Crisis in NW, SW:

Controversy surrounds Viettel Group’s rice donation to gov't

By Doh Bertrand Nua

The Minister of Territorial Administration, MINAT, Paul Atanga Nji, on behalf of government, Friday November 19, 2021, officially received 100 tonnes of rice (2,040 bags), donated by Vietnamese Company, Viettel Group, to assist Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, in the conflict-hit North West and South West regions.

Viettel Group was represented by its official, Tran Hoang Amh.

Controversy has, however, surrounded the real intentions behind the assistance from the Viettel Group. The controversy follows long-standing battle between a local Company, BESTCAM and VIETTEL GLOBAL, two shareholders of VIETTEL Cameroon SA., over ownership of NEXTTEL, one of the subsidiaries of VIETTEL GLOBAL.

Many observers have begun asking questions over what could have motivated the company to make the gesture.

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Tussle over ‘revenue’ collection: Bui Amba ‘General’ at daggers drawn with fleeing No Pity

By Deng Eric

The bad blood between two frontline separatist fighters, the self-styled Major General Insoibu and Clement Mbasi known as General No Pity, is reported to have reached the level of kill and take the head.

The duo is said to be at daggers drawn over control of separatist hideouts in Bui division in the restive North West region.

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For endless service to humanity:

Weligene Mokwe wins prestigious Focus Africa Female Ambassador Award

By Doh Bertrand Nua

Weligene Mokwe Nkeng, Founder/Coordinator of Wелигенс Mokwe Foundation, has been handed another international recognition for her immense contribution and service to community in Cameroon and Africa at large.

The journalist was conferred the special title of “Focus Africa Female Ambassador,” from Focus Africa Series. It is one of Africa’s top leadership, business, and entrepreneurship platform established with a vision to not only encourage dedicated entrepreneurs thriving in several industries but to celebrate leaders with milestone achievements.

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Teks Global stages Groundbreaking Investor’s Summit in Buea

By Mua Patrick Mughe

Leading Agro Consultancy, Investment and Multi-Level Marketing Company, Teks Global & Value Chain Services, has staged a groundbreaking investor’s summit which grouped hundreds of participants.

The crowd-pulling event was staged in Buea, South West region, yesterday. Several young people from across the country took part in the life transforming get-together.

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Far North:

UN Disarmament Affairs envoys hail functioning of Fai Yengo-led DDR

By Doh Bertrand Nua

Visiting officials of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA, from New York, USA, have expressed satisfaction with the functioning of the National Committee for Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration, DDR.

The team took delight in the achievements of the Fai Yengo Francis-led institution in handling ex-Boko Haram combatants in the Far North region and repentant separatist fighters in the troubled North West and South West regions.

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France, gov’t seal deal to foster agric ecosystems, rural dev’t

By Cyprian Ntiamba Obi Ntu

France has sealed a deal with government to provided financial and technical expertise to enable Cameroon manage agricultural ecosystems and advance rural development.

The agreement was signed Friday, November 19 in Yaoundé. The Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, MINEPAT, Alamine Ouamne Mey signed for Cameroon while French Ambassador to Cameroon, Christophe Guiblou signed for France.

The Ambassador assured that FEXTE, (Fonds d’études et d’expertise technique), who will handle the project is an instrument proposed by French ministers of finance and Europe and Foreign Affairs.

FEXTE works in collaboration with three other French programmes – the debt relief and development programme, C2D, PCP-AFOP, PCP-AEFA and TRANSAGRI.

Ambassador Guiblou said, these programs have come up with a study that aims at promoting the development of agricultural ecosystems in Cameroon and speeding up rural development.

The three programmes, the Ambassador said are now sources of pride for Cameroon-France relations. He noted that in the entrepreneurial development of local agriculture in particular dates back to several decades.

After more than 12 years of operationalisation of the C2D programme, Ambassador Guiblou said 200 billion FCFA has been invested by France to develop the agric sector in Cameroon.

The Ambassador equally referred to the programme to step up professional training of Cameroonians, PCP-AFOP which he said has helped to provide top quality training to not less than 122 training centres and schools across the country.

He disclosed that, ten thousand young men and women have benefitted from such training so far while specifying that at least 7,000 youth had benefitted from French help to startup businesses.

“The Food and Agriculture Organisation, FAO last year published a study showing that the French AFOP programme is an example of profitable investment in developing human capital in the agric sector in Africa as a whole,” the Ambassador disclosed.

Minister Alamine disclosed that, going by the agreement, France would provide funding to the tune of 200, 000 Euros; which is about 131,000,000 FCFA.

The money is for FEXTE, the French Development Agency, and Groupe AMBRE Conseil-Initiative France, to carry out feasibility studies in the agric ecosystems and rural development dimension in Cameroon.

The MINEPAT boss, recalled that the launching of the second phase of vision 2035 in 2020 known as the National Development Strategy, NDNS, a game-changing transition of agriculture and accelerated rural development have been placed in central focus.

Douala Port Authority wins 100 BFCA asset management dispute

By Cyprian Ntiamba Obi Ntu

The Douala Port Authority, PAD has is reported to have emerged victorious in a dispute over asset management valued at over 100 billion FCFA.

The company is said to have been battling over the asset with Douala-based consultancy firm ATOU.

Observers say it is a big win that now allows PAD to manage the multi billion assets previously owned by the national office of Cameroon ports known in the French language as, office national des ports du Cameroun, ONPC.

On November 17, the PAD announced on its official website that the two decisions issued by the Ministry of State Property, Survey, and Land Tenure on November 16, 2021, transferring the residual assets of former state corporation, ONPC to the Port Authority of Douala is now going to be implemented after a crucial court case.

The decisions by the PAD, officials say represent an important victory against consulting firm ATOU that has been managing the residual assets of several former state firms; the ONPC included, since 2006.

Despite instructions from the President of the Republic to transfer ONPC’s residual assets to the PAD, ATOU is reported to tried to cause the courts to order a reversal.

The latest attempt to hinder the outcome of the Presidential decree is the petition ATOU sent on November 8, 2021, to the Littoral Administrative Court.

It was said to be an attempt to obtain the cancellation of a decision of Mbah Acha Rose Fondumand, Minister Delegate at the Presidency of the Republic, in charge of Supreme State Audit.

Mbah Acha had in a recent decision prohibited ATOU from “signing or taking any action relating to the management of the residual assets of the former ONCPB, ONPC, and Regfracem until further notice”.

This petition did not stop Finance Minister Louis Paul Motaze from mandating Debt Recovery Agency SRC to manage those assets estimated to be worth over 100 billion FCFA.
Controversy surrounds Viettel Group’s rice donation

While some pundits see it as a ploy by the Viettel Group to be in government’s good books so as to carry out other investment projects, others consider it as a well-calculated attempt to lure government to seize the company from BESTCAM’s owner, Baba Ahmadou Danpullo, and hand to them.

At the peak of the fierce battle, there was an alleged attempt to hold-up VIETTEL Cameroon SA. The rumours at the time followed recommendations of the inter-ministerial working group that was set up on instruction from the Prime Minister, Chief Dr Dion Ngute, to find lasting solution to the crisis.

Rumours, however, spread during that period, indicating that VIETTEL GLOBAL was reportedly scheming to offer 35 million FCFA to a top government official to have the company seized from Baba Ahmadou Danpullo.

Such controversy came to the limelight once again over the weekend when the 2,040 bags of rice, coincidentally Global had reportedly embarked on charm operations.

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MINAT boss, Atanga Nji, & Viettel Group representative at the rice donation ceremony

Danpullo, it should be said, is a philanthropist and unshakeable supporter of the Yaounde regime. He handed 100 million FCFA to assist government fight the COVID-19 pandemic alongside other uncountable show of gen-

erosity through his companies.

El Hadji Baba Danpullo, a die-hard Biya regime sup-

port, is noted for being the number one Cameroonien who is always contributing several hundreds of millions to the CPDM, during national elections.

MINAT boss hails Viettel Group for rice donation

Speaking at the reception of the gifts from Viettel Group, the MINAT boss, Paul Atanga Nji, expressed the gratitude of President Paul Biya to the donor. He described the gifts as timely and a welcomed gesture which, he said, goes a long way to bolster efforts put in place by the government on the instructions of President Biya to manage victims and those affected by the crisis.

“This is something which shows that the world has become a global village and that people are concerned with difficulties in other places of the world,” Atanga Nji stated.

He used the event to hail moves that have so far been put in place by government, under the aegis of President Biya, to handle the crisis.

“I think President Paul Biya has managed the crisis as an experienced politician. He put in place the humanitarian plan of action to assist the IDPs in the North West and South West regions,” Atanga stated.

He urged his collaborators to ensure that the gifts are distributed only to the target beneficiaries from affected regions.

“The Head of State instructed that the 100 tonnes of rice should be distributed equitable; 50% to North West and 50% to South West…that it should go to those who are needy. This rice is going to touch all the seven divisions in the North West and the six divisions in the South West regions," he stated. He expressed satisfaction for having executed the high instructions of President Biya.

Bui Amba 'General' at daggers drawn

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ing, is purely linked to the money which these armed fighters exhort from the same population they claim to be fighting for.

Insobu who commands fighters in Bui, is reported to be uncomfortable with the presence of ‘General’ No Pity, in what he considers is area of command. No Pity is reported to have moved to Bui, after the military launched a manhunt for him and his fighters, following a deadly attack on the country’s defense and security forces that left 15 soldiers dead in Bamessing in September this year.

His stay in Bui is said not to have gone done well with ‘General’ Insobu who has’nt digested the fact that No Pity, who hails from Ngoketunjia, has been interfering in his operations and wanting to oppose some of his actions. There are reports of No Pity objecting to the exploitation of the population through the demand for financial support, sometimes at gun point.

The tense between the two, analysts say, is heightened by the money revenue collection and management as well as attacks on some Amba camps by Insobu and fighters loyal to him.

No Pity has settled in Bui at a time there has been infiltrating among various groups of Ambazonia fighters in the division and the fact that he opted to call for a united front, angered Insobu.

‘General’ Insobu and his boys are said to have attacked the fighters of ‘General’ No Pity, on November 12 seriously injuring three of them.

The two frontline armed men however later sued for peace, and on a picture that circulated on social media, both were seen holding a peace plant.

Peace path crumbles

No sooner than the two frontline Ambazonia fighters sued for peace, things went sour again. ‘Major General’ Insobu is said to have mobilised the population to stage a protest march demanding that No Pity leaves the Nso land. Videos of placard-carrying children, women and men, surfaced on various social media platforms on November 19, with the protesters asking ‘General’ No Pity, whom they call a stranger, to leave. “No to General No Pity,” reads one of the messages on the placards.

‘General’ No Pity, alongside other Amba ‘Generals’ and ‘Commanders’ in Bui who appeared in a series of short videos that went viral during the early hours of yesterday, casti- gated what they said was manipulation from some of their leaders in the diaspora.

...I am a freedom fighter. No amount of money you send for the purchase of guns can buy my life nor the life of any of these fighters here. You people should stop manipulating us. One of you, Elvis, called Insobu to go and mobilise the population to march against me...”

“He, Insobu, calls me a stranger in Nso because he thinks that he is from Nso, but let me make it clear to everyone…I’m not a stranger in any place that I go to...” ‘General’ No pity warned.

Insobu asked to apologise or face the music

Other frontline Ambazonia fighters in the videos who identified themselves as Mad Dog, A2 and Capon, accused ‘Major General’ Insobu of being power drunk and attacking other fighters. They warned that there will be darker days ahead for Insobu if he continues with his acts.

“We cannot deny that Insobu has not been our leader, but from his acts here in Bui, we don’t need him again. We are not afraid of him. We are saying that either he apologises or we fish him out from where he is. If we want ed to kill him we would have since done so. There are eight fighters lying in hospital who have been shot by Insobu and his boys. We cannot continue to allow him rule us this way,” a fighter who referred to himself as ‘Commander’ A2.

The fighting and disagreements among Ambazonia fighters in Bui, is not the first among armed men in the two English-speaking North West and South West regions. Such infiltration in the past has led to the death of several of the fighters.
Dictatorship and democratic backsliding in Africa, especially in the Central African sub-region that hosts the world’s longest-serving leaders, is no longer "an African problem", US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, asserted in an address at the headquarters of the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS, in Nigeria, last week.

He was on the second lap of his first African tour, which kicked off in Kenya. Blinken’s speech, in which he also announced a planned African summit, is indicative of President Joe Biden's more proactive involvement in the promotion of democracy in Africa to pre-empt violence and military coup d’etats that are gradually reemerging.

He noted that Heads of State in Africa had been toppled at least four times this year.

"Governments are becoming less transparent," he said.

"We see this happening across Africa-leaders ignoring term limits, rigging or postponing elections, exploiting social grievances to gain and maintain power, arresting opposition figures, cracking down on the media, and allowing security services to enforce pandemic restrictions brutally," Blinken added.

He had earlier met with Nigerian president, Muhammadu Buhari, on Thursday in Abuja, Nigeria’s capital. Agence France Press reported that they discussed domestic and regional security, democracy, democratic backsliding in West Africa and Nigeria’s handling of anti-police brutality protests last year.

Blinken later said during a joint news conference with Nigerian Foreign Minister, Geoffrey Onyeama, that authorities should "hold accountable any of those responsible for human rights abuses, and to do that again in full transparency".

His trip to Senegal, which was more of business than diplomacy given that there are dozens of American companies in the country, which is the only Francophone country whose airline has a direct flight to the United States.

Blinken’s trip to Africa, as he explained, anchored on three issues relevant to the continent and more specifically to countries that rig elections.

He said: "... to make progress on the issues that matter most, we just can’t be engaged with government, and government can’t do it alone. Community groups, faith groups, human rights defenders, journalists, others, are a critical part of the equation and essential to the progress that we all want to see made”.

The first issue that matter, according to him, is "freedom of expression, access to information, (which) are key to democracy. We all know that. And a lot takes place online and on our social media. But across the region and around the world, these forums can also be used to spread misinformation, hate, and even incite violence," he said.

Secondly, he said: "When it comes to keeping our democracies healthy and vibrant, we know how important it is to actually keep young people engaged and make them feel that the system is theirs to shape, and that it's actually responsive to what they care about, to their futures and to their aspirations”.

Thirdly, he added, is "accountability" especially in investigating human rights violations for which governments should "take measures to address the alleged abuses, as well as the grievances of victims and their families”.

Blinken noted that such reports are "critical, but what counts as much and even more is whether there's action that follows those reports".

How does Cameroon rate in the three issues that are key to the democratisation process? Does the government involve the youth in the electoral process, when the voting age is raised to 20 instead of 18, which is the universal standard? Has Cameroon heeded the American advice to use an inclusive dialogue without conditions to end the conflict in the North West and South West regions? Isn't it because of the CPDM regime's failure to fully embrace democracy that the American chief diplomat did not make a stop in Cameroon despite Yaounde being a key partner in the fight against crimes in the strategic geopolitical Central African sub region?

The Americans have warned against democratic backsliding in the continent, which promotes violence and even the military straying into a domain it is alien to.

For the fraternity of authoritarian regimes, their boast would be that they are sovereign and no one should interfere with their "internal affair".

But in the world of superpower rivalry for influence, the Americans determine their interest, one of which is the promotion of democracy and human rights, which very often do not fall within the sphere of "internal affairs".

Biden’s new African policy should therefore be a wakeup call for dictators to adjust in the interest of democracy and peace, given that violence in Africa often has its repercussion sprawling to other parts of the world in the form of migration and refugees.

SW governor lauds credit union for employment drive

The Governor of the South West region, has, through the Secretary General at his office, lauded the initiative of the Director General of ANCCU Cooperative Credit Union.

Speaking at the event, the Secretary General at the South West governor’s office, Gilbert Acha Nkwenti, said: "The ANCCU Cooperative Credit Union should be a credit union for the poor, the needy and the average with the renowned digitalised platform for the promotion of the South West region, and Cameroon at large”.

The creation of the category one microfinance institution, according to the representative of the governor at a time of socio-economic drought in the region, will help foster the growth of youthful talents.

According to Acha Nkwenti, the credit union is in line with President Biya’s vision to provide employment for young qualified Cameroonians given the visible rise in economic activities in the region.

"The socio-political situation of the South West Region gives it a special consideration with regards to economic activities such as financial institutions. It is therefore a laudable venture, much appreciated at a time when there is visible rise in the trend of economic life in the region and a conspicuous return to normalcy. It is in line with the Head of State’s vision to promote young enterprises such as the ANCCU Cooperative Credit Union, as well as promote the activities of youth. Such establishments go a long way to provide employment opportunities for many of our qualified youth and therefore promote development," he said.

He therefore charged the management of the nascent financial institution to offer the best financial services and contribute to the enhancement of mutual benefits," he said.

On his part, the Director General of ANCCU, Ambe Nickson Che, said the goal of the institution is to help young Cameroonians create impact by enabling youth to have access to finance.

"As a microfinance institution, I call it the innovative microfinance of our generation, which is not just out to provide only microfinance services, but a more innovative way, giving opportunities for youth, trying to build their ideas to have access to funds. We are seeing how we can change because we are trying to provide very low interest rates for our loans and project funding we give out to individuals and institutions," he said.
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By Doh Bertrand Nua

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Santa is contained in a release they recently issued. The declaration on the airwaves of Santa:

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Douala:
Organisers, participants laud success of International Investors Forum

The closing ceremony of the forum, which took place November 18 in Douala was characterised by general appraisals as organizers, sponsors, partners and participants took turns to applaud the success of the forum.

The third edition of the forum was organised by the Cameroon Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Crafts, under the patronage of the Minister of Mines, Industries and Technological Development Guina to Cameroon.

It was held under the theme ‘investment recovery after the covid-19 health crisis, mechanism and support tools’.

The forum, which ran from November 16 to 18, served as a platform for exchanges amongst business promoters through B2B meetings, investors and project bearers, help project bearers gain access to finance from targeted funding structures, signing of Memorandums of Understanding, MoUs amongst business cooperatives, exposure of products made in Cameroon and the presentation of the official digital platform.

According to the organisers, the official digital platform, www.2icameron.com, was created to enhance access to public, private project bearers and provide financial institutions with a practical relevant tool for identifying and selecting investment projects seeking funding.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, Hon. Christophe Eken, president of the Chamber of Commerce, lauded the turnout of participants and expressed gratitude to all who made the forum great.

Increased participation

Hon. Christophe Eken noted that the edition’s participation doubled that of the last edition despite the challenges if COVID-19 pandemic.

There was an increased flow of participants as compared to last year," he said.

He equally called on all Small and Medium Size Enterprises, SMEs, not to undermine their contribution to the economy by the words that describe them, SMEs, and see the chamber of commerce as their open door to growth.

"SMEs contribute to more than 40% of the Cameroonian economy. Thus, don't feel small by your description, consider the chamber of commerce as a safe house to which you have the keys," he continued.

According to the president of Chamber of Commerce, for SMEs to obtain funding, they must boast of at least 30% of funds before seeking from financial institutions. He said there is need to go through the phases of experience and have a good business plan. He also laid emphasis on the importance of developing the agricultural sector, which is the “bedrock of the Cameroonian economy.”

Rebecca Mfonjda Esomba, Director of Cabinet at Brasseries Du Cameroun, said “It’s the responsibility of the company to accompany youth in entrepreneurship via financing of projects for the growth of the Cameroonian economy.”

At the end of the exchanges participants commended organisers for the impact felt. Fadoul Sultan, president of the Chadian League of Small and Medium Size Enterprises, hailed the Chamber of Commerce’s initiative and expects more in the fourth edition.

"I am very happy to have been part of this forum. Just like in my country, Chad, we work to promote youth entrepreneurship. We are going to copy from the good examples learnt here and apply them during our own symposium, which we are planning to organise in months to come," he noted.

Fadoul called on the Cameroon government to invest more on the youth as a means to take Africa and the central African sub-region out of poverty.

The next edition of the International Investors Forum has been scheduled for 2023 and organisers hope to increase the turnout in participation from 600 to the thousands.

"Charles Akoh, Director of Communication at the Chamber of Commerce told reporters: "This year, we are impressed with the turn of participants. It further goes to explain that project bearers need symposiums like this. The Chamber of Commerce is glad to have them. We hope participation will increase from 600 to thousands in the next edition".

"It has been an overall success for this edition; many came and they concluded on deals. We are happy to accompany the government towards emergence,” he added.

MTN Cameroon to empower subscribers with titled plots of land

Telecommunications giant, MTN Cameroon, has declared that subscribers will have an opportunity to win a plot of land every week, following the launch of their end-of-year festivities.

Addressing the press in Douala on Friday, the company revealed that the promotion that started on November 19, will run till February 15, 2022. All MTN users have to either buy a bundle of 250FCFA minimum or make a mobile money transaction of 5,000FCFA minimum. They will be able to receive instant bonuses after each transaction, one titled piece of land every day, one smartphone every hour (between 8a.m.-10p.m.) and a surprise prize at the end of the promotion. The instant bonuses will come through an SMS immediately the client does a purchase. The instant bonuses will come through an SMS immediately the client does a purchase.

These bonuses, after being activated on a specific code, will run till midnight same day. All winners of smartphones will be notified every hour through an SMS. For the piece of land, eligible persons will participate in a televised draw every Friday on MTN Cameroon Facebook page at 9p.m., to see if they are the lucky winners.

MTN Cameroon Chief Marketing Officer, Raoul Mezi, explained that some 92 parcels of land have been set aside for these draws. Forty pieces of these lands are located in Bankomo, Yaoundé, while 50 others are found around the Kendeck area in Douala. Once declared winner, MTN will give the customer a letter of commitment and a promise of purchase signed by the Notary, meanwhile MTN will handle all formalities and fees until the winners obtain their land.

According to MTN Cameroon Director of Communication, Claudette Yougang, the campaign aligns to the unbeatable campaign launched by the company earlier this year, to bring value to customers tight up with repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are coming from the unbeatable campaign. The unbeatable campaign concept was launched because we wanted really to convey a message of resilience to each Cameroonian. This is because we are coming from a period where the COVID-19 pandemic really threatened our way of living. We wanted to let every Cameroonian know that despite the challenges of life, they were unbeatable,” Yougang said.

“Beyond being unbeatable, it was important that we help each Cameroonian to be a master of their own destiny. What better way to be a master of their own destiny than to own a piece of land,” she added.

To remain unbeatable, just as MTN, the CEO of MTN Cameroon, Stephen Blewett, said although the company does business, it wants to bring value to customers. He added, is why they choose former Indomitable Lions captain, Rigobert Song, to be the face of the campaign.

MTN always celebrates with its customers at the end of every year. The company recently put out vehicles and millions of FCFA to subscribers in another end-of-year campaign.
Campaign against Intestinal worms:
Over two million children to be de-wormed in four regions

By Morine Tanyi

At least 2.3 million children would be dewormed in four regions of the country in the next two months. This is within the context of the second phase of the National Campaign to Fight Intestinal Worms.

It targets school going children and non-school children between the ages of 5 and 14 years.

The campaign was launched November 18 by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Public Health, Prof Nyock Louis Richard. It was in the presence of the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Basic Education, Dr Asheri Kilo. The ceremony was staged in Bertoua, East region.

The four regions concerned are: East, Littoral, West and South regions. The campaign which is already underway would end December 31.

Speaking at the ceremony, Professor Nyock said intestinal worms affect more than 10 million Cameroonians. He detailed that this disease is mostly due to poor hygienic conditions which causes stunted growth or a decline in intellectual development.

“Thanks to the National Programme to Fight Intestinal Diseases, the government can now boast of having achieved a successful treatment which has passed from 170,000 people treated in 2006 to nearly 11 million in 2020. This has led to a drop of 90% of prevalence of intestinal worms and 70% for bilharzia in all regions,” the official noted.

The national de-worming campaign plans to cover the 10 regions of the country. The first phase of the campaign according to organizers took place in the months of May and June. The phase covered the Centre, North West and South West regions wherein over 2, 4 million children benefitted from the campaign.

The last phase of the campaign is scheduled to start in March 2022 and will concern the Adamawa, Far North and North regions. It targets over 3 million children. Launched in 2020, the National Campaign against Intestinal Worms targets a total of 7.2 million children between the ages of 5 and 14.

Festive season:
Iziway Cameroon to boost sale of locally made products

By Brenda Kiven

Cameronian e-commerce startup, Iziway, has launched an end-of-year promo, to encourage Cameroonians to buy safely, quality products at moderate prices on their platform, as a means to boost this domain.

During a press conference in Douala on Friday, leaders presented contents of the start-up and announced their end-of-year Black Friday campaign, during most sales will be done at moderate prices. To prepare subscribers for a happy end-of-year feast, they are bringing Made In Cameroon products to reach households in no time.

“2022 is on the horizon and it is already an opportunity for us to reassure our partners and also welcome the new brands of the Made In Cameroon label the year, placed under the sign of continuous innovation,” Iziway management said.

The founder of Iziway, Guy Talom, explained that after the fall of Jumia, they nursed the start-up and launched it on December 18, 2019, to fill this gap and lead the growing market.

So far the platform has more than 700 registered sellers, more than 200 delivery points distributed in several cities of Cameroon and over 150,000 monthly visitors. It also boasts of over 25,000 subscribers on Facebook.

At its inception, the challenge faced by the platform was the fact that a large number of Cameroonians are yet to adapt to the online shopping experience.

“Our goal will also be to reassure the fact that we at our level have put in place protocols not only to check the conformity of the products sold, but also to return the product once a customer is not satisfied,” the CEO assured.

In 2021, the start-up affirmed, the public was more and more receptive to the experience of shopping online due to the quality of products delivered to their doorsteps at a short time.

Present in nearly 30% of the national territory, Iziway Cameroon is extending its strategic partner network in the regions with the objective of serving isolated areas where access to quality goods and services is still problematic.

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Take notice that pursuant to the ruling of the president of the MEZAM HIGH COURT IN SUIT NO.HCMB/81/MC/2019 delivered on the 4th day of November 2021 by justice CHING TONG GANG wherein the court pronounce the forfeiture pursuant to article 270(3) of the OHADA uniform act on simplified recovery and measures of execution against the judgement debtors and ordered for publication for the auction sale and fixed a new date for same.

They shall be Public Auction sale of immovable property to wit:

Urban built on estate situated at MBOMASA- Mankon in Bamenda II Sub Division with area of 857 square meters covered by land certificate No: 8362 Vol. 42 Folio 5 of Mezam belonging to MICHAEL MMADU EGBI/ALAM placed as collateral for loan owned. National Cooperative Credit Union Ltd (NTACCUL).the said land having a house on it.

DATE AND PLACE OF SALE

The sale shall take place on the 10th day of December, 2021 before the Mezam High Court beginning at 9:00clck.

RESERVED PRICE

Total: = 33,000,000 (THIRTY THREE MILLION) FRs CFA

Sale to the highest Bidder with 25% of the reserve price to cover registration.

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Gov’t publishes 2019 report guaranteeing transparency

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Wall Street Journal that the government has published Cameroon’s 2019 report on the extractive industries sector guaranteeing that henceforth, transparency will remain the watchword.

The exercise, which is due to be completed Monday November 19 in line with the dictates of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), takes place every two years. Cameroon EITI Committee gave him maximum cooperation to make the publication.

Sixteen years after that adhesion, Minister Ndoke who is also vice Chairman of the Cameroon EITI Committee, said he never worked within such a tight and demanding schedule. Apart from the delays caused by COVID-19, the Minister said they were forced to produce the reports of 2018 and 2019 this year due to delays linked to the pandemic. The 2018 report was published in June this year.

Minister Ndoke, lauded. “Louis Paul Motaze, Minister of Finance, whom he said in his capacity of Chairman of the Cameroon EITI Committee gave him maximum cooperation to make the publication.”

“IT was an audacious commitment we took with the international EITI; which thanks to the cooperation of all actors and stakeholders we were able to deliver as promised,” Minister Ndoke stressed.

He also recognised what he said was the exceptional work done by consultants. Minister Ndoke assured Cameroonian that work will be done in 2021 to produce the 2020 report. The 2022 report, he also assured, will be handled with the same expediency so that the drawbacks that hindered early publication of the 2018 report do not happen again.

EITI’s contribution to budget

Minister Ndoke stressed what he said was the continuous increase in revenue contributed into the state coffers by the extractive industries sector.

The event coincided with the 5th anniversary of Teks Global, an organisation founded in 2016.

Addressing a teeming crowd yesterday in Buea, the Chief Executive Officer, CEO of Teks Global & Value Chain Services, Teke Samuel, said the organisation is a community project and not ordinary business.

He challenged participants: “If you are here, know that the time may come when you will be called up based on your commitment”.

He said: “It’s my earnest desire that this meeting ends with a lot of hope for the future…”

While entreating participants to be creative and daring in their exploits, Teke Samuel told them of the vision behind the creation of Teks Global.

He said the organisation was formed to ensure financial freedom to our members, investors and farmers, while playing our role towards global food security and economic progress.

“The whole idea for Teks Global was not to do investment, but to train people on agriculture, to sell their products, they consume the money. That is why the idea of empowering them came into play,” he stated.

“It is our desire that everybody becomes financially free,” he said while insisting that “financial freedom is not your ability to buy, but to eat when you are hungry. It is beyond that. It is not your ability to have money when you are in the hospital…”

He assured that the organisation in the agriculture is not realised, then we are not realising our dreams. If we are not adding value to people, there is no sense, then we are not achieving our dreams. So anybody coming to Teks Global, there must be a kind of value that will be added into your life.

We do not only train you to make money and eat, you have not fulfilled the mission of the organisation,” he added.

“We all have to learn to love one another. We must embrace this. At Teks Global, we engage all of our investors and staff into serious training on love, sustainability and leadership. Every investor got to know all of these values. They must be restated before stating: “The moment you decide not to grow, that is the moment you start dying. That is one thing which is constant in life. It is either you grow upward or backward. If you do well, you will grow upward, and you don’t do well, you will grow backward. So all of us have to be thinking how we grow from here”.

Teks Global in a nutshell

Teks Global & Value Chain Services Ltd, it should be said, is an Agro Consultancy, Investment and Multi-Level Marketing Company with headquarters in Buea.

The Company was founded in 2016 by Teke Samuel, a Serial Investor, Consultant, a Disruptive Innovator and Nation builder.

Teks Global is officially registered in Cameroon’s Ministry of Trade as of November 2017 with registration number TPRR/RC/LBE/2017/B/0291.

The group has subsequently expanded to four countries, including the United States of America, Nigeria, Turkey, South Africa and recently Equatorial Guinea.

Frustrated with the challenges facing the farmer in Africa, Teke Samuel decided to venture into a sector that most youths wouldn’t want to venture into, that is agriculture.

He wanted to solve the basic problems an average farmer in Africa is facing, lack adequate knowledge on the chosen field of agriculture, farmer’s lack of finances and markets for their farm produce and products.

As a young man, Teke Samuel wondered what it takes to be financially free.

The said thoughts inspire his writing of a book titled: “The Billionaire Mindset”. As a critical thinker, Teke Samuel wondered why no major successful Multi-Level Marketing company is run by an African.

“After promoting many of the schemes from Europe, Asia and America, it was time in Africa to have something of pride, a company that put the average African farmer in a company that would guarantee his people financial freedom, dignity and pride,” thus the birth of Teks Global and value chain services Ltd.

For over five years, Teks Global has built a formidable network around the world with a membership force of over 35 members, a network of National and International Partners, six companies as offerings including, SHEP Academy, Global Insights Ltd, Tekstedia, Teks Global Foundation, Global Janitorial Services and Global Resources.

At five, Teks Global is stronger and step fully into the Processing and Transformation phase. The mission of Teks Global is to ensure financial freedom to its members, investors and farmers while playing a role towards global food security and economic prosperity.

With the vision to become one of the leading agricultural investment companies through its project innovation and value service delivery, the group focuses on agricultural-based businesses in order to ensure food security to the world and to transform the agricultural sector of Africa to a mecha- nised one. There was the examination and adoption of the programme plan for the coming sessions of the committee. Last but not the least was the examination and adoption of the chrono-
gical activities to sensitise the public on the EITI and com-
minate in the short term, the work plan of the committee.

The validation also assesses the impact of the EITI on the population, the implementation of activities encouraged by the EITI standard, lessons learnt in EITI implementation, as well as any concerns stakeholders have expressed and recommenda-
tions for future implementation of the EITI to achieve better results.

The minister also elaborated on the three phases that the international secretariat uses in the data collection process before validation. These include ‘desk review’ during which the secretariat conducts a detailed scrutiny of the available documents as they relate to a country’s compliance with the EITI standard, with the committee members contacting the team from the international secretariat on a regular basis.

The third phase of the process, he said requires the secretariat to report on progress against requirements. Here, based on the consultations made, the international secretariat prepares a report making an initial evaluation of progress against require-
ments in accordance with the validation guide.

The last stage of the validation process according to the Minister is a final review carried out by the board. Here, he said the validation committee members proceed to review the valida-
tor’s assessment and any feedback from the multi-stakeholder group. Finally, the validation committee makes a recommenda-
tion to the EITI board on the country’s compliance with the requirements as well as corrective measures if necessary.
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This was during the 2021 Focus Africa Ambassador ceremony that took place in Abuja, Nigeria, recently.

The event set to award and recognise prominent individuals for their remarkable contributions to the growth of their community, country and Africa at large.

The merited recognition to Welisane comes to add to other national and international accolades she has been receiving recently. Welisane Foundation has since 2018, been impacting countless lives through the activities of the foundation.

Walisane Foundation, it should be said, is a non-profit organisation which seeks to address issues that affect and block the girl child and women from advancing in society to reach their utmost capacity.

Visibly overwhelmed with the recognition of her modest contribution to better the lives of girls across the country, Welisane, in a statement, thanked her family, friends, the foundation’s core team, volunteers, partners, sponsors and her Facebook family for their support and encouragement.

“I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been recognised for service to my community and to have made Focus Africa Female Ambassador. We were unavoidably absent in Abuja, Nigeria, but we will like to seize this opportunity to thank Focus Africa Series,” she said.

Walisane has dedicated the award to her late mother, Lenya Julia Bane, who she said, inspired her to be giving back to community and impacting lives.

“I dedicate this award to my darling Mum...everything I am and have, is thanks to your resilience my Angel. Together let’s continue to share little acts of kindness and support each other,” Welisane said.

Walisane the multi-award winner

Walisane, who doubles as Global Goodwill Ambassador, GGA, and World Pulse Ambassador, has through works, received several other recognitions from the country and beyond.

Earlier this year, Welisane Foundation won the “2020 Gender Empowerment Award,” from The Guardian Post. She is also winner in the Merck Recognition Award that took place in the United Arab Emirates.

Support to underprivileged pupils, students, needy

Walisane, through the foundation’s “One Child, One Book” programme has unveiled a 20 million FCFA project to assist internally displaced pupils and students as well as the needy in the South West region.

The project has bolstered and amplified the foundation’s “Back-to-school” campaign as it smiles on the faces of thousands of internally displaced pupils and students at the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

Walisane and partners, notably from United Action for the Underprivileged Children under the “One Girl One Dream” project, donated didactic materials to pupils and students.

Through the gesture, parents of some 3,100 girls who didn’t have the means to provide their needs were assisted with didactic materials including books, bags, pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, mathematical sets, erasers among others.

The foundation also paid the tuition fee of countless girls just like it has done in the past three years. This, in addition to its three-year scholarship to outstanding girls, direct financial aid to beneficiaries at Secondary, High School and University levels.

Sanitary kits to 1,000 refugee young girls, women

In May 2021, Welisane led an initiative which was dubbed International Menstrual Hygiene Coalition which drew on board partners from across the world to donate sanitary kits to over 1,000 Cameroonian young girls and women who have fled the armed conflict in the North West and South West regions to live as refugees in neighbouring Nigeria.

As General Coordinator of coalition, Welisane descended to Adagom Refugee Camp in Nigeria and donated 1,000 reusable pads to Cameroonian refugees as well as commemorated the 2021 World Menstrual Hygiene Day for beneficiaries.

Fight against breast cancer

Walisane has over the years successfully organised “breast cancer awareness walks”. The foundation launches a month-long sensitisation yearly from October 1-30. She has also supported women diagnosed of the disease by taking care of their bills and providing them general care/treatment.

Fight against teenage pregnancy

Among several things done, for young girls in the country is her relentless fight against teenage pregnancy. Through the foundation, Welisane has annually piloted a programme dubbed ‘Vacances Sans Grocse,’ aimed at reducing teenage pregnancy throughout the national territory.

Walisane has the initiative sensitised many young girls on the dangers of early pregnancy and prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among others.

This, observers say, has greatly contributed to reducing the number of pregnancy cases hitherto recorded during the long holiday periods.

Empowerment of young girls

Walisane, through the foundation, has put in place what is termed the “One Girl, One Dream” project. Under the project, young girls are identified within communities and empowered with skills that make them to become economically viable.

This is so because Welisane believes in teaching underprivileged persons how to fish and rather than constantly providing them with fish.

The gender advocate who also doubles as United Nations Global Sustainability Leader and a Malaria Ambassador, has incessantly challenged young girls and women to believe in their dreams and fight to becom what they wish.

Support to women with grants

Aside supporting young girls, Welisane has through the foundation supported several women with grants to be able to start a livelihood with as little as 50,000 FCFA in order to enable them assist their husbands by engaging in any income generating activity. This, she believes, would render them autonomous and useful not just to society but to their homes. This, to Welisane, prevents women from only relying on their husbands for every little that they might need at the level of their homes.

Empowers Alma Mater

Walisane has been described by many as one who doesn’t forget her roots. It is in this light that she in December 2020, organised a symposium on the theme: “Gender and Entrepreneurship,” for students of her alma mater, the International Relations Institute of Cameroon, IRIC.

Through the symposium, she shared knowledge on contemporary issues related to gender equality and entrepreneurship. She urged students to be brave, risk takers, think out of the box, and to be innovative in order to become excellent entrepreneurs and be part of the decision-making process in society.
Tiko population celebrates mayor Mesoso’s open-door policy

By Noela Ebob Bisong

The population of Tiko municipality has commended the open-door approach embarked on by the Mayor, HRH Chief Peter Ikome Mesoso, in running the affairs of the Council.

During the official launch of the participatory public consultation for the 2022 budget for the Tiko Council, which held November 18, a massive population turned out to honour the Mayor’s call for them to join hands and seek better ways of developing their community. The event, organized by the Council in partnership with its development partners, was under the theme, “A budget by, for us and with us.”

The consultation was chaired by the Divisional Officer, DO, of Tiko subdivision, Voh Burkame Kawa Armstrong, bringing together stakeholders and citizens of all walks of life in the municipality.

Launching the event, Voh Armstrong said it gives each and every actor the opportunity to contribute towards the development of the municipality, urging the stakeholders to criticise objectively and positively contribute to the formulation of policies. He also tasked them to suggest major projects to go under the Public Investment Budget and not such to be decided at the level of Yaounde, which often doesn’t tie with the immediate needs of the people.

According to the Mayor, the gathering was in line with the State’s policy to accelerate the decentralisation process as enshrined in Section 374 (2) and section 40 of Law No. 2019/024 of 24/12/2019 on the General code of Regional and Local Authorities.

Mesoso urged every inhabitant of the municipality to bring up possible suggestions to drive their development ahead. “As citizens of the municipality to take our destinies in our hands. Deliberations that will be said here today will go a long way to determine the fate of our municipality tomorrow and in the years to come, it will also serve as a barometer for posterity to measure our devotedness in ensuring a better future for them,” he said.

Mayor Mesoso intimated that the process of citizen participation falls under four key components, including the Communal Development Plan, CDP,

Foundation urges population to stop stigmatising persons with HIV/AIDS

By Shing Timothy

The population of Mutengene in Fako Division of the South West region has been challenged to stop stigmatising persons who are living with HIV/AIDS.

The caution was made by Agnes Fombang, President of the Nyongndifon Foundation.

She said that on Saturday November 20 during the official launching of the Nyongndifon Foundation, a civil society organisation, which, she said, will focus on working with persons living with HIV/AIDS, internally displaced persons, widows, orphans and single mothers.

“The Nyongndifon foundation is well diversified with many activities and objectives; supporting orphans, widows, single mothers, people living with disabilities and people living with HIV/AIDS. The foundation aims at helping people in the South West region facing the various situation. We focus on HIV/AIDS because of the stigmatisation attached to it. We have a goal to prevent future positive cases, while managing the ones we have now,” Agnes Fombang explained.

The medical professional said it was pass the time when HIV/AIDS was seen as a death sentence. This, she said, can be seen with the fact that currently, 29 patients are more at risk of dying than persons living with HIV/AIDS.

“So, I want the foundation to go out there and fish people living with HIV/AIDS and tell them that it is not a death sentence and they should live their lives to the fullest. Let’s hold their hands and tell them, they are fine. We will work to help them,” she said.

“COVID-19 has proven that if you are living with HIV/AIDS, you even live a longer life. We want to get to those who have been abandoned, more especially in areas affected by the ongoing crisis,” Fombang noted. She continued that the foundation will seek funding and resources to help people facing stigma or living with the virus.

“I know of a medical doctor who used to come to Cameroon, but Cameroon now is a no-go area because of the conflict. But my priority now is to get to them and tell them they aren’t dying because they don’t want to be killed. I am here, send me and I am ready to go,” she said, adding, “Together with my team and give the persons living with HIV/AIDS the help they need,” she said.
Vaccine hesitancy blamed on gov’t’s unaccountability

By Macwalter Njongeh

Government has been blamed for Cameroonian’s hesitancy in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. According to a civil society organisation, Action for Development and Empowerment, ADE, the lack of transparency and accountability in the management of the COVID-19 funds has caused the population to distrust the government and thus unwilling to receive the jabs.

This was disclosed during a Coalition Meeting on “Gauging the transparency of COVID-19 incidence management response in Cameroon” organised in Yaounde November 17.

The meeting was aimed at raising awareness on the current situation of transparency and accountability mechanisms regarding the use of COVID-19-related funds, the state of primary healthcare and the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in the country.


Speaking during the event, ADE Executive Director, Ndii Nancy Saiboh, explained that Cameroonian lack trust in their government as far as COVID-19 is concerned and its management. This, which said, could partly be accountable for vaccine hesitancy witnessed since the arrival of different COVID-19 jabs.

“If we can say that people are reluctant to take the vaccine it is because they don’t trust the government. The government needs to be transparent and accountable so that the citizens can believe in it and go for the vaccines,” Saiboh told the press.

According to her, a study carried out in some 18 hospitals and primary healthcare services across five regions of the country shows the dire need of basic services to adequately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The major findings we realised in the grassroots communities is that in some hospitals or primary healthcare, access to water is very difficult. You cannot have a health service and there’s no water,” she said.

“Electricity was another challenge in all of the 18 primary healthcare services we visited in these five regions… they don’t even have generators and we are tempted to ask how they ever store COVID-19 vaccines,” Ndii Nancy explained.

The civil society activist urged “government to make sure that this primary healthcare services have the basic needs such as beds, refrigerators for the COVID-19 vaccines so that citizens will be encouraged to take the vaccines”.

‘cTAP forges for transparency, accountability’

According to the organisers of the coalition meeting, the cTAP project seeks to sue for transparency and accountability in governance.

“We have noticed that the citizens no longer trust the government. So, we want to accompany and not to fight the government. This is because we feel that transparency and accountability are the concerns of citizens and we need to get involved and ask questions,” she said.

She added that: “What we do at cTAP is visualise information gotten from grass-roots communities. That is why the second coalition meeting was all about sharing information we got from the research we did on the state of primary healthcare services in Cameroon”.

The studies were conducted in five regions notably North West, Far North, East, South and Centre regions.

“I’m calling on young Cameroonians that it is our duty to ask pertinent questions, it is our duty to ensure that this country runs smoothly. I want them to also know that accountability and transparency lead to sustainable development. Without accountability, there cannot be peace and there will be poverty because there are funds that are being misused,” she added.

Limbe:

MPs resolve to press gov’t fast-track SONARA’s rehabilitation

By Noela Ebong

Some members of the National Assembly have resolved to unite efforts and press for government to prioritise the rebuilding of the country’s lone Oil Refinery, SONARA.

The MPs, who are members of the Trade and Production Committee of the Lower House of Parliament, visited the National Refining Company, SONARA, November 17, to ascertain how the company was faring after the 2019 fire incident.

The delegation was headed by the Secretary General of the Committee, Hon. Serge Benae, on behalf of the President, Hon Guillaume Mbakam.

Upon arrival, the delegation was received by the General Manager of SONARA, Jean Paul Simo Njongou, who said SONARA is very comfortable by the visit.

“This shows the interest that the Members of Parliament have for our National Oil Refinery”, he said.

The General Manager and all his directors then proceeded to have an in-camera meeting with the MPs. This was followed by a working tour within the production units of the refinery where the General Manager, assisted by his immediate collaborators and some technical staff, gave the MPs a detailed explanation of all that they wanted to know.

Since the fire incident, which damaged key production sections of the refinery, SONARA has been limited to simply importing and supplying the local market with fuel just to stay relevant while waiting for government intervention.

At the end of the about five-hour visit, Hon Benae told the press that “we are leaving SONARA very satisfied with the first-hand knowledge we have had about the state of the refinery”.

According to Fako East MP, Hon. Stanley Mokondo Findi, “SONARA, since the fire incident, for the past two years, has faced a lot of difficulties and as MPs of the Committee of Trade and Production, we thought it necessary to come and understand what has been happening so far and what the management of SONARA has been doing to ensure that things get back to normal”.

The MPs held that with the first-hand information gotten, has given them the opportunity to know how to better lobby government to look for a quick solution to ensure that SONARA comes back to life.

The visit is said to be timely as the November session of Parliament to vote the 2022 budget is ongoing. Hon Findi holds that, “going back with these facts will help us to pose questions and put up the worries of the people and SONARA so that the State can do something about SONARA in 2022”.

Meanwhile, human rights activist and politician, Edith Kah Walla, who gave a keynote address during the event, hailed the efforts of the members of the cTAP project.

“They are playing one of the most important roles as citizen. I encourage them to continue with this good job,” Kah Walla stated.

She further explained that: “It is important that as citizens, especially the young, be concerned about the public finances. This is because the money which is being stolen is the money for the youth, it is the same money used to create jobs, to build electricity, roads and schools. So youth have a responsibility to demand accounts for public finances”.

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**For failing to take COVID-19 vaccine:**

**Choupo Moting among five Bayern players subject to pay cut**

By Deng Eric

Cameroonian international footballer, Eric Maxim Choupo Moting and four of his Bayern Munich teammates in the Bundesliga have been enlisted for pay cuts, for failing to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Choupo who recently returned to club duty after the last FIFA international break is said to have been isolated alongside Joshua Kimmich, Serge Gnabry, Jamal Musiala, and Michael Cuisance for coming in contact with an individual who tested positive for the virus.

The Lions striker had arrived late for the Lions camp as they prepared to face Mozambique and Cote d’Ivoire in their last group phase qualifying games for next year’s Qatar World Cup.

It was reported that he had come in contact with Kimmich who tested positive for COVID-19.

Choupo and his four teammates were reportedly summoned by the club’s top management on Thursday to inform them of the pay cut when they are in isolation because they have not taken the jab.

The players are said to return to the negotiating table to discuss their pay cut in the days ahead.

The latest quarantine order, risks inflaming an already heated debate over whether sports personalities should be required to take the jab, as Germany ails under a vicious fourth wave of the pandemic.

Kimmich, 26, tested positive for the virus during the last international break but refused to take the COVID-19 vaccine. He drew sharp criticisms since revealing he opted not to be vaccinated because of “persecution”.

Under new rules that took effect from November 1, employees who miss work because of quarantine are no longer entitled to receive compensation if they are unvaccinated.

Former Bayern boss, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge told Sky Sports that if the wage cuts are confirmed, they “should be confirmed as a sign that the club is now acting because it must react.”

Bayern who suffered a 1-2 defeat to Augsburg in the Bundesliga Friday clashes against Russia’s Dynamo Kiev in the UEFA Champions league on Tuesday.

Germany is battling a renewed surge of the virus with infection rates said to have hitting new records.

**Kumba city council to boost fans zone ahead of 2021 AFCON**

By Njingga Godwin

The Kumba City Council in Meme division, South West region of Cameroon is set to organise a mini inter-quarter-final football competition which is also intended to boost fans’ support for the Indomitable Lions and create different fan zones ahead of next January’s TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations to take place in Cameroon.

Kumba isn’t among host towns for the 2021 African football showcase but the city’s municipal authorities are working to ensure that the population lives the competition as though they were in the cities where matches will be played.

According to organisers, the inter-quarter-final competition expected to run throughout the month of December will see giants screens mounted on major spots at the Kumba amusement park to be rebroadcast during evening periods. The rebroadcast will come after matches of the city council tournament to be played during the day.

The Guardian Post gathered that nationals from other countries like Nigerians, Niger, and Ghanaians resident in Kumba will join the locals to partake in the competition.

The City Mayor and Cup donor of the competition, Gregory Mewano, said besides having passion for football, he himself is a footballer and has been supporting the game of soccer at all levels.

His wish remains that fact that he can be able to use football to overcome the challenges of the current era like ghost towns, lockdowns, and most especially for the return of lasting peace which is what every city dwellers are yearning for.

“The love and respect for each other and the need for each and everyone to be able to have a say in the day to day management of our city is the kind of approach I think will help reduce the tension and allow our brothers, sons to leave the beaches and came to town because their future is here in town and not in the bush.”

Mewano told The Guardian Post.

For close to one month therefore, the population of Kumba will have the opportunity live beautiful moments of football before Africa’s biggest football festival, the AFCON in its 33rd edition which will kick off January 9.

Six host cities including, Yaounde, Douala, Buea, Limbe, Batrounsam and Garoua will host the 24 participating nations to compete for the tournament’s trophy.

**English Premier League:**

**Liverpool’s Salah, Mane end Arsenal unbeaten run**

By Deng Eric

Liverpool ended Arsenal’s 10-game unbeaten run in all competitions with a devastatingly routine 4-0 victory at Anfield on Saturday.

Sadio Mane grabbed the opener when he headed in Trent Alexander-Arnold’s free-kick in the first half.

Diogo Jota took advantage of a Nuno Tavares mistake to roll into an empty net before Mohamed Salah slotted home a Mane cross for the third.

Right-back Alexander-Arnold was the provider again when he teed up Japanese forward Takumi Minamino to make it 4-0 with his first touch, just 48 seconds after coming on.

Victory for Liverpool sees them jump up to second in the Premier League, while Arsenal remains in fifth.

It was a tame affair between the two long-standing rivals for most of the afternoon game but Liverpool showed their quality with a ruthless second-half display.

Jurgen Klopp’s side controlled possession before the break and had the best chances. Salah, Alexander-Arnold and Thiago were all denied by Arsenal goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale.

Ramsdale was kept busy throughout and reacted well to stop Mane scrambling it in off the floor and made a decent save to prevent a second goal from Jota later on.

Arsenal’s Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Bukayo Saka were a threat on the counter-attack but Alisson was comfortable when he was called into action and centre-back pairing Virgil van Dijk and Joel Matip were solid for Liverpool.

Despite the four goals, it was rarely a contest which burst into life, though a touchline scrap between managers Klopp and Mikel Arteta ignited a reaction from the crowd in the first half.

Liverpool went into the match knowing victory would see them move up to second place after West Ham were beaten at Wolves.

Arsenal, who have been in good form and were just two points behind Liverpool prior to kick-off, were limited to few chances at Anfield.

On the occasions when Saka and Aubameyang were able to get behind Liverpool’s defence, it was often in wide areas and Fabhino provided an impressive shield in midfield to help limit further danger.

Liverpool looked in tune in the first half but got the opener through Mane, taking use of the ever-reliable delivery of Alexander-Arnold.

That provided them with a platform in the second half and once Jota made it 2-0, the spaces opened up for Liverpool to exploit Arsenal who had no choice but to push players forward.

Recent battles between the two have proven more dramatic but this was as comfortable as Liverpool could have hoped for and reaffirmed their title challenge.

Source: BBC

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**Etame Mayer gets new job at FIFA**

By Deng Eric

Former Indomitable Lions midfielder Lauren Etame Mayer has been appointed Technical Expert for talent development in Africa by the world’s football governing body, FIFA.

The erstwhile Arsenal player will be working again with his former boss, Arsene Wenger, who is chief of global football development at FIFA.

In his new role, the Cameroonian will be responsible for making African football more competitive on the international stage.

He told The Sun, “I couldn’t be more excited to take on this role. I am proud to join the FIFA family and I also have a great sense of responsibility. I am going to do my best to give back to football all that it gave to me and to make the sport grow globally.”

“I’m sure that if we take the right steps, we can make it grow even more and lay foundations for the future.”

The 44-year-old Lauren got his first call up for the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon shortly before the 1998 World Cup, in which he participated. He went on to win the 2000 and 2002 African Cup of Nations trophies in Nigeria and Mali respectively with the golden generation of the Lions.

Etame Mayer was also part of the Cameroon team that won gold at the 2000 Sydney Olympics in Australia. At club level, the defender was part of the English Premier League club, Arsenal who won the 2003/2004 football season without a single defeat, with the team bapised the ‘Invincibles’.

Etame resigned from International football at the end of the 2002 World Cup in Japan and Korea, evoking mismanagement within the national team.