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By Eratus NDUHE

Cameroonian long-distance runner and cultural advocate Afowiri Kizito Fondzenyuy, widely known as the Toghu Marathoner, has announced the creation of a new sporting and cultural event: the Yaoundé Cultural Marathon, set to take place in 2026. He made the announcement during a symbolic ceremony held at the National Museum in Yaoundé on July 23, where he officially donated his now-famous Toghu attire to the Cameroonian state. The highly symbolic outfit, an elaborately embroidered regalia native to the North West Region of Cameroon, was worn by Afowiri when he set the Guinness World Record for the fastest marathon run in traditional attire at the 2024 Tokyo Marathon. His gesture to hand over the iconic ensemble was received by Prof. Blaise Jacque Nkene, Secretary General at the Ministry of Arts and Culture, representing the Minister. Speaking emotionally at the event, Afowiri said his act was driven by a desire to preserve a piece of Cameroon's cultural and sporting legacy. "This is legacy," he

said. "It's not about me. Each time I run out there, it's to represent our country, our culture, and the future. There's no better place for this relic than the National Museum, where generations can come and be inspired to run or represent their culture in their own way."

A cultural, social mission

The upcoming Yaoundé Cultural Marathon, Afowiri said, will be more than a race. It will be a celebration of Cameroonian identity, entrepreneurship, and social responsibility. "There will be training programs, coaching sessions, and opportunities for small businesses to sell their products," he explained. "We're creating a platform where health, culture, and community development converge. That's what makes this different." He also announced that the marathon would serve as a platform to raise awareness on autism, a cause he has recently embraced after discovering the staggering number of undiagnosed or unsupported autistic children in Cameroon. "There are about 800,000 kids in Cameroon on the autism spectrum. Many of them aren't receiving the attention they need. Through the marathon, we want to educate

parents, teachers, and the community to better understand and support these children. All children are our children—no matter how they learn." Afowiri, who began running competitively at the age of 40, said he quit drinking at 50 because of the discipline the marathon instilled in him. "It's never too late to start," he encouraged. "The marathon changed my life. Now, I want it to change others' lives as well, through health, education, and entrepreneurship."

Ministry salutes Diaspora

In his keynote address, Prof. Blaise Jacque Nkene praised Afowiri's gesture and recognized the broader significance of his actions. "This ceremony salutes the excellence of the positive diaspora," Nkene said. "Mr. Afowiri Kizito has promoted the traditional attire of his native land on international platforms, entering the record books as the fastest person to complete a marathon in traditional clothing. His initiative aligns perfectly with the Head of State's call for unity and cultural pride." Nkene also emphasized that the Ministry of Arts and Culture, under the leadership of President Paul Biya, has worked tirelessly over the past two years

to revitalize the National Museum, making it a space of cultural mediation and collective memory. "This outfit is more than fabric. It is a living testimony of our history and a symbol of Cameroon's cultural wealth," he added. "The Ministry is proud to safeguard it as part of our national heritage."

Afowiri: More than a marathoner

Born in Bamenda in December 1972, Afowiri Kizito Fondzenyuy, is more than a runner. He is a cultural ambassador, philanthropist, and humanitarian whose work has impacted communities both in Cameroon and abroad. After completing his early education at Sacred Heart College and Covent High School, Afowiri pursued a bachelor's degree at the University of Chang. His academic journey later took him to the United States, where he earned two master's degrees—one in International Business and the other in Finance and Engineering. But it is in the world of endurance sports that he found his true calling. In 2011, Afowiri began running marathons as a way to raise funds for community development projects. Through his Amun Foundation, he has provi-

ded educational support, health awareness, and infrastructure such as school buildings and bridges in rural Cameroon. His appearance at the 2024 Tokyo Marathon in Toghu attire, where he set a world record, catapulted him into international headlines. That moment marked a turning point, not just in his career, but in the way the world viewed African culture and athleticism. "If I ran in Nike or Adidas, we wouldn't be here today," he remarked during the ceremony. "Wearing Toghu was intentional. It represented who I am and where I come from." Afowiri is now calling on both the Cameroonian government and private sector to support the 2026 Yaoundé Cultural Marathon, a vision he believes can help transform not only the capital city but the national conversation on culture, health, and youth empowerment. "We're hoping everyone supports us so we can make this a big reality," he said. "This is not just about running. It's about building a healthier, more united, and culturally proud Cameroon." The marathon, according to him, will serve as an annual event with lasting economic, educational, and social impact.

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2025 PRESIDENTIALS

ELECAM begins scrutiny of presidential candidacies

The files were handed over to the ELECAM Board's Chairperson, Dr. Enow Abrams Egbe by the Director General of Elections at ELECAM Dr. Essousse Erik, Director General of Elections during the opening of the Board's second Session as of Right.



By Eratus NDUH

With just under three months to Cameroon's highly anticipated presidential election, the country's electoral process has entered a new phase. Elections Cameroon, ELECAM, the body charged with managing the country's elections, has officially received and begun examining the candidacy files of those vying for the nation's highest office. During a solemn session held at ELECAM headquarters in Yaounde yesterday, the Director General of Elections, Dr. Essousse Erik, formally handed over a package of candidacy files to the President of the Electoral Board, Dr. Enow Abrams Egbe, marking the start of the crucial review phase. "I solemnly submit the package of files to the President of the Electoral Board," Dr. Essousse declared, as he presented the documents of 82 presidential hopefuls who submitted applications before the deadline. The opening of ELECAM's second statutory "Session as of Right" set the stage for what the Board President described as a "sensitive and decisive" phase in the electoral calendar. In his remarks, Dr. Enow urged Electoral Board members to examine each application with objectivity, rigor, and full adherence to the law. "This session is not only a legal requirement; it is a turning point in the democratic process. Our role is to uphold the credibility of this election," Dr. Enow said. He reminded the Board that only candidates who meet the requirements of the Electoral Code would be validated. These include criteria related to age, citizenship, legal standing, and the number of endorsements required. Dr. Enow also emphasized the need for confidentiality, warning members against leaking any details of the ongoing deliberations. He des-

cribed confidentiality as a cornerstone of electoral trust, stressing that all members are bound by oath to protect the integrity of the process. To carry out the screening, the Electoral Board has adopted a clear and transparent methodology, designed to ensure consistency in judgment and full legal compliance. Each file will be thoroughly examined for completeness and authenticity before a final list of approved candidates is published. While all qualified candidates will move forward in the race, those who do not meet the legal criteria will be disqualified, in line with the electoral code. However, the law provides an opportunity for recourse: disqualified applicants have two days to appeal their rejection before the Constitutional Council, which will rule on their eligibility. This second statutory session follows the official close of candidacy submissions for the October 12 presidential election, which is expected to be one of the most consequential in recent years. With 82 hopefuls, including political veterans, independents, and new entrants, the race promises a competitive and dynamic political landscape. ELECAM's role now shifts from registration to regulation, and much of the public attention is focused on how the institution will manage the scrutiny phase. The transparency, fairness, and professionalism of this process will be critical in shaping public confidence ahead of voting day. As the scrutiny continues behind closed doors, Cameroonians at home and abroad watch with keen interest. For many, this is not just a bureaucratic procedure, it is a test of Cameroon's democratic resilience and a chance to reaffirm faith in its institutions. The Electoral Board is expected to complete the scrutiny process and publish the official list of candidates in the coming days.

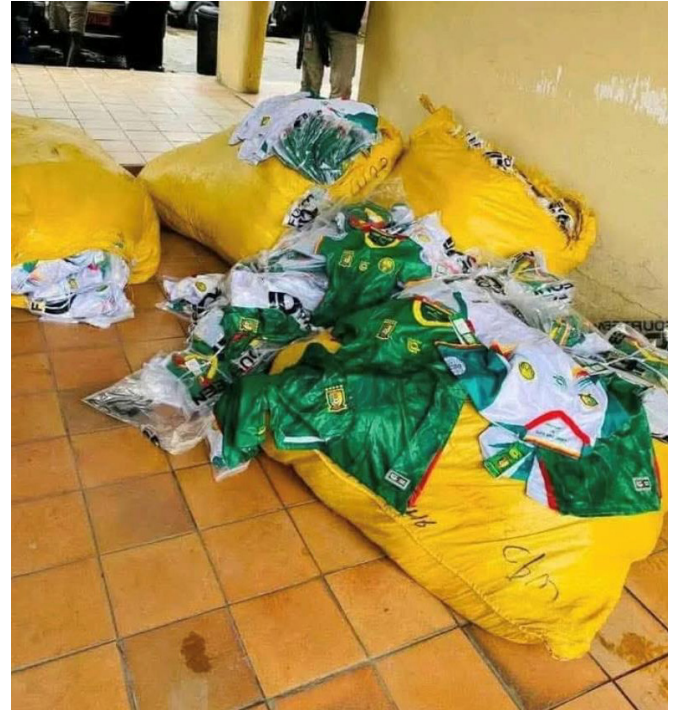
DOUALA

Customs seizes fake national football team kits worth over 35 million FCFA

The counterfeit jerseys, worth about 35 million FCFA, are believed to have come from China.

By Brigitte BATE

Customs officials in Douala in the Littoral Region have seized counterfeited kits of the national football team of Cameroon worth over 35 million FCFA. The kits which are made up of fake jerseys copying the design of the official Cameroon national team kits, were seized at the Douala port recently. The information was made public last Monday July 21. Customs officers found the kits during routine checks at the port. Per officials, if the kits had entered the market, they would have hurt local businesses and reduced income for the Cameroon Football Federation, FECAFOOT. It is believed that the jerseys would have cost the federation over 100 million FCFA in lost sales. Fake jerseys not only take money away from the federation but also harm the team's brand. Authorities are now working to find out who brought in the fake jerseys and stop them from circulating. The seizure of counterfeit Indomitable Lions jerseys has drawn strong reactions online, with many applauding customs officials while expressing deeper suspicions. Some social media users view the interception as proof of improved oversight under the current FECAFOOT leadership. This is not the first time that fake sports items have been seized in Cameroon. The government is trying to stop counterfeit goods, especially fake football merchandise, which is a growing problem. FECAFOOT entered a partnership in April this year to boost the interception of such activities on gadgets belonging to the federation.



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QEMWORK

100% Made in Cameroon app connecting technicians, SMEs to households

Cameroonians are embracing homegrown solutions like never before, and QemWork stands at the forefront of this movement, connecting households and small businesses with trusted technicians in just a few clicks.

By Brigette BATE

Created by Cameroonian entrepreneur Arthur Mbomo, QemWork is a mobile app designed to simplify the process of finding qualified technicians. The platform connects users with electricians, plumbers, mechanics, and other technical professionals in their area. What sets QemWork apart? the founder says its rigorous verification process every technician is carefully checked, geolocated, and rated by previous customers to ensure quality and transparency.

How Does It Work?

Using QemWork is straightforward. Users begin by opening the app and selecting the service they need. The app then displays a selection of available technicians nearby, complete with their ratings and customer reviews. This allows users to make informed



decisions about who to hire. Once a technician is chosen, the booking and payment process is handled securely within the

app. The final step is simple the selected professional arrives at the scheduled time to complete the job efficiently.

Why Is QemWork Important?

Before QemWork, finding a reliable technician in Cameroon often involved relying on word-of-mouth recommendations and taking chances with unknown workers. Abomo QemWork founder says. This approach frequently led to delays, inflated prices, and unsatisfactory results. QemWork addresses these issues by streamlining the search process, ensuring only verified professionals are available on the platform, and providing a system where skilled workers can connect with more job opportunities. Currently, QemWork operates in Yaounde, but expansion plans are underway to bring the service to other parts of Cameroon. This growth means more people across the country will soon have access to quick and dependable technical services. QemWork stands out because it was developed specifically to meet local

needs. Unlike generic apps that may not understand the unique challenges of the Cameroonian market, QemWork is tailored to improve the technical services sector in ways that benefit both customers and workers. Households and businesses gain access to reliable services, while technicians enjoy increased visibility and steady work opportunities.

How to get started

Getting started with QemWork is easy as the app can be downloaded from Google Play, Facebook, Instagram, or even TikTok. For additional information, one can visit [www.qemwork.com] (<http://www.qemwork.com>). With its user-friendly design and commitment to reliability, QemWork is poised to transform how Cameroonians access technical services making every repair job quicker, easier, and more trustworthy.

UNITED STATES

Deportation axe dangles over 8000 Cameroonians

The development comes after a court session on Monday where a United States appeals court allowed the termination of Temporary Protected Status, TPS for Cameroonians and Afghan nationals. The move entails the American law which has been protecting Cameroonians has been lifted by the Homeland security, resultantly giving way for deportation.

By Brigette BATE

Over 8000 Cameroonians living in the United States of America risk deportation from the North American nation. The development comes after a court session on Monday where a United States appeals court allowed the termination of Temporary Protected Status, TPS for some Cameroonian and Afghan nationals. The termination of TPS for Afghans was initially set to expire on July 14 while the deadline for Cameroonians to lose the protection was on August 4, 2025. Individuals that will be affected by the development will face deportation unless they secure alternative legal status.



what is TPS?

TPS is a program that lets people stay in the U.S. when their home countries face dangerous situations like wars or natural disasters. Per officials, the current US administration led by Donald Trump intends to end the protection,

insisting that the conditions in Cameroon and Afghanistan had improved enough for citizens of the two countries to return to their respective nations safely. The government's plan to cancel TPS was challenged in court by an immigrant rights group called

CASA. While the court agreed some arguments made sense, it said there was not enough proof to completely stop the government's decision. However, the judge's ruling last Monday means the cancellation is on hold for now. Cameroon first gained TPS status in June 2022 because of violent conflicts that made it unsafe for people to go back. The protection was later extended for another 18 months. Afghanistan got TPS after the Taliban took control in 2021, forcing many to flee for their lives. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem explained that Cameroon no longer needs TPS because fighting is now limited to only a few areas. She said most parts of the country are safe enough for people to return. The Secretary also said

keeping TPS for these groups goes against America's interests. The government had set August 4, 2025 as the date when TPS would end for these immigrants. Many families who have built lives in America now face uncertainty about their future. The US law says that government can give or take away TPS after checking conditions in other countries. While the court's decision provides temporary relief, the final outcome remains unclear as legal discussions continue. For now, Cameroonians and Afghans with TPS can stay in America, but they don't know how long this protection will last. The debates about immigration and protection for people fleeing dangerous situations in their home countries.

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2025 PRESIDENTIALS

Parties, voters hold breath as big shot aspirants risk disqualification

Incumbent Paul Biya and 2018 Presidential Election runner up, Prof Maurice Kamto lead the contingent of aspiring candidates who risk disqualification due to reasons ranging from the submission of double candidacy files at ELECAM by their political parties and other leadership crises at the helm of some of the political parties that are seeking to contest the October 12 poll.

By TEMBA Junior SUH

Political parties, voters and the rest of the Cameroonian population has now turned their attention on Elections Cameroon, ELECAM and the Constitutional Council as the final lap towards the publication of the list of candidates who will contest the 2025 Presidential Election begins. The scrutiny process began yesterday when the Director General of Elections at ELECAM, Dr Essousse Erik handed over to the Electoral Board of ELECAM the 83 candidacy files that have been deposited to the elections management body for the October 12. The dossiers were handed over to the Board Chairperson of the Electoral Board of ELECAM, Dr. Enow Abrams Egbe. The phase at ELECAM will culminate in the elections management body releasing the list of candidates whose files have been validated by the body. The exercise will resultantly hand over the relay baton to the Constitutional Council which is expected to hand down the final ruling on the candidacy files especially in case any of the aspirants moves to petition ELECAM's decision on the final list. Following the several issues that have been raised at the end of the window for the submission of the candidacy files last Monday July 21, Cameroonians are now holding their breath as they look set to watch the drama that will unfold during the selection process which is among other things expected to see ELECAM verifying the ages of the aspirant, the authenticity and validity of their documents and other requirements. Attention is particularly tilted towards some of the top aspirants who risk disqualification from entering the contest due to reasons ranging from the submission of double candidacy files at ELECAM by their parties and other crises notably relating to leadership crises at the helm of some of the political structures that are seeking to be on the starting block for the October 12 poll. Incumbent Paul Biya and 2018 Presidential Election runner up, Prof Maurice Kamto lead the contingent of aspiring candidates who risk getting knocked out by the dangling disqualification axe.

Aspirants facing double or more candidacy files headache
Incumbent Paul Biya of the ruling Cameroon People's Democratic Movement, the CPDM, Prof Maurice Kamto of African Movement for



New Independence and Democracy, MANIDEM, Akere Muna of UNIVERS and Jean Bayebeck of the Union of the Peoples of Cameroon, the UPC are the top aspirants facing troubles relating to the number of candidacy files that have been deposited under the banners of their political parties. The parties under which the three are looking to contest in the forthcoming election have two or more candidacy files submitted under them, leaving them risking disqualification on that basis. The CPDM has two aspiring candidates who tabled their files under the party of flames. Incumbent president, Paul Biya who was the first to submit his candidacy files at ELECAM under the name of the ruling party, had his game plans disrupted by Leon Onana Theiller. Leon Theiller who is a CPDM municipal councilor from Monatele in the Lekie Division of the Centre Region, has challenged Biya's possible candidacy in the last over six months. He took Biya to court earlier this year after urging him to summon a CPDM congress during which the party's flagbearer for the 2025 Presidential Election should be elected. Leon Theiller placed his argument on the fact that the CPDM has not organized a congress since 2011, a practice that he says has led to

Biya entering the 2018 and now the 2025 Presidential Election race under the banner of the CPDM without the holding of a congress to officially designate.

Akere Muna's UNIVERS universe also on toxic grounds

Akere Muna of UNIVERS had his plans spoiled when Membouet Chantale Adelaide deposited under the banner of the same party. Before Membouet Chantale Adelaide's submission, the UNIVERS party had already deposited Akere Muna's files. The structure which was the second political party to deposit files at ELECAM for the exercise, had also promised to assembly a strong coalition of some 20 political parties behind Akere Muna. The double submission of files by UNIVERS is believed to be a reflection of the disunity that is currently tearing down the party as it gets closer to the forthcoming October 2025 Presidential Election as well as the Municipal and Legislative Elections that are scheduled to take place next year.

Three names eyeing single UPC ticket

Three aspirants have tabled candidacy files to ELECAM under the UPC. The contingent is made up of Cameroonian associate professor,

Prof Jean Bayebeck, Yamb Ntimba Dominique and renown sports executive and critic, Abdourahman Hamadou Babba. The Mouvement Patriotique Pour une Cameroun Nouveau, MPCN party also saw two aspirants submitting files under its banner. The duo is made up of Shewa David Damuel and Yem Eboko Pierre Joseph.

Enter MANIDEM's Kamto

Two candidacy files have also been deposited under Prof Kamto's MANIDEM. Prof Kamto submitted his dossiers last week before Yebga Dieudonné entered the show on Monday July 21 when he deposited his documents at ELECAM in the last hours of the day to become the second aspirant who is seeking to run under the Anicet Ekane-led party. According to pundits, the double candidacies registered by MANIDEM is a reflection of the division that has developed within the political structure since Prof Kamto switched from his famous Cameroon Renaissance Movement, CRM to the MANIDEM party recently.

It is believed that a section of bigwigs within the party are objecting the decision of the leadership of the MANIDEM party to designate Prof Kamto for the October 12 exercise. Amidst the internal brouhaha, a

recently circulated document that is believed to have been drafted by MANIDEM in 2019 seems to be watering down the claim of an internal dispute over the leadership structure of the party, resultantly watering down the party's choice of settling for Prof Kamto as its candidate. The said document is a 2019 mandate that affirmed the MANIDEM party's allegiance to Anicet Ekane, the leader of the political structure who, himself, contested the 2004 and 2011 Presidential Election in Cameroon. The document indicates that the only elected representative of MANIDEM remains loyal to the faction that is led by Anicet Ekane. The allegiance is believed to have resultantly cemented Anicet Ekane's position as the supreme leader within the party, thereby legitimizing Prof Kamto's position as the party's recognized flagbearer for the 2025 Presidential Election contrary to the image that is being painted by other individuals. The recent publication of the allegiance document came after the Ministry of Territorial Administration, on its official website, replaced Anicet Ekane as president of MANIDEM and fitted in Yebga Dieudonné as the leader of the party.

Disqualification axe also dangles over Cabral Libii

Cabral Libii of the Cameroon Party for National Reconciliation, the PCRN party is also facing similar headache. While Cabral Libii has deposited his files as the party's lone flagbearer aspiring to enter the 2025 Presidential Election race, the long running leadership tussle within the party between the founder of the party, Robert Kona and its leader, Cabral Libii is believed to threaten Cabral Libii's presence in the 2025 Presidential Election race. Cabral Libii and Robert Kona have battled over the PCRN party in the last over one year as the party braces to feature in national elections in the country in the months ahead.

The 2025 Presidential Election in Cameroon will take place on Sunday October 12 with Cameroonians going to the polls to elect the person that will coordinate the nation's affairs for the next seven years. ELECAM is expected to launch a campaign period for the candidates at least 15 days prior to the election. The campaign window will precede the publication of the list of final candidates which is expected to be done at least 60 days before the election day as prescribed by the electoral code of Cameroon.



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GHANA

New mining laws to shorten licence periods, boost community investment

The planned overhaul reflects a broader trend across West Africa, where governments are rewriting mining codes to capture more value from rising commodity prices.

By Emmanuel Bruce* & Christian Akorlie*

Ghana plans to shorten mining licence durations and mandate direct revenue-sharing with local communities in its most sweeping mining law reforms in nearly two decades, details of which were announced by a government minister on Wednesday. The planned overhaul reflects a broader trend across West Africa, where governments are rewriting mining codes to capture more value from rising commodity prices. Ghanaian Lands and Natural Resources Minister Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah said the changes, which include scrapping automatic renewal of some licences - will apply only to future contracts, a departure from the stance in Mali and Burkina Faso



where military-led governments have applied reforms retroactively. "In Ghana, we don't do retrospective laws," Buah said at a presentation in the capital, Accra. "Existing agreements are sanctified and will be respected." He added that the overhaul of the Minerals and Mining Act and mining policy was 85%

complete following extensive stakeholder consultations.

Development requirement Ghana, Africa's top gold producer, expects output to rise to 5.1 ounces this year. It also exports bauxite and manganese with plans to start lithium production. Under the proposed law changes, prospecting licences would no longer be held inde-

finitely, and the maximum term for mining leases would be reduced from 30 years to a shorter period agreed by the government and firms. Companies failing to meet environmental, social or production obligations would lose the right to automatic licence renewal. In a

major shift, the government plans to abolish development agreements, in which companies send money to the central government. Instead, companies will be required to sign agreements committing a fixed percentage of gross mineral sales revenue to fund local

development projects as the government seeks to address long-standing grievances from communities that they have seen little benefit from mining operations. The reforms also propose a three-tier mineral rights regime, introducing a new medium-scale licence category to bridge the gap between large multinational operators and small-scale artisanal miners. Another key change under consideration is the reduction or abolition of stability agreements, which currently offer up to 15 years of tax and regulatory protection to large investors. Future agreements would be limited to capital recovery periods for major investments.

Reuters correspondents*

SUMMER TRANSFERS

Castelletto completes move to Qatar's Al Duhail SC

The 30-year-old central defender leaves French side Nantes football club after four seasons to embark on a new journey in the Qatar Stars League in the Middle East.

By Eratus NDUHE

Ghana Cameroonian central defender Jean-Charles Castelletto has officially joined Al Duhail SC in the Qatar Stars League, ending his successful stint with French Ligue 1 side FC Nantes. The 30-year-old has signed a four-year contract that will keep him at the Qatari club until 2028. The move, announced by Al Duhail on Wednesday, marks a major career shift for the defender, who has become one of Cameroon's most reliable and experienced footballers in recent years. Castelletto joins one of Qatar's top-tier clubs, known for their domestic dominance and strong performances in the Asian Champions League. Castelletto departs FC Nantes after four seasons, during which he became a defensive



mainstay. Joining the French side in 2020 from Stade Brestois, he quickly earned a reputation for his composure on the ball, aerial prowess, and ability to read the game. His lea-

dership on and off the pitch contributed significantly to Nantes' defensive stability and their 2022 Coupe de France triumph. His consistency did not go unnoticed on the international stage. Castelletto has featured regularly for the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon, playing in the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations, AFCON hosted on home soil and the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, where he scored a memorable goal against Serbia during the group stage. Moving to Al Duhail represents a bold step into a growing football market.

The Qatari league, especially in the aftermath of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, continues to attract international talents seeking both new experiences and competitive challenges. Castellet-

to's arrival is expected to strengthen Al Duhail's backline as they aim to reclaim domestic supremacy and make a deeper run at continental tournaments. Al Duhail SC, a club with a strong track record in Qatar, regularly competes for top honors, including the Qatar Stars League title, the Emir Cup, and AFC Champions League qualification. The addition of a seasoned international defender like Castelletto underscores the club's ambitions to build a squad capable of challenging at every level. News of Castelletto's move has sparked widespread reactions among fans and analysts in Cameroon. While some express concern about him leaving the European spotlight, others see this as a strategic decision that aligns with the broader trend of African players exploring opportunities in the Gulf region. Many believe his experience and professionalism will make him a key asset for Al Duhail

and a continued force in the national team setup. Sports commentator and analyst, Joel Mbongo, noted, "Castelletto is one of the most disciplined defenders we've had in recent years. His move to Qatar doesn't diminish his value. In fact, it could provide him with a fresh environment and more leadership responsibilities." As Jean-Charles Castelletto begins this new chapter, his performances in the Middle East will be closely followed by fans, national team selectors, and football observers alike. With AFCON 2025 and the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers on the horizon, staying match-fit and competitive will be key to maintaining his spot in Rigobert Song's squad. In the meantime, Al Duhail supporters will be eager to see how quickly the Cameroonian adapts to the Qatari league and what impact his European pedigree will have on the team's defensive performance.

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INDOMITABLE LIONS

Marc Brys denies resignation, blames email hack

In a formal letter addressed to the Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Prof Narcisse Mouelle Kombi, and dated July 23, 2025, Brys expressed shock at the public circulation of a resignation letter allegedly sent by him to the Cameroon Football Federation, FECAFOOT, asserting that he neither authored nor submitted any such correspondence.

By Eratus NDUH

The head coach of the Indomitable Lions, Marc Brys, has firmly denied reports of his resignation, calling the circulating resignation letter a fabrication stemming from a possible email hack. In a formal letter addressed to the Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Prof Narcisse Mouelle Kombi, and dated July 23, 2025, Brys expressed shock at the public circulation of a resignation letter allegedly sent by him to the Cameroon Football Federation, FECAFOOT, asserting that he neither authored nor submitted any such correspondence. "I never wrote or sent any resignation letter," the 62-year-old tactician stated. "It appears, upon examination of the information in my possession, that my email account was most likely compromised. This hack, as regrettable as it was unusual, has clearly caused confusion and provoked a wave of hasty reactions." Brys, who was appointed on April 2, 2024, by the government to lead the Indomitable Lions, also condemned the Federation and other officials for acting without confirming the authenticity of the letter. He described their handling of the situation as hasty and possibly indicative of an intent to remove him from his position. "I am deeply surprised and even challenged by the fact that no official, including the Cameroon

Football Federation, bothered to contact me personally before disseminating this alleged information on a large scale," he said. "This attitude leaves little room for interpretation: it is difficult for me not to see it as a form of deliberate haste, or even a tacit desire for my ouster." Brys used the opportunity to highlight that unresolved administrative issues related to his contract continue to affect his ability to operate effectively. "I take advantage of this correspondence to remind you that administrative difficulties still persist today surrounding my contract," he noted. He urged the Minister to seek a prompt resolution so that the technical team can fully concentrate on its mission. The Belgian coach further appealed for calm and cohesion around the national team, emphasizing the importance of unity ahead of critical sporting events. "The upcoming deadlines are crucial, and Cameroon, in its sporting and symbolic dimension, deserves better than orchestrated or maintained instability," he wrote. Brys concluded by asking that his clarification be considered official and disseminated accordingly to counter what he described as harmful misinformation. The latest developments revive tensions between FECAFOOT and the Ministry of Sports over the authority to manage national team affairs. Brys' initial appointment in 2024 sparked controversy, with FECAFOOT refusing to recognize his selection, citing FIFA's statutes

which mandate that football federations operate independently of government influence.

Enter FECAFOOT

In a statement signed by FECAFOOT Secretary General, Mandong Isaac yesterday July 23, 2025, FECAFOOT acknowledged receipt of a registered letter dated July 21, 2025, in which Brys notified the federation of his immediate resignation. The letter, addressed to the Minister of Sports and Physical Education was expected to mark the end of the Belgian coach's tenure, which began on March 8, 2024, under a contract signed with the State of Cameroon. FECAFOOT described the resignation as a unilateral termination of contract and expressed concern over the timing, given the crucial upcoming assignments for the national team, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers and the Africa Cup of Nations, AFCON, final tournament scheduled for December 21, 2025, in Morocco. In response, the federation stated that it had initiated consultations with the relevant public authorities to urgently develop and implement a coordinated solution to fill the technical vacuum at the helm of the national team. FECAFOOT reassured the Cameroonian football community of the Federation's continued commitment to reform and to restoring the pride and prestige of Cameroonian football on the continental and global stage. The now debunked departure of Marc Brys was expected to



bring to an end to a controversial chapter marked by institutional tension and opens the door for a new leadership direction for the Indomitable Lions.

Marc Brys' clean report card with Lions

Marc Brys' time at the helm of the Indomitable Lions has been marked by impressive results and unshaken discipline amid off-field turmoil. Appointed on April 8, 2024, by the Ministry of Sports and Physical Education, the Belgian coach led Cameroon through an unbeaten run across 12 matches, securing 7 wins and 5

draws. Under his leadership, the Indomitable Lions topped their AFCON 2025 qualification group without a single defeat and made a strong start to the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers, including a 4-1 win over Cape Verde. Brys also rejuvenated the national team by integrating young talents into the squad, reinforcing tactical structure, and promoting a high-intensity style of play. Despite ongoing tensions between FECAFOOT and the Ministry, he maintained a professional focus and shielded the team from administrative distractions.

OPPORTUNITIES

I - Accounting Assistant Position Available

A company is seeking an Accounting Assistant to handle cash receipt tracking, supplier invoice processing, check remittance preparation, and import/export file management. Applicants must be 30 years of age or younger and possess a Higher National Diploma or Bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field, with 1-2 years of experience and currently employed. Essential qualities include a strong understanding of numbers, high growth potential, rigor, dynamism, honesty, and

strong ethical principles. Proficiency in WORD, EXCEL, and POWERPOINT software, as well as COMPTA 100, GESCOM 100, and decentralized cash entry is required. Interested candidates can send their CV, cover letter, and a copy of their diploma via email or WhatsApp to +237 679 501 560. The deadline for applications is July 25, 2025, at 5 PM..

II - Restaurant Seeks Bilingual Customer Service/Social Media Manager in Yaounde

A restaurant near Biyemassi, Yaoundé, is seeking a bilingual

Customer Service Agent/Social Media Manager. The position offers a monthly salary of 80,000 FCFA. The role requires six days of onsite work per week, from 11 am to 9 pm, with one day off online work still required. Applicants must possess a Degree or HND, fluency in English and French (written and spoken), and excellent communication skills. The ideal candidate is polite, patient, capable of working under pressure, intelligent, and possesses a strong vocabulary with accurate spelling and sentence construction skills. It is a full-

time, onsite position, remote or better still part-time applications and student applicants will not be considered. Interested individuals should contact +79523542439 via WhatsApp.

III - Teaching Opportunities Available in Douala and Yaoundé

Several teaching positions are currently open in Douala and Yaoundé. A school near Lycée Village in Douala is seeking experienced Francophone teachers for Levels 1 and 2, offering a competitive salary. Contact +237 6 51

02 42 44 for more information. In Yaoundé, a nursery in Tsinga Village, Dernier Poteau, requires an Anglophone teacher for the Nursery level. Interested candidates can reach out to 670270058 or 699731535. Furthermore, the Groupe Scolaire Bilingue Les Florales in Yaoundé Cimencam, near Chefferie Nkolfon is hiring Anglophone teachers. This position includes benefits such as free housing and electricity. For details, contact +237 6 59 29 11 29. Contact the schools directly to apply and inquire about specific requirements.