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Continental News

Elite soldiers protest over pay at Ethiopia PM's office

Dozens of Ethiopian soldiers marched on the prime minister's office to demand better pay, triggering an internet blackout in Addis Ababa that was lifted Thursday.

In an unusual break with discipline, a group of "disgruntled" elite soldiers, who had been sent to quell bloody ethnic clashes on the capital's outskirts, marched on Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's office Wednesday to protest low salaries, state-run Ethiopia News Agency (ENA) reported.

"Members of the army claimed that officers at various levels could not address their grievances about the low allowances and benefits they receive," ENA said, adding they had gone "to appeal to Abiy Ahmed" directly.

The internet was shut down across Addis Ababa for hours after the troops, who appeared unarmed, arrived at Abiy's compound close to parliament in the city centre.

Abiy's chief of staff Fitsum Arega said the prime minister "listened to the grievances carefully, reprimanded them for the wrong procedure they followed to express those grievances, but concluded the meeting with a promise to

meet properly in the near future."

Photos circulating on social media showed Abiy doing pushups with the smiling troops.

Picked as prime minister by the ruling Ethiopian People's

Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), Abiy has pursued aggressive reforms since taking office.

The promised changes have been broadly welcomed in the authoritarian state but have failed to defuse escalating ethnic violence in different parts of the country.

Abiy has replaced the heads of the military and intelligence service, and begun a rapprochement with foe Eritrea that has ended decades of conflict between the neighbours.

However, he has also repeatedly deployed the military to stop ethnic

clashes.

The elite, red beret-wearing troops were deployed in southern Ethiopia in August following clashes between the largest ethnicity, the Oromos, and the Gedeo ethnic minority, which have displaced nearly one million people.

ENA says the soldiers involved in Wednesday's incident had been deployed to Burayu, a suburb of Addis Ababa where at least 58 people were killed last month in fighting between the Oromo and other ethnic groups. -AFP



Photos circulating on social media showed Abiy doing pushups with the smiling troops (AFP Photo/Michael Tewelde)

Africa's 'youngest billionaire' abducted in Tanzania

The man said to be Africa's youngest billionaire has been kidnapped by masked gunmen in Tanzania's main city Dar es Salaam, police say.

Mohammed Dewji, 43, was abducted outside a swanky hotel gym where he was going for his routine morning workout.

Three people have been

arrested in connection with the incident and two of the abductors were believed to be foreign nationals, police added.

The motive for Mr Dewji's abduction is still unclear.

Financial magazine Forbes puts his wealth at \$1.5bn (£980m), and has described him as Tanzania's only billionaire.

In a 2017 report, it said Mr Dewji was Africa's youngest billionaire.

Mr Dewji is also a major sponsor of one of Tanzania's biggest football teams, Simba.

He promised in 2016 to donate at least half his fortune to philanthropic causes, Forbes said.

Mr Dewji, locally known as Mo, is credited with turning his family business from a wholesale and retail enterprise into a pan-African conglomerate, reports the BBC's Athuman Mtulya from Dar es Salaam.

His company, MeTL, has interests in textile manufacturing, flour milling, beverages and edible oils in at least six African states.

Mr Dewji served as a ruling party MP for a decade until 2015. He told the BBC in a 2014 interview that this possibly made it easier for him to meet top politicians, but it did not give him an unfair advantage, as other businessmen also had access to them.

Media caption Tanzania's Mohammed Dewji spoke to the

Cameroon 'must prove separatist prisoners are alive'

Lawyers in Cameroon defending leaders of a movement to create a separate state of Ambazonia have called on the government to produce evidence that their clients are still alive.

Barrister Christopher Ndong was representing his clients at a hearing at the Yaounde Appeals Court.

For the fifth time, secessionist leader Sissiku Ayuk Tabe and his fellow

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Many English-speaking people complain of being treated like second-class citizens. Image caption: Many English-speaking people complain of being treated like second-class citizens

Mr Ayuk and 46 others were arrested January in Nigeria and extradited to Cameroon.

Government spokesman Issa Tchiroma Bakary has said the separatists will answer for their alleged crimes.



defendants were not present in court, despite a court order saying they should be there.

"We have fears that if they cannot be brought even at the level of the court of appeal, then there is something wrong," Mr Ndong told the BBC. The next hearing comes up on 1 November and the lawyer said if the defendants are not physically present, then the government "should present certificates of life to show that they are alive".

Mr Ayuk was the president of the Governing Council of Ambazonia, a group that works for the secession of Cameroon's English-speaking regions of Cameroon from the rest of the country.

Cameroon's English speakers say they have been marginalised for decades by the predominantly Francophone government. BBC



Image copyright AFP: Financial magazine Forbes says Mohammed Dewji is worth \$1.5bn (£980m)

BBC in 2014

Environment Minister January Makamba, a friend of Mr Dewji, tweeted that he had

spoken to Mr Dewji's father and the family confirmed that he had been kidnapped. -BBC

EDITORIAL

The media is above the fray

POLITICIANS IN AFRICA or in every part of the globe usually take pleasure in bashing the media as a soft target for criticism even for selfish reasons. Whether in ruling establishment or from the opposition bloc, they always ascribe to themselves the qualification to set standards for journalists - standards that suit their own interpretation of issues.

THE MEDIA IN Liberia found itself in the firing line recently at a forum organized by the Association of Liberian Journalists in the Americas or ALJA. Held in the U.S. State of Minnesota, the forum brought opposition leader Alexander B. Cummings and Government Information Minister Lenn Eugene Nagbe together face-to-face to discuss the reported missing 16 billion Liberian banknotes.

BOTH SIDES USED the media as a whipping boy to put forth their respective arguments, beginning with the former corporate executive-turned politician Cummings, taking the stage.

"WE WILL DEPEND on you, journalists, to follow up this story so that the government provides answers to questions that demand answers: who ordered the printing of the missing money? How much exactly was printed? Where was it printed? Who took charge of the money once it entered the country? Did it go through the proper channels and processes at the Central Bank before being injected into the official money supply?" he unleashed the barrage of questions.

HE NOTED THAT a strong and independent media that monitors those in power and provides accurate information helps voters to hold corrupt politicians to account.

BUT INFORMATION MINISTER Nagbe, who officially put the moneys in question at 16 billion Liberian dollars, thinks the media is being influenced by opposition politicians not to follow the rules but to remain instruments to advance selfish and pecuniary political gains and interest.

"THE NEW THREATS to freedom of speech", he says, "includes the concerted efforts by some political actors, particularly those in the opposition interfering with policies of media entities, thereby transforming them not to follow the rules but to remain instruments to advance selfish and pecuniary political gains and political interest."

NAGBE FURTHER CHARGES that shirking the responsibility of being independent and selling out to politicians is by itself a threat to free media in Liberia, and roars, "Media controlled by political forces whose interest may be averse to the national interest is a creeping menace that must be stopped."

WE LIKE TO remind here that the independent media, usually referred to as the Fourth Estate, does not hold allegiance to any particular group - whether government or opposition politicians. Rather, we bark in the interest of the common good. In short, our loyalty is to the state, the common patrimony.

WE ARE FULLY cognizant that in our objective to put the state first above selfish political interest that are camouflaged as so-called government policy or self-styled political struggle for redemption, either side would brand us as adversary agents and may attempt to crucify the media as in this case. But we can boldly say without stupor that the media in Liberia is above the fray.

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COMMENTARY

By Kenneth Rogoff

Crazy Rich Asia

With an unexpected hit on its hands, perhaps Hollywood will use more films like "Crazy Rich Asians" to illustrate key concepts about a region that is the biggest economic success story of the last several decades. There are many more stories about that story to be told.

CAMBRIDGE - In the surprise hit movie "Crazy Rich Asians" (based on a 2013 Kevin Kwan novel), a New York University economics professor (Rachel), travels with her boyfriend to Singapore to meet his family. There, she learns, apparently for the first time, that her significant other (Nick) is heir to one of Asia's largest fortunes and has a mother intent on making sure her son does not marry a commoner, Asian-American or not.

Partly because of its (terrific) all-Asian cast (an extreme rarity), and partly because it recalls earlier eras of great romantic comedies, the film has caused a lot of buzz. Perhaps there will even be a long overdue Oscar for Michelle Yeoh (from "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"), who plays the steely but loving mother.

But the film also stars Singapore, a place unfamiliar to most Westerners. For some, the real shocker in the movie will be just how crazy rich parts of Asia have become.

To get a sense of the island city-state's meteoric rise, one need only compare the glittering metropolis depicted in "Crazy Rich Asians" with the hut-filled fishing village depicted in the 1940 classic comedy, "Road to Singapore," starring Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, and Bob Hope. The comparison makes it easy to understand how the fictional Young family became ultra-rich as early real-estate investors. With annual output of approximately \$325 billion in 2017 and 5.6 million inhabitants, Singapore now ranks with Denmark economically (though its population is more diverse).

This is a flattering comparison, given that Denmark typically ranks at or near the top in global quality-of-life surveys. Singapore does not redistribute income as aggressively as Denmark, choosing instead to maintain lower taxes and concentrate transfers on low-income individuals. Nevertheless, all citizens have access to high-quality health coverage and schooling, and many are also eligible for heavily subsidized housing. In "Crazy Rich Asians," poverty is depicted (rather ingeniously and hilariously) as a long-haul flight in economy rather than first class.

Although Asian Americans have embraced the film as a breakthrough for Asian actors in mainstream Hollywood productions, is hotly debated in Singapore itself. Although many Singaporeans are excited that "CRA" (as it is called in Singlish) will catalyze a tourist boom, complaints are rife. One is that the characters don't use more Singlish phrases; another is that the city-state's large Indian and Malay communities are invisible. Most of all, there is a populist backlash against the Young family's outsize wealth, making some question why

Singapore has no capital-gains or estate taxes. Why should Nick be allowed to inherit so much money?

But the backlash is perhaps less than an American or a European might expect. This may be because the middle class has done fairly well under Singapore's unique system, which is very much a market economy, but one where the government plays a big role in long-term planning and investment.

One might cynically say that the backlash would be much more visible if there were less restrictions on the media. But surely slowing growth, especially where it affects middle-class incomes, has been a major driver of populism in Europe and the United States, exacerbated no doubt by the financial crisis. Although Singapore's growth has also slowed, it still compares favorably to Europe. The Monetary Authority of Singapore is forecasting that growth will exceed 3% in 2018, on par with the United States, which is now the envy of the advanced economies.

Singapore's success is all the more remarkable given that proximity to the equator is usually associated with weak growth and poverty. Yet Singapore is situated virtually on top of it. (In one implausible scene in "Crazy Rich Asians," Nick and Rachel are picked up at the airport in an open-air jeep.) Economists who study growth almost come to blows at conferences over whether "institutions" or "culture" are more important to growth, with both sides seeking to take credit for Singapore, which inherited English institutions and elements of Chinese culture.

And now, one hopes, Asia will become a bigger part of Hollywood culture, with more films featuring Asian locales and actors. Produced for just \$30 million (compared to over \$300 million for Disney's "Avengers: Infinity War"), "Crazy Rich Asians" has already grossed over \$200 million worldwide.

That's impressive for any film, and perhaps especially for one that opens with a lesson in game theory. In the first scene, Rachel uses poker to illustrate a concept to a large class sitting in rapt attention, and she schools a graduate teaching assistant. Of course, most courses on game theory involve a lot of mathematics about strategic relationships, not playing actual games. But they can be fun all the same. Princeton University Professor Avinash Dixit famously uses clips from films such as "Dr. Strangelove" to illustrate key concepts.

Now perhaps Hollywood will use films like "Crazy Rich Asians" to illustrate key concepts about a region that is the biggest economic success story of the last several decades. There are many more stories about that story to be told.



Lord, what are they telling us?

Dear Father:

Umm, what the people saying here about this money business. They think we will sit down here and let them make finding our village money container lazy? Let them be there.

But my son, I thought the people say no money lost again? You say what Father, after inciting our entire village and making us to panic around here, somebody just come wake up one morning and say no money lost. They think that all to it eh? So, tell me now what do you want them to say and how should they say it?

Me I want to be the doubting Thomas, I na want to only see paper. I want to go to the vaults and take pictures before I believe. Father, you see, to be a leader is different from being under the Palaver hut, where you just stand and talk trash and everybody clap for you and go home empty headed. What do you mean my son?

Father, you see, being a leader goes beyond trying to impress people with all kinds of flowery words and hypnotizing people, like a congregation in some Pentecostal or charismatic church who just make lot of noise but go home after service and not remembering 90 percent of what the preacher man said. No Father that is totally different.

The people sat in this village for nearly one month Father, helping to make us believe that indeed a container full with money went missing and just to turn around in less than 24 hours after the Country Giant came back from his meeting in Uncle Sam's Village and told us how embarrassed he was by the way his friends asked him about it before they can come out to say nothing got missing-da news.

I say me, I want to be the doubting Thomas, I na want to only see paper. I want to go to the vaults and take pictures before I believe. Can you imagine this Father, da na playing on people's integrity? Yea mehn, let me speak big book sef.

But the Country Giant and his people say they blame yor the Town Crier them for spreading the news?

Nonsense! Nonsense Father. The people sat here when the story came up. They had all the time to call the people from the big money house and ask them what they know about the story, get firsthand information and tell them to check before coming out to say something. But that they did not do because everybody want to be heard so they came up and said yes, we have been looking into this thing since last month. So, pray tell me that the Town Criers put figures in their throats or stood over them with gun and said if you don't write something to say you are looking into this, we will shoot yor?

But let say, if they had just said this thing the Town Criers are saying is serious, we are going to look inside it immediately and tell our people what the story is really, the tension wouldn't have been high.

No, they didn't do that. The first thing was for the Village Big Town Crier to go and tell the whole world that it was true that they were looking into money that came into the village unknown to the Country Giant.

Now, you see the difference, the Town Criers said money container lost. You went and carry the story further saying money came from three different villages and the Country Giant didn't know about it and that you are looking into it.

The next day, yor people from yor camp come out and said oh yes, we saw pick-ups loaded with money leaving the shipping yard. Then you come and say certain people should not travel. Right there you have made the case very serious and got everybody talking.

So, Father, as I said they made the money matter serious and they should not come and give us lazy explanation-no. They should have first done all their house cleaning before coming out.

Where was the people from the big money house when the news came out? Why were they not the first point of contact before shaming us to the whole world or whatever that calculation was it failed big time.

Father do they know that just by issuing that paper and the village Big Town Crier telling the whole world that we had money problem alone give the story all the weight it received with the interest it got from all over the place?

My son is it true that the Country Giant is picking at Dabo? Yes, oo that is what I heard. But he able Dabo? He able Dabo? Ayaka! Da his song he's going around singing, "You know GDP?" "You know GDP before road na go to this place or that place?" He able Dabo?

Let him ask the likes of Poverty Giant, the Economist, the Socialist, the Ray Hay man in Uncle Sam's Cousin's village and of most recent, the Sleeping Giant. These are all men, all well advanced in age enough to be called yor daddy-asked them they will tell you about Dabo.

The good Old Book asks if a man can carry fire in his bosom and not get burn-I know this one will take some time to sink in-have a nice weekend.

FROM WHERE I SEE PRESIDENT WEAH'S GOVERNMENT

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Who Is President Weah's Public Works Minister "M.V. Nyenpan, Sr"?

Great men are unmistakably great within their amplitude of human characteristic when they leave an indestructible positive print in the lives of their neighbors, friends, relatives, countrymen/women, workmates, acquaintances, church members, students, a passerby, and even strangers, especially when their earned greatness and hard work reverberate or echo within the darkest pit of the Liberian society.

The unleashing of great men's unconditional private generosity, coupled with their countless and outpouring of overwhelming goodwill and extraordinary kindness to people whom they do not know even by an iota of change, many times speaks volumes of those great men's unique character in the Liberian society.

The memories of great men lived endlessly in the judgment of the multitude of their benefactors because of those great men's indelible positive undertakings in the lives of friends, comrades and loved ones, and even the needy and the depressed ones in the Liberian society would serve as a testimonial to these truths.

The generosity of great men can sometimes assist in the fertilization of enormous social economic, and in some instances, yield a tangible and a very strong political salvation or rudiment in the lives of their comrades and loved ones. This is precisely the unquestionable sequence of unique events that clearly defined and summarizes Liberia's Public Work Minister, Honorable Mobutu Vlah Nyenpan, Sr. from a substantive and a candid perspective.

The appointment of Honorable Mobutu Vlah Nyenpan, Sr. to serve as Liberia's first Public Work Minister under President Weah's signifies one of the numerous political ordinations out of thousands of many equally qualified Liberians. The appointment of Hon. Nyenpan was one of the biggest and most appropriate choices ever made by President Weah for countless rationales, first, Hon. Nyenpan is not one of Liberia's most charismatic politicians, he is one of the many people's centered iconic personalities who believe in the philosophy of "teaching Liberians how to fish, rather than giving them fish for their sustainability." Leaders with such concept are developmental oriented and purposeful. Hon. Vlah has always endeavored to contextualize the value of development and dignifies the meaning of life especially in these difficult times in the history of Liberia.

Thought leaders are always needed for thought job, this is where the "Nyenpanism" fits within the political equation of the nation-building process not only in President Weah's government but as far back as facing some of the Herculean challenges within the territorial limits of the then Budubugram Refugee Camp, located in the Central Region of Ghana in the early 90s. when Hon Mobutu was spotted playing a transformational role as the biblical Moses who led the children of Israel from captivity into a promised land, so was Honorable Vlah during those dark pages and complex moments in the lives of weary Liberians who were a victim of unthinkable wars and had to proceed to exile. Hon. Nyenpan has always been impregnated with passions and compassion for his compatriots even in contemporary Liberia.

Leaders shouldn't be defined by their academic pedigree or earned influential credentials. They should be defined by their outputs, accomplishments and their enormous impact on the lives of others, so is Hon Nyenpan. Many Liberians from the Buduburam Refugee Camp are living testimonial to Hon. Nyenpan's transformational impacts and great rewarding generosity in our lives. Hon. Nyenpan judges Liberians not by their tribal connections or political affluence, but by their ability to achieve and make the difference in the lives of other Liberians at home and abroad.

The working population at LPRC, where Hon. Nyenpan once served as deputy managing director for administration will blatantly refuse to take him to the political crucifixion cross because of his impacts in changing the entire lives of LPRC's workforce at the time. He will continue to be a vivid reflective instrument in the compound of that great entity, LPRC. Hon. Nyenpan's Senate compatriots including those whom he once worked with, their lives had not been the same under Hon. Nyenpan's iconic and spirited goodwill and positive political affection and generosity.

The very fine people of Sineo, do not envisage Hon. Nyenpan as their friend, they qualified him as their developmental hero, who is known for lifting the spirit of the people of Sineo at its zenith as well as preserving their faith and advocating for their overall well-being as a people in the vineyard of his fiercest critics like the systemic controversial..... but even at that, Hon. Nyenpan didn't betray his pledge to make Sineo great, calmed and a wonderful place to be in Liberia.

Hon. Nyenpan is one of the very few honest and trustworthy Liberian politicians known within Liberia's political circle. President Weah has got a trusted Minister of Public Work, who has come to this portfolio with the requisite engineering credential. This is one man whom I believe will do all in his powers to transform the population and the workforce of the Public York employees and ensures that the objective of the Ministry of Public Work is achieved in the fullness of time, but with one big condition, that is with the unconditional support of President Weah including all his principled deputies and the sincere and committed task-oriented workforce. This doesn't in any way suggest that everything will be bread and butter during the Ministry's huge dispensation road projects which come with a familiar price tag.



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

- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Eligibility and Qualification Requirements

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

3.	3	High End Restaurant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Business Registration Valid Tax Clearance Sanitary Health Permit At least five (5) years' experience in operating high end restaurants Must have a minimum average annual turnover of US\$150,000.00 for the last three (3) years Must provide audited financial statement for the past three (3) years Must have at least one nutritionist and dietician
4.	4	Shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Business Registration Valid Tax Clearance At least five (5) years' experience in operating shops in airports or related stores/shops Must have a minimum average annual turnover of US\$75,000.00 Must provide audited financial statement for the past three (3) years

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

**Procurement Department
Roberts International Airport**

JUDICIAL BRANCH
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT "B"
MONTERRADO COUNTY) FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS
JUNE A.D. 2018 TERM.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

The Intestate Estate of the late Samuel D. Hill,
By & thru its Administrator De Bonis Non,
Federick Hill of the City of Paynesville,
Montserrado County, Liberia PLAINTIFF

ACTION OF EJECTMENT

VERSUS
Mr. Bassey, to be identified of the City of
Paynesville, Montserrado County, Liberia 8th DEFENDANT

AND

Mr. Henry Garteh of the City of Paynesville,
Montserrado County, Liberia 9th DEFENDANT

WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO: THE SHERIFF/DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY,
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION DEFENDANTS, IN THE ABOVE
ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION, TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT "B",
FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, SITTING IN ITS JUNE A.D. 2018 TERM, SAME BEING
THE 15th DAY OF JUNE A.D. 2018, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M. TO ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFF'S
COMPLAINT IN THE CAPTIONED CAUSE OF ACTION AND TO INFORM THEM THAT SINCE THE FILING OF
THE ACTION AND SERVICE OF THE WRIT OF SUMMONS THEY COULD NOT BE SEEN OR THEIR
WHEREABOUT UNKNOWN IN THE CASE.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDANTS, TO FILE IN THIS COURT HER
FORMAL APPEARANCE AND/OR RETURNS OR ANSWER(S) TO THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT IN MY
OFFICE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AS OF THE SERVICE DATE OF THIS PRECEPT UPON YOU.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL RETURN THE ORIGINAL WRIT OF SUMMONS TO MY OFFICE ON/OR BEFORE THE
5th DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2018, WITH THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ENDORSED ON THE BACK THEREOF AS
TO THE MANNER OF ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS

GIVEN UNDER MY HANDS AND SEAL OF
THIS HONORABLE COURT THIS 26th DAY
OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2018

COURT'S SEAL:

NAH J. WOLLOR
CLERK OF COURT

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT
MONTERRADO COUNTY) FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA, SITTING IN ITS JUNE TERM, A.D. 2018

BEFORE HIS HONOR... SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE

The Intestate Estate of the late Samuel D. Hill, by and through its
Administrator De Bonis Non, Federick Hill, of the City of Paynesville,
Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia PLAINTIFF

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AND

Mr. Henry Garteh of the City of Paynesville, Montserrado County
..... 9th DEFENDANT

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

The Intestate Estate of the late Samuel D Hill, Plaintiff in the above entitled cause of action,
most respectfully prays Your Honor and this Honorable Court to EJECT, OUST, AND EVICT
THE ABOVE NAMED Defendants from a parcel of land owned by Plaintiff for the following
reasons showeth, to wit:

1. Plaintiff says that it is the owner in fee simple of 3.5 lots of land lying, located and being on Rehab Road, Paynesville, Liberia which was purchased by the late Samuel D. Hill on July 8, 1986 from the Intestate Estate of the late Zouh Guiah. Plaintiff says that title to the said parcel of land was duly and legally transferred to the late Samuel D. Hill through an Administrator's Deed executed by Messrs. Boima Gray and Gbonobar Monobar as Administrators of the Intestate Estate of the late Zouh Guiah. Plaintiff further says that the said title deed was probated and registered with law. Attached hereto as Plaintiff's Exhibit "P/2" is a copy of the Administrator's Deed evidencing Plaintiff's title.
2. Plaintiff says that without any color of right, the herein named Defendants have each taken possession of separate parts, pieces and parcels of the aforesaid 3.5 lots of land belonging to the Intestate Estate of the Late Samuel D. Hill, thereby denying the intestacy the right of possession and use of its property.
3. Plaintiff says that an action of ejectment will lie to evict, oust, and eject and vacate the Defendants from the property lawfully owned by the Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, Plaintiff prays Your Honor to eject and, evict, oust and vacate the Defendants from Plaintiff's property.

Respectfully submitted:
The above named Plaintiff, by & thru its Legal Counsel:
HERITAGE PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES
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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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The Intestate Estate of the late Samuel D. Hill, by and through its
Administrator De Bonis Non, Federick Hill, of the City of Paynesville,
Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

ACTION OF
EJECTMENT

Mr. Bassay et al to be identified, all of the City of Paynesville, Montserrado
County, Republic of Liberia 8th DEFENDANT

AND

Mr. Henry Garteh of the City of Paynesville, Montserrado County
..... 9th DEFENDANT

PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified Justice of the Peace in and for
Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, at my office in the City of Monrovia, Prince Tarnah,
Attorney-At-Law, and one of Counsels for Plaintiff in the above entitled cause and made OATH
according to law that all and singular the allegations of both law and facts set forth and contained
in the foregoing and annexed PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT are true and correct to the best of his
knowledge and belief, and as to those matters of information he verily believes to be true
and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
AT MY OFFICE THIS 26th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2018

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
MONTERRADO COUNTY, LIBERIA

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Neurosurgeons to arrive in Liberia

By Ethel A. Tweh

The General Surgeon and Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Jackson F. Doe Memorial Regional Referral Hospital Dr. Saygbah M. Vanyanbah says Liberia is expecting a group of Neurosurgeons from America, precisely California and Canada.

Speaking at the Information Ministry, Vanyanbah says the neurosurgeons are expected here to come and treat neurosurgical cases for free at the Tapita Hospital in Nimba County.

He says the Doctors will be in Liberia for about two to three weeks and they will arrive anytime soon.

According to Doctor Vanyanbah, it is the third mission of the Doctors in Liberia, noting that this time they are coming more to handle many cases here.

The only neurosurgeon in Liberia, Dr. Alvin Nah Doe of the

Tapita Hospital in Nimba County.

Dr. Doe adds that it is not restricted to the people of Nimba County alone, but it is done there because the hospital is located in the county.

According to Dr. Doe, before the foreign Doctors come, Liberian Doctors are doing pre - screaming of those who are affected to know if their cases are neurosurgical case or not.

Dr. Doe indicates that the neurosurgical cases include Epidural Hematoma, Spinal Cord Injury, Basilar Skull Fracture, Concussion, Intraparenchymal Hemorrhage, Skull Fracture, Spinal Fracture, and Traumatic Nerve Injury.

He also says the screaming will be taking place at the JFK Hospital and Redemption Hospitals, respectively.

Dr. Doe says he is doing the pre -



Jackson F. Doe Memorial Regional Referral Hospital says Liberia does not have the equipment and medication for neurosurgical cases.

Dr. Doe notes that those Doctors are coming with their own instruments and they are not paid for it.

He says the team of Doctors is being sponsored by Korle-Bu Neuroscience Foundation, a charity organization.

Dr. Doe notes that if someone is to travel to Ghana or Senegal for a neurosurgical case, it will cost them about 15-20 thousands United States Dollars.

But he discloses that the only cost for this surgery is to transport yourself from wherever you are to

screaming to prepare those who will be treated by the Foreign Doctors.

"If the screaming is done and you don't need a surgery, we will let you know. But if it require a [CT] scan, it requires money," he says.

Dr. Doe continues that the CT scan is very expensive, noting that it will be free for those who don't have money.

According to him, those who can afford will pay for the CT scan if it is required of them.

"We know those who come to hospital and have money to pay for certain treatments, and we know those who are poor," he explains.--

Edited by Winston W. Parley

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Gov't not probing missing money

--Deputy Minister Fahngon claims

By Lewis S. Teh

Deputy Information Minister Eugene Fagon says government is not investigating alleged missing money here, but it is basically reviewing the authorization to print, and order currency banknotes, among others.

He told a press briefing Thursday, 11 October in

Manneh Weah set a special presidential investigative team (PIT) to probe the allegation.

The team placed several persons of interest under travel ban, but it has just this week removed six of them from travel ban, including former President Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf's son, deputy Central Bank Governor Charles

accountability of Liberian dollars banknotes, foreign currency banknotes, the Legacy and mutilated banknotes, foreign currency auction or exchange, and the infusion of a US\$25 million into the economy here.

He argues that at no point in time did the government say it was investigating the alleged missing money as has been reported.

"Let me make myself clear that this government is investigating the 25 million that was infused in the economy, and the printing of the huge banknotes that was printed by the Central Bank of Liberia or CBL," he says.

According to Mr. Fahngon, the government's decision to launch and call for independent investigators to help with the ongoing investigation is at the result of the allegation that 16 billion Liberian Banknotes were missing.

Mr. Fahngon concludes that from the agreement between the US Government and the Liberian government, there is a team of independent forensic experts that is expected here [for the purpose of the investigation].

He calls on citizens to exercise restraints as the president has indicated and with the approval of the US Government thru its latest statement.--Edited by Winston W. Parley



Monrovia that the government's investigation is not centered on missing money, saying news in the public that government is conducting investigation into the \$16 billion saga is not factual.

Amid reports of alleged missing \$16 billion Liberian Dollars, President George

Sirleaf and Bank spokesman Cyrus Badio.

But Mr. Fahngon claims that government is basically reviewing the authorization to print money and it is also interviewing people of interest.

He says government's review is meant to get full

Child marriage remains worldwide concern

--Says Equality Now

By Bridgett Milton

According to Equality Now, child marriage remains a worldwide concern and it affects 15 million girls a year.

Equity Now says in a release that the devastating effects of child marriage cannot be ignored and it is a violation of the health and development rights of girls.

International Day of the Girl Child is commemorated every year on 11th October, and the day serves as a constant reminder of the challenges that girls face, while promoting empowerment and fulfillment of their human rights.

Equality Now says Female

Genital Mutilation (FGM) and child marriage are intricately connected; and in most cases FGM precedes child marriage.

The group is an international human rights organization that works to protect and promote the rights of women and girls around the world by combining grassroots activism with international, regional and national legal advocacy.

They are international network of lawyers, activists and supporters seeking to achieve legal and systemic change by holding governments responsible for enacting and enforcing laws and policies that end legal

inequality, sexual trafficking, sexual violence and harmful practices such as female genital mutilation and child marriage.

According to a release issue by Equality Now, child marriage is a human rights violation, often following from and leading to further human rights violations.

It is a violent and abusive practice that stems from and sustains discrimination against women and girls.

It excludes girls from decisions regarding the timing of marriage and the choice of spouse and it is also an abrupt and violent initiation into sexual relations.

It further subjects them to other human rights violations such as FGM,

President Weah off to Equatorial Guinea

President George Manneh Weah has departed Liberia for Malabo, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, honoring an invitation to serve as a Special Guest of President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, at the 50th Independence Day of that country.

The Executive Mansion says in a release that the occasion is slated for Friday October 12, 2018.

On his way to Equatorial Guinea, President Weah is expected to make a brief stopover in the Congolese Capital of Brazzaville to provide moral support to the Nation's pride, the Lonestar of

In his message to President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, President Weah, on behalf of Liberia, extended warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Government and people of Equatorial Guinea following the observance of their 50th Independence Anniversary.

According to a Foreign Ministry release, President Weah emphasizes, with deep appreciation, the developmental strides Equatorial Guinea continues to make over the years.

The release says President Weah notes that as the people of Equatorial Guinea celebrate



Liberia, as they take on their Congolese counterpart in the African Cup of Nations qualifier.

Meanwhile, President Weah has conveyed a congratulatory message to the Government and people of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on the occasion marking the 50th Independence Anniversary of that country.

October 12th is celebrated each year as the Independence Day of Equatorial Guinea. Equatorial Guinea became a Republic after its independence was conceded on October 12, 1968 with Francisco Macías Nguema elected as its first President.

domestic violence, trafficking, exploitation, and curtailed education.

Child brides are often isolated and because of their marital status have little access to education and other services generally provided to children in the community.

Further, the group says once a girl marries, she is often considered to have reached the age of

this historic milestone, it is his prayer that the Almighty God will continue to endow President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo with strength and good health as he leads his people to greater prosperity.

The President is expected to return to the country this weekend.

While the President is away, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs and Chief of Staff to the President, Nathaniel Farlo McGill will chair the Cabinet in close consultation with the Vice president and via telephone conversation with the President.--Press release

[maturity] - thereby excluding her from any protection and programs afforded to children in the community.

The group notes that child marriage is an impediment to SDG 5.3 which seeks to eliminate all harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and FGM.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

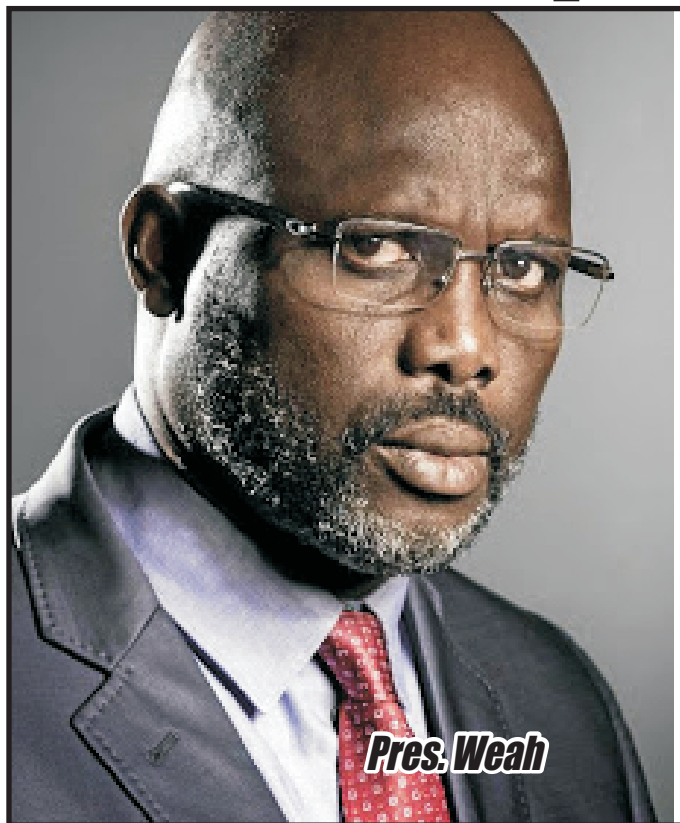
Français

Affaire 18 milliards : Les États-Unis annoncent des enquêteurs indépendants

L'ambassade des États-Unis près de Monrovia a annoncé mercredi avoir demandé par l'intermédiaire de l'USAID à une société indépendante mondialement renommée et spécialisée dans les enquêtes judiciaires pour mener une mission de reconnaissance qui permettra de faire la lumière sur la disparition présumée des billets de banque libériens et de déterminer la nécessité oui ou non d'une mission plus large.

On ignore ce qui adviendra de l'équipe d'enquêteurs déjà constituée par le gouvernement, mais le communiqué américain a indiqué que c'est pour garantir l'efficacité et l'intégrité du processus d'enquête.

Ce communiqué intervient moins de 24 heures après que la commission d'enquête spéciale constituée par le président libérien pour mener



Pres. Weah



Pres. Trump

des investigations dans cette affaire d'argent ait rayé six noms sur la liste des suspects et levé l'interdiction de voyager imposée par le ministère de la Justice, en

attendant le résultat de l'enquête en cours. Parmi ces personnes figurent le sous-gouverneur de la Banque centrale du Libéria Charles Sirleaf et le porte-parole de la

banque, Cyrus Wleh Badio.

Le retrait de ces noms avait suscité bien des inquiétudes chez les Libériens, certains ayant exprimé de sérieux doutes quant à la crédibilité de l'enquête en cours, surtout que Nathaniel Patray, actuel Gouverneur exécutif de la Banque centrale du Libéria, a déclaré qu'il ne manquait aucune somme d'argent.

« Selon les registres de la CBL, le montant total des billets de banque imprimés et placés entre 2016 et 2018 dans les réserves de la Banque s'élevait à 15,5 milliards de dollars libériens. Ce montant a été vérifié à partir des documents internes de la CBL et des documents reçus de la société suédoise (l'imprimeur sous contrat).

La Banque centrale du Libéria tient à préciser au grand public et à ses partenaires en cours d'exécution qu'il ne manque pas 16 milliards de dollars libériens, comme cela a été rapporté à tort dans les médias. La CBL ne dispose d'aucun document montrant que les fonds imprimés sous son autorité n'ont pas encore été remis dans ses coffres-forts. Les dossiers de Crane Currency, en Suède, qui a été chargé par contrat pour imprimer l'argent, montrent que 15,5 milliards de dollars libériens ont été livrés par l'intermédiaire du port de Monrovia et de l'aéroport international Roberts entre 2016 et 2018, et que tous ces montants ont été enregistrés

par la CBL et livrés dans les réserves de la CBL », avait déclaré le gouverneur Patray dans un communiqué.

Cependant, dans sa déclaration publiée à Monrovia le mercredi 10 octobre, l'ambassade des États-Unis estime que l'intervention de l'équipe d'enquête indépendante renommée sera le moyen le plus crédible et le plus efficace de déterminer rapidement l'ampleur du problème et constituera un moyen approprié pour le gouvernement des États-Unis d'accompagner le gouvernement et les citoyens libériens dans la recherche de la vérité.

"Si une enquête plus large et plus longue s'avérait nécessaire après la fin de la mission de reconnaissance, le gouvernement libérien pourrait discuter des prochaines étapes avec des partenaires internationaux", indique le communiqué.

A noter que le Gouvernement libérien avait précédemment demandé au Bureau fédéral d'investigations (FBI) et à la Réserve fédérale des États-Unis de contribuer à l'enquête en cours sur la disparition présumée des 16 milliards de dollars libériens.

Dans le même temps, les gouvernements américain et libérien ont convenu que les enquêteurs indépendants auraient un accès complet aux informations nécessaires et sans imposer de nouveaux acteurs de la part du gouvernement, de la société civile et des partenaires internationaux, afin de garantir l'efficacité et l'intégrité du processus.

"En outre, nous avons convenu que le rapport final serait rendu public, afin que les résultats obtenus soient parfaitement transparents et compréhensibles."

Le communiqué exhorte tous les Libériens à rester patients pendant que le gouvernement libérien, assisté par le gouvernement américain et d'autres partenaires internationaux, envisage des moyens appropriés et rapides pour aider à résoudre les préoccupations et questions actuelles concernant l'argent des libériens.

Technologie/ la Guinée a désormais son premier point d'échange Internet

C'est dans un complexe hôtelier à Conakry, que le premier ministre Dr Ibrahim Kassory Fofana, en compagnie du ministre des postes et télécommunications, Moustapha Mamy Diaby et celui de l'enseignement supérieur, Abdoulaye yéro Baldé, a présidé la cérémonie inaugurale du premier point d'échange internet de la Guinée « IXP-Guinée » ce mercredi 10 octobre.

Gérée par l'association IXP-Guinée, cette infrastructure vise à raccorder les entreprises

de téléphonie mobile et fournisseurs d'internet, afin d'optimiser la connexion et réduire son coût, en déchargeant notamment la bande passante.

Pour son discours de circonstance, Dr Ibrahim Kassory Fofana fait remarquer que : "l'internet représente l'unique opportunité pour l'Afrique de rattraper le reste du monde dans les différents domaines de développement. C'est pour cette raison, et conscient des potentialités qu'offre le secteur des TIC, que le gouvernement a décidé de

construire ce point d'échange Internet et de le mettre gracieusement à la disposition des opérateurs pour contribuer ainsi à l'effort de transformation numérique de notre pays."

Par ailleurs, il annonce qu' : « un deuxième Point d'Echange Internet, acquis à travers la Commission de l'Union Africaine, est en construction, et vous sera également donné pour servir de redondance au premier. »

Et le ministre Moustapha Mamy Diaby de renchérir qu' : « une infrastructure comme celle-ci, à une vocation nationale, mais beaucoup plus une vocation économique et sociale », tout en précisant plus loin : « dans le sens où, elle permettra de dynamiser le secteur de l'internet par l'accroissement du trafic qui sera la conséquence directe de l'amélioration de la qualité de la connexion. Nous savons aujourd'hui que nous avons un taux de pénétration de l'internet qui avoisine les 40% et nous ne devons pas perdre de vue les barrières liées au coût d'accès de cette ressource vitale ; l'internet n'est plus un luxe.



Français

« Les anciens seigneurs de guerre n'ont plus les moyens de faire la guerre » (Hassa Bility)

Hassa Bility, l'un des partisans farouches du tribunal des crimes de guerre pour le Libéria, a déclaré que les anciens chefs de guerre qui profèrent des menaces n'ont plus les moyens de mener une guerre dans le pays.

M Bility veut rassurer les libériens terrifiés par les menaces des anciens seigneurs de guerre libériens et qui estiment que le tribunal des crimes de guerre pour le Libéria pourrait constituer une recette de chaos dans le pays. Selon lui, la peur qui habitait les victimes de guerre pendant la crise a maintenant changé de camps ; ce sont maintenant les bourreaux qui ont peur, c'est pourquoi ils lancent des menaces vaines pour intimider les libériens.

Il y a une douzaine de chefs de guerre libériens, dont l'actuel sénateur Prince Johnson de l'INPFL, Sekou Damate Conneh, Thomas



Sen. Johnson

Yaya Nimely de MODEL, le professeur à la retraite Alhaji G.V. Kromah d'ULIMO-K, George S. Boley du PLC, l'ancien président Charles Taylor et ses généraux.

Le Dr. Boley et le général Prince Yormie Johnson sont actuellement membres de la 54^{ème} législature libérienne. Le premier fut déporté des États-Unis où il avait été détenu et jugé pour avoir armé des enfants soldats pendant la crise au Libéria.

Le chef du Front patriotique national indépendant du Libéria (INPFL), le sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson, a récemment proféré des menaces comme quoi s'il est traîné devant un tribunal, ses supporters retourneraient dans la brousse avec des fusils à canon unique.

Le sénateur Johnson a également affirmé qu'il est protégé par une immunité.

Selon lui, lors de l'administration transitoire dirigée par Charles Gyude Bryant, le parlement libérien avait promulgué une loi accordant l'immunité aux dirigeants des factions rebelles et des anciens combattants libériens.

Bility, qui dirige le projet de recherche de la justice mondiale au Libéria, a récemment assuré lors d'un débat sur les ondes à Monrovia que ni la sous-région, ni le reste du monde ne permettrait à un ancien chef de guerre de déstabiliser le Libéria.

Selon lui, les anciens chefs de guerre libériens n'ont pas la capacité de mobiliser des combattants et de mener une guerre contre le pays, soulignant qu'aucun pays voisin n'est disposé à soutenir la violence contre le Libéria.

Il a salué lors de l'émission l'adoption récente par le



Rep. Borley

Comité des affaires étrangères du congrès américain d'une résolution parrainée par le législateur Daniel Donovan, qui appelle à la mise en œuvre intégrale des recommandations de la Commission Vérité et Réconciliation (TRC).

« Mes électeurs m'ont directement dit à quel point il était important pour eux que le Libéria mette en place un tribunal extraordinaire des crimes de guerre », a dit le représentant Donovan et ajouté que le rapport de la TRC demande clairement la création d'un tribunal des crimes de guerre pour le Libéria.

Une grande conférence sur la création d'un tribunal des crimes de guerre est prévue à Monrovia le mois prochain. L'ancien procureur principal du tribunal spécial pour la Sierra Leone, Stephen Rapp, sera parmi les invités internationaux attendus.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Kenneth Rogoff

L'Asie richissime

CAMBRIDGE - Dans l'inattendu film à succès « Crazy Rich Asians » (basé sur un roman de Kevin Kwan paru en 2013), un professeur d'économie à l'Université de New York se rend à Singapour avec son petit ami pour rencontrer sa famille. Elle y découvre que son compagnon (Nick) est l'héritier de l'une des plus grande fortunes d'Asie, et que la mère du jeune homme n'entend pas laisser son fils épouser une femme aussi ordinaire, qu'elle soit ou non asio-américaine.

En partie grâce à son formidable casting entièrement asiatique (grande rareté), et notamment parce qu'il rappelle les premières heures des grandes comédies romantiques, le film a suscité un immense buzz. Peut-être même vaudra-t-il un Oscar depuis longtemps mérité à l'actrice Michelle Yeoh (héroïne de « Tigre et Dragon »), qui joue le rôle de la mère à la fois très stricte et aimante.

Mais l'œuvre met également en lumière Singapour, ville peu connue de la majorité des Occidentaux. Pour certains observateurs, le véritable choc provoqué par le film résidera dans la découverte de l'immense richesse qu'ont atteinte certaines régions d'Asie.

Pour prendre la mesure de l'ascension stratosphérique de cette cité-État insulaire, il suffit de comparer la métropole étincelante de « Crazy Rich Asians » avec le village de pêcheurs et ses cabanons dans la comédie classique de 1940 « En route vers Singapour », avec Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour et Bob Hope. Cette comparaison permet de comprendre facilement comment la fictive famille Young est devenue richissime en investissant très tôt dans l'immobilier. Forte d'une production annuelle d'environ 325 milliards \$ en 2017, et abritant 5,6 millions d'habitants, Singapour se positionne aujourd'hui au niveau du Danemark sur le plan économique (avec toutefois une population plus diverse).

Et la comparaison est plutôt flatteuse, puisque le Danemark se classe généralement au plus haut des sondages mondiaux sur la qualité de vie. Singapour ne redistribue pas les revenus aussi massivement qu'au Danemark, préférant maintenir une imposition réduite et concentrer les transferts sur les individus à faibles revenus. Pour autant, tous les citoyens ont accès à une excellente éducation et couverture santé, nombre d'entre eux étant également éligibles à des logements fortement subventionnés. Dans « Crazy Rich Asians », la pauvreté est décrite (de manière assez ingénieusement et désopilante) comme un vol long-courrier en classe économique plutôt qu'en première classe.

Si les Asio-Américains saluent le film comme une importante avancée pour les acteurs asiatiques dans les grandes productions hollywoodiennes, l'œuvre suscite un vif débat à Singapour même. Bien que de nombreux Singapouriens se réjouissent que le film « CRA » (comme ils l'appellent) soit voué à engendrer un boom touristique, les plaintes abondent. Première critique, les personnages n'utilisent pas suffisamment de phrases en langue singlish. Deuxièmement, les importantes communautés indienne et malaisienne de la cité-État sont invisibles dans le film. Mais la population s'indigne par-dessus tout de la richesse démesurée de la famille Young, soulevant la question d'une absence d'impôts sur les successions ou les plus-values à Singapour. Comment est-il possible que

Nick hérite d'autant d'argent ?

Mais la colère est peut-être moins importante que celle à laquelle pourraient s'attendre les Américains ou les Européens, sans doute parce que la classe moyenne s'en sort relativement bien dans le cadre du système unique de Singapour, clairement en phase avec l'économie de marché, mais dans lequel l'État joue un rôle majeur en termes de planification et d'investissement à long terme.

Pour les plus cyniques, cette colère serait sans doute beaucoup plus visible si les restrictions imposées aux médias n'étaient pas aussi importantes. Mais le populisme observé aux États-Unis et en Europe constitue en grande partie la conséquence d'un ralentissement de la croissance, qui a notamment impacté les revenus de la classe moyenne, et qui a été exacerbé par la crise financière. Or, bien que la croissance ait également ralenti à Singapour, la cité-État soutient avantageusement la comparaison par rapport à l'Europe. D'après les prévisions de l'Autorité monétaire de Singapour, la croissance devrait être supérieure à 3 % en 2018, au même niveau que la croissance américaine, ce que jalouent actuellement les économies développées.

La réussite de Singapour s'avère d'autant plus remarquable que la proximité géographique avec l'équateur est généralement synonyme de faible croissance et de pauvreté. Or, Singapour se situe quasiment sur l'équateur (dans une scène improbable de « Crazy Rich Asians », Nick et Rachel sont transportés depuis l'aéroport dans une Jeep décapotable). Les économistes qui étudient la croissance en viennent presque aux mains lors des conférences sur la question de savoir si les « institutions » ou la « culture » importeraient davantage que la croissance, les deux camps évoquant l'exemple de Singapour, qui a hérité à la fois des institutions anglaises et des éléments de la culture chinoise.

Espérons que l'Asie jouera désormais un plus grand rôle dans la culture hollywoodienne, et que davantage de films feront intervenir des locaux et acteurs asiatiques. Produit pour seulement 30 millions \$ (le film « Avengers: Infinity War » de Disney a coûté en comparaison 300 millions \$), « Crazy Rich Asians » a déjà rapporté plus de 200 millions \$ à travers le monde.

Ces chiffres sont impressionnants pour n'importe quel long métrage, mais sans doute encore davantage pour un film qui débute par une leçon sur la théorie des jeux. Dans la toute première scène, Rachel prend l'exemple du poker pour illustrer un concept devant une classe nombreuse et captivée, et devant un assistant d'enseignement. Bien entendu, la plupart des cours sur la théorie des jeux impliquent beaucoup de mathématiques autour des relations stratégiques, plus que de jeux à proprement parler. Mais il est toujours possible de s'amuser. Comme beaucoup le savent, le professeur Avinash Dixit de l'Université de Princeton utilise des séquences de films tels que « Docteur Folamour » pour illustrer des concepts clés.

Peut-être Hollywood utilisera-t-elle un jour « Crazy Rich Asians » pour illustrer des concepts majeurs concernant une région qui se distingue comme la plus grande success story économique des dernières décennies, et sur laquelle de nombreuses autres histoires restent à raconter.

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT



With Ben Polee Wesee

Afordoe arrested for releasing "Bring Back Our Containers" song?



Photo from the song movie

Liberian musician Afordoe who prefers to be called Afo4doe, arrested by the Liberia National Police for producing and featuring on the campaign song "Bring Back Our Containers", according to asempi.com.

The campaign "BringBackOurMoney" started here after 16 Billion newly printed Liberian bank notes

printed abroad and brought in the country allegedly went missing at the Freeport of Monrovia and the Roberts International Airport, respectively.

Local media report that two 20-foot containers containing the bank notes were cleared by staff of the Central Bank of Liberia on March 31, 2018 but they never reached the bank.

Several local musicians, including the outspoken producer Afo4doe, featured on Kpanto's 'Bring Back the Container'.

A social media campaign #FreeAfordoe was started immediately after his arrest, but police subsequently released him.

The song has since received over 80,000 downloads on MusicLiberia.com barely two days after its release.

Another musician, MC Caro, who also released a song to support the campaign, claims she has been "receiving threats" on her mobile phone.

Liberians staged a peaceful protest on Monday, September 24, 2018, petitioning the international community to prevail on the Government of Liberia to "Bring back the money."

Liberian authorities have asked the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Federal Reserve, and the International Monetary Fund for support in ongoing investigation to bring perpetrators to justice.

During protest recently in Monrovia by a group of

Liberian civil society groups, the United States Embassy here confirmed receiving formal request for assistance from the Liberian government and disclosed that said request has been forwarded to the relevant U.S. Government agencies for review.

However, the U.S. Embassy in Liberia, through USAID says it has reached out to independent, internationally recognized firms with specialization in forensic investigations to conduct a scoping mission that could ascertain the basic facts of the alleged missing currency in Liberia and determine to what extent a broader mission would be needed.



photo after his release from jail

Gossip of the Week

Kizzy W is one talented artist, super producer, and creative engineer with a tender voice. Despite all the above you can't ignore the fact that he is the most controversial artist.

He has made all kinds of headlines, from claiming to be better than Stone Luck Shine, being in a hot mess with some Djs/Promoters in Liberia and recently speaking out about deserving credit for producing other hits and Kobazzie's recent record #Bounce.

The star has not been cool with his managers since he came to America. We heard of him disrespecting his management team during a concert in Rhode Island, the United States when he refused to ride with them but ended up riding with a girl from Philly, who seems to be anti his managers for reason we don't know.

Eyewitness claim at one point Kizzy was exchanging harsh words with JBizz in a studio somewhere in Philly. Just in case you're wondering why his SNG Records have not branded Kizzy W so he could look like the artist he is and be on par with his label mate Yung Muse, his management said Kizzy W doesn't listen.

He feels like he knows all. Kizzy W is down playing his label and he is booking his own show, without the knowledge of his label. This is what his record executive had to say..."Balcola Kanneh so you booking artists for a show without contacting the management very smart? LOL ...the Liberian industry growth last in the Liberian people hands... we got to do better ☐" In this case if you were part of his management/record label what will you do?

Van Vicker opens School of Arts in Liberia



More than 25 young Liberian students are expected to start enrollment this month at the Van Vicker School of Arts here in Monrovia.

Vicker, widely known by the stage name Rash, opened the first postwar performing arts school in Monrovia.

Rash, who is a Ghanaian-based Liberian film producer, director and actor, spoke to journalists recently.

The school, located on Benson Street in Central Monrovia, comes at a time when most talented Liberian filmmakers and musicians are eager to acquire knowledge about their arts in order for them to produce works that will be easily accepted outside the local market.

Speaking to journalists at the school Vicker discloses the school will fully begin operation this month.

According to him, it will focus on educating artists

with practical hands-on experience in film and performing arts.

He notes that his desire to introduce such a school for mainly young Liberians is to give back to the country and bring to life the passion of people, who are interested in the arts industry.

"The school is dedicated to providing an outlet for inspiring Liberian musicians and filmmakers and an opportunity to learn skills about their arts. Liberia has talents; most of those with the talents, lack the skills. I decided to open this work as my way of helping to promote and develop their talents."

"The teaching staff will comprise of an educated body of filmmakers, dancers and actors who will fly into Liberia from abroad, to provide industry-driven training to the students," he adds.

He continues that at the end of the school semester, "Students will put out major productions aimed at addressing solutions for national healing."

"For me, it is more of a social responsibility. It is so beautiful to have people, who have succeeded in a particular sector, willing to give back and help upcoming individuals, who are interested in their arts," Vicker says.

An award-winning actor, Rash says the mission of the school among others is to educate artists and future artists with practical, hands-on experiences in fine and performing arts, film/stage, and music (voice coaching, piano, guitar, drums and lesson, spiritual, ballet, tap, modern jazz, hip-hop, African, etc.).

The drama instructor, Ms Sharyn Shields, said drama has been a part of her life and is expected to allow teenagers to define themselves.

Ms Shields, who is the author of Dr. Seuss, is hopeful that the lesson will make an impact on her students' lives, adding: "I love the performing arts." -Editing

War crimes advocate faces rebel link

Liberia's war crimes court campaigner Hassan Bility is being dragged in the mud, as some Liberians linked him to membership with one of the country's warring factions United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy or ULIMO, but he denies.

Two times consecutively, callers on local radio talk show in Monrovia have accused Bility of being a member of the disbanded rebel movement which had its base in Lofa County, northern region of Liberia. ULIMO was fiercely commanded by retired professor Alhaji G.V. Kromah.

Both Bility and Kromah are ethnic Mandingoes. The tribe waged a counterattack against Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) rebels in the early 90s after a break-away faction of Taylor's rebels - INPFL commanded by now Senator Prince Yormie Johnson captured President Samuel



Kanyon Doe in September 1990 at the Freeport of Monrovia, subsequently tortured and mutilated him to death.

Earlier, a caller had dialed from Lofa, home of most ethnic Mandingoes in Liberia while Mr.

Bility was guest on a live talk show here and charged that the war crimes court campaigner has been member of the disbanded rebel group.

Bility confirmed he is an ethnic Mandingo, but denied

ever associating or being a member of any warring faction. "I think the caller that just called needs to watch his words", he cautioned.

However, on Thursday, 10 October while on another talk show hosted by OK Fm Bility was again confronted with the same allegation by a caller.

This time around, he categorically clarified that being member of a rebellious group is not an international crime.

"Let me tell you what constitutes war crimes: If you killed babies, raped women and pillaged state resources", he explains.

A Liberian journalist and former newspaper editor, Bility was arrested in Monrovia, in June 2002 and held incommunicado for almost six months as what the government of Charles Taylor called an "unlawful combatant" and "prisoner of war". During his detention he was interrogated even, he says, by Taylor himself, and tortured repeatedly after the Taylor regime accused him of being in communication with LURD rebels, another rebel movement commanded by another ethnic Mandingo, Sekou Damate Conneh.

Following mounting calls from international media and rights groups, he was released subsequently and fled to exile.

Bility is currently director of the Global Justice and Research Project in Liberia, seeking justice for victims of atrocities and abuses committed during the country's 14 years Civil War.

This is a charge he is likely to confront time to time amid

serious opposition here from mainly government officials, as he leads effort to establish a war crimes court for Liberia that would prosecute actors responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity during the Liberian Civil War from December 24, 1989 to September 2003.

ULIMO was organized in May 1991 by Krahn refugees and soldiers loyal to slain President Doe. It was initially led by a deputy minister from the Doe regime, Raleigh Seekie.

After fighting alongside the Sierra Leonean army against the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) ULIMO forces entered western Liberia in September 1991 and scored significant gains in areas held by Taylor's NPFL in Lofa Bridge - diamond mining areas between Lofa and Bomi counties.

From its outset, ULIMO was beset with internal divisions and the group effectively broke into two separate militias in 1994: ULIMO-J, an ethnic Krahn faction led by General Roosevelt Johnson, and ULIMO-K, a Mandingo-based faction led by Alhaji G.V. Kromah.

ULIMO-J was poorly ruled, which led to leadership struggles and general discontent among its fighters. It had approximately 8,000 combatants, but ULIMO-K was relatively united under Kromah, in contrast to the fractious nature of the ULIMO-J. It had approximately 12,000 combatants, predominantly ethnic Mandingoes. The group, both before and after its breakup, committed serious violations of human rights. - *Story by Jonathan Browne*

U.S. eases \$16bn tension

By Winston W. Parley

Liberian protesters demanding a return of an alleged missing \$16 billion Liberian Dollars say they are aborting further nationwide protest amid the United States' intervention to conduct a scoping mission to ascertain facts into the allegation.

An official of the Concerned Citizens United to Bring Our Money Back (COCUBOMB), Mr. Charles Roberts told local broadcaster OK Fm Thursday, 11 October that the group has ordered its mobilizers across the country to halt all mobilization because they are satisfied that the US is making intervention.

To ensure the effectiveness and integrity of the process, the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia announced Wednesday, 10 October that the U.S. and Liberian governments have

agreed that independent forensic investigators will conduct their work with full access to information needed.

According to the Embassy, this work will be conducted without the imposition of additional actors from the government, civil society, or international partners.

The U.S. Embassy indicates that through USAID, it has reached out to independent, internationally recognized firms with specialization in forensic investigations to conduct a scoping mission that could ascertain the basic facts of the alleged missing currency matter and determine to what extent a broader mission would be needed.

It adds that it is the assessment of the U.S. Embassy in Liberia that such a report would be the most credible and effective means to quickly determine the scale

of the problem.

Further, the Embassy notes that it would be an appropriate means for the United States to support the Liberian government and citizens' desire to understand the allegations and facts.

If a broader and longer investigation were found to be needed after the scoping mission has concluded, the Embassy says the Liberian government could discuss next steps with international partners.

The U.S. announced its intervention on Wednesday, a day after six persons including Deputy Central Bank Governor Charles Sirleaf, the son of former President Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf and Bank spokesman Cyrus Badio were removed from travel ban by investigators.

They were placed on travel ban amid ongoing investigation by a special presidential investigative team surrounding alleged the missing L\$16 billion that was printed, brought into the Country but allegedly vanished just in the time it was allegedly being escorted by armed national securities to the CBL from the Freeport of Monrovia.

But in a live appearance with OK Fm during an outside broadcast in Redlight, Paynesville, COCUBOMB spokesperson Mr. Charles Roberts indicated that his group was serious about a nationwide protest because it did not have confidence in a special presidential investigative team set up by

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President George Manneh Weah.

"So we are happy from the background of COCUBOMB that today the U.S. Embassy through USAID has agreed, they have sent names of institutions to our government to select one and that will be financed by our international partner, particularly the American Government," he says.

He claims that the local investigative team comprises of friends and classmates to probe an alleged missing money issue that the president has already disputed.

"But when he came back, he said he's not even convinced that money is missing so he ... set up a committee of friends...", he alleges, and says COCUBOMB does not trust the committee.

With the coming in of the U.S., he indicates that the protesters are satisfied and they have told their mobilizers

across the country to halt all mobilization.

"Smith, I think the U.S... team is even giving us guarantee that the investigation will be done speedily as compared to the Liberian team. The Liberian team is saying indefinite time, but in six weeks they will come to the public, but it might last a year or years," he continues.

Roberts claims that whoever took the money is the enemy of the state, noting that the group is not fighting against an individual but it wants to get to the bottom of the issue.

He demands restitution of the money if the investigation establishes that money went missing.

He claims that the president has given the outcome that he wanted in this matter, so COCUBOMB could not trust local investigation.



Ronaldo's lawyer refutes rape claims



The forward has strongly denied an allegation of rape and the Juventus star's lawyer says evidence against his client is fabricated.

Cristiano Ronaldo's lawyer says the Juventus forward "vehemently denies" a rape allegation and claims statements reportedly originating from the player are "fabricated".

American Kathryn Mayorga

has accused Ronaldo of sexually assaulting her in a hotel in Las Vegas in 2009, something the Portuguese has strenuously refuted.

German publication Der Spiegel first reported the claims, which also included the suggestion Ronaldo paid Ms Mayorga \$375,000 in 2010 as part of a privacy agreement, preventing her from going public with the allegations. Ms Mayorga filed a lawsuit last

month in an attempt to quash that agreement while Las Vegas police have re-opened an investigation.

Ronaldo's lawyer Peter Christiansen confirmed the payment was made to Ms Mayorga, but criticised a fresh report at the weekend which he says was based on doctored evidence.

In a statement, Christiansen said: "I have been hired to represent Cristiano Ronaldo with respect to the recent civil complaint arising from events alleged to have occurred in 2009, all of which were the subject of a mutual release between the parties in 2010.

"Given the breach of that agreement by the other side and the inflammatory accusations that have been lodged in the ensuing days as a result, Mr Ronaldo feels compelled to no longer stand silent and in fact, is entitled under that agreement to respond proportionately in kind.

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Mbappe 'adjusting just fine' to superstar status, says Lloris

France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris believes Paris Saint-Germain sensation Kylian Mbappe is coping well with his status as one of the world's best players.

The 19-year-old was instrumental in France's 2018 World Cup triumph and he has carried that stunning form into the new season, scoring eight goals in just

five Ligue 1 games - four of which came in a blistering 13-minute spell against Lyon on Sunday.

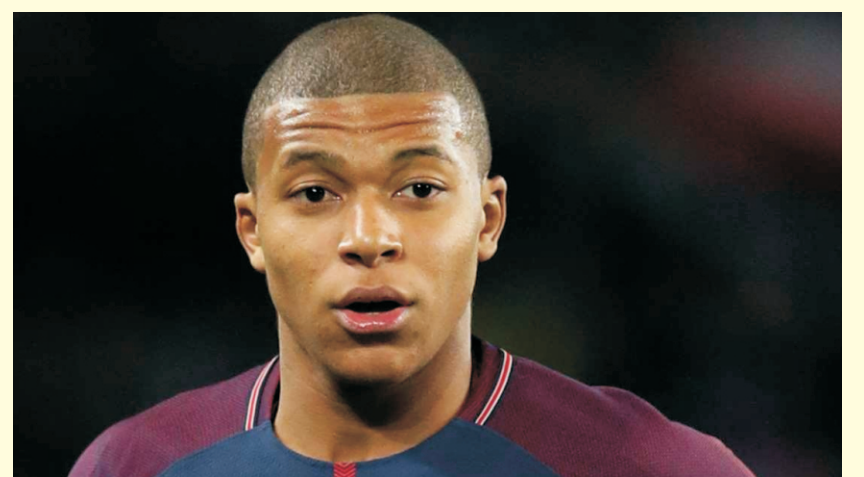
He was also named on the 30-man shortlist for the Ballon d'Or this week, and Lloris has been impressed with how the PSG forward is seemingly taking it all in his stride.

"Obviously Kylian has a brand new status now," he said at a media conference ahead

of France's friendly against Iceland on Thursday and Nations League game against Germany five days later.

"Even though he has done great things in Ligue 1 and the Champions League, the World Cup gave him a new dimension in the world's eyes.

"He is adjusting just fine to this new status; we all know his great potential.



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