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Continental News

Kanye West gifts white sneakers to Uganda's president

Kanye West and his wife Kim Kardashian on Monday paid a visit to Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, gifting the 74-year-old leader a pair of white sneakers.

Rap megastar West is in the east African nation to finish recording his ninth studio album "Yandhi", which was meant to drop two weeks ago, until his surprise decision to go and record in Africa to "feel the energy".

The serial Grammy-winning artist -- who recently announced he was changing his name to Ye -- arrived in Uganda on Saturday.

The country seizing the opportunity to market itself as a tourist destination, with the couple pictured visiting its natural sites.

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Museveni welcomed them to the country on his Twitter account.

"I held fruitful discussions with the duo on how to promote Uganda's tourism and the arts. I thank Kanye for the gift of white sneakers. Enjoy your time in Uganda. It is the true Pearl

of Africa," he wrote.

It is West's second audience with a president in under a week after his eyebrow-raising meeting with Donald Trump last Thursday, in which he performed a relentless monologue that left even the US President speechless.

His lecture included everything from Trump's protectionist trade policies to replacing Air Force One with a hydrogen plane, black gun crime and "infinite amounts of universe," was met with bemusement and concern.

"We have to go to what is

known as Africa, I have to go and find out what it is really called and just grab the soil and cook five meals a day so the metabolism stays up and... have the mic in the open so you can hear nature while we are recording," West told entertainment site TMZ. -AFP



Kanye West gives Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni a pair of white sneakers, as the serial Grammy-winning artist visits the east African nation to finish recording his ninth studio album "Yandhi"; (AFP Photo/-)

Vincent Kompany's father becomes Belgium's first black mayor

Belgium has elected a black mayor for the first time - the father of international football star Vincent Kompany.

Pierre Kompany topped the poll for the municipality of Ganshoren in Brussels, earning him the title of mayor.

Mr Kompany arrived in Belgium in 1975 as a refugee from what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo.

He became active in politics in 2006 as a councillor, and took a seat in the Brussels

you dad," he wrote.

"He's the first black mayor in Belgium - it's never happened before, it's historic.... congratulations to my dad!" Vincent said.

On his Instagram post, Vincent added: "It was long overdue but it's progress. Massive congrats!"

It's not the first time the football star has spoken about the need for progress in Belgian politics.

Two days earlier, he tweeted an image of the Belgian parliament, noting

Reward offered for abducted Tanzania billionaire

The family of Tanzanian billionaire Mohammed Dewji, who was kidnapped on Thursday, has offered a 1bn Tanzania shilling (\$440,000; £330,000) reward for information that leads to his rescue.

Mr Dewji, reportedly Africa's youngest billionaire, was taken by masked gunmen

in the Tanzanian city of Dar es Salaam.

The police have arrested more than 20 people in connection with the abduction. But both the motive for the kidnapping and his whereabouts are still unclear.

Police believe that two white men were behind Mr Dewji's disappearance, reports

the BBC's Athuman Mtulya from Dar es Salaam.

The family hoped that the reward will help the police's investigation, spokesperson Azim Dewji told a packed press conference.

"We want to assure anyone with the information about the whereabouts of our son to come forward and we will treat their information as secret," he said.

Kidnappings are uncommon in Tanzania, out correspondent says. Who is Mohammed Dewji?

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, 43, 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



Image copyright GETTY IMAGES: Pierre Kompany has made history, his famous son says

regional parliament in 2014.

But he is perhaps best known for his famous sons. Vincent Kompany is both the captain of English Premier League club Manchester City and a constant fixture on the Belgium national team.

Vincent's brother, Francois, plays for Belgian side KSV Roeselare.

Both brothers were quick to congratulate their father in an Instagram post shared with Vincent's 1.6 million followers.

"History! We are so proud of

"very little multiculturalism" on display.

"That also reflects non-existent diversity at all levels of power in Belgium," he said.

Other mayoral candidates with mixed heritage have begun to enter politics in Belgium in recent years. Emir Kir, the son of Turkish immigrants, and was elected mayor of Saint-Josse in 2012; and Nadia Sminate, whose father was from Morocco, was elected the leader of Londerzeel in 2016. -BBC



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

enterprise into a pan-African conglomerate.

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. -BBC

EDITORIAL

The U.S. probe is highly welcome

DISCLOSURE BY THE U.S. Embassy in Liberia, through USAID that 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 surrounding the alleged missing currency in Liberia is welcome news.

IN A STATEMENT here last Wednesday, 10 October the U.S. Embassy says this would determine to what extent a broader mission would be needed, and that it is its assessment that such a report would be the most credible and effective means to quickly determining the scale of the problem, and would be an appropriate means for the United States to support the Liberian government's and citizens' desire to understand the allegations and facts.

WE BELIEVE THIS is the most transparent approach in reaching to the bottom of this national disgrace that confronts our nation and places its credibility and image in jeopardy.

THE U.S.'S INITIATIVE will no doubt lend transparency and credibility to the investigative process, especially in the wake of conflicting statements from all levels of the Government of Liberia.

AT ONE INSTANT, the government thru the Ministry of Justice acknowledges ongoing investigation "surrounding the arrival of containers and bags of moneys into the country, by and thru the Freeport of Monrovia and the Roberts International Airport, and that initial findings indicate that the containers and bags of moneys allegedly arrived between November 2017, prior to the inauguration of the current Government, and August 2018."

THE GOVERNMENT PROBE went further by placing travel ban on "people of interest" from the leaving the country. But at another instant, President George Manneh Weah publicly announced no money is missing even, having earlier said ongoing investigation would get to the root and anyone found liable would be brought to book.

IN THE SUDDEN twist of accounts to the public, the Minister of Finance and Development Planning Samuel Tweah damned Information Minister Lenn Eugene Nagbe for revealing 16 billion Liberian dollars reportedly missing. Tweah instead put the total amount of money in question at 15.5 billion, but maintains that no money went missing. Subsequently, the Executive Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia Nathaniel Patray corroborates the Finance boss that no money is missing.

"THE CENTRAL BANK of Liberia wants to clarify to the general public and our partners in progress that there is no 16 billion Liberian Dollars missing, as has been erroneously reported in the media. The CBL has no records showing that monies printed and under its authority have not yet been delivered into its reserve vaults. Records from Crane Currency of Sweden, which was contracted to print the money, show that Crane delivered L\$15.5 billion through the Freeport of Monrovia and the Roberts International Airport between 2016 and 2018, and that all these monies were logged by the CBL and delivered into the reserve vaults of the CBL", Governor Patray maintains.

AND SO AMID the constant shifting of accounts despite an ongoing investigation that is yet to come out with any preliminary findings, Liberians are engulfed by anxiety and confusion. They are struggling with which version to take, particularly versions that are shifting every now and then.

THIS IS WHERE intervention by the Americans is highly welcome and should be embraced by all patriotic Liberians. All we are interested in are the facts, and nothing else, but the facts.

HOWEVER, WE CAN only hope the Government of Liberia that invited the U.S. Government to assist with the ongoing investigation would cooperate fully, for the statement from the U.S. Embassy says to ensure the effectiveness and integrity of the process, the American and Liberian governments have both agreed that the independent forensic investigators will conduct their work with full access to information needed and without the imposition of additional actors from the government, civil society, or international partners.

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COMMENTARY

By Joseph E. Stiglitz

People vs. Money in America's Midterm Elections

We will soon find out whether US voters matter more than the money flowing into the Republican Party's coffers. America's political and economic future, and most likely the peace and prosperity of the entire world, depends on the answer.

NEW YORK - All eyes are on the United States as November's Congressional elections approach. The outcome will answer many alarming questions raised two years ago, when Donald Trump won the presidential election.

Will the US electorate declare that Trump is not what America is about? Will voters renounce his racism, misogyny, nativism, and protectionism? Will they say that his "America First" rejection of the international rule of law is not what the US stands for? Or will they make it clear that Trump's win was not a historical accident resulting from a Republican primary process that produced a flawed nominee and a Democratic primary process that produced Trump's ideal opponent?

As America's future hangs in the balance, impassioned debates about what caused the 2016 outcome are more than academic. At stake is how the Democratic Party - and similar parties of the left in Europe - should position themselves to win the most votes. Should they lean toward the center or focus on mobilizing young, progressive, and enthusiastic newcomers?

There are good reasons to believe that the latter course is more likely to bring electoral success and stymie the dangers posed by Trump.

American voter turnout is abysmal, and worse in non-presidential-election years. In 2010, just 41.8% of the electorate voted. In 2014, only 36.7% of eligible voters cast ballots, according to data from the United States Elections Project. Democratic turnout is even worse, although it appears to be on the upswing this election cycle.

People often say they don't vote because they think it makes no difference: the two parties are as similar as Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Trump has shown that's not true. The Republicans who abandoned all pretense of fiscal rectitude and voted last year for a massive tax cut for billionaires and corporations have shown it's not true. And the Republican senators who rallied behind the nomination of US Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, despite his misleading testimony and entirely credible evidence of past sexual misbehavior, have shown it's not true.

But the Democrats are also responsible for voter apathy. The party must overcome a long history of collusion with the right, from President Bill Clinton's capital gains tax cut (which enriched the top 1%) and financial market deregulation (which helped bring on the Great Recession), to the 2008 bank bailout (which offered too little to displaced workers and homeowners facing foreclosure). Over

the last quarter-century, the party has sometimes seemed more focused on winning the support of those who live on capital gains than those who live on wages. Many stay-at-home voters complain that the Democrats are relying on attacks on Trump, rather than putting forward a real alternative.

The thirst for a different kind of contender is evident in voter support for progressive candidates like former presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders and New York's 28-year-old Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who recently defeated the fourth-ranking Democrat in the US House of Representatives in a party primary.

Progressives like Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez have managed to present an attractive message to the voters whom Democrats must mobilize to win. They seek to restore access to a middle-class life by providing decent, well-paying jobs, reestablishing a sense of financial security, and ensuring access to quality education - without the chokehold of student debt that so many graduates currently face - and decent health care, regardless of pre-existing medical conditions. They call for affordable housing and a secure retirement in which the elderly are not preyed on by an avaricious financial sector. And they seek a more dynamic, competitive, and fair-market economy by curbing the excesses of market power, financialization, and globalization, and by strengthening workers' bargaining power.

These perquisites of a middle-class life are attainable. They were affordable a half-century ago, when the country was substantially poorer than it is today; and they are affordable now. In fact, neither America's economy nor its democracy can afford not to bolster the middle class. Government policies and programs - including public options for health insurance, supplementary retirement benefits, or mortgages - are crucial to realizing this vision.

I am encouraged by the outpouring of support for these progressive proposals and the political leaders who support them. In a normal democracy, these ideas would, I am confident, prevail. But US politics has been corrupted by money, gerrymandering and massive attempts at disenfranchisement. The 2017 tax bill was nothing short of a bribe to corporations and the wealthy to pour their financial resources into the 2018 election. Statistics show that money matters enormously in American politics.

Even with a flawed democracy - including a concerted effort to prevent some from voting - the power of the American electorate matters. We will soon find out whether it matters more than the money flowing into the Republican Party's coffers. America's political and economic future, and most likely the peace and prosperity of the entire world, depends on the answer.

O-PED

By J. Bradford Delong

Self-Fulfilling Financial Crises

BERKELEY - The 2008 financial crisis and subsequent recession left the Global North 10% poorer than it otherwise would have been, based on 2005 forecasts. For those hoping to understand this episode better, I have long recommended four books, in particular: *Manias, Panics, and Crashes*, by the twentieth-century economist Charles P. Kindleberger; *This Time Is Different*, by Carmen M. Reinhart and Kenneth S. Rogoff of Harvard University; *The Shifts and the Shocks*, by the Financial Times economics commentator Martin Wolf; and *Hall of Mirrors*, by my University of California, Berkeley, colleague Barry Eichengreen.

Now, I want to add a fifth book to the list: *A Crisis of Beliefs: Investor Psychology and Financial Fragility*, by the economists Nicola Gennaioli and Andrei Shleifer. (Full disclosure: Shleifer was my roommate in college and graduate school; to this day, I credit him with whatever positive skills or reputation I may have.)

A Crisis of Beliefs is important for three reasons. First, it offers a welcome rejoinder to those who argue that the past decade was an unavoidable result of the housing bubble in the United States. Many experts still claim that the bubble's deflation triggered the financial crisis. But the fact is that the bubble had already deflated substantially before the crisis erupted.

Recall that by mid-2008, home prices had returned to, or even fallen below, levels supported by their underlying fundamentals, and employment and production in the residential construction industry had declined to levels far below trend. The work of rebalancing asset valuations and reallocating economic resources across sectors had already been accomplished.

To be sure, there still would have been around \$750 billion worth of financial-asset losses in the form of defaults on subprime mortgages and home-equity loans. But that is only one-quarter of what global equity markets lost in seven hours on October 19, 1987. In other words, it would not have been enough to sink the global financial system. Ben Bernanke, then Chair of the US Federal Reserve, seemed confident in the summer of 2008 that the correction in housing prices had not triggered any unmanageable financial crisis. At the time, he was mainly focused on the dangers of rising inflation.

And then the bottom fell out. The reason, Gennaioli and Shleifer show, is that beliefs changed. Investors came to believe that financial markets were saddled with highly elevated risk, owing to a number of factors. The interbank market had seized up, homeowners were defaulting on their mortgages, Bear Stearns had collapsed, the US Treasury had intervened to rein in Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and, above all, Lehman Brothers had declared bankruptcy.

All of this led to the sudden run on both the shadow and non-shadow banking systems, as investors scrambled to dump assets. The increased risk that they had imputed to the system became a reality. Like triage nurses in an emergency room, they quickly assessed the patient and then ran with their initial diagnosis as if there were no other option.

And yet nothing about the fallout from the crisis was inevitable. Had the Fed been in possession of contingency plans for putting too-big-to-fail institutions into receivership and becoming the risk-bearer of last resort, we would probably be living in a very different world today. Unlike those who look back and conclude that it was all an inevitable consequence of the housing bubble, Gennaioli and Shleifer recognize the central role that contingency played in the crisis and its aftermath.

Gennaioli and Shleifer's second important contribution is to show that "crises of beliefs" like the one that precipitated the disaster of 2008-2009 are deeply rooted in human psychology, so much so that we will never be free of them. Thus, neither prudential policies nor crisis-response measures should treat these occurrences as flukes or one-off exceptions. Crises of belief are manifestations of a chronic condition that must be managed.

Thus, central banks and fiscal authorities should not use the end of a crisis as an excuse to step back or to take their hands off the wheel. When fundamental beliefs have shifted permanently, one should not expect the same policy mix that supported full employment, low inflation, and balanced growth before the crisis to do so afterwards. Moreover, the seeds of the next Kindlebergian sequence - displacement, optimism, enthusiasm, crash, panic, revulsion, discrediting - have already been sown by the very policies that were needed to address the last downturn.

The third reason why Gennaioli and Shleifer's book is important is more technical, and applies directly to the field of economics. Economists have long recognized that requiring one's representative agent to hold rational expectations of the future tends to produce models that are profoundly inapplicable to the real world. But, until now, no alternative approach has ever gained any traction. Gennaioli and Shleifer's investors-as-triage-nurses framework shows great promise for being considered alongside other model-building strategies.

For a decade now, people have been looking for a silver lining to the disasters of 2008-2018, hoping that this period will bring about a more productive integration of finance, behavioral economics, and macroeconomic orthodoxy. So far, they have been searching in vain. But with the publication of *A Crisis of Beliefs*, there is hope yet.

OPINION

By Nouriel Roubini

The Big Blockchain Lie

NEW YORK - With the value of Bitcoin having fallen by around 70% since its peak late last year, the mother of all bubbles has now gone bust. More generally, cryptocurrencies have entered a not-so-cryptic apocalypse. The value of leading coins such as Ether, EOS, Litecoin, and XRP have all fallen by over 80%, thousands of other digital currencies have plummeted by 90-99%, and the rest have been exposed as outright frauds. No one should be surprised by this: four out of five initial coin offerings (ICOs) were scams to begin with.¹

Faced with the public spectacle of a market bloodbath, boosters have fled to the last refuge of the crypto scoundrel: a defense of "blockchain," the distributed-ledger software underpinning all cryptocurrencies. Blockchain has been heralded as a potential panacea for everything from poverty and famine to cancer. In fact, it is the most overhyped - and least useful - technology in human history.

In practice, blockchain is nothing more than a glorified spreadsheet. But it has also become the byword for a libertarian ideology that treats all governments, central banks, traditional financial institutions, and real-world currencies as evil concentrations of power that must be destroyed. Blockchain fundamentalists' ideal world is one in which all economic activity and human interactions are subject to anarchist or libertarian decentralization. They would like the entirety of social and political life to end up on public ledgers that are supposedly "permissionless" (accessible to everyone) and "trustless" (not reliant on a credible intermediary such as a bank).

Yet far from ushering in a utopia, blockchain has given rise to a familiar form of economic hell. A few self-serving white men (there are hardly any women or minorities in the blockchain universe) pretending to be messiahs for the world's impoverished, marginalized, and unbanked masses claim to have created billions of dollars of wealth out of nothing. But one need only consider the massive centralization of power among cryptocurrency "miners," exchanges, developers, and wealth holders to see that blockchain is not about decentralization and democracy; it is about greed.¹

For example, a small group of companies - mostly located in such bastions of democracy as Russia, Georgia, and China - control between two-thirds and three-quarters of all crypto-mining activity, and all routinely jack up transaction costs to increase their fat profit margins. Apparently, blockchain fanatics would have us put our faith in an anonymous cartel subject to no rule of law, rather than trust central banks and regulated financial intermediaries.¹

A similar pattern has emerged in cryptocurrency trading. Fully 99% of all transactions occur on centralized exchanges that are hacked on a regular basis. And, unlike with real money, once your crypto wealth is hacked, it is gone forever.

Moreover, the centralization of crypto development - for example, fundamentalists have named Ethereum creator Vitalik Buterin a "benevolent dictator for life" - already has given lie to the claim that "code is law," as if the software underpinning blockchain applications is immutable. The truth is that the developers have absolute power to act as judge and jury. When something goes wrong in one of their buggy "smart" pseudo-contracts and massive hacking occurs, they simply change the code and "fork" a failing coin into another one by arbitrary fiat, revealing the entire "trustless" enterprise to have been untrustworthy from the start.

Lastly, wealth in the crypto universe is even more concentrated than it is in North Korea. Whereas a Gini coefficient of 1.0 means that a single person controls 100% of a country's income/wealth, North Korea scores 0.86, the rather unequal United States scores 0.41, and Bitcoin scores an astonishing 0.88.¹

As should be clear, the claim of "decentralization" is a myth propagated by the pseudo-billionaires who control this pseudo-industry. Now that the retail investors who were suckered into the crypto market have all lost their shirts, the snake-oil salesmen who remain are sitting on piles of fake wealth that will immediately disappear if they try to liquidate their "assets."

As for blockchain itself, there is no institution under the sun - bank, corporation, non-governmental organization, or government agency - that would put its balance sheet or register of transactions, trades, and interactions with clients and suppliers on public decentralized peer-to-peer permissionless ledgers. There is no good reason why such proprietary and highly valuable information should be recorded publicly.

Moreover, in cases where distributed-ledger technologies - so-called enterprise DLT - are actually being used, they have nothing to do with blockchain. They are private, centralized, and recorded on just a few controlled ledgers. They require permission for access, which is granted to qualified individuals. And, perhaps most important, they are based on trusted authorities that have established their credibility over time. All of which is to say, these are "blockchains" in name only.

It is telling that all "decentralized" blockchains end up being centralized, permissioned databases when they are actually put into use. As such, blockchain has not even improved upon the standard electronic spreadsheet, which was invented in 1979.

No serious institution would ever allow its transactions to be verified by an anonymous cartel operating from the shadows of the world's authoritarian kleptocracies. So it is no surprise that whenever "blockchain" has been piloted in a traditional setting, it has either been thrown in the trash bin or turned into a private permissioned database that is nothing more than an Excel spreadsheet or a database with a misleading name.

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.

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PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Liberia Maritime Authority
20th Street, Sinkor Monrovia, Liberia
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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.
20th 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%) of 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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA)
Menetamba Road, Coopeer's Beach Community
Payneville, Liberia

Supply of Goods & Provision of Non-Consultancy Services

Contract Identification No: **IFB No. LTA/SBA/NCB/002/18/19 (Vehicles Rental & Lease)**
IFB No. LTA/SBA/NCB/003/18/19(Printing & Binding Services)
IFB No. LTA/NCB/004/18/19 (Office Furniture & Fixtures)
IFB No. LTA/NCB/007/18/19 (Supply of WLAN Equipment and Installation)

- The Government of Liberia, through the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), has apportioned funds from its budget towards the cost of procuring assorted goods and services in different categories as stated in Lots.
- The Liberia Telecommunications Authority now invites qualified firms to submit sealed bids for the supply/provision of the below mentioned items/services. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) in keeping with procedures specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPC Act) of September 2010.
The supply of these items, as per LTA's needs, in quantities and requirements are included in various Bid documents as per the packages below:

Ref: No	Procurement Package Description	Description of Lot	Quantity	Bid Security (USD)
IFB LTA/NCB/007/18/19	No. Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)	N/A N/A	Assorted	300.00
IFB LTA/NCB/007/18/19	No. Printing & Binding Services	N/A N/A	Assorted	400.00
IFB LTA/SBA/NCB/002/18/19	No. Vehicle Rental & Lease	Lot 1 SUVs	Assorted	200.00
		Lot 2 Sedan	Assorted	200.00
IFB LTA/NCB/004/18/19	No. Office Furniture & Fixture	Lot 1 Furniture	Assorted	300.00
		Lot 2 Fixtures	Assorted	300.00

- Complete sets of soft copy of bidding documents can be obtained **free of charge** at the below address. Bid security and all requirements must be submitted together with bid document, and **must be per the amount stated in each lot above in Manager's Check or Bank Guarantee. Bids submitted electronically will not be accepted.**

Qualification requirements include the following:

- **Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry);**
- **Current Tax Clearance Certificate (Liberia Revenue Authority);**
- **Two (2) references of previous or current clients over the last two (2) years;**
- **Proof of being registered with the Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC);**
- **Company's profile**
- **Availability of supply (ies)/preparedness to provide services upon the issuance of an approved Local Purchase Order (LPO) and within a minimum period of 10 days goods shall be delivered**
- **Ability to pre-finance on an approved local purchase order after which payment will be made in two (2) weeks**
- **All bids must be signed and sealed in an envelope before submission**

- You may obtain the soft copy of the bidding documents and further information from the Procurement & Logistics Section, Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), 2nd Floor Room # 029, from Monday- Friday (9:00 A.M- 5:00 P.M) daily.
- Submission must be clearly marked, signed and sealed in an envelope, including other requested information as follows: For Example: **(IFB No: LTA/NCB/007/18/19)CONFIDENTIAL BID- for the Supply and Installation of Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) Equipment to the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) for Fiscal Year 2018/2019** and addressed to:

Procurement & Logistics Section
Liberia Telecommunications Authority
2nd Floor, Room # 029
Menetamba Road, Cooper's Beach
ELWA Community, RIA Highway
Paynesville, Liberia
Mobile number: +231-886591857/777591857
Web address: www.lta.gov.lr

- A pre-bid opening meeting will be held at the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) P&LS Conference Room # 029 on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 1:00 PM to answer questions relevant to the bidding process. Seven (7) days after which, all clarification requests would remain unanswered.
- Bids must be submitted at the Procurement Section, Room # 029, 2nd Floor, on Friday, October 26, 2018 on or before 2:00 PM. Bid Opening will be done promptly after closing at 2:00 PM, in the P&LS Conference Room # 029 on the 2nd Floor, in the presence of bidders' representatives or those who choose to attend. Bid submitted electronically will not be accepted.
- Execution of these procurement packages are subject to the availability of funding during the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Winning bidders shall be willing to accept payments either in Liberian or United States Dollars using the Central Bank of Liberia exchange rate.
- The Liberia Telecommunications Authority reserves the right to reject or accept any bid submitted including the annulment of the entire process through notifying bidders without incurring any liability thereof.

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Procurement & Logistics Manager

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Director of Administration

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Justice Ministry turns over 2 drug traffickers to DEA

By Emmanuel Mondaye

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) two alleged drug traffickers arrested with huge substances at the premises of the Monrovia Central Prison Compound in central Monrovia.

Addressing a hurriedly arranged press conference at the Justice Ministry on 15 October in Sinkor, Assistant Justice Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation Eddie S. Tarawali named the two suspects as Precious Porka and Daniel Morris.

Minister Tarawali discloses that suspects Precious and Morris were apprehended with substance believed to be Italian white and cocaine which are to be tested at the national drug testing center to know the street value.

Mr. Tarawali also discloses that the substance which was contained in black plastic bags was intercepted with the suspects in the Central Prison Compound by officers at the Justice Ministry.

According to him, the two suspects when investigated by the Drugs Enforcement Agency (DEA) will be the first

traffickers to be sent to the maximum prison compound located in Grand Gedeh County to serve as a deterrence to would be traffickers and dealers of the substance.

at the government - owned correction facilitate.

He then appeals to international partners to assist the ministry to acquire closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera to police the entire



Assistant Minister Tarawali notes that his bureau finds it difficult if not impossible to rehabilitate and reintegrate inmates into the society in the face of continued infiltration of dangerous drug substances

movement of people in and out of the prison compound.

According to Minister Tarawali, the CCTV camera will help to track down individuals associated with the importation and trafficking of

dangerous substances that continue to create more harm to the youthful population of the country.

He further recommends the establishment of a comprehensive [biometric] system at the correction center to have an organized tracking system of inmates detained.

Meanwhile, receiving the suspects on behalf of the DEA, the agency's Deputy Director General for Operations Mr. Marvin M. Sarkoe indicates that foreigners that are engaged in drug business are now using Liberians to sell the substance on their behalf.

According to him, this new method by foreigners is meant to avoid being arrested by the

government.

He however assures that the DEA will provide the suspects with all of their constitutional rights which include the rights to remain silent, to legal counsel and to telephone calls, among others.

Mr. Sarkoe adds that the suspects are not guilty of the crime until their guilt is proven.

The suspects have not made any comment or linked anyone to the drug substance since they were arrested.

They are detained at the Bureau of Corrections and Rehabilitations, awaiting court trial.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

I'm not gravy seeker -CDC candidate Weah

By Lewis S. Teh

Montserrado County Electoral district #13 aspirant John J. Weah [relations with President George Weah not clear] reacts to huge public criticism that he is a gravy seeker.

"I can tell people that I'm

says perception in the public that he joined the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change or (CDC) to seek greener pasture is wrong, noting that winning the CDC primary does not necessarily make him a gravy seeker.

"People know who John Weah

51 Vulnerable youth and women trained in production of Energy Efficient Cook Stoves

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a 3-day technical training session to train 51 local inhabitants from seven counties, in the production of energy efficient cook stoves.

This initiative is supported by the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) project implemented by the EPA with support from United Nations Development Programme and funded by the Green Climate Fund.

The participants (27 females and 24 males), are

unemployed vulnerable youth and women without skills, that were selected from communities in Bong, Margibi, Nimba, Grand Cape Mount, Bomi, Lofa and Grand Bassa Counties by the EPA.

During the exercise which took place in the City of Gbarnga, Bong County, the Deputy Executive Director of the EPA, Randall Dobayou emphasized that the right to a conducive environment is a human right that the EPA and its partners are committed to supporting.

He noted that the training,

besides boosting efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emission and air pollution, will reduce the health risks associated with the use of traditional cook stoves, reduce the time spent by women in cooking and enable them time for additional activities.

He challenged participants to make use of the training by becoming producers of energy efficient stoves in their communities.

This he said, will help them access a new source of income and improve the livelihood of their families.

Over 30 cook stoves were produced during the session and distributed to selected households to raise awareness on the needs and benefits of using energy efficient cook stoves, promote eco-stove production as a source of livelihood and improve understanding on energy efficiency for cooking.

Beneficiaries are expected to use the skills acquired as a source of income generation, to create jobs and improve their lives.

Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable



not a gravy seeker, as the callers brand me to be; I'm well established and the people of district 13 are aware of my activities here", Weah fights back.

Speaking with state radio ELBC Monday, 15 October he

is in district 13, all the misconceptions must stop, because it does no good but rather harm."

However, the CDC Candidate says he's not deterred by the wave of criticism



communities and coastline ecosystems is important to ensuring sustainable and inclusive development.

Eco-friendly stove is one of the climate adaptation measures, that helps reduce and manage risks associated with climate change.

The decreased need for firewood helps to protect the local mangrove swamps. The dense roots of mangrove trees can help to trap sediments flowing down to the sea and off the land. This, in turn, assists in stabilizing the coastline and preventing erosion.

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VP Taylor to host Sheroes conference

By Ethel A. Tweh

Vice President Jewel Howard - Taylor will play host to an organization of women called 'Sheroes'.

Making the disclosure on state radio over the weekend, Vice President Taylor says women are coming for a conference here to unite the fire in Liberian women and also encourage them to contribute in the society.

The Sheroes conference which highlights women empowerment will bring

the ladders and to recommend things that women need to do to get in leadership.

She says this conference has been held in Nigeria and other African countries before, and Liberia will be hosting it too for the first time.

The Vice President observes that there is low number of women not just in the legislature, but in the entire government here, thereby encouraging Liberians to do more to get women elected and empowered.

On the continental front,

not just sit and allow men to do everything.

Meanwhile, Vice President Taylor announces that President George Manneh Weah will be honored as "Sheroes HeforShe" champion.

According to her, President Weah has always been in the interest of women leadership and he deserves the honor.

Also speaking, the first female Chief Executive Officer of LoneStar Cell MTN Uche Ofodile says in almost every organization and workplace including MTN, there are limited women staffs as compared to their male counterparts.

According to the MTN official, all the years that LoneStar Cell MTN has been in existence, she is just the first female CEO of the company.

Madam Ofodile believes that when she leaves this position, another male might even take over.

She says "Sheroes" is really timely because in Liberia and a cross Africa, there is need to continue to empower women and put them in leadership.

Madam Ofodile adds that MTN is a lead sponsor of this conference, noting that they will be showcasing to the Liberian women that they can do the same as other women in the society.

According to her, people see her and the Vice President to be in high positions, but she thinks they do not know the journey behind these positions they are occupying today.

Madam Ofodile indicates that Sheroes conference allows women to get on the same path. The MTN CEO also says that conference will enable women to tell their stories to inspire other women that will listen, and encourage them to move on.--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*



H.E. CHIEF DR. JEWEL HOWARD-TAYLOR
Vice President of the Republic of Liberia
2017 **SHEROES** AWARD RECIPIENT

together women from around Africa to come to Liberia and encourage Liberian women on empowering themselves in society.

The conference will take place from October 17 to 19, 2018 in Monrovia.

According to Madam Taylor, the program is all about women and how they can step up in the society.

However, VP Taylor notes that men will be there to discuss some of the lapses of women when they are climbing

Madam Taylor also says the number of African women in leadership is very low, with just two African female Vice Presidents on the continent so far.

According to her, this conference is very important for Liberian women because they need to come together to handle new issues and programs.

At the same time, Vice President Taylor is urging women here to get involved into the pro - poor agenda and

Kailondo demands \$5m

By Bridgett Milton

Businessman Atty. George Kailondo says he will be willing to negotiate with government [on demolition of his project] once he can be given the five million dollars that he spent on the project.

He told reporters Friday, 12 October in Congo Town that he has spent more than five million on his project in Congo Town that is said to be in the right of way of an overpass earmarked by government.

Atty. Kailondo however denies allegations made by Deputy Information Minister Eugene Fahgon that he has defied the Government of Liberia.

During the Ministry's

he was home when he received a call that people from Public Works had ordered that works on his project be stopped.

Kailondo says when he made inquiry with the Public Works as to why he should stop the project, he was told that his building was in the right of way.

According to him, the folks from Public Works informed him that they wanted to do an overpass to the Ministerial Complex in Congo Town beginning in July.

Kailondo says he demanded that Public Works Minister Mobutu Nyenpan communicate this through writing, but he is yet to be



Atty. George Kailondo

regular press conference on Thursday, 11 October, Deputy Minister Fahgon told journalists that the government of Liberia has provided Kailondo sufficient time to remove a structure that he erected in Congo Town, but the businessman has refused to do so.

Reacting to Mr. Fahgon's claim, Atty. Kailondo says at no time did he refuse to remove his structure.

However, Kailondo says there are processes in doing that, adding: "I can't go against the government."

According to him, he started this project since 2016 and it was completed in September 2018.

He says on 13 September,

written. Further, Kailondo says he demands to see the blueprint, but he was again told that they were awaiting people from China to come with the blueprint.

Responding to Fahgon's claim, Kailondo urges the Deputy Minister to get information before making statement.

The businessman notes that he is a law abiding citizen and is willing to do anything, once it is for the development of the country.

Kailondo says the building will be named after him and President George Manneh Weah, and it will be called "St. George's Plaza."--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

LACRA establishes Management Team in Lofa

The Liberia Agriculture Commodities Regulatory Authority or LACRA constitutes a new management team at its sub-office in Lofa County with a mandate to regulate production of agricultural products particularly, cocoa, coffee and palm oil.

A press release from LACRA says the team will immediately start with monitoring of the production of oil palm, cocoa, and coffee to ensure there is coordination between actors operating in that part of the

country.

The new Management team headed by Dr. John S. Flomo, Jr. along with two Deputies, Ronald Kekula Mends-Cole and Musa Konneh have been instrumental in revamping the entity, which has been dormant for many years.

Immediately following their appointments, the three officials initiated renovation work at the entity's main office at the Freeport of Monrovia and began regular visitation at four of its sub-offices in Lofa, Bong, Nimba and Grand

Bassa counties, respectively in an effort to reclaim some of the properties which were encroached on my locals.

Meanwhile, LACRA Deputy Director General for Operation and Technical Services Musa Konneh, who is currently visiting Central and northern Liberia on an inspection tour, has called for total collaboration between those operating in the cocoa sector.

LACRA was established to promote production, processing and marketing of high quality agricultural commodities particularly,

cocoa, coffee and palm products from Liberia characterized by fair

competition among all actors in a value chain. - *Press Release*

Français

L'Ambassadeur Ivoirien exhorte ses compatriotes au travail et au respect des lois libériennes

« Respectez les lois de ce pays et participez à son développement par le travail », c'est en substance le conseil que l'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la

premier président de la Côte d'Ivoire. Selon des sources, Houphouët venait souvent au Liberia, notamment à Bentol pour s'y reposer. Mais cette amitié fut brouillée dans les années 80s. Houphouët en voulait à Samuel Doe pour deux raisons. Celui-ci a non

grande ville historique a été abandonnée par le gouvernement du Libéria. Aujourd'hui, il n'y a rien ici, pourtant, c'est la capitale du comté de Montserrado, ce n'est pas Monrovia, mais on fait tout à Monrovia », a-t-elle regretté.

champs.

En réponse, l'Ambassadeur les a encouragés et les a exhortés au travail, à la discipline, au respect des lois de leur pays d'accueil et surtout à l'union et à la solidarité, car l'union fait la force. « Avec l'union, vous pouvez accomplir de grandes choses », a-t-il dit.

Il leur a aussi demandé de faire confiance en eux-mêmes. « Trois personnes interviennent dans la vie de l'homme pour réussir ; il y a toi-même, Dieu et les autres. Dieu englobe le tout car il te donne la vie et force et inspire les autres pour te venir en aide. Mais a part Dieu, tu es la personne la plus importante pour ta réussite, car Dieu bénit tout le monde, mais c'est à toi de tirer profit de cette bénédiction », a-t-il dit.

De la mairie, le Chef de Mission est allé à pieds visiter les foyers de certains ivoiriens pour se faire une idée plus fidèle de leurs conditions de vie dans cette partie du pays. Au cours de la visite guidée il a demandé

Tolbert.

Le diplomate ivoirien a ensuite partagé un repas avec les ressortissants ivoiriens, le personnel de la mairie de la ville de Bentol et d'autres libériens dans l'enceinte de la mairie. Mais bien avant le repas, il a eu un tête-à-tête avec Mme le maire. Même si rien n'a filtré des discussions à huis-clos, tout porte à croire que les deux personnalités auraient discuté du renouvellement des relations amicales qui existaient entre Bentol City et la Côte d'Ivoire.

Au cours du repas, le diplomate ivoirien a réitéré son appel aux ivoiriens de Bentol et de tout le Libéria à obéir aux lois de leur pays d'accueil et à participer à son développement. Il a aussi fait part de sa vision de la sous-région, la CEDEAO, surtout des pays de l'Union du Fleuve Mano, en insistant sur la disparition des frontières entre ces pays pour une intégration totale.

Il a présenté un don symbolique constitué de riz et d'une enveloppe au



République de Côte d'Ivoire près de la République du Libéria et de la Sierra Léone, SEM Dr Féni KOUAKOU, a donné aux ressortissants ivoiriens de Bentol City, dans le comté de Montserrado, lors d'une visite pendant le weekend dernier.

La visite du diplomate ivoirien à ses compatriotes vivant à Bentol, qui est la capitale provinciale du comté de Montserrado, est la première d'une série de visites qu'il a décidé d'effectuer afin de rencontrer tous les ivoiriens vivant sur le territoire libérien, pour les voire de prêt, échanger avec eux et leur prodiguer de beaux conseils.

Le choix de la ville de Bentol City n'est pas un fait du hasard car cette ville, qui est la ville natale de l'ancien président libérien William Tolbert assassiné, est un symbole pour les relations diplomatiques et fraternelles entre le Libéria et la Côte d'Ivoire. Les relations entre les deux pays furent renforcées dans les années 70 lorsque Adolphus Tolbert a marié Désirée Delafosse, filleule d'Houphouët-Boigny,

seulement renversé et tué son ami le président William Tolbert qui lui aurait offert de vastes champs de plantation au Liberia, mais aussi parce que Doe a fait exécuter son fils, qui était aussi son beau-fils, Adolphus Tolbert, qui avait participé au coup d'Etat raté du général Thomas Quiwonkpa en 1985. Le diplomate ivoirien a été d'abord reçu par les autorités locales de la ville, plus précisément par Mme le maire de Bentol City, Martha Woheel, à qui il a rendu une visite de courtoisie.

Mme le maire s'est félicitée de la visite qui, selon elle, est la première de son genre depuis sa nomination par le président Weah en mars 2018. « Vous êtes mon premier hôte depuis que je suis arrivée aux affaires. Soyez le bienvenu et faites comme chez vous », a-t-elle dit avant de rappeler les bonnes relations d'amitié qui existaient entre la Côte d'Ivoire de Houphouët Boigny et la ville de Bentol. Selon elle, une rue de la ville porte le nom de Houphouët Boigny.

« J'ai toutefois un pincement au cœur car cette

L'Ambassadeur de la Côte d'Ivoire, SEM Féni KOUAKOU, s'est félicité de l'accueil chaleureux qui lui a été réservé. Il a aussi dit merci aux autorités locales, au gouvernement et au peuple du Libéria pour avoir accepté les ivoiriens, dont la plupart sont des réfugiés, sur le territoire libérien.

Il s'est ensuite entretenu avec ses compatriotes. Lors de la réunion, les ressortissants ivoiriens de Bentol, ont fait part de leurs préoccupations. Certains ont dit qu'ils font de l'agriculture et de l'élevage des poulets, mais ils n'ont pas assez de moyens pour développer leurs activités, tandis que d'autres ont dit évaluer dans l'enseignement, le commerce ou encore dans le bâtiment. Ils ont aussi fait savoir qu'ils entretiennent de bonnes relations avec les citoyens libériens qui les traitent comme des frères et qui ont mis à leur disposition des terres pour cultiver des



aux ivoiriens d'être assez responsables et de ne pas vivre au dépend des autres car ils ont des comptes à rendre quand ils retourneront dans leur pays. « Vous êtes venus ici pour gagner votre vie, alors soyez responsables, mettez-vous au travail et ne vous livrez pas à la merci des autres », a-t-il dit. Il a également échangé avec des proches de l'ancien Président

ressortissants ivoiriens. A la mairie de Bentol, il a fait un don de 10 galons de carburant pour alimenter leur groupe électrogène.

La visite s'est achevée dans une ambiance de convivialité avec des pas de dance que l'Ambassadeur et Mme le maire de Bento ont esquissés sous les ovations des libériens et des ressortissants ivoiriens présents.

Français

Éditorial

L'enquête américaine est la bienvenue

L'annonce de l'arrivée d'une firme indépendante d'une renommée internationale, spécialisée dans les enquêtes judiciaires, pour mener une mission de cadrage qui permettra de faire la lumière sur les circonstances de la disparition présumée des billets de banque au Libéria est une bonne nouvelle.

Dans un communiqué rendu public le mercredi 10 octobre, l'ambassade des États-Unis a déclaré que l'enquête préliminaire déterminerait dans quelle mesure une mission plus vaste serait nécessaire, et que le rapport qui en découlerait serait le moyen le plus crédible et le plus efficace de déterminer rapidement l'ampleur du problème, et servirait de guide au gouvernement des États-Unis dans le cadre d'une prise de décision en ce qui concerne son intervention dans la recherche de la vérité comme le souhaitent le gouvernement et les citoyens libériens.

Nous pensons que cette approche est la plus transparente pour aller au fond de cette honte nationale qui confronte notre pays et met en péril sa crédibilité et son image.

L'initiative des États-Unis apportera sans aucun doute de la transparence et de la crédibilité au processus d'enquête, en particulier à la suite des déclarations contradictoires à tous les niveaux au sein du gouvernement du Libéria.

À un moment donné, le gouvernement, par le biais du ministère de la Justice, a reconnu qu'une enquête était en cours « sur l'arrivée de conteneurs et de sacs d'argent dans le pays, via le port de Monrovia et l'aéroport international Roberts, et que les premiers résultats indiquent que des sacs d'argent seraient arrivés entre novembre 2017 - avant l'investiture du gouvernement actuel - et août 2018. »

L'enquête du gouvernement est allée plus loin en interdisant les "personnes d'intérêt" de quitter le pays. Mais à un autre moment, le président George Manneh Weah a annoncé publiquement que rien n'a disparu, même après avoir déclaré plus tôt qu'une enquête en cours irait au fond des choses et que quiconque serait tenu pour responsable serait mis en accusation.

Le ministre des Finances et de la Planification du développement, Samuel Tweah,

a condamné le ministre de l'Information, Lenn Eugene Nagbe, pour avoir révélé la perte de 16 milliards de dollars libériens. M. Tweah a fixé le montant total imprimé et amené dans le pays à 15,5 milliards de dollars libériens, tout en maintenant qu'aucune somme d'argent n'a disparu. Par la suite, le gouverneur exécutif de la Banque centrale du Libéria, Nathaniel Patray, a confirmé l'affirmation du patron des finances en disant à son tour qu'il ne manquait pas d'argent.

« La Banque centrale du Libéria tient à préciser au grand public et à ses partenaires 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 de réserve. Les dossiers de Crane Currency, en Suède, qui a été chargé d'imprimer l'argent, montrent que Crane a livré 15,5 milliards de dollars libériens via le port de Monrovia et 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 », a déclaré le gouverneur Patray.

Et ainsi, malgré le changement constant de comptabilité en dépit d'une enquête en cours qui n'a pas encore révélé de résultats préliminaires, les Libériens sont submergés par l'inquiétude et la confusion. Ils ne savent plus à quoi s'en tenir d'autant plus que les versions changent de temps en temps.

C'est donc en cela que l'intervention des Américains est la bienvenue et devrait intéresser tous les Libériens patriotes. Tout ce qui nous intéresse, ce sont les faits et rien d'autre que les faits.

Cependant, nous ne pouvons qu'espérer que le gouvernement du Libéria qui a invité le gouvernement des États-Unis à participer à l'enquête en cours coopèrera pleinement, car les déclarations de l'ambassade des États-Unis indiquent que, pour garantir l'efficacité et l'intégrité du processus, les gouvernements américain et libérien ont convenu que les enquêteurs légistes indépendants mèneraient leurs travaux avec un accès complet aux dossiers sans l'imposition d'acteurs supplémentaires appartenant aux pouvoirs publics, à la société civile ou encore à des partenaires internationaux.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Joseph E. Stiglitz

Élections américaines de mi-mandat : le pouvoir des électeurs contre celui de l'argent

NEW YORK - Aux États-Unis, tous les regards se tournent actuellement vers les prochaines élections du Congrès de novembre. L'issue du scrutin apportera des réponses à de nombreuses questions alarmantes soulevées il y a deux ans, lorsque Donald Trump a remporté l'élection présidentielle.

Les électeurs américains jugeront-ils que Trump ne correspond pas à ce qu'est l'Amérique ? Refuseront-ils le racisme, la misogynie, l'identitarisme et le protectionnisme qu'incarne le président ? Feront-ils savoir que son « Amérique d'abord », caractérisée par le rejet de la primauté du droit international, ne correspond pas à ce que représentent les États-Unis ? Ou confirmeront-ils au contraire que la victoire de Trump n'est pas un simple accident de l'histoire lié à un processus des primaires républicaines qui aurait abouti à la désignation d'un candidat inapte, ainsi qu'à des primaires démocrates qui auraient précisément mis en avant l'adversaire idéal de Trump ?

À l'heure où l'avenir de l'Amérique est en jeu, les débats passionnés autour des causes du résultat de 2016 transcendent le domaine universitaire. La question consiste à déterminer comment le Parti démocrate - et ses semblables de la gauche en Europe - doivent se positionner pour remporter le plus de voix. Doivent-ils s'orienter vers le centre, ou s'efforcer de mobiliser des nouveaux arrivants jeunes, progressistes et enthousiastes ?

De bonnes raisons conduisent à considérer cette deuxième option comme plus susceptible d'aboutir à une réussite électorale, et de contrer les dangers soulevés par Trump.

Le taux de participation des électeurs américains est catastrophique, et plus faible encore en périodes d'élections non présidentielles. En 2010, seuls 41,8 % des électeurs ont voté. En 2014, seuls 36,7 % des électeurs inscrits se sont rendus aux urnes, d'après les données du United States Elections Project. La participation démocrate est encore plus faible, bien qu'elle semble en hausse en cette période électorale.

Beaucoup de gens expliquent ne pas se rendre aux urnes car ils pensent que leur vote ne changera rien : les deux partis seraient aussi similaires que Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Trump a démontré que cela n'était pas vrai. Les Républicains qui ont abandonné toute prétention de discipline budgétaire, en votant l'an dernier pour une baisse d'impôts massive en faveur des milliardaires et des grandes sociétés, ont prouvé que cela n'était pas vrai. Et les sénateurs républicains qui ont soutenu la désignation de Brett Kavanaugh à la Cour suprême des États-Unis, en dépit de ses explications confuses face à des preuves tout à fait crédibles de comportements passés sexuellement répréhensibles, ont prouvé que cela n'était pas vrai.

Mais les Démocrates sont eux aussi responsables de l'apathie des électeurs. Le parti doit surmonter un long passé de collusion avec la droite, qu'il s'agisse de la baisse de l'impôt sur les plus-values appliquée par le président Bill Clinton (qui a enrichi le top 1 %), de la déréglementation des marchés financiers (qui a contribué à l'apparition de la Grande Récession), ou encore des sauvetages bancaires de 2008 (qui ont insuffisamment bénéficié aux travailleurs déplacés et aux propriétaires menacés par la saisie de leur maison). Ces 25 dernières années, le parti a parfois semblé préférer gagner le soutien de ceux qui

vivent grâce aux plus-values que le soutien de ceux qui vivent grâce à un salaire. De nombreux électeurs abstentionnistes déplorent par ailleurs que les Démocrates se contentent d'attaquer Trump, plutôt que de proposer une véritable alternative.

Le désir de voir apparaître des candidats d'un genre nouveau s'observe clairement dans le soutien des électeurs à des postulants progressistes tels que l'ancien sénateur candidat à la présidentielle Bernie Sanders, ou encore la New-Yorkaise de 28 ans Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, qui l'a récemment emporté sur un poids lourd démocrate à la Chambre des représentants américains dans le cadre d'une primaire du parti.

Les progressistes tels que Sanders et Ocasio-Cortez sont parvenus à formuler un message attractif auprès des électeurs qu'il appartient aux Démocrates de mobiliser pour l'emporter. Ils entendent permettre de nouveau l'accès à une existence de classe moyenne, en assurant des emplois décents et correctement rémunérés, en rétablissant un sentiment de sécurité financière, et en garantissant l'accès à une éducation de qualité - sans l'étranglement que la dette étudiante exerce actuellement sur de si nombreux jeunes diplômés - ainsi qu'à une couverture santé convenable, quels que soient les problèmes médicaux préexistants. Ils œuvrent pour un logement abordable et pour une retraite sûre, dans le cadre de laquelle les personnes âgées ne seraient pas les proies de l'avarice du secteur financier. Ils veulent enfin atteindre une économie de marché plus dynamique, plus compétitive et plus équitable, en atténuant les excès de la puissance du marché, de la financiarisation et de la mondialisation, ainsi qu'en renforçant le pouvoir de négociation des travailleurs.

Ces avantages d'une existence de classe moyenne sont atteignables. L'Amérique pouvait se les permettre il y a un demi-siècle, lorsque le pays était beaucoup moins fortuné qu'actuellement ; et l'Amérique le peut encore aujourd'hui. En réalité, ni l'économie, ni la démocratie des États-Unis ne peuvent se permettre de ne pas soutenir la classe moyenne. Les politiques et programmes gouvernementaux - notamment des possibilités publiques d'assurance santé, de prestations de retraite complémentaires, ou de prêts hypothécaires - sont indispensables à la concrétisation de cette vision.

Je trouve encourageante la vague de soutien en faveur de ces propositions progressistes et des acteurs politiques qui les incarnent. Dans une démocratie normale, je suis persuadé que ces idées l'emporteraient. Seulement voilà, la politique américaine est compromise par l'argent, le redécoupage électoral et les tentatives massives de privation des droits. La loi fiscale de 2017 n'est rien d'autre qu'une démarche de soudoiment des grandes sociétés et des plus fortunés, qui les appelle à inonder de ressources financières l'élection de 2018. Comme le démontrent les statistiques, l'argent pèse considérablement dans la politique américaine.

Même dans une démocratie compromise - marquée par un effort concerté visant à empêcher certains de voter - le pouvoir des électeurs américains importe encore. Nous découvrirons bientôt s'il l'emporte sur le pouvoir de l'argent qui inonde les caisses du Parti républicain. L'avenir politique et économique des États-Unis, et très certainement la paix et la prospérité du monde entier, dépendent de la réponse à cette question.

LIBERIANS DEBATE



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The United States Embassy in Liberia recently announced that it has asked an independent internationally recognized firm with specialization in forensic investigations through USAID to conduct a scoping mission that could ascertain the basic facts of the alleged missing Liberian bank notes. The New Dawn randomly asks some Liberians in Monrovia what they make of the coming in of the Americans to help unravel facts surrounding the alleged missing 16 billion Liberian banknotes.



Leo Badio

“We applaud the initiative of the U.S. Embassy and USAID in helping with independent Forensic Firms to help us in the 16 billion Liberian Dollars that went missing or stolen. But they need to submit the names of these private independent Forensic Firms in order to make a background check to know their credibility and integrity and track record. We would also

appreciate were the United States government to help with the FBI because it is the ONLY reputable institution of the United States government we think can really conduct this investigation without doubt. They have an excellent track record of integrity and credibility.”



Thomas Grear

“I'm so glad to hear this news; this is what I have been hoping and praying for. I don't trust any team that has been set up in Liberia. I believe there will be a compromise. If it were only our local investigators, then our money business was going leave in fiasco. But thank God for the [intervention] of the U.S and other international investigatory teams. THE

PRESIDENT WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO END CORRUPTION, THANK GOD, THE U.S. HAS HEARD THE PRESIDENT'S CALL. Truly that's the leader we need, when the citizens speak he listens and acts.”

August Grimes

“Let me thank the United States government through USAID for taking this step. I see this as a way of making up for all the things they did to us Liberians under the past governments in Liberia. We want transparent investigation so that those involved would face the full weight of the law. We have to initiate a process that can bring change to the country for the benefit of the Liberian people. We will continue to speak out in the interest of the people and Mama Liberia.”



James Stubblrfield

“President George Weah asked you the last time to be patient and calm until the investigation is concluded before he left for the U.N. General Assembly in New York. You did not listen to him as your President, and our President, you went and show the entire World our problem by staging unnecessary demonstration/protest and Read Petition of Economic Sanction against the George Weah-led Government and the Liberian people when there has been no investigation conducted.”



John Robert

“Welcoming News!! Bravo Dr. H.E. Ambassador George M. Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia, for living up to your commitment in fighting corruption. This patriotic action on your part has clearly demonstrated your desire to see Liberia a better place. by ensuring that people



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who have lavishly lived at the expense of the downtrodden masses by looting, siphoning, milking and enriching themselves with public funds be brought to book. They have perennially lived through sucking the blood of the Liberian People by stealing everything from them; money, natural resources and every available opportunity thereby, rendering the citizenry to perpetual poverty.”

Nimba citizens damn PYJ

They can go

By Bridgett Milton

Some citizens of Nimba County under the banner Nimba Citizens United for Peace and Reconciliation strongly condemn Senator Prince Yormie Johnson for making false accusations which they say are dangerous to the

inciting citizens' revolt against the Government of Liberia is erroneous.

Korto notes the accusation has compelled Rep. Kogar to vehemently deny, and their independent investigation establishes the Nimba Lawmaker has never been involved in such as alleged by

Johnson's wild accusations are negative, divisive and have placed a dark cloud over Nimba County and portrayed the county in a bad posture.

"As you are aware, Nimba County has been affected by these kinds of unwholesome behaviors counting and ranging from the late Chief Jerry Gonyon who in the 1990's misinformed and told falsehood to the

late President Samuel K. Doe and without any investigation the late President Doe arbitrarily arrested and killed many Namibians and unfortunately now Sen. Johnson has taken the mantle from the notorious chief Jerry Gonyon to set up Nimbaians" Korto explains.

At the same time, the group also condemns the recent statement by Sen. Johnson, who openly told the Liberian people and the world at large that he [Johnson] still has men and women from Nimba in single barrel arms to obstruct any establishment of war crimes court in Liberia.

The group is calling on the traditional council of Nimba to cite Sen. Johnson for query over these unfortunate allegations and that also the Nimba caucus takes seize of the matter for further investigation.



people of Nimba.

Reading a statement here Monday, the Secretary General of the group, Aphonso Korto says, recent accusations by Senator Johnson against Representative Samuel G. Kogar to President George Manneh Weah that Kogar was

Sen. Johnson.

He says it has not only brought a dangerous crevice between the two leaders from the same county, but potentially bad for the image of the entire Nimba.

According to him, Sen.

Defense boss joins missing money debate

By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

Liberia's Minister of Defense Daniel Ziahnkan joins debate on the alleged missing 16 billion Liberian banknotes, calling on critics and some members of the public to shut up, as government and its international partners thoroughly investigate the issue.

He says it would be very decent enough for people to give the process a chance by holding their opinions.

Speaking on Truth Breakfast Show on Monday, 15 October in Paynesville outside of Monrovia, Minister Ziahnkan says, "Because you know demand and supply, so you can't give the investigation chance. I feel the Commander-In-Chief, President George Manneh Weah had given order for immediate investigation into the missing money and that order should be obeyed by waiting for the outcome of the investigation."

From President George Manneh Weah, to the Minister of Finance; Justice Minister; from the Justice Minister to the Minister of Information; to the Chairman of the CDC and on to the Mayor of the City of

Monrovia, and the list goes on, there has been streams of contradicting utterances on the missing billions.

Minister Ziahnkan notes that many comments would not help to resolve the missing

accepting to help with the investigation, adding the addition of the two global icons in investigating such matters, would give findings and recommendations international taste and meet



moneys saga, but only through investigation conducted by international experts and local investigators to get to the bottom of the scandal.

He lauds the United States and the European Union for

best international standard.

Commenting on the construction of the 14th Military hospital here, Minister Ziahnkan explains that the construction works are ongoing and the Liberian

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Charles Walker Brumskine and all of the party's leaders, in further response to Kla Edward Tumbay's argument on impeachment process here.

Earlier, the LP's Tumbay had called in on the live radio show and suggested via mobile that Rep. Gray needs to learn the law because Liberia's laws are not like the American laws surrounding impeachment process.

The LP partisan had argued that the impeachment bill against Justice Ja'neh was just an indictment, and he must first face impeachment trial before the Senate and be impeached before one can say he is impeached.

But Rep. Gray suddenly returns verbal fire against the opposition LP partisan, claiming that the LP can go to hell with it because as far as he is concerned, Justice Ja'neh has been impeached and he will be removed whether they like it or not.

Rep. Gray however recommends that Justice

Ja'neh resigns the post to avoid being denied any public job as an impeached official.

In August, Justice Ja'neh's lawyer Cllr. Arthur T. Johnson warned that his client will not honor any impeachment trial before the Legislature, if the House of Representatives failed to rescind its disrespect of the Supreme Court and honored the Court's stay order.

The House of Representatives went ahead with its processes leading to the crafting and passing of the impeachment bill against Justice Ja'neh anyway, turning down the Court's intervention.

"But how will I go under an illegal action? First and foremost the Supreme Court has said status quo ante ... but if the Supreme Court has issued the writ and says that, look, stop and come to court and you say you are proceeding, you are proceeding politically," Cllr. Johnson said Monday, 27 August in Monrovia.

I'm not gravy

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against him noting, his focus is to help bring relief to the people of district 13, where his interest lies. "For too long our people have suffered but now is the time to redeem them."

My becoming candidate on the ticket of the ruling party does not in any way make me a gravy seeker, I've been a member of this party for a very long time now."

He vows to, if elected, highlight issues of women, children, including passage of the National Youth Act that is currently before the 54th Liberian Legislature.

"We also have in our plan the building of administrative building, and construction of a youth center all in district 13, at least to give our youth the opportunity to discuss and share their thought on matters of national concern."

Mr. John J. Weah recently elected with 29 votes in the just-ended primary of the CDC, beating four rivals to become the face of the CDC in district 13, near New Georgia junction along Somalia Drive.

According to him, the decision of the 45 men and women delegation to vote him as the candidate of the district to contest on the CDC ticket will lead to rebranding of the district. "My colleagues, we are not opponents; all of us are partisans, this is the process, and this shows us that the CDC-led government is a government of Accountability and Transparency", Weah concludes. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

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government had made available US\$2 million for the exercise. According to him, the hospital will be completed by October next year.

Recently, the United States Embassy near Monrovia, through USAID, said it has reached out to independent, internationally recognized firms with specialization in

forensic investigations to conduct a scoping mission in a bid to ascertain the basic facts of the alleged missing currency matter and determine to what extent a broader mission would be needed. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

They can go to hell

--Rep. Gray tells opposition over Ja'neh impeachment



By Winston W. Parley

Ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Representative and co-mastermind of Associate Justice Kabinah M. Ja'neh's impeachment Moses Acarus Gray says opposition Liberty Party (LP) can go to hell, but their alleged "partisan" Ja'neh will be

removed from the Court.

"They can go to hell with it. We will remove him, I can tell you that," Rep. Gray told local broadcaster OK FM Monday evening, 15 October.

The CDC's Rep. Gray and Thomas Fallah have been leading legislative efforts to have Justice Ja'neh removed from the Supreme Court bench

for a wide range of allegations, including alleged corruption and abuse of office.

An impeachment bill has been crafted, passed at the House of Representatives and sent to the Liberian Senate where Justice Ja'neh could face impeachment trial.

"Your partisan has been impeached, whether you like it or not. You can go to hell with it or whatsoever debate they take. Yes, they can go to hell," Rep. Gray adds.

Rep. Gray claims that "one Unity Party lawmaker" says Justice Ja'neh is a "partisan of Liberty Party," a claim he uses as his reliance to label the Associate Justice as partisan of the opposition LP.

Additionally, Rep. Gray boasts that his "brain capacity" is more than opposition LP's three time - defeated presidential candidate Cllr.



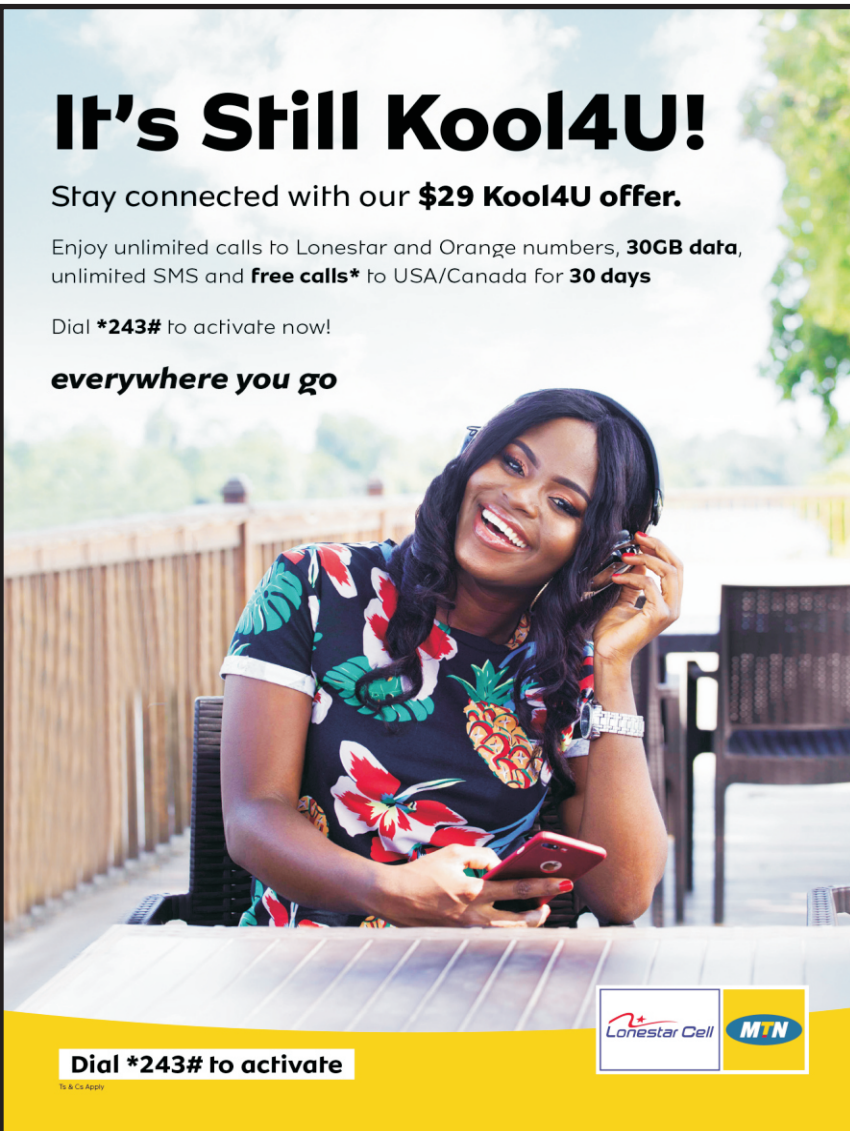
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Sterling hits double to ruin Spain's sloppy defence

Paco Alcacer and Sergio Ramos' goals were not enough to make up for Spain's bad first-half display as Sterling broke his goal drought with a double to help England beat Spain 3-2 in Seville.

Somehow England escape here without conceding! Thiago sees a shot from point-blank range deflected inches wide of the near post. The ensuing corner is flicked

on for Alonso, who has the goal gaping at the far post, but somehow Pickford scrambles across to keep it out off the line!

That's a stunning through ball and even better finish!

Rashford threads the needle with an exquisite diagonal ball to play Sterling behind the defence, and the Manchester City attacker shows remarkable composure to pick out the top corner

quite emphatically from 20 yards! Completely against the run of play, the Three Lions have doubled their lead!

On a relatively quick break, Kane threads a ball through for Rashford who does well to control with his first and even better to bury a finish into the bottom corner with his second! This is turning into a nightmare for Spain, who are being dealt a taste of their own medicine!



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