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# Continental News

## Ethiopian singer buried amid ethnic unrest

The funeral has been held for Ethiopian singer Hachalu Hundessa as unrest over his death has spread from the Oromia region where he was seen as a hero.

Troops have been deployed in the capital, Addis Ababa, where armed gangs were roaming to target ethnic Oromos.

At least 81 people have been killed in protests in Oromia since Hachalu was shot dead on Monday night.

The motive for his killing remains unclear, but the 34-year-old had said he had received death threats.

His songs focused on the rights of the country's Oromo people, the country's largest ethnic group, and became anthems in a wave of protests that led to the downfall of the previous prime minister in 2018. In Addis Ababa, eight people were killed in violence that included multiple bomb blasts, says BBC Ethiopia reporter Kalkidan Yibeltal.

Our reporter says ethnic and religious tensions have intensified in the aftermath of the killing. "Hachalu is not dead. He will remain in my heart and the hearts of millions of Oromo people

forever," the Reuters news agency quotes his widow Santu Demisew Diro as saying at the funeral. The ceremony took place at a stadium in Hachalu's home town of Ambo, west of the capital, and was broadcast live on Oromo Broadcasting Network television.

"I request a monument erected in his memory in Addis where his blood was spilt," Ms Santu said. Our reporter says the stadium was not full as many residents in Ambo stayed

at home amidst heavy security after days of violence.

There are reports that mourners had tried to delay the funeral until the release of influential Oromo politician Jawar Mohammed. Dozens of people have been detained, including Mr Jawar, who was arrested after protesters tried to block Hachalu's body from leaving the capital on Tuesday. On Thursday, the

media mogul, who has led calls for more rights for the Oromo who feel they been politically marginalised by previous governments, appeared in court in Addis Ababa. His case was adjourned for two weeks.

He supported reformist Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, himself an Oromo, when he came to power in April 2018 but has since become an ardent critic.

More arrests have been made in the capital, including that of prominent journalist and activist Eskinder Nega. On Wednesday, Mr Abiy warned that those behind Hachalu's death wanted to derail his reform programme.

"This week, a very heinous crime was committed on artist Hachalu Hundessa. Those who planned the crime are those who are not happy with the current change in the country.

"We have two choices as a people. To fall into the trap being set up by detractors or

to deviate from their trap and stay on the course of reforms. Choosing the first is to willingly aid them in our demise," the prime minister said. Since his youth, Hachalu Hundessa was a thorn in the flesh of successive governments.

As a student in Ambo, a city at the forefront of the campaign by Oromos for self-rule, Hachalu joined student groups calling for freedom. At the age of 17, he was imprisoned for five years for his political activities.

He became increasingly politicised in prison, as he increased his knowledge about Ethiopia's history, including its rule by emperors and autocrats - and also developed his music skills. "I did not know how to write lyrics and melodies until I was put behind bars. It is there that I learned," he said in 2017.

He released his first album *Sanyii Mootii* (Race of the King) in 2009, a year after walking free, and it turned him into a music star, and a political symbol of the Oromo people's aspirations. BBC



State-owned Ethiopian Television is broadcasting some scenes from the funeral service

## Uganda private schools unable to pay teachers

Ugandan teachers employed by private schools have had no income for four months since schools closed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The schools normally rely on getting fees from parents and since the lockdown no money has been paid.

A headteacher in the capital, Kampala, Miriam Susan Apolot told the BBC that she hasn't been able to pay the teachers' salaries since February.

At the start of the lockdown, the government had warned employers against laying off staff during this time. But school owners want to avoid keeping teachers on the payroll

and accumulating months of unpaid salaries.

Some have been laying them off, with the promise that if things normalise, they would be considered for re-hiring.

The Private School Teachers' Union argues that education is a public service and that the government should at least pay 50% of the private teachers' salaries.

According to the head of the education ministry, Alex Kakooza, the government is not ignoring the plight of the teachers and is putting together a plan to bail out businesses - private schools included. Meanwhile, some school owners are selling off their facilities.

On a property listing website, I found at least seven schools in and around Kampala that have been put up for sale in the past month.

Property agents say their clients are desperate to pay off the bank loans that they had used to set up the institutions. BBC



Private schools rely on money from parents to pay teachers

## SA police suspended for evicting naked man

Local media say the man was having a bath when police seized him

Four police officers in Cape Town are to be suspended after dragging a naked man from a house in an eviction caught on video.

Footage shows the man being thrown to the ground and stopped from re-entering the shack in Khayelitsha settlement.

When he manages to break free and run into the home made of corrugated iron, its front wall is ripped off leaving him exposed.

South Africa's housing minister Lindiwe Sisulu called the incident "inhumane".

"We wish to condemn with the strongest terms an act which sought to degrade an individual like what we have witnessed," she said, adding it "has no place in our democratic South Africa." In a statement on Wednesday evening, the city of Cape Town's safety and security chief Richard Bosman said: "We are in the process of suspending four staff members involved in the incident, pending the outcome of the investigation." The suspension also ensures that staff are not targeted while on duty. We are saddened by the conduct depicted on the video footage, and we do not condone any forceful and dehumanising



conduct by our staff members."

Local media report that the part of Khayelitsha where the video was filmed is subject to an eviction order and has been earmarked for redevelopment.

Only 49 homes are allowed to "temporarily remain on the land until after the lockdown," Mr Bosman said.

"After the removal of illegal structures, new attempts are made to invade again on a daily basis."

South African law dictates that once a court order is secured, evictions "must be conducted in a humane manner" and in some instances, such as cases where the resident cannot find somewhere secure to live, "the state must provide temporary alternative accommodation". BBC



# EDITORIAL

## Confrontation is unhealthy for business

THE NATIONAL SECURITY Agency (NSA) an investigative arm of the state, is reportedly probing the Chief Executive Officer of Orange Liberia, Mamadou Coulibaly, for alleged involvement with protesters who recently erected roadblocks with burning tires in Monrovia, demanding cancelation of surcharge imposed on GSM companies by the Government of Liberia.

THE SUSPICION BY the government stems from earlier Writ of Prohibition filed before the Supreme Court of Liberia by Orange Liberia against the surcharge. The High Court however, denied the petition.

AND SO WHEN an erratic pressure group here, Council of Patriots, mobilized youth into the street last week, burning tires and erecting roadblocks in demand of cancelation of the surcharge, government suspects that CEO Coulibaly, who had earlier gone to court against the levy, may be behind all this hence; Police called him for questioning and subsequently turned Coulibaly over to the NSA for further interrogation.

IT IS NOT only disappointing, but highly counterproductive for a business entity to be in confrontation with the government under which it operates. This is bad business practice. Rather than going to court on the matter, we think CEO Coulibaly should have sat with the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) the regulatory body, to discuss all outstanding issues.

IN 2018, THE LTA issued Order# 0016-02-25-19, imposing floor prices and surcharges on one-net voice calls and data. Before issuing the Order, the LTA got all stakeholders involved and their inputs were considered.

IF THE GSM companies in this case, Orange Liberia, had reservations it should choose dialogue with the relevant government entities to reach common grounds for peaceful business environment.

LEST WE BE misconstrued here; the New Dawn holds no suspicion against CEO Coulibaly, neither does it support or defend ongoing interrogation by the government.

BUT WE URGE both sides to quickly realize that a confrontational business environment poses threat to the economy, something that neither parties wants to see in Liberia, particularly Orange Liberia, as a foreign partner.

WE CAN BUT only hope that the questioning would be concluded soon and suspicions cleared so that CEO Coulibaly would return to his business and carry on normal operations without having to constantly be on the watch for plain-clothe security coming to take him for interrogation.

THE LAST THING that this country wants is a business environment that is clouded with mistrust and strain, because such atmosphere drives away the dollars the economy needs to thrive.

# COMMENTARY

By Joseph E. Stiglitz

## Priorities for the COVID-19 Economy

*With hopes of a sharp rebound from the pandemic-induced recession quickly fading, policymakers should pause and take stock of what it will take to achieve a sustained recovery. The most urgent policy priorities have been obvious since the beginning, but they will require hard choices and a show of political will.*

NEW YORK - Although it seems like ancient history, it hasn't been that long since economies around the world began to close down in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Early in the crisis, most people anticipated a quick V-shaped recovery, on the assumption that the economy merely needed a short timeout. After two months of tender loving care and heaps of money, it would pick up where it left off.

It was an appealing idea. But now it is July, and a V-shaped recovery is probably a fantasy. The post-pandemic economy is likely to be anemic, not just in countries that have failed to manage the pandemic (namely, the United States), but even in those that have acquitted themselves well. The International Monetary Fund projects that by the end of 2021, the global economy will be barely larger than it was at the end of 2019, and that the US and European economies will still be about 4% smaller.

The current economic outlook can be viewed on two levels. Macroeconomics tells us that spending will fall, owing to households' and firms' weakened balance sheets, a rash of bankruptcies that will destroy organizational and informational capital, and strong precautionary behavior induced by uncertainty about the course of the pandemic and the policy responses to it. At the same time, microeconomics tells us that the virus acts like a tax on activities involving close human contact. As such, it will continue to drive large changes in consumption and production patterns, which in turn will bring about a broader structural transformation.

We know from both economic theory and history that markets alone are ill suited to manage such a transition, especially considering how sudden it has been. There's no easy way to convert airline employees into Zoom technicians. And even if we could, the sectors that are now expanding are much less labor-intensive and more skill-intensive than the ones they are supplanting.

We also know that broad structural transformations tend to create a traditional Keynesian problem, owing to what economists call the income and substitution effects. Even if non-human-contact sectors are expanding, reflecting improvements in their relative attractiveness, the associated spending increase will be outweighed by the decrease in spending that results from declining incomes in the shrinking sectors.

Moreover, in the case of the pandemic, there will be a third effect: rising inequality. Because machines cannot be infected by the virus, they will look relatively more attractive to employers, particularly in the contracting sectors that use relatively more unskilled labor. And, because low-income people must spend a larger share of their income on basic goods than those at the top, any automation-driven increase in inequality will be contractionary.

On top of these problems, there are two additional reasons for pessimism. First, while

monetary policy can help some firms deal with temporary liquidity constraints - as happened during the 2008-09 Great Recession - it cannot fix solvency problems, nor can it stimulate the economy when interest rates are already near zero.

Moreover, in the US and some other countries, "conservative" objections to rising deficits and debt levels will stand in the way of the necessary fiscal stimulus. To be sure, the same people were more than happy to cut taxes for billionaires and corporations in 2017, bail out Wall Street in 2008, and lend a hand to corporate behemoths this year. But it is quite another thing to extend unemployment insurance, health care, and additional support to the most vulnerable.

The short-run priorities have been clear since the beginning of the crisis. Most obviously, the health emergency must be addressed (such as by ensuring adequate supplies of personal protective equipment and hospital capacity), because there can be no economic recovery until the virus is contained. At the same time, policies to protect the most needy, provide liquidity to prevent unnecessary bankruptcies, and maintain links between workers and their firms are essential to ensuring a quick restart when the time comes.

But even with these obvious essentials on the agenda, there are hard choices to make. We shouldn't bail out firms - like old-line retailers - that were already in decline before the crisis; to do so would merely create "zombies," ultimately limiting dynamism and growth. Nor should we bail out firms that were already too indebted to be able to withstand any shock. The US Federal Reserve's decision to support the junk-bond market with its asset-purchase program is almost certainly a mistake. Indeed, this is an instance where moral hazard really is a relevant concern; governments should not be protecting firms from their own folly.

Because COVID-19 looks likely to remain with us for the long term, we have time to ensure that our spending reflects our priorities. When the pandemic arrived, American society was riven by racial and economic inequities, declining health standards, and a destructive dependence on fossil fuels. Now that government spending is being unleashed on a massive scale, the public has a right to demand that companies receiving help contribute to social and racial justice, improved health, and the shift to a greener, more knowledge-based economy. These values should be reflected not only in how we allocate public money, but also in the conditions that we impose on its recipients.

As my co-authors and I point out in a recent study, well-directed public spending, particularly investments in the green transition, can be timely, labor-intensive (helping to resolve the problem of soaring unemployment), and highly stimulative - delivering far more bang for the buck than, say, tax cuts. There is no economic reason why countries, including the US, can't adopt large, sustained recovery programs that will affirm - or move them closer to - the societies they claim to be

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## Lord, how the sickness will not spread sef?

Dear Father:

Hmmm, it look like we nageh inside again oo. Our people say the sickness is spreading like wide fire so they na push the curfew and lockdown to one more month oo.

Hmmm, yor will stay long inside.

Father, it na fun oo. The people say the number of sick people keep going up and it na easy. Right now all the Fiefdom in our village na register case.

You mean real case, because it look like the sickness in yor village is different from the other villagesoo?

What do you mean Father?

Ah, in yor village, it look like the sickness can only catch big people and dead body oo?

Um, Father this one too heavy for my mouth oo, because our big people when they go to the sick bush they can be taking picture and putting it on face to face. They who can catch it can be enjoying in the sick bush oo. But the people who can died in the lay sick homes they get around the village da the ones they can say died from the sickness.  
Na waoo.

I tell you o Father. When I tell you our people joking around here other people can be saying I too harsh. Tell me Father, where in the other villages will their leader refused to go do his test after coming in contact with a helper eh. Then when the people forced him na, he come outside to pretend like he na sick or he too big to do his test.

Na, you see what happening, they can't even force the people to wear mask because they are not leading the people by example. They say one thing and do the other. Na the people say they will nawear the mask-see trouble.

Hmm, we inside, the child who can't hear can feel. We all feeling it naehn. We said we wanted monkey eyebolt-monkey eyebolt is here live.

I know eh.

Yes ooFather. They say the man can be having party every weekend to that his place that get Bob Marley village name. So tell me na, how the thing will na spread. You who the leader you na want to observe the social distancing but da the people must observe while you keep throwing party.Ehn, no wonder only the big, big people name we can hear in this sickness bisnay.

Yes, oo Father. The other day one of the chiefs from the Traditional Council, the man who heading the sick homes bisnay in our village threw a very big party for his girlfriend on the same day they told us to start going back indoors at 6pm.

Can you imagine?

Oh, Father, so when we say our big, big people in this village are not serious, they think we are saying it out of disrespect, but that the truth we can be talking so. The people hay hard like turtle back.

But we inside, eh we say we will na learn. No wonder we na turned to the poorest village in the whole wide world.

Tell me something!

Oh yes Father, we are the poorest village in the whole wide world with a "millionaire" leader. The man who only chop our village king before he could put a decent roof over his head.

So, what he did with all the millions his people say he get na?

Hmmm, Father da one my mouth na able it oo. But one thing we know is that the Oldman up there can't sleep. Anything you steal to get will not last with you. Let them be there and think they are enjoying with their small, small girlfriend them. This too shall pass.

## OPINION

By Koichi Hamada

### A More Humane Post-Pandemic Social Contract

*Beyond a public-health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic is an economic and humanitarian crisis - one that is exposing and widening our societies' fault lines. Though addressing systemic inequities is extremely difficult, there are reasons to hope that the pandemic will spur progress toward greater social justice.*

**N**EW HAVEN - Never have the complexities of the relationship between human health and economic wellbeing been more apparent than during the COVID-19 crisis. How can we enforce life-saving social-distancing rules without destroying livelihoods? Why are some groups suffering so much more than others, both clinically and economically? What are those who face lower risks willing to sacrifice for the common good?

With no vaccine or cure for COVID-19, social-distancing protocols, together with mask-wearing and hand washing, quickly emerged as our best defense against the virus. For some industries, the adjustment was relatively straightforward: close down offices and have employees work remotely.

As it turns out, far more work can be done remotely than was previously thought. Physical proximity has long been viewed as essential to the collaboration that is so essential to running a business, let alone innovating. Yet during the pandemic, I finished a joint paper without meeting my co-authors in person; participated in many fruitful online meetings and conferences; and even advised Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe from my home in New England, rather than flying to Tokyo, as I have done in the past.

My case is hardly rare. Just a few months ago, no one would have imagined that news reporters or talk-show hosts would be broadcasting from their homes. And while some economic activities are likely to move back into shared office spaces or studios as soon as possible, others may remain fully or partly remote. Many companies, including tech giants like Twitter, have already announced plans to keep employees at home indefinitely.

Yet plenty of activities cannot be done remotely. Social distancing has thus meant temporarily closing many businesses, from restaurants to factories, and limiting travel. This has had serious economic repercussions, including supply-chain disruptions, declining demand, and rising unemployment. The International Monetary Fund now expects global GDP to contract by 4.9% this year.

Many have accepted the economic hit, in the interest of "flattening the curve" of infection. After all, unless and until the virus is contained, economies cannot reopen fully. New Zealand has emerged as an exemplar of this approach, though many other countries, as well as some US states, have embraced it. In the meantime, governments, particularly in the advanced economies, have offered unprecedented monetary and fiscal stimulus to keep their economies afloat.

Yet not everyone has been willing to prioritize public health above economic considerations. Yes, in some places, such as India, blanket lockdowns had their own serious public-health consequences. But in others, leaders made the callous calculation that protecting the economy - specifically the stock market - was more important than protecting people from COVID-19. Here, US President Donald Trump and his Republican enablers, such as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, are the worst offenders.

Those rushing to save Wall Street may subscribe to the logic of Jeremy Bentham, the father of modern utilitarianism, who argued that the goal of public policy must be to ensure the "greatest happiness of the greatest number," measured by a country's total income. Those who would place protecting public health first affirm the Harvard philosopher John Rawls' theory of social justice, which requires public policy to be "to the greatest benefit of the least advantaged."

Ultimately, however, meeting either standard will require societies and governments to go far beyond social distancing or stimulus payments to tackle deeply embedded systemic inequalities. While the virus itself does not discriminate by wealth, race, social status, or any other such markers, it has disproportionately affected the poor, as well as racial and ethnic minorities. In the US, black and Latino populations in the US face significantly higher COVID-19 infection and mortality rates.

This is partly because members of minority groups are more likely to hold the "essential" jobs that have been exempted from shelter-in-place rules, such as grocery-store workers, bus drivers, couriers, and home health aides. According to one study, black workers comprise nearly 12% of all employees in the US, but 17% of front-line workers.

Such professions are not only likely to be lower paid, but also frequently offer few benefits, such as paid sick leave or health insurance. Social and economic factors, including higher poverty rates and higher likelihood of living in under-resourced neighborhoods, compound the health risks, as do long-standing inequities in health-care access and outcomes.

This is not only an American phenomenon. A recent study showed similar racial disparities in the United Kingdom. And all over the world, the poorest groups - unable to stay home, living in crowded environments that may lack piped water, and without access to medical facilities - are suffering the most. Many are face growing food insecurity.

Beyond a public-health crisis, COVID-19 is a social and humanitarian crisis - one that is exposing and widening our societies' fault lines, as the protests over racial injustice in the US and elsewhere have shown. But addressing systemic inequities is extremely difficult, not least because members of the privileged group are likely to cling to their advantages.

Rawls captured this dynamic by basing his theory of justice on an "original position": What choices would people make about the social contract if they didn't know any of their individual attributes, such as wealth, race, values, or capabilities? Behind this "veil of ignorance," they would presumably choose a system that ensures the security and dignity of all.

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**NaFAA signs 3.5 million Euros project**

**A**s part of efforts to improve food security, nutrition and income in rural Liberia, the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) has entered a memorandum of understanding with AfricaRice and the Ministry of Agriculture to implement an EU sponsored Project titled, "Desira", focusing on rice and fish integration.

According to NaFAA, the signatories to the MOU are Director General Glassco, Dr. Inoussa Akintayo, Country Director AfricaRice, and the Minister of Agriculture Madam Jennie Cooper.

Integrated rice and fish farmers are

roles as food producers and ensuring food and nutrition for their families.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance rice development and fish value chains for improved food, nutrition and economic security through targeted research and extension in Liberia.

The entire project will last for a period of 36 months and is put at 3.5 million Euros.

It will also draw on the initial lessons learned from the FAO AfricaRice, WorldFish, and other research organizations; including initiatives on



*Madam Emma Metieh Glassco, Director-General, NaFAA*

the primary direct beneficiaries of the project, as they stand to benefit directly through access to research, innovations and technologies that will improve the sustainability and productivity of their products.

The project will be implemented in five counties, namely; Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Gbarpolu, Margibi, and River Gee counties, respectively and will target three hundred sixty-five rural smallholder farmers.

Sixty percent targeted farmers will be women inclusive householders/families to build on their

climatic-smart agriculture to design/modify and test technologies as well as practices that sustainably increase productivity and enhance adaptive development outcomes in Liberia.

Worldfish and AfricaRice through this project aim to adapt improved rice-fish systems technologies and better management practices in the country, together with the National Agriculture Research Extension Systems (NARES), the private sector and other donor funded projects. - *Press Release*

**Protest at Bushrod Island Magisterial Court -over Dixon Seboe Vs. Bervina Brook Case**

*By Emmanuel Mondaye*

**A** group of protesters in defense of defendant Bervina Brook, who is standing trial on charges of 'Criminal Coercion and Disorderly Conduct' filed before the Bushrod Island Magisterial Court by Montserrado County Electoral District #16 Representative Dixon Seboe on July 1, 2020 have reportedly stormed the court premises, demanding the accused unconditional release.

Representative Seboe is pressing criminal coercion and disorderly conduct charges against defendant Brook who had earlier accused him of raping her.

During preliminary hearing into the case presided over by Judge James F. Dudu, the angry protestors argued that Rep. Seboe sued the defendant to prevent her from pressing alleged 'Rape' charges against him.

The protest compelled party litigants, magistrates and state prosecutors who were already in court on official businesses to remain inside the court house for fear of any

eventuality that may occur.

Court sources told this paper that during hearing into the case, lawyers representing Representative Dixon Seboe requested the court for a change of venue due to what they termed, growing public sentiments in the case.

Our source disclosed that state prosecutors however rejected a Motion of Change of Venue on grounds that the case at bar originated in the Bushrod Island Magisterial Court.

Following legal battle between the opposing lawyers, Magistrate James F. Dudu denied the state prosecutor's request.

Defendant Bervina Brook is alleging that she was sexually abused by the Montserrado County District #16 lawmaker some time ago, but the allegation is yet to be investigated and proven.

Meanwhile, calm has returned to the court with regular businesses proceeding in accordance with the court's mandate. - *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



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## Senate tussle over SOE extension

By Ethel A. Tweh

Senators on Capitol Hill Wednesday, 1 July tussled over the extension of the State of Emergency by one month as proposed by President George Manneh Weah.

Argument erupted in the Senate following a report by its committee that

coronavirus case, a committee was set up by the Senate President Pro Tempore Albert Chie to look into Mr. Weah's SOE extension proposal.

The committee chaired by Montserrado County Senator Saah Joseph included other members in persons of Bong Senator Dr. Henrique Togba; Lofa Senator Stephen Zargo;

first State of Emergency, the cases were not as many as they are now in Liberia, noting that the State of Emergency (SOE) will help contain the virus.

Senator J. Milton Teahjay of Sinoe County says that though he supports the State of emergency's extension, the country needs to open up, adding that businesses need to be carried on in order for the country to make progress.

"We cannot allow our economy to be locked down, Liberia will be losing a lot," Teahjay argues.

Mr. Sando Johnson, Senator for Bomi County, says there is no need for the extension of the State of Emergency, adding that the Legislature needs to communicate with the Executive to enforce the Public Health Law.

According to Senator Johnson, citizens are not complying with the Public Health Laws, therefore the government needs to make it mandatory.

Also speaking, Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon says he is not in favor of the SOE's extension, noting that there is no scientific proof to show that the SOE will help with the crisis.

He argues that Liberia

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recommends that the extension of the State of Emergency as requested by Mr. Weah be adhered to and all the health protocols be abided to.

While the Senate was shut down for two weeks after Assistant Senate Secretary General Genevie Massaquoi became a confirmed

Sinoe Senator Augustine Chea and Bomi Senator Morris Saytumah, respectively.

In its report to the plenary, the committee recommends that the extension of the State of Emergency be adhered to and all the health protocols be abided to.

The committee furthers that from the pronouncement of the

## Liberia gets US\$ 9.3 million World Bank Grant

The World Bank has approved USD 9.3 million in additional grant to the Government of Liberia, for the cheesemanburg Landfill and urban sanitation (CLUS) project.

In a communication to the Deputy Minister for Economic Management, at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Hon. Augustus J. Flomo, dated Tuesday June 30, 2020, the bank's expert for Urban Development and Resilience Unit Farouk Mollah Banna thanked Liberian delegation to the Bank for their diligence through the virtual negotiations in acquiring the grant.

Banna conveyed his gratitude to Hon. Samuel D. Tweah, Jr., Minister of Finance and Development Planning, as well as the mayors of Monrovia and

Paynesville cities for their leadership in working to conclude the project. He revealed that the signing ceremony of the grant will take

place upon completion of vital documents.

The Cheesemanburg Landfill and Urban Sanitation project for Liberia is to provide access to solid waste management (SWM) services in Monrovia.



Finance Minister, Samuel D. Tweah Jr.

## Private schools are life-time partners

-Principal Robert Teah

By Emmanuel Mondaye

The Principal of a local private school in the Municipal Borough of New Kru Town Robert Teah, says private schools across the country are life-time partners of government, so the Government of Liberia should support them, especially, during this global health pandemic.

Mr. Teah explains that that as life-time educational partners, the government needs to intervene by paying salaries of some of private schools teachers due to the current health situation in the country.

He laments that the outbreak of the Coronavirus in

economic challenges, who have no means of sustaining their livelihoods.

"Our schools are presently closed and we don't have anywhere to source money from to pay our debts due our instructors. We seek government's intervention in order to bring some relief to our struggling classroom teachers", he pleaded.

He notes that if nothing were done to rescue private schools teachers, possibility of re-opening schools would be difficult, if not impossible because schools are no longer in operation. He appeals to President George M. Weah to intervene to avoid private



Liberia has caused schools to close down operations thereby, denying them the opportunity of generating fees to cater to instructors' salaries.

According to him, most of the private schools teachers are seriously vulnerable due to the fact that they are not working as a direct result of the current health crisis that have compelled the government to declared a State of Emergency in the country.

Mr. Teah believes that government's quick financial assistance to private schools would help to ease instructors'

schools perpetually closing their doors to the public due to their financial inability to pay teachers. The Government of Liberia closed learning institutions here after the index case of the Coronavirus was reported in March thereby, bringing the entire educational system to a standstill. However, the President has mandated 12th graders across the country to return to classes in preparation to write the 2020 West African Senior Schools Certificate Examination administered by the West African Examination Council, WAEC. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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# MORE HEADLINE NEWS MORE HEADLINE NEWS

## China donates ambulances, medical supplies

By Winston W. Parley

China through its embassy near Monrovia has delivered to Liberian defense authorities medical supplies brought in two coozing containers valued nearly

the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) Maj. General Prince C. Johnson, III and officials of the AFL high command received the donation presented by Chinese Senior Col. Han Xiao at the 14th Military Hospital.

“Facing the COVID -19

against the pandemic,” Liberian President George Manneh Weah, Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor, Speaker Bhofal Chambers and other senior officials including Minister Ziankahn, General Johnson and his deputy Brigadier General Geraldine George expressed firm support to the Chinese people.

“The Chinese are a grateful nation. These medical supplies at cost of nearly 3 million US dollars are our feedback,” Senior Col. Han says.

Considering the full use of the medicines by the AFL, he says China has done a lot to guarantee that all the 47 kinds of medicines have at least half of expiry date left, explaining that they asked all the dealers to provide new products which have at least two thirds of expiry date left.

He discloses that the second batch of this aid, including medical devices, laboratory equipment, emergency department equipment, obstetrics equipment, surgical instrument and outpatient equipment will arrive in the middle of September this year.

“We hope all this aid will enhance the capacity of 14th military hospital, and will

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US\$3m, including two military ambulances built with self-contained intensive care units (ICUs), capable of treating patients in the field.

Defying a heavy downpour Thursday, 2 July, Liberia's Defense Minister Daniel D. Ziankahn, the Chief of Staff of

outbreak that caught us all by surprise, the Chinese government has put people's life and health first, including foreign friends who study or work in China,” Senior Col. Han says during the donation.

He explains that at the most difficult moment “in our fight

## UL begins special eLearning semester -As classes starts 28 July

By Ben P. Wese

The president of the University (UL) Rev. Dr. Julius S. Nelson has announced here that the university will resume a special eLearning semester on 28 July, several months after the institution, like all other academic entities here, shut down due to coronavirus outbreak.

“Students and members of the UL faculty, with support from the government of Liberia, in collaboration with local partners, I am pleased to announce that the flagship University of Liberia will commence classes for the second semester of academic 2019/2020 on July 28, 2020 as a special eLearning semester,” Dr. Nelson disclosed Thursday, 2 July.

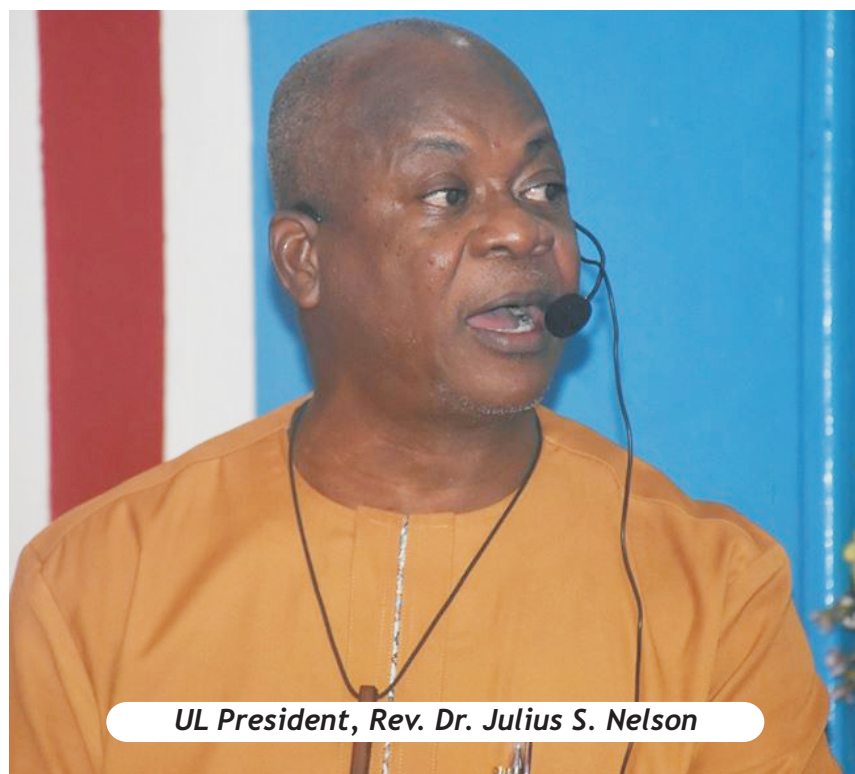
Addressing a press conference on UL's Capitol Hill Campus, Dr. Nelson says the online learning semester will be conducted on Moodle, the leading and globally supported learning

management system, along with the digital registration and enrollment management system.

He continues that the huge shift is a transformation that will challenge all students and faculty, adding that deep integration of technology in

learning is the future of higher education.

“When the Visitor announced the digitization of the systems at the University of Liberia two years ago, that set in motion a process which was ultimately leading us to the actualization of eLearning. This pandemic has



UL President, Rev. Dr. Julius S. Nelson

## Father jails son for terroristic threat

By Ben P. Wese

It was a shocking moment at the Temple Justice Wednesday, 1 July when a father identified as Samuel S. Dean, Sr., issued writ of arrest against his 21 years old son Samuel S. Dean, Jr. for the act of terroristic threats, resulting to the junior's detention at the Monrovia Central Prison.

The father, Mr. Dean who was seen very emotional in his wheelchair on the grounds of Temple of Justice, says his son has been a very bad child.

He accuses his son of being allegedly involved in lot street activities ranging from alleged drug addiction, robbery and the abduction of of teen street girls, among.

“I just want to go home, sleep in peace and get ready for my treatment tomorrow. There is no big school in Liberia [that] I didn't send this child -

counselling center, cut all the electrical wires and even threatened to burn the people's building.

Mr. Dean laments that one day while he was at home resting, his son and his street friends attacked his (father's) house and made away with all of his belongings including Television set and Ice box, among others.

He notes that while talking to his son about his behavior and warning him that it could lead him into problem, his son allegedly pushed him of his wheelchair, ran to the kitchen, got a knife to stab him (the father) before community dwellers came to his aid.

According to the police charge sheet, in violation to Chapter 14 Section 14.24 of the Revised Penal Code of Liberia, defendant Samuel S. Dean Jr.



J.J. Robert High School, Ricks Institute, American International School System and you just name them,” Mr. Dean narrates.

“But this child decided to bring shame and disgrace to me; smoking drug, hijacking people for their phone and even following arm robber to rob at night,” the father narrates further.

He continues that because he wanted his son to change for good, he took the 21 - year - old to counselling center where he stayed for nine months.

Unfortunately for Mr. Dean, he says it didn't take too long when the authority at the center asked him to pick up his son due to his misbehavior at the center. According to him, there was complaint that his son went into the ceiling of the

was arrested and acquainted with his constitutional right, investigated and subsequently charged with the offense of terroristic threats.

Police say they charged the accused for purposely, knowingly and intentionally threatening his biological father that he will burn his house and kill him on 15 June.

“During our investigation conducted at the Crime Against Person Unit, investigation revealed that after several years defendant Samuel Dean Jr. started associating himself with drug users and also joined those criminals to hijack people's phones on the street as well as putting them at gun points for their own selfish gains,” the charge sheet reveals.

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# Français

## « Je n'ai aucun regret », déclare Jemima à la suite de son licenciement

Quelques minutes après son limogeage en tant que vice-ministre du Commerce par le président George Manneh Weah, Mmeme Jamima Wolokollie a écrit sur sa page Facebook, « je n'ai aucun regret à propos des mesures qui ont été prises contre moi ».

L'ancienne sous-ministre a poursuivi en disant sur Facebook mardi dernier que si le simple fait d'exprimer son point de vue sur les tares qui minent la Coalition pour le changement démocratique au pouvoir justifie son licenciement, alors elle n'a aucun regret.

Le président Weah a licencié

mardi soir avec effet immédiat la vice-ministre du Commerce, Jemima Wolokollie.

Dans sa note de licenciement publiée sur le site de la présidence, le président Weah a indiqué que sa décision à l'encontre de la sous-ministre Wolokollie fait suite à ses actions incompatibles avec son statut de haut fonctionnaire du gouvernement.

La vice-ministre Wolokollie avait déjà fait l'objet de suspension par le passé de la part du président pour insubordination et manque de professionnalisme.

Le président Weah a profité de l'occasion pour exhorter les responsables de son gouvernement à « se comporter correctement ».

Il y a quelques jours, l'ancienne sous-ministre a qualifié de bavards les responsables de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique qui s'opposent à sa candidature à l'élection sénatoriale.

Wolokollie, lors d'une

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Pres. Weah



Ex-Minister Jemima Wolokollie

## Le pays ne peut pas rester confiné perpétuellement. « Le sénateur Teahjay »

Le pays ne peut pas rester continuellement sous confinement, a déclaré le sénateur du comté de Sinoe, J. Milton Teahjay, à ses collègues au Capitole le mercredi 1er juillet.

Le sénateur Teahjay a fait valoir qu'il y a des pays qui ont plus de cas et de décès que le Libéria, mais leurs dirigeants ont mis en place des méthodes de contrôle qui leur ont permis d'ouvrir leurs économies.

S'exprimant lors d'un débat sur le prolongement de l'état d'urgence ici après une pause d'une semaine en raison de la peur du COVID-19 au Capitole, Teahjay a déclaré que l'économie libérienne fait face à une grave récession et que le maintien du pays dans un confinement perpétuel entraînerait plus de dommages économiques et risque d'augmenter le taux de chômage qui est déjà à un niveau alarmant.

Il y a une semaine, le président George Weah a prolongé l'état d'urgence de 30 jours

supplémentaires, quelques jours après l'expiration d'un premier état d'urgence de 60 jours. La raison évoquée est que le nombre de cas de virus monte en flèche dans le pays. Les comtés qui n'avaient aucun cas ont tous enregistré plusieurs cas.

Teahjay suggère ainsi qu'au lieu de verrouiller le pays, le gouvernement devrait

prendre des mesures pour faire respecter directement les mesures barrières et les lois sur la santé publique - qui, selon lui, pourraient permettre de réduire et de contrôler la propagation du virus dans le pays.

Mais le sénateur Dr Peter Coleman, qui préside le comité sénatorial de la

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## Lutte contre un 3ème mandat d'Alpha Condé en Guinée : 8 jeunes tués seront inhumés ce vendredi

Comme on le sait, la mobilisation des Guinéens contre un éventuel troisième mandat du président Alpha Condé a été réprimée dans le sang. Plusieurs dizaines de familles ont perdu les leurs suite aux répressions des manifestations à Conakry et à l'intérieur du pays, principalement à Mamou et à N'zérékoré.

Si à N'zérékoré, on raconte que plusieurs victimes avaient été rapidement enfouies dans une fosse commune, les victimes de Conakry ont, elles, souvent bénéficié des hommages des leaders et partisans du Front national pour la défense de la Constitution, avant des enterrements populaires au cimetière de Bambéto, lieu par excellence qui accueille les victimes du régime Alpha

ce vendredi 03 juillet 2020.

Il s'agit des huit (8) jeunes assassinés, pour certains, depuis janvier 2020, par les forces de défense et de sécurité et dont les corps étaient confisqués par les autorités à l'effet de dissimuler les crimes. Ce sont :

- 1) Mamadou Issa Bah, âgé de 22 ans
- 2) Mamadou Saidou Bah, âgé de 20 ans
- 3) Mamadou Bailo Diallo, âgé de 34 ans
- 4) Idrissa Barry, âgé de 15 ans
- 5) Souleymane Barry, âgé de 17 ans
- 6) Mamadou Hafiziou Diallo, âgé de 28 ans
- 7) Ousmane Barry, âgé de 23 ans
- 8) Elhadj Ibrahima Diallo, 17 ans

La levée de corps est prévue à



Condé depuis une dizaine d'années.

Dans un communiqué signé ce mercredi, 1er juillet 2020, le Front national pour la défense de la Constitution- qui a déjà annoncé son intention de reprendre ses manifestations de rue contre la confiscation du pouvoir d'Etat par Alpha Condé à partir du 8 juillet- prévoit l'organisation des funérailles des huit (8) dernières victimes de la répression. Guineematin.com vous propose, ci-dessous, le communiqué du FNDC :

Le FNDC informe le peuple de Guinée, l'opinion nationale et internationale que l'inhumation des dernières victimes de la lutte contre le troisième mandat est prévue

10h00 à l'hôpital Sino-Guinéen et l'itinéraire du cortège funèbre partira de ce centre hospitalier pour le cimetière de Bambéto où l'enterrement aura lieu à 12h00. Le FNDC appelle les citoyens de Conakry à se mobiliser massivement dans le plus grand respect des mesures barrières contre la Covid-19 pour rendre un vibrant hommage à nos Martyrs.

Le FNDC rassure toutes les familles éplorées qu'aucun effort ne sera ménagé pour que ces crimes ne restent pas impunis. Ensemble unis et solidaires, nous vaincrons ! Conakry, le 1er juillet 2020 La Coordination nationale du FNDC

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# Français

## « Je n'ai aucun regret », déclare

émission sur une radio de la place le lundi 29 juin, a appelé à la destitution immédiate du président de la Coalition au pouvoir, Mulbah K. Murlu. Elle a dit que Morlu ne mérite pas d'être président du parti parce qu'il a négativement critiqué le président Weah.

Elle accuse le président

## Le pays ne peut pas rester confiné

santé, a indiqué que le taux croissant de cas de COVID-19 ici est inquiétant.

Le sénateur Coleman a expliqué que les comtés qui n'étaient pas touchés ou qui n'avaient pas de cas ont maintenant un nombre croissant de cas quotidiennement.

Le Dr Coleman a ajouté que les comtés de Lofa, Sinoe, Maryland et Bong ont enregistré un nombre alarmant de cas, ce qui a poussé le gouvernement à envisager la construction d'un centre de traitement dans la région centrale du comté de Bong pour répondre aux besoins sanitaires dans cette partie du pays. Le sénateur du comté de Montserrado, Abraham Darious Dillon, qui est véhément opposé au prolongement de l'état d'urgence, a, quant à lui, accusé les autorités gouvernementales de profiter de l'état d'urgence pour restreindre la liberté d'expression et la circulation des citoyens, ce qui ne faisait pas partie de la résolution signée par les sénateurs en ce qui concerne son application.

L'article 86 a) stipule : Le Président peut, en consultation avec le Président de la Chambre des représentants et le Président du Sénat, décréter un état d'urgence dans la République ou une partie de

Morlu et le maire de la ville de Monrovia, Jefferson Kojjee, d'encourager le tribalisme au sein du parti au pouvoir avant les élections sénatoriales de mi-mandat.

Wolokollie devrait participer aux prochaines élections de mi-mandat, en particulier dans le comté de Montserrado.

celle-ci. Agissant en vertu de celui-ci, le Président peut suspendre ou affecter certains droits, libertés et garanties contenus dans la présente Constitution et exercer les autres pouvoirs d'urgence qui peuvent être nécessaires et appropriés pour faire face à l'urgence, sous réserve, toutefois, des limitations contenues dans le présent chapitre.

b) Un état d'urgence ne peut être décrété qu'en cas de menace ou de déclenchement d'une guerre ou en cas de troubles civils affectant l'existence, la sécurité ou le bien-être de la République constituant un danger clair et actuel.

Article 87 a) Les pouvoirs d'urgence ne comprennent pas le pouvoir de suspendre ou d'abroger la Constitution, de dissoudre le pouvoir législatif ou de suspendre ou de révoquer le pouvoir judiciaire ; et aucun amendement constitutionnel ne doit être promulgué pendant l'état d'urgence. Lorsque l'Assemblée législative n'est pas en session, elle doit être convoquée immédiatement en session extraordinaire et rester en session pendant toute la période de l'état d'urgence.

Pendant ce temps, à la suite du débat les sénateurs ont voté en faveur du prolongement de l'état d'urgence de 30 jours supplémentaires.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Joseph E. Stiglitz

## Les priorités de l'économie du COVID-19

NEW YORK - Bien que cela semble déjà de l'histoire ancienne, peu de temps s'est écoulé depuis que les économies du monde entier ont commencé à se fermer en réponse à la pandémie de COVID-19. Au début de la crise, beaucoup s'attendaient à une reprise en forme de v, partant de l'hypothèse selon laquelle l'économie avait simplement besoin d'une courte pause. Après deux mois de petits soins et de montants colossaux d'argent, l'économie reprendrait certainement là où elle s'était arrêtée.

L'idée était séduisante. Seulement voilà, aujourd'hui au mois de juillet, la reprise en forme de v apparaît comme une illusion. Il faut en effet s'attendre à une économie post-pandémie anémique, et pas seulement dans les pays qui n'ont pas su gérer la pandémie (notamment les États-Unis, pour ne pas les nommer), mais également dans ceux qui se sont montrés efficaces face à la situation. Le Fonds monétaire international estime que fin 2021, l'économie sera à peine supérieure à son niveau de fin 2019, et que les économies américaine et européennes se seront réduites de 4%.

Les perspectives économiques actuelles peuvent être observées à deux niveaux. La macroéconomie nous conduit à penser que les dépenses diminueront, compte tenu de l'affaiblissement du bilan des ménages et des entreprises, d'une vague de faillites qui détruira les capitaux organisationnels et informationnels, ainsi que d'une forte tendance à la précaution, induite par une incertitude quant à l'évolution de la pandémie et aux réponses politiques apportées. Dans le même temps, la microéconomie nous indique que le virus agit comme une taxe sur les activités impliquant un proche contact humain, et qu'il est par conséquent voué à entraîner d'importants changements dans les modèles de consommation et de production, ce qui pourrait engendrer une plus large transformation structurelle.

Nous savons grâce à la théorie économique et à l'histoire que les marchés à eux seuls ne suffisent pas pour gérer une telle transition, compte tenu notamment de sa soudaineté. Reconvertir les employés de compagnies aériennes en techniciens de la plateforme Zoom n'est pas chose facile. Et même si nous y parvenions, les secteurs qui se développent aujourd'hui sont beaucoup moins intensifs en main-d'œuvre, et plus intensifs en qualifications, que les industries qu'ils viennent remplacer.

Nous savons également que les grandes transformations structurelles ont tendance à engendrer un problème keynésien traditionnel, en raison de ce que les économistes appellent les effets de revenus et de substitution. Même si plusieurs secteurs n'impliquant pas de contact humain se développent, ce qui illustre l'amélioration de leur attractivité relative, l'augmentation associée des dépenses sera contrebalancée par une diminution des dépenses résultant de la baisse des revenus dans les secteurs en contraction.

Par ailleurs, dans le cas de la pandémie, un troisième effet interviendra : le creusement des inégalités. Les machines ne pouvant pas être infectées par le virus, elles apparaîtront relativement plus attrayantes pour les employeurs, notamment dans les secteurs en contraction recourant à une main-d'œuvre moins qualifiée. Et dans la mesure où les individus à faibles revenus doivent dépenser une part plus importante de ces revenus dans les biens de base, par rapport aux plus fortunés, tout creusement des inégalités lié à l'automatisation entraînera nécessairement un effet de contraction.

Deux motifs supplémentaires de pessimisme

viennent s'ajouter à ces difficultés. Premièrement, si la politique monétaire peut aider certaines entreprises à faire face à des contraintes temporaires de liquidités - comme pendant la Grande Récession de 2008-2009 - elle ne peut résoudre les problèmes de solvabilité, ni stimuler l'économie lorsque les taux d'intérêt sont déjà proches de zéro.

En outre, aux États-Unis et dans plusieurs autres pays, les objections « conservatrices » à l'augmentation des déficits et des niveaux de dette feront obstacle à la relance budgétaire nécessaire. Certes, les mêmes acteurs ont bien volontiers réduit l'imposition des milliardaires et des grandes sociétés en 2017, renfloué Wall Street en 2008, et prêté à une poignée de géants des affaires cette année. Mais les choses changent lorsqu'il s'agit d'étendre l'assurance chômage, la couverture santé, et d'autres aides en faveur des plus vulnérables.

Les priorités à court terme sont claires depuis le début de la crise. Priorité évidente, l'urgence sanitaire doit être surmontée (notamment en assurant un niveau suffisant d'équipements de protection personnelle et de capacité hospitalière), dans la mesure où aucune reprise économique ne sera possible tant que le virus ne sera pas sous contrôle. Dans le même temps, les mesures politiques de protection des plus démunis, d'apport de liquidités pour empêcher des faillites inutiles, ainsi que de maintien du lien entre les employés et leur entreprise, sont essentielles pour assurer un redémarrage rapide le moment venu.

Malgré l'évidence de ces priorités inscrites à l'agenda, des choix difficiles devront être faits. Nous ne pouvons procéder au sauvetage d'entreprises - de type détaillants traditionnels - qui déclinaient déjà avant la crise, sans quoi nous engendrions des entités « zombies », ce qui en fin de compte limiterait le dynamisme et la croissance. Nous ne devons pas non plus renflouer des sociétés qui étaient déjà trop endettées pour pouvoir supporter le moindre choc. La décision de la Réserve fédérale américaine consistant à soutenir le marché des obligations spéculatives via son programme d'achat d'actifs constitue très certainement une erreur. En effet, le risque moral constitue en l'occurrence une préoccupation pertinente ; les gouvernements ne sauraient protéger les entreprises contre leur propre folie.

Puisqu'il va sans doute falloir apprendre à vivre avec le COVID-19 pendant un temps certain, nous disposons du temps suffisant pour veiller à ce que nos dépenses soient le reflet de nos priorités. Au début de la pandémie, la société américaine était déchirée par les inégalités raciales et économiques, le déclin du niveau de santé, ainsi qu'une dépendance destructrice aux combustibles fossiles. Maintenant que les dépenses publiques se déverrouillent à une échelle massive, le public est en droit d'exiger des sociétés bénéficiaires d'aides qu'elles contribuent à la justice sociale et raciale, à l'amélioration de la santé, ainsi qu'à la transition vers une économie plus écologique et davantage basée sur la connaissance. Ces valeurs doivent s'observer non seulement dans la répartition de l'argent public, mais également dans les conditions que nous imposons à ses bénéficiaires.

Comme mes coauteurs et moi-même le soulignons dans une récente étude, les dépenses publiques judicieusement orientées, notamment les investissements dans la transition écologique, peuvent se révéler opportunes, intensives en main-d'œuvre (contribuant ainsi à remédier au problème de l'explosion du chômage), et hautement stimulantes - car beaucoup plus rentables que par exemple les baisses d'impôts. Il n'y a aucune raison économique pour que les pays, États-Unis inclus, n'adoptent pas des programmes de relance durable sur la voie des sociétés qu'ils prétendent être.

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# JFK in trouble

By Bridgett Milton

The House of Representatives has summoned authorities at the John F. Kennedy Medical (JFK) Hospital to answer questions as to why photo of the lifeless body of the late Sinoe County District #2 Representative, J. Nagbe Sloh in hospital bed, has gone viral on social media platforms.

Hours following his death, photos of the corpse of the late Representative Sloh were seen on social media, showing how his skin had peeled from his leg up to his thigh.

During its Thursday, 2 July session, the Plenary of the House of Representatives took the decision to invite authorities at the government-run hospital following a communication from Grand Bassa County Representative Thomas Goshua.

Representative Sloh, who was a member of the Independent Legislative Caucus, died Tuesday night, 30 June at the John F. Kennedy Medical Hospital after a period of illness.

Authorities at the John F.

Kennedy Medical alongside all nurses who were in charge of the late Sinoe County lawmaker are expected to appear Monday, 6 July before the leadership of the House of Representatives to answer questions.

According to Representative Goshua, the photograph of their fallen colleague while being admitted at the JFK Memorial Hospital is currently being displayed all on social media

with denigrating comments from viewers without regard to his family and the House of Representatives.

Goshua wonders how the picture of Representative Sloh got into the public glare when there's supposed to be privacy for patients at the John F. Kennedy Medical Hospital and all medical facilities.--Edited by Winston W. Parley



The late Representative J. Nagbe Sloh

# Liberian comedian joins Jeety's COVID-19 free food campaign

By Emmanuel Mondaye

Liberian comedian known by stage name 'Shati' has joined the ongoing free cooked food distribution campaign initiative undertaken in Monrovia and its environs by Indian Consul General Mr. Shri Upjit Singh Sachdeva or Jeety as a way of helping vulnerable and less fortunate Liberians during the coronavirus crisis.

Comedian Shati usually visits the food distribution centers at Vai Town and

Slipway communities, respectively, providing some level of entertainment to hundreds of less fortunate Liberians that receive hot food daily.

The Liberian comedian who loves wearing long shoes, dances to ease his followers' stress and worries as they queue to receive their COVID-19 hot meal.

He is particularly known for loving children and making them his best friends at the distribution centers.

When he takes the stage to

perform, Shati calls the names of children at the center many times and walks majestically through the distribution line with his plate of hot meal in his hand.

The comedian tells reporters that he decided to join the Indian Consul General's Covid-19 hot food distribution exercise because of the wonderful work and contribution Mr. Jeety is carrying out in changing the way of life for the less fortunate Liberians.

He praises the foreign diplomat for his meaningful and worthy campaign at the time many less fortunate Liberians are unable to provide food for themselves due to lack of basic skills.

Shati discloses that Mr. Jeety will always be remembered by the less fortunate people in the country who continue to benefit, not only from his hot meal distribution, but also from payment of their medical bills and provision of football materials, among other things in the society.

He then calls on Liberians residing in the country to also join the Indian Consul General by going to the aid of their fellow compatriots who, for unknown reasons, find themselves as vulnerable



Indian Consulate Shri Upjit Singh Sachdeva and members of his free food distribution team

# MTN Group announces

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Benin recorded double-digit revenue growth for three years running. Uche leaves a business with double-digit year-on-year revenue growth, enjoying a nine-point market share improvement against its competitor."

Stephen has for five years led MTN Benin, an operation of 5.5 million subscribers. He replaces Hendrik Kasteel, who left the group in March. Since then, MTN Cameroon chief financial officer Ebenezer

Bodylawson has been acting CEO, steering the operation of more than 10 million subscribers.

Uche joined MTN in 2018. Since then, she has repositioned Lonestar Cell MTN as a competitive player in the market and grown its customer base to 1.45 million. The group is in the process of appointing a new CEO for Lonestar Cell MTN and will make an announcement in this regard as soon as the process is finalised.

# Father jails son

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The police continue that defendant Samuel Dean's father took him to a church located in Paynesville, Newzoe Community where some of the drug users were undergoing rehabilitation, hoping that he would be rehabilitated to enable him to be reintegrated into the community.

The investigation further established that after a few months of stay in the school, defendant Samuel Dean, Jr.

insulted the Pastor and the elders at the school and left.

Police say he went to his father's house where he threatened to kill him (father) and burn down his house.

It was revealed, police say, that during an interview, the defendant admitted to what his father said.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

# Inter complete €40m

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names on the team sheet, with Antonio Candreva entering the twilight of his career and Victor Moses only on loan from Chelsea.

In Conte's preferred system, Hakimi would likely line up on the right-hand side of a midfield five in a 3-5-2 formation, operating in his natural right-wing-back role.

Hakimi is a full international for the Morocco national team despite being born in Madrid, already has 28 caps to his name and has scored two goals along the way.

Former Morocco international Houssine Kharja, who also played for Inter before hanging up his boots, claims that his old club have been monitoring Hakimi's development for over two years, with Nerazzurri director Piero Ausilio allegedly asking for his opinion.

"Ausilio has been following him for a long time," Kharja

told Gianluca Di Marzio. "Two and a half years ago, when he was still at Real Madrid and was not playing, he started asking me about him several times. Inter is a major club, and Conte's tactics will be perfect for him.

"He is very strong, in all the years of the national team I have never seen anyone like him. He is very intelligent, he will be able to adapt to Italian football.

"He may struggle in the defensive phase, perhaps at the beginning, but he will certainly be helped. After all, even Maicon had some difficulties, then he won the treble. Hakimi is ready and will improve.

"Playing in a stadium like San Siro will be an extra stimulus: he's not afraid of anything, like me. He played in Madrid and Dortmund, also winning a Champions League. The [Giuseppe] Meazza can only charge him up."



folks or zogoes.

Meanwhile, over 160,000 plates of cooked meals have been distributed to vulnerable

people since the start of the distribution in several localities around Monrovia.-- Edited by Winston W. Parley



# My life is in danger

**D**ismissed former Deputy Commerce Minister Madam Jemima Wolokollie says her life is in danger, days after she was dismissed from her position and subsequently expelled from the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change or CDC party.

Madam Wolokollie told local radio Joy FM that unknown men from the National Security Agency (NSA) have been tailing her since her dismissal and subsequent expulsion from the ruling party.

"Look (referring to what appears to be a failed government loan scheme) because right now NSA is tailing me, my life is in danger," she told her hosts.

"I just want to say, if anything happens to me it will be the (Jefferson) Kojjee, the Mulbah Morlu and Thomas

But Madam Wolokollie insists that her initial suspension had nothing to do with grudge insubordination to her immediate boss, Prof Wilson Tarpeh, rather it was a fallout from a question she had asked during a meeting in Grand Bassa County back then.

She said it is unfortunate that some of the leaders within the ruling party lack discipline and have refused to be discipline into leadership.

She termed as blatant lies reasons given by the party for her expulsion-that she mismanage a US3 million loan scheme.

She narrated that the loan was hijacked by her boss, Minister Tarpeh after she had completed the vetting of beneficiaries who were mostly micro business owners and community loan schemes.

She said despite warning from President Weah to Minister

When I went to Grand Bassa I asked certain question and that is why the president suspended me (the first time)-it was not because I acted rule to my boss.

For the past two months, I enjoyed the working relationship with my boss but for the rest he suppressed me. I wrote series of memos.

The Loan

Ok like, I said the other day, I am going to repeat again. The Government of Liberia decided that it will give small micro loan to small businesses. And the Government was going to give USD1m and LBDI (Liberia bank for Development and Investment) said they were going to give USD2m. And the President said Samuel Tweah, Wilson Tarpeh stay off this loan.

I vetted the (beneficiaries) and the bank said everything



Ex-Min. Jemima Wolokollie

Min. Tarpeh

Fallah they are tailing me. I want to tell the President to tell his children to stop tailing me," Madam Wolokollie asserted.

President Weah Tuesday night June 30, dismissed with immediate effect Madam Wolokollie from her deputy ministerial position. Her dismissal letter published on the Executive Mansion website quotes President Weah as saying his decision follows a string of actions incompatible with Deputy Minister Wolokollie's status as a senior government official.

Months prior to her dismissal she had earlier been suspended by President for alleged insubordination and unprofessionalism but her suspension was later lifted by the President.

Tarpeh and Finance Development Planning Minister Samuel Tweah to have their hands off the loan, Minister Tarpeh still went ahead to hijacked the process.

She indicated that to date, Minister Tarpeh is yet to provide an audit report and those to whom he claims to have disbursed 513,000 of the 3 million so far.

"The issues of my dismissal are too many. Of course, we have had our ups and downs at my working place. Like any other ministry, we have had problems. But it was nice working with Commerce Ministry. And then the loan issue. I really want you to ask me for that loan.

For the past two months, we (my boss and I) have been ok. I did not disrespect my boss.

was ok, that I have done well. After that my boss whenever I went to the bank they will send me back to my boss. From that day on, my boss took over my office and took over the loan. I never saw that loan again.

They also refused to give me a document concerning the loan. The only document was on a flying sheet to say this is what I have given out-USD 513,000. Then when he sent me that piece of paper, I wrote to him requesting him to give me an audit report and to give me the names and telephone numbers of those small businesses. Every document have been hidden from me.

Anything about this loan is between Wilson Tarpeh and his office. So I don't want to hear people to telling me about this US3m. It's my boss. I don't have the money.

Efforts to contact both Mulbah Morlu and Prof. Tarpeh proved futile as their both GSM numbers were said to be off.

# Senate tussle over

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needs an enforced Public Health Law and within that law, certain areas can be locked down while executive order is being enforced in certain areas.

He however notes that they cannot give the president an order to suspend certain rights, adding that during the 60 days SOE, the Solicitor General of Liberia arrested people because of freedom of speech when the Legislature didn't suspend freedom of speech in the document signed.

Mr. Dillon continues that the rights of the citizens were violated, adding that the 60 days SOE was from April 10 to June 10 and not June 21.

After June 10, he states that the rights of citizens to

still be under the SOE was violated. According to Dillon, the coronavirus cases were less and after the 60 days SOE, the cases increased.

But another Senator and member of the Incident Management System Dr. Peter Coleman, says the SOE extension is very important to help reduce the high number of coronavirus cases Liberia has.

He pleads with his colleagues to extend the SOE for the good of every Liberian.

Meanwhile, Maryland County Senator J Gbleh-bo Brown also expresses support for the extension of the State of Emergency by one month, saying the cases are on the increase and Liberia needs the SOE to curtail the virus.--

Edited by Winston W. Parley

# China donates

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serve AFL soldiers and their [families] at high levels," Senior. Col. Han adds.

Concluding, he notes that in the near future, China wishes to inject new energy to the long - term development of this good relationship, and will try to help the AFL with its overall development by providing more support and assistance to further existing traditional friendship and cooperation between China and Liberia.

Receiving the donation, Defense Minister Daniel Ziankahn expresses thanks and appreciation to Col. Han, the Chinese Embassy and the Chinese government for the intervention, saying "we have always" dreamt of making the 14th Military Hospital second to none.

Minister Ziankahn expresses hope that the hospital will make the best use of the donation, saying the donation is meant only to make intervention in Liberia's fight against coronavirus because it was in the pipeline years ago.

As indicated by Senior Col.

Han, Minister Ziankahn says the defense authorities will be looking forward to the Chinese for more training of their soldiers.

Major Joseph Cole, Commanding Officer for AFL Health Services expresses the AFL's appreciation to the Chinese Embassy for thinking about the 14th Military Hospital and donating medical supplies and ambulances well - equipped to be used for any purpose.

According to Maj. Joseph, the two ambulances have everything in them to maintain life, saying: I have never seen" ambulances of that kind in Liberia.

He says the ambulances have ICUs and will work for the common people and the VIPs, thanking the Chinese people for a good start.

Prior to the construction of the 14th Military Hospital, Maj. Joseph notes that Liberia was the only country in the Mano River Union (MRU) that did not have a military hospital, saying that has been changed.

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## MTN Group announces new CEOs for MTN Cameroon and MTN Benin



**Uche Ofodile**



**Stephen Blewett**

**M**TN Group has announced the appointment of new chief executive officers for two of its West African operations, MTN Cameroon and MTN Benin. Stephen Blewett, the current CEO of MTN Benin, will take the helm at MTN Cameroon on 1 August 2020 while Uche Ofodile, the current CEO of Lonestar Cell

performance, at MTN's operations in Benin and Liberia in the past few years." Karl Toriola, vice president for MTN's West and Central Africa region, thanked Stephen and Uche for their commitment and contribution: "Under Stephen's leadership, MTN

will become the CEO of MTN Benin. "I would like to congratulate Stephen and Uche on their appointments," said MTN Group president and CEO Rob Shuter. "Both are renowned for harnessing the power of people to move businesses forward. This is evident in the significant improvements in employee engagement, as well as overall

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## Inter complete €40m Hakimi signing from Real Madrid

**A**chraf Hakimi has officially moved from Real Madrid to Inter, with reports suggesting the Milanese club have spent around €40 million (£36m/\$45m) to secure the services of the youngster until 2025.

It is also said that Madrid have included a buy-back clause in the wing-back's five-year deal.

A statement on Los Blancos' official website reads: "Real Madrid CF and

Inter Milan have agreed to transfer Achraf Hakimi. The club wants to thank Achraf for all these years of dedication, professionalism and exemplary behaviour since he came to our academy in 2006 and wishes him good luck in his new phase."

Hakimi had been widely expected to return to Santiago Bernabeu after two stellar seasons at Borussia Dortmund, the 21-year-old announcing himself on the Champions League stage in style with important goals and assists.



Indeed, the player's agent, Alejandro Camano, had said his client was bound for the Spanish capital once his loan deal had been completed, but it seems the prospect of battling Dani Carvajal for a starting spot after being a regular starter at Signal Iduna Park forced the player to consider his options.

In linking up with Antonio Conte's Inter, the youngster is likely to be one of the first

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