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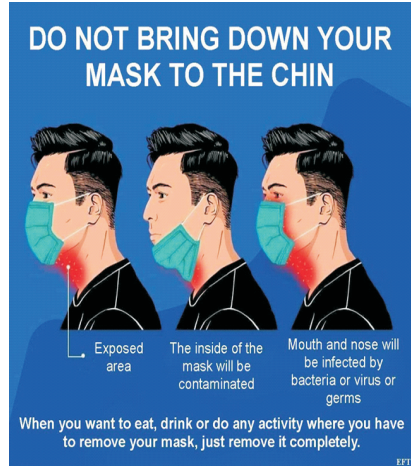
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Continental News

Hotel Rwanda hero 'abducted' in Dubai, says family

The daughter of Paul Rusesabagina, who was portrayed in a Hollywood film about the Rwandan genocide, has appealed for help to secure his release, saying she believes he was abducted from Dubai. Rwandan officials said on Monday that Mr Rusesabagina had been arrested under an international warrant for leading "terrorist movements". Mr Rusesabagina's daughter told the BBC the allegation was false. Her father was a human rights advocate, Anaise Kanimba added. Mr Rusesabagina, 66, is a strong critic of Rwanda's President Paul Kagame.

The family last heard from Mr Rusesabagina after he landed in Dubai on Thursday, Ms Kanimba said.

He lived in exile, and was a US resident and a Belgian citizen, she added.

"So we would love these two places to help us get him home." The charges they have on him are baseless," Ms Kanimba added in a BBC Newsday interview. The Rwanda Investigation Bureau

(RIB) paraded the arrested man in front of journalists in Kigali on Monday, but did not give details about where he was arrested. It said Mr Rusesabagina had been the leader and sponsor of "extremist terror outfits", and would be tried on charges of terrorism, murder, kidnap and arson. Mr Rusesabagina, who is from the Hutu ethnic group, became well known after the

2004 film Hotel Rwanda depicted his efforts to save hundreds of Tutsis at a hotel where he was a manager during the 1994 genocide.

About 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in the genocide. They were killed by Hutu extremists who were forced from power by Mr Kagame and his Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic

Front (RPF). "We are not aware of how he got there [to Rwanda] and how this happened," Ms Kanimba told the BBC. "This is why we believe he was kidnapped because he would never go to Rwanda on his own will."

She said the body language of her father following his arrest suggested that he was "staying strong and he doesn't want us to know that he is beaten and even if they have him he's going to show us that he's going to continue fighting".

Rwandan officials said on Monday that Mr Rusesabagina had been detained following "international co-operation". Dubai's government has not yet commented. Mr Rusesabagina's name featured recently in a terrorism case in Rwanda.

The court heard allegations that a Rwandan rebel group, the National Liberation Front (FLN), had received help from Zambia's President Edgar Lungu because of his close

friendship with Mr Rusesabagina.

Mr Lungu's spokesman denied the allegation in a BBC interview.

In 2011, Mr Rusesabagina was accused of funding subversion in Rwanda, but no charges were brought.

At the time, he denied any wrongdoing. President Kagame's critics accuse him of not tolerating any opposition. Several opposition leaders have been jailed and others fled into exile. The president says he is trying to prevent a return of ethnic hatred. The 2004 film told the story of how Mr Rusesabagina, a middle-class Hutu married to a Tutsi, used his influence - and bribes - to convince military officials to secure a safe escape for an estimated 1,200 people who sought shelter at the Mille Collines Hotel in Kigali. Don Cheadle played Mr Rusesabagina in the film. BBC

Rwandan genocide survivors' group Ibuka has in the past said that he exaggerated his own role in helping hotel refugees escape the 100-day slaughter. BBC



Paul Rusesabagina was paraded in front of the media in Rwanda on Monday

Malawi President Reinstates Fired Army Commander

Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera has fired the army chief and replaced him with the commander who was dismissed in March by Chakwera's predecessor, former president Peter Mutharika.

In his live address Tuesday on state broadcaster, Malawi

Broadcasting Corporation, Chakwera said the sacking of Gen. Vincent Nundwe was not procedural.

"Although the former president had the ultimate responsibility for the Malawi Defense Force as the commander-in-chief and was vested with powers of appointment, it was improper to use such powers without

cause. I have therefore redeployed Gen. Nundwe as commander of the Malawi Defense Force," Chakwera said. Mutharika fired Nundwe in March for allowing the military to protect demonstrators protesting the results of last year's elections.

The Constitutional Court later annulled the elections and called for fresh polls, which were won by Chakwera in June of this year.

Chakwera said his decision to reinstate Nundwe is to restore justice to the operations of the Malawi Defense Force.

"In doing this, my purpose is to heal the injury and injustice of an unfair decision inflicted on our entire military as a professional institution," he said.

Chakwera also has announced he will soon convene a meeting of the Defense Council to discuss the appointment of the new deputy commander of the Malawi Defense Force and other key positions. VOA



Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera (L) and first lady Monica Chakwera depart following his inauguration at the Kamuzu Baracks.

Ethiopia demands US explanation over funding-cut reports



Construction on the dam began in 2011

Ethiopia's government has demanded an explanation from the US over a report that it has reduced its funding of Ethiopia as the dispute continues over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (Gerd).

Last week, Foreign Policy magazine reported that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has approved the withholding of up to \$130m (£98m) in a bid to pressurise Ethiopia into coming to a deal with Egypt over the Gerd.

For nearly a decade, Ethiopia and Egypt have been negotiating over the dam, which sits on the Nile's main tributary, the Blue Nile.

Egypt almost entirely relies

on the river for its water supply and wants guarantees over the volume of water it will receive.

The countries, along with Sudan, are negotiating over the amount of water the dam will release. Ethiopia's ambassador to Washington, Fitsum Arega, has tweeted that the US said there would be an explanation on Monday at 14:30 local time (18:30 GMT). But there was no confirmation that funding had been cut.

After this year's rainy season, the Gerd now has 4.9 billion cubic metres (bcm) in its reservoir, which is enough to test the first two turbines. BBC

EDITORIAL

Now we know the real chief feminist

LAST WEEK'S STONE throwing and running battle between anti-rape protesters and riot officers of the Liberia National Police that led to the coming into the street of ex-President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf to join protesters in solidarity over the increasing wave of rape across the country when in fact, President George Manneh Weah out-rightly refused to meet with the protesters despite their demand clearly indicates who is the real chief feminist for Liberia.

FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE days last week protesters, including little girls as old as five, six and seven years marched from the Monrovia suburb of Vamoma House to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to present a petition to President Weah against endemic rape in the country. They had insisted to give the petition to the President himself, but Mr. Weah did not come out in spite of their demand.

AND SO WHEN it became very obvious that they won't see President Weah at his official office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the protesters decided on the last day of their campaign to instead, go to Mr. Weah's residence in Rehab community along the Robertsfield highway outside Monrovia, but armed riot police brutally prevented them, save the appearance of former President Sirleaf, who met with the crowd predominantly women and young girls and expressed solidarity.

HOW DISAPPOINTING IT has been that President George Weah, who some time ago, declared himself as Liberia's chief feminist, could not come out to meet women with bleeding hearts, lamenting over the wave of brutal abuse of their babies, daughters and sons sexually by evil men whose ages range from 20 to 50 and above.

BEING A WOMAN, mother and grandmother herself, MsSirleaf heard the wailing of protesters in the street and she came out to identify with them in their grievance over an act that is rapidly destroying future wives, mothers and husbands of the land, while the self-declared chief feminist [President Weah] sent emissaries upon emissaries with excuses that the President couldn't be there himself over a situation that has become very alarming in the country.

LIBERIANS NEED NOT to look any farther to know who the true chief feminist is for the country. We know that President Weah is a very busy leader or so he ought to be. But taking out at least 10 or 15 minutes of his busy schedules to have come to receive protesters' petition, especially when they had insisted so, would have worth the effort and demonstrated that the 'Father' and "Chief Feminist" of the Land is in empathy with their struggle to seek justice.

INSTEAD, WHAT THEY got were bruises, scars and allegedly broke limbs as a result of Police heavy-handedness to stifle and quiet their voices. What a paradox in a land that is supposedly presided over by a leader who presides himself as chief feminist! Is it mere title or does President Weah really care about issues that confront women of Liberia?

BETWEEN EX-PRESIDENT SIRLEAF and President George Weah we can clearly see that it is not about self-title but demonstrated actions to match the title, for actions speak louder than words. By Thursday evening last week, Madam Sirleaf was on the BBC, acknowledging the endemic rape in the country and suggesting what could be or needs to be done to addressing the problem. That's the mark of a true leader.

ON THE CONTRARY, the current administration is politicizing everything and suspicious of everybody, even grieving women and girls protesting for their own lives in the streets. Who should provide them security, if not the government they elected at the ballot box? President Weah should know that he has a duty to ensure the peace, security and happiness of the people at all times.

MR. WEAH MISSED a great opportunity to demonstrate political leadership by his refusal to meet with protesting women and girls and receive their petition over a situation that is portraying Liberia negatively under his watch. We wonder whether the President understands the consequences of his reluctance or sheer inaction over a cruel crime such as rape and abuse of women and girls.

COMMENTARY

By Willem H. Buiter

The Fed's Dangerous New Strategy

The US Federal Reserve's recent changes to its monetary policy framework are ill-advised and potentially harmful. They also fail to address a number of other crucial problems. The Fed should scrap this new approach, and instead make full and effective use of the policy instruments it has - or could have - at its disposal.

NEW YORK - On August 27, the US Federal Reserve issued a press release summarizing updates to its longer-run goals and monetary-policy strategy, and Fed Chair Jerome Powell discussed the revisions at greater length in a speech later the same day. The two documents are a collection of type I and type II errors. If the Fed were to pursue the new strategy determinedly, it could inflict real economic damage on the United States and the world.

Let's begin with a minor error of omission. In his speech, Powell referred to the Fed's congressionally mandated goals of maximum employment and price stability - omitting, as is the norm, its third congressionally mandated objective of moderate long-term interest rates. The obvious tool for managing long-term rates is yield-curve control, but the policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) does not mention this instrument even in the context of pursuing maximum employment and stable prices.

But the real trouble starts with the FOMC's reinterpretation of "maximum employment." The press release states that the committee's policy decision will be informed by its "assessments of the shortfalls of employment from its maximum level." The FOMC's original strategy statement, adopted in 2012, referred to "deviations from its maximum level."

This new asymmetric interpretation is extremely worrying. It suggests either that maximum employment is achieved only when every working-age person has a full-time job plus any desired overtime, or that the Phillips curve - which posits an inverse relationship between inflation and unemployment - is dead when it is, at most, stunned. Now, it seems, the Fed will not tighten monetary policy even when the actual level of employment exceeds that at which inflationary pressures in the labor market manifest themselves - which is bound to be well below the FOMC's maximum employment level.

The Fed's mandated targets should have clear normative content and be susceptible to policy. But, regarding price stability, the FOMC has switched to a flexible form of average inflation targeting - itself a non-transparent form of price-level targeting. According to the press release, the Fed now "seeks to achieve inflation that averages 2% over time." Therefore, "following periods when inflation has been running persistently below 2%, appropriate monetary policy will likely aim to achieve inflation moderately above 2% for some time."

This means that past inflation will influence the Fed's current and future monetary policy. But past inflation is a bygone issue and should be irrelevant for formulating policy - unlike current and expected inflation, which have normative content and can be influenced by policy.

Of course, when inflation expectations are influenced by past inflation, then the past will influence current and future monetary policy. But there are, and always will be, other drivers of inflation expectations. Average inflation targeting is just bad economics.

Instead, flexible inflation targeting is by far the best way to formulate the objectives and modus operandi of monetary policy. Under such a regime, a central bank raises (lowers) policy rates when anticipated future inflation is above (below) target and when employment is above (below) the best estimate of maximum employment. This is defined as the equilibrium level of employment when both actual and expected inflation are equal to the target rate of inflation - in other words, the natural level of employment.

Then there are the Fed's major errors of omission. For starters, the FOMC does not mention enhancing its monetary-policy arsenal by removing the effective lower bound (ELB) on policy rates. Today's persistent low-interest-rate environment supposedly implies that policy rates are more likely to be constrained by their ELB than in the past. But this is because policymakers in the US and around the world have been unwilling to remove it.

Abolishing cash would be the easiest way to eliminate the ELB (and would have the further benefit of taxing criminal activity), but there are other ways to achieve the same goal. Such a step would enable the Fed not only to cut policy rates when it otherwise would have been thwarted by the ELB, but also to lower the inflation target to the level consistent with a zero "true" inflation rate - likely below 2%.

The FOMC's second major error of omission is the absence of any discussion of the Fed's failure, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, to enlarge and change the composition of its balance sheet to the fullest possible extent to support economic activity.

As of the week of January 6, 2020, the Fed had consolidated assets of \$4.15 trillion, or 19.3% of US GDP in 2019. By the week of August 17, its balance sheet had grown to \$7.01 trillion, or 32.7% of 2019 GDP. But this growth - equivalent to 13.4% of last year's GDP in just seven months - seems less impressive when compared to the evolution of the European Central Bank's balance sheet over the same period. Between January 3 and August 14, the consolidated Eurosystem's total assets increased from nearly €4.7 trillion (\$5.6 trillion), or 39.2% of the eurozone's 2019 GDP, to €6.4 trillion, or 53.7% of 2019 GDP. The Eurosystem's balance sheet thus grew faster than the Fed's - by the equivalent of 14.5% of last year's GDP - during the same period.

The Fed should convince the US Treasury Department to provide more equity and to guarantee more of the Fed's risky assets on what should be a significantly larger balance sheet. As the issuer of the only viable global reserve currency, the Fed has an unequalled ability to enlarge its balance sheet and increase its risk, even without additional Treasury support. But it simply has not done enough during the pandemic.

The recent changes to the US monetary policy framework are ill-advised and potentially harmful. They also fail to address a number of other crucial problems. The Fed should scrap this new approach, and instead make full and effective use of the policy instruments it has - or could have - at its disposal.

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By Marc Gallicchio

Grand Old Conspiracy Theorists

It may seem like ancient history, but conspiracy theories spun by US conservatives during the World War II era have a direct bearing on the Republican Party today. While many Americans find today's GOP to be unrecognizable, the isolationists, cranks, and bigots have been waiting in the wings for 80 years.

PHILADELPHIA - In the summer of 1945, the Allied policy of demanding unconditional surrender in World War II became the subject of intense debate in the United States. In a way, it has remained so ever since, tracking with Americans' changing attitudes about the Cold War and post-Cold War interventions in the Middle East. In fact, the Republican Party's own shifting positions on the issue of unconditional surrender during WWII offer a revealing glimpse of the party's internal divisions and collective character.

During WWII, the GOP's hot-and-cold relationship with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's war policy reflected a mix of principled opposition, political opportunism, and the lack of internal consensus. Announced in January 1943, the unconditional-surrender policy was bound to be controversial simply because it had been conceived by Roosevelt. A quintessentially New Deal program, its goal was to nurture economically broad-based democracy in societies that had previously pursued conquest and subjugation.

To US conservatives, this project was an example of liberal ideology run amok. Seeing little reason to extend liberalism to imperial Japan, they demanded changes to the policy following Roosevelt's death in April 1945 and Germany's surrender the following month. Most Republicans - East Coast internationalists and pre-war isolationists alike - warned that efforts to reform Japanese society could not succeed.

By late May, they had come to believe that a public modification of US war aims would induce Japan's surrender. The most important "clarification" (the term preferred by conservatives) was to assure the Japanese that their emperor could remain on the throne.

Time was running out. The Russians were set to join the Pacific war in August, and US landings in Japan were planned for November. Conservatives hoped that a concession on the issue of the emperor would prevent a Soviet occupation of Northeast Asia and spare the Americans a costly invasion.

The debate intensified, with Republicans from both camps lobbying US President Harry Truman to modify the unconditional-surrender policy. But Truman, unmoved, refused to offer the emperor any guarantee. On July 26, the Allies warned the Japanese that they faced imminent and utter destruction if they continued the war. But the Japanese would not budge.

The end came swiftly. On August 6, the first atomic bomb was detonated above Hiroshima. On August 8, the Soviets declared war on Japan. The next day, a second atomic device instantly killed 39,000 inhabitants of Nagasaki. On August 14, Japan surrendered, subjecting Emperor Hirohito and his people to the authority of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, US General Douglas MacArthur.

Five days later, the Chicago Tribune, the media megaphone of the Republican anti-interventionists, published an article by one of its reporters, Walter Trohan, claiming that in January 1945, MacArthur had sent Roosevelt a top-secret report showing that the Japanese were willing to surrender. The report had mysteriously disappeared when it reached Washington, DC, but Trohan assured readers it was genuine. Adding more fuel to the fire, former Republican President Herbert Hoover, an ardent supporter of modification, contended that communist sympathizers in the State Department had prevented Truman from telling the Japanese they could keep their emperor.

In May 1951, after a lull of five years, this line of speculation received another boost during a Senate inquiry into Truman's dismissal of MacArthur. Using what have since come to be known as "alternative facts," some Republican senators claimed that Hirohito had tried to surrender to the Allies as early as February 1945 - a month after the alleged disappearance of MacArthur's report. Hirohito's efforts were thwarted, they insisted, by fellow travelers in Washington who used unconditional surrender to prolong the war and allow the Soviets to overrun Manchuria and aid the Chinese Communists.

This conspiracy theory was part of a broader Republican attack on Democrats for supposedly "losing" China. Most adherents were isolationist holdovers who had alleged that Roosevelt provoked Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. In this telling, the unconditional-surrender policy was the coup de grâce of Roosevelt's diabolical Pearl Harbor plot.

But during the 1950s, the GOP came to be dominated by internationalists who had little interest in re-examining the end of the war or questioning the use of atomic weapons, which had become the foundation of US defense policy. Marginalized, the anti-interventionists kept the conspiracy theory alive within far-right redoubts, publishing jeremiads with titles like *While You Slept*, *The Enemy at His Back*, and *"Hiroshima: Assault on a Beaten Foe,"* an article in *National Review* by the avowed Roosevelt hater and eventual Holocaust denier Harry Elmer Barnes.

By the mid-1960s, the unconditional-surrender policy was being criticized anew, this time by leftist historians appraising America's role in the Cold War in light of the escalation in Vietnam. Some argued that Truman had stuck to unconditional surrender because he wanted to use the atomic bombs to intimidate the Soviet Union. By the mid-1990s, this view had become so prevalent in academe that it was incorporated into the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit commemorating the 50th anniversary of the war's end. The revisionists provoked howls of protest from defenders of the Greatest Generation and, ironically, from many Republicans.

But the conspiracy theory survived on the far right in such locales as the Institute for Historical Review, the headquarters for Holocaust deniers, and the John Birch Society. In 1995, the Birchers added a new wrinkle, arguing that conspirators had convinced Truman to oppose concessions and use the atomic bombs because they hoped that, faced with the terrifying destructiveness of nuclear weapons, Americans would surrender their sovereignty to the United Nations to prevent a nuclear Armageddon.

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OPINION

By Sławomir Sierakowski

Lukashenko the Impotent

The Belarusian security services have largely given up on trying to quell the protest movement through violence, and are now pursuing a law-and-order strategy that focuses on controlling symbolic public spaces. But this approach, too, has failed, because it is obvious to everyone that the emperor has no clothes.

MINSK - Things are not going Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko's way. Since the fraudulent presidential election on August 9, the security services have been trying to carry out Lukashenko's order to end the peaceful protests against his regime. In recent days, riot police (OMON) have returned to the streets and resumed arresting protesters, but most detainees are now being fined rather than beaten. The authorities have also hounded journalists, revoking accreditations and deporting those without the proper papers.

To create the impression that the regime has regained control of the country's public spaces, the authorities last week rushed to disperse each new demonstration in Independence Square. But they were met by masses of Belarusian women. On August 29, some 10,000 people turned out, leading the OMON to scramble for control, barking orders over loudspeakers and issuing violent threats.

In an attempt to round up the women demonstrators, the police barricaded the city's main squares, stopping traffic. But the women were not intimidated. They marched straight down Independence Avenue to Yakub Kolas Square, where they spread from the sidewalks into the street itself, surrounding the police vehicles there.

The OMON troops dared not respond, lest they be seen - or caught on camera - beating women. The barricade of police standing arm in arm looked pitiful as the women marched through and around them, chanting, "We are the authorities here!" The women were sending a message to both sides: The regime should know that the opposition is undaunted, and the rest of the opposition should know that the demonstrations will succeed if everyone goes out into the streets.

This latest demonstration has had an immediate effect, dispelling protesters' fear of police violence and exposing the authorities' ineffectiveness. It has shown that the streets once again belong to the opposition. The city grew loud again, with protest anthems like Kino's "I Want Changes" blaring far and wide. Cars honked in solidarity with the demonstrators, and white-red-white flags were everywhere.

The next day, August 30, tens of thousands of people turned out. This time, the authorities mobilized entire convoys of police vans and trucks filled with OMON personnel, barbed wire, and water cannons. They barricaded the two primary rallying points: Independence Square (home to the National Assembly) and the area surrounding the Minsk Hero City Obelisk.

When the demonstrators appeared on Independence Avenue, they were blocked almost immediately. The street was lined on both sides with police vans and officials armed with shields and clubs. Local access streets had been closed, and a large crowd of demonstrators was detained for about an hour; some were arrested.

Still, rather than brazenly beating and torturing protesters, the authorities are now trying to present themselves as representatives of "law and order" who are merely "cleaning up" the streets. But, like their previous strategies, this one has merely galvanized the opposition.

The tens of thousands of demonstrators on August 30 quickly moved toward the Obelisk and marched straight on toward Lukashenko's presidential palace, where they were met by police vehicles and officers with shields. Once again, the number of protesters was simply too large for the authorities to mount an effective response. Unafraid, the demonstrators walked right up to the policemen, who remained behind their shields.

It was at this point that Maria Kolesnikova appeared. The last of the three women opposition leaders who has remained in Belarus (the others have gone into temporary exile for safety), she requested entry to the palace so that she could begin negotiations with Lukashenko on his peaceful handover of power. This was an important development for the opposition. So far, the authorities have succeeded in keeping the main opposition leaders out of the public sphere, either by driving them into hiding or exile, or by dragging them through Kafkaesque court proceedings.

Of course, Lukashenko is not the kind of politician who will sit down with his opponents and negotiate a compromise, let alone a transfer of power. So, when he made his own public appearance, he was again carrying a Kalashnikov. But the image of a paunchy dictator playing soldier hardly inspires fear and awe; on the contrary, Lukashenko's risible machismo has only made him a target of open ridicule.

In addition to staging these macho performances, Lukashenko has also had at least five telephone conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin in recent weeks. Based on the Kremlin's statements following these calls, the message has been the same every time: yes, Russia is ready to help, but not yet. When interpreting Putin's behavior, one must remember that his main audience is the Russian public, not Belarus. With his popularity plumbing new depths, Putin is concerned about his own domestic position, not Lukashenko's.

That Lukashenko's grip on power is increasingly tenuous is probably very clear to the Kremlin leader. Despite barking orders and threatening renewed state violence, Lukashenko's security services have not managed to clear the streets. There are no signs that the demonstrations will end anytime soon.

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 All bidders should have a Current Business Registration Certificate, Current Tax Clearance, Profile, A list of current client and their immediate contacts, the ability to supply at all time as the need be, discount and capacity to pre -finance could be an added advantage. Must have an evidence of PPCC vendor's registry. All bids must be accompanied by a bid sec urity of at least (2%) of the total bid cost. Electronic bid will not be accepted. Final submission date for bid (Computers) is 2:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2020 by the bid opening cer emony at 3:00p.m. the same day of submission. All bids will be opened in the presence of bidder representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at 3 :00 p.m... In the training/conference room.

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – NCB
Invitation for Vehicle Maintenance Service
 IFB NO.: LiMA/SBA/NCB/009/20/21



The Liberia Maritime Authority has allocated a portion of its Corporate Funding from its Fiscal Year 2020 /2021 corporate budget towards Vehicle Maintenance Service. The Liberia Authority Maritime (LiMA) now wishes to invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Vehicle Maintenance service.

Interested firms that are fully qualified and capacitated to perform this service are required to obtain Standard Bidding Documents at no cost from the Procurement Section of the Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA), 20th Street, Sinkor between the hours of 10:00a.m., through 4:00p. Friday, August 21, 2020 to Tuesday, September 22, 2020. All qualified bidders should have a Current Business Registration, Current Tax Clearance, Business Profile and a list of previous clients and their contacts, an auto Garage, and a permit from the Ministry o f Transport R. L. You must have evidence of PPCC Vendor Registry. Discount and pre -finance will be an added advantage.

Final submission date is 1:30p.m.on Thursday, September 24, 2020, subsequently followed by the bid opening ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on the same date.

All would be interested entities should submit sealed bid to the Procurement Section Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA), located on 20th Street, Sinkor.

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UL laments death of academic giant

By Winston W. Parley

The University of Liberia (UL) says it is overwhelmed by the death of its professor, Dr. Thomas Jaye, Director of the Institute of Research and Policy Studies, describing him as an

academic giant and a security sector expert. president Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson said the university has lost a scholar and an academic giant.

"We lost a scholar; we lost an academic giant; a security sector professional is gone," Dr. Nelson says, expressing deepest

sympathies to the bereaved family for this great loss on behalf of the university family. school days to university level education and others paid tributes to Dr. Jaye at the program Tuesday.

Dr. Nelson thanks the mourning family for allowing the University of Liberia to play this little part in saying farewell to Dr. Jaye in such a time like this, and reminds the family that in times like these, God is still in control.

Dr. Nelson says the University of Liberia celebrated the fact that the late Dr. Jaye agreed to come back to his alma mater after a long search and to contribute to the university's Policy Studies and Research Institute.

A brother of the late Dr. Jaye, River Gee County Senator Matthew Jaye says the family is overwhelmed by the gesture of the University of Liberia as well as friends of the fallen professor, noting that this is indicative of the kind of work that his brother did while he lived.

Former Associate Justice Kabineh M. Ja'neh recalls at the ceremony that the National Security Reform and Intelligence Act which is in force today came into being

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academic giant and a security sector expert.

At a special program held Tuesday, 1 September in the auditorium of the university on Capitol Hill to reflect on the life and works of Dr. Jaye, UL

sympathies to the bereaved family for this great loss on behalf of the university family.

Dr. Jaye died on 31 July at the ELWA Hospital in Paynesville. Dozens of friends, academic colleagues from high

Phil Dixon wants Fallah out of senatorial race

By Ethel A Tweh

Former Deputy Labour Minister for Manpower Atty. Phil Tarpeh Dixon wants his party Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC's) Montserrado District #5 Representative Thomas Fallah to back off from the 2020 senatorial race in favor of his (Dixon's) quest for the party's support in the race.

Mr. Fallah who is serving a renewed six - year term at the House of Representative who was picked by CDC delegates to run on the party ticket in the senatorial election against incumbent opposition Senator Abraham Darius Dillon.

Atty. Dixon resigned his ministerial job amidst reports that he was seeking to contest in the election, but he was not chosen to contest on the party's ticket.

Appearing on Power TV/FM Tuesday, 1 September, Atty. Dixon said Representative Fallah has benefitted so much from the party.

He terms Fallah's move to contest in the senatorial race as embarrassment to party, alleging that founding members of the party like

Representative Acarous Gray, Sheikh Koyateh and SiahTandapoli, among others, have resigned their positions in the party because they don't want to support the senatorial bid of Representative Fallah.

According to Atty. Dixon, the ruling CDC calls for inclusiveness, arguing that if one person is always at the table to benefit and the others are not given the opportunity that means there's no

inclusiveness within the party.

Atty Dixon further states that Fallah has accumulated so much wealth for himself from the party, lamenting that for years now the party has been building its headquarters and it is not yet completed but Fallah has built for himself a very big university and carries the glory.

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Atty. Phil Tarpeh Dixon

Dr. Adesina AfDB 8th President sworn in for second term

"Today, a rainbow stretches from the 81 member countries of the African Development Bank across the deep blue skies of Africa...The future beckons us for a more developed Africa and a much stronger and resilient African Development Bank," said Dr. Akinwumi Adesina as he addressed participants after formally being sworn into office for a second term Tuesday.

President Adesina's historic re-election took place last week.

The swearing-in ceremony, which took place at the Bank's Abidjan headquarters was presided over by newly appointed Chair of the Board of Governors, Ghanaian Finance Minister Kenneth Ofori-Atta, who administered the Oath Office.

Several presidents attended the virtual ceremony live and sent messages of support. They included Paul Kagame of Rwanda, the

secured the right leadership.

"We need to continue to steer and direct the Bank's efforts to setting global standards of excellence, integrity, commitment to service and responsiveness to the challenges of the continent," he said.

"You earned a new mandate in a most historic fashion," he told Adesina.

Adesina's first five-year term in office focused on the bold new agenda for the Bank Group based on five development priorities known as the High 5s: Light up and Power Africa; Feed Africa; Industrialize Africa; Integrate Africa; and Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa.

Today, that ambition was being achieved, Adesina stated, adding that 18 million Africans had gained access to electricity, 15 million had benefited from investor finance, 60 million enjoyed new access to water, 141 million people had improved



president of Liberia, George Weah, Alpha Conde of Guinea, Guinea Bissau President Umaro Sissoco Embaló and Denis Sassou Nguesso of Republic of Congo. Former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan and Vice President AtikuAbubakar was also present.

Ofori-Atta was assisted by the past Board of Governors Chair, Ivorian Planning Minister NialeKaba, and the Bank's Secretary General Vincent Nmehielle who read the resolution of the Board confirming Adesina's election.

On 27 August 2020, Governors of the 54 African regional member countries and 27 non-regional member countries of the African Development Bank Group unanimously voted in the eighth President for a second five-year term on the final day of the 2020 Annual Meetings.

Ofori-Atta said he had no doubt that Africa's premier development bank had

agricultural technologies for food and 101 million people had access to improved transport from infrastructure.

"We have collectively charted a new path for Africa...We have achieved collectively impressive results," Adesina said.

Going forward in his new term, he would focus on building on the collective achievements and a stronger and more resilient African Bank Group. "Our focus will be on institutions, people, delivery and sustainability. Together we win for Africa," Adesina said.

"Yet again, let us move forward, driven by the power of our mission, inspired by the primacy of our vision and emboldened by the strength of our togetherness," Adesina said. Representatives of the Nigerian and Côte d'Ivoire governments as well as Bank Executive Directors and senior management also attended the ceremony.

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Rape campaigners want Police brutality probed

By Ben P. Wesee

The Affiliation of Women and Child Right Advocates, a women group has condemned last week's Police brutality against peaceful protesters in Monrovia, reportedly injuring several persons.

The group said the three days anti-rape campaign provided citizens an

function is to protect lives and properties, pointing out that the action of the Police was a clear violation of the rights of peaceful Liberians who took to the street to call attention of the government to the increasing rape culture here.

She called on the international community and local stockholders to immediately conduct an

beginning with public hearings on rape and other sexual base violence as increase budgetary allotment for the ministries of Health, and Gender, respectively to ensure rapid response to rape cases.

The campaigners against rape also want President George Weah to declare rape as a national emergency and enforce proactive investigation into rape related cases across Liberia, as well as decentralize Criminal Court 'E' for victims to have access to justice.

"The President should also insure the amendment of the domestic violence act with emphasis on FGM across Liberia and to insure that such practice is criminalized and punishable and that people accused of rape and perpetrators of such crime are tried in courts of competent jurisdiction so as to understand the case index and insure that prolong pretrial detainees access justice," Madam Beh stressed.

She also wants the government to construct safe homes across the country for victims of sexual abuse, including DNA lab equipped with specialized technicians as well as teach the rape law and existing Human Rights law in schools for adequate public education. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**



opportunity to peacefully assemble and express their disenchantment in line with the Constitution about increase rape cases in the country.

Its leader, Madam NatelynOnellBeh said, it was saddened to see peaceful protesters flogged and arrested by the Police whose

investigation in the Police action against peaceful citizens, lamenting that the Police action toward Madam Livingstone is a clear indication that organizers of the protests are being targeted.

Madam Beh also called on the 54th Legislature to immediately act upon petition presented by the group,

Don't allow yourself to be used -business executive warns young people

By Lewis S. Teh

The Chief Executive Officer of Power Oil Liberia - a Liberian-owned company, Leon D. Nyenatu cautions young people here not to allow themselves to be used by politicians to cause violence.

"I want to encourage my fellow young people not to allow themselves to be perpetrators of violence", says Mr. Nyenatu.

Speaking Tuesday after Power Oil Liberia was certificated 'Outstanding Petroleum Expert and Entrepreneur of the Year Award' from the Coalition of Civil Society Organization of Liberia, Mr. Nyenatu calls on young people to see themselves as the next

generation of people who will shift Liberia to its rightful path.

The petroleum executive says the youth should refrain

from all forms of violence and engage in activities that would demonstrate love for country.

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practitioners, community and faith-based groups, law enforcement and civil society. "From rape to intimate partner violence to harassment and intimidation of activists, SGBV remains pervasive, and no country has ended it. SGBV threatens the health and safety of survivors and is a barrier to social and economic development."

The U.S. Embassy reveals that through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), it partners with Liberians to address SGBV in all its forms and to share best practices and lessons learned.

The statement continues that USAID's "My Voice Platform" launched in June 2020 in Margibi County receives SMS messages or phone calls from victims of SGBV to provide instant referral to support services, and that USAID's advocacy has resulted in the collection and inclusion of SGBV data, including information on female genital mutilation and domestic violence, in the 2019-2020 Liberia Demographic and Health Survey (LDHS) to help inform effective responses to the problem.

It adds that International Narcotic Law embedded advisors work alongside Liberian counterparts in the Liberia National Police to offer technical assistance on investigation of SGBV cases, while providing consultative support to attorneys in the Liberian SGBV unit on prosecution of SGBV cases and to court personnel on timely and appropriate processing.

The U.S. government's annual "16 Days of Activism Against GBV" campaign each November highlights success stories and work yet to be accomplished on SGBV around the world, including in Liberia, it says.

The statement recalls that last week, concerned Liberian citizens peacefully and passionately called attention to sexual- and gender-based violence (SGBV), protesting the high incidence of rape cases in Liberia, the impunity of perpetrators and the lack of support for survivors.

At the same time the U.S. Embassy commends the efforts of President George M. Weah in putting forth a well-considered Roadmap to End

Sexual and Gender-based Violence that includes a comprehensive prevention strategy and commitment to funding for various ministries to support the strategy.

"As Liberians move forward to turn last week's demonstrations into robust action against SGBV", it says, the United States will continue to support the people and Government of Liberia in fighting this scourge.

President George Manneh Weah is optimistic that Liberia can overcome the scourge of rape but it would require unity of purpose and deliberate focus amongst all Liberians on what can be collectively done.

President Weah on Monday, 31 August received a roadmap dossier from the inter-ministerial taskforce on SGBV at the Ministerial Complex in Congo Town.

According to the Executive Mansion, the Inter-Ministerial Taskforce was constituted by the President on July 29, 2020 with a mandate to put into place a technical team comprising relevant stakeholders who will regularly discuss, consult and provide concrete and enforceable recommendations on enhancing the fight against SGBV.

"Rape is a serious issue that needs to be weeded out of society," the President is quoted as saying. "There must be a zero-tolerance on rape and all forms of SGBV. We must protect our girls, boys and women. It is paramount we do so without fear or favor", he adds.

Mr. Weah notes, "As President of Liberia, it is my responsibility to lead all efforts to address social and societal irregularities and threats that befall our people or any segment of it. I have stated on many occasions that, as Feminist-in-Chief, I have zero tolerance for Sexual and Gender Based Violence. And I mean it."

According to the Inter-Ministerial Taskforce Chair, Gender Minister Williametta E. Saydee-Tarr, the roadmap document comprises findings and recommendations in the short, medium and longtime to address and possibly weed out rape beginning September 2020 to September 2022.

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Référendum national et élections sénatoriales : le chronogramme est désormais disponible

La Commission électorale nationale (NEC) a enfin rendu public le chronogramme des élections sénatoriales spéciales du 8 décembre 2020 qui doivent préparer le terrain pour l'élection présidentielle de 2023.

Les populations des 15 sous-divisions politiques du pays sont invitées à se rendre dans leur lieu de vote pour élire 15 sénateurs. Les

élections seront les deuxièmes du genre depuis l'entrée en vigueur de la Constitution de 1986, qui donne lieu à la tenue d'élections sénatoriales spéciales.

Le conseil des commissaires de la Commission électorale nationale dirigée par sa présidente Davidetta Browne Lansanaha annoncé certains événements menant aux élections sénatoriales spéciales de 2020.

Dans une déclaration publiée à Monrovia dimanche soir, la NEC a indiqué que le dépôt des dossiers de candidature au siège de la commission à Sinkor commencerait hier mardi 1er septembre 2020 et prendrait fin le lundi 21 septembre 2020. Les candidats sont tenus de se présenter en personne lors du dépôt de leurs dossiers de

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La Guinée et les mandats à vie : après le Contéisme, le Condéisme

Dix ans après son élection in extremis, Alpha Condé ne veut pas quitter la présidence de la République. Il a changé la constitution qui lui interdisait plus de deux mandats et a annoncé une quatrième République avec une nouvelle constitution, laissant entendre que les compteurs sont désormais à zéro. Englués dans une corruption généralisée et à grande échelle, des Guinéens- même convaincus que ce président n'est pas la solution- le soutiennent pour mieux soutirer leur part du pognon. « Tous les opposants actuels ont fait pareil sous Lansana Conté. C'est ce qui leur permet aujourd'hui de tenir dans le combat politique », arguent certains promoteurs d'un 3ème mandant du Professeur-Président Alpha Condé.

Le bégaïement de l'histoire politique en Guinée Sidya Touré : le sauveur a été laudateur avant de monter sur le ring politique

Nommé Premier ministre le 9 juillet 1996, suite à la mutinerie des 2 et 3 février 96, Sidya Touré a réussi, en moins d'un an, à redonner

espoir aux Guinéens avec des réformes courageuses ; et, les résultats ne se sont pas faits attendre. Mais, le fulgurant succès de l'ex Directeur de cabinet du Premier ministre Alassane Ouattara n'a pas fait que des heureux. Dans l'entourage du président Lansana Conté, on a commencé à soupçonner des velléités au Premier ministre-planteur. Des ragots et des raccourcis ont convaincu le Général-Président que cet intellectuel raffiné a

des appétits du pouvoir. Ses prérogatives sont alors rabotées et il est de moins en moins dans les confidences du chef de l'Etat. Pourtant, rien de tout ce qu'il initiera ne pourrait se matérialiser sans un réel soutien du président de la République. En face, une opposition des plus farouches est menée par d'autres intellectuels qui, comme lui, ont vécu et servi ailleurs. Bâ Mamadou, Alpha Condé,

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Éditorial

Maintenant, nous connaissons la vraie féministe en chef

Les événements de la semaine dernière ont montré clairement qui est la véritable féministe en chef du Libéria.

Pendant trois jours consécutifs, des manifestants essentiellement composés de petites filles de cinq, six et sept ans, ont marché de Yamoma House au ministère des Affaires étrangères pour présenter une pétition au président Weah contre le viol récurrent dans le pays. Ils voulaient remettre la pétition au Président lui-même, mais M. Weah ne s'est pas manifesté.

Et donc, vu le refus catégorique du président Weah de les rencontrer à son bureau officiel au ministère des Affaires étrangères, les manifestants ont décidé le dernier jour de leur marche de se rendre à sa résidence dans la communauté Rehabà l'extérieur de Monrovia, mais la police anti-émeute armée jusqu'aux dents leur a barré la route tout en les brutalisant. Mais l'ancienne présidente Sirleaf est apparue pour les rencontrer et leur exprimer sa solidarité.

Pourtant, il y a quelques semaines, le président George Weah se faisait passer pour le féministe en chef du Libéria. Il est donc décevant qu'il ne puisse pas rencontrer les femmes au cœur saignant, les femmes qui se lamentent face à la vague d'abus ignobles de leurs bébés, filles et fils de la part des hommes sans loi ni foi, les femmes qui avaient à tort placé leur confiance à celui qui se faisait appeler le féministe en chef. Hélas ! Grand hélas !

Étant une femme, une mère et une grand-mère elle-même, Mme Sirleaf a entendu les gémissements des manifestants dans la rue et elle est sortie pour s'identifier à eux dans leur deuil à cause d'un acte qui détruit rapidement les futures épouses, mères et maris de la terre, tandis que le soi-disant féministe en chef ne s'est contenté d'envoyer émissaires sur émissaires, comme quoi le président ne pouvait pas faire le déplacement, ce, en dépit du caractère critique de cette question du viol dans le pays.

Les Libériens n'ont plus à chercher plus loin pour savoir qui est la véritable féministe en chef du pays. En tout cas, ça ne peut en aucun cas être M. Weah.

Certes, le président Weah est très occupé ou du moins devrait l'être, mais sacrifier au moins 10 ou 15 minutes de son emploi du temps chargé pour recevoir la pétition des manifestants n'est pas quelque chose de trop ou trop difficile. Il aurait au contraire démontré qu'il est le père de la nation et le féministe en chef du pays et combien il a de la sympathie pour son peuple et s'engage à promouvoir la justice.

Encore hélas, grand hélas, les manifestants, naïfs, sont repartis les habits lacérés, le corps couvert de plaies, les yeux pleins de larmes du fait de la brutalité de la police qui n'a ménagé aucun effort pour exécuter à la lettre l'ordre venu de haut, de si haut. Quel paradoxe ! Cela se passe-t-il dans un pays présidé un féministe en chef ? Ou s'agit-il d'un simple titre dénudé et dépouillé de tout son sens pour suborner les naïfs que nous sommes. Le président Weah se soucie-t-il vraiment des problèmes auxquels les femmes du Libéria sont confrontées ?

Il n'y a plus de doute. Nous connaissons maintenant qui de l'ex-présidente Sirleaf et de l'actuel président George Weah est féministe en chef, d'autant plus qu'il est question d'actions qui correspondent à ce titre, car les actions sont plus éloquentes que les mots.

La semaine dernière, jeudi soir, Mme Sirleaf était à la BBC, reconnaissant le viol comme un fléau endémique qui ronge le tissu social, et insistant sur la nécessité de résoudre le problème. C'est ça la marque d'un vrai leader.

L'administration actuelle politise tout et se méfie de tout le monde, même des femmes et des filles en deuil qui protestent pour leur propre vie dans la rue. Qui devrait leur assurer la sécurité, sinon le gouvernement qu'elles ont élu ? Le Président Weah doit savoir qu'il a le devoir d'assurer à tout moment la paix, la sécurité et le bonheur du peuple.

En refusant de rencontrer les femmes et les filles qui ne demandaient rien d'autre que de recevoir leur pétition sur une situation qui dépeint le Libéria de manière négative sous sa direction, M. Weah a raté une excellente occasion de faire preuve de leadership politique. Nous nous demandons si le Président comprend les conséquences de sa réticence ou de sa pure inaction face à un crime cruel tel que le viol et la maltraitance des femmes et des filles.

Français

Référendum national et élections

candidature.

La NEC insiste qu'un parti, une coalition ou une alliance politique qui propose des candidats est tenu (e) de disposer d'un siège à Monrovia et dans la capitale du comté dans lequel il souhaite désigner un candidat.

Tout candidat, fut-il nommé par un parti politique, une coalition ou une alliance ou qu'il soit indépendant, doit répondre aux critères d'éligibilité, dont notamment rassembler toutes les pièces pour constituer le dossier de

candidature, se présenter en personne lors du dépôt de son dossier de candidature au siège de la NEC, être citoyen Libérien (présenter la preuve de sa citoyenneté libérienne), avoir atteint l'âge de trente (30) ans, être domicilié dans le comté dans lequel il souhaite se présenter au moins un (1) an avant l'élection, et être en règle vis-à-vis de la fiscalité.

En outre, la NEC a affirmé que la date de l'élection sénatoriale spéciale et du référendum constitutionnel reste la même, mardi 8 décembre 2020.

La Guinée et les mandats

Siradiou Diallo, Jean-Marie Doré et autres Alfa Sow étaient dans l'arène politique bien avant la légalisation des partis, cinq ans plutôt. Ils savaient donc s'attaquer au régime qu'ils vilipendaient à longueur des sorties. Un Premier ministre rendu impuissant par les caciques du pouvoir pouvait alors facilement être soupçonné de comploter contre son patron, d'autant qu'un des virulents opposants a vécu comme lui au pays d'Houphouët Boigny. Comment alors rassurer le chef de l'Etat que son Premier ministre n'est pas un « traître à la Nation » ? C'est alors que Sidya Touré trouve le slogan qui lui colle encore à la peau : « Lansana Conté, ton pied, mon pied ». Il battra ainsi campagne pour la victoire du Général-Président, le Président-Paysan, à l'élection présidentielle de 1998. Au lendemain du vote, le régime arrête le candidat et député Alpha Condé, arrivé troisième après Lansana Conté et l'honorable Bâ Mamadou. Le champion du RPG était à Piné, accusé de vouloir violer la fermeture des frontières. Il n'aurait même pas voté et a réussi à aller aussi loin de Conakry au moment où on espérait le voir dans son QG... A la télévision nationale, on expliquera que l'opposant radical s'était déguisé pour tenter de sortir du pays avec une importante quantité d'argent don't des devises, un téléphone satellitaire avec lequel il communiquait sans arrêt. On a alors accusé Alpha Condé de vouloir introduire des rebelles pour renverser le deuxième président de la Guinée indépendante. Contrairement au président de l'Assemblée nationale, Elhadj Boubacar Biro Diallo, qui s'offusquait et dénonçait sans arrêt l'emprisonnement d'un député ayant l'immunité

parlementaire, le Premier ministre avait préféré sa fidélité à Lansana Conté et à son régime. Malgré tout, le chef de l'Etat a mis fin à ses fonctions le 8 mars 1999. Et, c'est suite à son limogeage que Sidya Touré s'engagera en politique et prendra, en 2000, la tête de l'UFR, le parti de Bakary GoyoZoumanigui.

Depuis, Sidya Touré s'est définitivement engagé dans le combat pour l'instauration de la démocratie en Guinée. Aux côtés des vétérans de l'opposition et du président de l'Assemblée nationale de l'époque, le patron de l'UFR s'était opposé au changement de la constitution qui avait permis à Lansana Conté de mourir au pouvoir.

Pro Conté et anti Alpha : Cellou Dalein face à la répétition de l'histoire

Contrairement à Sidya Touré, Cellou Dalein Diallo est un pur produit de l'administration guinéenne. De la banque centrale aux grands projets, il a été parmi les jeunes ministres du gouvernement Sidya Touré. Mais, après le départ du Premier ministre, « petit Cellou » (par opposition au défunt « vieux Cellou », le grand frère de Dalein qui avait piloté la campagne du Général-Président en 1998) se rapprochait davantage du chef de l'Etat. Il aura toute sa confiance et était d'ailleurs cité en exemple. Des anecdotes aussi incroyables les unes que les autres sont souvent racontées pour illustrer le respect quasi religieux de « petit Cellou » pour le Général Lansana Conté qui, en retour, le prenait pour son fils. L'ancien ministre des Travaux publics et des Transports avait battu campagne pour le changement de la constitution et pour le mandat de trop du Général

COMMENTAIRE

Par Willem H. Buiter

La dangereuse nouvelle stratégie de la Fed

NEW YORK - Le 27 août, la Réserve fédérale américaine a publié un communiqué de presse résumant les mises à jour de ses objectifs à long terme et de sa stratégie de politique monétaire. Le même jour, le président de la Fed, Jerome Powell, a tenu un discours pour développer ces révisions. Les deux documents sont une collection d'erreurs de type I et II. Si la Fed poursuivait la nouvelle stratégie avec détermination, elle pourrait infliger de réels dommages économiques aux États-Unis et au monde.

Commençons par une petite erreur d'omission. Dans son discours, Powell a fait référence aux objectifs de la Fed, mandatés par le Congrès, visant un niveau d'emploi maximal et la stabilité des prix - en omettant, comme c'est la norme, son troisième objectif mandaté par le Congrès demandant des taux d'intérêt à long terme modérés. L'outil évident pour gérer les taux à long terme est le contrôle de la courbe des taux. Pourtant, le Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), en charge de la politique monétaire, ne mentionne pas cet instrument, même dans le contexte de la recherche d'un niveau d'emploi maximal et de prix stables.

Mais le vrai problème commence avec la réinterprétation par le FOMC de la notion de « niveau d'emploi maximal ». Le communiqué de presse indique que la décision politique du comité sera éclairée par ses « évaluations des pénuries d'emplois par rapport à son niveau maximal ». La déclaration de stratégie originale du FOMC, adoptée en 2012, faisait référence aux « écarts par rapport à son niveau maximal ».

Cette nouvelle interprétation asymétrique est extrêmement inquiétante. Cela suggère soit que l'emploi maximum n'est atteint que lorsque chaque personne en âge de travailler occupe un emploi à temps plein et effectue les heures supplémentaires souhaitées, soit que la courbe de Phillips - qui postule une relation inverse entre l'inflation et le chômage - est morte alors qu'elle est, tout au plus, paralysée momentanément. Désormais, il semble que la Fed ne resserrera pas sa politique monétaire même lorsque le niveau réel de l'emploi dépasse celui auquel se manifestent les pressions inflationnistes sur le marché du travail - qui est forcément bien en dessous du niveau d'emploi maximal mentionné par le FOMC.

Les objectifs statutaires de la Fed devraient avoir un contenu normatif clair et pouvoir être atteints par la politique monétaire. En ce qui concerne la stabilité des prix, le FOMC est passé à une forme flexible de ciblage d'inflation moyenne - elle-même une forme non transparente de ciblage du niveau des prix. Selon le communiqué de presse, la Fed « cherche désormais à atteindre une inflation moyenne de 2% au fil du temps ». Par conséquent, « après des périodes où l'inflation est restée constamment inférieure à 2%, une politique monétaire appropriée visera probablement à atteindre une inflation modérément supérieure à 2% pendant un certain temps ».

Cela signifie que l'inflation passée influencera la politique monétaire actuelle et future de la Fed. Or, l'inflation passée est une question résolue et ne devrait pas être pertinente pour la formulation des politiques - contrairement à l'inflation actuelle et anticipée, qui ont un contenu normatif et peuvent être influencées par la politique.

Bien entendu, lorsque les anticipations d'inflation sont influencées par l'inflation passée, le passé

influencera la politique monétaire actuelle et future. Mais il y a et il y aura toujours d'autres moteurs des anticipations d'inflation. Le ciblage moyen de l'inflation est tout simplement une mauvaise politique économique.

Au contraire, un ciblage flexible de l'inflation est de loin le meilleur moyen de formuler les objectifs et le modus operandi de la politique monétaire. Dans un tel régime, une banque centrale relève (abaisse) les taux directeurs lorsque l'inflation future anticipée est supérieure (inférieure) à l'objectif et lorsque l'emploi est supérieur (inférieur) à la meilleure estimation de l'emploi maximal. Celui-ci est défini comme le niveau d'équilibre de l'emploi lorsque l'inflation réelle et attendue est égale au taux d'inflation cible - en d'autres termes, au niveau naturel de l'emploi.

Ensuite, il y a les grandes erreurs d'omission de la Fed. Pour commencer, le FOMC ne mentionne pas l'amélioration de son arsenal de politique monétaire que constituerait une suppression de la borne inférieure effective (ELB) des taux directeurs. La persistance de l'environnement actuel de taux d'intérêt bas implique supposément que les taux directeurs soient plus susceptibles d'être limités par leur ELB que par le passé. Mais c'est seulement parce que les décideurs politiques aux États-Unis et dans le monde n'ont pas voulu le supprimer.

L'abolition de l'argent liquide serait le moyen le plus simple d'éliminer l'ELB (et aurait l'avantage supplémentaire de taxer les activités criminelles), mais il existe d'autres moyens d'atteindre le même objectif. Une telle mesure permettrait à la Fed non seulement de réduire les taux directeurs lorsqu'elle aurait été autrement empêchée par l'ELB, mais aussi d'abaisser la cible d'inflation au niveau compatible avec un taux d'inflation « réel » nul - probablement inférieur à 2%.

La deuxième erreur d'omission majeure du FOMC est l'absence de toute discussion sur l'échec de la Fed, depuis le déclenchement de la pandémie COVID-19, à élargir et à modifier la composition de son bilan au maximum dans le but de soutenir l'activité économique.

À la semaine du 6 janvier 2020, la Fed avait des actifs consolidés de 4,15 billions de dollars, soit 19,3% du PIB américain en 2019. À la semaine du 17 août, son bilan était passé à 7,01 billions de dollars, soit 32,7% du PIB de 2019. Mais cette croissance - équivalente à 13,4% du PIB de l'année dernière en sept mois à peine - semble moins impressionnante lorsqu'elle est comparée à l'évolution du bilan de la Banque centrale européenne sur la même période. Entre le 3 janvier et le 14 août, le total des actifs consolidés de l'Eurosystème est passé de presque 4,7 billions d'euros (5,6 billions de dollars), soit 39,2% du PIB 2019 de la zone euro, à 6,4 billions d'euros, soit 53,7% du PIB 2019. Le bilan de l'Eurosystème a ainsi progressé plus rapidement que celui de la Fed - de l'équivalent de 14,5% du PIB de l'année dernière - au cours de la même période.

La Fed devrait convaincre le département du Trésor américain de fournir plus de fonds propres et de garantir davantage d'actifs risqués détenus par la Fed au sein d'un bilan qui devrait être nettement plus important. En tant qu'émetteur de la seule monnaie de réserve mondiale viable, la Fed a une capacité inégalée à agrandir son bilan et à augmenter son risque, même sans soutien supplémentaire du Trésor. Or, elle n'en a tout simplement pas fait assez pendant la pandémie.

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Religiosity and Failed African States

*From the desk of Dr. Bamidele Adeoye, April 2020
Welcome to Africa, the new Africans, our world, our opportunities.*

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Africans are slaves to their colonial masters who govern them, and the religions they gave them, manages their conscience. Hence, Africans will continue to be under the control of their colonial master's bondage.

The danger to the development of Africa is in the hands of the so-called educated Africans, education without interrogation. They are the architects of Africa's failures due to their religious zealotry. Even though we are defined by courage and redeemed by character rather than religion, Africans tend to be more religious than the foreigners that introduced these doctrines to them. They have no common sense approach to religion and development.

Africa is the only continent where we do not value and worship our Gods. Research and studies indicated that the mother tongue (thinking language) is the best instructional language, an enabler that facilitates better learning, understanding, and transfer of knowledge. Africa is the single continent where we use foreign languages as lingua franca, both in our institutions of learning and business.

Yet, Africans cherished the inviolability of language, because the most fundamental aspect of human identity is their language and name, a foundational part of the conscious self. Hence, Africans considered our names with meanings as a powerful concept of self-identity, and self-esteem which should be honored.

The energies and creativities Africans infused to foster foreign religions, and languages, if channeled to develop African Gods and languages, it will catapult Africa to the pinnacle of developments. And, Africans will be respected around the world. This creative tenaciousness will also lead to further developments within the continent, particularly in Nigeria.

According to Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Benin, and Togo proverb, until the lion tells the story of the hunt, the tales always glorify the hunter.

Until Africans develop and make their Gods palatable, think, and teach in their mother tongues, speak in one voice, break the border barriers both mentally and physically, Africans will never have peace or harmony, not anytime soon.

In Africa, what is logical is not practical, while what is practical is not right. Whichever is right, is not ethical, and ethical things are not desired. And the desire is not logical. Africans like innovative things, without been innovating, and things that require efforts without putting in any efforts. Unfortunately, Africans have become feeble-minded and lazy thinkers.

That is the state of Africans and Africa affairs.

Why are African leaders consumed with power, prestige, pomposity, popularity, and property? Africans have the "enclosure of the mind" syndrome, in other words, inferiority complex. Africa always embraces detrimental foreign solutions to Africa's problems, instead of the solutions for Africa by the Africans and for the Africans.

Africa must ostracize the ghost of low self-esteem from their consciousness, return to their original Gods, use their languages for learning, and lingua franca. Until when that sanitization takes place, Africa is going nowhere anytime soon in their developments.

Leadership is the center of the effective utilization of resources. The true essence of leadership is personal

conquest, discovery, and self-esteem. And the first duty of any leader is to create more effective leaders, and a true leader is successful when their successor succeeds.

Are African leaders creating more effective leaders? Leadership is about serving, sacrificing, and seeking the best for their people. African leaders or people in leadership positions should show selfless leadership by example. If not, the world will once again leave Africa behind in the process of development. Hence, Africa needs selfless leaders, soldiers of truth, and promise keepers. How many African leaders are about the service of their people, or are African politicians truthful about their governance intent?

While the sleeping giant of Africa is busy sleeping, other countries are busy working on developing their economies. Instead, they are religiously praying for the foreign gods to rescue them from greediness, selfishness, and ignorance. A country where the primary mission of their politicians is to amass wealth and undeviatingly abuse their position of power with impunity, and where greed runs in the veins of its citizens, instead of rectifying their situation, they are busy praying for salvation.

As an alternative to building factories and businesses, Nigerians are busy building churches and mosques, instead of paying taxes, they are religiously paying tithes. Their pastors are getting fatter while the congregation is getting leaner by religious manipulation and deceit.

A religion where your salvation is directly proportional to the number and amounts of your tithes, along with other contributions. A religion where salvation is on sale. What a religion!

Rather than take a diligent, constructive, creative, practical, and empirical approach to rectify their appalling situations, Nigerians rely on the efficacy of prayers, fasting, and are religiously waiting for their foreign gods to change their horrendous circumstances while languishing in sorrows.

The devastating influence of foreign religions on the African's psyche in individual conscience and social life reveals that 85% of Nigerians trust religious leaders, and a similar percentage are willing to allocate them more power. Yet these religious leaders are greedy, selfish, materialistic, ignorant, and manipulating as the politicians.

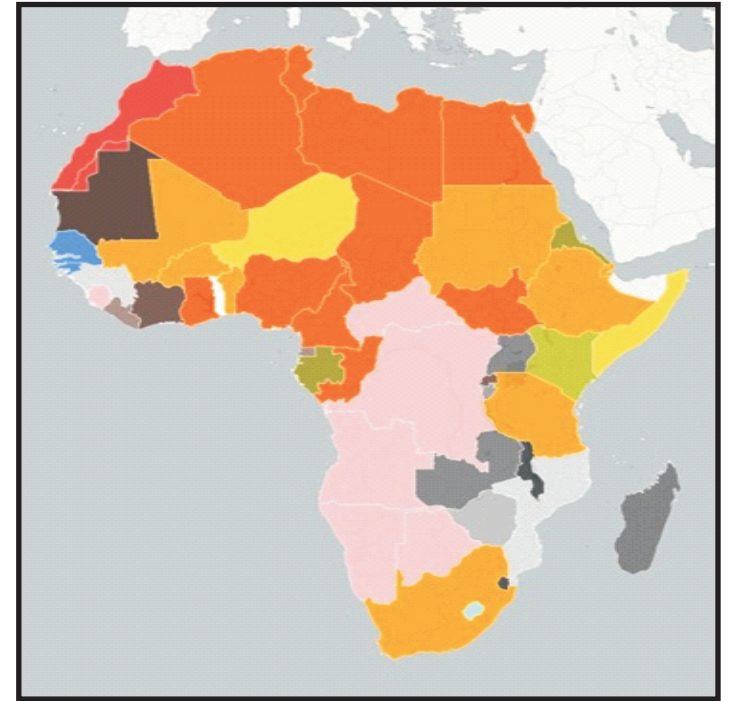
The greediness of Africans would not allow them to consider the next person, yet they expect God's blessings. Africa has greedy, selfish, and ignorant people, which elucidates greedy, selfish, materialistic, and ignorant leaders. Where the rich, are deluded by their precipitous audacity of impunity, and oblivious to the misery of the masses.

Are Africans not the leaders they want their leaders to be?

Yet, they keep praying for change. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different outcome, that is not the law of nature, and there is no divine intervention that will change that outcome.

Africa turns to foreign religions and gods for salvation, while religious salvation is more important to Africa than research and development. Africa's salvation is in the hands of Africans, and will only come from the African Gods. No foreign religions or gods will deliver any salvation to Africa.

While Africa is still trying to recuperate from its past



colonial misery, sadly, there is a new wave of re-colonialization in the making, called China, in the form of elephant projects that are doomed to fail.

Very soon, Africans will start seeking Chinese gods and goddesses to worship even though 90% of Chinese classified themselves as non-religious. It will be surprising if this is not already happening. Africans will once again neglect their original Gods for other foreign gods and goddesses from the far east.

The world is changing, Africa must change her thinking if she expects any change in her state of affairs. Africa will never return to its past glory until there is a total transformation of her mindset.

Africa, one continent, many worlds, prisoners to foreign religions and languages, while neglecting their Gods with a refusal to develop their languages or Gods. Africans have adopted Willie Lynch's making the slave mentality, and are perpetuating it very well.

In the essence of the religious argument that religion is the opium of the poor, typifies the current state of Africa affairs, and Africa must remove that mentality from her consciousness.

Africans must believe and have the dignity that they are capable of being great because they are Great. Africans must change their mindsets because that is where most of the problem lies. Unfortunately, the truth is as hard as adamant and tender as a blossom. African religiosity and divinities should be homegrown? Africa, no foreign religion will save Africa, but African Gods.

Africans are intoxicated, constipated, and religiously obsessed with foreign religions that Africans have ignored the social issues that changed the dynamics of Africa's affairs. Likewise, Africa runs on borrowed foreign religions and gods; hence Africa must be re-introduced back to its original Gods for repentance, purification, and forgiveness.

While Africa is religiously praying to foreign gods and waiting for salvation, their colonial masters are once again busy with their think tanks on how to re-colonize Africa again.

Africa will not change until Africa finds African solutions to Africa's challenges, through our Gods, languages, and ingenuities. The time is right for the change, and Africa must seize this opportunity to make the necessary changes. However, changes must take place in the minds and hearts of Africa to affect the change.

What has Africa contributed in the past sixty years to profoundly change the world in medicine, technology, or science, rather than raw materials without added value?

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Speaker booed at Capitol

By E. J. Nathaniel Daybor

House Speaker Bhofal Chambers, also ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) lawmaker from Maryland County faced his bitter experience in legislative work here Tuesday when aggrieved staffers demanding unpaid salaries jeered and booed him at the Capitol in total disgrace.

The grounds of the Capitol Tuesday became tense after aggrieved staffers of the House of Representatives stormed the entrance of the chambers of the House, demanding that their salaries and benefits allegedly being cut without justifiable cause be returned immediately.

It all started when staffers

entered the rotunda with a fixed mind to engage the staffers to calm down.

They were accorded full attention, and immediately Koung and Seibo requested that the meeting be transferred to the William Richard Tolbert Chambers for better understanding and fruitful discussion.

Upon arrival in the chamber, Benjamin Myers, who heads the aggrieved staffers, contended that cuts in their benefits and salaries were unnecessary, arguing that a resolution signed by both the House of Representatives and the Liberian Senate clearly states that members of the Legislature and the Judiciary particularly judges shall have

pursued them, booing and raining insults.

Some of the aggrieved staffers shouted uncontrollably, "Chambers la rogue! Chambers la rogue!" Representative Jimmy Smith tried intervening in the matter, but his effort was like adding gas to fire, as the protesting staffers banged on the doors of the chambers.

This is the first time for aggrieved staffers to physically attack the working room of the House of Representatives, while session was in progress and serious national issues were being discussed.

Following the persistent noise and banging on the doors of the chambers, which security officers assigned at the entrance of the chambers could not handle, Speaker Chambers in an appalling and unwilling mood, requested that the leader of the aggrieved staffers be allowed in plenary to make their case.

The meeting lasted for hours and Speaker Chambers subsequently requested a private with the leadership after which Montserrado County Representative Acarous Gray made a motion that a special committee be set up to investigate the staffers' concern.

Meanwhile, plenary through vote selected the Ways, Means, and Finance Committee to investigate the matter and report to plenary tomorrow, Thursday, September 03, with findings and recommendation for immediate actions.

Staffers at the Legislature, including the House and the Senate have suffered cuts in salary and benefits after a salary harmonization scheme by the government.

In July, staffers of the Liberian Senate protested for cuts totaling US\$557,000 from their salaries and benefits since July, 2019.

Editing by Jonathan Browne



under the leadership of Benjamin Myers, formerly youth chairperson for the opposition Alternative National Congress had called a meeting in the rotunda of the Capitol to discuss how the leadership could engage Speaker Chambers to have Liberian dollars component of the salary and some United States dollars that were deducted from their earning restituted retroactively.

But while in discussion trying to figure out, the House Co-chairman on Ways, Means, Finance and Budget, Nimba County Representative Jeremiah Koung and Montserrado County Representative Dixon Seibo

31 percent of their salary cut excluding staffers.

According to him, the resolution clearly states that such adjustment shall affect members of the Legislature, which means representatives and senators, so staffers' salaries and benefits that have been allegedly cut over the past one year be abolished immediately.

But rep. Seibo argues that, that portion of the resolution can only be interpreted by lawyers, something that sparks heated debate.

However, Koung and Seibo, who could not sustain the noise, took to their heels toward the chambers, thinking it could be a safe haven but angry staffers

UL laments death

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on 8 September 2011 basically as the brainchild of Dr. Thomas Jaye.

Former Justice Ja'neh hails the National Security Reform and Intelligence Act for not only emphasizing civilian oversight over security agencies, but that it mandates transparency and accountability.

"In my judgment, this Act is the enduring legacy of Dr. Thomas Jaye," former Justice Ja'neh says.

The Vice President for Graduate Studies at the University of Liberia Dr. Jonathan Taylor expresses

deep sympathies to the bereaved family and to all his acquaintances.

Dr. Taylor says he found Dr. Jaye to be a man of quality, saying he began to gravitate toward the late Dr. Jaye as one of Liberians he considered profound in his thinking and very clear in his mind.

He recounts big plans that he and Dr. Jaye were making in looking at how the University of Liberia in playing its role, can provide the support that the government may require in terms of policy development, but out of the sudden, his colleague is no more.

Phil Dixon wants

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Dixon explains that the CDC is the only political party that he has joined, adding that it shows his level of commitment for the party.

According to him, he is getting into the race not to spoil the votes between Fallah and Dillon, but he's getting into the race to win the election because of his competency.

The young former Deputy Minister believes that nobody is more CDCian than the other, noting that his first case he pleaded when he graduated from the law school was for the CDC against the former Ruling Unity Party in 2012.

Atty Dixon continues that he didn't participate in the party's primaries because one of the party's members called his name up before the primaries and that person got expelled, alleging that the primaries were already pre-planned and they knew who was already going to win.

He stresses that there are more developments that need to be carried out to the University of Liberia, and specifically references the condition of the A. M. Dogliotti facility, saying the building is spoiling.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

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thanks and appreciation to God and my team; this award today will encourage us to do more in terms of providing opportunity to our fellow young people. I'm amazed by this award now that I know my work is being monitored, but we will continue to empower our fellow young people."

He says empowering young people is something that he believes in, noting that the saying that nothing good can come from young people is far from reality.

The National Chairman of the Coalition of Civil Society Organization, Mark S. Chea notes that after carrying out thorough evaluation of people in public and private sectors based on their contribution to society, his organization reached a decision to honor Mr. Nyenatu.

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BEFORE HIS HONOUR: ROLAND F. DAHN ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE

THE PETITION OF ETTA P. COLLINS OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA PETITIONER PRAYING THIS HONOURABLE COURT FOR A DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME TO BE KNOWN, REGARDED AND CALLED, AS "WAHPILLAR E. SONKARLEY"

COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME: 00006787

ETTA P. COLLINS filed a Petition through her legal counsel requesting this Honourable Court to order the change of her name to "WAHPILLAR E. SONKARLEY"

During the hearing, the Petitioner's testified that the change of her name, requesting this Honourable Court is intended to reflect her true family name and render her identity more explicit and absolute. After conducting the necessary interrogations required by law in these proceedings, the Court observed that the intention is just and legal and that there is no objection to the Change of her name proposed by her is therefore, it is adjusted as follows:

That the Petitioner having shown with justification and satisfaction that she was born on AUGUST 31, 2001 in MONTSERRADO COUNTY unto MR. MYER SAYE SONKARLEY AND MISS. WLOSAOH TYEA MUSA respectively, all of the City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia and that the Change of her name will substantially promote her interest in all of the understandings and help to establish just identify more firmly, and being Satisfied that she has met all legal requirements for the Change of her Name in this Jurisdiction, it is therefore DECREED as follows:

That the PETITION having been heard be and same is hereby ordered granted and we now Render that the name ETTA P. COLLINS be changed to "WAHPILLAR E. SONKARLEY" Beginning this 23RD day of DECEMBER A.D. 2019.

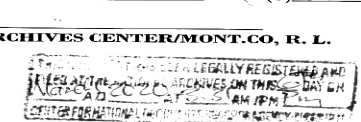
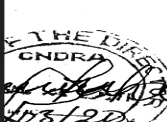
THIS DECREE shall be registered in the office of the Registrar of DEEDS and other Official Documentations within (10) days from this date and also be published twice in any recognized Newspaper operating in the Republic of Liberia within twenty (20) days from this date. AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN OPEN COURT, THIS 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 2019

COURT SEAL:

ROLAND F. DAHN
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Target resources to rape survivors

-U.S. Embassy urges government



The United States Embassy near Monrovia says taking practical actions such as establishing an SGBV call center and providing resources for survivor support will demonstrate the Government

of Liberia's resolve in fighting endemic rape in the country. "We urge the Government to target resources to survivors, take a strong stand against female genital mutilation, and ensure swift and transparent prosecution", says the Embassy

in statement posted on its website on Monday, 31 August.

"In responding to SGBV, we must listen to the voices of the survivors and their allies, voices which have been suppressed too long and too often. We underscore the importance of protecting the rights to peacefully exercise freedoms of expression, petition, and assembly."

It emphasizes that the U.S. Embassy stands with all those who have joined to fight sexual- and gender- based violence in the country, stressing that preventing and addressing violence against women, girls and others who are vulnerable is a human rights imperative, not only in Liberia, but globally.

However, it notes that ending SGBV will require active, persistent, and above all, unified leadership from policymakers, health

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Messi unlikely to change mind on Barca exit

Lionel Messi is unlikely to change his mind about leaving Barcelona, the club's presidential candidate Victor Font has said.

Messi rocked Barcelona last month when his lawyers told the club he wanted to activate a clause in his contract that would allow him to leave for free before the 2020-21 season.

The club disputed the claim saying the clause expired on

June 10 -- with La Liga also releasing a statement saying his contract was still valid -- but Font is not optimistic about convincing Messi to stay another year.

"I really hope the decision can be changed," Font told Sky Sports. "It doesn't seem likely, though... if that's the case, the focus should be on making the transition as smooth as possible."

"Messi loves the club and he wants to win, he wants to



compete. He has been saying this for many, many years, it's not just been for a few weeks.

"Unfortunately the club has not been able to deliver on the promise of building a competitive team."

Messi, 33, last won the Champions League with Barcelona in 2015 and an 8-2 humiliation at the hands of Bayern Munich in the quarter-finals last month was the final straw for the six-times world player of the year.

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