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Continental News

Suspected Arms Dealers Moved Millions in Somali Money Transfers

Somali money transfer companies moved more than \$3.7 million in cash between suspected weapons traffickers in recent years, including to a Yemeni under U.S. sanctions for alleged militant links, according to a report seen by Reuters.

The findings by a Geneva-based research group, the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, could further complicate attempts by Somali transfer companies to retain access to international banking services.

Though they provide a lifeline to millions in the anarchic Horn of Africa nation, few banks will do business with them because of the risk of falling foul of international transparency and anti-money laundering regulations.

Asked about the report, the Central Bank of Somalia, which regulates money transfer firms, said it was unaware of the transfers but would investigate and was in

general making progress in countering terrorism financing.

Contacted by Reuters, the four companies each said they did their best to comply with global "know your customer" norms despite Somalia having no national identity card. The firms also said they maintained databases of internationally-

sanctioned individuals.

The Global Initiative analyzed nearly six years of transaction records from the city of Bossaso, matching them with mobile phone records provided by security sources and database searches.

The report identified 176

transactions from the last six years that it said appeared to be linked to suspected weapons dealers in Somalia and Yemen. Nearly two-thirds were over the \$10,000 threshold that should trigger an automatic report to regulatory authorities.

They include two transfers totaling nearly \$40,000 to numbers linked to Sayf Abdulrab Salem al-Hayashi after the U.S. Treasury sanctioned him in 2017 for allegedly providing weapons and financial support to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and Islamic State in Yemen, the report said.

Al Hayashi could not be reached for comment.

Somalia-based Amal Express and Iftin Express handled the transactions,

which used different combinations of his name and nickname, the report said.

Amal Express said a transfer slip shown in the report and allegedly linked to al Hayashi was a forgery. Iftin Express said the transaction slip was a fake and added that it reported all transactions over \$10,000 to Somali authorities. The report did not find any instances where the other two companies, Dahabshil and Taaj, made transfers to any sanctioned individuals. But it noted instances where individuals were able to make transfers with them using multiple names and numbers, a violation of Somali law.

One man used 24 names between the four companies, the report said. VOA



Somali Puntland forces receive weapons seized in a boat on the shores of the Gulf of Aden in the city of Bossaso

Manhunt for 'naked' prisoners in Ugandan hills

Seven out of 219 prisoners who escaped from a jail in north-eastern Uganda have been recaptured, officials say.

Some of the fugitives reportedly took off their distinctive yellow prison uniforms and fled naked into the hills to avoid detection.

The escapees are thought to be trying to use mountain routes to cross the border into Kenya.

inmates, is built on the foothills of Mount Moroto, on the edge of the town.

The site has been put under lockdown as investigations into how the jailbreak happened get under way.

Local reports on Wednesday said the shoot-out brought business in Moroto to a standstill. Moroto is the biggest town in Karamoja, a semi-arid



The inmates killed a soldier after they broke out of the facility in Moroto on Wednesday.

An army spokesperson said two inmates escapees had also been killed.

The army and prison officials are pursuing the escapees, who reportedly made off with 15 guns and ammunition. The prison facility, which usually has a population of more than 600

pastoralist region with a history of cattle rustling and gun violence, the BBC's Patience Atuhaire reports from Kampala.

A government disarmament programme in the early 2000s took most of the guns out of the hands of civilians, but sporadic clashes between different communities continue, our correspondent notes. BBC

Hotel Rwanda 'hero' Rusesabagina denied bail

Rwandan court has denied bail to Paul Rusesabagina, who was portrayed as a hero in a Hollywood movie about the 1994 genocide. Mr Rusesabagina, who was living in exile until he arrived in Rwanda under mysterious

circumstances at the end of last month, is facing charges of terrorism among other crimes.

In court, the 66-year-old spoke for himself and appealed against the bail denial decision, an independent journalist told the BBC.

The judge said that there

were concerns that, if released, Mr Rusesabagina "would disrupt the ongoing investigation". The court decision means that he will now be moved from police custody to prison.

He is charged with crimes relating to the FLN rebel group's deadly attacks in south-western Rwanda in 2018 and 2019.

Mr Rusesabagina is a leader of the opposition MRCD group, and the FLN is thought to be the group's armed wing.

In a court appearance on Monday, he distanced himself from the FLN's violent attacks. He became well known after the 2004 film Hotel Rwanda depicted his efforts a decade earlier during the genocide to save hundreds of Tutsis at a hotel where he was a manager.

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 shown to the press when he first came to the country at the end of last month

EDITORIAL

The irony of Ndubuisi Nwabudike leading corruption fight

THE DECISION TO have an individual like Ndubuisi Nwabudike with a questionable nationality credential leading Liberia's corruption fight is not just a mockery of the entire process, but also a paradox. It is similarly shameful and disgraceful that a vital integrity institution such as the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) which the law requires must be headed by a Liberian citizen is being entrusted to the hands of a purportedly naturalized Liberian.

AMID THIS FLAGRANT violation of the law of Liberia, President George Manneh Weah is financing the questionable Ndubuisi Nwabudike to organize and preside over a so-called Anti-Corruption Conference when the character himself is an agent of dishonesty and inconsistency.

THE TWO-DAY ANTI-CORRUPTION Conference held at the Ministerial Complex in Congo Town is nothing but complete rubbish and waste of taxpayers' money because the Weah administration, from every indication, lacks political will to restore transparency and accountability in the public sector.

THAT THE SELF-STYLED Nigerian-born Liberian evidently failed to prove his purported naturalization as a Liberian citizen during senate confirmation is sufficient reason not to keep him in the government as an official, spearheading activities of the LACC.

HOW IN THIS world can a person like Nwabudike shamelessly carries passports that inconsistently present his dates of birth as October 19, 1960 at one time, October 2, 1963 at another time, October 2, 1965 the next, and October 2, 1969 thereafter respectively, and yet wants Liberians to believe that he has the guts to fight corruption.

IT IS NO surprised that the Liberia National Bar Association was constrained to expel this man as a member of the LNBA because "he became a member of the Liberian National Bar Association through fraudulent means."

YET, HE CURRENTLY presides over the LACC without any remorse for his deeds, taking the people of Liberia for granted and lording over the country with support from President Weah. Now, everyone should understand why the so-called anti-corruption conference and its outcome are a complete gimmick.

IN THE FIRST place, the Weah administration has no intention to fighting corruption when the President himself acquired questionable wealth like many of his officials immediately after coming to power that are hardly distinguishable from private assets and public funds.

IF THE GOVERNMENT, thru the court, failed to have prosecuted the suspended director of passport Andrew Wonplo even after indicting him, one can clearly see the lack of political will here. It took the United States Government to ban Andrew and his immediate family from travel to America for "significant corruption" before the Liberian government shamelessly came back and said it reserves the right to prosecute the suspended passport boss.

HENCE, WITH PRESIDENT George Weah in power, Nwabudike finds a sanctuary to ply his trade of lies and deceits with a purported Liberian citizenship that he cannot prove but yet is chief architect of our anti-corruption drive. What a contradiction!

COMMENTARY

By Henry Munangaire

The Environmental Consequences of Political Repression

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa and the military junta that facilitated his rise to power have not done much to change the country since driving the aging despot Robert Mugabe from power in 2017. Zimbabwe is now a poster child for the link between authoritarianism and environmental degradation.

HARARE - Zimbabwe was once Africa's rising star. Boasting robust human capital, considerable natural-resource wealth, and modern infrastructure, it was the continent's leading producer of crops such as maize, wheat, and soybeans. Agricultural exports earned it the moniker "the breadbasket of Africa." How far the country has fallen.

Today, Zimbabwe can barely feed its own people, let alone the rest of the continent. According to the World Food Program, some 8.6 million Zimbabweans need help, and acute malnutrition is expected to rise by 15% in 2020, exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, the government is failing to provide basic services, such as safe drinking water, health care, adequate housing, and education.

Zimbabwe is also enduring one of the worst economic meltdowns in its history - and the second in a little over a decade. The country is now beset by runaway inflation, severe fuel shortages, prolonged power outages, and mounting unemployment. Some 90% of Zimbabweans now struggle to make their living in the informal sector.

These problems began with severe economic mismanagement under Robert Mugabe, whose 37-year-long rule - which ended when the military forced him to resign in 2017 - was marked by severe, often violent political repression. But Mugabe's successor, President Emmerson Mnangagwa, and the military junta that facilitated his rise to power have not brought much change. Not only have they done little to reform the economy and create conditions for investment and growth; they have also maintained Mugabe's repressive practices.

But it is not only Zimbabwe's people who are suffering from the regime's behavior. So is the environment. The Forestry Commission of Zimbabwe estimates that the country is losing 330,000 hectares of forestland per year, and that total forest and woodland cover has dropped from 53% to 45% since 2014. The primary reason for this decline is that Zimbabweans depend on biomass for nearly 70% of their energy, owing to the unavailability of electricity and the high cost of gas for cooking.

Deforestation in Zimbabwe has contributed to the decrease in annual rainfall in the region over the last decade. (Air that passes over trees produces twice as much rain as air that does not.) Given Zimbabwe's location in the tropics, which makes it particularly vulnerable to shifting rainfall patterns, this has contributed to recurrent droughts - a major driver of rising food insecurity.

Reduced rainfall has also affected electricity generation, by forcing a partial shutdown of the hydroelectric plant on Lake Kariba in 2019, which supplies over 50% of Zimbabwe's

electricity, as well as electricity for Zambia. A shortage of foreign currency puts Zimbabwe's alternative source of electricity - imports from Mozambique and South Africa - out of reach. In 2019, power outages lasting up to 18 hours became routine, disrupting economic activity.

When it comes to delivering other services - such as managing urban waste and supplying potable water - the government's failures seem intentional. Over the last 20 years, the opposition Movement for Democratic Change Alliance (MDC-A), led by Nelson Chamisa, has gained popularity, and now controls 26 out of 32 urban local governments. To assert its authority, the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) - the party of Mugabe and Mnangagwa - has used its power to circumvent constitutional provisions that give residents and local authorities greater control of service delivery.

The politicization of basic services has undermined their delivery significantly. Poor waste management allowed the capital city of Harare's main water source, Lake Chivero, to become heavily polluted from sewage effluent, causing eutrophication (when nutrient buildup causes excessive vegetation growth). According to a recent report by the Harare City Council, water from Lake Chivero is now contaminated with substances linked to liver and central-nervous-system ailments.

Harare's main water-treatment facility, built with a capacity to serve 300,000 people, today supplies water to over 1.5 million, and is not nearly up to the task. The combination of inadequate waste management and a lack of potable water was responsible for the 2008 cholera outbreak, which claimed over 4,000 lives.

Gold mining, a key economic activity since before colonialism, is furthering jeopardizing Zimbabweans' health. But political uncertainty and an unfavorable business environment have weakened investment in the industry. So most mining, some 60%, is carried out illegally, with no regard for environmental or safety standards. The result has been increasing pollution in the Mazowe River, which flows from Zimbabwe into Mozambique, where the increasingly toxic water is used for household, recreational, and agricultural purposes.

Enforcing environmental standards is not a priority for Zimbabwe's government, because gold is a valuable source of foreign currency. According to Transparency International Zimbabwe, however, the country is losing over \$200 million each year, as huge amounts of gold are sold on the black market and eventually smuggled out of the country to places like Dubai and South Africa.

Zimbabwe embodies the nexus of political repression, poor governance, and environmental degradation. The effects are not bound by national borders, so this nexus should concern us all.

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Lord, is this Footballer that politically green?

Dear Father,

You know, this guy never ceases to disappoint. I mean, when you think the occasion is ripe for him to redeem himself, it's when he sinks deeper. Come to think of it, which politician would choose to crawl in a hole with his or her tale between the legs when such an opportunity to address a diverse crowd shows up?

Like seriously Father? Just imagine you are less than four month to an election that your future hinges on, is it not a perfect opportunity to show up and win the minds of some doubters?

That is called seizing the moment son.

Yes, Father, exactly. Every situation presents its own opportunity depending on how one seizes it and make the best or worse of it.

Hmmm, my son it comes with maturity and experience too oo.

Indeed, Father and I could not agree with you more on this one. And this is where I think our man has the problem-a serious one too.

But for a second there Father, this kind of display of political naivety could only be as a result of being surrounding by inexperienced chaps in politics who only cares about their belly as advisors or you the individual just careless or misplaced.

When the Old Lady emerged from her palaver hut the other day to join those group of people who have taken our village by storm for three days, it defined a true a mature leader. And this is not her first time though. When she was in charge of spear heading our village affairs like the footballer is doing now, she joined more dangerous demonstrators to calm them down and gave them her ears.

Staying away from your people on the advices of people who lack the knowledge of people oriented politics only prepared you for failure-bigly too.

A leader demonstrates care and concern for his or her people. By so doing you meet their needs and provide direction to remedy their pains. But to ignore them like the way the Footballer has done speaks volumes.

Now, how do you face them tomorrow when you are canvassing for their votes? Or is it that they have been classified as people belonging to the other side of the river. The truth is when the voting finish, you are the leader of all but you can't please all. So to crawl yourself in a corner ignoring the concern of your people is a big political risk.

There is a saying in the good old Book that says "go to the ant, you sluggard" let it teaches you. It knows when to play around and when to gather its food. The ant never works during the rainy season, it uses the time to chill.

As a leader, you summer is after the election, it's when you work harder, while the fruits that you gather during the summer takes you thru the next election.

Such massive gathering of people with pain in their hearts, is when you show up as a leader. It not time to cuddle and hide behind huge fence walls.



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"Don't be 'Smart', be 'Wise' President Weah"

H.E Dr. George MannehOppong Weah is the 25th President, Republic of Liberia, Head of State, and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of Liberia. The 53-year old Head-of-State is married to Madam Clar Weah, a Jamaican native. They are blessed with three children including George Weah Jr. Timothy Tarpeh Weah both are residence abroad. President Weah began a professional football career with a local football the soccer team called 'Young Survivors Clara town in 1981 and completed his football career in 20013 with the football team Al Jazira FC, a football club (the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi in the UAE Arabian Gul). The climaxed of president Weah's football career prepared him for the nation's (Liberia) highest office which he took on January 22nd, 2018. Political Hot-Fire analysis some of President Weah's wise and smart decision-making mode.

Most presidents the world over, are running into crises because they take multiple smart decisions when they should make wise decisions on numerous issues that often than none lead to their sudden death, or removal from office in disgrace or thrown behind bars for their lifetime. This is the reason why most presidents are often overshadowed with enormous power to the extent that they make multiple smart decisions when they should be making wise decisions for the sake of the citizens, they lord over and protect.

For example, President Weah was very wise when waited very patiently for former president Sirleaf's tenure to have ended for him to succeed her. He would be smart if he had been very impatient and rest into a bush war to seek power in Liberia. He would have been very smart had he orchestrated the overthrow of former President Sirleaf while she was in office, but he was wise not to entertain or encourage ay such development during the waiting moment.

Since President Weah resumes the presidency on January 22, 2018, he has become smarter and smarter than being wiser in some decisions some of which may cause problems for him during his presidency. For example, President Weah's building of house so soon after his inauguration was not a wise decision it was a very smart decision that is not in his best interest.

A very wise decision would have been to wait at least three years into his presidency before embarking on his housing project. Second, the building of roads is not a bad idea is also in the interest of development, but such a decision was a smart decision and not a wise one. A wise decision would have been for President Weah to have focused initially on some basic kitchen table development that would have directly benefited the citizens and attractive to international donors.

For example, the president certain ways and means through achievable strategies that will lead to the citizenry benefitting from basic clean drinking water, reduction in the hard cost of living, affordable health care, affordable electricity, and the enforcement of Liberian local businesses that will prevent foreigners from encroaching on such domestic businesses directly and indirectly. A wise President cannot satisfy 4 million inhabitants, but a plan can be put in place that will prevent foreigners from creating additional poverty for Liberians. President Weah also made another smart decision, when he disallowed then President Sirleaf administration to go scout free without any auditing to retrieve some of the nation's wealth that was either misappropriated and or stolen and a wise decision would have been for him to audit the outgoing government since according to him he didn't see any reserve up to the time he resumed office as president.

Former President Doe took a smart decision to overthrow a one-party system in Liberia and killed 17th former government officials which cost him his life and the life of over 150000 innocent people. Killed in separate civil wars. A wise decision would be to give the seventh men and longer jail sentenced rather than killed them. Taylor is today being jailed for 50-years for being smart and not being wise. If he were wise, he would have been living in peace today. Prince Johnson took a smart decision by killing. A wise decision would have been for him to have turned Doe over to the international communities for Justice.

Recommendations: President Weah will need to be wise and not smart when handling the affairs of Liberia. Being smart can always cause more and more catastrophe in the long run.



PETITION LISTING OF MR. ANTHONY NEKI BARCHUE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE GRAND BASSA COUNTY

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ATTN. : MR. ANTHONY BARCHUE

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

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PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, in my Office within the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, this 17th Day of September, A.D. 2020, a duly qualified and commissioned Notary Public for and in the County of Montserrado, Republic aforesaid the parties to the attached instrument(s):

PETITION LISTING OF MR. ANTHONY NEKI BARCHUE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE GRAND BASSA COUNTY, FOR THE DECEMBER 8, 2020 SENATORIAL ELECTION

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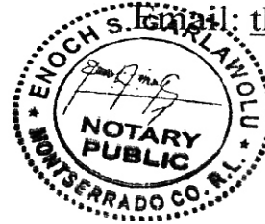
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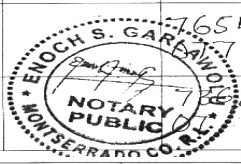


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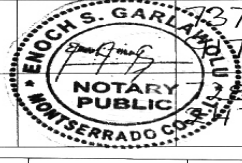
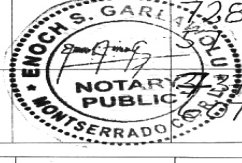
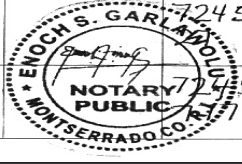


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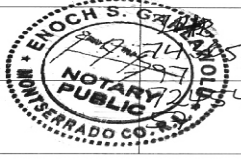


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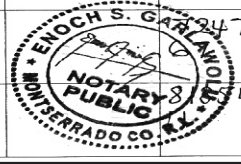
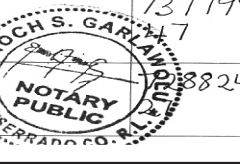


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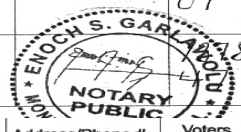
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| 94 | Graquie, Baby | 32 | F | | 737871407 | GB | | |
| 95 | Flomo, Alex | 40 | M | | 737695107 | FA | | |
| 96 | Yannie, Oretta | 27 | F | | 728868917 | V.O | | |
| 97 | Kardon, Rebecca | 37 | F | | 730885127 | KR | | |
| 98 | Flomo, Oretta | 28 | F | | 737692627 | F.O | | |
| 99 | Pheleps, Ju | 43 | M | | 731070767 | PJ | | |
| 100 | Sumo, Oretta | 41 | F | | 724287667 | SO | | |
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| 102 | Peters, Nathaniel | 50 | M | | 737562347 | PN | | |
| 103 | Reeves, Morris | 21 | M | | 728648007 | RM | | |
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| 88 | Flomo, Hannah | 35 | F | | 728915097 | | | |
| 89 | Joseph, Ellie | 44 | F | | 728904827 | | | |
| 90 | Bueh, Mary | 52 | F | | 737692377 | | | |
| 91 | Mandeh, Naomi | 30 | F | | 7288696 | MN | | |



FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE (FOR SENATE)

- LETTER OF INTENT
- SWORN DECLARATION OR AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO CITIZENSHIP
- SWORN DECLARATION OR AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO DOMICILE/RESIDENCY
- TAX CLEARANCE
- LIBERIAN PASSPORT (IF ANY), NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL DRIVER LICENSE, VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS, NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND/OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENT REFLECTING THE CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS
- RECEIPT SHOWING PAYMENT OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN LIBERIAN DOLLARS FOR REGISTRATION FEE TO THE NEC'S CANDIDATE NOMINATION ACCOUNT.
 - US\$750.00 FOR SENATOR
- BANK STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM BANK BALANCE OF US\$7,500.00 FOR SENATE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN LIBERIAN DOLLARS
- PROOF OF INDEMNITY/INSURANCE BOND OF U\$10,000.00
- NOTARIZE PETITION LISTING OF 500 QUALIFIED VOTERS FOR SENATE IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE NAMES, GENDERS, TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) (IF APPLICABLE), ADDRESSES, VOTERS ID NUMBERS, PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURES OR FINGERPRINT(S) OF THE PETITIONERS.
- NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEES OF US\$700 FOR SENATE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN LIBERIAN DOLLARS
- PROVE OF PUBLICATION OF PETITION LISTING IN TWO (2) REPUTABLE LIBERIAN NEWSPAPERS CONCOMITANTLY DONE IN TIMES NEW ROMAN 12-POINT FRONT SIZE
- LOGO OF THE CANDIDATE ON A CD;
- CANDIDATE OBJECTIVE STATEMENT;
- INFORMATION ON ESTABLISHED OFFICE IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COUNTY;
- NOTARIZE LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO VERIFY THE BANK ACCOUNT



Harper Port Manager rehabilitates community roads

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland

The Manager of the Harper Sea Port in Maryland County, William W. Wallace has joined citizens in reconditioning roads leading to Lake Shepherd and William R. Tolbert Drive communities in Harper City.

Both areas are known as Stadium Road communities.

The intervention by Port Manager Wallace followed attempts by residents of the two communities to recondition roads to their communities that have been challenged by downpours and flooding.

The situation has impeded movement of residents in and out of the communities, especially women and children, who usually falloff from commercial motorbikes transporting

lamented.

Mr. Wallace said though rehabilitating all community roads in Harper could be cost intensive, seeing economic hardship engulfed by the government, his own intervention is a way of buttressing government's commitment to recondition feeder roads that pose embarrassment to residents.

Although it is not clear whether he has political motive, but it seems the former 2017 Representative Candidate, who contested in Harper District on the ticket of the governing Coalition for Democratic Change is paving his way for 2023.

"Let me appreciate the youths of Lake Shepherd community for joining hands with me to recondition the road,



them to various locations.

Speaking to this paper recently, Mr. Wallace said his intervention is in response to numerous cries from residents about the road situation and his personal observation along the roads where women and school-going kids have dropped from motorbikes into muddy waters several times.

He added that several occasions, while on his way to work, he saw school children in their uniforms falling of bikes into mud, messing themselves.

"Let me say it is worrisome mostly to see kids that are already dressed by their parents falling in the mud, knowing how desperate other parents are seeing their children going back home with uniforms dirty", he

as you can see now, I am working with the youths and this is one of the things I love during the best because I am a young man. I know they will continue to join hands with me in the district for us to recondition some of these major community roads, knowing to the fact that government can't do all at the same time", her said.

Wallace disclosed that his next target is to touch other community roads in the county.

For their part, residents of Lake Shepherd community lauded the Port Manager for the initiative and called on other officials of the county to emulate his example. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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Judiciary orders staff to abort protest

Following a series of protests by staff at the Judicial branch of government for 11 months of unpaid Liberian dollars component of their salaries, the Judiciary warns that protests, demonstration, and strike actions are in violation of the law and cannot be allowed to continue because

“Protests, demonstration, and strike actions, etc., disrupt court processes and deprive party litigants of unhindered right of access to justice; these are in violation of law and cannot be allowed to continue,” the Judiciary says further.

The Judiciary maintains that as it remains engaged with the

posted placards on the facilities at the Temple of Justice on Capitol Hill Thursday, 17 September, seeking to notify members of a planned protest due Monday, 21 September.

“The Union of [Aggrieved] Judicial Workers is pleased to inform you all to be [prepared] for the Strike Action/Go slow to [begin] Monday,” one notice posted at the entrance of the Judiciary’s Cafeteria reads. Some of the protesters claim that some placards were taken down supposedly by authorities before the afternoon hours.

In its statement Thursday, the Judiciary said it acknowledges the concerns of its employees regarding cuts in their salaries by the Government of Liberia under the program of Harmonization and Standardization which took effect about a year ago.

According to the Judiciary, when the matter was first raised with the Chief Justice Francis S. Korkpor, Sr., he set up a committee to listen to the concerns of the employees with the view of providing appropriate explanations.

While this was being done, the Judiciary laments that some of the employees resulted to protests which prompted a meeting of the employees with the Full Bench of the Supreme Court.

At that meeting which was

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they disrupt court processes.

“Information is that these employees intend to disrupt the ensuing opening of the Civil Law Court. The Judiciary is a neutral ground where party litigants go to seek remedy within the ambit of the law,” a statement issued in Monrovia Thursday, 17 September by the Judiciary says.

Ministry of Finance and Development Planning in finding a possible solution which will inure to the aggrieved employees’ benefit, it calls on the employees to exercise patience and refrain from actions that will disrupt judicial processes.

Ahead of the opening of the Civil Law Court, the leadership of the aggrieved Judicial staff

CPP Cummings to address Blyden Forum today

The Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) chairman, Alexander B. Cummings is expected to open the Press Union of Liberia first in a series of national conversations on the political climate in the country ahead of the ensuing mid-term senatorial elections this Friday at the YMCA auditorium.

Cummings is also the political leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) and is expected to deliver the first lecture at 1pm on Friday on the Role of Political Actors in ensuring

Urey are members.

The Blyden Forum is expected to also host the Chairman of the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), MulbahMorlu on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 and the Chairman of the Rainbow Alliance, Reginald Goodridge on Friday, 25th September 2020.

The journalists’ union asserted that it is confident that the Blyden Forum will help in getting politicians to obligate themselves to the holding of free, fair, transparent and peaceful



Free, Fair, Transparent & Peaceful Elections.

According to a Press Union of Liberia release, Mr. Cummings is expected to commit his political alliance to contributing toward the conduct of peaceful elections, freed of violence and regard for laws.

Mr. Cummings’ ANC is a constituent member of the CPP which the Unity Party of former Vice President Joseph Boakai, Liberty Party of Senator NyonbleeKarga-Lawrence and the All Liberian People Party of Benoni Wilfred

elections.

The Blyden Forum is held in honor of the father of Pan-Africanism, a Journalist and a Liberian Statesman whose works as a politician led him to fleeing the country after his unsuccessful run for the Presidency in 1885. Some accounts have it that he lost the elections by a slim margin and fearing for his life in the face of huge popularity which competed with the election result, Blyden escaped to Sierra Leone.

has gone three weeks. When it first started, we have been in

possession.

Kaiwood lamented it is very sorrowful and disgraceful for the government to distribute food items meant for underprivileged and vulnerable Liberians and leave out 69 family heads.

“Mostly especially in Liberia people don’t take our issue very serious in this country, for each time we come out to exercise our constitutional rights, they always tell us you can’t feel sorry for yourselves and if you

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Visually impaired people protest for Covid-19 food

By Ben P. Wesee

In the wake of rumors about exhaustion of the government Corona virus stimulus food package for vulnerable Liberians, group of visually-impaired citizens from the Hope in God Association of the Blind have protested before the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Monrovia, demanding their share of the stimulus package.

Spokesman James A. Kaiwood complained since the start of the food distribution, they from the Hope in God Association of the Blind, a vulnerable group, are yet to benefit.

Kaiwood said they have remained patient, while going forth and back, communicating with the distribution team through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for their package, but to no avail.



He said the only option available to them after repeated engagements have failed, is to assemble at the official home of President Weah

to demand his attention, which is their constitutional right.

“We have been patient; that’s why it took us so long; It

Français

Éditorial

NdubuisiNwabudike à la tête de la lutte contre la corruption, quelle ironie !

Le fait qu'un individu comme NdubuisiNwabudike dont la nationalité est douteuse dirige la lutte contre la corruption au Libéria n'est pas que paradoxal, il s'agit au fait une moquerie à part entière.

Il est tout aussi honteux qu'une institution d'intégrité vitale telle que la Commission anti-corruption du Libéria (LACC) dont la mission est de moraliser la vie publique et qui, selon la loi, doit être dirigée par un citoyen libérien, soit confiée à un individu dont ignore la nationalité.

Face à cette violation flagrante de la loi libérienne, le président George Manneh Weah finance le douteux NdubuisiNwabudike pour organiser et présider une soi-disant conférence anti-corruption alors que l'individu lui-même est un symbole de la malhonnêteté et de l'incohérence.

La conférence anticorruption qui s'est tenue au complexe ministériel de Congo Town n'est rien d'autre qu'un gaspillage total de l'argent des contribuables. C'est aussi la preuve que l'administration Weah manque de volonté politique de restaurer la transparence et la reddition des compte dans le secteur public.

Le fait que le libérien autoproclamé d'origine Nigériane n'ait manifestement pas réussi à prouver sa prétendue naturalisation qui ferait de lui un citoyen libérien lors de la confirmation du Sénat devrait suffire pour qu'il soit radié du gouvernement.

Comment dans ce monde une personne comme Nwabudike qui détient des passeports différents peut prétendre convaincre les Libériens qu'il est capable de lutter contre la corruption.

N'est-ce pas pour cette raison que l'Association nationale du barreau du Libéria l'a expulsé ? De toute évidence, il est devenu membre de cette Association sur du faux.

Pourtant, il se trouve actuellement à la tête de la LACC, sans aucun remords, prenant le peuple du Libéria pour des imbéciles avec la bénédiction du président Weah. Maintenant, tout le monde devrait comprendre pourquoi la soi-disant conférence anti-corruption et ses résultats sont un gadget complet.

Premièrement, l'administration Weah n'a pas l'intention de lutter contre la corruption car il a lui-même acquis sa richesse de manière douteuse, comme la plupart de ses proches, dès son accession au pouvoir. C'est un président qui confond les fonds publics et son propre argent.

D'ailleurs, vu que le tribunal ne poursuit pas le directeur des passeports suspendu, Andrew Wonplo, même après son inculpation, l'on peut clairement conclure sans risque de se tromper un manque criard de volonté politique de la part de ce régime. Il a fallu que le gouvernement Américain l'interdise de séjourner aux États-Unis pour « corruption importante » avant que le gouvernement libérien prenne le courage de feigner une poursuite.

Ainsi, avec le président George Weah au pouvoir, Nwabudikea toute la latitude d'exercer son métier, c'est-à-dire le mensonge et la supercherie, tout en se faisant passer pour un citoyen libérien.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Henry Munangaire

Les conséquences environnementales de la répression politique

HARARE - Le Zimbabwe était hier encore l'étoile montante de l'Afrique. Fort d'un solide capital humain, de généreuses ressources naturelles, et d'infrastructures modernes, le pays était à l'échelle du continent le premier producteur de variétés telles que le maïs, le blé ou encore le soja. Ses exportations agricoles lui valaient le surnom de « grenier de l'Afrique ». Comment expliquer qu'il soit tombé aussi bas ?

Aujourd'hui, le Zimbabwe parvient à peine à nourrir sa propre population, sans parler du reste du continent. D'après le Programme alimentaire mondial, environ 8,6 millions de Zimbabweens ont besoin d'aide, et la malnutrition sévère devrait augmenter de 15 % en 2020, aggravée par l'impact de la pandémie de COVID-19. Le gouvernement échoue par ailleurs à assurer les services publics essentiels, tels que l'eau potable, les soins de santé, le logement et l'éducation.

Le Zimbabwe connaît par ailleurs actuellement l'un des pires effondrements économiques de son histoire - le second en un peu plus d'une décennie. Le pays est aujourd'hui confronté à une inflation galopante, à de multiples pénuries de carburant, à des pannes d'électricité prolongées, ainsi qu'à un chômage croissant. Pas moins de 90 % des Zimbabweens peinent à gagner leur vie dans le secteur informel.

Ces difficultés ont débuté avec la gestion économique désastreuse de Robert Mugabe, dont le règne de 37 ans - qui ne s'est achevé que lorsque l'armée a contraint le dirigeant de se retirer en 2017 - a été marqué par une répression politique sévère, et souvent violente. Le successeur de Mugabe, le président Emmerson Mnangagwa, et la junte militaire qui a facilité son accession au pouvoir, n'ont pour autant pas apporté de réel changement. Ils ont non seulement très peu œuvré pour réformer l'économie et créer des conditions propices à l'investissement et à la croissance, mais également maintenu les pratiques répressives de Mugabe.

Mais la population du Zimbabwe n'est pas la seule à souffrir des agissements du régime. L'environnement souffre lui aussi. La Commission des forêts du Zimbabwe estime que le pays perd chaque année 330 000 hectares de forêts, et que la superficie totale de zones forestières et boisées est passée de 53 % à 45 % depuis 2014. Raison principale à cela, les Zimbabweens dépendent de la biomasse pour environ 70 % de leur énergie, compte tenu du manque d'électricité ainsi que du prix élevé du gaz nécessaire à la cuisine.

La déforestation du Zimbabwe alimente depuis une décennie la diminution des précipitations annuelles dans la région (l'air qui circule à travers les arbres produisant deux fois plus de pluie qu'en l'absence d'arbres). Le Zimbabwe se situant géographiquement au niveau du tropique sud, ce qui rend le pays particulièrement vulnérable au changement des modèles de précipitations, les sécheresses y deviennent de plus en plus récurrentes - un facteur majeur d'aggravation de l'insécurité alimentaire.

La diminution des précipitations impacte également la production d'électricité, la centrale hydroélectrique du lac Kariba ayant par exemple dû fermer partiellement en 2019, elle qui fournit plus de 50 % de l'électricité du Zimbabwe, ainsi qu'une partie de celle de la Zambie. Le manque

de devises étrangères exclut par ailleurs la possibilité de sources alternatives d'électricité pour le pays - via par exemple des importations en provenance du Mozambique et de l'Afrique du Sud. En 2019, les pannes de courant de plus de 18 heures sont devenues une habitude, et perturbent bien entendu l'activité économique.

S'agissant de la fourniture des autres services - notamment gestion des déchets urbains et fourniture d'eau potable - les manquements du gouvernement semblent en revanche intentionnels. Ces 20 dernières années, l'Alliance du mouvement pour le changement démocratique (MDC-A), parti d'opposition conduit par Nelson Chamisa, a gagné en popularité, et contrôle aujourd'hui 26 des 32 gouvernements urbains locaux. Pour affirmer son autorité, l'Union nationale africaine du Zimbabwe-Front patriotique (ZANU-PF) au pouvoir - parti de Mugabe et de Mnangagwa - a usé de son influence pour contourner les dispositions constitutionnelles conférant aux résidents et autorités locales un plus grand contrôle sur la fourniture des services.

Cette politisation des services essentiels met considérablement à mal leur fourniture. La gestion désastreuse des déchets a engendré une importante pollution aux eaux usées dans le lac Chivero, principale source d'eau de la capitale Harare, avec pour conséquence un phénomène d'eutrophisation (accumulation de nutriments et croissance excessive de végétation). D'après un récent rapport du Conseil municipal de Harare, l'eau du lac Chivero est désormais contaminée par des substances susceptibles de provoquer des atteintes au foie et au système nerveux.

La principale centrale de traitement des eaux de Harare, dont la capacité permet de desservir 300 000 personnes, et qui fournit aujourd'hui de l'eau à plus d'1,5 million d'habitants, est très loin de suffire. Traitement défaillant des déchets et manque d'eau potable ont ensemble provoqué une épidémie de choléra en 2008, qui a fait plus de 4 000 morts.

Activité économique majeure avant le colonialisme, l'extraction d'or met par ailleurs à mal la santé des Zimbabweens. L'incertitude politique et les défaillances de l'environnement d'affaires ont en effet réduit les investissements dans ce secteur. C'est ainsi qu'environ 60 % de l'exploitation aurifère est conduite dans l'illégalité, sans aucune considération pour les normes environnementales et de sécurité. Résultat, la pollution s'aggrave dans la rivière Mazowe, qui coule du Zimbabwe jusqu'au Mozambique, et dont l'eau de plus en plus toxique est utilisée par les ménages, pour les loisirs et pour l'agriculture.

La conformité aux normes environnementales ne figure pas parmi les priorités du gouvernement zimbabween, dans la mesure où l'or constitue une source précieuse de devises étrangères. D'après Transparency International Zimbabwe, le pays perd néanmoins plus de 200 millions \$ chaque année en raison des quantités massives d'or vendu sur le marché noir, puis expédié en contrebande vers des pays tels que Dubaï et l'Afrique du Sud.

Le Zimbabwe cumule tristement répression politique, mauvaise gouvernance et dégradation environnementale, avec des conséquences qui ne s'arrêteront pas aux frontières nationales, et dont nous devons tous nous inquiéter.

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Mass arrest ordered in passport scandal

By Winston W. Parley

Prosecutors have detained Madam Marian Sory, one of the 11 persons including Liberia's former Director of Passport and Visas Andrew D. Wonplo, ordered arrested by the Criminal Court "C" based on their indictment for alleged illegal sales of Liberian Passports to non-Liberians, depriving government of thousands of US Dollars.

Madam Sory was detained Thursday, 17 September at the Monrovia Central Prison

named in a long list of persons who allegedly had a role in the passport scandal in which Liberian officials at the Passport Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs allegedly sold the nation's vital travel documents to non-Liberians for amounts not authorized by government.

Ahead of Sory's arrest Thursday, 17 September, the U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo earlier announced on 10 September the public designation of Liberia's former Director of Passport and Visas Andrew Wonplo, "due to his

members are ineligible for entry into the United States.

While working as Liberia's Passport Direct at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, prosecutors allege that defendant Andrew Wonplo received over 4,250 pieces of blank Liberian Passports for signature and distribution to Liberians upon filing of satisfied and legitimate applications or requests for passports.

Between 2018 and 2019, defendant Wonplo allegedly conspired with Adedoyin Emmanuel Atioko (Nigerian); and James S. Fallah (Edward Egbedi); Faruk M.B. Kamara; J. Rannie Binda; Worjloh David Nippy (Ghanaian); Joseph Harris; William Reeves; Johnson P. Anderson; N'Mengatin A. Konneh, Marian Sory; Nimely and began to sell passports to non-Liberians.

Over charges of economic sabotage, theft of property, forgery and criminal conspiracy, the government here has indicted Andrew D. Wonplo, former Passport Director; Adedoyin Emmanuel Atioko (Nigerian); and James S. Fallah (Edward Egbedi).

Others indicted include Faruk M.B. Kamara; J. Rannie Binda; Worjloh David Nippy (Ghanaian); Joseph Harris; William Reeves; Johnson P. Anderson; N'Mengatin A. Konneh, Marian Sory; Nimely and others to be identified.

Visually impaired

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look at what the Ministry said that the food is for vulnerable people and as you must be aware, visually-impaired components are the most vulnerable people in the underprivileged community."

While the protest was ongoing on the grounds of the Foreign Ministry, Deputy Minister of State Anthony Kpawankpa asked the group leaders to select three of its members for an indoor meeting that lasted for an hour.

Upon the completion of the meeting, Kaiwood informed his colleagues that the Minister is in solidarity with them and has asked them to formally write the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Nathaniel McGill for redress within a week.

Kaiwood further lamented that they are willing to adhere to the discussion with the Deputy Minister but if their communication were not fruitful, they will reassemble at the Foreign Ministry until their demand is met by the government.

A female blind protester, who identified herself as Martha, said they are being poorly treated by the government that supposed to champion the cause by ensuring their livelihood is improved.

"We are been left out by the government as a means of encouraging us to continue begging in the street, this is the highest insult we have received in recent time. We will continue with our civil engagement until we can get redress but if government or WFP refuses to supply us with our food, we will continue to sleep here till the President addresses our dissatisfaction," Ma Martha angrily noted.

The New Dawn has not established whether the Covid-19 stimulus food distribution has formally ended, but the exercise has been marred by series of controversies, delays and criticisms from its onset. -

Editing by Jonathan Browne



Ex-Liberian passport director Andrew Wonplo

after being taken before the Criminal Court "C" at the Temple of Justice in relation to the indictment.

The authorities here claim that the defendants caused the government to lost over US\$30,000 through illegal sales of Liberian passports to non-Liberians, as well as people looking for space to travel to the United States and Canada who were willing to pay as much as US\$2,000 each for a Liberian Passport.

Nationals of Nigeria and Ghana are among those

involvement in significant corruption," making Wonplo and his immediate family members ineligible for entry into the United States.

Under Section 7031(c) of the U.S. Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020, once the Secretary of State designates officials of foreign governments for their involvement, directly or indirectly, in significant corruption, those individuals and their immediate family

Invitation to Bid (ITB)
Procurement of Security Guard Services
National Competitive Bidding
IFB No./MTNLIB/NCB/001/020-21

- Lonestar Cell MTN has the need to hire a security FIRM to provide SECURITY GUA RD SERVICES for all its assets at the head office and all other sub-branches (POS) in Liberia.
- Lonestar Cell MTN now invites sealed bids from only eligible and qualified firms for the provision of Security Guard Services.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) and is open to all eligible bidders.
- Schedule of Events: This bidding process will be governed by the following schedule:

| No. | Activity | Date |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Publication of Invitation to Bid and release of bidding document | September 15, 2020 |
| 2. | Pre-Bid Meeting | September 21, 2020 |
| 3. | Deadline for Submission | September 30, 2020 |
| 4. | Opening of Bids | September 30, 2020 12 noon |
| 5. | Evaluation of Bids | October 2, 2020 |
| 6. | Transmission of Notification of Award and Outcome of the bidding process | October 5, 2020 |
| 7. | Contract Negotiation and Award | October 6 to 15, 2020 |
| 8. | Commencement of Contract | November 1, 2020 |

- Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from:
I-Ishmael F. Niemah
Global Sourcing and Supply Chain Manager
Supply Chain-Finance Department
Lonestar Cell MTN
LBDI Building, Congo Town
P.O. BOX 10-4673
Monrovia, Liberia
Mobile: +231-886-501269 |
Ishmael.niemah@mtn.com
- Qualifications requirements:** All bids must be accompanied by:
 Valid Business Registration Certificate
 Valid Tax Clearance
 Company Profile
 Proof of similar Services Rendered (List of at least 3 clients including contacts to whom the firm have provided similar services)
 Bid Security in the amount of US\$2,000.00 in the form of a Managers Check/Bank Guarantee
 Permit from Ministry of Justice
 PPCC Vendor Registration Certificate
 Ability to Pre-finance up to US\$25,000 (Proof is either signed bank statement/Access to Credit/Audited financial statement for calendar year 2019)
 Valid and active email address
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 30, 2020 at 12:00 noon**. Bids shall be valid for a period of **Thirty (30) days** after the deadline of bid submission.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held via teams and in the conference Room of Lonestar Cell MTN Head office in Congo Town on **September 21, 2020 at 11:30am** to answer questions relevant to the Bidding process.
- Bids will be opened on **September 30, 2020 at 12:00 noon**, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend, at the address below.
Lonestar Cell MTN
Conference Room
LBDI Building, Congo Town
Monrovia, Liberia
- A complete set of Bidding Document in **English** may be picked up by interested bidders at the Lonestar Cell MTN Head Office between **9:00am & 3:00pm** daily.
- All bids must be clearly marked with the address indicated below.
- Bids must be submitted only in hard copy**. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The most responsive Bidder will be issued a Framework Contract valid for one year subject to renewal based on satisfactory performance.
- The address is:
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- Lonestar Cell MTN reserves the right to reject or accept any bids submitted and to annul the entire process at any time for reasons to be communicated to bidders without incurring any liability.

Signed:
I-Ishmael F. Niemah
Global Sourcing and Supply Chain Manager
Lonestar Cell MTN

Judiciary orders

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also attended by representatives from the

Liverpool agree £25m deal for Bayern's Thiago



Liverpool have agreed a deal to sign midfielder Thiago Alcantara from Bayern Munich for at least £20m, plus £5m in add-ons, on a four-year contract.

Thiago, 29, joined the German giants from Barcelona in 2013 and played in last season's Champions League final victory over Paris St-Germain.

He is set to wear the number six shirt at Anfield.

Thiago would be the Premier League champions' second summer signing, after Greece left-back Kostas Tsimikas.

The guaranteed £20m will be paid in instalments, with the maximum extra £5m depending on the Reds' success in the Premier League and Champions League.

When asked about a

potential move for the Spaniard last week, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said: "I cannot end speculation as long as the transfer window is open. "It is nice that we are linked with him but that is pretty much it really. It is because he is a good player and Liverpool is a big club, so that is nice."

Bayern boss Hansi Flick said at a news conference on Thursday: "Thiago is an exceptional player who had huge success here for seven years. He's a great person and an exceptional professional."

"It was very emotional today when he said goodbye."

Thiago started his career at Barcelona and was heavily linked with a move to Manchester United when David Moyes replaced Sir Alex Ferguson in 2013, but went to Germany instead.

As well as the Champions League, he has won seven consecutive Bundesliga titles, four German Cups and the Club World Cup with Bayern.

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Bale set to fly in to complete Spurs loan move

Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale is set to fly to England on Friday to complete his return to Tottenham Hotspur.

A deal for Wales international Bale, 31, to rejoin Spurs on loan from Real Madrid is still being negotiated.

Talks between the clubs are progressing positively if they conclude in the same manner, Bale will travel to London.

"Until I'm told Bale is a Tottenham player, I still think and feel and respect the fact he's a Real Madrid player," said Spurs boss Jose Mourinho.

"I'm not going to comment on a Real Madrid player," Mourinho added after his side beat Lokomotiv Plovdiv in the Europa League on Thursday.

Bale is understood to have trained on his own at Real on Thursday while awaiting the outcome of negotiations.

It is also anticipated Real



Madrid full-back Sergio Reguilon will complete his transfer to Tottenham on Friday. The 23-year-old Spain international played last season on loan at Sevilla, winning the Europa League.

He originally joined Spurs from Southampton in 2007 before moving to the Spanish giants for a then world record £85m in 2013. He has gone on to score more than 100 goals for Real and won four Champions Leagues.

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