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Heads of the security sector at the press briefing

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma
 The Inspector General of Police, William Fayia Sellu, has confirmed that the November 26th incident in Freetown was an attempted coup to unseat the democratically elected government of Sierra Leone. He made the confirmation at the Ministry of Information and Civic Education weekly press briefing where he stated that investigations are ongoing.

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Op-Ed The Salone I'll Remember Not To Forget

By Babatunde Ahonsi

As I end my tour of duty in Sierra Leone as the United Nations Resident Coordinator (UN RC), I can say that all things considered, I have far more to remember not to forget than to forget. The last 38 months did throw up multiple external shocks and a few unwholesome internal dynamics that adversely impacted Sierra Leone. But even with the grave breaches of state security on 26th November, these months have largely been a fruitful experience for me leading the UN country team in its efforts to support and accompany the country's quest for sustainable development and durable peace.

Borrowing in a flipped manner from the title of the 2013 poem, 'Always Remember to Forget' by Albashir Adam Alhassan, I am leaving Salone primed to always remember not to forget the critical building blocks that are being put in place that would help the country in the not-too-distant future realize its huge development potentials. This is partly because of the association of the United Nations with the molding of some of these building blocks. But far more motivating for me has been the role of the government and the good people of Sierra Leone in casting these essential building blocks for economic and social transformation. So, I'll always remember not to forget the following recent trends and developments that are likely to yield the country significant returns in poverty reduction, food security, social harmony, and national resilience.

First, elite consensus on the imperative of peaceful resolution of political and other grievances via dialogue has been further solidified by the 18th October 2023 Political Agreement for National Unity. This historic agreement which was signed between the main opposition party (APC) and the government after an internationally mediated dialogue to resolve the political impasse that followed the June 2023 general elections may be viewed as the manifestation of a deep conviction among Sierra Leonean leaders to never again resort to violence to resolve political differences and disputes. This can only be good for nation-building, social progress, and development.

Second, it would be hard to forget Sierra Leone's uniquely high level of inter-religious harmony and

tolerance. It is the only country among the nearly 50 that I have paid extended visits to where there are so many people bearing Christian-sounding names but are practicing Moslems, and so many people bearing Islamic names that are practicing Christians. It is also the only one where so many of its political leaders of the Christian faith regularly recite the basic Islamic prayer – the Al-Fathia – at public gatherings and so many political leaders of the Islamic faith regularly recite the basic Christian prayer – the Our Father – at public functions. When coupled with the country's high rate of inter-ethnic marriages, it is not surprising that many political analysts largely attribute the polarizing and divisive nature of politics in Sierra Leone, especially during elections, to the irresponsible exploitation and instrumentalization of latent primordial sentiments of ordinary people by leading politicians for electoral advantages.

Third, progress on the gender equality agenda in recent years has set Sierra Leone apart from countries in West Africa as a pacesetter in the empowerment of women and girls. I will always remember not to forget how through advocacy, technical assistance, and multistakeholder engagements, several UN agencies supported and worked with the government in its adoption of new strategies, programs, policies, and laws that are helping to advance gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE). In particular, the GEWE law passed in November 2022 has led to women constituting about one-third of the current cabinet and Parliament. More sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) cases are now being prosecuted with harsher penalties for perpetrators while one-stop centers have been established across six regions to better prevent SGBV and address the treatment, psycho-social, and justice needs of survivors. Also, capitalizing on the delivery infrastructure provided by the expanded educational system, most 10-year girls in Sierra Leone early last year received the HPV vaccine which will provide most of them lifelong protection against cervical cancer, a cancer that kills more women than any other cancer in Africa according to the WHO.

Fourth, continuing with the theme of health, how can I ever forget that Sierra Leone was one of the few countries in Africa that developed a

national COVID-19 prevention and control strategy even before its first case of infection was identified? When I resumed in Sierra Leone as UN RC in late September 2020 at the height of the pandemic there was widespread fear that the country would be decimated by very high rates of COVID-19-associated illnesses and deaths. In the end, due to the proactive multisectoral national response, the pandemic turned out to be less of a public health challenge and more of an economic adversity, with the country also being one of the first in West Africa to fully vaccinate more than 70 percent of the target population against the coronavirus. Added to the notable progress being made in significantly reducing pregnancy-related and early childhood deaths as well as massive expansion in access to basic and senior secondary education for Sierra Leonean children and adolescents (who represent more than 65 percent of the population), the emerging picture is one of notable enhancement of the human capital of the country that would surely propel its economic and social transformation in the coming years.

Fifth, the Salone that I'll always remember not to forget is the one with rich and spectacularly scenic natural endowments. It is a country literally awash with water bodies including 12 rivers and an extensive coastline, and a country generously blessed with wide lush green cover and stupendous biodiversity (albeit under severe threat by rapid deforestation). These two natural assets alone portend massive economic growth opportunities from eco-tourism and the blue economy if appropriately exploited and managed. Alongside its other impressive natural assets of precious metals, critical minerals, and solar endowment, there is clearly a pressing need to better use these huge gifts of nature to leverage climate finance and nature-based technologies and solutions to drive the country's quest for economic recovery and inclusive, green, and sustainable economic growth. The country must begin to systematically step away from merely exporting most of its natural resources cheaply as primary products. Hopefully, the government's flagship program - Feed Salone which seeks to simultaneously address food insecurity, malnutrition, unemployment, poverty, and climate change alongside the complementary Presidential Initiative on Climate

Change, Renewable Energy, and Food Security will help Sierra Leone make this sorely needed shift in its development strategy.

Sixth, I will certainly miss the dynamism and resilience of the youth, persons living with disabilities, and smallholder farmers across the country who are often not fully empowered as agents and beneficiaries of the development process. Sierra Leone must do more to support disability rights as an essential condition for upholding human rights, sustainable development, peace, and security. Similarly, the flagship Feed Salone Program will only yield a significant and sustainable impact if smallholder farmers are at its core. Further, with 15-34-year-olds representing a third of the country's population, Sierra Leone cannot possibly achieve its aspiration to become a middle-income country by 2035 without investing in the capacity, agency, and leadership of young women and men to collaboratively lead development efforts and to tackle other challenges that affect their lives including the escalating problem of substance (Kush) abuse.

Seventh, as a Nigerian married to a Ghanaian who has lived and worked in Ghana and has also traveled frequently to other West African countries, I have tasted a wide variety of jollof rice, including Sierra Leonean jollof rice. I was frequently put on the spot in the last 38 months by Sierra Leonean friends and colleagues to indicate which West African country offered the best jollof rice! So, I am glad to be moving to a country where I do not expect to be asked diplomatically delicate questions about jollof rice.

Finally, I will always remember not to forget the several stakeholders including development partners, NGOs, the mass media, the academia, youth groups, faith-based organizations, and private sector entities that collaborate with the UN in its support of the country's pursuit of necessary policy reforms to prevent its economic collapse and facilitate its return to the path of sustainable development. I am convinced that these joint efforts will yield even bigger and faster development gains for Sierra Leone if significant sections of the elite could become less motivated by selfish narrow interests, privilege the long-term over the short-term, look more inward than outward, be more patriotic, and act more consistently for the common good. In the final analysis, the future of Sierra Leone is in the hands of Sierra Leoneans.



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LOCAL NEWS

Aftermath of security breach: President Bio receives high-powered ECOWAS delegation

President Julius Maada Bio has received a high-powered delegation from the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS Commission and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria following Sunday's security breach and attack on the armoury at Wilberforce Barracks in Freetown.

The team, which included Nigeria's National Security Adviser, Malam Nuhu Ribadu, Nigeria's Chief of Defense Staff, General Christopher Musa, its Chief of Defence Military Intelligence, Major General Emmanuel Udiandeye and President of the ECOWAS Commission, Dr Omar Aliou Touray, had paid a solidarity visit to the

President.

The delegation conveyed a message of solidarity from the Chairman of the ECOWAS Committee of Heads of State and President of Nigeria, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, as well as that of the other ECOWAS Heads of State and Government.

It further reiterated the ECOWAS Member States' commitment toward preserving democracy and good governance across the sub-region while assuring of their readiness to work with the Government of President Bio



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He said they were currently embarking on a mopping up operation and have arrested some assailants. Minister of Information and Civic Education, Cherner Bah, said due to the incident on Sunday, a total of 14 officers of the Sierra Leone Armed Forces were killed, and that one police officer, one prison officer and three assailants, were also killed. He disclosed that 13 military personnel and one civilian have been arrested and currently being investigated. He further disclosed that the Sierra Leone Police has issued a wanted list of culprits, including former Assistant Inspector General (AIG) of Police, Alfred Karrow Kamara and former Minister of Trade and Industry, Ibrahim Washinga Mansaray. Chief of Defense Staff, Lieutenant General Peter Lavanhun, narrated that at around 2 to 3am on Sunday, some people attacked and broke into an armoury at the Wilberforce Military Barracks and stole some weapons.

He said during that process, firing

was exchanged in which one of the assailants was killed.

He said they have arrested the officer that was in charge of the safety of the armoury and he is currently being investigated.

He said the assailants also attempted to attack the Murray Town Military Facility, but were not successful.

He disclosed that during the process, one of the assailants was also killed with former President Ernest Bai Koroma's bodyguard, Leather Boot, arrested.

Acting Director General of the Sierra Leone Correctional Service Colonel, Sheikh Suliaman Massaquoi, said on the 26 November, the security of the Freetown Correctional Service was breached, and that 1,119 inmates at the Male Correctional Centre escaped while 100 female prisoners also escaped.

He said amongst the escaped prisoners, 144 male prisoners have returned to the facility, including famous musician LAJ, with 16 female inmates also returned to the prison facilities.

toward forestalling any future security occurrences.

Special envoy, Nuhu Ribadu said the Chair of the ECOWAS Authority, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, conveyed their deep gratitude to His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, for standing with the people of Sierra Leone, and for democracy. He also gave assurance that he would stand by President Bio and his people, adding that the deep friendship between Nigeria and Sierra Leone would continue as it had always been.

"President Tinubu is a life-long defender of democracy and will always stand by what is right. He will defend democracy, good governance, justice and freedom. The events yesterday have touched Nigeria directly. Nigeria is with Sierra Leone, ECOWAS is with Sierra Leone," he assured.

President of the ECOWAS Commission, Dr Omar Touray, renewed ECOWAS' condemnation of the security breach and appealed to the people of Sierra Leone to support the efforts of government to pursue and bring to justice those responsible. He reiterated the zero tolerance by ECOWAS for unconstitutional changes of government in the region.

"ECOWAS stands ready to support Sierra Leone's national security, including deploying a standby force if need be. I want to call on the people of Sierra Leone to be law-abiding. I will also appeal to the security forces to follow the rule of law and don't engage in witch-hunt. ECOWAS calls on all stakeholders to promote dialogue," he urged and entreated the government to ensure that security measures instituted did not infringe on fundamental rights and freedoms and did not impact negatively on national cohesion.

In his response, His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio welcomed the special envoy and ECOWAS delegation and conveyed warm

fraternal greetings to H.E. President Tinubu, Nigeria and ECOWAS.

"It is not surprising that Nigeria is here, and ECOWAS is here. This is not the first time. If Sierra Leone is a peaceful nation today, we owe it to Nigeria and ECOWAS.

"My government's commitment to democracy, justice, the well-being and safety of our citizens remains unwavering. Sierra Leone's leadership position in key institutions across the globe will be preserved. We are deeply thankful for the tremendous outpouring of support from key allies around the region and world. We shall continue to work towards preserving and promoting the priceless peace that we have enjoyed as a country since the end of our unfortunate decade-long civil war 21 years ago," he said.

"Some of us have fought for this country and must protect it. We have seen the consequences of war and when I see people creating the conditions for war, it saddens me. Ever since I won in 2018, it has been one issue after the other. We have made gains in so many areas despite the binding constraints we have been confronted with as a nation, including our deep-seated politics.

"My party campaigned extensively and won the 2023 elections, but when the results were announced, the main opposition could not accept it. We agreed to dialogue all in the name of peace, and yet again, they decided to cause mayhem. This is not the first time, they did it on August 10, holding weapons and killing police officers, and yet, called it a civil protest.

"Our combined forces, together with the good people of Sierra Leone, stood firm yesterday in defence of peace, stability and democracy. That is the legacy we must protect, and our national security matters most. The focus of my administration is food security, which is a development imperative," he concluded.



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BEYOND BORDERS

By Sulaiman Momodu

It's been a while since I last wrote an article on national issues. This article therefore focuses on Sierra Leone in view of the 26 November 2023 attempt to destabilize the state by gunmen for a nation that has experienced civil war, Ebola outbreak, a deadly mudslide, fuel tanker explosion, bloody protests - all leading to deaths. Well, as a tradition, in moments of crises, most of us usually run to God and raise up our very corrupt hands in prayers with promises to change our ways of doing things. Crisis over, back to business as usual.

As a journalist by profession and trained to be a skeptic or to question or investigate things, I have no doubt at all in the existence of God. The evidence is just overwhelming. Some people believe in witchdoctors or believe that evil exists, but they doubt the existence of God. What wisdom is this?

Amid the stench of corruption and greed, Sierra Leone could be lauded though for being a very tolerant country, religiously speaking. The current president and the main opposition leader for instance are both Christians and they even attend the same parish at Wilberforce in Freetown. Also, the spouse of the current president is a Muslim. Wartime late President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah was a Muslim. His late wife was a Christian. At most gatherings, we invite the presence of God through Muslim and Christian prayers. The question that begs for answers is - Why is a country that claims to love God having endless challenges?

The carnage of last Sunday personally brought back flashbacks of 25 May 1997. It was almost a replay with intelligence failure a contributing factor in both

Bombs and guns again: Talking about God, S/Leoneans, and the devil



tragedies. Instead of going to houses of worship on a Sunday morning, the capital woke up to sounds of gunfire and heavy explosions filling the air as bellows of smoke kissed the sky. I was staying at Fourah Bay College, so from Mount Aureol, we could see downtown Freetown on fire. Pademba Road Prisons was broken into and prisoners, including Major Johnny Paul Koroma, were freed. Then newly elected President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah was overthrown as he fled to neighbouring Guinea. Johnny Paul Koroma became the junta leader as more chaos ensued when insane Revolutionary United Front rebels high on drugs were invited to apparently create mayhem.

I had just covered the presidential elections as a very

young Northern region correspondent for the Concord Times Newspaper based in Makeni and relocated to Freetown when the 25 May 1997 coup took place, and the country subsequently became a slaughterhouse.

I am currently living beyond the shores of the country. Am I usually surprised by the disturbances back home? Absolutely not! I grew up in these disturbances, largely rooted in lame leadership and which hugely influenced my decision to enter journalism with the strong belief that no harm would befall me. With the word "fear" not existing in my dictionary, as a youngster, I covered the civil war for both the local and international media and naturally came into conflict with the warring parties and the authorities in Freetown who had a penchant

for minimizing the truth and giving ridiculous false hopes of security to the people with deadly consequences. I was a wanted journalist but saved by grace. When the war officially ended, I took a break from mainstream journalism with a promise to return in future.

After years of serving in various countries, in 2019, I returned home, but I intentionally decided to stay clear of partisan politics. I set up Beyond Borders Media with a vision to contribute to the peace and development of the country through service with integrity from the lens of God's Word. What did I discover? The root causes of the war remain pervasive, and most people still do things in a fashion that would shock even the devil. Accountability is appalling, integrity is dead, we beg instead of demanding for our rights, services are pathetic, corruption is systemic, most people in positions of trust and service see themselves as lords and behave with unbridled arrogance, the political atmosphere is toxic etc. Perhaps, the only area we have made ludicrous progress over the years is the burning desire to be heard on radio or seen on television to bamboozle or deceive the public. The questions? What's the relationship between Sierra Leoneans and God, or with the devil? Do most Sierra Leoneans have a short memory? Have we suddenly forgotten that many people, including UN peacekeepers, lost their lives for the country to enjoy peace? What's going on in the country, who is responsible, and what's the solution? James 3:16 says, "For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice." (To be continued)

LOCAL NEWS

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), with funding from the European Union and Irish Aid, has successfully facilitated the return of 107 Sierra Leonean immigrants from Niger.

The 107 immigrants include 68 men, 25 women and 13 children- 8 girls and 6 boys.

Two of the children had already lost their parents to maltreatment in foreign land.

Addressing the returnees at the Freetown International Airport, Lungi in the Port Loko District, the Commissioner for the National Commission for Social Action, Ernest Mbaimba Ndomahina expressed his delight that the migrants made it home safe.

He promised that the government together with development partners will work to ensure that the lives of the returnees are transformed through skills training.

European Union Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Manuel Müller said they were aware that the migrants

went through a lot during their stay in Niger hence they supported the IOM for to bring them back to their homeland.

He advised them to keep the faith that everything is going to be alright with them.

"I am confident that you are going to have a better life in Sierra Leone. We have done great things to ensure that you are brought back into the country. You now have a new chance to rebuild your lives," he said.

Head of IOM in Sierra Leone, Christos Christosdoulides, said the integration process will start and asked the migrants to be patient.

He encouraged them to serve as ambassadors and discourage other Sierra Leoneans that might want to embark on such journey, not to do so because it is a risky journey through which many people have lost their lives.

Minister of Social Welfare, Melrose Karminty Minister, said government cares for its people, that was why they were doing everything possible to keep them safe.

She advised them to engage in

IOM facilitates return of 107 Sierra Leonean migrants



meaningful things and not to join those that are already drug addicts. Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs, Lusine Kallon said IOM and partners have supported skills training for young people in the country, just to discourage them from embarking on such risky journey.

He said a school has been constructed in which the government will be paying fees and giving allowances to young people who want to acquire skills training, adding that government was doing that because they want to develop the middleman

power in the country.

Abu Bakarr Kamara, one of the returnees, said they appreciate the effort of IOM, EU, Government of Sierra Leone and partners for facilitating their return to Sierra Leone.

He said they went through maltreatment and hell whilst in foreign land, adding that some of them spent months in prisons and many of their brothers and sisters who could not bear the sufferings died in prison.

YMCA engages youth on 2nd quadrennial business meeting

By Mohamed J Kargbo



Stakeholders & participants posed for photo

Young Men Christian Association, a non-government organisation in Sierra Leone, (YMCA) had on Saturday, 25th November, 2023, at the Freetown City Council Auditorium, engaged youth and stakeholders on their 2nd quadrennial business meeting with the theme "Utilizing the power of young people to deliver

socially relevant programmes."

The main objective of the meeting was to produce the report of the current chairman whose term in office is coming to an end and for them to know the way forward for a new elected chairman and his executive.

They were also there to inspire the youth on how they can grow their entrepreneurship mindsets.

Delivering his keynote speech, chairman of the organization, Aiah Hindolo Kpakwa, said their organization is a non-governmental movement that is helping young people in Sierra Leone.

He said they have engaged in so many programs to boost livelihood in the country, citing education, support to slums communities and agriculture.

He said they believe in lifting young people to grow and that they wanted to see young people attain higher heights and support themselves.

He said the organization has branches in 23 locations in the country and that such makes them capable of doing what they were doing to help young people.

He said their support is not only limited to men but women too, adding that the meeting was for him to give account of his stewardship since he took office till date.

He said the organization's supports come from the little contributions made by people, partners and their membership.

Adrian Collins, President of the Africa Alliance of YMCA, expressed his delight to be in

Sierra Leone, to witness the meeting and commended the chairman and his executive for a job well done.

He said YMCA Sierra Leone and the Africa Alliance of YMCA have a great partnership and that he was in Sierra Leone for the second time after being elected as president for four years, to witness the meeting.

He said Sierra Leone has always supported Senegal to boost livelihood of young people.

Mr. Collins concluded that the annual meeting is an act of good governance and that they must be grateful for it.

He said with good leadership he has seen so many changes since his last visit in the country and thanked the leadership in Sierra Leone.

The Western Regional Chairman, Percy A Nicholson, expressed his profound gratitude for all the delegates that made it far to come to the heart of Sierra Leone to witness the annual meeting.

He also commended the branch coordinators for keeping their branches alive because it's not easy, adding that they were able to achieve so many things because of their effort.



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LOCAL NEWS

Tourism Ministry, agencies hold civic education and investment workshop for diaspora Africans

The Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, the National Tourist Board (NTB) and the Monument and Relics Commission (MRC) have held a civic education and investment workshop for Africans Americans tracing their roots to Sierra Leone. The workshop which was attend by MDA's and the Private Sector was held at Country Lodge, Hotel in Freetown.

Giving the purpose of the gathering, the Administrative Manager of the MRC, Ann-Marie Kamara said the essence was to expand on the knowledge of Diaspora Africans on the authentic history of Sierra Leone and identify possible areas of investment. She said the workshop was also about telling them the do's and don't's, know more about their ancestors, the opportunities available to them and to encourage them to come home and connect with their families. The Commissioner and Chairman of the Monument and Relics Commission, Joseph Kaifala centered his contribution on the causes and trends of slavery. He mentioned that Sierra Leone was the true hub for African emancipations, hence it is but prudent for Diaspora African to contribute to its development.

The Director of Culture, Foday Jalloh explained the ethic dynamics of Sierra

Leone, its rich cultural history and heritage. He noted that Bunce Island is the most significant Island in sub-sahara Africa with regards slavery and was the place of no return. He commended the Africans American for tracing their roots and return to Sierra Leone as their home. "Sierra Leone is recognized for strength in diversity and am craving on your indulgence to heave on the call to be true Sierra Leoneans", he concluded.

In her statements, the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Dr. Khadijatu Grace Ahene Kamara took the African American on a journey back to their roots and the rich cultural heritage of Sierra Leone and the African American community. She explained that the country is an eclectic mix of both regional and international influences that is home to a great diversity of ethnic groups whose distinct cultures contribute to the richness of the Sierra Leonean culture. She maintained that the potential of their tourism development as a nation are enormous and they are expanding on the foundation already laid by putting meaningful policies and strengthening professional institutions for promoting inclusive



growth and diversifying economic activities through product development.

She mentioned that they have received over 350 Diaspora Sierra Leoneans that have contributed immensely to the economy of Sierra Leone. She called on them to be positive ambassadors for the rebranding and promotion of Sierra Leone's heritage and culture with a continental and global mindset.

Interactive presentation sessions by MDA's and private sector institutions

on business models and possible areas of investment was part of the event.

Closing the session, the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Nabeela Tunis applauded the diaspora Sierra Leoneans for coming back to Sierra Leone, she encouraged them to not only gain the citizenship but to contribute to the growth of the nation. She presented certificate of participation to all the African Americans in appreciation for their contributions during the workshop.

Security guard remanded for alleged theft

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Alusine Tarawally and Musa Kamara made another appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road No.1 for alleged larceny.

The first accused was remanded at the Male Correctional Centre at Pademba Road while the second accused was put on bail.

The accused persons were standing trial on two count charges to wit conspiracy to commit a crime and larceny contrary to the laws of Sierra Leone.

When the charges were read to the accused persons in their first appearance in court by the court registrar, they pleaded not guilty to the allegations.

Police alleged that on diverse date 4th September 2023, at Sunlight Trading Company Warehouse, Ferry Junction in Freetown, the accused persons conspired with unknown persons to commit a crime to wit larceny.

It was also alleged that on the above date and place in Freetown, the accused persons stole six rolls of sisal fiber valued Nle 1, 79, 00,10

cartoons of Anti Termite Vakade valued Nle3,971,00, 4 roll of proms cables valued Nle 3,977,00, 3 rolls of 6mm cables valued Nle4,44,00, 4 rolls of 4mm cables valued 3,977,00, 211 cartoons of Diapers valued 95,906,00, 120 bottles of campari valued Nle 27,765,00), 6 bottles of cosilero wine valued Nle 60,7,00,60 bottles of Jack Daniel Whisky valued Nle 21,996,00, 96 bottles of Black Label valued Nle47,766,00, 6 bottles of African Passion Wine valued 456,00, and two thousand seven hundred and eight four quarter rods valued Nle 26,00,all to the total value of Nle 281,152,00, property of Sunshine Trading Company.

When the matter was mentioned in court, the state prosecutor sought for an adjournment date because of the absence of her witness in court.

The first accused was not represented by any legal counsel and no bail application was made on his behalf.

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



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Items	Deadline to request the ToR	Deadline for the submission of Proposals	Tender reference
Provision of Human Resource Information System	24 th November 2023 - 1600hrs GMT	28 th 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 / turay.mohamed@mariestopes.org.sl

Completed documentation should be submitted in soft copies to procurement@mariestopes.org.sl.

You must submit your proposal on or before 28th November 2023



Invitation for Bids

Procurement Number: RMFA/PDC/001/2023

Date of First Issue: 24th November, 2023

The Pujehun District Council has received funds from the **Road Maintenance Fund Administration (RMFA)** and intends to make eligible payments under these Contracts for the Construction of Single Box Culverts along Fonima to Kapasagbo 1.9km Feeder Road, Kapasagbo to Ngollahun 3km Feeder Road Galliness and Kpaka Chiefdom, Ngollahun Kpaka to Combama 2.9km Feeder Road and Combama to Sonbuya 2.9km Feeder Road in Kpaka and YKK Chiefdom in Pujehun District

[Insert brief summary or list of the required goods, works or services]

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Pujehun District Council acting on behalf of **Road Maintenance Fund Administration (RMFA)** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the feeder road as follows:

LOT #	SCOPE OF WORKS	LOCATION	CHIEFDOM	ROAD LENGTH	BOX CULVERT PER ROAD	BID SECURITY
1	Construction of Single Box Culverts	Fonima to Kapasagbo Feeder Road	Galliness	1.9 km	3	3,700.00
2	Construction of Single Box Culverts	Kapasagbo to Ngollahun Feeder Road	Galliness and Kpaka	3km	3	3,700.00
3	Construction of Single Box Culverts	Ngollahun Kpaka to Combama Feeder Road	Kpaka and YKK	2.9km	3	3,700.00
4	Construction of Single Box Culverts	Combama to Sonbuya Feeder Road	Kpaka and YKK	2.9km	3	3,700.00

Bidding is open to all interested Bidders who hold valid certificates from Contractors Registration Board of Sierra Leone.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document from the **Office of the Procurement Officer, Pujehun District Council, Jah Street Pujehun, Southern Province, Sierra Leone** between 9: 00am – 5: 00pm (*Sierra Leone Time*) from Mondays to Fridays.

Bidding document may be purchased and collected by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of SLL500.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Leones). Bids must be delivered to the **office of the Procurement Officer, Pujehun District Council, Jah Street, Pujehun, Southern Province, Sierra Leone** to the address below on or before 10:00am, Friday 22nd December, 2023

All bids must be accompanied by:

- * A Copy of valid and up to date National Revenue Authority Tax Certificate
- * A valid and up to date National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) Clearance Certificate
- * Copy of valid Business Registration Certificate
- * A valid and up to date Local Council registration Certificate
- * Evidence of similar work

Bids will be opened on **22nd December, 2023 at 10:30 am (Sierra Leone Time)** in the presence of bidders' or their representatives who chose to attend at the **Council Hall, Pujehun District Council, Jan Street, Pujehun, Southern Province, Sierra Leone**. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Procurement Officer
Pujehun District Council
Jah Street, Pujehun
Southern Province, Sierra Leone
076-788-125

Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Leones (Le 500.00) into any of the below listed accounts

Bank: Rokel Commercial
Account Name: Pujehun District Council Revenue Account
Account Number: 105302208
BBAN: 002010002530220839



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Recruitment of National Consultants for Sierra Leone's Fourth National Communications (NC4)

Procurement Number: EPASL/CCS/GEF/RFP/010/2023

Date of First Issue: 20th November 2023

National communications documentation is one of the obligations of non-Annex 1 to the UNFCCC to be prepared and submitted. Article 12.1 of the UNFCCC requires a party to also collect national Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventories to be included in the national communication report.

In view of this, the Environmental Protection Agency is seeking 5 consultants/experts for the various thematic areas of the project.

1. The **Chief Technical Consultant** will serve as the National Coordinator who will coordinate the activities of the consultants for the thematic areas of the project and finally compile the NC4 document. (**Duration: 60 working days**)
2. One Lead consultant for each of the GHG sectors as follows:
 - v Energy Sector - (**Duration: 50 working days**)
 - v IPPU Sector - (**Duration: 50 working days**)
 - v AFOLU - (**Duration: 30 working days**)

v Waste Sector - (**Duration: 30 working days**)

Interested consultants who wish to apply may obtain further information in the terms of reference (TOR) may visit the Agency's website through (www.epa.gov.sl) or link at (<https://epa.gov.sl/news/request-for-proposal-for-the-recruitment-of-national-consultants-for-sierra-leones-fourth-national-communications-nc4/>) or visit the EPA Head office at 92 Dundas Street, Freetown.

Technical and Financial proposals **must be delivered to the address below on or before [19th December 2023] at 2:00 pm**

WOMEN ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

Executive Chairperson
Environment Protection Agency-SL;
2nd Floor
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Freetown- Sierra Leone



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Office of the Representative

Vacancy Announcement - National Project Personnel - National Project Coordinator (2303494)

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

To achieve its goals, FAO cooperates with thousands of partners worldwide, from farmers' group to traders, from non-governmental organizations to other UN agencies, from

development banks to agribusiness firms (further and more detailed information on FAO can be found on the internet site: <http://www.fao.org>).

FAO herewith invites interested applicants to submit application online for:

National Project Personnel

Details of the vacancy announcement can be accessed through the URL below:

https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2303494&tz=GMT%2B01%3A00&tznname=Europe%2FBerlin

The closing date for receiving applications is 30 November 2023

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Reference Number: IOMSL/ITB/11/2023

SALE OF USED VEHICLES

Prepared by

*International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Mission in Sierra Leone*

18a New Signal Hill Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

29/11/2023

Instructions to Bidders

Section A: General

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental partners. With 174 member states, a further eight states holding observer status, and offices in more than 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

The IOM Sierra Leone Country Office Asset Disposal Committee (ADC) now invites interested bidders to submit bids for the sale of vehicles (as-is).

The items are available for viewing at the IOM 18a New Signal Hill Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	6 th December 2023 at 16:00hrs WAT
Method of Submission	<p>Bids must be submitted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <p>Bid submission address: proloesi@iom.int copying anduneu@iom.int</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File Format: PDF File names must be a maximum of 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from the Latin alphabet/keyboard. All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. Max. File Size per transmission: 5MB in total Mandatory subject of the email: The proposer should receive an email acknowledging email receipt. The Bidder shall complete the Bid form and the appropriate price clearly indicating vehicle the bidder is bidding for. The bid form should have the bidder's Name and contact number (cell phone). The bid form can be found under Section C of the Instruction to Bidders (below).
Assets Viewing dates and times	STRICTLY from 30 th November 2023 to the 5 th of December 2023 between 2:00 p.m. –4:00 p.m. West African time (WAT) (Excluding the 2 nd and 3 rd of December 2023).
Viewing location	18a New Signal Hill Road, Freetown Sierra Leone
Cost of Preparation of Bid	IOM shall not be responsible for any costs associated with a Bidder's preparation and submission of a Bid, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.
Eligibility	Bidders shall have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract with IOM, or through an authorized representative.

Currency of Bid	Quotations shall be quoted in Sierra Leone New Leones (SLE)
Language of Bid	English
Documents to be submitted	<p>Bidders shall include the following documents in their quotation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bid submission form duly signed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business License/National ID/Passport
Bid validity period	Bids shall remain valid for Forty-Five (45) days from the deadline of Submission.
Payment Terms	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% upon signing the deed of Sale
Clarifications	Requests for clarification from bidders will not be accepted any later than 3 days before the submission deadline. Responses to requests for clarification will be communicated through email by 30 th November 2023
Evaluation method	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The best price offer shall be awarded
Right not to accept any Bid	IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to cancel the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to the disposal, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for IOM's action
Type of Contract to be Awarded	Deed of Sale
Expected date for contract award.	18 th of December 2023.

Section B: List of Assets in Lots

Lot Number	Item Description	Unit	Quantity
01.	Toyota L/Cruiser	Pc	1
02.	Toyota Prado	Pc	1

Section C: Instruction to Bidders

Bid Form/ Offer Form			
Bidder's Name:			
Contact Number:			
Date:			
Lot Number	Item Description	Unit	Price Offered in SLE
<p>Hereby I certify that I am offering the above price for the above item knowing that it is sold on the basis of as-is, where-is, and in case of winning, I will pay the amount within seven (7) days of notification.</p> <p>Please ensure you enter the above details fully. Forms with missing information will be waived.</p> <p>Signature of bidder:</p>			



DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES

Disposal Number: RCBSL/ADMIN/NCB/2023/001

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF UNSERVICEABLE VEHICLES

Rokel Commercial Bank, Sierra Leone Limited is in the process of disposing of unserviceable vehicles to tenderers and now invites sealed quotations for the disposal of:

No	DESCRIPTION	REG.NO	QTY	LOCATION
1	NISSAN MINI VAN	ANL 121	1	Siaka Steven Street
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5	TOYOTA 4 RUNNER JEEP	AOT 099	1	Siaka Steven Street
6	GREATWALL JEEP	ANJ 396	1	Siaka Steven Street
7	GREATWALL JEEP	ANJ 397	1	Siaka Steven Street
8	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER JEEP	AKY 696	1	Siaka Steven Street

Interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the vehicles at the address below between 10:00am to 4:00pm on 30th November 2023. Tenderers are to pay NLe 100.00 at the procurement unit, 5th Floor, Wilberforce Street Branch, Freetown as non-refundable fee to inspect the vehicles. This is an "as is" sale and vehicles will be "sold as seen" to the highest tenderers.

Quotations must be delivered to the address below on or before 13th December, 2023 at 12.00 Noon.

Quotations will be opened on 13th December 2023 at 12.00 Noon, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who may attend and collect the vehicles immediately after read out price and payment received. Late tender will be rejected and returned unopened.

Quotations should be marked with vehicle description and Registration Number.

Rokel Commercial Bank Sierra Leone Limited
25/27 Siaka Steven Street
Freetown.

Advert for an Independent Administrator (IA) to Produce SLEITI 2022-2023 EITI Report.

1. The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) - Office of the Vice President has received funds from the Government of Sierra Leone towards the cost of hiring an Independent Administrator for production of the 2022 -2023 EITI Flexible Report and intends to apply a portion of this funding to eligible payments under this Contract, reference number **OVP/SLEITI/CON/2023/001**

2. The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) - Office of the Vice President now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services: Independent Administrator for 2022 -2023 EITI Flexible Report. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference in RFP

3. **MODE OF APPLICATION** - To apply for this consultancy assignment, the Consulting Firm/ Team **must purchase a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe500.00 (Five Hundred Leones) to the Bank Account at the following banks:**

1. Bank of Sierra Leone
Siaka Stevens Street
Freetown, Sierra Leone
Account Name: NPPA – Revenue from the sale of bidding Documents
Account No.: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165

2. Union Trust Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of bidding Sub Treasury

Account No: 210113253-01
BBAN No: 00-4001113253120144

3. Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of bidding Sub Treasury
Account No: 003001081791112183

4. Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name: Revenue from sale of bidding Sub Treasury
Account No: 02-011012428
BBAN No: 002001002101242863

Proposal must be delivered to the address below on or before **12:00 Noon, Thursday, 30th November 2023**. All Proposal must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A valid Business Registration Certificate
2. A valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate
3. A valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
4. A signed Integrity Pact (Section VIII- PAGES XX of bidding document)

Bids will be publicly opened on **Thursday, 30th November 2023**, at 12:00 Noon in the **Conference Room of the Office of the Vice President, State House Avenue, Tower Hill, Freetown.**

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INT'L SPORTS

Trent Alexander-Arnold has signed a £26million boot deal with adidas, joining the likes of England and Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham in signing up to the sportswear giant on a multi-year contract.

Liverpool's vice-captain, who scored at Manchester City on Saturday, was spotted wearing a pair of old-school style, unreleased adidas Predator boots. It ends a long-standing deal with Under Armour, who Alexander-Arnold has been with since he broke through as a teenager.

The American firm tried to keep Alexander-Arnold as one of their athletes - with him being the global face of their soccer campaigns - but the 25-year-old was tempted by adidas's lucrative offer, with them offering him a central role as one of the faces of their brand.

German manufacturer's adidas see Alexander-Arnold as one of the biggest stars in football, with him likely to eventually take over from Virgil van Dijk as Liverpool captain. They will use him in a big

Trent Alexander-Arnold signs £26MILLION contract with Adidas

marketing push.

Alexander-Arnold, who has worn Predators since he started in the academy aged six, is set to make a windfall of €30m for the commercial deal over the multi-year contract, and will get his own signature range with adidas that could provide further royalties for the England star.

In a promotional video, Alexander-Arnold explained that he always wore Adidas boots as a youngster and was inspired by Liverpool's incredible triumph in the 2005 Champions League final, when they came from 3-0 down to beat AC Milan on penalties.

Steven Gerrard, a key figure in Liverpool's incredible comeback against Milan, wore Predator boots.

He said: 'Whenever I had the ball at my feet, I made sure I had those boots on. Istanbul was what really inspired me back then. That



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game, those players, the boots, someday.'

Those boots never left my bag. I guess I always knew I'd be back

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

Alejandro Garnacho: Has Man Utd winger already won goal of the season?



“I don't think I've ever been in a stadium where I've seen an overhead kick that good... and I was there for Wayne Rooney's against Manchester City.”

High praise indeed from Gary Neville, but deservedly so as Alejandro Garnacho scored one of the great Premier League goals in Manchester United's 3-0 win at Everton.

The 19-year-old Argentina winger met Diogo Dalot's cross in the third minute at Goodison Park from about 15 yards out and unleashed a stunning overhead

kick into the top corner.

“I can't believe it to be honest,” he said afterwards. “I didn't see how I scored, I just listened to the crowd and said 'oh my God!'.”

Former Everton midfielder Leon Osman, summarising on BBC Radio 5 Live, said: “It was a jaw-dropping moment. Everybody was just stunned by seeing a goal of that quality.”

“It wasn't just the finish which was remarkable but the whole move, back to front, cross-field pass, good touch,

underlapping run, cross to the far post then that moment.”

Ex-United captain Neville, on Sky Sports, added: “That is a magical, magical goal. We will see that a few times this season. That is one of the best you will ever see.”

“I can't believe it. I don't think it can get any better in his career in terms of a goal. Absolutely spectacular, a world-class moment.”

“I've never seen an overhead kick goal as good as that. He has to step metres away from goal, shuffles his feet and lift himself into the air. I've never seen a goal like it.”

Spare a thought for Michael Olise.

On Saturday, the Crystal Palace winger scored a fantastic goal against Luton Town, running down the right wing, cutting in and curling a stunner into the far corner.

“It's got to be up there,” said Gary Lineker and Alan Shearer on Match of the Day as they discussed whether it would be goal of the season.

“It will take some beating,” added Lineker.

That beating would happen about 22 hours later and unfortunately for Olise, his strike is not even goal of the final weekend of November.

United boss Erik ten Hag told BBC Sport: “The finish was incredible, it was world class. We are early in the season but already it's the goal of the season.”

However his manager says Garnacho

has some way to go to be the finished article.

“It's not the first time we saw this, we have already often seen glimpses, but if you want to be a player like Wayne Rooney or Cristiano Ronaldo you have to score 20 to 25 goals in the Premier League each season,” he said.

“That's not easy to get, you have to work hard, you have to go in areas where it hurts. So there's a lot to come. But he has potential.”

Red Devils captain Bruno Fernandes called it “superb”. “It was something amazing and I have no words to describe it. It is out of this world. Special from a special kid,” he continued.

John Murray, who has been a BBC Radio 5 Live commentator since 1997, said: “Memories there of some of the great goals that we've seen scored.”

“I'm thinking Mark Hughes, I'm thinking Wayne Rooney, the famous goal that he scored in the Manchester derby, that was right up there with that. “It was acrobatic, spectacular, I think it's one of the best goals I've seen live.”

Where does Garnacho goal rank among overhead kicks?

We will keep the definition of bicycle kicks fairly liberal so nothing gets ruled out on a technicality.

Here is a list of a few we like. You can rank them below but you might need to find footage of some of them elsewhere to make an informed opinion.

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