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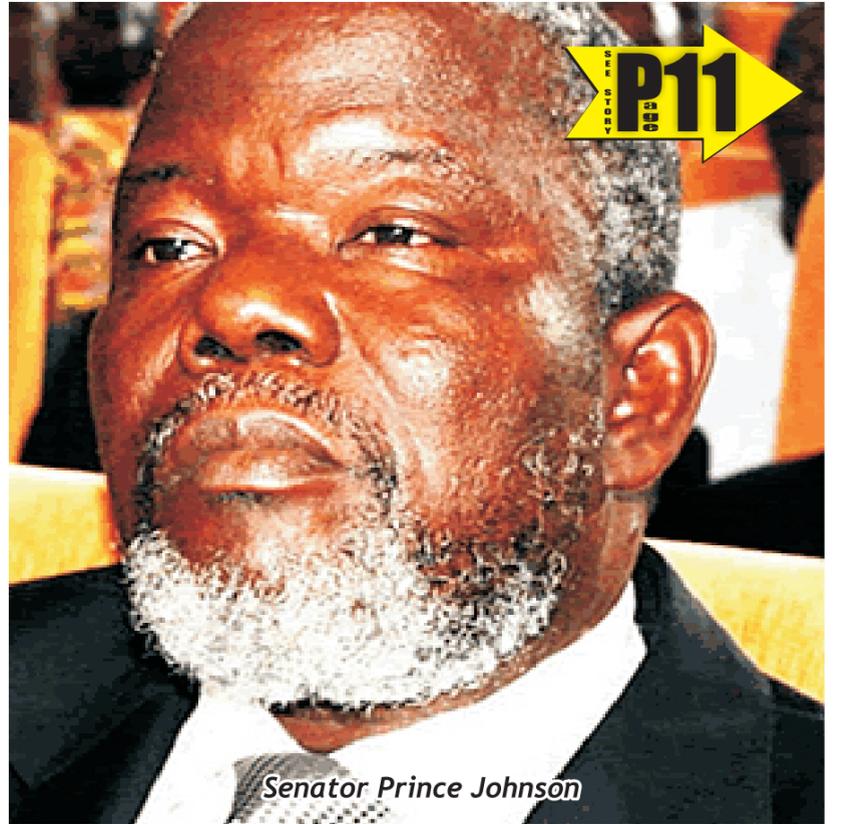
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Drought-hit Namibia 'faces natural disaster'

Namibia is facing a "natural disaster" because of poor rains, President Hage Geingob says.

He has declared a state of emergency - the second in three years - over the situation, mobilising all government agencies to respond to the drought. The lack of rain has already left 500,000 people - one in five Namibians - without access to enough food, the government says.

The sparsely-populated country has seen a succession of droughts since 2013.

The government had set aside \$40m (£30m) to buy food and water tanks, and to transport livestock to and from grazing areas. Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila has appealed for international help.

"We... call on all Namibians and development partners to assist in any way possible, so that we provide

to our people who are affected, as well as the livestock," she said in the national assembly.

At least 60,000 domestic animals have died in the past six months.

Those affected are facing

severe food shortages following the prolonged drought, the prime ministers's office, which is coordinating the response, has said. President Geingob blamed a poor rainy season, which is usually comes

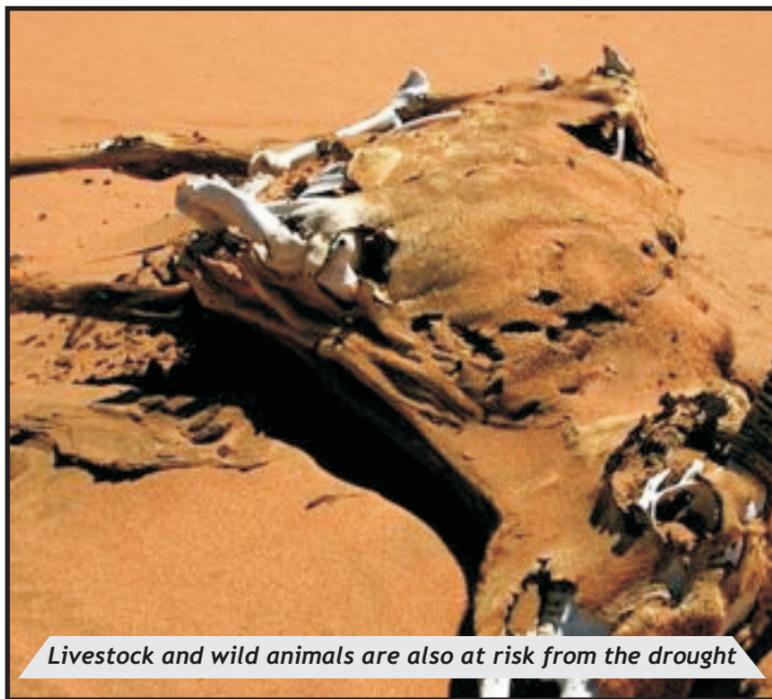
between January and March, for being behind the problem.

Rivers have dried up in the north of the country, and people are depending on food and water relief from the government, journalist Tuyeimo Haidula told the BBC.

Livestock have been worst affected by the drought, she said. Information and Communication Minister,

Stanley Simataa, has asked farmers to reduce livestock to reasonable numbers that they can build when the situation changes, national broadcaster NBC reports.

The vast mineral-rich southern African nation imports around 70% of its food from neighbouring South Africa. Its expansive arid geography makes it difficult to grow crops for subsistence use. BBC



Livestock and wild animals are also at risk from the drought

Mugabe dairy firm sings the blues

ALPHA Omega Dairy, a company owned by former President Robert Mugabe is singing the blues with operations at below capacity and low uptake of its products in the market. The former Zanu PF strongman was pushed out by the military and his party to resign from the presidency in 2017 after 37 years in power. The company's southern region sales executive Cassim Asani told

NewsDay that the uptake of their products in supermarkets was very low. "Business for the first quarter of this year was not as it was last year. On our side, we are pushing as a company because we want to be viable, we are producing the products but the rate of uptake in supermarkets is very low because the majority of the people do not have enough buying power," Asani said.

"So from our market

research and market intelligence, we have discovered that people want to buy products but they are not buying or buying limited quantities". Asani said schools which used to be their top customers for dairy products like yoghurt and ice creams had altered their diets because of the economic hardships. During Mugabe's time in power, the company was touted as a model of success of the land reform programme Zimbabwe embarked on at the turn of the millennium.

Asani said the company's operations were being hindered by foreign currency shortages.

"...when we want to import ingredients and spare parts, forex is not yet readily available. So this is our biggest challenge and as a result, we are limited in our operations because of that. Sometimes, we end up having to raise prices to keep us viable like everybody else."

"We hope authorities are working on that (availing forex) so that our economy returns to its green days. We

DR Congo arrests US tourist kidnappers

KAMPALA. Two men suspected to have taken part in the kidnap of a US tourist and her guide in Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda are to be extradited after they were arrested in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Alex Byamukama and Memory Derrick were arrested in Goma Town in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo last week.

Police spokesperson Fred Enanga yesterday said the process of extraditing the two suspects is ongoing.

"They were arrested by DRC security agencies after coordination with Uganda security forces. Our police team is working with the DRC security agencies to extradite them to face charges," Mr Enanga said.

Police allege that the duo collaborated with Onesmus Byaruhanga, who was arrested and currently on remand, to kidnap Ms Kimberly Sue and her tour guide Jean Paul Mirenge.

Ms Sue and Mirenge were kidnapped while on an evening game drive on Edward track between Katoke gate and Wilderness Camp in Kanungu District last month. The suspects demanded Shs1.8b in ransom, but were only paid Shs112m. Kidnaps and robberies on Uganda-DRC

border are high but the police say most of them are by Ugandans working with Congolese militias.

Background

In 2013, the suspects were arrested for kidnap and robbery, but it was only Byaruhanga, who was convicted and jailed. Byamukama and Derrick skipped bond and arrest warrants were issued against them, Mr Fred Enanga, the police spokesperson, said.

He said they are first tracking the old cases to charge the suspects as soon as they are extradited.

Police have so far charged six other people for the kidnap of the US tourist and her guide.

The six are Yoweri Mugabo, Hakim Tumwebaze, Denis Kyalisima, Adam Immaniraguha, James Hatangimana and Joram Akankwasa. However, police's efforts to recover the guns the suspects are using has not yet yielded results.

Police allege that they participated in another kidnap for ransom against Robert Mugabe on August 3, 2018 in Queen Elizabeth National Park. They released Mugabe after paying unspecified amount of ransom.

Detectives also added aggravated robbery charges against the seven suspects including Byaruhanga. BBC



Zimbabwe's ex-President Robert Mugabe

haven't laid down any staff. Our capacity utilisation is not bad. For now we are at 58%, we have not been running juices due to packaging material challenges but we have managed to secure something. We are now running juices and we expect our capacity utilisation to go up," he said.

"We are a company that

runs professionally and we are an equal opportunity competitor in the market. We face the same challenges like other companies face." Last May, State-owned media reported that the company was facing eviction from its rented Harare offices over \$29 134,22 arrears. NewsDay

EDITORIAL

The warning from America

THE UNITED STATES warns against inciting “unlawful acts through ill-considered rhetoric that could jeopardize Liberia’s hard-won peace and security.”

THE EMBASSY OF the United States near Monrovia says it is concerned by recent comments made in various fora which could impede Liberia’s progress, and that those who promote through their words or deeds a Congo-Country divide do not have Liberia’s best interests or that of their constituents at heart, but rather appear motivated by personal ambitions or fears.

A STATEMENT FROM the embassy specifically stresses that it is unacceptable for Senator Prince Y. Johnson, Representative Yekeh Kolubah, ‘ex-generals’ or other former actors from Liberia’s civil wars to engage in such acts, noting that it is equally irresponsible for people within leadership positions in government or the ruling Coalition to promote such division as Deputy Information Minister Eugene Fahngon has done on social media.

IN OTHER WORDS, the United States admonishes Liberians, particularly government officials, to turn down the hate messages, and instead, promote peace, national reconciliation and unity.

SENATE EX-PRESIDENT pro-tempore Cletus Wotorson, recently urged Liberians on all sides of the divide to calm down the tension in the country, and get to work.

BUT THE GOVERNMENT appears to be mesmerized by the words of war being led by its officials, who should rather, be focused on conducting the matters of state instead of responding to every sound coming from the public.

SENATOR PRINCE JOHNSON claims ownership of his native Nimba County and therefore, threatens opposition parties to not step in the county without getting his approval yet, he professes to subscribe to tenets of democracy that allow pluralism and opposing views.

SUSPENDED DEPUTY MINISTER Fahngon is fond of spewing hate and divisive comments on social media, but believes somewhere in his brain those are his private views. Even if his views were private, for God’s sake, can’t he be civil in the public space? Who told him that the social media is a private space?

OUR OFFICIALS HAVE stood so low that it now takes outsiders and foreign partners to chastise them for their utterances in public. Are they obsessed with the offices they occupied or power drunk?

AS THE U.S. EMBASSY statement notes, Minister Fahngon and his likes should take cognizant that to “take such a public stance and suggest it is a private opinion or a personal right reflects a misunderstanding of the nature of public service in a democracy.”

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COMMENTARY

By Elizabeth Drew

Trump Is Now Above the Law

Since the release of the Mueller report, it has become increasingly clear that US Attorney General William Barr and congressional Republicans will do whatever it takes to protect President Donald Trump from legal or political accountability. If there is one safe prediction about what comes next, it is that it will be very ugly.

WASHINGTON, DC - Things have gotten ugly in Washington, DC, since the release last month of special counsel Robert Mueller’s report on Russian interference in the 2016 US presidential election, and they’re about to get uglier. It’s now clear that the United States has an attorney general who believes his job is to protect the president, facts be damned. During his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week, William Barr, the country’s top law-enforcement official, obfuscated and lied with contempt and abandon.¹

Barr’s self-designation as President Donald Trump’s defense attorney and fixer came as no surprise to those who recall how, as attorney general in President George H.W. Bush’s administration, he helped to cover up the Iran-Contra scandal of the late 1980s. He auditioned for his second stint in the post by writing an unsolicited 19-page memo arguing that, by definition, a president cannot obstruct justice, and that Mueller’s investigation of that issue was thus “fatally misconceived.” It is his preposterous position that a president can block an investigation of himself if he believes it’s unfair.

In Barr, Trump finally has his Roy Cohn, the infamous New York attorney who got Trump out of various legal scrapes. Trump was furious that his first attorney general, Jeff Sessions, recused himself from the Russia investigation, and eventually fired him. Despite providing ten examples of likely obstruction, Mueller observed a questionable Department of Justice guideline against indicting sitting presidents, abstained from deciding whether Trump should be charged, and called on Congress to decide. But Barr stepped in to declare Trump’s innocence, first in a March 24 letter to Congress ostensibly summarizing Mueller’s conclusions, and again in a bizarre press conference 90 minutes before he released a redacted version of the report. In his Senate testimony, he claimed not to understand why Mueller declined to decide about obstruction charges. By the time Barr testified, his March 24 letter had been discredited.

The day before Barr’s Senate testimony, The Washington Post disclosed that Mueller had written to Barr to object that his letter “did not fully capture the context, nature, and conclusions” of the report. Mueller urged Barr to release Mueller’s own summaries of the two volumes of the report. By writing his own and waiting to disclose the report, Barr gained time to spin a false narrative about its findings - “total exoneration,” as Trump put it. Though Mueller would not recommend charging Trump, his report said explicitly that it wasn’t exonerating him. More than 450 former federal prosecutors have since signed an open letter stating that, but for the Justice Department guideline, Trump would have been charged with obstruction.

After overseeing a two-year investigation with no leaks at all, Mueller’s “going to paper,” as it’s called in government circles, was extraordinary. It is understood that the writer intends such communications to become public. In his Senate testimony, an obviously annoyed Barr dismissed Mueller’s letter as “snitty,” and said that it was “probably written by one of his staff people.”

More significantly, after Barr had received Mueller’s letter, he testified to the House Appropriations Committee that he didn’t know how Mueller felt about his own March 24 letter. Now that Committee members knew Barr had already received Mueller’s letter, they called on him to resign. Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic Speaker of the House, accused Barr of lying to Congress, noting that this is “a crime.”

Barr disgraced himself in his Senate testimony and

emerged badly bruised. Not surprisingly, he refused even to show up for a scheduled House Judiciary Committee hearing the next day. (Ostensibly, he objected to the committee’s plan to have staff counsel ask questions - a routine matter.)²

The question now is whether House Democrats will launch impeachment proceedings against Trump. So far, Pelosi has resisted this, fearing a partisan brawl that would rally the Republican base to support Trump all the more fervently. And, because the Republican-controlled Senate is unlikely to provide the two-thirds vote needed to convict Trump and remove him from office, she believes that Democrats should devote their energy to defeating him in the 2020 election. And a Democratic victory had to be decisive, she said recently, or Trump might challenge the result and even refuse to leave office - a prospect that has gained currency in Washington. 1

The failure of Congress to fulfill its constitutional duty and hold a president accountable between elections could set a dangerous precedent and encourage even more authoritarian behavior from Trump. Even if Senate Republicans continued to protect Trump (privately, most believe him to be dangerous), House Democrats could still make clear that the president’s behavior was unacceptable.

Pelosi has insisted that, “We’re not there yet.” Both she and Trump appear to be stalling for time - at some point, it will be too close to the 2020 election to launch an impeachment process. But events may force Pelosi’s hand. Trump is now trying to shield himself against further inquiries, not just into the Russia matter but also into his business practices (he’s the first president in decades not to disclose his tax returns), and whether his private dealings affected his foreign policy. “It’s done,” he proclaimed, portraying the Democrats as obsessed with investigating him rather than getting on with issues that interest the public - a charge many Democrats fear. Trump now opposes allowing current and even former officials to testify, and his administration is ignoring congressional subpoenas. And, well acquainted with the power of television, he reversed himself and opposes a congressional appearance by Mueller. Similar behavior served as the basis of one of the three articles of impeachment brought against President Richard Nixon.

Meanwhile, Trump is leaving the door open for Russia to come to his aid again in 2020. The White House and congressional Republican leaders have been blocking a bill to secure US elections against foreign attacks. And administration officials have been instructed not to raise the issue of Russian interference with the president, lest it cast a shadow on his legitimacy.

The next phase in this affair is already coming into focus. Barr, with the help of Trump’s golfing buddy Lindsey Graham, the Republican chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is now enlisted in peddling the president’s fantasy that the Mueller investigation was a “witch hunt” orchestrated by “deep-state” supporters of Hillary Clinton. Once again, current and former FBI agents will be targeted, either because they expressed criticism of Trump or because they opened a national security investigation into a hostile power’s meddling in the US presidential election (which continued in the 2018 midterms). FBI director Christopher Wray, commenting on the Mueller report, said that the Russians are “upping their game” for 2020.

With the attorney general’s office corrupted and a complacent Republican Party, a vengeful Trump is set on placing himself above the law. The next round of bloodletting is coming, and innocent people are going to get hurt.



Lord, is it the tale of the Coward of the County or just the Gambler?

Dear Father,

You know the other day I just sat by myself and suddenly let out this bright smile as I shook my head in amusement-events at the Traditional Council the previous day had taken over me and I couldn't help it. Only two themes could run in my head: Kenneth Roger's Coward of the County and The Gambler.

Hmmm, my son what that old Uncle Sam's son who na die long time ago has to do with something that happens at the Traditional Council the other day?

Father, first let me just tell you briefly what they say happened at the Upper End of the Traditional Council on that day. They say, and that our village town criers I quoting here so oo. They say the Country Giant had been invited by the Chiefs at the Traditional Council to ask him plenty things, among them was that he withdraw one paper that he sent requesting them to cancel the oracle that protect some people to enable them work for certain years without being sack for nothing and to ask him to also look among people who are not from his camp to bring them into his Kitchen Cabinet since some of those current people he has don't know their lefts from rights-my name oo, am quoting the town criers here please.

But funny enough, the Chiefs underestimated the Country Giant's response: They say the Country Giant said "but if I sent you people paper that na correct, your duty is just to send it back to me"-that is reject it. "And if I sent people for confirmation, if they are not qualify, reject them."

They said the Country Giant also said but to be asking me now to withdraw the paper and be sacking people here and there is not correct like that, you should be able to do your jobs! Wow! It waste! It scatters!

Now, Father, I know what you want to say. You want to ask me how this relates to Uncle Sam's son song.

Now Father, in Uncle Sam's son song, his character is considered the Coward of the County. I mean somebody who has never stood one single time to prove the county wrong. Though he has a name given to him by his mother, but the entire county gave him a certain name because of their belief of him.

But they woke the man in him after they rapped his wife. This time it was not just him but his wife and his reputation was on the line as well. So when he walked into a bar room where all the rapists were, everybody began to call him the name they had been calling him years ago. When he turned around they thought he was walking away like before, not knowing he was going to lack the bar room door so that none could escape his wrath and before he left the room all the people in there were lying on the ground floor and before he struck the last man, he said this is for "Becky".

You see, when people have known you in a certain way for so long, they tend to ride on you. That is the problem of our village and the chiefs are really part of that problem, because of their individual favors or friendship with the Country Giant or for what they take him for.

It's like they resolved amongst themselves to grant him whatsoever he wants-like a mother and her cry baby or babies and little do they know they are all driving him down the dish. And because of the name they have given him too "the Country Giant," he always want to sync with them. But with all the troubles going on, he now knows that his head is on the ground and all he had to do was to teach the Chiefs lesson to let them know in parts that they are the ones ruining the village-because they failed to do their damn jobs.

Can you imagine this Father, the Country Giant standing up to tell the Chiefs why call me here to ask me to withdraw a piece of paper when you have the power to reject it and send it back to me but refuse and acted because of the name you have given me?

Now, why the Gambler?

It appears that the chiefs have played this double standards for so long that they don't know when to hold on and when to quit. In other words it's like eating your cake and wanting to have it at the same time. It also appears to me that the Country Giant too just learning how to play the game after sitting at the table for nearly 16 months.

So let me leave with an excerpts of The Gambler: "If you're gonna play the game, boy, you gotta learn to play it right. You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, and know when to run."

You never count your money, when you're sittin' at the table. There'll be time enough for countin' when the dealing's done. Every gambler knows that the secret to survivin' is knowin' what to throw away and knowin' what to keep. 'Cause every hand's a winner,

And every hand's a loser, and the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep."

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7 May 2019

The Government of Liberia through the Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA), has allocated a portion of its Corporate Budget funding for its Marine Sensitivity Survey. The Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) now wishes to invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of the Marine Sensitivity Survey of Liberia

Interested firms that are fully qualified and capacitated to perform this service are required to obtain Bid Documents at no cost from the Procurement Section of the Liberia Maritime Authority 20th Street office between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00p.m., Wednesday, 8th May to Friday, 7th June 2019.

All qualified bidders should have a Current Business Registration, Current Tax Clearance, Business Profile and a list of previous clients, and a permit to operate from the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia. Discount will be an added advantage.

Final submission date is 1:30p.m. on Monday, 10th June 2019, to be followed by the bid opening ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on the same date.

All interested entities should submit a sealed bid to the Procurement Section of the Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA), 20th Street, Sinkor.

Signed: _____
PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Handicap woman appeals for son's release

By Emmanuel Mondaye

A 42-year-old handicap woman residing in the 72nd Community of Paynesville, Montserrado County Madam Sarah Obey is appealing to the Paynesville Magisterial Court to release her 16 years old son Blama Obey from detention.

According to Madam Obey, her son Blama got detained at the Monrovia Central

Prison after he allegedly helped to safe the life of victim Mohammed Donzo by tying the wound of the victim who had allegedly been stabbed by someone else.

She told reporters on 9 May in Paynesville that her son Blama was arrested, charged and jailed because he was on the scene of the incident on 5 May.

Madam Obey narrates that following her son's detention, she visited the home of victim Donzo, and she was allegedly informed by the victim that it was not her son that stabbed him (Donzo).

She narrates that the victim allegedly indicated to her that he was instead stabbed by a different boy.

She explains how that victim allegedly recalled that when the

incident happened, it was her son Donzo who ran to his (victim's) rescue by helping to tie the wound to save his life.

The unknown doer of the act allegedly fled the crime scene, according to Madam Obey.

She notes that after intensive security search, the person who allegedly stabbed victim Donzon has been arrested and detained at the Monrovia Central Prison Compound while her son also languishes behind bar.

Madam Obey laments that she lack the financial backing to hire lawyer to plead for her son, appealing to the relevant authorities to ensure that her son is released.

She says she has been advising her son to stop walking with bad friends, but he refused to listen to her.

She expresses hope that God will change Blama's life around so that he can stop associating himself with bad friends.

She says the father of her four children are without father. Our reporter has visited victim Donzo's home at Mamba Point to establish from him what was Blama's alleged involvement in the incident, but was told that the victim was not around.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

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FEATURE

FEATURE

The Nyanfore and Nimley family of GrandCess, Liberia: the story and history of an African family

The Nyanfore and Nimley family has just completed a website telling the story and history of the family. The research on the family genealogy started over 15 years ago by 4 members of the family in the US. According to their findings, the history of the family began with a woman called Dagbayonoh who migrated to Grandcess from Picnicess, a nearby village in Southeast Liberia. She was called Dagbayonoh, meaning "visiting woman" because she was a stranger or visitor in Grandcess.

It was prophesized by an oracle that Dagbayonoh, who could not give birth in her village, would bear two sons if she migrated to Grandcess and that one of them would become a king. In Grandcess, she married Jappah; and they born two sons, Nyanfore and Nimley. The children were named after the mother in accordance with the Kru culture; DagbayonohNyanfore and DagbayonohNimley, referring to them as children of the visiting woman.

Nyanfore became king of Grandcess from 1901-1908 during the respective administrations of President Garrietson Gibson and President Arthur Barclay. Before 1850, Grandcess was not a part of the Republic of Liberia and before 1917 the area was ruled by kings. "During his rule and before, the Liberian government denied the natives of the land citizenship of the Republic. Yet, the regime made them pay taxes. Taxation without representation was an issue in the country. The king fought against "Black colonialism" and Western cultural imperialism, accordingly. His stance on this issue, the advocacy of other natives, international criticism, and the economic condition forced the government by 1912 to extend citizenship to the native majority during President Arthur Barclay administration. He was a traditionalist and stood for a united Grandcess, but he was also controversial".

In 1854, Grandcess was an extension of Maryland State in Africa and "when Maryland joined Liberia in 1857, Grandcess followed suit". Nyanfore's younger brother Nimley became head of the military. He was a "dogbwo", warrior, and also a wealthy man. Nyanfore born 9 children, including Princess NyanforeBoryonoh, see photo, and Prince DagbayonohKiahNyanfore. Nimley born 11 children, including James Nimley and Doe Nimley. James, named Nimley Nah, settled in Sierra Leone but returned and was appointed superintend of Grandcess by President Tubman. Doe migrated to America where he born 6 children, their picture is also below. Unlike Nah, he did not return. Boryonoh born 16 children; her brother Kiah had 6.

As times went on, the given names, Nyanfore and Nimley, became the surnames of their respective children. Their descendants constitute the Nyanfore and Nimley family. The family is one of the largest families, or the largest family in Grandcess, said the late Old Man Michael Koffi Nah of the Grandcess Community in Monrovia. The family consists of the Wolos, the Passawes, the Does, Broplehs, and the Mentees and the MacClains of Picnicess, the birthplace of the matriarch, Dagbayonoh.

Further, the website discusses family history, tradition, journey,



Grandcess, and the Kru tribe. The site shows that the family extends to other countries, that Grandcess was a major trading center and a prosperous kingdom in West Africa, that the Kru taught Europeans how to navigate the sea, some served in the Royal Navy in WWII, and during the slave trade, fought and refused to become slaves. The Kru have traveled the world and have helped build communities. Grandcess is part of Grand Kru County.

"Grandcess was a leading commercial area, even until the early 1900s. Portuguese explorers named it Grandcess, meaning big Kenja or basket for carrying Malagetta pepper, which was dearly sought in Europe for food spicing. During the Middle Ages, Grandcess was considered "the largest city on the Grain Coast with a population of 12, 000" and was also called the "Kingdom of Malagetta", according to the site. The Portuguese also named "Picaninnycess", meaning small Kenja.

Grandcess has produced great leaders and individuals, including PlenyonoGbeWolo, the first African to graduate from Harvard University and Dr. ThorguesSie, an anthropologist and political advisor to DidwhoWellehTwe's 1951 presidential campaign. Sie was also the national chairman of the Reformation Party against the ruling True-Whip Party for the 51 Election.

The Kru have produced great personalities, such as

King Sokwalla, the 1530s, Prince Samuel Kaboo Morris, the 1870s, JuahNimely, DidwhoWellehTwe, Economist Dr. Togba-Nah Tipoteh, Teniwentito, Actress SayconSengbloh, Soccer Star Didier Drogba, and Liberian president George Manneh Weah.

Kaboo came to the United States in 1893 as a teenager and inspired the American community. He may be the first or one of the first Kru to freely travel and settle in the US during that period. Today the Taylor University, which he attended in Indiana, has a memorial in his honor.

The site ends with a brief discussion of Liberia, noting the history and contributions of traditional Liberians before 1822.

"One of the goals of the site is to encourage Liberians to know, document and tell the stories of their people, to be proud of their background and who they are. A person without history, culture, and knowledge of self is bound to be confused, lost, and to be controlled", says DagbayonohKiahNyanfore II, the surviving member of the original team of the Nyanfore and Nimley Genealogical Research Project. He added, "Another goal is to inform the young generation of the family of the family history so they can know and tell their children".

The website is more than a family story; it goes beyond the family and looks at Liberia in general, and it bases its discussions on serious research and documentation. The site is dedicated to the three members of the team who have departed to be with the ancestors. It has both Liberian and international music, contains pictures, video documentaries, and useful links.

You can view the website at www.nyanfore-nimley.org Visit. [web.facebook.com/nyanfore-nimley-family-1983425468632895](https://www.facebook.com/nyanfore-nimley-family-1983425468632895)



MORE HEADLINE NEWS MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Citizens mount pressure on government

By Emmanuel Mondaye

Destitute and frustrated Liberians are calling on authorities of the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) and the Ministries of Commerce and Transport to say something about the devastating trend of the economy, which has led to rapid price increase of basic commodities thus, exacerbating hardship among ordinary citizens.

Last year, the Government of Liberia through the CBL set the official exchange rate at 150LRD for US\$1.00, but the rate has climbed to 175LRD to US\$1.00, leading to a dramatic increase in prices of basic commodities across the country.

Speaking in separate interviews with the New Dawn in Paynesville City, Waterside and Duala markets respectively, officials of the

three market groups, including Used Clothes Dealers, Independent Wheelbarrow Association and Frozen Product Dealers, they lament that the continuous

silence of the heads of these government institutions gives room for the current economic mess the country finds itself in today.

Jefferson Quaygba, Mrs.



Decontee Mah-Manyan and Doris Cooper note that the Ministry of Transport earlier pronounced the price of a gallon of gasoline at LRD525 and a gallon fuel oil at LRD540, but these have automatically changed to LRD550 and LRD600, respectively.

They explain that these prices and exchange rates are much higher, depending on localities because those institutions responsible to stabilize the situation are playing blind eyes on the matter simply because it does not directly affect them.

They argue that instead of government being in control of the economic system, it is rather the business community

that directly controls the economy while the government sits and watches.

They warn the situation could get worse and hit crisis proportion, if the three institutions mentioned do not take appropriate steps now to stabilize the economy and thereby alleviate the suffering of ordinary Liberians.

As the situation stands, a dollar scratch card is now being sold for LRD250 and a 25kg bag of rice sold for LRD3, 350 respectively in some counties, including River Cess, Sinoe, Grand Kru, Nimba and Maryland, respectively at the detriment of ordinary citizens.

-Editing by Jonathan Browne

Weah extols Trump for extending DED

Amend tenure positions

-Women of Gbarpolu

By DamoNyanquoi, Voices of Gbarpolu, Gbarpolu County

As the debate for electoral reform continues across the country, some leading opinion women in Gbarpolu County, are calling for the reduction in the tenure of the legislative and presidential positions and believe if this is achieved could trigger a holistic development in Liberia.

Speaking to reporters, the Rural Women President of Gbarpolu County, Madam BenduJah averred, "We need to reduce the tenure of the president and representatives from six to four years while senators from nine to six years.

Madam Jah claims that experiences have shown that after elections, most elected officials pay less attention to electorates and become "bosses on their own because they have enough time to make up for the next election year".

Politicians are always fighting to remain in power until their biological children succeed them when they are old or retired, she claimed.

"They feel all is good for them and their children but no one else," she added.

She believed that if her suggestions are considered, Liberia would experience hasty development in the near future.

She is pleading with

lawmakers to work in the interest of their constituents and country to push this recommendation on electoral reform in any referendum in Liberia. The gender coordinator of Gbarpolu County, MusuMassaquoi is also supporting this reform. She said "the tenure for lawmakers is too long and makes them complacent in power. It makes them feel satisfy and forget about development."

It is better for the tenures of president and representatives be reduced to four years, Madam Massaquoi echoed.

"After four years another person can be elected or the same Representative can also be selected based on their good work".

Musu said if tenures of elected officials of Government are reduced, they will do all in their power to work for the people they represent.

Like Musu, most of the women of Gbarpolu County including Annie Davis, a teacher at Bopolu Bible Mission High School in Bopolu City are also supporting the alteration in the tenures of president and lawmakers in the country. The current tenure of the president as provided by Article 50 of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia allows the president to be elected and hold office for the term of six years. While Article 45 and 48 also provides that senators be elected for a term of nine years and representatives six years.

in the relationship between the two countries.

He said occasions such as the celebration of independence anniversaries always provide both governments the chance to renew and reaffirm the remarkable and historical friendship which has for so long existed between the governments and peoples of the two countries.

"In the intervening months since then, I have had the opportunity to visit your country, when I attended the 73rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York in September of last year," President Weah said further.

He added that during the visit which took him to other cities and states, as well as the West Point Military Academy, he was privileged to "have had informal personal interactions with your President, Donald J. Trump, the first on the sidelines of the General Assembly meetings, as well as at the World Peace Forum in Paris, France, in November 2018."

President Weah extended congratulations to President Donald J. Trump, and the Government and People of the United States of America on the observance of the 243rd Independence Anniversary of the United States of America.--

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Liberia's problems are spiritual

-Clergyman prophesizes

By Lewis S. Teh

Amid the growing economic and political tension in Liberia, which has led to a planned mass protest by citizens on 07 June, a Liberian clergyman says the country's problems are spiritual, not political as people may think.

The Director and Speaker of Emmanuel Love Ministry in the Borough of New Kru Town, Bushrod Island Donatus S. Nayensuabo says the current economic crisis that is causing serious hardship for Liberians is highly spiritual, saying, "The devil plans to destroy this nation, and the Lord Jesus said that the problems in the country is spiritual and not political."

According to him, on April 20th this year while praying, the Lord appeared to him and instructed him to deliver a

message to President George M. Weah that the President should instruct all of his officials, foreigners, and others within the borders of

Liberia to gather at different locations to hold a national fast and prayer to save the nation from the devil's plans of destruction come June 7th.

Mr. Nayensuabo walked in the offices of the New Dawn in Monrovia on Wednesday, 8 May



Director Donatus S. Nayensuabo, Emmanuel Love Ministry

and delivered his message, which he claims comes from the Lord Jesus Christ.

He says 2020 will be a year for Jesus Christ in Liberia, which is also a year of favor, grace, and mercy upon the nation and its people, noting, "That is when the Lord intends to shower his blessings on the country and its people, and we will be commemorating our twentieth anniversary of the redemption of the church."

He says next year will also mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the evil government and the wilderness experience, and raising of a new generation that the Lord will bless and make prosperous to come to Africa and the world at large to proclaim Him as the living God, including teaching the second coming of Jesus.

Director Nayensuabo

continues that it is for this reason God doesn't want Liberia to forfeit on the many blessings that are expected. "This is why the Lord has revealed to me that the President should follow the obedience of the King. If this nation will witness another development then he must abide by this mandate from God."

He notes that many voices are calling for protest due to the prevailing economic hardship in the country, but the problems of Liberia have nothing to do with politics; instead, the devil wants to destroy this nation and put Liberians in chaos, and as a clergyman, my mission is to put out the message and inform the citizens about God's revelation", he concludes.

Rep. Sloh wants Weah address crisis

By Bridgett Milton

Sinoe County District#2 Representative Jay Nagbe Sloh calls on President George M. Weah to quickly address the nation's economic crisis.

Rep. Sloh, who is a member of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change says in such a gloomy national situation, it is only the President who can speak out and give a clear picture of what is actually obtaining to reassure the nation on the way forward.

"Mr. President, as our leader, these are testing times for you personally, and for the country you lead; I sincerely believe that you are capable to give a sense of direction in times like these; so please do it", pleads the Sinoe County lawmaker, who crossed over from the former ruling Unity Party to President Weah's Coalition for Democratic

Change.

Asked what exactly he wants the President to address, he says President Weah should say whether all is well politically and economically, and if not, state his vision for getting things back on course.

Rep. Sloh specifically wants President Weah to address allegations of diversion of donor funds to areas not intended, and that he should also address the much talked about US\$25 million taken from the nation's reserves to mop up excess liquidity, including recommendations from the two bodies that investigated the \$16 billion saga.

Sloh notes that the President's prolonged silence in the wake of these crises can only complicate the situation and scare away potential investors and donors from the country. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

Weah hails Israel @ 71

President George Manneh Weah has sent a congratulatory message to the Government and people of the State of Israel on the occasion commemorating the 71st Independence Anniversary of that country.

According to a Foreign Ministry release issued 9 May, in his message to the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Weah, on behalf of the Government and people of Liberia, and in his own name, extended heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Government and people of the State of Israel as they commemorate this historic

event.

The release says President Weah prayed that as Israel celebrates this auspicious occasion, the bonds of friendship and cooperation subsisting between the two countries and peoples will be further strengthened for the betterment of the two governments and peoples.

President Weah then wished that the Almighty God will endow Prime Minister Netanyahu with abundant wisdom, strength and good health as he leads his people to sustained peace and prosperity.

Meanwhile, President George Manneh Weah has sent a congratulatory message to

the European Council on the occasion commemorating the 69th Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (the Europe Day) On May 9.

Europe Day is the name of two annual observance days, the 5th of May by the Council of Europe and the 9th of May by the European Union, which recognize the peace and prosperity within Europe that both have achieved since their formation.

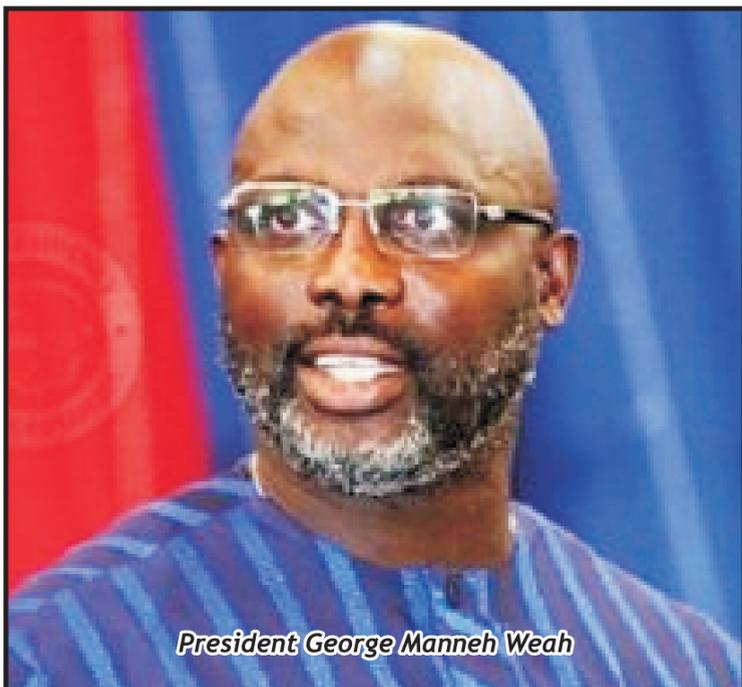
The first recognition of Europe Day was by the Council of Europe, introduced in 1964.

The European Union later started to celebrate its own European Day in commemoration of the 1950 Schuman Declaration, referred to as "Schuman Day".

Both Days are celebrated by displaying the Flag of Europe.

According to a Foreign Ministry release, in the message to the President of the European Council Donald Tusk, President George Manneh Weah, on behalf of the Government and people of Liberia, extended warm felicitations and best wishes to the European Council and the Governments and Peoples of the European Union as they observe this historic milestone.

"As we celebrate with you, we are encouraged to mirror on the creed of peace that motivated the then French Foreign Minister Mr. Robert Schuman to submit the noble vision that would make war



President George Manneh Weah

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between France and Germany materially impossible," the release noted.

President Weah expressed delight over the Liberia-EU relations which he noted have fully-fledged to an appreciable level.

President Weah also observed the direct involvement in programs of shared interest to both the

European Union and Liberia as they desire to promote the dividend of peaceful cohabitation among peoples of all race.

He then wished for President Tusk and member countries of the European Union, continued good health, peace and prosperity.--Press release

Français

Le gouvernement américain demande au Libéria de renforcer sa lutte contre la corruption

Il est maintenant grand temps d'éradiquer la corruption et ses effets corrosifs et contagieux sur le pays, c'est plutôt l'appel qu'a lancé l'Ambassadrice des États-Unis au Libéria, Christine Elder, à l'endroit des Libériens dans leur ensemble.

L'Ambassadrice Christine Elder encourage le Libéria à saisir l'occasion pour parvenir à une stabilité politique et économique à long terme, soulignant que « le moment est venu de renforcer une économie qui offre plus d'opportunités dans davantage de secteurs et où une concurrence ouverte et transparente règne tout le temps ».

S'exprimant à l'occasion de la célébration du 243^e anniversaire de l'indépendance des États-Unis d'Amérique à Monrovia le mercredi 08 mai, l'Ambassadrice Elder a également indiqué que le moment est venu de permettre aux femmes et aux jeunes filles de vivre dans un pays où il n'existe pas d'abus à caractère sexiste et de leur



offrir l'opportunité de mettre en exergue leurs talents et d'apporter des solutions aux problèmes qui affectent leur communauté et la nation.

Le moment est aussi venu, selon la diplomate américaine, de faire des propositions réfléchies sur la manière

d'améliorer la situation économique du Libéria, plutôt que de se contenter de critiquer ou d'exacerber les problèmes.

« Au moment où le Libéria trace son chemin vers l'autonomie, il est impératif que le pays reconnaisse

l'importance extraordinaire d'une société civile qui milite en faveur d'une paix durable, des médias dynamiques, des ONG expérimentées et des organisations confessionnelles dévouées qui ont joué - et continuent de jouer - un rôle central dans la promotion de la responsabilité, la résolution des conflits et la promotion de la démocratie au Libéria », a déclaré l'Ambassadrice Elder.

L'appel de l'ambassade des États-Unis intervient au moment où l'économie libérienne broie du noir, où l'inflation s'intensifie et le taux de chômage s'envole, le tout sur fond de troubles sociaux latents.

Elle encourage ainsi le Libéria à diversifier maintenant son économie et à développer un secteur privé capable de tirer la croissance et de maintenir les moyens de subsistance de la population. Selon elle, l'augmentation des investissements aussi locaux qu'étrangers est indispensable à la croissance, d'où la nécessité que les trois pouvoirs de l'Etat travaillent en symbiose pour rassurer le

climat socio-politique, stabiliser l'économie et promouvoir un cadre propice aux investissements et au business.

Par ailleurs, l'ambassadrice Elder a félicité le Président George Manneh Weah d'avoir ouvert des discussions avec le Fonds monétaire international concernant des mesures susceptibles de rétablir la confiance dans l'économie et de préparer la croissance. « J'espère que vous, le gouvernement libérien et le peuple libérien restez ouverts aux recommandations du FMI afin que le Libéria puisse préparer le terrain en vue d'une productivité et d'une prospérité économiques futures », a-t-elle dit.

La cérémonie qui s'est déroulée à l'ambassade américaine près de Monrovia a été marquée par la présence du Chef de l'Etat du Libéria, le Président George Weah, accompagné par de hauts cadres de l'Etat, dont notamment des législateurs, et des membres du corps diplomatique.

La cérémonie a eu lieu au Libéria 57 jours avant le jour anniversaire de l'indépendance des États-Unis qui est normalement le 4 juillet. Cela est le cas à cause de beaucoup de raisons. « De nombreuses ambassades américaines autour du monde organisent ces célébrations annuelles hors juillet pour diverses raisons, notamment pour faire face aux conditions météorologiques extrêmes, par respect pour les élections ou des fêtes religieuses ou locales, ou encore pour accueillir des visiteurs importants », a-t-elle expliqué. Selon l'envoyée américaine, cette année en Arabie saoudite, l'ambassade des États-Unis a célébré la fête de l'indépendance en février, en mars en Égypte, tandis qu'au Pakistan, elle a été célébrée en avril, pour ne citer que ces exemples.

Ghana: arrestation de 81 indépendantistes dans la ville de Ho

Au Ghana, 81 indépendantistes ont été arrêtés mercredi 8 mai dans la ville de Ho, près de la frontière avec le Togo. Passés devant la justice ce jeudi, des charges ont été retenues à l'encontre de 10 militants, libérés sous caution. La police les accuse de faire partie du « Homeland Study

Group Foundation », un mouvement qui rassemble les partisans d'une sécession des régions à l'est du Ghana et la restauration du « Togoland Occidental ».

C'est la deuxième vague d'arrestations au sein du groupe indépendantiste. Dimanche déjà, un communiqué de la police

ghanéenne annonçait l'arrestation de 8 leaders présumés du « Homeland Study Group Foundation », pris sur le fait lors d'une réunion pour préparer la déclaration d'indépendance du « Togoland Occidental ».

Parmi les preuves rassemblées par la police : un brouillon de Constitution, un hymne national et un emblème. Ils sont également accusés de vouloir former une milice. Les 81 personnes placées en détention mercredi seraient des militants de ce mouvement qui s'apprêtaient à manifester contre l'arrestation de leurs chefs.

Le groupe, créé en 1994, veut revenir aux frontières du Togoland britannique. Il s'agit de la partie ouest de l'ancien Togoland allemand, passée sous le contrôle des Anglais après la Première Guerre mondiale. La région a été intégrée au Ghana à la suite d'un référendum organisé il y a 63 ans jour pour jour, le 9 mai 1956. Si le vote pour l'intégration, majoritairement porté par le



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nord de la région, l'avait remporté, le sud, dont sont majoritairement issus les membres du Homeland Study Group Foundation, avait fait campagne pour l'indépendance.

Mais si les dernières arrestations sont

impressionnantes, ce groupe est le fait d'un petit nombre d'extrémistes qui ne reflètent pas les sentiments de la majorité de la population de la région, assure Franklin Oduro, directeur de recherche au Centre pour le développement démocratique à Accra.

Français

Le Président Weah réitère son engagement à promouvoir la paix et la stabilité

Le président libérien **George Manneh Weah** s'engage à garantir la paix et la stabilité de l'État, tout en reconnaissant aux citoyens le droit de se réunir pacifiquement et de présenter leurs doléances au gouvernement.

Prononçant un discours à l'ambassade des États-Unis près de Monrovia, le mercredi 8 mars, à l'occasion de la célébration du 243^e anniversaire de l'indépendance des États-Unis d'Amérique, le chef de l'État du Libéria s'est dit conscient de sa responsabilité en tant que président de la république de défendre jalousement et de promouvoir la paix sociale et la stabilité socio-politique de la nation.

L'administration Weah est actuellement en proie aux critiques les acerbes de la part de ses détracteurs qui menacent d'organiser une grande marche sur toute l'étendue du territoire national. La corruption rampante, le mauvais état de l'économie et la mauvaise gestion des 25 millions de dollars américains remis sur le marché pour, dit-on, freiner l'inflation, voilà certaines des nombreuses revendications des organisateurs de la « marche géante » du 7 juin.

La marche en préparation provoque déjà de la panique au sein de la population. Des propositions émanent de tous les secteurs, d'aucuns préconisant le dialogue entre le gouvernement et les manifestants.

Mais le président a fait savoir que rencontrer les manifestants n'est pas encore à l'ordre du jour. Le président des quatre partis de l'opposition réunis au sein d'une alliance politique, Benoni Urey, réclame la destitution de Mulbah Morlu, président de la Coalition pour Changement Démocratique

(CDC, parti au pouvoir), de son poste. C'est d'après lui la condition préalable avant toute négociation avec le pouvoir.

Le président Weah a rappelé lors de son discours qu'il a prêté serment, en tant que président du Libéria, de faire respecter la Constitution et les lois de la République du Libéria. Il reconnaît ainsi qu'il est de son devoir constitutionnel de protéger tous les droits garantis par la Constitution, y compris le droit de se réunir de manière pacifique et ordonnée pour présenter ses doléances au gouvernement sur des questions concernant le bien commun du pays.

Au président Weah d'insister qu'il lui incombe le devoir et la responsabilité de préserver et de protéger la paix et la stabilité de l'État et de promouvoir qu'il s'acquittera de ces responsabilités de manière égale.

Le Président Weah par ailleurs fait observer que depuis le début de son mandat il y a un peu plus de quinze mois, les relations entre le Libéria et les États-Unis se sont renforcées, ajoutant qu'il existe une collaboration plus étroite entre l'ambassade des États-Unis et les responsables de son gouvernement.

Weah a déclaré que son administration continuerait à travailler en étroite collaboration avec l'ambassade et son équipe afin d'explorer de nouvelles voies pour la poursuite commune de la paix, de la sécurité et du développement.

Il a ajouté que les deux pays sont liés par une relation privilégiée qui repose sur des idéaux communs, des principes partagés et une amitié qui ne peut jamais être rompue.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Elizabeth Drew

Trump désormais au-dessus des lois

WASHINGTON, DC - L'atmosphère est délétère à Washington depuis la publication le mois dernier du rapport de l'enquêteur spécial Robert Mueller sur l'ingérence russe dans l'élection présidentielle américaine de 2016, et les choses pourraient encore plus mal tourner. C'est désormais très clair, le procureur général des États-Unis pense que son travail consiste à protéger le président, dans un mépris total des faits. Dans son témoignage devant la commission judiciaire du Sénat la semaine dernière, William Barr, plus haut représentant de la justice du pays, a pataugé dans le mensonge avec condescendance et désintérêt.

Le choix de Barr consistant à agir comme l'avocat au secours de Donald Trump ne devrait pas surprendre ceux qui se souviennent comment, au poste de procureur général sous l'administration du président George H.W. Bush, il avait déjà contribué à étouffer le scandale Iran-Contra à la fin des années 1980. Auditionné pour la seconde fois à ce poste, Barr a rédigé spontanément une note de 19 pages dans laquelle il explique que, par définition, un président n'est pas en capacité de faire obstruction à la justice, et que par conséquent l'enquête de Mueller sur cette question est « fatalement erronée ». Position absurde, Barr considère en revanche qu'un président peut faire obstacle à une enquête le concernant s'il juge l'investigation inéquitable.

En la personne de Barr, Trump a enfin retrouvé son Roy Cohn, avocat new-yorkais sans scrupule, qui l'a souvent tiré d'affaire sur le plan judiciaire. Trump a été furieux que son premier procureur général Jeff Sessions se récuse lui-même de l'enquête sur la Russie, et l'a finalement limogé. Ayant pourtant fourni une dizaine d'exemples d'obstruction probable, Mueller a suivi une directive discutable du département de la Justice (qui dissuade l'inculpation d'un président en exercice), s'est abstenu de trancher sur la mise en accusation de Trump, et a confié cette question au Congrès. Barr est toutefois intervenu pour faire valoir l'innocence de Trump, tout d'abord dans une lettre du 24 mars adressée au Congrès, évoquant les conclusions de Mueller, puis lors d'une étrange conférence de presse donnée une heure et demie avant de publier une version adaptée du rapport. Dans son témoignage au Sénat, Barr a expliqué ne pas comprendre pourquoi Mueller s'était abstenu de se prononcer sur la question de l'obstruction. Mais au moment où Barr livre son témoignage, sa lettre du 24 mars a déjà été discréditée.

Le Washington Post révèle en effet que la veille du témoignage de Barr devant le Sénat, Mueller prend la plume. Il écrit au procureur général pour lui faire savoir que sa lettre ne « reflète pas exactement le contexte, la nature et les conclusions » du rapport. Mueller le demande à Barr, il souhaite que soient publiées ses propres synthèses sur les deux volumes du rapport. Mais en rédigeant sa version à lui, et en reportant la publication du rapport, Barr va gagner du temps, suffisamment pour propager un faux discours sur les conclusions de ce rapport - celui d'une « exonération totale », selon les termes employés par Trump. Or, si Mueller n'a pas pris la décision de poursuivre Trump, il n'a jamais écrit explicitement dans son rapport qu'il exonérait le président. Plus de 450 anciens procureurs fédéraux ont d'ailleurs affirmé dans une lettre ouverte que si la fameuse règle prévue par le département de la Justice n'existait pas, Trump aurait sans aucun doute été poursuivi pour obstruction.

Le fait que Mueller prenne la plume (« go to paper », dit-on dans les cercles de l'État), après avoir mené pendant deux ans une enquête qui n'a jamais fuité, constitue un événement majeur. L'enquêteur spécial souhaite clairement voir cette communication devenir publique. Dans son témoignage au Sénat, un William Barr dans l'embaras a qualifié d'« agité » le courrier de Mueller, déclarant qu'il avait « probablement été rédigé par l'un des membres de son

staff ».

Aspect plus déterminant, après avoir reçu le courrier de Mueller, Barr a expliqué dans son témoignage devant le House Appropriations Committee ne pas savoir ce que Mueller pensait de sa lettre du 24 mars. Les membres de cette commission sachant désormais que Barr avait bel et bien lu le courrier de Mueller, ils lui demandent sa démission. Nancy Pelosi, speaker démocrate à la Chambre des représentants, condamne les mensonges de Barr devant le Congrès, et parle de « crime ».

Barr s'est déshonoré lui-même lors de son témoignage au Sénat, dont il ressort sérieusement amoindri. Sans surprise, le procureur général a même refusé de se présenter le lendemain à une audience devant la commission judiciaire de la Chambre (il se serait officiellement opposé à la démarche de la commission - pourtant courante - consistant à laisser les avocats du staff poser des questions).

La question est désormais de savoir si les Démocrates de la Chambre lanceront une procédure d'impeachment contre Trump. Jusqu'à présent, Pelosi s'y est refusée, craignant un affrontement partisan susceptible de conduire la base républicaine à soutenir Trump encore plus farouchement. Étant par ailleurs peu probable qu'un Sénat aux mains des Républicains rassemble les deux tiers de votes nécessaires pour inculper Trump et le destituer de sa fonction, la parlementaire estime que les Démocrates devraient consacrer leur énergie à la victoire sur Trump aux élections de 2020. De plus, un vote démocrate de destitution aurait dû être écrasant, a-t-elle récemment affirmé, sans quoi Trump aurait sans doute contesté le résultat, voire refusé de quitter son poste - ce que l'on admet de plus en plus à Washington.

Un échec du Congrès dans l'exécution de son devoir constitutionnel consistant à faire rendre des comptes au président entre deux élections pourrait constituer un précédent périlleux, et encourager des comportements encore plus autoritaires de la part de Trump. Même si les Républicains du Sénat continuaient de soutenir le président (la plupart d'entre eux le considérant en privé comme dangereux), les Démocrates de la Chambre pourraient encore faire clairement savoir que son comportement est inacceptable.

Pendant ce temps, Trump laisse la porte ouverte à une nouvelle aide russe en 2020. La Maison-Blanche et les responsables républicains du Congrès font obstacle à un projet de loi visant à protéger les élections américaines contre les attaques étrangères. Les responsables de l'administration ont par ailleurs reçu l'instruction de ne pas soulever la question de l'interférence russe avec le président, par crainte que sa légitimité soit entachée.

La prochaine étape de l'affaire est d'ores et déjà visible. Avec l'aide du camarade de golf de Trump, Lindsey Graham, président républicain de la Commission judiciaire du Sénat, Barr se lance désormais dans le colportage du fantasme du président selon lequel l'enquête de Mueller serait une « chasse aux sorcières » orchestrée par des soutiens d'Hillary Clinton au sein du « deep-state ». De nouveau, il faut s'attendre à ce que les anciens et actuels agents du FBI soient pris pour cible, soit parce qu'ils ont exprimé des critiques à l'égard de Trump, soit parce qu'ils ont ouvert une enquête de sécurité nationale autour de l'ingérence d'une puissance hostile dans l'élection présidentielle américaine (qui s'est poursuivie jusqu'aux élections de mi-mandat en 2018). De son côté, le directeur du FBI Christopher Wray l'affirme lorsqu'il commente le rapport Mueller, les Russes sont en train d'« élever leur niveau de jeu » pour 2020.

En présence d'un bureau du procureur général corrompu, et d'un Parti républicain complaisant, un Donald Trump revancharde est sur le point de se dresser au-dessus des lois. La prochaine étape du bain de sang s'annonce, qui devrait faire d'innocentes victimes.

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Weah wants Starr Cement Investment, Incentives agreement ratified

By Ethel A. Tweh

President George Manneh Weah has written the Liberian Senate to ratify the investment, incentives agreement between the government of Liberia and the Starr Cement Cooperation.

In his communication, the president indicates that the agreement is for the

development of a cement grinding plant which has the capacity to produce 600,000 tons per annum.

According to President Weah, the cement producing plant is an investment of US\$41 million.

President Weah notes that when established, the cement grinding plant will supply the Liberian market and other Mano River Union (MRU)

countries.

He discloses that the operation will continue for 15 years, adding that the investors have promised to create over 500 jobs during the construction stage and over 100 direct jobs during the operations of the plant.

Additionally, President Weah reveals that the investors of the cement grinding plant intend to administer a grant of US\$20,000 in awarding scholarships as social obligation within its environment of operations.

The agreement, according to President Weah, is in support of the Government's Pro - Poor Agenda, leading to rebuilding the nation.

Maryland County Sen. J. Gleh-bo Brown sponsored the Bill, and Maryland County Sen. Dan Morais made the motion accepting the President's letter.

The communication from the president has been sent to the appropriate committees for ratification, to report to plenary within two weeks.--
Edited by Winston W. Parley



GOL should strengthen Disaster Risk Management

-Rep. Tarponweh

By Bridgett Milton

Margibi County District #1 Representative Tibelrosa Summoh Tarponweh, writes the House of Representatives to strengthen disaster risk management in Liberia through the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

Her says the NDMA should be strengthened by making it viable and efficient to timely respond to disasters especially, floods that have been occurring on an annual basis in several parts of Liberia.

The Margibi lawmaker notes the rainy season is fast approaching and the fright of flood is intimidating people, who live in flood-prone communities, so the time for action is now to plan before, during and after the unstoppable floods which is certain to strike during the raining season.

He says tied to the devastating consequences of disasters that are becoming a regular and common

occurrence within national borders especially floods and thunderstorms, he passionately believes the need to support the operationalization of the DMTF as provided for in the 2016 act that created the NDMA cannot be overemphasized as people affected by disasters are usually in dire need of quick impact emergency relief to

help them cope with their appalling situations in the short-term.

Representative Tarponweh at the same time calls on full plenary of the House to collaborate with the executive branch of government, development partners and UN humanitarian agencies to launch and sustain the DMTF to mobilize resources that would cater to the wellbeing of disaster victims across Liberia.

-Editing by Jonathan Browne



Rep. Tibelrosa Summoh Tarponweh

Weah extols Trump for extending DED

Liberia's President George Manneh Weah has praised the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump and the United States government for extending the Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) of Liberians residing in that country.

According to an Executive Mansion release, President Weah commended President Trump during his speech at the occasion marking the 243rd Independence Anniversary celebration of the United States of America held at the U.S. Embassy near Monrovia Wednesday, 8 May.

in the relationship between the two countries.

He said occasions such as the celebration of independence anniversaries always provide both governments the chance to renew and reaffirm the remarkable and historical friendship which has for so long existed between the governments and peoples of the two countries.

"In the intervening months since then, I have had the opportunity to visit your country, when I attended the 73rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations



U.S. Amb. Christine Elder and President George M. Weah

President Weah said the DED extension decision clearly manifests the Trump administration's commitment to the longstanding friendship between Liberia and the United States.

"President Donald J. Trump recently extended the Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for qualified Liberians residing in the United States," said President Weah, describing the action as a humanitarian gesture of great significance to Liberia, its citizens, and the socio-economic stability of the country.

Reflecting on Liberia's relations with the United States, President Weah said since the inception of his administration 15 months ago, there has been steady growth

in New York in September of last year," President Weah said further.

He added that during the visit which took him to other cities and states, as well as the West Point Military Academy, he was privileged to "have had informal personal interactions with your President, Donald J. Trump, the first on the sidelines of the General Assembly meetings, as well as at the World Peace Forum in Paris, France, in November 2018."

President Weah extended congratulations to President Donald J. Trump, and the Government and People of the United States of America on the observance of the 243rd Independence Anniversary of the United States of America.--

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Stay off protest

By Thomas Domah/Nimba

In spite of recent statement from the Embassy of the United States near Monrovia to Liberian officials to desist from divisive politics and inciting unlawful acts, Nimba County controversial Senator Prince Yormie Johnson threatens the people of Nimba that anyone of them that would join protesters on June 7 will feel the weight of government.

He claims the impending 07 June protest is intended to get President Weah out of office, but protest organizers have clarified their planned assembly is to demand reforms, not to call for the resignation of the President.

On Monday this week [06 May] the Embassy of the United States said those who promote through their words or deeds a Congo-Country divide do not have Liberia's best interests or that of their



Senator Prince Johnson

constituents at heart, but rather appear motivated by personal ambitions or fears.

The embassy's statement specifically notes, "It is

unacceptable for Senator Prince Y. Johnson, Representative Yekeh Kolubah, "ex-generals" or other former actors in Liberia's civil wars to

incite unlawful acts through ill-considered rhetoric that could jeopardize Liberia's hard-won peace and security."

It continues that it is equally irresponsible for people within leadership positions in government or the ruling party to promote such division as suspended Deputy Minister Eugene Fahngon has done on social media, adding, "To take such a public stance and suggest it is a private opinion or a personal right reflects a misunderstanding of the nature of public service in a democracy.

President Weah immediately suspended Deputy Minister Fahngon indefinitely following the statement and subsequently directed that hence, all official statements be channeled thru the Ministry of Information, for purpose of coordination.

However, Senator Johnson warns fellow kinsmen that any attempt by them to fire gun in the county, the government of President Weah is well equipped with arms and they [Nimbaians] will feel the pain.

According to him, some would-be protesters have informed him [Prince Johnson] that they will make the Weah administration ungovernable and its officials will flee.

Speaking in Nimba during the recent National Convention of the opposition Alternative National Congress [ANC] party held in Ganta, Nimba County, he warns that if there were any act of destabilization, the government will react fully.

Sen. PYJ, founder of the disbanded Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia [INPFL] rebels and leader of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction [MDR] party threatens sternly that anyone seen protesting in the streets against the government will feel pain from government, disclosing that armed men are already waiting to respond.

He did not say whether those armed men are state security or non-state actors. But recently, a group of "ex-generals" hosted a news conference in Monrovia and threatened to forcibly arrest Montserrado County District#10 Representative Yekeh Kolubah for criticizing President Weah.

The former rebel leader reminds his kinsmen that he fought for the county during the 14 years civil war and does not want Nimbaians to be killed like in the past. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

UL runs in deficit

By Ethel A. Tweh

The rapidly deteriorating economic situation in Liberia ranging from lack of accountability and transparency, inflation and high exchange rate to diversion of donors' funds is devastating various sectors, including health and education with the University of Liberia sinking into deficit.

UL President Dr. Ophelia Inez Weeks says, the University is running in deficit since the Visitor to the University, Liberia's President George Manneh Weah announced "free tuition" in 2018.

A report by the Senate Statutory Committee on Education and Public Administration Thursday, 9 May on Capitol Hill highlights Dr. Weeks and her team's warning that the situation could undermine the school's effective running, if no immediate intervention were made.

Dr. Weeks' report to the committee means that UL's expenditure exceeds its income, which could be very worrisome for President Weah and his policymakers,

as the state-run University blames its gap in revenue generation on Weah's tuition free declaration last year for undergraduate programs at UL and all public universities here.

According to Dr. Weeks, President Weah made no consultation with the management of the University prior to making the pronouncement.

The student population at UL alone is estimated roughly around 30,000, and the institution continues to grapple with age - old infrastructure challenges, including other poor services that demand improvements to run a modern university.

On 24 October 2018, President Weah surprisedly announced at the UL Capitol Hill Campus that undergraduate students in public colleges and universities would no more pay tuition. "I therefore wish to declare tuition-free for all undergraduate students at the University of Liberia as well as all other public universities in Liberia," the President said.

But roughly seven months after his "free tuition" declaration, Dr. Weeks says there are no policy guidelines

or strategy developed or presented to management since the pronouncement.

The Senate Committee gathers from Dr. Weeks that the University of Liberia has major challenges associated with collection of tuition, debts from scholarship and financial aid sponsors, like Government Institutions, Government Officials and Private Sponsors.

According to the UL president, the pronouncement of free tuition has caused a gap in the revenue generating capacity of the University.

The Senate Committee chaired by River Cess County Sen. Dallas Gueh details that without formal excuse, the Ministers of Finance and Education were absent from the meeting [during the Senate's inquiry] on the free tuition matter.

According to the Senate's report, the first meeting was postponed because a key actor, Finance Minister Samuel Tweah had an official engagement and requested for an excuse.

However the committee notes that when the meeting was called for the second time, Minister Tweah didn't give excuse for not attending again.

The report from the Senate Statutory committee was in relation to Grand Bassa County Sen. Nyonblee Kangar-Lawrence's communication written to plenary, seeking to know the status of the "Free Tuition" program.

The committee says it will again invite the Ministers of Finance and Education for explanations.--**Edited by Winston W. Parley**

T. D. Joseph & Associates

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Crowe Global's Chief Executive Officer Mr. David Mellor welcomes T.D. Joseph & Associates as a member firm of the network, stating that "there are many benefits that come with being a member of Crowe Global - ranging from access to cross border client services to participation in best in-class training offerings and a whole lot more.

The Crowe Global network is conscious of the fact that today's marketplace is looking for accounting service providers whose firms are linked by an international common brand name recognized for its quality and capability.

Admitting T.D. Joseph & Associates into the network followed months of rigorous reviews by Crowe Global of the operations of the firm its technical competency, professional qualifications of its senior management staffs and the quality of its completed engagements. David Mellor, CEO of Crowe Global states that the network have certain expectations of its member firms such as commitment to a global brand, compliance to set forth policies and standards, adherence to common service standards and delivery model, and participation at practice development events.

In this partnering relationship where common

Crowe brand can be used, the caveat has been made that individual member firms will understandably have their own independent priorities and focus, albeit with absolute commitment to the network and fellow members.

These initial resources are bound to provide insight to the Liberian accounting firm in fitting into the new arrangement that has promised expansion and enhanced professional efficiency in audit, tax related issues and business advisories to multinational clients.

Mr. L. Olandor Boyce I, the Associate Director of T. D. Joseph & Associates remarked that he is very much excited with this international affiliation and that the training and best practices tools and standards for audit and tax services that will be provided by Crowe Global, and that would be routinely monitored through a quality assurance process, - will better place T. D. Joseph & Associates in a better marketplace position for client service delivery in Liberia. A grand formal launch of the new brand will take place in Monrovia at a later date to be announced - at which time more details of what this transitioning means for the institution and Liberia as a country will be disclosed.- **Press release**



T. D. Joseph & Associates Goes International

- Admitted to Crowe Global Network



Theo. Dekonty Joseph, CPA - Managing Partner/CEO & L. Olandor Boyce I, CPA - Associate Director

It is good news for Liberia as a whole with one of the country's premier Accounting Firms, T. D. Joseph & Associates, LLC, (Certified Public Accountants) being formally admitted as a member firm of the Crowe Global Accounting Network.

Crowe Global network is ranked the eighth (8th) largest accounting network in the world with more than 200

independent accounting and advisory firms in more than 130 countries, global revenue of US\$3.8 Billion, with 3,904 Partners and 32,636 professional staffs.

The Network is commercially organized under the laws of Switzerland. Crowe is wholly owned by its member firms and operates through a wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated under the laws of

the State of New York in the United States of America where it is headquartered.

For almost 100 years, Crowe Global has been working across borders to help multinational clients make smart decisions. The network's leadership works with governments, regulatory bodies and industry groups to shape the future of the accounting profession worldwide. The network's exceptional knowledge of business, local laws and customs has over the years provided lasting value to clients undertaking international projects.

Crowe Global network having admitted T. D. Joseph & Associates as a member firm will now become one of the largest international network of accounting firms operating in Liberia (second only to PriceWaterhouseCoopers).

Writing from the Network's headquarters in New York, USA, the



Legacy of former lawmaker, Cllr. Kuku Y. Dorbor



Montserratado County District#6 former Representative Kuku Y. Dorbor strongly believes in community projects that empower the people, including support to schools, churches and mosques and local groups, among others. In this photograph, she dedicates a hand pump in Pipeline Community, Paynesville and is subsequently gowned by residents of the community.

Gbamy returns to BYC from India

Sally Gaye

Benjamin Gbamy has returned to Barrack Young Controllers (BYC) after seasons away.

Speaking recently, Gbamy said despite the criticism back home, the Indian Seven A-side League is competitive and intensive, debunking a notion that it has no technical and financial benefits.



The gifted midfielder says he has no regret taking a time off in the Indian Seven A-side League and as well expressed delight over a common ground with BYC.

This is his first game in the 2019 FA Cup and the Liberia Football Association national league.

He returned to the local league on Wednesday after falling apart with BYC in 2017.

He says is going to India was

to get experience and see how the other leagues look there.

Gbamy explains that the game is a small-sided game, but it is very intensive.

Gbamy has however expresses gratitude over the amicable solution of the conflict with his Club BYC.

"I am so happy that I was able to find a common ground with my team," he says.

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