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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS SUPPORTS SJAG CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WITH D200,000

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, through the National Sports Council (NSC), has disbursed D200,000 to the Sports Journalists Association of The Gambia (SJAG) to finance a critical capacity-building training for sports journalists.

This initiative aligns with the ministry's commitment to enhancing sports reporting and journalism in the country. The training, scheduled in two phases, aims to equip sports journalists with advanced skills to accurately report on various sporting disciplines, analyze events, and engage audiences with in-depth sports coverage.

The financial support from the Ministry of Youth and Sports underscores its dedication to strengthening the role of media in promoting sports and fostering professionalism in sports journalism.

This capacity-building initiative is expected to impact sports reporting positively, enabling journalists to better engage audiences and contribute to the growth of sports in the country.

The National Sports Council remains committed to supporting initiatives that develop talent and professionalism in sports journalism as part of its mandate to promote and develop sports in The Gambia.

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ISSA SECRETARY GENERAL PAYS COURTESY CALL ON YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER

The Secretary General of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA), Nasser Ayman Majali, paid a courtesy visit on the Minister of Youth and Sports, Hon. Bakary Y. Badjie, as part of his official visit to The Gambia. The visit aimed to strengthen collaboration between ISSA and the Gambia National Olympic Committee (GNOC) while promoting sports as a unifying force within the Islamic community.

Majali was accompanied by officials from ISSA and the GNOC. The delegation was received by Minister Badjie and his team, highlighting the commitment to fostering international sports cooperation.



NSC HONOURS RETIRED WRESTLING DESK OFFICER

The National Sports Council (NSC) today honoured its retired staff, Alhagie Abdoulie Bojang, former Wrestling Desk Officer, in recognition of his invaluable contributions to the growth and development of wrestling in The Gambia.

During a special ceremony at the NSC headquarters, Acting Executive Director Mahmoud L. Jawla commended Mr. Bojang for his unwavering commitment to the Council and the sport of wrestling.

“Mr. Bojang has rendered meritorious service to the National Sports Council and, in particular, to the sport of wrestling. His dedication, experience, and passion have played a significant role in strengthening the foundation of wrestling in The Gambia. We deeply appreciate his efforts and wish him all the best in his retirement.”

Colleagues Celebrate Bojang’s Work Ethic and Character

Staff members at the NSC took turns expressing their appreciation for the time they worked alongside Mr. Bojang, highlighting his professionalism, humility, and mentorship.





NSC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO PE TEACHERS

The National Sports Council (NSC) Board Members, led by Chairman Lamin Jawara, presided over the presentation of certificates to Physical Education (PE) teachers who participated in an induction training workshop organized by the National Paralympic Committee (NPC).

The certificate presentation ceremony took place at the NSC offices at the Independence Stadium in Bakau, recognizing the dedication of PE teachers who underwent training on the Paralympic brand, athlete development, and practical demonstrations of wheelchair basketball.

The training, held at the President's Award Scheme Hall in Bakau on July 27-28, 2024, was powered by Toyota as a worldwide Paralympic partner.

NSC Acting Executive Director, Mahmoud L. Jawla commended the participants for their commitment and emphasized the importance of integrating Paralympic sports into school curricula.

GAMBIA HOSTS INTER-REGIONAL AFRICAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ANTI-DOPING

The high level gathering, organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with UNESCO Anti-Doping Secretariat in Paris, brought together African sport ministers, members of the COP 9 Bureau, and representatives of regional and international organisations.

Themed on 'Enhancing Africa's Sports Governance: Fostering Inter-Regional Cooperation and Convergence for Sport Values, Ethics, and Integrity,' the meeting aims to strengthen ethical standards and foster collaboration among key stakeholders in the sports sector across the continent.

The forum was held at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre in Banjul.

In his opening statement, Bakary Y. Badjie, minister for Youth and Sports, highlighted the importance of the event for The Gambia. "This meeting is a significant milestone, underscoring our commitment to ethical sports management and enhancing our influence within the African sports community," Minister Badjie stated.





PAHALI SECKA WINS NCM GRAND FINALE, TAKES HOME D500,000

After months of rigorous talent scouting across The Gambia, the National Competitive Musical Festival (NCM) reached its grand finale on February 18, 2025, at QCity, where Pahali Secka of KMC Region One emerged as the overall champion.

The event, which featured 17 finalists from various regions, was a showcase of extraordinary talent, but it was Pahali Secka, a young artist from Abuko, who stole the spotlight with his electrifying performances and confident stage presence. His victory secured him a D500,000 cash prize and a promising future in the music industry.

Joining him in the top ranks were:

- First Runner-up: Arubii (NBR 1 B.E.M) – D300,000
- Second Runner-up: Superstar (West Coast Region 4) – D200,000

Beyond the monetary prizes, Joluv Arts, in collaboration with the National Sports Council, has pledged to support Pahali Secka's musical journey by producing a professional audio and visual project for him. Additionally, all finalists will receive career coaching and consultancy to help them navigate the music industry.



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PRESIDENT BARROW REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AT STATE HOUSE MEETING

Following the conclusion of the Interregional African Ministerial Meeting held in The Gambia, a high-level delegation of Sports Ministers, the AU Commissioner, and directors from regional and international organizations paid a courtesy visit to H.E. President Adama Barrow at State House.

The delegation, led by the meeting's chair, briefed the President on the key outcomes of the gathering and expressed gratitude to him and his government for hosting such a significant event in The Gambia.

In response, President Barrow reaffirmed his commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at strengthening sports governance and development across the continent. He emphasized the immense benefits that sports bring to nations, including youth empowerment, economic growth, and international recognition.



NSC SECURES RESOLUTIONS TO END WULI EAST SPORTING DISPUTE

BASSE, URR – The National Sports Council (NSC) has successfully mediated a long-standing sporting dispute between sports stakeholders in Wuli East District. Following an invitation from Upper River Region (URR) Governor Samba Bah, a three-person NSC delegation, led by Acting Executive Director Mahmoud L. Jawla, arrived in Basse on Monday 13th January, 2025.

The delegation, which also included NSC Council Member and Vice Chairman of the Technical Committee Saikou Sanyang, and Communications and Public Relations Manager Sara Camara, met with Governor Samba Bah and the URR Police Commissioner on Tuesday morning. The briefing provided the NSC with a synopsis of the current situation in Wuli East and the governor's office's efforts to resolve the dispute.

Later that day after the briefing with the governor, a meeting was held at the Agriculture Office hall with representatives from the Wuli East sports stakeholders, the URR Regional Sports Committee, and the Regional Football Association. Governor Bah emphasized the importance of the gathering, stressing the need for all parties to fulfill their responsibilities and be guided by law. He expressed concern that the dispute was hindering the progress of sports in the region and urged the maintenance of peace and stability.

NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL EXTENDS CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WANDEH NJIE

Banjul, The Gambia – The National Sports Council (NSC) expresses heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and football fraternity on the passing of Wandeh Njie, former goalkeeper and captain of the Gambia National Team and Real de Banjul.

As he is laid to rest today, the Acting Executive Director of the National Sports Council, Mr. Mahmoud L. Jawla, and the Executive Director of the National Youth Service Scheme (NYSS), on behalf of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, joined the late Wandeh Njie's family, the Gambia Football Federation (GFF), and all football enthusiasts at the Pipeline Central Mosque to pay their last respects.

Wandeh Njie, who passed away in the United Kingdom where he had been residing, was a legend in Gambian football. As a former goalkeeper, captain, and coach for Real de Banjul, he played a pivotal role in securing multiple league titles for the club and represented The Gambia with distinction on the national stage.



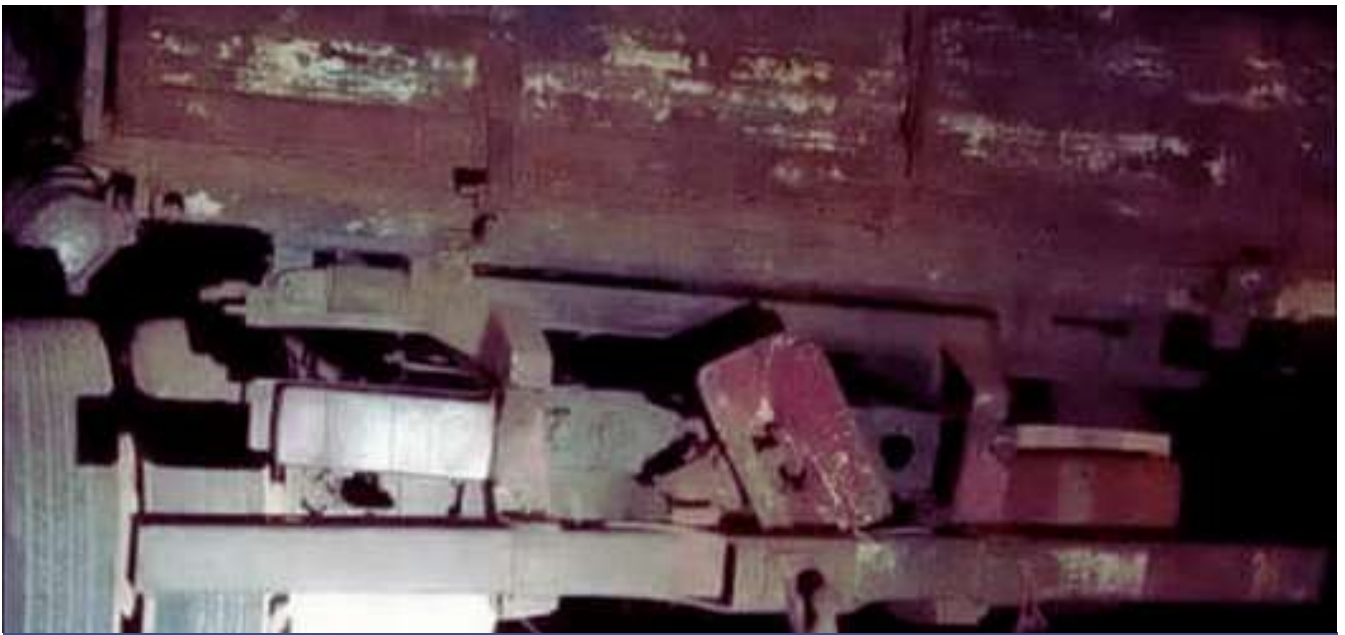
The resolutions mark a significant step towards resolving the impasse in Wuli East and promoting better sports governance in the region. The NSC's intervention has been crucial in bringing the parties together and establishing a clear path forward.



Hon Minister for Youth and Sports presents D400,000.00 to Gambia Basketball Association at the NSC headquarters located at the Independence Stadium in Bakau

PICTORIAL PRESENTATION





PRESS RELEASE: CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC INCIDENT IN KAFUTA

The National Sports Council (NSC) extends its deepest condolences to the families of the two young girls, aged 7 and 8, who tragically lost their lives in the devastating accident in Kafuta. Our thoughts and prayers are with the grieving families during this difficult time.

We also express our heartfelt sympathies to the injured football fans and wish them a full and speedy recovery. The NSC stands in solidarity with the entire community affected by this unfortunate event.

Sports should be a unifying and joyous experience, and it is deeply saddening to witness such a tragedy in a setting meant to bring communities together. The NSC remains committed to promoting safety at all sporting events and urges all stakeholders to prioritize measures that safeguard the lives of athletes, fans, and the general public.

The NSC takes this opportunity to encourage all stakeholders to make the best use of the traffic police and sensitize fans and sympathizers of sports teams to consider safety measures before, during, and after competitions to prevent such incidents in the future.

Our support and prayers remain with the people of Kafuta, and we encourage the community to stay united and strong during this time of mourning.

May the departed rest in peace.

Mahmoud L. Jawla
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