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Cherished by many, haunted by some, read by them all

ANTIC denies summoning cyber criminals for questioning

By Mua Patrick

The National Agency for Information and Communication Technologies, ANTIC, has denied summoning some 304 suspected cyber criminals for ques-

tioning.

The rebuttal from the state-run corporation, follows the circulation on social media, of what has now emerged to be a forged document, allegedly coming from the state structure.

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Editorial

That attack on *The Guardian Post*:

We can't be intimidated!

For more than two decades of publication, *The Guardian Post* daily newspaper has thrived to live by the highest standards of professional ethics and within the law which at times is an ass.

Playing its role of neutrality in reporting and taking sides with the truth in its editorials, it has been haunted by some and appreciated by hundreds of thousands who stand with justice, truth and fair play.

On Wednesday as many as four heavily armed Gendarme officers in mufti zoomed in at *The Guardian Post* head office in Yaounde, to arrest the harmless Publisher/Editor-In-Chief, Ngah Christian Mbipgo.

They took him at about 10:30 a.m. to the Central Research Unit at the State Defense Secretariat (Secrétariat d'État à la défense), SED; where he was kept incommunicado, without food or water, for several hours.

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At celebration of Head of State's 41st anniversary in power:

Okie Johnson rallies CPDM Kupe-Muanenguba II section behind Biya



Okie Johnson: CPDM Nguti support-mobiliser

By Njingang Godwin

Supporters of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement, CPDM, of Kupe-Muanenguba II Section, Nguti, rallied by Okie Johnson Ndoh, General Manager of Hydrocarbons Prices Stabilisation Fund, CSPH, have declared their unflinching support for the National President of the party, Paul Biya.

They made the declaration Monday November 6, as they came out massively to celebrate President Biya's 41st anniversary at the helm of the State.

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Ngoketunjia Youth MP, Sama Sylveinus, bags fresh int'l academic certification



Celebrated youth leader, Sama Sylveinus (centre) brandishing certificate

By Dewah Fabrice Teh

Young Cameroonian Peace Ambassador and youth development champion, Sama Sylveinus, has secured an international certification in business, relationship coaching and professional public speaking.

The Youth MP for the Ngoketunjia Division of the North West Region, bagged the prestigious qualification from the African Inclusive Institute of Professional Public Speakers, last week-end.

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Issues of the moment

By Cyprian Ntiamba Obi Ntui

Governance by distraction

The Prime Minister, Head of Government, at the end of the last cabinet meeting issued firm instructions to concerned ministries and affiliated institutions to fill potholes in Yaounde with immediate effect as the first step towards addressing the problem of traffic congestion and narrow roads in the nation's capital.

By midweek, the ad hoc committee set up by the Yaounde City Council to tackle the problem issued a communique ordering owners of abandoned vehicles along some streets to remove them so that work could begin.

Those who understand the body language of the system we operate in understand the underlying meaning of that communique.

People who do not want to get things done read meaning to what the hierarchy orders and try to divert public attention to inconsequential matters. That is exactly what the press release by that committee actually represents.

Undermine PM's instructions

Cameroonians see the political gimmicks that belie the culture of inertia often exemplified and manifested in carrying out orders from above.

Who among Cameroonians does not know that an order from an Anglophone PM would be watered down by the powers in Yaounde, simply because the system is not comfortable if the impression is given the population that an Anglophone PM is performing and doing something concrete to assuage the suffering of the masses.

We all see evidence of the dirty politics that has been played in this country for the past six decades.

It is that politics that has plunged the entire country into a development impasse that is now an embarrassment and an outright shame to all Cameroonians.

Endemic corruption

Patriotic Cameroonians know that those who are benefitting from this corruption ridden system are actually those who fear the enthronement of positive change in the country.

Who in Yaounde doesn't know that those who park their vehicles for just a few minutes along the sidewalks are fined immediately and given bills to pay, even though nobody knows where the money collected from such fines finally ends up?

Who doesn't know that if the owners of abandoned vehicles ever sowed up in front of council revenue collectors, the latter would rather collect money from the offenders rather than array the law breakers to face justice.

Some of these vehicles have been abandoned for years, why has the government not removed them as the law requires? Is it not because such exercise does not put money into the pockets of officials since the owners are not present so as to be extorted?

Who doesn't know that most corrupt officials spend money in buying cars because they lack the business acumen to know that a car is not an asset but a liability? And that that is why objects of corruption like abandoned cars now fill our roadsides?

We have lived with and gotten used to letting this rot continue just because the system abhors genuine change that could work in the interest of the masses. We are contented with filling the pockets, mouths, stomachs and swelling the bank accounts of tribal cohorts that are holding the entire nation hostage in the name of party loyalty.

Playing pranks with nation building

Actors of, and collaborators with the Biya regime need to be told that you do not play pranks and get a nation built. Development, especially on a national scale, is a serious matter that requires sacrifice and sweat; as well as genuine and patriotic labour.

For Cameroonians who think they can keep cutting corners for decades and, out from the blue, wake up one day and live in a prosperous, clean, orderly and developed nation, they are deceiving themselves. Put differently, they are still living in a fool's paradise.

Cameroonians spend more time in churches crying for change, as if change is a simple process of removing one group of people and putting another one.

The underlying issues of change of mindset, expanding outlook and being blessed with statesmen who are imbued with vision and charisma are never talked about.

This is critical because if an opportunity for change as is expected during the 2025 elections offers itself and people with the same mindset and outlook are voted to replace the many who are presently being overtaken by age, then nothing will change in Cameroon.

Cameroonians who have the welfare of the nation and the masses at heart should act now and fast so that we do not get another merry go round of this governance by distraction, after 2025.

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Communiqué

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at about 10:30 a.m., four gendarmes in civilian attire, from the Central Research Unit at the State Defence Secretariat (*Secrétariat d'État à la défense*) SED, stormed the Head Office of *The Guardian Post* at Efoulan-Lac neighbourhood in Yaounde and whisked our Publisher/Editor-in-Chief, Ngah Christian Mbipgo.

They accessed the building by deceiving our security guard that they were council agents. The security officers said they were instructed by their hierarchy to arrest the Publisher. The Publisher collaborated and opted to drive with one of the security officers in his car, while the others followed behind on motorbikes.

At SED, his phones were seized and thoroughly searched. He was not allowed to call his family or his lawyer. Ngah was held incommunicado for about 10 hours. It took his lawyer more than two hours to locate his whereabouts at SED. He did not have access to water or food for several hours.

The Publisher was interrogated on a fake cover page of *The Guardian Post* of Tuesday November 7, 2023, that was being circulated on social media. The faked cover page headlined on the recent killings in Egbekaw village in Mamfe, Manyu Division, in the South West Region.

The Publisher presented a printed copy of *The Guardian Post* and the cover page of November 7, to show that ill-intentioned individuals had faked the cover page. He drew the attention of investigators that the cover pages of *The Guardian Post* have repeatedly been faked for over six years and circulated on social media. He was freed at 9 p.m.

We strongly condemn the fact that our Publisher was treated like a hardened criminal while at SED.

Doh Bertrand Nua,
Managing Editor



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Yaounde:

City mayor orders removal of abandoned cars within 10 days

By Morine Tanyi

The City Mayor of Yaounde, Luc Messi Atangana, has given a 10-day time lapse for all abandoned vehicles on the streets of the nation's capital to be cleared off by its owners.

The ultimatum is contained in a release the municipal authority issued November 7. According to the City Mayor, beyond the given timeline, city council staff will impound such vehicles.

Similarly, the City Mayor in another communiqué on November 8 ordered owners and operators of travel agencies operating along the Tongolo-Etoudi, Emanas-Messassi-Olembé and Messassi-Olembé to relocate.

According to him, the travel agencies must relocate to a new site at, Olembé neighbourhood. According to the City Mayor, the agencies have just five days to relocate.

Failure to respect the instruction, Luc Messi said, vehicles of agencies operating in the outlined axis will be impounded. The City Council, he said, will not take responsibility for any of such vehicles.

The moves, according to sources at the Yaounde City Council, are part of actions underway to clean the streets of broken vehicles that have given the city an ugly outlook.

The high number of abandoned vehicles on the streets of Yaounde, the same source said, adds to the issues that disrupt circulation especially during rush hours, sometimes resulting in accidents.

According to Article 228 of the Penal Code: "Anyone who, through serious impudence, risks endangering others by driving, stopping or abandoning a vehicle on the public highway is liable to a prison term of



Messi Atangana Luc, City Mayor of Yaounde

between three months and three years, and a fine of between FCFA 5,000 and 500,000 FCFA".

The tough actions are coming after an October 26 meeting which the Prime Minister, Head of Government, Chief Dr Joseph Dion Ngute, convened at the Star Building over the dirty nature of Yaounde.

Besides calling for the embellishment the nation's capital city, the Prime Minister during that meeting also called for emergency road works to ease circulation. Dion Ngute had also ordered municipal authorities to improve on waste collection in Yaounde.

At 6th session of Int'l Solar Alliance Assembly in India:

Energy Minister seals strategic deal to promote universal access to electricity

By Doh Bertrand Nua

The Minister of Water Resources and Energy, Gaston Eloundou Essomba, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, which aims to foster universal access to electricity in the country by 2030.

The MoU was sealed by the member of government during the Sixth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance, ISA, in New Delhi, India.

Minister Eloundou Essomba who led the Cameroonian delegation to the international gathering, which held from October 31 to November 2, used the opportunity to seal the deal which has been described by experts in the energy sector as strategic, with Alliance's Director General.

The goal of the MoU is to set up a Solar Technology and Application Research Center, STAR-C, project in Cameroon.

The move comes to add to steps already taken by the government in considering solar energy as one of the best alternatives to facilitating access for all to clean, sustainable energy.

Worth noting is the fact that, the Head of State, Paul Biya, had in April 2022, ratified the amended framework agreement establishing the International Solar Alliance, following its vote by Parliament.

Minister Eloundou Essomba seized the opportunity to thank the executive of Alliance for the training courses that are regularly organised on solar technologies, and which has benefited many young Cameroonians.

The minister expressed the wish to see the Alliance make every effort to ensure the effective implementation of the STAR-C project in Cameroon by 2024.

Speaking during the ISA gathering, Minister Eloundou Essomba, said the implementation of the STAR-C project will enormously contribute in the energy sector which remains key to the country's emergence.

"...as is the case with majority of Sub-Saharan African countries, access to energy is a major concern in Cameroon, where the average electrification rate is 70%, with 40% in rural areas," he said.

Minister Eloundou Essomba said in its quest for universal access to electricity by 2030, "the Cameroon government



Minister Eloundou Essomba signing MoU during ISA assembly



Minister Eloundou Essomba marketing Cameroon's energy potential

has set up a vast program to harness photovoltaic solar energy in two components".

The member of government cited the Off-Grid component (OFF-GRID), which he said to date, "has already enabled the construction of 350 decentralised solar mini-power stations in rural areas, with nearly 10,000 households electrified".

He told delegates to the gathering that the centralised component (ON-GRID), "has already enabled the construction of two solar photovoltaic power plants, with a total capacity of 36 Megawatt-peaks fed into the grid".

Minister Eloundou Essomba said the commissioning of these solar power plants, a year ago, has already prevented the 27,000 tonnes worth carbon emission.

The Sixth Assembly of the

International Solar Alliance, it should be said, brought together ministers from 20 countries and delegates from across 116 member and signatory countries.

Delegates to the ISA Assembly decided to increase the viability gap funding for solar projects in member countries from 10% of the project cost to up to 35%, depending on the capacity and needs of the countries and their respective projects.

India's Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, Raj Kumar Singh, in his capacity as the President of the ISA Assembly, said: "Around 80% of the global population resides in countries that depend on fossil fuel imports, totalling a staggering 6 billion people".

Renewable energy sources, he said, have the potential to supply 65% of the world's total electricity by 2030 and decarbonize 90% of the power sector by

2050.

He said the ISA is steadfast in its commitment to member countries to make solar as the energy source of choice, foster environments conducive to attracting investments and ensuring ample energy availability to meet the surging global demands.

"Towards this, ISA through its viability gap funding (VGF) mechanism provides a grant of \$150,000 or 10% of the project cost (whichever is lower), per country per project. The Assembly decided to increase the range to 35% of the project cost, depending on the capacity and needs of the countries and their respective projects," he said.

The Co-President of the Assembly, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, who doubles as France's Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships, said for his government, the "ISA is a key initiative to promote the development of clean energy and thus combat climate disruptions".

"It is playing its full part in this great project, with constant and growing support for our Alliance. Through the French Development Agency (AFD), we have financed over 1.5 billion euros worth of solar projects since 2016. France is taking action and we are determined to accelerate," he disclosed.

The Director General of International Solar Alliance, Dr Ajay Mathur, underscored the need to urgently accelerate the build-up of solar energy, especially in developing countries and in applications that influence the daily lives of those without access to reliable energy. He mentioned getting electricity from solar mini-grids, powering agricultural pumps, running cold storages.

About ISA

The ISA works with governments to ease solar deployment and promote solar power as a sustainable transition to a carbon-neutral future. Its mission is to unlock \$1 trillion of investments in solar by 2030 while reducing technology and its financing costs.

It is partnering with multilateral development banks, development financial institutions, private and public sector organisations, civil society, and other international institutions to deploy cost-effective and transformational solutions through solar energy, especially in the least developed countries and the small island developing states.

Cameroon set to host Star Festival of African Cultural Integration

By Morine Tanyi

Cameroon is set to host the 17th edition of the Star Festival of African Cultural Integration, SICA. The event will take place the National Museum in Yaounde from November 16 to 26.

The festival will hold under the theme: "The Artist, vector of African Cultural integration, His role". The international festival seeks to promote Africa's rich cultural diversity.

Yesterday, the Minister of Arts and Culture, Bidoung Mkpatt, was briefed on the programme for the event by members of the SICA Organising Committee.

This was during an audience granted the Coordinator of the SICA, Ngo Makele Elisabeth, and her delegation.

For 10 days, participants from across Africa will have the opportunity to display the rich cultural heritage of their various countries in Yaounde.



Minister Bidoung Mkpatt speaking during audience

This will be through music and dance with the aim of creating a permanent intercultural dialogue among participating countries.

Participants will come from

Cameroon, Congo Brazza, Gabon, Benin, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Chad and Burkina Faso. The SICA festival will bring together artists, thinkers and culture lovers.

Minister Bidoung Mkpatt during yesterday's audience hailed the Coordinator of the festival and her team for staying resolute to promote Africa's culture. The member of government declared the readiness of the Ministry of Arts and Culture to support the festival.

Ngo Makele told reporters after her audience with the Minister that the festival will feature exhibitions, fun games, conferences, debates and a fashion show.

She talked of culinary arts, crafts, heritage dance, traditional music, guided tours as other innovative activities programmed to put African culture in the spotlight during the event.

The main highlight of the festival, she added, will be the award of prizes to some participants. Makele said these will be in the categories of: Best modern music of Traditional Inspiration, Best Live Presenter and Best Video Clip.

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What was his crime to deploy that intimidating number of security officials with the soaring heinous crime rate across the country that is overwhelming the defence and security apparatus?

What was the atrocious felony he was suspected of having committed to be meted such dehumanising treatment? The security officers divulged that the arrest was in connection to a faked cover page of *The Guardian Post* of Tuesday November 7, 2023; which circulated on several social media platforms.

But the offending cover page related to the massacre in Egbekaw village, Mamfe Central Subdivision, Manyu Division of the South West Region, was a cheap forgery.

It wasn't the authentic edition of the daily which was in circulation in Yaounde and across the globe on our official cover pages posted on Facebook and *The Guardian Post Daily* (@guardian_post) on X, formerly Twitter.

The powers that be within the security mechanism did not need to roll any crystal ball or investigation to know that what pricked their bitter bile was faked by separatist social media warriors who have always wanted our heads.

It is not the first time the scammers using the anonymity of the internet hide behind its dark cloak to doctor and recreate fake documents and pictures to serve their agenda of separation.

It wasn't also the first time front pages of *The Guardian Post* were forged and flashed on the social media.

Time and again, we have marked them as FAKED, when we stumbled on them in the social media. And it has not always been easy detecting all of them since the devilish phenomenon started at the outbreak of the conflict in the North West and South West Regions, in 2016.

The question some concerned critics have asked is why is it always *The Guardian Post*, that is smeared

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We can't be intimidated

with such separatist mire?

As the Publisher said some four years ago, which is still valid today as at the time: "The separatists know very well that *The Guardian Post* is the most credible, most influential and widely read English language newspaper in Cameroon".

In the situation, they know that telling their lies with fake covers of the newspaper will give them credence. Secondly, since they are not comfortable with our middle-of-the-road editorial policy on the more than six-year crisis in the two English-speaking Regions, they have resorted to mutilating the cover pages of *The Guardian Post*, and in the process, planting fake stories.

It is not only the separatists who have not been at ease with the editorial policy of the authoritative daily.

Like separatists, some government apologists often indict *The Guardian Post*, falsely, of trying to incite Anglophones against government in its reportage and commentaries on the conflict!

Aside the regular threats that come from several quarters regarding the leading English language daily newspaper's coverage of the crisis in the North West and South West Regions, *The Guardian Post* has systematically been blacklisted by some ministries and government institutions in their placement of advertising.

The Guardian Post has since the conflict in the North West and South West Regions, been between the devil and the deep blue sea.

We remain intimidated on the side of truth and justice. We cannot be muzzled into asphyxiation by arrests and detentions that are not within the ambit of the law.

Not even the manufacture of three fake cover pages of *The Guardian Post* per day, will push us to change our editorial policy on the crisis in the North West and South West Regions, to suit the whims and caprices of Ambazonia independence struggle day-dreamers and hoodlums who are masquerading as Anglophone freedom fighters.

The Guardian Post, like all other credible media organs, has been at the fore of the promotion of democracy and the rule of

law in Cameroon.

But it should not be mistaken for a government propaganda machinery, nor that of separatists.

We make bold to say that is the duty and responsibility of any civilised government to detect and punish perpetrators hiding behind computer keyboards to commit cybercrimes like they have been doing by publishing fake cover pages of *The Guardian Post*.

For over five years, *The Guardian Post* has been a victim of the phenomenon of separatists faking its front covers for their devilish intentions.

It beats everyone's imagination that instead of going after perpetrators of such acts that clearly tarnish the newspaper's reputation and credibility, security forces, rather, are taking interest in cracking down on the newspaper's Publisher.

Like *The Guardian Post* Publisher told investigators at the SED without blinking, it is wrong, to victimise a victim.

We hope such an unwarranted assault on *The Guardian Post* Publisher or any other journalist for that matter, won't repeat itself, although it has emboldened our resolve to live with truth and justice which no intimidation can suppress.

Improving welfare of abandoned children:

Plan Int'l Cameroon, gov't brainstorm on new best practices

By Dewah Fabrice Teh

Multi-national non-profit organisation, Plan International Cameroon, and the government have brainstormed on how to improve ways through which children in moral danger, delinquents, and abandoned children are protected.

This was during the second session of the 2023 meeting of the implementation of the National Commission for the Protection of Children in Moral Danger, Delinquent or Abandoned.

The session which held in Yaounde, Wednesday November 8, was under the theme: "Alternative care for children with no known family background". It was opened by the Minister of Social Affairs, Pauline Irene Nguene.

The close to 40 participants at the session discussed among other things, on the alternative ways through which children with unknown family backgrounds, abandoned children and those in moral danger, can be secured or reintroduced to family lives.

The session was also dedicated to the identification of various stakeholders [the state, communities, and families] and their responsibilities in the children's well-being as well as the stakes and values of such interventions.

Presentations were anchored on how to accompany potential foster families and individuals ready to take in the children, according to existing state laws and guidelines.

Minister urges authorities to be selfless in fostering change

Speaking as she declared open discussions during the working session, the



Representative of Plan Int'l Cameroon Country Director, Dr Donkeng Eddy Patrick, speaking during event

Minister of Social Affairs, Pauline Irene Nguene, said the situation of abandoned children and their peers with unknown family backgrounds or with moral danger is a major concern to the state.

She said despite the multiple crises happening in the country, the plight of such children remains a major priority and should be treated as such by all actors involved in the commission.

"At the end of this session, we are supposed to bring out concrete solutions and strategies to take care of these children administratively and at the level of families. It is a very important step to take. I count on your expertise. I recommend that you work without being compromised so that the future of these children can be shaped through your actions," Minister Irene Nguene said.

The member of government saluted the contributions of partner institutions like Plan International Cameroon in efforts towards addressing the situation.



Social Affairs Minister Irene Nguene (third from right, front line) with Plan Int'l Cameroon officials after event

"I salute Plan International Cameroon for the remarkable work done by his institution. It is only together as a team that we can be able to attain this objective. I hope that by coming together, we can effectively attain this objective," she said.

Plan Int'l Cameroon reaffirms commitment

The representative of the Country Director of Plan International Cameroon at the event, Dr Donkeng Eddy Patrick, used the working session to reaffirm the organisation's dedication in pushing for children's welfare in the country.

Dr Donkeng said the second session of the National Commission for the Protection of Children in Moral Danger, Delinquent or Abandoned gives Plan International Cameroon a fresh opportunity to recommit itself to what it has been doing in the last 27 years in Cameroon.

"It is during these critical moments that the support of temporary foster families plays an essential role, given that every child has the right to a family, a child's first line of defense is his or her family. Every child has the right to a family environment, no child should be separated from his or her parents, and every child temporarily or permanently deprived of his or her family environment must be supported," Dr Donkeng stated.

He said the aim of Plan International Cameroon is "to provide holistic care not only for the children; but also, for the families who take them in".

"Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in emergency situations. Together, we can give them the environment, security and opportunities they need to fulfill their potential," Dr Donkeng concluded.

Personality of The Week

His Grace Andrew Nkea: Bamenda Archbishop

One of the secrets of consistency in thoughts and actions is integrity. Men of integrity are those whose positions on burning issues have shaped things for good.

Thus in this epoch of rising pressure and social misnomers that are threatening the Divine order, those who continue to speak sense to the conscience of humanity are near in existent.

Some have attempted fighting back such inaccuracies but give up in less than no time. This is the case with the pressure from groups pushing a global satanic agenda of same sex marriage to destroy humanity and blight human sanity.

But this week, His Grace Andrew Nkea, President of the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon, NECC and Archbishop of Bamenda, gave the globe an unshaken African view of the satanism that same sex marriage is.

As the revered Servant of God attended this year's Synod on Synodality of the Catholic Church in Rome, he didn't mince words on Africa's hatred for anything same sex marriage.

He told the world that from the view point of God and African perspective, such is witchcraft.

He was bold and emphatic that: "In Africa, we understand marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Anything short of that is witchcraft. This is something we condemn very strongly. We cannot be talking about sensitivities and orientations within the church setting when this is what the Gospel says. This is what the teaching of the church has said all along and this is what various cultures believe".

It is on the sanctity and contemporary importance of Archbishop Nkea's declaration that millions of our readers have settled for what puts the Apostle of Jesus Christ on the prime spot of Personality of The Week.

Never have readers of The Guardian Post been so unanimous about who should glow on this platform for a season like they have on His Grace Andrew Nkea, given his declaration on Africa's hatred for the abomination called same sex marriage.

Our readers in their millions say they find delight in the vocal nature of the Man of God, on an issue where scripture and culture find agreement that, it has no place in society.

Citing Leviticus Chapter 18: 22-23, says: "Thou shall not lie with mankind as with womankind, it is an abomination; neither shall thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto, it is confusion."

Cuing from these Biblical Verses, admirers say Archbishop Nkea is a man of the word of God and a person who abhors evil.

Though a man sold out to God, with no interest in the things of this world, the revered Priest and God's end time messenger, admirers say, deserves to shine this season for giving added value to his calling and humanity at a time nuances are propagated the world over in an attempt to dilute the word of God.

He shines this season given that our readers say, His Grace Nkea, has stood the test of time; even in the most of influential gatherings that shape the future of the Catholic Church, to send humanity a prophecy that serves as a call to order.

The Archbishop for millions, has by this week's outing, extended to them the importance of upholding honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty. He has been rated as an exceptional example of a principled Servant of God.

Your Personality of The Week is basking in popular acclamation this season for refusing to wound his conscience to fit into social inaccuracies that bring shame to the Kingdom of God and humanity.

As a leader, they say the Servant of God has more than found a place in an atmosphere of excellence by setting standards that reflect in his actions and deeds.

He has been fashioned in the vocabulary that befits the Personality of The Week for refusing to be careless with the truth about the evil perversions of this generation.

Archbishop Nkea, others have quipped and extensively so, deserves the reverence that is due superior men for opting to underscore the place of sanctity in society and the things of God.

He has been rated as a generous soul, dividing the wisdom of God to society on sensitive matters without caring whose ox is gored.

The Archbishop for some, is a Priest who cares about the right things even now that society is given a semblance that anything goes.

He is a preacher and builder who has remained focused on a mission not to let out society get swallowed up by the



great chewing complacency of immoral practices.

Archbishop Nkea, our readers say, knows beyond doubt that to see evil and call it good, is a mockery to God, whose representative he is on earth. To see evil and call it good, mocks God.

The institution of marriage and procreation came to us as a precious gift, treasure and without men holding the guardrails of society like His Grace Nkea, observers say, we can't be sure of the future.

He understands that same sex marriage is an abomination that sponsors phony lifestyles that involve no work with God. His heralding at the Vatican, the seat of power of the Catholic Church, it is now being stated across nations, makes bold the view that Africa and other sane societies see same sex marriage as a form of leprosy cancer that has no place in, especially African society.

Archbishop Nkea knows that allowing the sin of homosexuality to gain a place in the African society is destroying the next generation and predicting the end of humanity, contrary to God's plan.

He is the arrowhead who is preserving the divine mystical forces that have kept humanity and distinct.

His outing from where the future of the world's most influential church was being shaped, many say, is an indirect message to societies that have kept the institution of marriage and families sacred in line with the teachings God's word.

Many who are followers of Christ, say they find in the Archbishop's unwavering position against same sex marriage unending joy in preserving what is of God in the face of global perversion.

On this pedestal, they say, the Chief Shepherd of the Bamenda Archdiocese is not just an Apostle of Jesus Christ and an influential preacher, but an angel in human form, acting in consonance with the defense mechanism of Heaven to keep values intact.

At a time when the world is slipping out of paths and norms that kept society going, His Grace Nkea is being lauded for pointing humanity to the light of God amid darkness.

For others, if the love and presence of God are still being felt in the heart of men in this generation, it is thanks to the likes of Archbishop Nkea, who have refused to chew their words in the face of rising global abominations and oddities that have no place in God's Kingdom.

Your Personality of The Week, as a man of the spirit and a carrier of Divine power, our readers say, knows that beyond the daring adventure, which some see life to be, there is an account every society must render to God.

On this score, they say Archbishop Nkea is a refined and golden watchman of heavenly fashion.

He has refused to follow the crowd in misleading the world, given that he knows whoever goes with the crowd can never go further than the same crowd.

As a being feeding from the throne of God daily, Archbishop Nkea, those who have been celebrating his outing on issues at the Vatican, say is a seed planted on fruitful ground who has not disappointed in his Priestly Ministry.

The preacher, who currently occupies the Presidency of the Episcopal Conference of Cameroon, others are saying and rightly so, must be hailed for making society what God wants and not what the world wants.

For those who see his restating of Africa's position against homosexuality as a man acting in line with the dictates of his office, enthusiasts, among them Christians, say the Archbishop's position is a watermark for people to decipher good from evil.

Millions of our readers say they trust in His Grace Nkea's leading and position on disturbing issues that the enemy is hurling at God's people and humanity because, he has never been careless with the truth. His integrity, admirers say, is real because whenever he comes to the fore, acting for humanity, he puts God first.

Archbishop Nkea's re-echoing of Africa's sanctity vis-a-vis same sex marriage, others among them religious figures, have also been testifying, speaks of his invariable mark of wisdom.

Your Personality of The Week was born on 29 August 1965, in

Widikum, Momo Division of the North West Region.

He is the son of a Sanitary Inspector, who served during the West Cameroon, United Republic of Cameroon and Republic of Cameroon era.

Nkea did his priestly formation at the St. Thomas Aquinas Major

Seminary, STAMS, in Bambui, Bamenda. He was ordained Priest in 1992. This was done in the Diocese of Buea, by the late Bishop Emeritus Bishop Pius Suh Awa.

In 31 years of his Priestly Ministry, Your Personality of The Week, has remained phenomenal and distinct. Archbishop Nkea said

his first mass at St Claire's Parish, Menji, in his native Lebialem Division of the South West Region, in April 1992. He succeeded Bishop Emeritus Francis Teke Lysinge as Bishop of Mamfe.

Nkea holds a PhD in Canon Law, obtained from the Pontifical

Urbaniana University in Rome, Italy. This was in 2003. His Grace Nkea has served in several pastoral, administrative and academic roles.

These include; Curate in St. John Bosco Parish, Mbonge, Meme Division of the South West Region; Parish Priest of St. Luke's Parish, Nyandong and Chancellor, Buea Diocese.

He lectured Canon Law at John Paul II Institute of Theology, JOPASIT, Buea. In 2008, His Grace Nkea was transferred from JOPASIT to STAMS, where he served as Dean of the Department of Law until 2010.

Between 2007 and 2011, The Most Rev Dr Nkea, was Defender of the Bond at the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of First Instance of the Ecclesiastical

Province of Bamenda. He served for years as member of the Episcopal

Commission for the Doctrine of Faith of the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon.

He became member of the formation team of STAMS in 2008 and in 2009. He was appointed Secretary General of the then Bamenda Provincial Episcopal Conference.

In 2010, he was appointed pioneer Registrar of the Catholic University of Cameroon, CATUC. In 2011, His Grace Andrew Nkea became the Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal of First Instance for the Ecclesiastical Province of Bamenda. He was voted pioneer President of the Central African Association of Canon Law in 2011.

In 2018, Your Personality of The Week was elected into the Permanent Council of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. In 2019, His Grace Nkea was equally elected Vice President of the National Episcopal Conference of Cameroon.

His is today president of the conference. Some key dates in his life are; July 10, 2013, when he was named Coadjutor Bishop of Mamfe. In January 2014, he was raised to Bishop of Mamfe Diocese. On December 30, 2019, he was appointed Archbishop of Bamenda but took canonical possession of the Archdiocese on February 20, 2020.

Your Personality of The Week was Apostolic Administrator of Mamfe, between December 2019 and May 2022.

Readers of The Guardian Post, affirm and rightly so that the integrity of Your Personality of The Week, has national and international influence that continue to project the place of divinity in human existence. For this, he remains a priceless jewel to the body of Christ.

Ngoketunjia Youth MP, Sama Sylveinus, bags fresh int'l academic certification

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This was at the end of a three-month training programme at the revered international coaching institution with offices in Yaounde and Texas in the United States of America.

According to authorities of the African Inclusive Institute, the programme focuses on building the capacities of trainees on best practices and techniques in the domain of business and relationship coaching and professional public speaking. This, the school said, is in the quest to adequately build the trainees' skills on how to positively transform their communities and countries.

The certification from the African Inclusive Institute adds to many national and international academic qualifications that have been acquired by Sama, in his bid to get academic backing sufficient enough to efficiently drive in his quest to positively change the Cameroonian society.

Sama, it should be said, has over the years, built a rich profile, beginning with the GCE Ordinary and Advanced levels certificates, obtained at Government High School, Balikumbat.

The African Inclusive Institute certification adds up to a Bachelor of Science degree, obtained by the vibrant youngster in Human Resource Management, earned from the Management and Business Academy Institute in Douala.

He also graduated with a Human Kinetic and Health Education degree from the Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Nigeria.

Sama equally holds a Diploma in Chaplaincy Ministry from EMET Global Theological Seminary and College, Georgia, United States of America, as well as a certificate on modern-day diplomacy from the Canada-based Conseil The Rayonnement International.

"Thank God Almighty for the opportunity to come in contact with the African Inclusive Institute. I equally thank God for giving me the opportunity to go through the training process till the end. It took a lot of money and time. But no energy is ever wasted and no amount of money is sufficient enough

to buy knowledge," Sama said in a statement Saturday.

Fresh qualification boost in quest to drive change

The recent qualification, according to Sama, is expected to help better position and orientate him in his bid to serve as an agent of change in the Cameroonian society, beginning with his native Ngoketunjia Division and the North West Region.

Speaking to the press after the graduation ceremony last Saturday, Sama said the lack of appropriate communication on business opportunities and best practices in the domain is a major contributor to the multiple challenges faced by those in the sector.

Sama said his recent certification gives him a new perspective on how to help those in the sector in walking their way. He said he will be doing this notably through the organisation of seminars and other capacity-building sessions.

"I am going to use the internationally acquired knowledge to transform my community in the domain of entrepreneurship, educate people through business coaching, and build relationships. The problem we are having in our society today is because of the lack of adequate communication or the lack of adequate knowledge and societal relationships," Sama said.

On Wednesday, Sama announced that he has set up a scholarship scheme for the training of some 500 girls and women in the five villages of the Balikumbat Subdivision on the production of liquid soap, glycerin and other basic household necessities.

The massive scholarship scheme, Sama said in a statement, is open to persons with ages ranging from 17 to 40 years with a first phase billed to kick off later this month.

Building an already impressive track record

Sama is not a new name so far as the quest to drive change in the Cameroonian society notably through youth empowerment, the fight for social justice and the promotion of education is concern.



Celebrated youth leader, Sama Sylveinus (centre) brandishing certificate

In recent times, Sama has come out as one of the most dynamic youths from Ngoketunjia Division in particular and the North West Region in general.

Late last year, he was elected the President of the Cameroon National Youth Council for the Balikumbat Subdivision. Months later, the development and youth emancipation champion further enriched his profile after getting elected as a Youth MP.

The election gave him a better chance to push for more strides in an area that he had already been familiar with through Sama and God Foundation World Wide, where he is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer.

Sama made a significant move early this year when he organised and sponsored the training of over 50 Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, of the North West Region living in the Centre Region through a scholarship.

The scholarship programme, which

was in its second edition, followed similar development-oriented actions brought about or championed by Sama who brought together Ngoketunjia youth in a national scholarship and peace convention, in a bid to trace a productive path toward development in Ngoketunjia Division.

Sama has since then continued building a more powerful profile good enough to get him amply ready for a national assignment, but also set for international duties like the recent one from the UN.

Those efforts have been proven and recognised in several ways, notably the numerous awards he has accrued in the recent past, including the Best Pan-African Youth for Leadership and Governance award from the PANAFES Award, bagged last year.

Early this year, Sama bagged The Guardian Post Achievement Award as the Most Impactful Youth in Leadership and Community Development.

30% of workers in Douala, Yaounde are foreigners – Report

By Cyprian Ntiamba Obi Ntui

The National Institute of Statistics, NIS, has revealed that up to 30 percent of employed persons in the two mega cities of the country Douala and Yaounde are foreigners.

In the third Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector, EESI3, released by the National Institute of Statistics, NIS stated categorically that nearly three out of ten employed individuals in Douala and Yaounde are migrants, which the NIS defines in the target population it surveyed as foreigners working in Cameroon, people who are "exchanging their labour for pay or profit".

The survey, the report added, focused on 10,788 households and unveiled that among child labourers, one in five employed individuals is a migrant. It further pointed out a relatively higher presence of migrants among the employed population in the Littoral Region as a whole, outside Douala; climbing up to 43.0%. In Yaounde and the entire Centre Region, on the other hand, the figure is slightly lower, standing at 36.1%.

Meanwhile, top government officials



Gov't officials in shock while perusing an employee list of a local company

who perused the report said the study results coincide with growing concerns about illegal foreign labour in Cameroon, asserting though that the document compiled by NIS does not delve deep and broad enough into the issue of foreign workers in Cameroon, many of who are illegal migrants.

They recalled that since the beginning

visas for certain employment contracts, and stipulates that foreign workers must be endorsed by the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training before they start working in Cameroon.

Even more, the 2023 Finance Law mandates in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 of Article 22 a levy on the salary of all foreigners working in Cameroon.

"The aforementioned deduction is set at the equivalent of two months' gross salary and compensation for non-African workers; the equivalent of one month's gross salary and compensation for any African worker, with a 50% reduction," the official text specifies.

Through this deduction initiative, the government seeks to raise 14 billion FCFA by the end of the current year. These financial resources, government states, will be used to fund the transformation of 288 SAR-SM (rural artisanal and household sections) into state-of-the-art vocational training centres.

It clarified that SAR-SM entities are public secondary educational facilities located in rural areas where training focuses on masonry, carpentry, and tailoring.

Okie Johnson rallies CPDM Kupe-Muanenguba II Section behind Biya

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The celebration was under the theme: "Let's strengthen vigilance and rekindle the flame of our militancy behind our National President, His Excellency Paul Biya".

The crowd-pulling ceremony was in the presence of the Divisional Officer, DO, of Nguti Subdivision, Etengeneng Kelvin Oben; the Member of Parliament for Nguti Hon Fonge Julius; the Section President of CPDM Kupe-Muanenguba II section, Ajang Evaristus.

Celebrations kicked off with an ecumenical service at the grave of late the Hon Etame George Ngoek, pioneer Section President and architect of the Kupe-Muanenguba II Section.

The CPDM supporters then marched across the town, chanting patriotic songs in support of President Biya, right to the ceremonial ground.

New Deal gov't's achievements recounted

In his address during the celebration, the Section President, Ajang Evaristus Etetuoh, recounted the numerous achievements of the New Deal government, describing it as win-win partnership.

"Decentralisation is evident through the creation of regional structures and a better organisation of councils. The Kupe-Muanenguba II Section is well represented, with Chief Dr Atem Ebako, pioneer President of the South West House of Chiefs, Akime George Elaw and Etame Rosemary Etoh, as regional councillors," the Section President said.

On economic and infrastructure development, Ajang cited significant achievements like the road network, which has been greatly improved with Nguti and other roadside villages enjoying tarred roads.

He noted that in the hinterlands, most



Okie Johnson: Rallying force of CPDM actions in Nguti

roads have been opened with villages accessible either by motorbikes or Four-wheel Drive pickups.

"...this new found freedom has enabled the youth to travel to different parts of the country to acquire resources and invest back home," he said.

In socio-cultural development, he named the steady decline of illiteracy in the Subdivision, with Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools found in almost every village and every Region having a State University.

He noted that dreaded diseases like leprosy and tuberculosis, which were endemic in the community, are fast disappearing and the proliferation of health centres has greatly reduced infant mortality and death rates.

Merited recognition of Okie Johnson as people's servant

During the ceremony, Nguti elite, Okie Johnson Ndoh, was highlighted as a servant of the people, who has continued his services to God and humanity.

His people-oriented actions like free consultation and treatment as well distri-



Cross section of CPDM supporters at Nguti ceremonial ground in presence of DO



Section president, Ajang Evaristus, leading prayers at grave of pioneer section president

bution of didactic materials were saluted as shining examples for others to copy.

Ajang outlined some action of Okie Johnson such as the construction of the Our Lady of Fatima shrine for spiritual retreat, a thermal power plant, the Tradex filling station, the Sinke Plantation Oil Mill for the transformation of oil palm products, amongst other things.

The Section President also expressed gratitude to the Head of State for dispatching the Minister, Assistant Secretary General of the Presidency of

the Republic, Elung Paul, for a peace message and reassurance of the imminent construction of the Nguti-Bangem Road.

He also called on CPDM supporters to massively register on the electoral register to better prepare for future elections.

A motion of support was sent to the Head of State, calling him to be the party's candidate in future presidential elections and thanking him for the continuous appointment of sons and daughters of Nguti Subdivision.

CDC revival begins as banana exports hike by 58%

By Cyprian Ntiamba Obi Ntui

The Cameroon Development Corporation, CDC, is showing tangible signs of bouncing back to business as its export of bananas in the month of October hit a record hike of 58%.

The information was made public by the National Association of Banana Producers of Cameroon, ASSOBAACAM, in its latest sector report as at end of October, 2023.

The group recalled that CDC, the erstwhile biggest exporter of bananas in the country, whose activities have been crippled for upwards of six years due to disruptions caused by separatist fighters, is about to bounce back as atrocities from the fighters around CDC camps and plantations continue to decline.

The report showed that CDC exported 2,586 tons of bananas in the month of October alone this year as compared to the 1,636 tons exported in the same month in

2022. "The Cameroon Development Corporation, the second-largest employer in the country after the central administration, exported a shipment of 2,586 tons of bananas in October 2023. Year-on-year, these exports increased by 58%, compared to the 1,636 tons exported in October 2022, according to data compiled by the sector association, ASSOBAACAM," Business in Cameroon reported.

The association reiterated that this is the second time the CDC is recording such performance since the beginning of 2023, following the 2,592 tons of bananas shipped into the international market in January 2023.

"It also means a gradual recovery for this state-owned enterprise from the turmoil it has faced due to the Anglophone crisis in the North West and South West regions," the association report harped.

Alluring that the Anglophone conflict caused the total suspension of CDC's activities for nearly two years, affecting about 20,000 jobs, even though many of the sectors are now still struggling to take off in full swing.

In the report, officials of the association expressed optimism that the significant increase in CDC exports notably boosted Cameroon's overall banana shipments to the international market during the period under review.

Cameroon's banana exports increased by 10% in October 2023, year-on-year. According to ASSOBAACAM data, they rose from 17,930 tons in October 2022 to 19,721 tons in October 2023, up 1,791 tons.

This also marks the sector's second-best performance since the beginning of 2023, following the 19,734 tons exported in September 2023.

On Cameroon's overall export earnings

from the banana sector the report showed that the CDC is still a long way from assuming the position it occupied on the national scale before separatist atrocities escalated.

"However, despite CDC's good performance, Plantations du Haut Penja (PHP) remains the market leader. This subsidiary of Compagnie Fruitière de Marseille exported 16,252 tons of bananas in October 2023, compared to 15,141 tons a year earlier (up 111 tons or 7.3%," the association report showed.

On the same vein, the assessors stated that Boh Plantations Plc, the third market player, experienced a decline of 23.4% in October this year, equating to a decrease of 270 tons in absolute value.

Specifically, banana shipments by this operator reached 883 tons in October 2023, compared to 1,153 tons during the same period in 2022, according to the association's latest report.



CDC bananas ready for export



Typical camp dwelling homes for workers of the frontline state corporation

Buea:

Philanthropist, Enyih Stanley Nde, donates modern laptops to NDES Institute

By Mua Patrick

Philanthropist and serial entrepreneur, Enyih Stanley Nde, has donated ten state-of-the-art IBM laptops to Buea-based NDES Institute of Technology, NIT.

Enyih Stanley Nde who is the President and Founder of the NDES Institute of Technology, NIT, and the Nde Zachariah's Descendants Foundation, NDES Foundation, made the donation in Buea Saturday November 4.

The NDES Institute of Technology, NIT, an initiative driven by the NDES Foundation, is dedicated to empowering local girls through education and innovation, rooted in community collaboration.

The generous donation from Enyih Stanley is set to significantly enhance the educational experience at NDES Institute of Technology, an institution committed to nurturing and equipping young women with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM.

Enyih Stanley Nde, a visionary philanthropist, has expressed his enthusiasm for the mission of NIT and the broader goals of the NDES Foundation.

He has emphasised the importance of providing opportunities for young girls to access quality education and resources, enabling them to pursue careers in technology and innovation.

"I am honored to contribute to the cause of NDES Institute of Technology and the NDES Foundation. It is our collective responsibility to create an environment where young women can thrive in STEM fields. By donating these IBM laptops, I hope to empower the next generation of female technologists and innovators," said Enyih.

The NDES Institute of Technology, located in Buea, has been a beacon of hope for local girls aspiring to make a mark in the world of technology.

Through its comprehensive curriculum and hands-on approach to learning, the institute has been nurturing young talents, fostering a spirit of creativity and



Enyih Stanley Nde

innovation, and promoting inclusivity in the tech industry.

Following Saturday's donation, one of the lecturers at the institute, Florence Nji, has expressed her gratitude to the benefactor.

"This donation comes at a critical time when we are expanding our programs and resources to accommodate more students. The IBM laptops will be invaluable tools for our students, enabling them to develop essential skills and excel in their studies" she stated.

The ten IBM laptops provided by Enyih Stanley Nde are equipped with cutting-edge technology, making them ideal for students to engage in coding, research, and collaborative projects.

The laptops will be distributed among NIT's classrooms and computer labs, ensuring that each student has access to the latest tools and resources for their education.

Local community leaders and parents have also applauded this significant act of philanthropy, recognising the positive impact it will have on the community's educational landscape.

The NDES Institute of Technology's commitment to empowering local girls and promoting diversity in STEM fields aligns with the broader goals of inclusivity and progress in the technology sector.



Cross section of the beneficiary learners at the NDES institute

The NDES Foundation, under the leadership of Enyih Stanley Nde, remains dedicated to advancing education and supporting initiatives that empower marginalized communities and underserved groups.

The recent donation of the IBM laptops is a testament to the foundation's commitment to fostering a brighter future through education and technology.

"As NDES Institute of Technology continues to grow and make a difference in the lives of young girls, this generous donation of IBM laptops serves as a beacon of hope and a symbol of collective effort in promoting STEM education and gender equality in the tech industry," the foundation said.

"In the spirit of community collaboration and visionary philanthropy, Enyih Stanley Nde's gift promises to inspire the next generation of female technologists and change-makers, ensuring that the NDES Institute of Technology continues to be a place of innovation, learning, and empowerment for years to come," it added.

Enyih Stanley Nde, it should be said, is an engineer by profession, an accomplished author, but above all, a dedicated humanitarian driven by a passion for community building.

As a member of the United Nations

Economic and Social Council, UN ECOSOC, he leverages his multifaceted background to lead the charge for positive change.

Enyih Stanley serves as the Director of AOP, a multinational corporation actively engaged in fostering sustainable development across Africa.

Additionally, he holds the position of Director at TCEC, another multinational corporation dedicated to similar sustainable development initiatives in the Caribbean region.

Throughout his extensive involvement in various roles spanning Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, and Asia, Enyih Stanley has encountered thousands of underprivileged individuals yearning for a helping hand to secure a brighter future.

His unwavering commitment to community building principles fuels his passion for charitable endeavors.

Enyih Stanley believes that true progress is achieved through community empowerment and collaboration.

His work, whether in Africa, the Americas, or beyond, is guided by a commitment to uplifting and uniting communities, thereby making the world a better place through the principles of community building and sustainable development.

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At second national convention:

GBHS Kumbo 1986 batch resolves to empower selves, increase support to GCE candidates

By Nformi Willibroad Bime

Ex-students of the 1986 batch of Government Bilingual High School, GBHS, Kumbo in Bui Division of the North West Region, have resolved, inter alia, to empower themselves first before handling other issues concerning their alma mater.

The resolution was arrived at during a three-day convention that took place in Limbe from November 3 to 5 and hosted by the Buea branch.

Participants evaluated the implementation of last year's resolution which included the registration of some 20 GCE candidates of the alma mater for the 2023 session at both the ordinary and advanced levels.

The ex-students noted with satisfaction the impressive performance of the candidates. According to the report from the institution, of the 10 candidates who went in for the GCE Ordinary Level, 7 registered a pass of 4 papers and above with 3 grabbing 10 subjects. At the Advanced Level, all the 10 sponsored candidates obtained a pass of 3 subjects and above.

Considering the fact that the environment was still not enabling enough for any development project in the alma mater, the ex-students resolved to step up the amount of subvention for the GCE candidates for the 2024 session thereby increasing the number of beneficiaries.

The ex-students in a bid to regulate their activities in compliance with standard societal norms, put in place a draft a constitution for the association. Another committee was equally constituted to fish out needy classmates for assistance.

Speaking earlier, the host branch president, Ngwa Felix Nsaibohti urged his classmates to first empower themselves before extending a hand of fellowship to others.

"I believe that this convention in particular will go a long way to help us discover new opportunities for col-



GBHS Kumbo, 1986 batch during the convention

laboration and/or partnerships in areas of common interests, be they personal, business or otherwise. They say that charity begins at home. Thus, it is unfair for us to do otherwise," Nsaibohti said.

He went on to add that: "We need to sufficiently empower ourselves first of all before thinking of extending a helping hand elsewhere".

He, however, lauded the initiative the association took in carrying out some activities in the alma mater but insisted that "we can do more if we empower ourselves first".

The Buea branch president of the ex-students of the 1986 batch of GBHS Kumbo described the convention as an opportunity to interact, share ideas and reconnect with others for emergence.

He suggested that the group could operate businesses and buy shares as a leeway to self-empowerment. The convention participants visited the Idenau and other touristic spots for leisure including other merry-making activities.

According to the Association president Dr Ernest

Dzelamonyuy, lecturer at the University of Bamenda, thanks his peers for the fruitful discussions and the spirit of solidarity that exist amongst them.

He announced the next convention will be in Bamenda and urged members of the branch to take the relay and do even better. The pioneer convention, it should be recalled, held in Yaounde last year.

Created in 1976 as Government Secondary School, GSS, today's GBHS Kumbo had become renowned as a citadel of academic excellence both qualitatively and quantitatively.

However, the advent of the now infamous Anglophones crisis has dealt a deep blow on the once vibrant academic institution, including a considerable drop in enrolment due to security challenges.

Despite this situation, ex-students of the institution have not rested on their laurels but been doing all in their powers to keep the flame of their alma mater burning. Organised in batches, the ex-students have made efforts to encourage the younger generation to take an interest in education.

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Marthe Angeline Minja: General Manager of Investment Promotion Agency

Investments by private investors are the backbone of the economies of most countries, both developed and underdeveloped.

Economic experts say private investment is the engine of economic growth and development of a country as countries with higher private investment experience higher rates of growth.

Therefore, good public policies that encourage permanent increases in private investment rates lead to increases in long-term economic growth and welfare.

Experts say empirical evidence points to the fact that the focus of policies oriented to providing fiscal stimulus to incentivise private investment, is an adequate strategy to increase per capita income growth in the long term.

The private capital industry enhances productivity, increases competition, creates high paying jobs, and builds a stronger and sustainable economy. Private capital and investment is an important contributor to economic development, technological progress, and employment.

Private sector-led economic growth, fueled by private investment, increases economic opportunity, enhances access to public and private services, and reduces poverty.

It is with the aforesaid in mind that the Investment Promotion Agency, IPA, led by its General Manager, Marthe Angeline Minja, has been taking measures such as assisting private investors to benefit tax and customs incentives from the state, in order to boost private investment in the country.

Many foreign private investors have benefited from these incentives and have been hailing the Marthe Angeline Minja-led IPA for this initiative.

It should be recalled that IPA had signed conventions with the enterprises within its mission to accompany companies willing to invest in the country.

The conventions were within the framework of implementing Law No. 2017/105 of 12 July 2017 amending and supplementing certain provisions of Law No. 2013/004 of 18 April 2013, which grants tax and customs incentives for private investment in the country.

Recently, during a tour of companies and proj-



ect sites in Yaounde and Douala that have benefited from the tax and customs incentives, the private investors hailed IPA assisting them in this area. The private investors also lauded IPA for fostering government's import substitution policy.

The General Manager of IPA, Marthe Angeline Minja, embarked on the tour to evaluate the implementation of the convention IPA signed with the various private enterprises, as well as get them to give an appraisal of how the support of her institution has contributed to the realisation of their projects.

The investors were all unanimous that the convention has greatly helped in the installation and growth of their investments. Some of the projects have already gone operational while others are still under construction.

In Yaounde, the tour took Minja and her team to GAODA International Investment Trading Limited, the ongoing construction site of the Radisson Serviced Apartments and Star Land Hotel. Meanwhile, in Douala, the team went to Top Food and Elim Beverages, African Cylinder, and Novia Industries.

For using IPA to encourage tax and customs incentives for private investors and fostering government's import substitution policy, Marthe Angeline Minja gets a score of **10/10**.

Down score:

Melissa Marie Curtis: Teacher accused of sex acts with student

A teacher is supposed to be a good example to his or her pupils and students. But when a teacher, instead of advising students to abstain from sexual acts until they are married, but instead engages in sex acts with the students, this should be condemned in the strongest terms.

This is the case of a middle school female teacher in Montgomery County, Maryland, United States of America, Melissa Marie Curtis, who has been accused of sex acts with a student for up to 20 times.

According to police, Curtis engaged in sex acts with an underage middle school student. The police added that there could be more victims.

Melissa Marie Curtis, who's now 31, was a teacher in Montgomery Village Middle School in Montgomery County, Maryland, when the alleged abuse happened in 2015, according to police.

It allegedly continued for "several months" when Curtis was 22, police said. The victim, who's now an adult, came forward in early October, which sparked an investigation into the former teacher.

Police didn't release details of the alleged sexual abuse, but detectives believe there may be additional victims.

Curtis was employed by the Montgomery School District for two years, according to police. She also taught at Lakelands Park Middle School.

All the incidents took place within

Montgomery County, according to law enforcement.

A warrant for Curtis' arrest was issued on October 31 on charges of sexual abuse of a minor and multiple counts of third- and fourth-degree sexual offenses.

She turned herself in on Tuesday morning.

Charging documents obtained by DC News Now allege that the student claimed Curtis sexually abused him in a classroom, in a car and at her mother's home and at his house. The documents say the student claimed she gave him alcohol and marijuana, per the outlet.

The alleged victim claimed in the charging documents that Curtis had sex with him more than 20 times, DC News Now reports. For sexually abusing a student, giving alcohol and marijuana, Melissa Marie Curtis gets a score of **0/10**.



ANTIC denies summoning cyber criminals for questioning

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The document, said to be issued by ANTIC, yet, bearing the blurred stamp of the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, had summoned some 304 suspected cyber criminals for questioning.

The fake communique had warned that the suspects will be severely punished should they fail to show up for questioning at ANTIC within two weeks.

But in an outing on its social media handles yesterday, ANTIC distanced itself from the document, labelling it as fake and misleading.

"The public is hereby informed that ANTIC is not a party to the fake decision supposedly signed by its Director General, summoning some 304 cyber-crime suspects to its headquarters for questioning," the body wrote on its verified Facebook Page.

ANTIC then stated that: "The fake document circulating on social media, hereunder pictured, is the handiwork of malicious individuals seeking to mislead public opinion, damage the Agency's reputation and stall its commendable efforts in the fight against cybercrime".

"We invite the public to collaborate with ANTIC in the fight against cyber-crime in Cameroon by denouncing cases via email: alerts@cirt.antic.cm," ANTIC added.

It should be recalled that in their communique, authors of the fake document had announced that: "The

Director of the National Agency for Information and Communication Technologies Cameroon, ANTIC Cameroon; hereby invites the following people involved in cyber-crime to report to room 502 bis, within two weeks after the publication of this press release, to justify their current situations..."

The fictitious communique then warned that: "...failure to do so, disciplinary measures will be taken against them".

ANTIC, it should be mentioned, is a public administrative establishment with legal personality and financial autonomy.

It is placed under the technical supervision of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the financial supervision of the Ministry of Finance.

Following the promulgation of Law N° 2010/012, of December 21, 2010, relating to cyber security, cyber criminality and law N° 2010/013 of 21, December 2010, governing electronic communications in Cameroon, ANTIC was assigned the mission to regulate the activities of electronic certification and regulation of the Internet in Cameroon.

Its main missions include the promotion of ICT, regulation of activities of electronic certification, including Security and Security Intelligence.

The structure also facilitates and accelerates development, deployment and the harmonised exploitation of ICTs in Cameroon as well as contribute to the development of Cameroon by the use of ICTs in all safety.



Prof Ebot Ebot Enaw: ANTIC Director General

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Mindful of the constitution;

Mindful of Decree No. 092/2002 of 8 April 2002, creating the National Agency for Information and Communication Technologies (ANTIC) with the mission of promoting and following up Government's action in the domain;

Mindful of Law No. 2010/012 of 21 July 2010 on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime Code of Cameroon.

Law No. 2010/013 of 21 December 2010 on Cyber Security and Cyber Crime states that "it seeks to protect human rights, in particular the right to human dignity, for the respect of privacy, for the legitimate interests of individuals."

Article 1 of Law No. 2016/017 of 12 July 2016 on the Penal Code of Cameroon.

Mindful of Law No. 2022/002 of 12 July 2022 on Cameroon's Accession to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.

The Director General of the National Agency for Information and Communication Technologies Cameroon (ANTIC Cameroon) hereby invites the following people involved in cyber-crime to report to room 502 bis, within two weeks after the publication of this press release, to justify their current situations.

Failure to do so, disciplinary measures will be taken against them.



Celebrating the life of

Sunrise 1946 Sunset 2023

Pa FuhNdum Lucas Ntam

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light Matthew 11:28-30

Funeral Programme

Tuesday November 28, 2023

2:00pm-Wake without corpse at family residence Below ACHA Annex, Ntamulung, Bamenda

Thursday November 30, 2023

2:00pm- Wake without corpse at Family compound at Prison Yard, Wum

Friday December 1, 2023

7:00am

- Removal of corpse from the Wum District Hospital Mortuary
- 8:00am Brief stop at family compound below prison Wum
- 10:00am Funeral church Service at PC Naikom-Wum
- 11:00am Departure for Weh village
- Traditional rites at Family Compound Kefum quarter
- 2:00pm Burial in strict family intimacy
- 3:00pm Refreshment and departure of mourners

BIOGRAPHY

FuhNdum Lucas was born on April 4, 1946 in Weh.

He was married to FuhNdum Regina Nsen.

FuhNdum Lucas attended Presbyterian School, PS Weh where he brilliantly obtained his Standard Six certificate.

FuhNdum Lucas would then be recruited into the Cameroon Armed Forces where he served for seven years. He diligently and passionately served the military in the towns of Ngaoundere and Douala before resigning from the Armed Forces for personal reasons.

FuhNdum Lucas then returned to his native Weh village where had a brief sojourn before applying for the recruitment into the National School Penitentiary Administration, ENAP Buea. He successfully passed the recruitment and was subsequently trained as a prison administrator. He was first posted to the Bafia Central Prison, in Mbam and Inoubou Division of the Centre Region.

He was later sent on transfer to the Kumba Principal Prison in Meme Division of the South West Region. He also served the prison administration in Yoko, Mbam and Kim Division of the Centre Region before his transfer to the Wum principal prison in Menchum Division of the North West Region. He rose to the rank of principal warder before his retirement in 1997. Following his retirement from active public service, FuhNdum Lucas engaged in agriculture in Wum and Weh. In his social life, FuhNdum Lucas was a member of several socio-cultural groups.

He was also an avid Christian of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, PCC. He was a member of the Christian Men Fellowship, CMF of the PCC. Politically, FuhNdum Lucas militated with the ruling Cameroon People's Democratic Movement, CPDM party. He was a family man. He died Sunday November 5, 2023 in Bamenda leaving behind eight children and a wife to mourn him. He also leaves behind more than 20 grandchildren to mourn him.

Cultural Dossier

Compiled by Morine Tanyi

Cameroonian, Odette Françoise Ngoumou, shining at international model scene



Odette Françoise Ngoumou, internationally acclaimed model

Cameroonian, Odette Françoise Ngoumou, has been raising the flag of the country at the international scene. The beauty queen and model has been at the fore of several international modeling events for some time now.

She was recently in Côte d'Ivoire for the 2023 edition of the Abidjan Pagne Festival that held from October 27 to 28, 2023.

She has also been taking part in Paris Fashion Week for over two years. As a black model of Cameroonian nationality, the talented beauty queen, has long been the muse of Cameroonian photographers and cultural promoters.

Speaking during a recent interview granted an online site, she noted that before thinking of taking part in beauty contest in Cameroon, she was already a model. This, she said added to her other projects given that being a Miss is not a job.

"I am fulfilled by modeling, which has been a parallel career choice for some years now," she said.

Retracing her way into the modeling world, she noted that: "I found myself in this world quite by chance, as a local promoter had spotted me and felt I had the profile to evolve in this profession".

"In addition to being lucky, God put people in my path that believed in me and were always ready to support me. This sector, like many others, is all about networking. That's what triggers me, and pushed me to do what I have learned from this business: my professionalism," she noted.

On how she has been able to blend her career and her educational life, Odette Françoise disclosed that she has a master's degree in Communication and International Public Action, all thanks to the coaching of her father.

"I will never stop winking at my late father, who fought so hard not to let me give up school for fashion. And I listened to him. Actually, I didn't have much choice either. In fact, it wasn't very complicated to combine the two in Cameroon, since it's a part-time job, you just had to get organized," Odette Françoise.

On her participation at the Paris Fashion Week, as black models, Odette Françoise noted that there are more and more black models at international catwalks, and it is gratifying to see that things are moving in the best way.

On the criteria to take part at the various shows, Odette Françoise noted that these varies from the type of event.

She, however, said the standard criteria to take into account touches on issues of height, weight, profile and personality/presence.

Odette Françoise was affirmative when quizzed on her ability to earn a living in the arts.

"Yes, but I keep a modest standard of living. My contracts are better and better negotiated, and the contacts I make at events are sometimes higher than my fees and thanks to her outcome, she is able to run her model show in Cameroon," she said.

Miss Cameroon, Issié Marie Princesse, represents country at Miss Universe 2023

Miss Cameroon 2023, Ndoun Issié Marie Princesse, is currently in the Latin American country of El Salvador, where she will be representing the country at the 72nd edition of the international Universe pageant, Miss Universe 2023.

The preliminary competition is expected to hold November 15 with the finals to take place on November 18. It is during the competition that the new Miss Universe will be voted to replace the American R'bonney Gabriel, holder of the crown.

In El Salvador already for days now, Miss Issié Princesse, has in recent post, hailed her fans for their support. She has also called on them to continue to support and vote for her as they get to the semifinal stage of the competition.

According to her, it has been an amazing experience filled with great minds and participants. She equally used the opportunity to thank the Miss Cameroon Organising Committee, COMICA, and the country as a whole for their support that made it possible for her to be on the global stage.

Miss Issié Princesse's participation at the competition comes after that of her first runner-up, Monalisa Mouketey, who took part at the 71st edition of the Miss Universe 2022.

Her participation at the competition, many have said, will be a huge task for her to shine the flag of the country at the international scene especially as it is coming shortly after the brilliant performance of Cameroonian Mixed Martial Artist cum boxer, Francis Ngannou, at a mega fight with Tyson Fury.

About Princesse Issié

This year's Miss Universe, Princess Issié is a beautiful, eloquent and bilingual girl. Her qualities, it is being said, is no coincidence that she was elected Miss Cameroon 2022.

Aged 23, Princesse Issié meets all the criteria of an international beauty



Ndoun Issié Marie Princesse, Miss Universe Cameroon

queen. Standing 1.82 metre tall, one of her greatest assets is her radiant smile

During her passage for the election of Miss Cameroon, she won the hearts of many with her dynamism. Although still a third-year management student, Princesse has taken remarkable action through her association, "Cameroon Women actions", which fights against breast cancer through youth education and awareness campaigns. Above all, she has promoted Cameroon in all its diversity and splendor.

In the domain of beauty, many

have noted that though the country is yet to win an international crown, there have, however, had some remarkable feats.

This includes participation of Valerie Ayena, Miss Cameroon 2013, who stood out at the Miss World pageant, and Audrey Monkam, who break all records in the same competition by winning the second place in the Top Model contest and the "Head to Head" challenge in 2020.

Africa's record in competition so far

It should be said this is the 4th time the Cameroon is taking part in the competition since 2020. The country was first represented by Miss Universe Cameroon, Angele Kossinda.

To date, there have been six victories for African women at Miss Universe. The first black African to win was Mpule Kwelagobe from Botswana in 1999.

Other winners include Angola's Leila Lopes in 2011, South Africa's Demi Leigh Nel Peters and Zozibini Tunzi who won in 2017 and 2019, respectively.

Their victories on the global event, many have said and rightly so, are proof that African beauty is universally recognised.

The Miss Universe contest in brief

Miss Universe is an international women's beauty pageant that was founded in 1952 by the Californian clothing company, Pacific Mills.

It has been organised by JKN Global Group since 2022. The global event brings together over 90 Miss Universe delegates vying for the prestigious crown.

The winner receives a salary of €5,000 and company housing in New York. This year's edition is a special one, as married candidates and mothers are now accepted with the age limit being 18 to 28.

Movie director, Blaise Option, pays tribute to peer, Mitoumba Kepombia

Renowned movie director and actor, Blaise Option, has paid homage to filmmaker and actor, Mitoumba Ebenezer Kepombia.

Blaise Option was speaking recently during an interview granted a Douala-based television channel.

He hailed the works of Mitoumba Ebenezer Kepombia, who is the main hand behind one the most watched movie, La Bataille des cherries.

"Mitoumba has been of great support to me. He gave me 100,000 FCFA when I was producing my first film, so that I could buy drinks for the actors. He is the only person around me who has ever done such to encourage me. Even in my family, no one has ever given me a penny to encourage me," he explained when quizzed on his relationship with Mitoumba.

To Blaise Option, Mitoumba remains the best thing that has happened to the movie industry in the country. He said his works for the promotion of the sector should be saluted.

Blaise Option, by his real name Blaise Ntedju, it should be said, is a household name in the movie industry in the country as he has realised several movie and series.

After battling with life, from being a car wash boy to selling cold water on the streets, he later flew out of the country and upon his return; he decided to join the movie industry.

His talent began to speak for itself, between 2014 and 2015 with his first feature film, Conséquences Tribales, loosely translated as Tribal consequences. The film, upon its release, was widely criticized, prompting him to



Blaise Option, movie director and actor,

take directing course at for several months.

He later on released Engagement Mortel, a second feature, which to his greatest surprise as well as those of his fans, was nominated at the Ecrans Noirs Festival.

Since then, he has released several other movies among them; Miranda nominated at the Ecrans Noirs festival in 2017, Mon Sang, Ranceur, Le Karma de la Tchiza Manipulations Fatale, Le prix du péché, Miel Amer and 12 Cas, just to name this.

Elite One:

YOSA chase first win in Fauve clash tomorrow

By Dewah Fabrice Teh

Yong Sports Academy of Bamenda, YOSA will host Fauve Azur in Mbouda tomorrow in one of match day seven encounters of the MTN Elite One championship.

The North West Region club will hope to secure their first win this season after failing to get a victory in their five previous matches.

The encounter will be played at the MTN Arena in Mbouda, West Region as from 1pm.

YOSA has been uninspiring since the start of the season and is looking to use the Fauve match to get their season back on track.

The Bamenda-based club have had arguably the most difficult league since they gained promotion to Elite in 2009.

The Yellow Submarines are currently ranked rock-bottom in Group B of the 19-club championship with just 2 points in five matches.

The boys of coach Ndikum Blaise have suffered defeats to Stade Renard of Melong, Avion Academy of Nkam and Coton Sport of Garoua.

The 2 points they have managed to secure in the Elite One campaign so far were in draws against UMS of Loum and Apejes of Mfou.

YOSA's opponent for tomorrow's match haven't also had a good start of the season. Fauve is currently ranked 5th in Group B with 4 points.

Besides the YOSA versus Fauve match, several other Group B matches will take place during the weekend.

Pool toppers, Stade Renard of Melong will be hosting Fovu Club of Bamenda in a 3 pm fixture at the MTN Arena in Mbouda after the YOSA match.

At the Mbatte Leppe Stadium in Douala, Avion

Academy of Nkam which currently sits 4th on the pool's placing with 6 points, will lock horns with relegation-threatened Apejes of Mfou.

Group B matches will round up on Sunday with the duel pitting UMS of Loum against the home team, Victoria United FC at the Limbe Centenary Stadium.

Victoria United is without a victory in their last five matches since its 2-1 win over Fauve Azur in the opening game of the season.

The team held Avion to a 2-2 draw in its last game. The club will be hoping to build on that to fully get themselves back on track after a turbulent moment in the lead-up to the Avion game which was punctuated by three successive defeats.

of play will take place on Sunday.

Union will host Astres in an all-Douala derby at the Reunifications Stadium in Douala at 2 pm.

Pool leaders, Dynamo of Douala will also face Colombe of Dja and Lobo at the Reunifications Stadium at 4 pm.

The MTN Arena in Mbouda will host the clash pitting Aigle of the Menoua against PWD Social Football Club of Bamenda. In Garoua, Gazelle FA will welcome AS Fortuna at the Roumde Adjia Stadium at 3 pm.

The top match in the pool for the weekend will be that pitting Bamboutos of Mbouda against Canon of Yaounde at 3 pm.

Bamboutos is currently ranked at the second position in the group with 12 points, a point behind leaders Dynamo of Douala while Canon sits 4th with 8 points.

Bamboutos hosts Canon in Group A cracker

All six Group A matches counting for the 7th day



YOSA has scored one goal in five Elite One matches this season

CAF Women's Champions League:

Mamelodi Sundowns qualify for semifinals

Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies have sealed their second win in the CAF Women's Champions League when they scored a 1-0 victory over Sporting Club Casablanca at the Stade Amadou Gon Coulibaly, Korhogo, Ivory Coast, on Wednesday November 8, 2023.

The win means that they have now qualified for the semi-finals of the competition, with a match to spare.

"We are very happy with the way we have begun the tournament and our performances have been impressive despite the tough nature of the games we have played," Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies Coach, Jerry Tshabalala

A solitary goal from Melinda Kgadiete in the 42nd minute was enough to see Banayana Ba Style seal the win over their Moroccan counterparts.

Kgadiete's header a few minutes before the first-half break saw the two teams break the deadlock, after Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies failed to convert a few opportunities to take the lead earlier in the game.

Refilwe Tholakele made two attempts at goal but wasn't able to get the better of Casablanca's Laila Dahrouch – who cleared

the attempt, and goalkeeper Imane Abdelahad, who maintained her team's clean sheet in the second chance.

Seven minutes later Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies appealed for the penalty after Kholosa Biyana's shot was blocked by Merhem Hajri's hand. But the penalty wasn't given.

A late set piece in the game could have seen Jerry Tshabalala's team double their lead but it wasn't to be.

The victory means Sundowns Ladies have now reached their third CAF Champions League semi-finals in a row.

Coach Tshabalala expressed his delight with his team after maintaining their perfect start to the competition.

"The plan is to focus more on improving ourselves because we know why we are here. We desire to get the ultimate prize and everyone within the team is determined to achieve that objective," Coach Jerry stated on sundownsfsc.co.za.

Sundowns Ladies next face Atletico Abidjan at the same venue, on Saturday, 11 November, 2023.

Source:gsport.co.za



Sundowns Ladies celebrating semifinal qualification

FA will not charge Man Utd forward over use of gorilla emojis

Manchester United forward Alejandro Garnacho will not be charged for using gorilla emojis in a social media post, the Football Association says.

The 19-year-old used the emojis alongside a photo of him and team-mate Andre Onana following the side's victory against Copenhagen in October.

The FA said it was "satisfied" with the Argentine's explanation "and the context it provides".

Onana previously called for Garnacho to face no punishment.

The FA said it had "reminded the player of his responsibilities around social media posts and the use of emojis in particular".

"We sought the player's observations as part of our investigation, and he explained that the use of two gorilla emojis was intended to highlight the strength and power of his team-mates - specifically Andre Onana and Harry Maguire - following the pivotal roles that they played in Manchester United's win over FC Copenhagen," an FA statement read.

"We are satisfied with Alejandro Garnacho's explanation and the context that it provides, so we will not be issuing disciplinary proceedings on this

occasion.

"We also intend to liaise with Kick It Out and the PFA to discuss other potential issues around the use of emojis and similar forms of messaging, and education that can be provided about them."

Onana saved an injury-time against Copenhagen to secure a vital 1-0 Champions League win in October.

The Cameroonian addressed Garnacho's post on Instagram, writing: "People cannot choose what I should be offended by. I know exactly what [Garnacho] meant: power and strength. 'This matter should go no further.'"

In 2019, Manchester City midfielder Bernardo Silva was banned for one match and fined £50,000 after an FA commission accepted he "did not intend" a tweet about team-mate Benjamin Mendy to be "racist".

Silva compared Mendy to the character on a packet of Conguitos, a chocolate brand available in Spain and Portugal.

In 2021 United striker Edinson Cavani was given a three-match ban and £100,000 fine for a social media post containing a Spanish phrase that is offensive in some contexts.

Source:bbsports



Alejandro Garnacho: Manchester United forward