses in Freetown.

He ordered that the bail must be approved by the Deputy Assistant Register.

He adjourned the matter to the 30th November, 2023

Accused remanded for alleged murder

By Elizabeth Kamara

Charles Kamara made his first appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road Court No.1 in Freetown for alleged murder.

The accused person is standing

trial on one count to wit murder contrary to Section 4 of the Offense Against the Person Act of 1861 and murder contrary to Section 1 of the Offense Against the Person Act 1861 as repealed and replaced by Section 1(a) of the Abolition of Death Penalty Act

of 2021, Act No.6 of 2022.

Police alleged on the charge sheet on Monday 16 October 2023, at Rogbangba, Hastings, the accused conspired together with other persons unknown to murder Bai Kamara.

The matter was not proceeded due to the absence of the witness

State counsel J.S Trucker sought for an adjourned date and Magistrate Mark Ngegba adjourned the matter to the 30th November 2023.

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LOCAL NEWS Brewery launches zagg energy, maltina pineapple

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

As a way of improving their coverage and meeting with the demands of the public, Sierra Leone Brewery Limited (SLBL), on Friday, 24th November, 2023, launched two new maltina products, Zigg energy drink & Maltina Pineapple at their Wellington production house.

Making his opening statement, the Corporate Affairs Manager of Sierra Leone Brewery Limited (SLBL), Foday Dabor, said the zagg energy drink is an unconventional drink brewed to perfection.

He said the drink is an experience infused with the goodness of malt

and laden with energy bursts to energize every individual that chooses to be dynamic, non-conforming and unbound by rules, just like Zagg.

According to the Marketing Manager, Olufunmilayo Ogunbodede, "Zagg was brewed to help the average consumer keep up with the demands of everyday life, regardless of our professions, fields and interests. We all engage in high-energy activities, whether mental or physical."

He said the Maltina Pineapple is an irresistible twist on the classic favorite, infused with the tropical goodness of pineapple.

He said the new variant offers the



The management of SLBL at the launch

familiar wholesome goodness of Maltina with a burst of refreshing pineapple flavor.

"The Pineapple variant brings more excitement to the nourishing Maltina thereby

catering to the diverse tastes of our consumers, both Zagg Energy and Maltina Pineapple will be available nationwide on 27th November, 2023, said manager Ogunbodede

Brother testifies in alleged murder matter

By Yusufu S. Bangura

Mohamed Williams, brother to Usman Jalloh now deceased, a motorbike rider, who was killed and his bike high-jacked, has last Friday testified in court about how they traced the accused, Ibrahim Kamara.

The witness recognised the deceased as his brother and also recognised the accused in respect of the matter.

He said on Sunday, 3rd September, 2023, he was on bed around 4:00 in the morning when the deceased called him and told him that the bike he gave him had involved in an accident.

He said on the following day, he went with some guys to Connaught Hospital to check on the deceased, but upon their arrival at the hospital, they met the deceased lying on the bed with wounds all over his body.

The witness said he requested for the phone number of the man who took the deceased to the hospital and the company where the motorbike was credited, stating that he later went to the company at Aberdeen Road and they informed him that the bike has been stolen and that they had instructed people to trace it along Freetown Masiaka high way.

The witness said the motor bike with registration number ABJ 179, was discovered at an unfinished building at Masiaka, with all its parts dislocated and the motor bike was taken to the police station.

Explaining further, the witness said they were still at the village when the accused and others surfaced at the scene and when they questioned him about the bike; he replied that

he is a stranger.

The witness said the accused was later taken to Makiteh police station where he was questioned and during the process, he revealed that it was his friend who gave him the motorbike for safe keeping.

He added that the police at Makiteh escorted them to the Aberdeen Police Post and later to New England Ville police station where he reported the matter.

He went on to say that due to the condition of the deceased, Connaught Hospital referred them to Life Care hospital and later to Emergency hospital at Goderich where he subsequently died.

At the conclusion of his examination in chief, the witness was not cross examined.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Ngegba remanded the accused to the Male Correctional Centre at Pademba Road in Freetown and adjourned the matter to Wednesday 29th November 2023 for further hearing.

The accused Ibrahim Kamara is currently before Magistrate Ngegba of Pademba Road Court number one for preliminary hearings after police investigation for conspiracy to commit murder and murder contrary to Section 1 of the Offences Against the Persons Act of 1861, as replaced and repealed by Section (1)(a) of the Abolition of the Death Penalty Act of 2021, Act No.6 of 2022.

The police alleged that the accused on Sunday 3rd September 2023 at Bass Street, Brook Fields in Freetown, the accused conspired with other persons unknown to murder Usman Jalloh.

The matter is prosecuted by Sergeant 9939 Momodu Lahai.

Student sent to jail for alleged wounding

By Yusufu S. Bangura

A student, Magdalane Massaquoi, 22, made her second appearance before Magistrate Shar Kekura of the Ross Road Court No.1 in Freetown for allegedly assaulting and wounding Fridea Conteh.

The twenty-two-year-old was arraigned before the court on three counts of wounding, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and public insult contrary to Section 2 of the Public Order Act No.46 of 1965.

It was alleged that the accused on Saturday, 7th January, 2023, at 21B Thunder Hill, Kissy in Freetown, assaulted and wounded the complainant in a manner thereby causing him grievous bodily harm.

The charge sheet further alleged that the accused, on the same date and place in Freetown, insulted the complainant in a manner that it would likely provoke him to commit breach of peace.

Testifying in court, second prosecution witness, Seres Conteh said she recognised the complainant and the accused as his neighbours and recalled on the date in question.

She said on that date, she was at home when she heard the accused using all sort of invective words and she then rushed outside and saw the accused abusing the complainant.

She added that at the same time,

the accused threw cabbages into the pit which the complainant had dug. She said she called the accused to avoid the crime scene, but she refused and hit the complainant on his head with a stone.

She explained that the complainant was profusely bleeding and screamed for help, adding that during the process an unknown man arrived at the crime scene, who helped her to take the complainant to the nearest police station.

She said at the police station, the complainant was issued with a police medical request form for treatment at the Rokupa Government Hospital, Wellington in Freetown.

The witness said on the same date they returned the endorsed medical to the police station while she made a statement.

Defence counsel Ishmael I. Saccoh renewed his application for bail on behalf of the accused, but the police prosecutor, Ekundayyo Fatmata Koroma told the Bench that she relied on the affidavit opposing to bail.

Magistrate Kekura denied the accused bail and sent her to the Female Correctional Centre at Jumukenyatta Road in Freetown.

The matter was adjourned to the Monday 27th November, 2023 for further hearing.



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STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JULIUS MAADA BIO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE, AT THE AFRICAN UNION COMMITTEE OF TEN (C-10) AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL SUMMIT, OYALA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA - FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

Your Excellency Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;

Excellencies, Colleagues Heads of State and Government;

Your Excellency, Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AU Commission;

Honourable Ministers of Governments;

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning.

1. I warmly welcome you to this Summit of the African Union Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the reform of the United Nations Security Council (the C-10).

2. I deeply appreciate you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this important Summit. I also commend your efforts over the years in the pursuit of our mandate.

3. At the outset, let me thank Your Excellency President Teodoro Obiang NGUEMA MBASAGO for kindly consenting to host this Summit in this beautiful city of Oyala.

4. Let me also thank you, colleagues Heads of State and Government, for your concerted efforts over the years to promote, canvass and advance the Common African Position to the point of it being the most viable option in the UN Security Council reform process.

5. The purpose of this Summit is to take stock of the progress made in terms of delivering on the core mandate of the Committee in so far as canvassing support for the Common Africa Position.

6. We will then decide on strategies to strengthen the support already received from other interest groups in the reform process whilst finding pathways to engage with those groupings with strongly divergent views from the Common Africa Position.

7. Our meeting here today further gives us the opportunity to reaffirm our full commitment to the Common African Position and offer the necessary guidance to our relevant officials to enhance their engagement in the UN Security Council reform process.

8. Our Ministers met in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, in January 2023 and made several recommendations for our consideration. The recommendations included preparing for "enhanced engagement" in the intergovernmental negotiations framework on the Security Council reform (IGN) process, guided by the 2015 Framework Document, in a bid to move the IGN process forward.

9. This was recommended in our 23rd Report to the African Union Assembly in February this year, and it was included in the decision of the Assembly.

10. In our meeting today, we need to reiterate the need for enhanced engagement in the reform process and provide further guidance on the merits of such enhanced engagement.

11. The current iteration of the Revised Co-Chairs Elements Paper dated 2nd June 2023 states that: "There is a wider recognition and broader support by Member States for the legitimate aspiration of the African countries to play their rightful role on the global stage, including through an increased presence in the Security Council, as reflected in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration adopted by the African Union in 2005. Redressing the historical injustice against Africa is viewed as a priority, and several delegations emphasised that Africa should be treated as a special case."

12. In this light, we need to be prepared for a further upsurge in momentum to redress the historical injustice done to Africa.

13. What is this historical injustice? By reason of colonialism and its vestiges, Africa is not being represented in the Permanent Category and is grossly underrepresented in the Non-Permanent Category of the UN Security Council.

14. In this regard, enhanced engagement could mean to properly situate ourselves to take advantage of any opportunity that may arise from the efforts of the IGN Co-Chairs, Member States, and Interest Groups.

15. For instance, to either develop a holistic plan for the reform of the UN Security Council or advocate for the treatment of Africa as a special case and be prioritised.

16. The issue of Text-Based Negotiations remains one of the critical procedural questions

to be addressed in the ongoing Intergovernmental Negotiations at the UN General Assembly.

17. The issue is a contentious one, and there is no consensus on the commencement of Text-Based Negotiations, even within the African Group. We should, however, consider guiding our Permanent Representatives on this issue going forward.

18. In our consideration of the Text-Based Negotiation issue, one main concern of note is the unity of the African Union Member States. I am of the strongest conviction that we should strive to maintain solidarity with the Common African Position as this is our main strength in advancing our collective interest in the reform of the UN Security Council.

19. The P-5 is key to the reform process, and engagement with them will provide an opportunity for a breakthrough in the seeming deadlock in the IGN process.

20. It will be a challenging task, but it is an opportunity we cannot afford to ignore. I reported to the AU Assembly in February this year that I had fruitful discussions with President Biden of the United States on the margins of the Africa-US Summit in December last year on UN Security Council Reform, and he promised to lead in developing a plan for the eventual reform of the Council.

21. As a follow-up to my discussion with the US President, the C-10 Ambassadors in New York had very fruitful and constructive discussions with the US Ambassador to the United Nations, in which she revealed she had been tasked to consult with all Interest Groups and Key Member States with a view to developing a viable reform plan for presentation to Member States. This is why we, as C-10 Heads of State and Government, must engage all P-5 Members to build on ongoing efforts.

22. In this regard, I will firstly propose that we task our officials to come up with an engagement plan and aide memoire to assist our engagements with the P-5 Members.

23. Secondly, I am pleased to inform you that I have tasked my Mission in New York to use the Sierra Leone Presidency of the UN Security Council in August 2024 to hold a high-level event, one of our signature events, on the reform of the UN Security Council and the imperative to address the historical injustice done to Africa.

24. The event will offer an unparalleled opportunity for Africa to speak with one voice, calling for us to be treated as a special case and prioritised. Sierra Leone will be greatly honoured by your participation in this important signature event.

EXCELLENCIES,

25. The Co-Chairs of the 78th session of the IGN have proposed three elements to guide the IGN process. These include negotiations to reinforce and build convergences, structured dialogue on models of reform proposed by Member States and Groups, and Contributions for the Summit of the Future.

26. On the element of building convergences, our current mandate demands that we safeguard the integrity of the Common African Position. Africa's position, therefore, is unequivocal: we demand two seats in the Permanent Category of the UN Security Council and an additional two seats in the Non-Permanent Category, bringing the total of Non-Permanent seats to five. The African Union will choose the African Permanent Members.

27. On the Veto, Africa wants it to be abolished. If, however, Member States wish to retain the Veto, it must be extended to all new Permanent Members.

28. The Common African Position also reflects our best model to rectify the historical injustice done to Africa. In view of the directives requested by our Ambassadors in New York, we will have to consider whether we wish to provide views at this stage on the overall model for reforms and expressed views on positions of other Interest Groups and Member States.

29. Regarding the United Nations Summit of the Future in September 2024, allow me to first congratulate and commend Namibia and Zambia on their important co-facilitating roles in the Summit for the Future.

30. In relation to the IGN Co-Chairs' proposed input from the UN Security Council reform process, our aim should be to have an unequivocal message of addressing the non-representation of

Africa in the Permanent Category and gross underrepresentation in the Non-Permanent Category of the UN Security Council.

31. In effect, we should make the clarion call for Africa to be treated as a priority and special case in the reform process. I trust you will share your views on this critical point during your interventions.

32. In closing, at the end of our deliberations today, we have an Outcome Document that we will adopt. The Outcome Document includes sections on the assessment of the state of the Common African Position, the IGN process, including the present state of affairs, key issues, recommendations, and plan of action.

33. The draft Outcome Document serves as a guide with clear analysis and conclusions for our consideration and ultimate decision-making.

34. I am convinced that the most important thing for Africa in the reform process is to maintain the integrity of the Common African Position.

35. Let me therefore implore you, Colleagues Heads of State and Government, to remain cohesive and let us continue to speak with one voice in unity of purpose on all aspects of the reform process. This we must do until the demands of the Common African Position are achieved.

36. Let me take this opportunity to thank Your Excellency Teodoro Obiang Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, once again for hosting this C-10 Summit.

37. My sincere thanks to Your Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, for consenting to host the next C-10 Ministerial meeting. These meetings will give us further opportunities to chart the way forward and hopefully serve as a platform to fully prepare the C-10 for every future eventuality in the IGN Process.

38. I thank you for your kind attention, and I wish us all fruitful deliberations.

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TIKONKO – KPETEMA – MATTRU JONG ROAD PROJECT LOT II:
TIKONKO – MOYOROH JUNCTION - SERABU (38.1Km)
INVITATION FOR BID

Issue Date: 27th November 2023

1. The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has received for financing in the form of Loan from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) for the Upgrading of Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko Kpetema, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu (38.1Km).

2. The Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) on behalf of the GoSL invites international eligible Contractors (including all members of a joint venture and all Subcontractors of bidders) for the Tikonko – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko Kpetema, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu Road.

3. In general, the proposed Tikonko – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project aims at contributing to the economic development of national and local communities in the southern region. The project is part of GoSL's program to develop the transport sector in general and the network of the national roads in particular.

The road is the second part of the 72.6Km from the whole Tikonko – Junction – Mattru Jong Road that links the provincial town of Bo through Tikonko, Bumpah, Kpetema, Motua, Bauya and Mattru Jong in the Southern Provinces.

The project entails the upgrading of the remaining 30.1km road length from Tikonko Junction – Mattru Jong to asphaltic paved condition with a carriageway width of 7.3m and 1.5m shoulders, with wide sections at towns and villages, and sidewalks, construction of culverts, and the spur from Moyoroh Junction – Serabu as well as utility diversion and the mitigation of the environmental and social impacts.

The 72.6Km stretch was divided into two Lots: Lot I – Kpetema – Mattru Jong 42.5Km and Lot II – Tikonko Junction – Kpetema 30.1Km.

The scope of the works for this section (Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema 30.1Km, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu 8.0Km) includes preliminaries (site preparation, establishment of camp sites, etc.), earthworks, pavement layers and pavement work, drainage structures, road furniture, day works and ancillary. Time of completion of the project is 24 Calendar months with a 12 Month Defect Liability Period.

4. Eligible Applicants may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the Bidding Documents, at:

Address:

Attn: Director of Procurement
Sierra Leone Roads Authority
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5. Bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents at the above office starting from **27th November 2023** and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **500 US\$ (Five Hundred Sixty US dollars) or equivalent in Leones**. Payment shall be made in cash, bank certified check or telegraphic transfer to the Employer's Bank Account in the **Rokel Commercial Bank** through Account No. **02-011544957 SLRA Highway Maintenance Account**.

The document will be sent by registered airmail if required so by the bidder but under no circumstances will the procuring entity be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.

6. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure specified in the bidding documents and is open to all eligible bidders. The minimum General and Specific Construction Experience is as shown below:

Table 6.1: Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema (30.1Km), Moyoroh Junction - Serabu (8.0Km)

Item No.	Qualification Criteria	Minimum Requirement			
1	Annual Construction Turnover	USD 30 Million (Average Construction Turnover)			
2	Liquid Asset /Cash Flow requirement	USD 7.0 Million			
3	General Construction Experience	10 Years firm Experience in Construction			
4	Specific Construction Project Experience	Three (3) new Asphalt Concrete (AC) road construction or rehabilitation or upgrading each with a value of USD25.0 million within the last ten (10) years that has been successfully and substantially completed (80% Completed)			
5	Specific Construction Experience in Key Activities	Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Quantity
		1	Earthwork: Cut & Borrow to Fill, Cut to Spoil (Common and Intermediate/ Rock Excavation)	M ³ /year	1,100,000.00
		2	Crushed Subbase	M ³ /year	75,000.00
		3	Crushed Stone base	M ³ /year	70,000.00
		4	Asphalt Concrete (AC) Surface Dressing	M ² /year	280,000.00

7. The bidding procedure to be followed is a two-envelope procedure. The

post-qualification documents and financial offers should be sealed in two separate envelopes. The first envelope containing the post-qualification application and bid security is clearly marked "**Post Qualification Application and Bid Security**" and the second envelope that contains the offer is marked "**Submission of Offer**" for the **Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu (38.1Km)** respectively and the two envelopes shall also be enclosed by an outer envelope marked "**Post Qualification Application and Offer for Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema 30.1Km, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu (8.0Km)**".

Evaluation is also to be carried out in two stages, the post qualification application and the bid security will be opened first, and the qualification evaluation will be undertaken. The bid that are responsive to the minimum post qualification criteria will be opened for further evaluation. The offers of those bidders who fail the minimum qualification criteria shall be returned unopened after the award of contract.

8. The Employer will arrange a group site visit, which will be conducted on 13th December 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Hence, the bidders are invited to participate in the site visit. Failure of the bidder to visit the site at the group site visit date or by his own will in no circumstances allow the bidder to claim that insufficient information regarding the site was available at the bid stage. Bidders are also invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which will take place the following on 13th December at Tikonko.

9. All bids must be accompanied by a security in the form and amount specified in the bidding documents, and delivered to:

The Director of Procurement
Sierra Leone Roads Authority
PMB 1324 Kissy
Freetown
Sierra Leone
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The Bids shall be prepared in one original and four copies. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **USD 1,000,000.00 (United States Dollar: One Million)** or Equivalent in a format acceptable to the Employer. Late bids will be rejected. Post-Qualification Application and Bid security of the bidders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Procurement Committee and bidders' representatives who choose to attend on the final date and time of bid submission and at the address stated here above.

10. The Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Dani Alves: Spanish prosecutor seeks nine-year prison term for ex-Brazil and Barcelona defender

A Spanish prosecutor is seeking a prison term of nine years for ex-Brazil and Barcelona defender Dani Alves.

The 40-year-old is to stand trial in Spain for alleged sexual assault last December.

Alves has been in prison without bail since being arrested in January over an allegation he assaulted a woman in a Barcelona nightclub.

He has said that he had consensual sex with his accuser after initially denying any sexual encounter with her.

The prosecutor has also asked for Alves to receive a restraining order following the jail term and for him to pay damages worth 150,000 euros

(£130,500) to the woman.

In August, a court in the Barcelona area formally indicted Alves and later decided there was enough evidence to send him to trial.

A trial date is yet to be set for Alves, who played for Brazil at last year's World Cup and had his contract with Mexican club UNAM terminated after his arrest.

In Spain, a claim of rape is investigated under the general accusation of sexual assault and convictions can lead to prison sentences of between four and 15 years.

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Mario Balotelli escapes unharmed after 'major crash' in his £100,000 Audi Q8 in Brescia



Former Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli has avoided serious injury after a major car crash in Brescia.

According to the Italian newspaper Fatto Quotidiano, the accident occurred in Orzinuovi, in Brescia, Balotelli's hometown, around 8.30pm.

Balotelli, who now plays for Turkish side Adana Demirspor, was back home as he recovers from an injury.

The 33-year-old reportedly lost control of his £100,000 Audi Q8 car crashed into a wall, with the impact of the collision forcing the air bags to go off.

Balotelli was attended to by paramedics after climbing out of his car and lying on the ground. The forward reportedly escaped serious injuries following the crash.

Sky Sport Italia reported that local police attempted give Balotelli a breathalyser test following the crash, which he refused.

This led to police confiscating Balotelli's driving licence.

His brother Enock Barwuah visited the scene of crash, after returning from training with his local team, and took him home.

Balotelli has been the subject of several controversies during his career, with the forward hitting the

headlines days after joining Man City in 2010.

The forward crashed his Audi R8 en route to the club's training ground and was found to be carrying £5,000 in cash at the time of the accident.

When police asked why, he reportedly replied: 'Because I am rich.'

Balotelli joined Adana Demirspor in September, signing for the Turkish club on a one year deal.

The striker has scored three goals in five appearances since joining the club.

The former Inter and AC Milan forward this week confirmed his ambitions to return to regain a place in the Italian national side.

'If I'm well, I still consider myself the strongest,' Balotelli told TVPlay.

'Did [Giacomo] Raspadori and [Gianluca] Scamacca play [against Ukraine]? How many shots did they take combined? Two?

'I want to recover and play for the national team. I always hope for the call.

'I met Spalletti and I've met him several times. We made some jokes when we met in a friendly with Napoli, but I have no relationship.'

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Jude Bellingham tipped by Louis Vuitton for a multi-million-pound endorsement deal

Jude Bellingham is wanted by Louis Vuitton for a multi-million-pound endorsement deal in the latest sign that the England midfielder has reached the ranks of the sporting megastars.

The luxury French fashion house only work with sporting icons — they ran an advertising campaign with Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo before last year's World Cup, following a campaign featuring Pele, Diego Maradona and Zinedine Zidane ahead of the 2010 tournament — and are now targeting the 20-year-old from Stourbridge.

Bellingham has a keen interest in fashion and wore a Louis Vuitton suit with flared trousers to the Ballon d'Or awards in Paris last month.

The former Borussia Dortmund starlet also attended the house's men's spring-summer 2024 fashion show in the French capital in June alongside his younger brother Jobe after taking part in the first batch of England's Euro 2024 qualifiers against Malta and Macedonia.

The Real Madrid star has yet to sign any personal endorsement deals other than his boot contract with adidas, although he did take part in a photoshoot for Gucci last year as part of their collaboration with the German sportswear company.

Gucci would also like to work with Bellingham again, but have already signed up his England team-mate Jack Grealish on a deal worth more than £1million.

The Man City man's seven-figure contract with the Italian house was signed in 2022 saw him join national team-mate Marcus Rashford - who is an ambassador for Burberry after signing a philanthropic partnership with the English brand - in expanding his brand into luxury fashion.

Erling Haaland is another of Pep Guardiola's Treble-winners to have



branched into fashion partnerships, inking a deal with Italian clothiers Dolce and Gabbana that was launched by his attendance at their Alta Moda fashion show in Puglia over the summer. Bellingham's pending endorsement deal is just the latest reward of the young talent's meteoric start to life at Real Madrid, which has seen the player secure LaLiga Player of the Month awards in August and October, and score 13 goals in 14 games.

Last month, Bellingham picked up the Kopa Trophy for most talented player under 21 at this year's Ballon d'Or ceremony, and in November, received the 2023 Golden Boy award.

After the international break, the midfielder will be hopeful of returning to match action after being sidelined with extended recovery from a dislocated shoulder.

Bellingham was called up by Gareth Southgate for England, but forced to return to Madrid to continue building back his fitness ahead of post-international ties against Cadiz on Sunday, and Napoli in the Champions League midweek.

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