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# Continental News

## Ethiopian Airlines 'believes in' Boeing despite crash: CEO

**E**thiopian Airlines "believes in" Boeing despite the crash of its 737 MAX 8 plane that killed all 157 people on board and led to the model's grounding, the carrier's CEO said on Monday.

"Let me be clear: Ethiopian Airlines believes in Boeing. They have been a partner of ours for many years," Tewolde GebreMariam wrote in a statement.

"We will work with investigators in Ethiopia, in the US and elsewhere to figure out what went wrong," he added.

Flight ET 302 crashed on March 10 just minutes into its flight to Nairobi.

It was the second disaster for the 737 MAX 8 since the October crash of an Indonesian Lion Air Jet that killed all 189 passengers and crew. Aviation regulators responded by grounding the model around the world.

Ethiopia's transport minister has said "clear

similarities" exist between the two crashes based on an analysis of black box data, without giving further details.

While pledging "full and transparent cooperation to discover what went wrong,"

Tewolde also hit back at reports critical of Ethiopian's safety record.

The New York Times reported last week that the pilot of the doomed flight had

not trained on a 737 MAX 8 simulator.

"Contrary to some media reports, our pilots who fly the new model were trained on all appropriate simulators," Tewolde said in the Monday statement.

The Washington Post also reported that the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received two complaints about Ethiopian's training and safety record in 2015, before the 737 MAX 8 was in use.

Tewolde announced on Saturday the airline would sue both publications for "publishing baseless defamatory stories", according to Ethiopia's state-

affiliated Fana Broadcasting Corporate.

Ethiopian Airlines is Africa's largest carrier and has had a long association with American aviation.

Founded in 1945 with assistance from former American carrier Trans World Airlines (TWA), Boeing aircraft make up the majority of the Ethiopian fleet.

Tewolde called for the 737 MAX 8's grounding after the crash, but in the statement struck a conciliatory tone towards Boeing.

"Despite the tragedy, Boeing and Ethiopian Airlines will continue to be linked well into the future," he said. -AFP



Grounded: The Boeing 737 MAX (AFP Photo/STEPHEN BRASHEAR)

## Congo Ebola epidemic exceeds 1,000 cases - health ministry

**C**ongo's Ebola epidemic has now exceeded 1,000 cases, the Health Ministry said on Monday, with a death toll of 629 in the world's second worst ever outbreak.

Health workers have been

better prepared than ever for this latest epidemic of the hemorrhagic fever, which causes severe vomiting, diarrhea and bleeding, and kills more than half those it infects. New technologies like a trial vaccine, experimental

treatments and futuristic cube-shaped mobile units for treating patients have helped curb the spread of the virus.

But public mistrust and rampant insecurity in the parts of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo where Ebola has struck have hampered the response, complicating the fight against it.

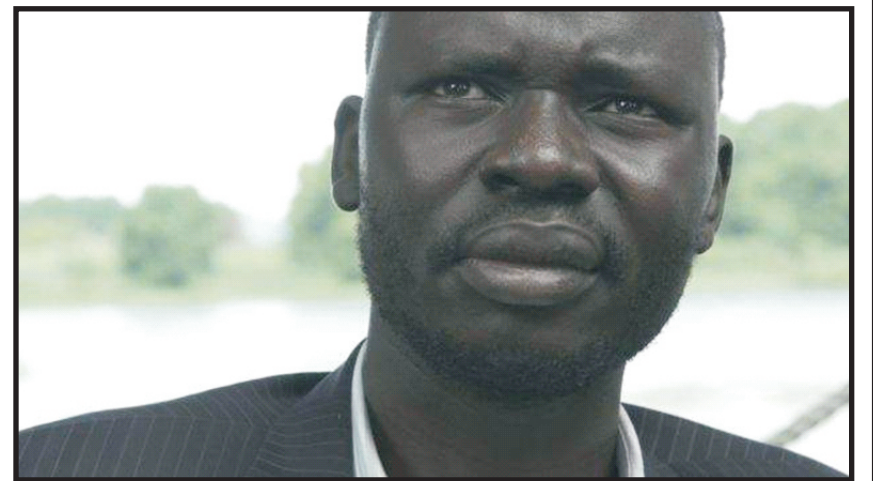
Five Ebola centers have been attacked since last month, sometimes by armed assailants. The violence led French medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) to suspend its activities at the epicenter of the outbreak last month.

As a result, it is now the second-deadliest in history, behind the 2013-16 one in West Africa that is believed to have killed more than 11,000 people.

"The total is now 1,009 cases," the ministry said in a statement, but it added: "the response, led by the Health Ministry in collaboration with its partners, has limited the geographical spread." -Reuters



## Cambridge student charged with terrorism in South Sudan



**A** South Sudanese activist who was studying for a PhD at Cambridge University has been charged with terrorism having already spent "eight months in detention with limited contact with the outside world", AFP reports.

The news agency says Peter Biar Ajak, 35, was detained in July last year following comments he made criticizing the failure of South Sudan's political leaders to bring five

years of brutal civil war to an end.

At the high court in Juba, prosecutor Deng Acuil charged Mr Biar with sabotage against the state, banditry, possession of firearms and public disorder, according to AFP.

His six co-accused reportedly including businessman and philanthropist Kerbino Agok Wol, who has been jailed since April 2018. -BBC

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# EDITORIAL

## Echo from the Blue Oceans Conference

**RESOLUTION FROM THE** just-ended Blue Oceans Conference held in Liberia calls on governments around the world, including international partners to enhance sustainable fisheries management through science-based management measures, such as ecosystem-based approach by monitoring, control, and surveillance, as well as strengthening cooperation through regional fisheries management organizations and regional fishery bodies.

**THE RESOLUTION CALLS** upon all stakeholders, including the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), the African Union (AU), the European Union (EU) and regional governments to continue efforts in supporting implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, in the context of the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIMS) and the UN 2030 Agenda.

**THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE** contained in an official resolution of the Blue Oceans Conference which convened from March 18 - 21 at the Millennium Guest House in Congo Town, suburb of Monrovia.

**THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION** could not have come at any better time than just as Liberia is negotiating a fishing agreement with the Republic of Senegal for 300 Senegalese vessels, including 200 semi-industrial and 100 artisan canoes to fish in our waters in exchange for training of Liberian fishermen.

**ORDINARY LIBERIANS ARE** jittery about the deal. They are not biting their tongues in expressing so, for an agreement that is geared at having foreigners exploit our waters with exclusive right to fish just about anything deep in our ocean.

**THEIR CONCERNS ARE** genuine especially, so when Senegal has a bad history of depleting its own waters of marine life; and is now turning to a vulnerable and less sophisticated country such as Liberia for a vital nature endowment.

**FISHES ARE AMONG** some of the healthiest foods on the planet. They are loaded with important nutrients, such as protein and vitamin D, and are also the world's best source of omega-3 fatty acids, which are incredibly important for the development of the human body and brain.

**LAST MONTH, THE** House of Representatives mandated the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority or NaFAA to negotiate protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on Fisheries and Aquaculture Cooperation between the Government of Liberia and the Government of Senegal. Negotiation between the two countries may just be ongoing and could well be at its advanced stage.

**BUT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM** the Blue Oceans Conference identify various flashpoint areas, clearly indicating there are still much work to do in Liberia before finalizing such fishing agreement, as delegates call for strengthening capacity building and technical assistance to small-scale fishers, to improve their access to marine resources and markets as well as improve socio-economic situation of fisher folks, their families and communities and ensure that any future fishing agreements with external countries or other parties are grounded in science-based approaches to secure sustainability of fish stocks and prioritize the equitable distribution of benefits between countries and stakeholder groups.

**AS LIBERIAN AUTHORITIES** negotiate the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on Fisheries and Aquaculture Cooperation with their Senegalese counterparts, we believe strongly these are critical areas that should be addressed with the national interest as paramount. Anything on the contrary, would have posterity to judge all of us unkindly.

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# COMMENTARY

By Romano Prodi  
, Stefano Micossi

## Showing Europe's True Colors

*In the face of the challenge posed by nationalists and populists ahead of the European Parliament elections in May, standing up for Europe's fundamental values has never been more important. Flying the EU flag from our homes and offices can send an undeniable signal that the Union will not be hollowed out by its enemies, within or without.*

**B**OLOGNA - Where in Europe are you most likely to see the European Union flag proudly flying above private homes and buildings? The answer is obvious, if strange: the United Kingdom, by citizens who dread the idea of Brexit. Is it really necessary to lose something that we love - and need - before we really begin to appreciate it?

We believe that, as a sign of our common European identity, EU citizens should, starting on March 21, proudly display the Union banner. In the face of the challenge posed by nationalists and populists ahead of the European Parliament elections in May, standing up for Europe's fundamental values has never been more important. Flying the EU flag from our homes and offices can send an undeniable signal that the Union will not be hollowed out by its enemies, within or without.

In an era of growing uncertainty, frustration, and obfuscation of our common destiny, too many Europeans seem oblivious to the long history of dislocation and war that preceded the creation of the EU, and the unprecedented period of peace and prosperity that we have achieved since the 1950s. For 70 years, Europe's shared institutions have underpinned the common market, the euro, and the vigorous expansion of individual rights under the protection of the European Court of Justice.

Moreover, the European welfare-state model is a beacon of civilization and an example for the entire world. The incorporation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the Treaty of Lisbon crowned the construction of an integrated area of 500 million people based on democracy, the rule of law, and the highest affirmation of human dignity. When we travel with our common EU passport, we are recognized and respected worldwide as citizens of a key player in the world order.

These achievements are under threat not only from the Union's internal opponents, but also by the contempt shown for the EU - indeed, for all multilateral institutions - by US President Donald Trump's administration. The institutions that have long underpinned peace, security, and the growth of world trade are, for Trump, enemies to be undermined, which is particularly dangerous given the confrontation between the United States and China. Today, the Sino-American feud is disrupting world trade; tomorrow, it may be world peace.

There is little doubt that we in Europe will be unable to preserve what we have achieved over the past seven decades if each EU

member state strikes out on its own. After all, even the largest EU member, Germany, is a minnow compared to the US and China. Alone, none of us can manage the enormous challenges posed by technology, protectionism, climate change, or international terrorism.

But instead of recognizing that Europe's strength is its unity, nationalistic and xenophobic forces have gained support across the continent by promising to close our frontiers, dismantle free movement, and reassert our national control over all public policies. The dramatic increase in migration inflows, owing largely to the Syrian civil war and the near-anarchy prevailing in Libya, have created fertile ground for xenophobes to spread their message of hate. Exploiting the insecurity felt by low-skilled workers and the unemployed, they blame immigrants for all of Europe's woes. Yet, given Europe's demography, increasing inflows of skilled migrants are needed to preserve our economies' dynamism and the sustainability of our health and pension systems.

Yes, Europe's institutions and policies need deep changes to reconnect with disenfranchised citizens. We must show again a capacity to foster growth and investment, to meet the challenges of fast-changing technologies and climate change, and to revitalize our faltering social model. We must show that our common institutions are able and willing to listen to the demands of a frightened public, and that we can act together to protect our frontiers and bring greater security to our unstable eastern and southern neighborhoods.

But there is also an urgent need to mobilize European public opinion around a symbol of our unity and our future projects: and that symbol is the European flag. For this reason, in January one of us launched the idea that, starting on March 21, we display the flag on houses, factories, and offices. March 21 is the first day of spring, and we would like to believe that the coming European elections will herald a new spring for the European project. March 21 also is the anniversary of the death of Benedict, patron saint of Europe. In one of the darkest hours of the demise of the Roman Empire, Benedict issued a stirring call for tolerance and piety to rebuild a sense of community in the face of nihilism and barbarism.

Starting on March 21, let us show our flag to the world, as the symbol of our unity and our dreams, and as a sign of a new beginning in our efforts to preserve and deepen European unity. Or will we recognize what we have only when it is too late?

## O-PED

By Raghuram G. Rajan

## Truly Taking Back Control

**C**HICAGO - Britain is teetering toward Brexit. No one knows what will happen over the next few months. Yet around one-third of British voters support a “no-deal” departure from the European Union, which risks inflicting an economic disaster on the country.

Many of these “no-deal” Brexit supporters are older and modestly educated, and live in economically depressed semi-urban communities and small towns, which tend to be concentrated in northern England. Although they are anxious about the steady deterioration in their economic prospects, studies suggest that trade or even immigration are not their only concerns. Brexiteers also resent their loss of control over policy, first to a distant national capital full of well-educated global elites, and in recent years to an even more remote EU.

EU-mandated immigration rules are just the most obvious sign of their powerlessness. Brexit supporters voted to leave the EU in order to “take back control.” Unfortunately, Brexit, in whatever form it takes, may not give them what they want, fueling further resentment. Can anything be done to quell their anger?

The disempowerment of communities is not a uniquely British phenomenon. As markets expand across political borders, participants prefer a common governance structure that eliminates annoying regulatory differences and transaction costs. Historically, such integration happened within countries. As inter-regional trade and capital flows increased, demands for seamless regional borders and harmonized national regulation became louder. National governments therefore increased their powers and functions at the expense of regions and local communities.

In turn, as globalization accelerated in recent decades, national governments acceded to international agreements and treaties that limited their sovereign powers. They have also ceded some powers to international bodies. For example, the European Commission’s harmonization of economic regulations across the EU limits the regulatory discretion of individual member states. This has catalyzed movements seeking to reclaim national sovereignty, like that of the Brexiteers.

But even as power (and often funding) has moved from local to national and then international level, the effects of globalized markets and technological change have varied greatly. Strikingly, mega-cities have prospered while semi-rural communities have experienced diminishing economic activity and opportunity. The Great Recession that began in 2008 accentuated this trend, with cities bouncing back quickly while semi-rural areas languished. Such an uneven impact calls for responses that are suited to local needs and conditions. But formulating these responses is much harder when communities are disempowered.

Disempowerment causes further collateral damage. When opportunity leaves economically marginal communities, despair and social dysfunction typically set in. The number of broken families increases, as do rates of substance abuse and crime. Those who can leave move away. Far from being a source of pride and social cohesion, the community becomes a repository of collective sorrow, if not shame. And its members look to alternative sources of identity and social solidarity, including nationalism.

Populist nationalist leaders pledge to make their country “great again” by ridding it of the constraints imposed by international agreements and bodies. Of course, as they grab power back from the international arena, such leaders are tempted to resist the further devolution of power and funding to regions and communities. Instead, populist nationalists could turn more dangerously against the international system, presenting their supporters with a continuous parade of external villains to blame for their plight. This is a path that leads nowhere good.

To be sure, there are numerous other types of nationalism; many Brexiteers want Britain to remain open to trade while severely restricting immigration, for example. But as growth slows and their populations age, developed countries will need both export markets and some immigration - the first to support demand, and the second to pay for the pensions and health care of aging populations. Balkanizing the world by erecting barriers is a sure way to convert unequal prosperity today into collective poverty tomorrow.

The nationalists are right, however, that we have moved too far toward standardizing and harmonizing laws and regulations across countries. In this age of artificial intelligence, companies and traders can surely handle some national regulatory differences. Could we not bring some powers back to the country level, provided global markets remain open? Why must unelected technocrats decide the rules in closed rooms far away? The globalization of governance may be a step too far for globalization’s own good.

But Brexiteers take note: the devolution of power will not stop at the national level - as suggested by the murmurs in Scotland and Wales. Declining local communities desperately need new economic activity, while their members have to become more adaptable to globalization and technological change. This often requires local engagement and solutions, aided where necessary by national governments. Political parties could play a constructive role in restoring powers, funding, and often health to many communities.

Rebuilding a strong sense of positive community identity would likely make adversarial nationalism less appealing. At the very least, when people are more able to shape their own futures, they are less likely to be convinced that others are to blame for their plight. To the extent that it weakens support for virulent nationalism, devolution may make the world a little more prosperous - and a lot safer.

## OPINION

By J. Bradford Delong

## The Fed Board Unmoored

**B**ERKELEY - In December 2015, the right-wing commentator Stephen Moore, US President Donald Trump’s pick to fill a vacancy on the US Federal Reserve Board of Governors, savagely attacked then-Fed Chair Janet Yellen and her predecessor, Ben Bernanke, for maintaining loose monetary policies in the years following the “Great Recession.”

According to Moore, who is not a professional economist, investors had “become hyper-dependent” on the Fed’s “zero-interest-rate policy ... just as an addict craves crack cocaine.” This “money creation,” he surmised, had yielded “nada” in terms of “helping juice the economy, creating jobs, or giving the American worker a pay raise.” Worse, the United States had already “tried this before - twice - and both times the story ended badly with a pop of the bubble ... in 1999-2000 and ... in 2008-09.” The lesson, he concluded, is that, “Micromanaging the economy through the lever of money creation at the grand fiefdom within the Fed doesn’t work.”

Or does it? Moore himself is probably not the most reliable judge. On December 26, 2018, he savagely attacked Yellen’s successor, Jerome Powell, for raising interest rates to unwind the very approach that he had condemned three years earlier. “If you cut engine power too far on a jetliner,” he warned, “it will stall and drop out of the sky.” Moore complained that after having “risen by 382 points on hopes that the Fed would listen to Trump and stop cutting power,” the Dow Jones Industrial Average had “plunged by 895 points” on the news of another interest-rate hike. This, he concluded, was evidence that “the Fed’s monetary policy has come unhinged.”

Moore called on Powell to “do the honorable thing ... and resign.” But, failing that, he hoped that Trump would simply fire the Fed chair. “The law says he can replace the Federal Reserve Chairman for cause,” Moore observed in an interview that same week. “Well, the cause is that he’s wrecking our economy.”

If Moore’s approach to legal reasoning seems deficient, one must wonder how he would approach monetary policymaking. Judging by his own statements, a three-month Treasury rate of 0.26% driving a ten-year rate of 2.3% was far too low in December 2015, whereas a three-month rate of 2.42% driving a ten-year rate of 2.55% is far too high today.

What should we make of this? A generous interpretation is that Moore’s view of the economy has not changed, and that he has consistently offered his analyses in good faith. In that case, he must genuinely believe that any deviation from a ten-year rate of around 2.4% poses an unacceptable risk - either of creating addicts or of wrecking the economy.

Another generous interpretation is that Moore has consistently offered his analyses in good faith, but has changed his view of the economy. If so, he must be very sorry for having misled people. And presumably, he would be willing to apologize personally to Bernanke, Yellen, and anyone who may have heeded his bad advice between 2010 and 2016.

Of course, a less generous interpretation is that Moore has not changed his view of the economy, and was acting in bad faith during the years of the Obama administration. Or, less likely, he is acting in bad faith now, after having conducted himself in an honest manner up until 2016.

As it happens, none of these interpretations applies, because they are all predicated on the false assumption that Moore actually has an informed perspective of the economy. To my mind, he does not.

True, Moore has consistently advocated low government spending and opposed progressive taxation. He might even support more open immigration policies, as one would expect from a self-proclaimed free-market conservative. Then again, his views may have changed since he started advising Trump in 2016. After all, he already seems to have abandoned his previous commitment to free trade.

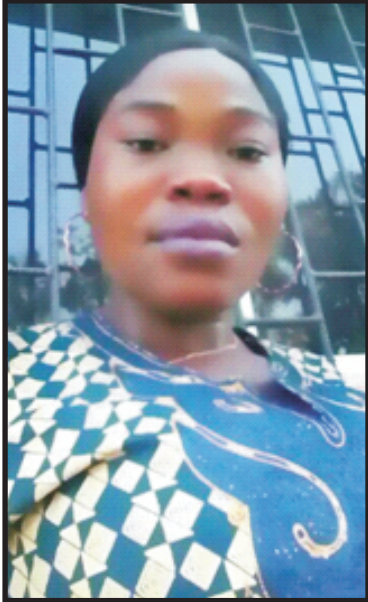
That comes as no surprise. Throughout his career as a partisan talking head, Moore’s economic analysis has never had any basis in empirical reality. To the contrary, he has repeatedly shown that he will say whatever needs to be said to please his political master.

Needless to say, Moore is wholly unfit to serve in the office to which he is being nominated. He has absolutely no business overseeing US monetary policy. The same is true of any president who would appoint him and any senator who would vote to confirm him.

# LIBERIAN DEBATE

With Sally Gaye

Tragedy hits Liberia Monday, 25 March when a member of the 54th Legislature Montesrado County District#15 Representative Adolph Lawrence, died instantly in a car crash on the Robertsfield highway, a day after celebrating his 50th birthday. As the nation mourns his passing, Liberians in Monrovia criticize quality of vehicles plying roads in the country and threats to travelers.



**Yanpu Flomo**

“This is very outrageous to have unsafe vehicles driving all over the country and killing innocent people. What type of [country] is this on earth! How many people will have to die daily before taking action? Please ban those dangerous cars off the roads. Liberia has become a lawless country. Where is Liberia heading? On the other side, five people died [recently] from another

lawmaker from generator smoke, yet they will not learn and try to make good laws for the benefit of all.”



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“This should be a wakeup call for our officials of government, to ensure that safety measures are put into effect; every vehicle plying on our roads should meet safety standards. Stop all the [wasteful] spending on travels, and focus on the little things that matter in the country; if possible, partner with foreign safety vehicles inspectors to collaborate with few of [our] very serious police officers and the Ministry of

Transport, so that funds generated should be used for roads and highways development to save our nation from preventable deaths.”

**Mohammed Abdullah Foboi**

“If the legislature doesn't do something about LEC and trucks plying the streets without reflectors and lights, then I think we need to visit the constitution. Liberia is becoming a lawless country every minute and the Justice Ministry does nothing about it. The police and other security apparatus are only concern about collecting bribe from drivers, and harassing citizens and residents at checkpoints especially, on highways, while their core functions are left undone. The National Legislature that should put up some checks, is only after diverting public resources to personal benefit. Our society needs serious political and administrative cleansing. Maybe, the youth will help; but again, they themselves are being indoctrinated. Who do we look up to? I still believe the youth, because for them, they can be shamed and we can easily ruin their future if they don't change.”



**Kadiatu Bah**

“They are all stealing from the Liberian people, but they are sitting there putting everything on the President. [As] lawmakers, they are responsible for passing bills, and they have everything in their possession!! They earn thousands of dollars each month for themselves, while others suffer!! God is watching!!!!!! Anyone who accuses the government falsely, trying to gain relevance from the Liberian people by spoiling other people's names are going to perish!!!”



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March 22, 2019

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# Has MOJA lost relevance?

It appears that the 46 years old Movement for Justice in Africa or MOJA, a leftist pan-African political organization founded by veteran Liberian economist and politician, Dr. Togba Nah Tipoteh has lost its relevance, as a group of protestors, believed to be students, forcibly disrupted its 14th anniversary here over the weekend, sending its founders and members running for their lives.

MOJA was founded in 1973 as a leftist Pan-African movement dedicated to the struggle for social justice and democracy in Liberia with chapters in Ghana and The Gambia.

Some of its pioneering members include Henry Boimah Fahnbulleh, Dew Tuan-Wreh Mason, River Gee County Senator, Conmany B. Wesseh, and former interim president Dr. Amos C. Sawyer, among others.



Protesting students, Sen. Conmany B. Wesseh and LNBA President Cllr. Gongloe

However, celebration marking its 14th anniversary was abruptly disrupted to disbelief of Dr. Tipoteh himself, Senator Wesseh, the President of the Liberia

National Bar Association Cllr. Tiawan Gongloe and a host of guests, who had turned out in the auditorium of the G.W. Gibson High School in Monrovia Saturday.

It all started as a member of the progressive community, John H. T. Stewart, was giving the history of MOJA when over 75 thugs dressed in T-shirts with inscription Liberia National Student Union,

LINSU, invaded the auditorium and completely took hold of the podium, compelling Mr. Stewart to quietly leave the stage, as the hooligans sang anti-democratic songs, branding the gathering as a disservice to the student community for selecting University of Liberia student leaders Martin K.N. Kollie and Carlos Edison to serve as discussants.

Student Carlos Edison is currently fighting for his life, after he was involved in a road accident along with the late Montserrado County District #15, Representative Adolph Lawrence early Monday, 25 March on the Robertsfield highway enroute to Monrovia from Grand Bassa County.

However, the purported LINSU members described the MOJA leader, Dr. Tipoteh and other officials as old fashion and failed politicians with nothing new to offer to the current generation. *Story by Jonathan Browne*

## No commitment to NaFAA -World Bank clarifies

The World Bank has clarified that it has made no commitment to the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority or NaFAA, as has been claimed in the latter's press release issued on March 20.

In a release issued on March 20, 2019, titled "US\$21m Fisheries Project Underway in Liberia-AsNaFAA DG visits World Bank Headquarters In

Washington DC, both World Bank Directors praised what Liberia has achieved and recognized the challenges the country is facing. However, there was no commitment from the World Bank regarding a new fisheries project. Whether Liberia will have a new project with focus on fisheries will be determined after the new World Bank

with authorities of the World Bank in continuation of the West Africa Regional Fisheries Project (WARFP) in Liberia. The NaFAA Boss visit to the World Bank office was a follow up on a 21 million dollars fisheries project under the West Africa Regional Fisheries Project WARFP.

According to a dispatch from Washington DC, the 21 million United States dollars from the World Bank will be used to construct a modern

## ECC holds conference on election reform

The Elections Coordinating Committee (ECC) has announced that it will on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 hold a National Stakeholders Conference on Electoral Reform in Liberia at the Bella Casa Hotel in Monrovia.

The conference which is being held on the theme, "Strengthening Liberia's Democracy through Electoral Reform" is aimed at sharing with key electoral stakeholders and partners a defined roadmap needed to foster electoral reforms in consolidating Liberia's emerging democracy.

The conference is expected to bring together members of the National Legislature, the National Elections Commission, civil society actors, development partners, government institutions, political parties, traditional youth and women leaders,

legal practitioners, and the media.

The Conference will bring together over 100 participants from different parts of the country.

House Speaker Dr. Bhofal Chambers will official launch the conference while National Elections Commission Chairman Cllr. Jerome Korkoya, Law Reform Commission Chairman Cllr. BoakaiKanneh, House of Representatives Committee Chairman on Elections Alex Grant and ECC Chairman Oscar Bloh will all make presentations at the conference.

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Liberia Yacoub ElHillo, USAID Director for Democracy, Rights and Governance Emily Kronic and ECOWAS Ambassador to Liberia BabatundeAjisomo are expected to deliver special remarks at the conference.



Washington DC," it was stated that "a US\$21 million fisheries project is underway in Liberia under the West Africa Regional Fisheries Project (WARFP)."

But the World Bank in a release issued on Monday March 25, said it had made no such commitment to fund a US21 million fisheries project here.

"During a meeting in

Director for Regional Integration comes on board on May 1, 2019, and a strategic decision will be made to fit the country's priority needs," the Bank said in its release.

Below is excerpts of the original NaFAA release:

The Director General of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority NaFAA has held fruitful discussions

state of the art fishing and processing facilities and the establishment of landing jetties in targeted five coastal counties including Montserrado, Additionally, this project is in continuation of the first phase of the West Africa Regional Fisheries Project WARFP.

Among the eight regional countries, Liberia has made significant progress, as a result

the World Bank has given Liberia the approval to proceed with the second phase of the West Africa Regional Fisheries Project WARFP, which will shortly be implemented.

The 21 million United States dollars fisheries project when implemented as planned within the five coastal counties will greatly impart the Liberian fisheries sector as there exist a need for a state of the art

fishing and processing facilities and landing jetties in all of the nine coastal counties.

The facilities, a state of the art fishing and processing and landing jetties that would be constructed in Liberia, will be the first of its kind upon completion and will tremendously impact the lives of the fishermen within those five coastal counties.

# Ganta breaths relief

By Thomas Domah/Nimba

Residents of the commercial city of Ganta, Nimba County are breathing a fresh air of relief after mob violence that left two suspects dead and others critically wounded, including security officers.

38-year-old Winston Gonsehn and 35-year-old Festus Gaye were lynched in LPRC Zone 2 community, Ganta after they had been suspected of ritualistic activity.

The victims were among a total of seven individuals onboard a yellow taxicab with plate number LB-4895 that had broken down when one of the occupants of the vehicle hinted a motorcyclist that suspected killers were being transported.

News suddenly spread in the community that people involved in ritualistic practices were being transported, but their car broke down. By then angry mob armed with sticks, rocks, clubs and just anything they could lay their hands on had surrounded the car.

The two suspects mobbed to death and a third person said to be in a critical condition were among seven suspects who were being transported from Saclepea to Sanniquellie for further



A taxicab that was transporting the suspects



One suspect mobbed to death



A bleeding suspect hiding from his attackers

investigation for alleged ritualistic killings.

Several police and LDEA officers, who went to their rescue, sustained injuries.

However, police escaped with the two of the suspects, leaving the other five at the mercy of the mob.

The attack followed persistent reports of alleged ritualistic killings in the county, including recent disappearance of a kid, attempts on two others and

discovery of burnt remains of a child in Jaco Town, Ganta. Besides, a little girl had gone missing in the Ganta general market after she and her mother went to sell, which may have been the last straw that broke the camel's back, leading to the mob action.

Ganta has witnessed violence of unimaginable proportions with over eight persons, all males, mobbed to death in less than three years.

Two years ago, properties

belonging to a local businessman Prince Howard, including hotel and private residence suffered arson attack, not spearing his mother's grave along the Ganta-Sanniquellie highway.

Report says due to the wave of killings in the county, women groups from all 17 districts organized three-days fast and prayer recently at the Christian Bible Church in Ganta, asking God to expose those behind such wicked act.

The women also threatened to boycott the 2020 senatorial

election, if government did not intervene.

The head for the Nimba Women note that each time election is around, their children cannot move about freely; go to school or get involved with other activities amid news of bodies being discovered in various communities without any arrest by the government.

The head of the Nimba Women for Peace and Reconciliation Argus Bowmah Barr and Mother Josephine Karmo lament that since last month to present, their children are living in fear, while villagers no longer go on their farms for fear for their lives.

A man identified as Melvin Dolo nickname 'War Face' had accused the late Winston Gonsehn for being a witch after the latter won a car key from the former while they were playing cards in Blevaley, district#7.

Prior to their death, Winston Gonsehn and Festus Gaye had been charged in Saclepea for not informing police about discovery of human bones in a river.

Police in Nimba have made several arrests in connection with the violence and suspected perpetrators are being interrogated. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

## Impeachment halted

By Ethel A. Tweh

The shocking death of Montserrado County District #15 Rep. Adolph Lawrence has prompted the postponement of the ongoing impeachment trial of Associate Justice Kabineh M. Ja'neh at the Liberian Senate for a day.

Announcing the decision Monday, 25 March to postpone the hearing, Liberia's Chief Justice and presiding officer Francis S. Korkpor, Sr. says while the late Rep. Lawrence was not a member of the

Liberian Senate, the deceased's wife Sen. NyonbleeKarnaga Lawrence is a member of the Senate.

Justice Ja'neh is on trial following accusations by lawmakers that he used his influence as Associate Justice to secure a ruling in his favor at the Supreme Court to take possession of a land being claimed by 94-year-old Madam Annie Yancy Constance, among other charges.

But he denies all the accusations.

News of Rep. Lawrence's

death along with a second victim identified as Gwendolyn Wilson came early Monday morning, with reports suggesting that a jeep personally being operated by the deceased lawmaker en route to Monrovia had collided with a failing truck on Tower Hill along the Roberts International Airport (RIA) Highway, Margibi County.

Rep. Lawrence was said to be returning to Monrovia from Buchanan, Grand Bassa County where he had gone to celebrate his 50th birthday when he and Gwendolyn got killed in the car accident while other occupants of his jeep including a student leader also sustained injuries.

The Chairman of the campus - based Students Unification Party (SUP) at the University of Liberia (UL) Carlos T. Edison and Aaron Cassell are said to be in critical condition at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Monrovia following the accident.

Rep. Lawrence, the husband of Grand Bassa County Sen. NyonbleeKarnaga - Lawrence, was pronounced dead at the John F. Kennedy Hospital Sunday night, 24 March following the tragic motor accident along the RIA Highway.

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Due to the incident, Chief Justice Korkpor says the Legislature is bereaved, noting that bereaved Senator Karnga - Lawrence has been there from the beginning of the impeachment proceedings of Justice Ja'neh.

He says there was no hearing for Monday 25 March, postponing the trial to Tuesday, 26 March at 2PM.

He indicates that it is no secret that a member of the Legislature was involved in a motor accident and he passed away.

According to the Chief Justice, Senators went to sympathize with the bereaved family.

Just before his sudden death, key among Rep. Lawrence's last legislative actions was recorded last week when he moved the House of Representatives through a communication to invite Justice Minister Cllr. Frank Musa Dean and Police Inspector General Col. Patrick Sudue to give report on the mysterious death of Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) official Matthew Innis.

The House heeded the late Rep. Lawrence's call by inviting Justice Minister Dean and Col.

Sudue to appear before the full plenary to report on the death of Mr. Innis who was serving as Deputy Director for Micro Finance at CBL in the Regulation and Supervision Department.

In Rep. Lawrence's communication, he stated that in relation to Innis' death, family members of the late CBL official were contesting report that their relative died of a hit and run accident.

Rep. Lawrence said the family was raising contentions that this alleged incident occurred just after the release of two damaging reports surrounding the printing and importation of billions of Liberian Dollars into the country and a controversial US\$25 million dollars intended to mop - up excess Liberian Dollars by a Technical Economic Management Team (TEMT) and the CBL.

The death of Mr. Innis was reported on 3 March, with claims that he was hit by a vehicle at about 2AM.

Based on Rep. Lawrence' request, the officials were ordered to appear before the House with all documents required. **--Edited by Winston W. Parley**



# Français

## Le député Richard Koon continue de pleurer ses morts

Le bilan du malheur qui a frappé la famille du député Richard Koon du district 11 du comté de Montserrado est passé à 5 morts. Cinq personnes ont péri des suites d'une asphyxie par la fumée due à l'inhalation du monoxyde de carbone dans leur maison récemment à Barnersville, dans la banlieue de Monrovia.

La cinquième victime, la petite sœur du Représentant Koon, qui se trouvait dans un état critique à l'hôpital John F. Kennedy de Sinkor, est morte au cours du week-end.

Initialement, quatre membres de la famille du représentant Koon, dont sa mère Ma Lucky, son frère Francis Koon et les sœurs Tina et Julie étaient décédés successivement du samedi 16 au lundi 18 mars.

Des témoins ont attribué la disparition prématurée des victimes à l'inhalation de la fumée d'un groupe électrogène (monoxyde de carbone) qui aurait asphyxié toute la maisonnée.

Les voisins de la famille



croient que le drame s'est produit dans la nuit du 17 au 18 mars, lorsque le groupe électrogène de la maison familiale a émis davantage de fumée (du monoxyde de carbone, un gaz toxique pouvant causer de graves lésions tissulaires, voire la mort). Le gaz est produit par la combustion d'hydrocarbures,

du bois, du charbon de bois ou autres combustibles.

"Ce n'est pas la première fois que Richard Koon est frappé par une telle tragédie, quoique celle-ci ait beaucoup plus choqué tout le monde", a dit un habitant du quartier à notre reporter qui s'était rendu sur les lieux de l'incident au cours du week-end.

Selon certains habitants du quartier, le représentant Koon a perdu son premier fils avec deux autres amis dans la mer il y a quelques années.

Lorsque le bureau du représentant Koon a été contacté, un membre du personnel, Claudius Dickson, a confirmé que la dernière personne impliquée dans l'incident était décédée, ce qui porte à cinq le nombre de morts. M. Dickson a déclaré : « c'est vrai que nous l'avons perdue aujourd'hui, le 23 mars, à 10 heures, à l'hôpital John F. Kennedy ».

À cause du manque d'électricité dans toute la ville, bon nombre de maisons se servent des groupes électrogènes pour produire de l'électricité. En plus, le nombre croissant de vols a forcé beaucoup de gens à prendre le risque de garder leurs groupes électrogènes à l'intérieur au mépris de leur propre sécurité, en particulier les maisons qui ne sont pas clôturées. La mère de Koon, Ma Lucky, est décédée à son arrivée à l'hôpital JFK samedi,

tandis que son frère Francis Koon et ses deux sœurs Tina et Julie sont décédés successivement entre samedi et lundi.

Des voisins ont déclaré avoir été mis au courant de l'incident qui s'était produit dans la nuit du 15 au 16 mars par la femme de chambre qui était arrivée à la maison vers 9 heures du matin. Elle a tout d'abord remarqué que toutes les portes et les fenêtres étaient toujours fermées et que toute la maisonnée était encore à l'intérieur, ce qui était étrange.

« La femme de chambre est venue au travail à 9 heures. Elle remarqua quelque chose d'étrange. Toute la maison était silencieuse, toutes les portes et les fenêtres étaient verrouillées et le groupe électrogène était toujours en marche dans la maison », a déclaré Charles Gray, un habitant de la communauté, au journaliste de New Dawn.

« Elle a essayé de frapper à la porte mais personne ne répondait de l'intérieur. C'est ainsi qu'elle a alerté les habitants du quartier qui se sont précipités à la maison, ont ouvert la porte et ont trouvé tout le monde inconscient », a raconté M. Grey.

Selon lui, le représentant Koon, qui participait à un concours de beauté au lycée E. Jonathan Goodridge à Barnesville, a été immédiatement alerté par téléphone mobile et informé de l'incident.

Le représentant Koon était alors venu avec une ambulance et les victimes avaient été transportées d'urgence à l'hôpital John F. Kennedy de Sinkor. Mais, à la fin, personne n'a survécu, la dernière victime qui était dans un état critique finira par rendre l'âme. C'est une vraie tragédie.

## Mali : visite du président IBK dans le village dévasté d'Ogossagou

Bûches brûlées, cases incendiées, c'est la désolation à Ogossagou, dans le centre du Mali où s'est rendu le président Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta. C'est dans cette localité, près de Bankass, que plus de 130 civils ont été massacrés,

samedi 23 mars. Désormais, la ville est totalement vidée de ses habitants.

C'est dans une localité désertée que le président de la République du Mali est arrivé en hélicoptère. Les lieux sont ceux d'un véritable massacre qui s'est focalisé sur deux

homicides. D'abord, la mort du chef du village, qui a été tué devant son épouse. Ensuite, les assaillants s'en sont pris à toute sa famille. Puis, quelques mètres plus loin, c'est le marabout du village qui a été assassiné. De sa maison, on ne voit désormais que des restes calcinés. Le grenier a été entièrement détruit dans un incendie et des bêtes ont été brûlées.

Un peu plus loin, on remarque une fosse commune. Une quarantaine de personnes y ont été enterrées. Les rescapés, mais aussi les officiels et les secours sont abattus. Le président de la République a échangé quelques mots avec ceux qui sont revenus. La tristesse se lit sur les visages. Tout a été dévasté dans ce village.

Des survivants inquiets Les équipes de secours s'affairent au milieu des maisons, des greniers et des véhicules calcinés. Il y a une équipe de la protection civile du Mali sur place avec quelques vivres, quelques médicaments, mais cela ne suffit pas à reconforter les populations qui sont revenues, parce qu'elles



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étaient parties en brousse. Il y a aussi une équipe de la Croix-Rouge venue apporter une assistance. Côté sécurité, les militaires sont partout. Les habitants espèrent néanmoins

que ce dispositif va rester après la visite d'Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta et qu'ils ne vont pas se retrouver livrés à eux-mêmes sans plus aucune force de sécurité.



# Français

## Éditorial

### Echo de la conférence Blue Oceans

La résolution de la conférence Blue Oceans qui s'est récemment tenue au Libéria invite les gouvernements du monde entier, y compris les partenaires internationaux, à renforcer la gestion durable des pêches à travers des mesures de gestion fondées sur des bases scientifiques, une approche fondée sur la protection de l'écosystème, le suivi, le contrôle et la surveillance ainsi qu'à travers le renforcement de la coopération en s'appuyant sur les organisations régionales de gestion des pêches et des organismes régionaux des pêches.

La résolution appelle toutes les parties prenantes, y compris les États de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO), l'Union africaine (UA), l'Union européenne (UE) et les gouvernements régionaux à poursuivre leurs efforts pour soutenir la mise en œuvre de l'objectif de développement durable, dans le contexte de la Stratégie maritime intégrée pour l'Afrique (AIMS) à l'horizon 2050 et le Programme 2030 des Nations Unies.

Les recommandations figurent dans une résolution officielle de la conférence Blue Oceans qui s'est réunie du 18 au 21 mars à la Millennium Guest House à Congo Town, dans la banlieue de Monrovia.

La résolution de la conférence est arrivée à un meilleur moment où le Libéria est en train de négocier un accord de pêche avec la République du Sénégal pour 300 navires sénégalais, dont 200 pirogues semi-industrielles et 100 canots artisanaux pour pêcher dans nos eaux en échange de la formation des libériens pêcheurs.

Les Libériens ordinaires sont inquiets de cet accord. Ils le disent clairement, car ils ont du mal à accepter que des étrangers exploitent leurs eaux avec le droit exclusif de pêcher à peu près n'importe quoi.

Les préoccupations des libériens sont aussi sincères que légitimes, d'autant plus que le Sénégal a la mauvaise réputation d'avoir épuisé ses propres eaux maritimes, et se tourne maintenant vers un pays vulnérable et moins sophistiqué tel que le Libéria.

Le poisson fait partie des aliments les plus sains de la planète. Il regorge d'éléments nutritifs importants, telles que les protéines et la vitamine D, et constitue également la meilleure source d'acides gras oméga-3 au monde, qui sont d'une importance capitale pour le développement du corps et du cerveau humains.

Le mois dernier, la Chambre des représentants a demandé à l'Autorité nationale des pêches et de l'aquaculture (NaFAA) de négocier un protocole sur la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de coopération dans le domaine de la pêche et de l'aquaculture entre le gouvernement du Libéria et le gouvernement du Sénégal. Les négociations entre les deux pays pourraient bien être en cours et pourraient bien être à un stade avancé.

Mais les recommandations de la Conférence Blue Oceans identifient divers points critiques, et indiquent clairement que beaucoup de travail reste à faire au Libéria avant la finalisation de cet accord de pêche. Les délégués réclament un renforcement des capacités et une assistance technique des pêcheurs artisanaux afin d'améliorer leur accès à la pêche, aux ressources et au marché. Ils préconisent l'amélioration de la situation socio-économique des pêcheurs, de leurs familles et de leurs communautés,

tout en faisant en sorte que tous les accords de pêche futurs avec des pays extérieurs ou d'autres parties s'appuient sur des approches scientifiques pour garantir la durabilité des stocks de poissons et accorder la priorité à la pêche équitable, la répartition des avantages entre les pays et les groupes de parties prenantes.

Alors que les autorités libériennes négocient le protocole sur la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de coopération dans le secteur de la pêche et de l'aquaculture avec leurs homologues sénégalais, nous sommes fermement convaincus qu'il s'agit d'un domaine critique, et à ce titre, il doit être traité avec la priorité fondamentale la défense de l'intérêt national. Sinon, nous nous exposons à un jugement sévère de la part de la postérité.

## COMMENTAIRE

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### Montrer l'Europe sous son vrai jour

**B**OLOGNE – Où en Europe avons-nous le plus de chances de voir flotter fièrement le drapeau de l'Union européenne au-dessus des résidences et des immeubles privés ? La réponse est évidente, bien qu'étrange : au Royaume-Uni, chez des citoyens qui redoutent l'idée du Brexit. Est-il vraiment nécessaire de perdre quelque chose que nous aimons - et dont nous avons besoin - avant que nous commencions vraiment à l'apprécier ?

Nous croyons qu'en gage de notre identité européenne commune, les citoyens européens devraient, à partir du 21 mars, afficher fièrement la bannière de l'Union. Face au défi posé par les nationalistes et les populistes avant les élections du Parlement européen au mois de mai, il n'a jamais été aussi important de défendre les valeurs fondamentales de l'Europe. Battre pavillon de l'UE sur nos maisons et nos bureaux peut envoyer un signal indéniable que l'Union ne sera pas rongée par ses ennemis, de l'intérieur ou de l'extérieur.

Dans une période d'incertitude croissante, de frustration et d'obscurcissement de notre destin commun, trop d'Européens semblent inconscients de la longue histoire de dislocation et de guerre qui a précédé la création de l'UE - et de la période sans précédent de paix et de prospérité à laquelle nous sommes parvenus depuis les années 1950. Depuis 70 ans, les institutions communes de l'Europe ont soutenu le marché commun, l'euro et la forte expansion des droits individuels sous la protection de la Cour européenne de justice.

De plus, le modèle de l'État-providence européen est un phare de la civilisation et un exemple pour le monde entier. L'incorporation de la Charte des droits fondamentaux de l'Union européenne dans le Traité de Lisbonne a couronné la construction d'une zone intégrée de 500 millions de personnes fondée sur la démocratie, l'état de droit et la suprême affirmation de la dignité humaine. Quand nous voyageons avec notre passeport européen commun, nous sommes reconnus et respectés dans le monde entier en tant que citoyens d'un acteur clé dans l'ordre mondial.

Ces succès sont menacés non seulement par des adversaires internes de l'Union, mais également par le mépris envers l'UE - en fait, envers toutes les institutions multilatérales - de la part de l'administration du Président américain Donald Trump. Les institutions qui ont longtemps sous-tendu la paix, la sécurité et la croissance du commerce mondial sont, pour Trump, des ennemis qu'il entend discréditer, ce qui est particulièrement dangereux compte tenu de la confrontation entre les États-Unis et la Chine. Aujourd'hui, la rivalité sino-américaine perturbe le commerce mondial ; demain, elle perturbera peut-être la paix mondiale.

Il est certain que nous, en Europe, ne pourrions pas préserver ce que nous avons accompli au cours des sept dernières décennies, si chaque

État membre de l'UE vole de ses propres ailes. Après tout, même le plus grand membre de l'UE, l'Allemagne, fait figure de nain par rapport aux États-Unis et à la Chine. Seul, aucun d'entre nous ne peut gérer les énormes défis posés par la technologie, le protectionnisme, le changement climatique ou le terrorisme international.

Mais au lieu de reconnaître que la force de l'Europe est son unité, les forces nationalistes et xénophobes ont bénéficié d'un soutien à travers le continent en promettant de fermer nos frontières, de démanteler la libre circulation et de réaffirmer notre contrôle national sur toutes les politiques publiques. L'augmentation spectaculaire des flux migratoires, principalement en raison de la guerre civile syrienne et de la quasi-anarchie qui règne en Libye, ont créé un terrain fertile pour de répandre leur message de haine xénophobe. En exploitant l'insécurité ressentie par les travailleurs peu qualifiés et par les chômeurs, ils accusent les immigrés de tous les maux de l'Europe. Cependant, étant donné la démographie de l'Europe, l'afflux croissant de migrants qualifiés est nécessaire pour préserver le dynamisme de nos économies et la durabilité de nos systèmes de santé et de retraite.

Oui, les institutions européennes et les politiques ont besoin de profonds changements pour reprendre contact avec les citoyens désabusés. Nous devons montrer à nouveau une capacité à favoriser la croissance et les investissements, à relever les défis des technologies en évolution rapide et les changements climatiques et à revitaliser notre modèle social chancelant. Nous devons montrer que nos institutions communes sont capables et disposées à écouter les demandes d'un public effrayé et que nous pouvons agir ensemble pour protéger nos frontières et pour apporter une plus grande sécurité à nos pays voisins instables de l'Est et du Sud.

Mais il y a aussi un besoin urgent de mobiliser l'opinion publique européenne autour d'un symbole de notre unité et de nos projets futurs : et ce symbole est le drapeau européen. Pour cette raison, en janvier l'un d'entre nous a lancé l'idée qu'à partir du 21 mars, nous arborions le drapeau sur nos maisons, usines et bureaux. Le 21 mars est le premier jour du printemps et nous aimerions croire que les prochaines élections européennes annonceront un nouveau printemps pour le projet européen. Le 21 mars est également l'anniversaire de la mort de saint Benoît, patron de l'Europe. À l'une des heures les plus sombres de la fin de l'Empire romain, saint Benoît a lancé un appel émouvant à la tolérance et à la piété pour reconstruire un sens de la communauté face au nihilisme et à la barbarie.

À compter du 21 mars, montrons notre drapeau au monde, comme le symbole de notre unité et de nos rêves, comme le signe d'un nouveau départ dans nos efforts pour préserver et renforcer l'unité européenne. Ou bien préférons-nous nous apercevoir de ce que nous avons une fois qu'il sera trop tard ?

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Impeachment Trial of The Associate Justice Of The Supreme Court of Liberia

That there is a Liberian Pandora Box (an ancient Greek Mythology) or a social-cultural and political Can of worms which, when opened, will shock all law-abiding, morally-attuned Liberians to their roots and render Liberia's name and image damaged irreparably at the international community of the comity of nations. This was the apparent prediction from the outburst of Cllr. Jerome Korkoya, the illegal Chairman of Liberia's National Elections Commission (NEC).

The Counselor-at-Law was appointed Chairman of the NEC by former President Sirleaf although she knew, very well, that the Counselor was, and is, not qualified under law, for the position. Brought before the Supreme Court on charges of being citizen of a foreign country, a statutory & Constitutional Law on Elections, Cllr. Korkoya, who did not admit nor deny the charges, told the High Court that "those making the claim (charges against him) are opening a Pandora Box . . . why come after me . . . take the issue up with the Executive government (represented by the President) that appointed me (Front Page Africa, June 20, 2017)".

Indeed, the Impeachment trial of His Honor Kabineh M. Ja'Neh, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia will, in fact, open Liberia's Pandora Box of the Judiciary Branch of (the-now monopolized) international Vice-graft/greed or Corruption of confidence artists, liars, thieves, bandits, public dishonesty, moral decadence, etc. - if handled properly, carefully and lawfully.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is head of the Judiciary branch of government with the Supreme Court dominated by lawyers - judges of all lower courts, prosecuting/defense lawyers (powerful counselors and attorneys-at-law) and the Ministry of State for Justice as members of the Liberia National Bar Association, the Police and Security Forces for law enforcement.

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Indeed, the Judiciary is the only and major fulcrum for interpretation, decision and punishment for law violations, and the investigation and enforcement, for defense, protection and preservation of law for Liberia's democracy.

The October 10, 2017 Electoral Campaign

We were deeply-concerned and troubled by the quality of some candidates-for-President of our nation before and come October 10, 2017 general elections, qualities such as crooks, liars, thieves, dishonesty, profound moral decadence, war-mongers/warlords, rebels, corrupt practices and above all, dual citizens, disloyalty and lack of patriotism to the Republic, particularly, the practice of law, of poli-tricks, selective obedience-disobedience to law and the entire spectrum of the Judicial Process in our country, in the following pages.

Law and Lawyers

Lawyers, historically, are academics and intellectuals - the men and women of letters, of knowledge and in the law. Lawyers of Supreme or Constitutional courts interpret bodies of law - rules, regulations of Constitutions that guide, protect and secure human activities and vital interest of society. Law is an honorable vocation, a profession treated with high degree of respect and honor. European and other old world countries trained and awarded the post-graduate, terminal degrees of JD or juris doctor.

Liberian Law Practice

But in Liberia, Law Practice has been reduced, degenerated to tricks, lies, deceit, double-cross, conflicts of interest and get-rich-quick schemes of rampant dishonesty and corrupt practices since founding in 1847, by some lawyers. Lawyers of this tradition polluted, continue to pollute professional practice and the democratic, political and economic processes, the foundation of Liberia's social, cultural life and moral behavior. They were, and are prominent, and notable

lawyers who served as government attorneys, but were, and are, simultaneously, legal counsels to giant corporations doing business with government - cases of conflict of interests.

But there had been, and are, also, some prominent, notable lawyers who served as government attorneys only, honorably with dedication, professionalism, honesty and patriotism.

However, today in 2017, more than a century and half, significant number of Liberian lawyers promote and continue the Liberian "tradition" of legal practice of "politically-connected lawyers" who sell political influence rather than legal knowledge and counsel.

Cases in point have been and are the block-busting, on-going historic trials of prominent attorneys and counselors of government for allegedly demanding and accepting millions of US dollars in bribes to amend/repeal, illegally, Liberian law that is in force and effect, in favor of the Sable Mining Company, a bribery-prone, multi-national, foreign-owned corporation. This scheme was exposed by Global Witness, an international watchdog organization.

Most of the indicted defendants are, of course, "politically-connected lawyers". The central figure who, allegedly, dished out the bribes as legal counsel to the Sable Mining Company was the Chairman of the ruling political party and confidante of the nation's President who, also, is Flag Bearer of the same political party. It is alleged that this lawyer-chairman "secured" a contribution of US 200k, illegally, to the ruling part from his foreign client. He is now Liberian senator.

Some Lawyers had been, and are, legal counsels to and in collusion with foreign-owned banks, insurance companies with questionable bail-bond services, and major corporations such as five-star hotels and the only two cellphone companies in cases concerned, mainly, with taxable incomes and questionable payments.

Lawyers are legal counsels to illegal encroachers on private land nationwide including the long-standing Cooper Beach Estate Case already decided by the nation's Supreme Court. The illegal encroachers depend on "politically-connected lawyers", some of which are court judges, to evade eviction. This issue is potential for deadly violence.

Moreover, Lawyers are mainly responsible for thousands being held in detention for long periods without speedy trial because of unreasonable postponements and baffling. No wonder that an overwhelming majority of the nation's population, refer to lawyers as "liars, crooks, deceits and money 'eaters from both sides' of the parties-litigant".

Lawyers, Lawmakers as Major "Lawbreakers"

Liberian Lawyers and Lawmakers craft, debate and pass the laws that guide and direct the activities to protect society, but with loop-holes consciously intended for selective obedience-disobedience to law. They (Lawyers and Lawmakers) actively disregard, ignore, dishonor and disobey the laws that they crafted into law. Some Examples:

a) The on-going, celebrated case of demand and acceptance of bribery in disobedience to the law against bribery, exposed by Global Witness;

b) Recent Press-Media exposure of the Upper House of the National Legislature, the Senate, ignored, disregarded and flagrantly violated the Public Procurement & Concession Commission (PPCC) Act by purchasing 30 vehicles, one for each of the 30 senators, at total cost of more than one million US dollars without public bidding and the involvement of the PPCC as

required by law. It is important to note that the Senate is the Legal arm of the Legislature, while the House of Representatives is the Political arm. Selection of the vender-contractor was "sole-sourced" for apparent kickbacks, a crime against law.

According to the New Democrat (New Democrat, December 18, 2013) "the Supreme Court (of the nation), determined to create public (national & international) confidence in the Judicial System . . . appointed several prominent members of . . . civil society organizations to two of its (Judiciary) bodies to help raid the Judiciary of acts of impropriety of judges and lawyers".

But, the Liberia National Bar Association balked and rejected the reform action.

Theophilus Gould, Counselor-at-Law & President of the Liberia National Bar Association said that ". . . matters involving lawyers was normally legal. With negative perceptions being harbored against lawyers by the public . . . involving non-lawyers on the committees of the Supreme Court would tarnish the reputation of lawyers. Already there is a public conception with respect to what they (non-lawyers) think a lawyer is . . ."

It is precisely because the average Liberian, an overwhelming majority of the nation's population "harbor negative perception against lawyers" that the Supreme Court proposal was introduced. Therefore, any reasonable person, particularly, the Lawyer, would welcome and accept the reform action in the effort to educate the non-lawyer and to eradicate his (non-lawyer's) negative thinking of what "a lawyer is". But, unfortunately, for reasons known only to the Bar Association of lawyers, apparently, only for reasons not favorable but inimical to the "public", the Bar Association of lawyers rejected the reform proposal.

For, it is only the Lawyers and the Judicial Process that bear responsibility for the reform action proposed to be implemented (hopefully) by the Honorable, Supreme Court. For example, the public believes that and, in fact, the lawyers are the major cause for delays, delays and delays of persons accused held in detention for months and years without speedy trial.

Recent case in point was that several prisoners broke out of jail and took to the bush in Voinjama, Lofa County because they have been held in jail without trial, adequate food, etc. for years, according to press reports. Contacted, the Superintendent of the County said that he was awaiting reports from the County Attorney, a lawyer.

No doubt, the lawyers of the Bar Association are aware of the historical fight or confrontation/competition for prosecutorial "turf" between lawyers of the same Executive branch of government - LAAC and the Ministry of Justice - with profound, negative impact on non-lawyers accused and held in detention for years, here in Monrovia, and no doubt, also, that the lawyers of the Bar Association are aware of the adage that "justice delayed is justice denied".

Land Disputes throughout Liberia

Then there is this Big One. There are confusions, conflicts and disputes by and between farmers, individuals, Communities (of their traditional Community Land Rights), Counties and Civil war powerful-Encroachers, Nationwide. The case of the Cooper Beach Landowners and illegal encroachers/squatters is typical example right here in the nation's capital suburb of Paynesville.

Encroacher/squatters invaded and built on land that they do own simply because they depend on lawyers, their apparent business partners and members of their ethnicity, who are, apparently, "politically-connected lawyers" some of which are court judges who baffle, delay and obtained continuance for years to the point that rightful owners are tired out with court expense, allowing the illegal encroachers/squatters to evade eviction.

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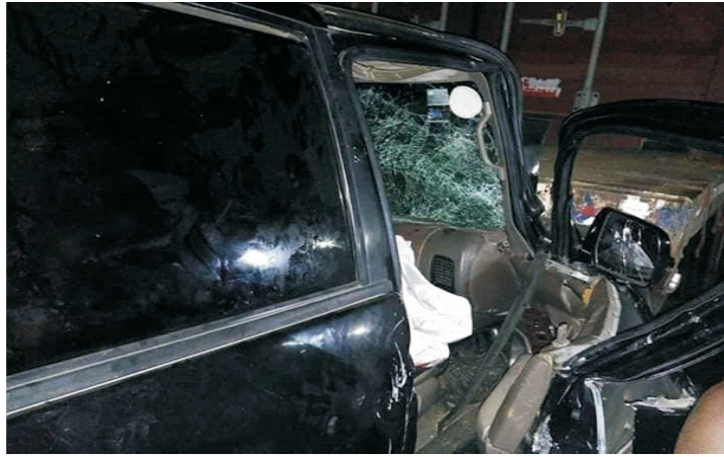
# Tears after joy

By Winston W. Parley

Tears roll as sorrow struck the hearts of many when the tragic death news of Montserrado County District #15 Rep. Adolph Lawrence hit family members and friends just hours following his centenary birthday celebration in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County. Rep. Lawrence died in a fatal car crash on Monday morning along the Roberts International Airport Highway along with a female student leader Gwendolyn Wilson. Other occupants in the car remain in critical conditions. The late Rep. Lawrence's wife Senator Nyonblee Kangar Lawrence had hours earlier posted a video which shows the celebrations of her husband's 50th anniversary with and a family reunion hours before his fatal car crash. News of Rep. Lawrence's sudden death came early Monday morning, 25 March, just a little over a week after the burial of the late Montserrado County Sen. Geraldine Doe - Sheriff which was on Saturday, 16 March. The death of Rep. Lawrence



Late Rep. Lawrence with wife Sen. Nyonblee Kangar Lawrence



now puts Liberia in a situation to further conduct two by elections in Montserrado County alone this year. This follows two previous by elections held in 2018 in Montserrado to fill vacancies created following President George MannehWeah's election and the subsequent election to the Liberian Senate of sitting representative Saah Joseph who replaced President Weah at the Senate.

After celebrating his 50th birth anniversary on Sunday, 24 March in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, reports say Rep. Lawrence was returning to Monrovia when his jeep, crashed into a failing truck on Tower Hill along RIA Highway, Margibi County. The operator of the truck which Rep. Lawrence's jeep collided with is said to be on the run. Efforts to establish contacts

with the police for more details did not succeed Monday, but a local radio station reported that Police Spokesman Moses Carter had indicated that police are investigating the incident. Just before his sudden death, Rep. Lawrence's request was granted by the House of Representatives last week to invite Justice Minister Cllr. Frank Musa Dean and Police Inspector General Col. Patrick Sudue to give report on the mysterious death of Central


Bank of Liberia (CBL) official Matthew Innis in an alleged hit and run incident. Based on Rep. Lawrence's request, the officials were ordered to appear before the House with all documents required this week. Rep. Lawrence had indicated to the House that family members of the late Innis were contesting report that their relative died of a hit and run accident with an unknown vehicle. Innis was serving as Deputy Director for Micro Finance at CBL in the Regulation and Supervision Department. Rep. Lawrence said the family was raising contentions that the alleged hit and run incident that reportedly killed their relative Innis occurred just after the release of two damaging reports surrounding the printing and importation of billions of Liberian Dollars into the country and a controversial US\$25 million dollars intended to mop - up excess Liberian Dollars by a Technical Economic Management Team (TEMT) and the CBL. The death of Mr. Innis was reported on 3 March, with claims that he was hit by a vehicle at about 2AM. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah

## Prosecutors threaten to abandon courts


Prosecutors here have warned that they will not hesitate to abandon the courts across Liberia if authorities do not investigate the flogging and detention of Bomi County Attorney Cllr. Juma P. Karnley on Judge William Sando's alleged order. The National Association of Prosecutors of Liberia (NAPL) President Cllr. Jerry D.K. Garlawolu issued a statement following report that Judge Sando ordered Cllr. Karnley flogged, handcuffed and incarcerated on Tuesday, 19 March in Tubmanburg. The NAPL warns that if Judge Williams' alleged action is left unchecked, it could serve as precedence for other judicial authorities to intimidate, humiliate and subjugate prosecutors elsewhere in the country. The group calls on the Supreme Court of Liberia and

the Minister of Justice Cllr. Frank Musa Dean to investigate the circumstances that led to the humiliation and incarceration of Cllr. Karnley. The State lawyers lament that Judge Williams' alleged action "can be equated to misuse and abuse of his authority as a judge." The prosecutors here are particularly concerned that a writ of contempt was issued on Cllr. Karnley without hearing and at the same time condemning him (Cllr. Karnley) to prison. "This action on the part of Judge Sando, is an abrogation of the doctrine of due process," the statement says. It continues that "the unprofessional and unethical conduct of Judge Sando is totally contrary to the dictates of the Code of Moral and Professional Ethics of lawyers in Liberia." The NAPL strongly demands an investigation of Judge Williams' alleged action, urging further that the judge is reprimanded in conformity with the Judicial Canons for the governance of the conduct of judges here. NAPL however urges its members to continue to render to the courts of the land the due respect and courtesy required of lawyers as prescribed by the Code of Moral and Professional Ethics of lawyers in Liberia in the wake of the Judge Sando saga. --Press release

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**Addendum #1**

To

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**

For

**Supply and Delivery of Three (3) Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) for Liberia Electricity Regulatory Commission (LERC)**

**Background and Context**

The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") and the Government of Liberia (the "Government" or "GoL") have entered a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Liberia (the "Compact") in the amount of approximately 256,726,000 USD ("MCC Funding"). The Government, acting through Millennium Challenge Account - Liberia (the "MCA Entity"), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this RFQ is issued.

MCA-Liberia now invites Quotations from legally constituted suppliers to provide the required goods. More details may be found in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) which is available free of charge at the email address below. This RFQ is open to all eligible suppliers who wish to submit their quotations.

This RFQ is for:

**Supply and Delivery of Three (3) Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) for Liberia Electricity Regulatory Commission (LERC)**

**How to Participate in the Process:**

Interested manufacturers/suppliers should send an email to [MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com](mailto:MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com) requesting a copy of the complete RFQ with Specifications, which is free of charge.

Important activities and dates:

No.	Activity	Dates
1	Release of RFQ	March 22, 2019
2	Deadline for Submission	March 28, 2019 by 3:00 pm

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# Mourinho: Zidane is the right man for the Real Madrid job



The Portuguese was linked with a return to the Bernabeu, but has now insisted that the Frenchman deserved the managerial position.

Jose Mourinho has said that he believes Zinedine Zidane is the right man for the Real Madrid managerial position.

Zidane was re-appointed as Madrid's head coach earlier this month, just 10 months after he had resigned from the

same position.

The Frenchman replaced Santiago Solari, who himself had replaced Julen Lopetegui earlier in the 2018-19 campaign.

After Solari's dismissal, many tipped Mourinho to return to the Santiago Bernabeu after he had been sacked as Manchester United boss in December.

Mourinho was Madrid's manager from 2010 to 2013,

but the Blancos instead opted to bring back three-time Champions League winner Zidane. And Mourinho himself has now said that the Blancos made the right call, adding that the Frenchman is just getting started in his managerial career despite what he has already achieved.

"I do not think we can talk about a career for him yet," Mourinho said of Zidane on Canal Plus.

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## Cardiff to claim Sala transfer 'null and void': report

Cardiff are set to tell FIFA that the £15 million (\$19.8m, 23m euros) deal they agreed to pay Nantes for Emiliano Sala became "null and void" after he died in a plane crash, a report said on Monday. The 28-year-old Argentine forward was killed when the small plane carrying him came down in the Channel on January 21, two days after he completed his transfer



from the French Ligue 1 side. The Daily Telegraph said Sala signed a contract with Cardiff that was rejected by the Premier League and died before a revised one could be signed, adding that there is a dispute about whether he had

agreed to sign a new deal. According to the report, a source close to Cardiff said the agreement stipulated that Welsh and French football authorities had to confirm to both clubs that Sala "has been registered as a Cardiff City FC player and that the player's International Transfer Certificate has been released".

## Who is Cllr. Kuku Y. Dorbor?



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