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President George Weah



Mr. Alexander B. Cummings





# Continental News

## The handshake that may end a recurring nightmare

U lulations, song and dance erupted in a packed hall in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, as South Sudan's President Salva Kiir and rebel leader Riek Machar signed what they called the "final final" peace deal.

The two hugged and smiled as they exchanged the signed documents at an extraordinary summit of regional leaders, who have been pushing for the former enemies to end a brutal five-year civil war that has killed tens of thousands of people and forced four million people from their homes. It has taken 15 long months of shuttling between the region's capitals to negotiate this latest attempt to bring peace to the world's youngest nation.

"As we witness this historic milestone, we remember and grieve for the victims of the violence and hope this agreement closes that dark chapter in South Sudan," Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said after the signing.

And it has been a dark and

shameful period for the country - with both sides accused of horrendous atrocities. The UN has documented horrific accounts of gang rape, throats being slit and mass shootings.

Amid hyperinflation, aid agencies have warned again that the humanitarian situation in the oil-rich country

continues to worsen, with millions facing starvation.

Speaking to the BBC after the ceremony, negotiators from both sides said they realised the task ahead in bring lasting peace for their people.

"Our people are right to doubt us, because we have let them down so many times,"

opposition negotiator Stephen Par Kuol said.

"But this time around, we are telling the people of South Sudan to count on us to implement this agreement fully." Martin Lomuro, South Sudan's cabinet affairs minister, agreed that the "severity of the war" had dented confidence.

"But this is much more of an agreement that is designed to

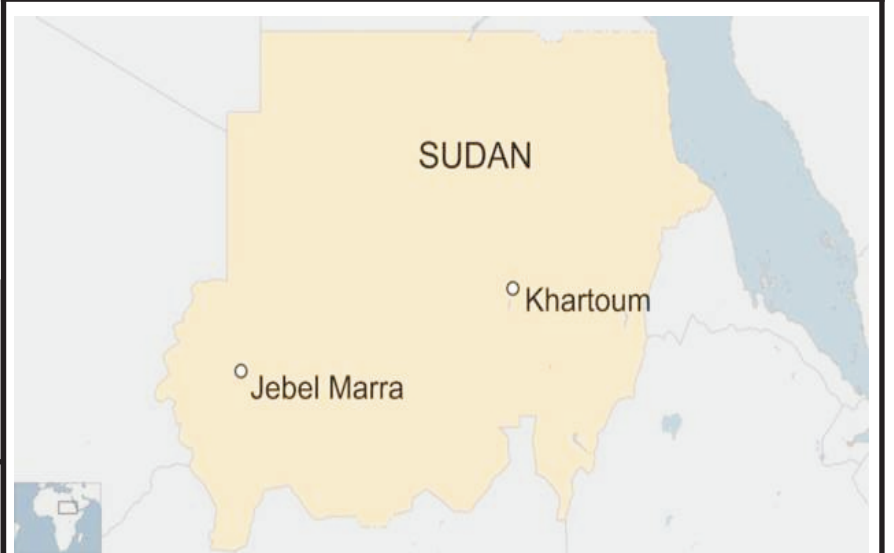
lay a foundation for a new country and this is why I feel so good about it because before we haven't had a chance to build a proper nation," he said.

Realistically both sides have reached a stalemate - and run out of money. Plus pressure from South Sudan's neighbours, who are hosting many of those who have fled, has led to a more sober reconciliation. BBC



This is not the first handshake between Riek Machar (L) and Salva Kiir ©

## More than 50 dead in Sudan landslide



More than 50 people are now known to have been killed in a mudslide in a mountainous area of Sudan's Darfur region.

The disaster happened in a remote area in Jebel Mara on Friday, when heavy rainfall caused a hillside to collapse onto a village.

But details are only now emerging due to the remoteness of the area

affected. There were many children among the dead, a local official, Amin Muhamad Osman told BBC Focus on Africa.

"This is such a remote area that the affected villages are out of mobile phone coverage, so locals have to walk 7km to get phone reception. We are now trying to coordinate relief efforts." BBC

## World leaders bid farewell to Kofi Annan

World leaders and royalty have paid their respects to one of Africa's most famous diplomats, Kofi Annan, at his funeral in his home country of Ghana.

It is the climax of three days of mourning which saw thousands of Ghanaians file past his coffin as it lay in state in the capital, Accra.

Annan died on 18 August in

Switzerland at the age of 80. He was UN secretary-general from 1997 to 2006, the first black African to hold the world's top diplomatic post.

He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 for helping to revitalise the international body, during a period that coincided with the Iraq War and the HIV/Aids pandemic. Mourners in

traditional black and red attire filled the main hall of the Accra Conference Centre, which sits about 4,000 people. More are watching proceedings on a giant screen in an auditorium just outside the hall.

There have been hymns and a performance by soprano and human rights campaigner Barbara Hendricks.

Annan's nephew Kojo Amoo-Gottfried read a eulogy, describing how he had led a hunger strike in his secondary school to protest against the quality of food in the dining hall. There were also a moving tribute by his wife, Swedish lawyer and artist Nane Maria Annan. She described how her husband was always excited to return home, and thanked Ghana for giving the world such an extraordinary man.

She said her husband had an irresistible aura of radiant warmth. Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo described Annan as "one of the truly

iconic figures of modern times". "The outpouring of tributes from the world over is an accurate measure of the man, a man who gave his life to making peace where there was conflict, to defending the voiceless who were powerless, to promoting virtue where there was evil," he said. "His legacy would live on through his foundation and through all of us," she concluded. The former queen of the Netherlands, Princess Beatrix, and her daughter-in-law Princess Mabel, who were close friends of Annan, were among the mourners.

The king of Ghana's Asante

people, Otumfuo Nana Osei Tutu II, awarded Annan the title Busumuru in 2012 to honour his role as an international diplomat.

Busumuru is one of the swords attached to the monarch's Golden Stool, or throne. The Anglican bishop of Annan's home city of Kumasi in central Ghana, the Most Reverend Daniel Sarfo, said: "Today history is being made in Ghana. One of our illustrious sons is lying here.

"But we are grateful that God used him over the years to work for humanity, for peace. Today, as he lies here, he has finished his work." BBC



Annan's body lay in state after it arrived from Switzerland

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# EDITORIAL

## The war crimes bill before U.S. Congress

THE UNITED STATES Government for the very first time sends a very strong signal on growing calls for the establishing of a war crimes court for Liberia by the introduction of Resolution 1055 in the 2nd Session of the 115th Congress, seeking a war crimes tribunal for Liberia to prosecute suspected perpetrators of war and economic crimes here.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS** introduced in Congress on Friday, September 7, 2018 by U.S. Lawmaker Daniel M. Donovan Jr., a Republican from New York, and Co-sponsored by Congressman Hank Johnson, a Democrat from Georgia.

**THE ACTION BY** Congress comes at the time when officials in Liberia are providing variant interpretations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) process in the country which calls for prosecution of people, who committed heinous crimes during the civil war as contained in its final recommendation.

**SOME MEMBERS OF** the 54th Liberian Legislature, including Speaker Bohfa Chambers and Senator Prince Johnson are vehemently against war crimes court, with the Speaker calling for restorative justice instead, while Sen. Johnson, a former rebel leader, is claiming amnesty from prosecution.

**BUT IN THEIR** joint resolution, both Representative Donovan, Jr. and Congressman Johnson remind that the Government of Liberia has not fully implemented the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Agreement to date, including the establishment of an Extraordinary Criminal Tribunal, noting the TRC listed individuals, corporations, and institutions recommended for further investigation and prosecution, among other recommendations.

**THE BILLS BEFORE** the U.S. Congress seems to strongly indicate that America wants an end to impunity in Liberia, and those who think it is business as usual, should rethink now.

**EVEN LIBERIANS THEMSELVES** are calling for justice. Too often, they have been threatened and misled by people who plunged their lives in misery to believing if they entrusted them with state power the country will be better. But that's an illusion.

**AS LONG AS** warlords and their political advisors and financiers continue to parade the corridors of power in our nation despite their past deeds, this nation will continuously swim in a vicious circle of fragile peace and violence.

**WE CAN BUT** only hope the Weah administration will exercise wisdom and good leadership for the sake of the hundreds of thousands of our fellow compatriots, including women, children and elders were forced to their graves thru the barrel of the gun, by heading the call from the U.S. Congress and Liberians both at home and abroad for the establishment of a war crimes tribunal to stamp out impunity.

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# COMMENTARY

By Joyce Banda

## Africa's Women Belong at the Top

*Throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, cultural, political, and economic biases are conspiring to keep talented women from pursuing leadership positions. To give more young women the opportunity to develop their talents and put their skills to work, today's leaders must clear a path for the female leaders of tomorrow.*

**Z**OMBA, MALAWI - When I was eight years old, a family friend told my father that he thought I was destined for leadership. My dad never let me forget that heady observation, and as a result of his constant encouragement, I took every opportunity I had to pursue our friend's prophecy. Today, I owe much of my success to my late father, whose belief in me was unwavering.

Unfortunately, most African girls are not as lucky as I was. While many girls possess leadership qualities, social, political, and economic barriers stymie their potential. This is especially true for girls in rural parts of Africa, where poverty, abuse, and tradition conspire to limit opportunity.

The heartbreaking story of my childhood friend, Chrissie, is illustrative. Chrissie was the star student in the village in Malawi where I grew up. But she dropped out of secondary school because her family could not afford the \$6 in monthly fees. Before Chrissie was 18, she was married with a child; she has never left the village where we were born.

Chrissie's experience is repeated millions of times over in my country, across Africa, and around the world. Today, more than 130 million girls worldwide are out of school through no fault of their own. By the time many African girls turn ten, their fate is already determined. Some are victims of harmful cultural practices, like female genital mutilation and child marriage, while others are unable to escape the poverty that grips their families and communities.

Economic bias is especially damaging to girls. When resources are limited, poor families must choose which children to send to school, and in many regions, boys are viewed as "safer" investments. Girls, meanwhile, are married off, or sent to work in the fields or as domestic helpers. These decisions about the allocation of educational opportunity severely stunt female leadership potential.

One of the objectives of the Joyce Banda Foundation is to strengthen the financial independence of Malawian women, and thereby create the conditions for the development and emergence of young girls as future leaders. Evidence shows that when women work, they invest 90% of their income back into their families,

compared with 35% for men. Furthermore, once women have their own sources of income, they are better able to participate in the political process.

Changing endemic cultural norms about gender and identity - and developing more female leaders - begins in the classroom. School-age girls must be taught to value themselves and one another, and that it is their right to be educated, healthy, and empowered. At the Joyce Banda Foundation School in Blantyre, Malawi, educators have adopted a curriculum based on four building blocks: universal values, global understanding, service to humanity, and excellence.

Parts of Africa are moving in the right direction. Today, nearly a quarter of Sub-Saharan Africa's lawmakers are women, up from just 10% in 1997. Rwanda, meanwhile, has the highest percentage of female legislators in the world. And throughout Africa, women have been elected to leadership roles at all levels of government.

Still, much work remains. As the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will make clear in its annual Goalkeepers report later this month, governments must recommit to supporting female leaders' development by investing in the health and education of women and girls. Delivering services to girls under ten years of age, especially in rural areas, is essential if Africa is ever to achieve lasting gender equality.

Over the course of my career in Malawi - first in civil society, then as a Member of Parliament, and finally, as president - I became convinced that the only way to change Africa's misogynistic narrative is by helping more women reach the highest levels of power. Research from India shows that when governments increase the percentage of women in their ranks, social issues like health care, education, and food security receive higher priority. Having more women in leadership is thus good for everyone.

Leaders are born as well as made, but when they are born in Africa, they are not always recognized. To give more young women the opportunity to develop their talents and put their skills to work, today's leaders must clear a path for the female leaders of tomorrow.





# Lord, da ugly animal theory this other chief on?

Dear Father:

*But wait oo, while this other chief from the Upper end of the Traditional Council just jumping up and down all over the place for as if somebody has called his name somewhere to say da "you Uncle Sam and his cousins coming for."*

*You mind him, my son, the man just jumping everywhere reminding everybody about the ugly animal theory. They say all the ugly animals should go and draw water to prepare the party food and baboon telling his man pig to bear gee, as if they mentioned their names. Nobody has told him da you the people want.*

*Father, da God beating the man so. All the bad, bad things he did to people he's afraid that he will end up somewhere like the Ray Hay man.*

*But my son, the man says your village law protects him oo. Let him be there what the Ray Hay man did not say? Ehn when Uncle Sam got ready, Oga and the Old Lady were trembling to trade him quickly like they to say your come to your trouble from our lap.*

*Bur Father let the man be there singing song as to how the Footballer will not trade him. Let him be fooling himself as if the Footballer will want to sacrifice his own good name and ambition for his sake.*

*He should be there. The old people say the breeze that can disgrace the chicken can come from behind. He will be shock one soon morning before he wakes up his entire hut will be surrounded, and let see who will be willing to die for him-nonsense!*

*Yes, mehn Father, the man just causing noise all over the place as if somebody ever told him they were coming for him.*

*But the part I don't understand my son is the big mouth he keeps making all over the place.*

*Father, I say let him be there, he will be just fine. If he likes, let him abandon the Traditional Council and move to his village and let see if the day the people get ready for him, they will not find him. When he was roaming all over this village sending people to their early grave, he didn't know that one day he would had been require to account?*

*Let him go ask da old gray hair papy from Uncle Sam's Cousin's village how they called him sef, Milosevic ehn. He thought that by helping to solve the problem he created would have set him free not knowing he was just a walking prisoner.*

*Anyway, let leave stories, one thing I am very sure of without shadow of doubts in my mind is that they will appear. Let them ask their people they are picking up one by one all over the place like FBI cracking down on a drug syndicate.*

*Hmmm, so they say what happen between that other old Paramount chief and that big mouth man from the Footballer's kitchen cabinet?*

*Father da small bad, bad curse the two people were into? All their lay dirty deeds and clothes were washed in the open.*

*Can you imagine, they say the man went pure gutter on the Old Paramount Chief who has been reduce to just a chief.*

*Tell me something my son!*

*Oh, Father, da fun. They say the man explained plenty things oh. He told the people how the chief da killer and he married the Ray Hay man daughter as a reward for the killings he did in our village during the Ray Hay man's day.*

*But ehn they say, the chiefs at the lower end of the Traditional Council has invited him?*

*Yes oo, Father. They just going to clip his wings in that place small and bring him to submission da all, what else will they do. The man calls himself geek say fanon kon. They say he that is down fears no fall, he doesn't care anything. The first man to declare war on town criers in the village da small man. TWT.*

Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA)  
20th Street Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia  
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING - NCB  
Invitation for Air Ticketing  
IFB NO.: LiMA/SBA/NCB/005/18/19



The Liberia Maritime Authority has allocated a portion of its Corporate Funding from 2018-2019 budget towards Air Ticketing Service. The Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) now wishes to invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Air Travel Tickets Service.

Interested firms that are fully qualified and capacitated to perform this service are required to obtain Bid Document at no cost from the Procurement Section of the Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA), 20th Street, Sinkor between the hours of 10:00a.m., through 4:00p.m. Friday, September 14, to Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

All qualified bidders should have a Current Business Registration, Current Tax Clearance, Business Profile and a list of previous clients and their contacts, a clearance from Social Security (NASSCORP), a Permit from the Ministry of Transport And The Liberia Aviation Authority, must have evidence of PPCC Vendor Registry while a discount and pre-finance will be an added advantage.

Final submission date is 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Subsequently followed by the bid opening ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on the same date.

All would be interested entities should submit sealed bid to the Procurement Section Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA), located on 20th Street, Sinkor Monrovia.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Liberia Maritime Authority  
20th Street, Sinkor Monrovia, Liberia  
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – RB  
Invitation for bids  
Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA)  
IFB NO.: LiMA/SBA/NCB/002/18/19



The Liberia Maritime Authority anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2018-2019 Corporate Core budgets for the procurement of the following budgetary line items (herein referred to as goods). The Authority wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable, eligible, and qualified suppliers for the supply of Stationery Supplies.

#	IFB NO.	Items	Quantity	Description
Lot 1	IFB NO. LiMA/SBA/NCB/002/18/19	Stationery Supply		A4 Sheets, Pens, Pencils, Staple Pins, Glue, Note Pals, Etc.
Lot 2		Printer Cartridges		HP, Dell, Canon

Interested Bidders that are fully qualified and capacitated to deliver these stationery supplies are required to obtain a Bid Document (NO CHARGED) at the Procurement section of the Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) head office, 20th Street, Sinkor, Monrovia, You can obtain the Standard Bidding Document between the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. from Friday September 14, 2018 to Monday, October 22, 2018.

All would be interested supplier should submit sealed bid labeled to.

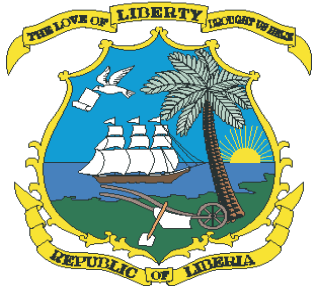
Stationery Supplies  
IFB NO. LiMA/SBA/NCB/002/18/19  
The Procurement Committee  
Liberia Maritime Authority P.O.Box 10 -9042.  
20<sup>th</sup> Street, Sinkor  
1000Monrovia10 Liberia

Requirement

All Bidders should have a Current Business Registration Certificate, Current Tax Clearance, Profile, A list of current client and their immediate contacts, the ability to supply at all time as the need be, discount and capacity to pre-finance could be an added advantage. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of at least (2%)f the total bid cost. Electronic bid will not be accepted. Final submission date for bid(Stationery Supply) is 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018, subsequently followed by the bid opening ceremony on the same day of submission. All bids will be opened in the presence of bidder representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at 2:00 p.m. In the training conference Room of LiMA's Head Office Compound.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE





# Liberia Airport Authority

(LAA)

Republic of Liberia  
Request for Bids (IFB)

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE  
(Rental of Roberts International Airport Terminal Stores/Outlets)  
IFB No. RIA/ICB/002/16/17



1. The Liberia Airport Authority acting intends to LEASE out stores and outlets in the new Robert International Airport Terminal once the terminal comes on line in the next 3(three months) as of the tender date. To this end, the LAA-RIA is requesting bids from interested and qualified firms with vast experience in operating the below listed airport facilities:

Item No.	Lot No.	Description
1.	1	Business Class Lounge
2.	2	High End Restaurant
3.	3	Duty Free Shop/Outlet
4.	4	Shops

2. The LAA-RIA now invites bids for the rental and operation of the aforementioned facilities within the new RIA's terminal building from firms eligible and qualified firms.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (ICB) as specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement & Concessions Act Published and Approved September 11, 2018 and is opened to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines.

4. Interested firms must demonstrate a strong commercial vision, expertise, outstanding shops and customer service program, and provide a passenger experience at RIA that is competitive with the world's leading international terminals.

5. Eligibility and Qualification Requirements

Item No.	Lot	Description	Minimum Qualification Requirements	Item No.	Lot	Description	Minimum Qualification Requirements
1.	1	Business Class Lounge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid Business Registration Certificate</li> <li>Valid Tax Clearance</li> <li>Article of Incorporation</li> <li>At least five years' experience in Airport Lounge Management or other private lounges</li> <li>Must have a minimum average annual turnover of US\$250,000.00 for the last three (3) years</li> <li>Must provide audited financial statement for the past three (3) years</li> </ul>	1.	1	Business Class Lounge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid Business Registration Certificate</li> <li>Valid Tax Clearance</li> <li>Article of Incorporation</li> <li>At least five years' experience in Airport Lounge Management or other private lounges</li> <li>Must have a minimum average annual turnover of US\$250,000.00 for the last three (3) years</li> <li>Must provide audited financial statement for the past three (3) years</li> </ul>
2.	2	Duty Free Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid Business Registration Certificate</li> <li>Valid Tax Clearance</li> <li>Article of Incorporation</li> <li>At least five years' experience in operating an Airport Duty Free Store/Shop or related store/shop.</li> <li>Must have a minimum average annual turnover of US\$500,000.00 for the last three (3) years</li> </ul>	2.	2	Duty Free Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid Business Registration Certificate</li> <li>Valid Tax Clearance</li> <li>Article of Incorporation</li> <li>At least five years' experience in operating an Airport Duty Free Store/Shop or related store/shop.</li> <li>Must have a minimum average annual turnover of US\$500,000.00 for the last three (3) years</li> </ul>

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents and attached copy of historical passenger information from 2013 to 2017 in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Hundred United States Dollars (US\$100.00). Interested Bidder can make payment for the bidding documents at the Roberts International Airport Procurement Section, Margibi County.

7. There will a walk through of the facility for the benefit of participants conducted on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

8. All bids should be delivered to the address below on or before Tuesday, the 25th of October 2018 at 12:00 Noon Liberian Time. Electronic bid will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened on the same day in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below on October 25, 2018 at 12:00 Noon Local/Liberian Time.

Attention:

Eltons Tuning  
Head of Procurement Department  
Liberia Airport Authority  
Roberts International Airport  
Lower Margibi County  
Liberia  
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# Lord, what's the big deal?

Dear Father:

Umm, I remember when the Old Lady came on the throne newly she had gone to Uncle Sam's cousin village where she informed the people there about how her administration have done this and that. Meanwhile in our national cake there were no allocation or line to point to those deliverables she was claiming as being the doing of her and her kitchen cabinet.

So, upon her return to our village during a meeting with senior Town Criers, I asked the Old Lady, all the big mouth you were making in Uncle Sam's cousin village as to how you and your people have done this and that, where is it in our national cake, show it to me, because what I see here that so, so salary for you and your people nothing here pointing to anything. All the things I see going on around here are being done by donors and friends.

Father, I was amazed of the Old Lady's answer. She said "whether da donor do it ooh or who do it ooh, da our money." And she was right though.

What do you mean my son?  
You see Father, everything you see donors and some friendly villages doing here, are money already put in place for our village and no individual can take credit for it. The people will not give it to you because of you, they give it for the use and benefit of the village and its people.

My son where are you going with this?  
Father, you see these few days I have been hearing a lot of noise both on social media and on most of our town criers' platforms, with many of the people claiming how the Footballer's first visit to Pekin Land, he got more money, while others are saying da na true the Old Lady got more money than the Footballer.

Father, first of all these two people are by no means in any competition, like they were in 2005 or say 2011. They are the faces and representations of our village at their own terms. The Old Lady started and ended her own. The Footballer has come to do his own and he will leave when his time finish.

What is good about it is that whatever, ne will leave uncompleted just as the next person come they should be able to follow up on it. So, for people to think that the promise made by the Leader of Pekin Land to give money to our village to do some fine things here was just said out of the blue should think again.

Why are you saying so my son?

Father, it's very simple, those were some of the things that were left on the plates of the Old Lady and credit to the Footballer it's just good that he going after some of those good things and making sure that they come to the village.

So when I hear people making noise on social media as to who is doing more and who did not do more, it just makes me sick in the stomach and wonder the breed of human kinds we are.

You know my son, it reminds me of the story of Paul and Apollo's in the Good Old Book, where the new converts were trying to draw a distinction and bring the two people heads together. One group said I am of Paul another group said I am of Apollo. Paul had to tell them wait guys, Apollo and I are working for the same purpose, one plants and another waters. One starts the foundation, another come and lay bricks. We both working together for the same goal and the same person.

Yes, Father, that is exactly the point. People have nothing to do but to make unnecessary noise out of everything. The Footballer has repeated said he will continue from where the Old Lady has stopped. The Old Lady has said she will work to make sure the Footballer succeeds and that if he fails, it means she has failed.

So, it's always confusing to me when I see people making all kinds of noise in our village as if the two people can't see eye to eye. Now, one thing they don't know is that before the Footballer came to talk to us about the suffering in our village and how he intends to do something about it, he had to spend almost three hours with the Old Lady that weekend picking her brains. Does this look like somebody who wants to see himself as competing with someone who is gradually becoming his political mental?

Phew, I beg you people mehn, let us think of how we all can help make our village better than to be arguing on trivial matters. What sort of cheap political scores people are looking for around here. At the end of the day it's the people of our village will benefit neither of the two will take it to their bedrooms.



**JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI)**  
**Ebola Transmission Prevention & Survivor Services Program**  
 Horton Avenue, Capital Bye Pass  
 Monrovia, Liberia

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) No: 011**  
**ISSUE DATE: September 3, 2018**

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME: Proposals must be received no later than 3:00PM**  
**Monrovia time on September 14, 2018**

**PRE-TENDER MEETING: This meeting is intended to address questions that may arise from bidders. Slated for 1:00-2:00pm on Wednesday, September 8, 2018, JSI/APC Office, Horton Avenue, off Capital Bye- Pass, Monrovia, Liberia**

**JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI)** is a public health management consulting and research organization dedicated to improving the health of individuals and communities across the US and in globally.

Presently in Liberia, JSI, supported by USAID Global Health funding, is implementing the Ebola Transmission Prevention & Survivor Services (ETP&SS) program through the Advancing Partners & Communities Project (APC). This program focuses on Ebola transmission prevention, strengthening clinical care support for Ebola survivors, and reducing stigma and related barriers to health care services for Ebola survivors.

**Via this document, JSI is soliciting proposals from interested, established, reputable and legally registered construction companies that have the capacity to provide quality health facility renovation services. Specifically, JSI/APC is requesting proposals from construction companies for the Installation of Upvc rainwater harvesting gutters, including downspout, end caps, installation of 3 WIYS Model WWF 150 rain water vortex filters and connecting the system to a 90,000 Liter GRP Water Storage Tank at the Foya Boma Hospital, Foya City, Lofa County.**

No	County	Name of Facility	Description of Works
1	Lofa	Foya Boma Hospital	Installation of Upvc rainwater harvesting gutters, including downspout, end caps, installation of 3 WIYS Model WWF 150 rain water vortex filters and connecting the system to a 90,000 Liter GRP Water Storage Tank at the Foya Boma Hospital, Foya City, Lofa County.

**All interested companies are requested to come to the front desk at JSI/APC to pick a hard copy of the RFP package.** Each bidder will receive a set of technical working drawings, technical specifications, BOQs and RFP Bidder Instructions. This package can be picked daily between **8:00am – 5:00pm from September 3, 2018 to September 12, 2018.**

**Note:** It is possible that there may be changes to the scope of the work. In the event of an award, JSI/APC will communicate any changes in the scope of work to the successful applicant.

You are requested to submit your most competitive proposal in accordance with the attached instructions, **including all required certifications.**

**One hard copy and one electronic copy on disc or memory stick of your proposal is due no later than Friday, September 14, 2018 3:00pm Monrovia time to the JSI/APC office and addressed to:**

Desmond Harris  
 Office Supervisor  
 JSI R&T Institute, Inc.  
 Horton Avenue  
 Monrovia, Liberia  
 Tel: +231 777142666

Signed:  
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**Did Fahngon actually sleep in jail?**

By Bridgett Milton

It remains unclear if jailed Deputy Information Minister Eugene Fahngon was ever transferred from the Liberia National Police (LNP) headquarters to maximum prison to complete his prison term.

The NewDawn's reporter who visited the police headquarters Thursday, 13 September observed that a

The Sergeant-at-Arms had been expected to take custody of Fahngon and transfer him to maximum prison based on lawmakers' orders, and many present at the Police Headquarters had thought that Gen. Johnson's presence was to present the said transfer letter for Fahngon.

But upon Gen. Johnson's arrival at the LNP headquarters, reports emerged that Fahngon had

brought with him.

After returning to the Capitol, the House's Chairman on Judiciary Rep. Fonati Koffa was seen at the LNP headquarters too.

Rep. Koffa also went to the Inspector General's office, stayed there for a while before leaving with the first group of officials who had gone there earlier. There was no Fahngon insight.

With all the apparent maneuverings that dragged Fahngon's transfer to the Monrovia Central Prison on Thursday, it only remains unclear if he was made to complete his jail term as commanded by lawmakers.

Minister Fahngon was jailed at the police headquarters on Wednesday night, 12 September with understanding that he would have been transferred the next day to complete his two nights' jail sentence at the Monrovia Central Prison.

He was disgraced by the lawmakers, handcuffed and jailed following his failure to speak to matters involving him and Bomi County Representative Edwin Melvin Snowe during a contempt hearing before the House of Representatives.

The contempt hearing results from Fahngon's insults and loose accusations against Snowe during a recent street encounter in which he is seen in a video, pointing his finger at the lawmaker's face.--  
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lawmaker and some officials of ruling party Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) trooped at the police headquarters when Fahngon was due to be transferred.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives Gen. Martin Johnson was seen carrying a file in his hand when he proceeded at the LNP headquarters on Thursday morning.

been transferred to Police Inspector General Col. Patrick Sudue's office where top government officials and CDCians were present.

Among the officials were Labor Minister Moses Kollie and CDC chairman Mulbah Morlu.

Few seconds later, the Sergeant-at-Arms returned from Col. Sudue's office without Fahngon under his custody, except the file he

**Over 30 instructors threaten go slow in Bong**

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan in Bong

At least 30 instructors in Zota District, Bong County are threatening a go-slow this academic year, if government fails to cater to them.

Our correspondent says it is unclear whether normal academic activities will continue in some parts of the District.

This is due to government's alleged failure to support education in that rural part of Bong.

The instructors, many of whom are teaching in government schools in some of the major towns and villages in Zota District are said to be finding it difficult to sustain themselves.

Some of the instructors are said to have been teaching for more than eight years without receiving salaries and instructional materials from the Ministry of Education (MoE).

During a NewDawn inquiry, the instructors expressed dissatisfaction and described

the situation as total embarrassment to their wellbeing.

Besides government's alleged failure to put them on payroll, the teachers are saying that there has been no support including instructional materials to run the various schools in the area.

According to them, most of the schools in the area were built by themselves and later turned over to the government.

But they say they are yet to receive support from the Ministry of Education.

"We built the schools to help the government but since we built these schools, we have not received any support from the government," Mulbah T. Morris, one of the instructors says.

They have launched an appeal to the Ministry of Education to quickly intervene in the situation if normal activities should continue in the region.--  
*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

served warning letters on the head of the Crime Against Person Unit of the Liberia National Police and his deputy in persons of Chief Inspector of Police Abu B. Daramy (ID#: 0774) and Corporal Halvin A. Page (ID#: 0655) for poor supervision and oversight.

Other suspended officers are named as Sergeant Yaekpawolo M. Barquoi (ID#: 0527 of the Crime Services Department) with two months; Superintendent Momolu S. Sanyon (ID#: 1435, Patrol Division), one month; Superintendent Kennedy S. Saywon (ID#: 1173, Patrol Division), one month, and Superintendent Jefferson M. Blayee (ID#: 1042, Patrol Division), one month.

The list includes Superintendent Stephen B. Daniel (ID#: 0985, Patrol Division), one month; Inspector Christopher G. Mansuo (ID#: 4408, Patrol Division), one month; Chief Inspector of Police, Thomas B. Jarjay (ID#: 0598, Patrol Division), one month; and Inspector Beyea G. Cooper (ID#: 0216 Patrol Division), one month.

The list also includes Inspector Selay Y. Ballah (ID#: 0219, Crime Services Department), two weeks; and Inspector Akins G. Kaifa (ID#: 3534, Crime Services Department), two weeks.

Police say these officers are

being held in connection to the improper and illegal release of Alusin Jalloh who allegedly murdered seven years old victim Victor Fahnbulleh of the Virginia Community.

Speaking to reporters Thursday, 13 September, Police Spokesman Moses Carter says two officers in person of Patrolman Amos N. Neeplay, and Patrolman Thomas G. Cheayee have been suspended indefinitely and charged with the crime of obstructing government functions in violation of Chapter 12, Subchapter "A" Section 12.3 of the Penal Code of Liberia.

Mr. Carter has sounded a strong caveat to all officers of the LNP to be very mindful in the discharge of their duties.

"Any officer caught violating the Standard Operations Procedure (SOP) and the Duty Manual of the LNP will face the full weight of the laws of the Republic," he says.

He assures the family of the murdered seven year old boy that the LNP will do everything humanly possible to ensure that justice is served.

According to him, suspect Alusin will face re-arrest, indicated that the LNP is working very hard with its Interpol counterparts and Joint Security Officers assigned at various entry points of the 15 counties here.--  
*Press release*

**LNP suspends 14 officers following murder suspect's escape**

Police authorities in Monrovia say they have suspended 14 officers for the alleged disappearance of murder suspect Alusin Jalloh, a Sierra Leonean national.

Alusin is alleged to have murdered and extracted the body parts of his seven-year-old foster son Victor Fahnbulleh.

The police's administrative action is triggered by a mass protest by residents of Montserrado County District #17 who recently petitioned lawmakers to summon and demand police chief Col. Patrick Sudue to produce the escapee's living body.

In a release issued Thursday, 13 September, the police warned all officers to be

very mindful in the discharge of their duties.

The authorities have indefinitely suspended officers

Thomas G. Cheayee, (ID#: 5588 CSD), and Amos N. Neeplay (ID#0232, CSD) for their negligence in the release of the alleged murder suspect.

The authorities have also





# Français

## Le ministre adjoint de l'information emprisonné

Les législateurs ont montré au ministre adjoint de l'Information, Eugene Fahngon, de quel bois ils se chauffent en lui faisant apprendre quelque chose qu'il aura du mal à oublier toute sa vie. Plus jamais le ministre ne s'attaquera à un législateur comme il l'a fait avec le représentant Edwin Melvin Snowe.

M. Fahngon, suite à une décision unanime des membres de la Chambre des représentants, a été placé en détention au siège de la police nationale du Libéria le mercredi 12 septembre. Il a été transféré à la prison centrale jeudi pour y terminer sa peine de deux nuits.

Il a été humilié par les législateurs pour avoir insulté et accusé vaguement Edwin Melvin Snowe, représentant du comté de Bomi. Il a été honteusement



menotté sur ordre des législateurs et mis en prison après plusieurs heures d'audience pour outrage.

M. Fahngon a passé sa première nuit de détenu au siège de la police nationale

du Libéria parce que la prison centrale de Monrovia était fermée au moment où les législateurs rendaient leur verdict.

La Chambre des représentants a dit avoir pris

la décision parce que Fahngon a refusé de s'expliquer lorsque lui et son patron, le ministre de l'Information, Eugene Nagbe, ont comparu mercredi. Fahngon a tenu à ne mot dire jusqu'à ce que son avocat se présentât. Mais ce dernier n'est jamais arrivé.

Il a fait valoir que les législateurs lui avaient demandé de comparaître avec son avocat à 11 heures, ce qu'il prétend avoir fait, mais sans son avocat qui devrait le rejoindre. Il a attendu en vain jusqu'à 13h pour apprendre que ce dernier ne serait pas disponible. Il a expliqué qu'on lui a demandé de parler en absence de son avocat, ce qu'il a refusé de

faire, citant l'article 21 (c). Mais le président de la Chambre des représentants, M. Bhofal Chambers, a fait comprendre à M. Fahngon que son avocat ne serait là que pour le conseiller et non pour parler pour lui.

Les parlementaires se sont donc réunis en séance exécutive et décidé au cours de cette séance d'appeler l'avocat de l'accusé.

La confrontation entre le député Snowe et le ministre Fahngon n'était qu'une altercation de rue entre deux citoyens. Tout a commencé quand le législateur a tenté de faire libérer un employé du palais de l'Assemblée législative, Kelvin D.J. Matadi, qui avait été emprisonné par le ministre.

Fahngon avait fait arrêter Matadi pour l'avoir pris en photo pendant qu'il dansait dans une boîte de nuit. Matadi avait été donc placé en détention dans un commissariat de police. Alors le député Snowe était intervenu pour plaider en faveur du jeune Matadi. C'est alors qu'il fut agressé verbalement par le sous-ministre de l'information qui a lui-même fait enregistrer une vidéo dans laquelle on le voyait pointer son doigt sur le visage du législateur, tout en l'accablant d'injures. Il l'accusait d'avoir violé la loi. Il l'a menacé le faire arrêter s'il violait la loi encore, et ensuite partagé la vidéo sur les réseaux sociaux.

## Crimes de guerre : Prince Johnson évoque l'existence d'une loi d'amnistie générale

L'ancien redoutable chef de guerre, le sénateur Prince Johnson, rappelle aux libériens et à tous ceux qui veulent de l'instauration d'un tribunal spécial des crimes de guerre pour le Libéria qu'il existe une ordonnance d'amnistie générale qui annule toute poursuite des éléments des

groupes belligérants.

« Les gens réclament la justice et moi je dis que nous sommes un pays de droit et non une jungle. Chacun de nous doit donc se soumettre à la justice. Nous voulons la justice, maintenant dans la recherche de la justice, le 51ème Assemblée législative du Libéria, recherchant la

paix et la stabilité de notre pays, a adopté une loi qui accordait l'amnistie à toutes les factions belligérantes et à leurs dirigeants pour tout ce qu'ils ont fait pendant le conflit. Cette loi a été adoptée sous le régime M. Taylor que le pays tout entier a élu comme leader. N'oubliez pas la fameuse chanson en 1997 "quoique tu ais tué ma mère, quoique tu ais tué mon père, je voterai pour toi" », a rappelé le sénateur Johnson.

Il a aussi rappelé que de 1990 à 2003, la loi a été promulguée et imprimée sous forme de prospectus, notant qu'elle se trouve actuellement dans les archives du Sénat libérien et de la Chambre des représentants ainsi que du Ministère des affaires étrangères.

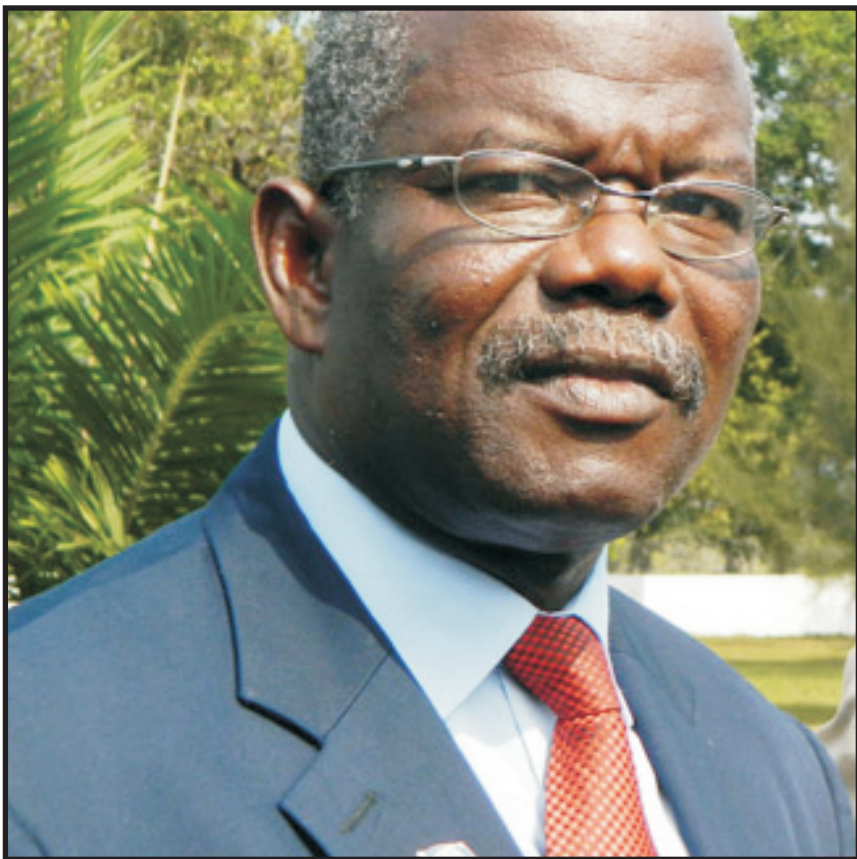
Alors que les appels à la création d'un tribunal spécial des crimes de guerre s'intensifient, le sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson, qui ne se sent plus du tout à l'aise dans sa peau, a exhorté les Libériens à oublier le passé et

à fixer leur regard vers l'avenir. Le tribunal que beaucoup de Libéria appellent de leur vœu sera chargé de juger tous ceux qui ont commis des exactions pendant la crise armée libérienne.

S'exprimant par téléphone le mardi 11 septembre sur une radio locale à Monrovia, le chef du groupe rebelle dissous INPFL a déclaré qu'il a

droit à l'amnistie.

« Vous savez, il y a deux semaines, au cours d'une émission radiodiffusée, un jeune homme a appelé et dit de moi : "Cet homme insensé qui se fait appeler pasteur, s'il n'a pas de quoi prêcher, qu'il prêche sur Jean 3 :16". Il m'a appelé un homme idiot. Alors j'ai pensé prêcher cela dimanche sur le thème "l'amnistie sur la croix" ».



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# Français

## Le Libéria a récolté la note CPIA de 3,1%

L'économiste en chef de la Banque mondiale pour l'Afrique, Albert Zeufack, a rendu public le rapport d'Évaluation des politiques et des institutions en Afrique (CPIA), le Libéria ayant récolté la note de 3,1%.

M. Zeufack a fait savoir que la revue révèle une qualité inchangée des politiques et des performances institutionnelles en Afrique.

L'Évaluation des politiques et des institutions en Afrique (CPIA) est un outil de diagnostic annuel destiné à mesurer la qualité des structures politiques et institutionnelles publiques, et leur capacité à soutenir une croissance durable et à réduire la pauvreté. Ce rapport attribue à chaque pays des notes selon 16 critères, ainsi qu'un score global. Son objectif est de renseigner les pouvoirs publics sur l'impact de leurs efforts déployés pour soutenir la croissance et lutter contre la pauvreté. Les notes obtenues servent aussi à déterminer le volume des prêts concessionnels et des dons que la Banque mondiale accorde aux pays à faible revenu d'Afrique subsaharienne.

Les pays sont notés sur une échelle de 1 (note la plus faible) à 6 (note la plus élevée) pour 16 indicateurs de développement regroupés dans quatre catégories : gestion économique ; politiques structurelles ; politiques d'insertion sociale et d'équité ; gestion et institutions du secteur public. En 2017, la note moyenne pour la région ressortait à 3,1. La situation est toutefois très contrastée entre les 38 pays d'Afrique subsaharienne qui bénéficient de l'aide de l'Association internationale de développement (IDA) (figure 1). Le Rwanda demeure en tête du classement régional et mondial, avec une note de 4. Parmi les autres pays arrivés en tête du classement régional, on trouve le Sénégal, avec la note de 3,8, suivi de près par Cabo Verde, le Kenya et la Tanzanie, qui obtiennent tous les trois la note de 3,7.

L'efficacité de l'investissement est d'autant plus grande que la qualité des structures institutionnelles est meilleure

Il y a une corrélation entre l'efficacité de l'investissement et la qualité des politiques et des institutions, et cette corrélation est plus forte en ce qui concerne l'efficacité de la gestion du secteur public. Bien que la corrélation ne soit pas nécessairement synonyme de causalité, les institutions d'un pays peuvent créer des incitations à investir, encourager l'appropriation technologique et favoriser l'accumulation de capital humain, ce qui facilitera une croissance plus forte sur le long terme. En revanche, des institutions faibles risquent d'encourager la recherche de rente et la corruption, rendant les activités moins productives. Elles risquent également de décourager l'investissement des entreprises et l'accumulation de capital humain, conduisant ainsi à une croissance plus faible.

L'année 2017 marque un arrêt de la dégradation globale observée ces dernières années

La qualité moyenne des politiques et des institutions dans les pays d'Afrique subsaharienne est restée, dans l'ensemble, inchangée en 2017. Cette stabilité contraste avec la détérioration observée les années précédentes. La tendance à la stagnation de la note globale de la CPIA dans la région en 2017 se reflète dans celle de la gestion économique.

Les pays africains doivent surveiller la progression de leur ratio dette publique/PIB

La note régionale dans le domaine de la politique de la dette est tombée à 3,1 en 2017. Cette détérioration intervient pour la deuxième année consécutive. Elle reflète le poids croissant de la dette publique dans les pays africains. L'alourdissement du fardeau de la dette pose des risques de non soutenabilité de l'endettement public à terme. La composition de la dette a en outre changé, les pays tendant davantage à se financer sur les marchés, au détriment des emprunts concessionnels traditionnels. En mars 2018, près de la moitié des pays à faible revenu de la région présentaient un risque élevé de surendettement ou étaient surendettés, soit plus du double par rapport à 2013.

Le développement de l'Afrique dépendra de sa capacité à exploiter les possibilités offertes par les nouvelles technologies

La part des adultes disposant de comptes bancaires mobiles en Afrique subsaharienne est passée de 12 à 21 % entre 2014 et 2017. Cette augmentation est, de loin, la plus élevée parmi toutes les régions du monde. La mise en place progressive, au niveau des pays, de systèmes régionaux centralisant l'évaluation du crédit offre des perspectives de meilleure inclusion financière au cours des prochaines années. L'Afrique doit exploiter les possibilités offertes par les nouvelles technologies et s'ouvrir pleinement à l'innovation : c'est peut-être là que réside son plus grand potentiel de développement.

## COMMENTAIRE

By Joyce Banda

## Les Africaines doivent prendre leur place au sommet

ZOMBA, MALAWI - Alors que j'avais huit ans, un ami de la famille a dit à mon père qu'il pensait que j'étais destiné à de grandes choses. Mon père m'a toujours rappelé cet enivrant augure et grâce à son encouragement constant, j'ai saisi toutes les occasions pour que la prédiction de notre ami se réalise. Aujourd'hui, ma réussite est due en grande partie à mon défunt père, qui a toujours cru en moi.

Hélas, la plupart des jeunes Africaines n'ont pas eu cette chance. Même si beaucoup de jeunes filles possèdent des qualités de dirigeantes, des barrières sociales, politiques et économiques contrecarrent leur potentiel. C'est particulièrement vrai pour les jeunes filles dans les régions rurales de l'Afrique, où la pauvreté, les sévices et la tradition font partie du complot qui limite leurs horizons.

Le témoignage déchirant de mon amie d'enfance, Chrissie, est éloquent. Chrissie était l'élève modèle dans le village du Malawi où j'ai grandi. Mais elle a dû quitter l'école secondaire, car sa famille n'avait pas les moyens de payer les frais mensuels de 6 \$. Avant ses 18 ans, elle était déjà mariée et mère d'un enfant; elle n'est jamais sortie du patelin où elle est née.

Le parcours de vie de Chrissie se répète à des millions d'exemplaires dans mon pays, dans toute l'Afrique et dans le monde entier. Aujourd'hui même, plus de 130 millions de jeunes filles dans le monde ne vont pas à l'école et ce ne sont pas elles qui en décident. Dès que les jeunes Africaines atteignent dix ans d'âge, leur sort est déjà réglé. Certaines sont victimes de coutumes rétrogrades, comme la mutilation des organes génitaux féminins et le mariage d'enfants; pour d'autres, leurs familles et communautés en proie à la pauvreté les empêchent d'améliorer leur sort.

La discrimination économique nuit particulièrement aux perspectives des jeunes filles. Lorsque les ressources sont limitées, les familles de peu de moyens doivent décider lequel de leurs enfants ira à l'école. Dans bien des régions, les parents jugent que les études des garçons constituent un investissement plus « sûr ». Pour les filles, ils préfèrent les marier ou les envoyer travailler dans les champs ou comme domestique. Cette discrimination endémique retarde grandement la participation potentielle des femmes aux décisions collectives.

L'un des objectifs de la Fondation Joyce Banda consiste à renforcer l'indépendance financière des femmes du Malawi et par ce fait même de créer les conditions du développement et de l'épanouissement futur de jeunes filles dans des postes décisionnels. Les faits tendent à montrer que lorsque les femmes travaillent, elles réinvestissent 90 % de leur revenu pour le bien-être de leur

famille, au lieu de 35 % pour les hommes. Mieux encore, dès que les femmes ont leurs propres sources de revenus, elles sont plus en mesure de participer à la vie politique.

Pour faire évoluer les normes culturelles endémiques liées à l'identité sexuelle – et former plus les dirigeantes de demain –, il faut commencer en classe. Il faut inculquer aux jeunes filles d'âge scolaire des notions d'estime de soi et d'autrui et leur confirmer qu'elles ont droit de poursuivre des études, de vivre leur vie en santé et de devenir autonomes. À l'école de la fondation Joyce Banda à Blantyre, au Malawi, les enseignants ont adopté un curriculum qui repose sur quatre pierres d'assise : adhérer à des valeurs universelles, adopter une vision globale, rendre service à la communauté humaine et rechercher l'excellence.

Plusieurs régions de l'Afrique se dirigent dans la bonne direction. Aujourd'hui, près du quart des législateurs de l'Afrique subsaharienne sont des femmes, en hausse de 10 % depuis 1997. Le Rwanda, pour sa part, présente le plus haut pourcentage de législatrices au monde. Et partout en Afrique, des femmes ont été élues dans des rôles de direction à tous les échelons gouvernementaux.

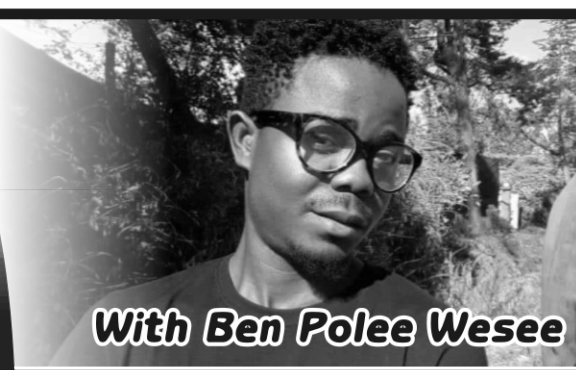
Malgré tout, il reste encore beaucoup à faire. Comme la Fondation Bill & Melinda Gates le précisera dans son rapport annuel Goalkeepers plus tard ce mois-ci, les États doivent renouveler leurs engagements à appuyer la formation d'une cohorte de dirigeantes en investissant dans la santé et l'éducation des femmes et des jeunes filles. La prestation de services aux jeunes filles de moins de dix ans, surtout en région rurale, est essentielle si l'Afrique veut un jour atteindre une égalité des sexes pérenne.

Ma carrière au Malawi – d'abord dans la société civile, puis à titre de membre du parlement et finalement, comme présidente – m'a convaincue que la seule façon de changer le scénario misogyne de l'Afrique consiste à aider plus de femmes à atteindre les plus hauts échelons du pouvoir. J'en veux pour preuve une étude expérimentale effectuée en Inde tend à démontrer que lorsqu'un plus grand pourcentage de femmes intègre les rangs de l'État, les questions sociales comme la santé, l'éducation et la sécurité alimentaire deviennent plus prioritaires. La montée des femmes aux échelons décisionnels augmente ainsi le bien-être de toute la société.

Certaines personnes naissent avec des qualités de dirigeant, mais elles doivent aussi être formées pour le devenir. Or, lorsqu'elles naissent en Afrique, elles ont pour handicap de ne pas toujours être reconnues. En offrant de meilleures perspectives de perfectionnement de leurs talents aux jeunes femmes pour qu'elles mettent leurs dons à l'œuvre, les dirigeants d'aujourd'hui doivent ouvrir la voie aux dirigeantes de demain.



# CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT



With Ben Polee Wese

## Deportee gone billboard woomi

...Bucky Raw fires his hatters

Barely a week since Liberia's Trapco artist Bucky Raw's County Soda Two (CS2) album hitz chart top spots around the world, the Trapco artist took to his social media (Facebook page) on Wednesday, 12th to mock his paparatees on his album achievement.

Bucky Raw posted, "Deportee gone Billboard woomi"

He was jailed in October 2017 on domestic violence charges, and a month later, deported to his homeland, Liberia, for violating his parole, according to inside sources.

But Bucky Raw CS2 album is a fact that the artist didn't allow his nightmares to overcome his musical career after returning to his motherland.



## Diamondonline letter to Bucky Raw



Dear BuckyRaw;

We would firstly like to appreciate you for the job well done over the past time. Your innovative, charismatic and humble uniqueness can't be doubted. It was through your hard work and versatility that Trapco hit the limelight, and your legacy will keep blinking; not only for trapco but in the history of Liberian music. Before diving in, let me again congratulate you on your newest achievement for hitting number one in the "world genre" on iTunes.

Now Bucky, as a fan, supporter, and investor in Liberian entertainment, we have always wished to see a positive change in our industry; a change that will help the game claim global recognition. In this light, we want to acknowledge you that it's next to impossible for someone to evade "Hate". Hate is something that's been existing from the day the world was created. We stand to be corrected, but there are no Prophets, Human Right Activists, Leaders, Celebrities, Musicians or even Animals that have not been hated. Hate is normality, but successful and rational people used it as motivation to elevate more.

It's about time you and your team focuses more on your career. Stop being too sensitive to everything people say. Your response every time to what you called "Hate" changes nothing but creates more hype.

Lastly, please understand that not everybody is going to like, support or believe in your Dream. This is never going to happen!

There are people who will discourage you; reject you and even look down on you simply because you are trying to live your dream but don't be overly concerned. Remain focused and don't allow them to kill your dream. Concentrate your energy on working towards your dream to make it a reality. If there's anybody to convince, that person is you. Believe in yourself and your dream.

We hope you will take this into consideration and erase the mentality that it's Bucky Raw versus the world. Go back to the Bucky the fans used to know.

Respectfully yours,  
DiamondOnline

## Is this the real story behind DenG and AEMG's fallout?

According to one of Liberia's best entertainment websites, Diamond online, lack of profit and pride are the main reasons behind the fallout between Africa Entertainment Music Group (AEMG) and Liberia's afropop star Daniel George,



stage name DenG.

"In less than a year, there have been number of fallouts with artists parting ways with their record labels. The most recent controversy has been DenG's saga with AEMG".

Diamond online continues, "It has been two months since DenG embarked on "The Grateful" tour but unfortunately, the tour ended as a tragedy. Although no words from both camps as African Entertainment and DenG remain mute over the matter, we have discovered the problem from the old folks: "When the club owner wants to close his club, he will start playing gospel music."

"Now, let's dive in. From the look of things, DenG management thinks he's grown too big for the label and suddenly forgotten where he's coming from and the sacrifices they had made in helping DenG's growth in the entertainment industry".

"Details are sketchy but according to sources, the bottom-line of this is that, the managements were investing more and getting no profit (all DenG's tours and concerts have never been successful) and they couldn't continue".

The website concludes, "Anyway, we are still waiting on DenG for his feedback. With that being said, we are encouraging him to remain steady, rather than getting perplexed over this distressing incident. Things happen, Be Strong!"

## Personality of the Week

Benita Urey

"I was raised in Careysburg, Montserrado County and that's the place I call home. I remember being in Careysburg after the war with my father and playing with all the kids in my community and having the best time of my life. I hold Careysburg close to my heart. We are a small city, but we are blessed by God.

Being in Careysburg and seeing people that people would call "poor", but I'll consider them "misfortunate", made me get the drive to help in any way I can. I have, over the years, found many ways to help my country and my community.

If it's organizing football teams to bring the youth together, I've been involved in it, but now I have a bigger dream. My dream is to "Save Liberians from Sea Erosion".

Sea Erosion has become a serious problem in Liberia, and what makes it even worse is that it is a silent problem. People from the slums of Liberia suffer it the most.

I walked on roads in West Point in 2015 that are no more.



The sea is eating away country and leaving hundreds of people (who are already misfortunate) homeless, having nowhere to turn.

I believe we must come together as a country to not only draw attention to the ongoing threat the sea is to us, but also help the victims of Sea Erosion.

My goal is not to save "Liberia." My goal is to save "Liberians." In the future, I would like to educate victims, empower victims, and relocate them to places where they have accessible water, food, and schools and hospitals to care for their families. This is not a task I can take on by myself. Let's come together to, "Save Liberians from Sea Erosion."

## Top Ten Song Chart

Z.WE - All She Wants

Chilla D & Lil D Feat. Christoph - La My Jue Here [Prod. Master L.Zee]

King Sokoloko Feat. Joeim & Def 2 - Sweet Liberia

RB - Happy Independence Day

NiceBoy - Mama Liberia

Miracle Kettor & Arblakolo Gaye - Liberia Overtake

D Magical Rain - Happy Independence

Super 7 - Da Lay Problem [Prod. Stone Luckshine]

Lord Boy - Happy Independence

Lorenzo R. Loveland Feat Young Zee , E-Lo , Teddyride , Speedo'o, Brownskin , Zeus , J Slught , Ziggy Ray , D Ray & Eric Geso [Prod. Lil Tuisis]

Source: Tunes Liberia



# Governance deteriorating

By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

Opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) political leader Alexander Cummings is alarming here that the governance process under the leadership of President George Manneh Weah is speedily deteriorating.

During a press conference Thursday, 13 September, Mr. Cummings warned that if nothing is done, it could lead the country to a downward trend in the near future.

Mr. Cummings says while it will be immature for anyone to judge the government with barely eight months in power, he however observes that there are indicators from the administration that seem to point in the wrong direction.

According to him, those indicators must claim the attention of all peace loving Liberians and those that believe in good governance.

Making his case further, Cummings points to legislative processes geared towards the impeachment of Associate Justice Kabineh M. Ja'neh, based on claims levied by ruling party Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) representatives Thomas Fallah and Acarous Gray.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill of impeachment and forwarded the instrument to the Liberian Senate where it is being reviewed for Senators' action.

If the Senate concurs, Associate Justice Ja'neh will

have to face impeachment trial.

But Mr. Cummings believes that the lawmakers' action against Justice Ja'neh has no legal basis but only intended to settle political score.

According to him, the impeachment proceedings are also intended to silent another independent branch of government who's member

provided by the House of Representatives.

According to Article 71, the Chief Justice and Associates Justices of the Supreme Court and the judges of subordinate courts of records shall hold office during good behavior.

It says they may be removed upon impeachment and conviction by the Legislature based on proved misconduct,



simply exercised his constitutional responsibility.

Mr. Cummings notes that the proceedings could chase potential investors away who may have interest in the country, arguing that Article 71 of the Liberian Constitution which talks about impeachment proceedings on associate justices is not being reflected in the provisions

gross breach of duty, inability to perform the functions of their office, or conviction in a court of law for treason, bribery or other infamous crimes.

Commenting on the suspension of Liberia from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI), Mr. Cummings alarms that it is a terrifying signal that may

suggest to international partners that Liberia as a country is not carefully observing its extractive sector.

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global standard for the good governance of oil, gas and mineral resources.

It seeks to address the key governance issues in the extractive sectors.

The EITI Board decided on 4 September 2018 to suspend Liberia for not having published the EITI report for the fiscal period ending June 2016 within the 1 July 2018 deadline.

The decision followed a request by the Government of Liberia to extend the reporting deadline, set by the EITI Standard.

The Board found that the request did not meet the criteria for granting an extension.

The ANC political leader indicates that the suspension of Liberia from the board is an embarrassing situation that should be addressed speedily in order to regain the confidence of the international community and investors.

Speaking on the economy of the state, Cummings points out that government is yet to stabilize the foreign exchange rate here, noting that business tycoons are the ones who decide the rate for the next day despite government efforts.--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

## Murderer officer gets

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of appealing to the Supreme Court," noting that whether there is a risk of [getting greater penalty] or not, that is his right.

Cllr. Fayiah sought a manslaughter charge against convict Demann instead of murder, but he fails to convince the court during trial.

Disrobed officer Demann who commanded the Tortoise Base Police Depot in Redlight, Paynesville, shot dead Lamin following a night - time chase on Sunday, 29 April over alleged violation of traffic regulation.

Demann shot his own hand to depict an exchange of

gunfire with the deceased.

But police investigators say no danger was posed to convict Demann to prompt the shooting and killing of 39 - year - old motorcycle operator Beyan Lamin in Paynesville.

He murdered the victim before his family after an encounter at the Parker Paint Intersection where Demann informed the deceased that he was under arrest for violating government regulation banning motorcycles in the area. Defendant Demann allegedly used excessive force on 29 April resulting to the death of victim Lamin, a resident of the Soul Clinic Community.

## Marketers protest outside Court

By Winston W. Parley

Market women here have begun a mass protest against Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor's suspension of the president of the Liberia Market Association (LMA) and two other top officials.

Dozens of LMA protesters who had assembled outside the Civil Law Court at the Temple of Justice in Monrovia threaten to close markets and continue protesting for three days to compel VP Taylor to reinstate LMA president

Madam Alice Yeebahn.

Madam Taylor recently suspended LMA president Madam Yeebahn; LMA vice president Abraham Barchue; and LMA Assistant Secretary General Madam Lawuo Hiami.

Madam Taylor's office says she suspended the officials due to alleged perennial allegations of corruption, financial mismanagement, misappropriation of resources and other acts inimical to the existence of the Association.

But during a protest outside the Civil Law Court where

some marketers said they have filed a lawsuit, they insist that their president return to office while an audit is conducted.

In an interview with a spokesperson for protesters, Yaessey Jalloh said "we want our president back ... or we will close down all businesses."

According to Yaessey who sells at Redlight Market in Paynesville, Vice President Taylor suspended LMA's president on grounds that she wanted an audit to be conducted at the entity.

"Our president can go back in office then audit can go on," Yaessey insists.

According to her, over 30 markets were represented by protesters outside the court at the Temple of Justice, and warns that they will continue if they did not get result on Thursday, 13 September.

According to Yaessey, the suspended LMA president has carried some improvements at the institution, including rise in workers' income.

She claims that Madam Yaessey's suspension comes as a result of alleged jealousy.

## Matilda Parker avoids

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for the reopening of the case, Court "C" read the indictment to the inditees Thursday to begin a new trial.

The two inditees pleaded not guilty, thus joining issues with the government.

But their lawyer Cllr. Arthur T. Johnson informed the Court that "another jury trial" at Court "C" is prohibited by law because the same court already has an ongoing jury trial there.

Cllr. Johnson says the defendants are exercising their constitutional rights under Chapter 3 Article 21 (h) that addresses the rights to jury trial.

The counsel requests that

his clients be purged of jury trial and that Judge Boima Kontoe sit as jury de factor to decide both the issues of facts and law.

Judge Kontoe has granted the defense's request, but he has deferred further proceedings in the case to Tuesday, 18 September at 1pm.

The case sparks out of an alleged criminal scheme claimed by prosecutors in which co-defendants Parker and Kpabar-Pailey are accused of having awarded two "sole source" contracts to co-defendant Deneah Martins Flomo and his Denmark Enterprise.

The State says the contracts



She says the officials were elected to serve a term of four years. Madam Taylor has since set up an interim leadership at the LMA following the suspension of the entity's elected officials. She has named Mr. Jerry V. Geedeh and Madam Henrietta Zorpoe,

representing the LMA Board; Madam Antoinette N. Mulbah, representing the Executive Committee of the LMA; Madam Cecelia G. Wuduwelh, representing the aggrieved party; and Mr. David Weah, representing LMA County Superintendents.



# Murderer officer gets 25 yrs



By Winston W. Parley

The Criminal Court "A" at the Temple of Justice has sentenced disrobed police commander Roosevelt Demann to 25 years prison term for the murder of motorbike operator Benyan Lamin this year.

But convict Demann's lawyer Cllr. Augustine C. Fayiah has announced an appeal to the Supreme Court

against the ruling.

Following the court's ruling Thursday, 13 September at the Temple of Justice, convict Demann was placed under correction officers' custody and taken to the Monrovia Central Prison.

He will serve 20 years in prison, and the remaining five years on community service if he continues to exhibit good conduct during his prison

term.

Cllr. Fayiah, however, says he may not agree with the ruling, but the law has taken its course because he does not expect people to believe in the strength of men but in the rule of law.

However, he hinted of exercising his right under the law by appealing to the Supreme Court. According to him, he is of the view that the State did not prove the "intent" for the crime the suspect has been convicted for.

He claims the sentence was unrealistic. "When ... someone is charged for infamous crime, whether they plead guilty or not, that plead, it does not mean anything because the court will set that plead aside and enter the plea of not guilty. So whether he plead guilty or not, the State must still prove the case," he argues.

In consultation with his client, Cllr. Fayiah says the indictée "has taken the risk



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## Matilda Parker avoids jury trial

By Winston W. Parley

Former National Port Authority (NPA) Managing Director Ms. Matilda Parker and her former comptroller Mrs. Christiana Kpabar-Pailey have waived trial by jury in an economic sabotage case that is being retried at Criminal Court "C" at the Temple of Justice.

During former President Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf's

regime, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) investigated Ms. Parker and Mrs. Kpabar-Pailey for allegedly defrauding government of US\$837,950.00. between July 2011 and December 2012.

They were jointly indicted on multiple charges of theft of property, economic sabotage and criminal conspiracy.

But almost nearing the end of the case, the trial was

disrupted by prosecution's allegations of jury tampering.

Family, friends and loyalists of Ms. Parker and co-defendant Kpabar - Pailey were seen in jubilant mood in the courtroom Thursday, 13 September when they heard that Judge Boima Kontoe had granted bench trial in the retrial of the case.

Based on a Supreme Court mandate recently



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