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# Mysterious deaths

## -As Police launch investigation



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# Continental News

## Nigeria 'rogue' police banned from stop and search

Nigeria's inspector general of police has banned a notorious unit from carrying out stop and search duties and setting up roadblocks amid growing anger at routine harassment and atrocities allegedly committed by its officers. Mohammed Adamu also said members of the

Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) must always wear uniforms.

Videos shared recently on social media appear to show officers extorting money and even shooting people.

Nigerians want SARS disbanded.

The hashtag #EndSARS is trending on Twitter, triggered

by the alleged killing of a young man by officers from the unit in the city of Lagos on Saturday.

Many people are also using the hashtag to share stories of brutality attributed to the police unit.

Lagos Governor Sanwo-Olu tweeted on Sunday: "Appropriate actions will be

taken, and speedily too". SARS and other tactical police units have been banned from "invasion of privacy of citizens particularly through indiscriminate and unauthorised search of mobiles, laptops and smart devices," Mr Adamu said in a statement on Sunday.

They should, he said, focus on cases of armed robberies, kidnapping and other violent crimes. He also said that police commissioners and commanders would be held liable for misconduct of officers in the areas they were in charge of.

Three years ago Nigeria's police chief ordered an immediate re-organisation of the SARS after public outcry, but little, if any, changed according to an Amnesty

International investigation published in June.

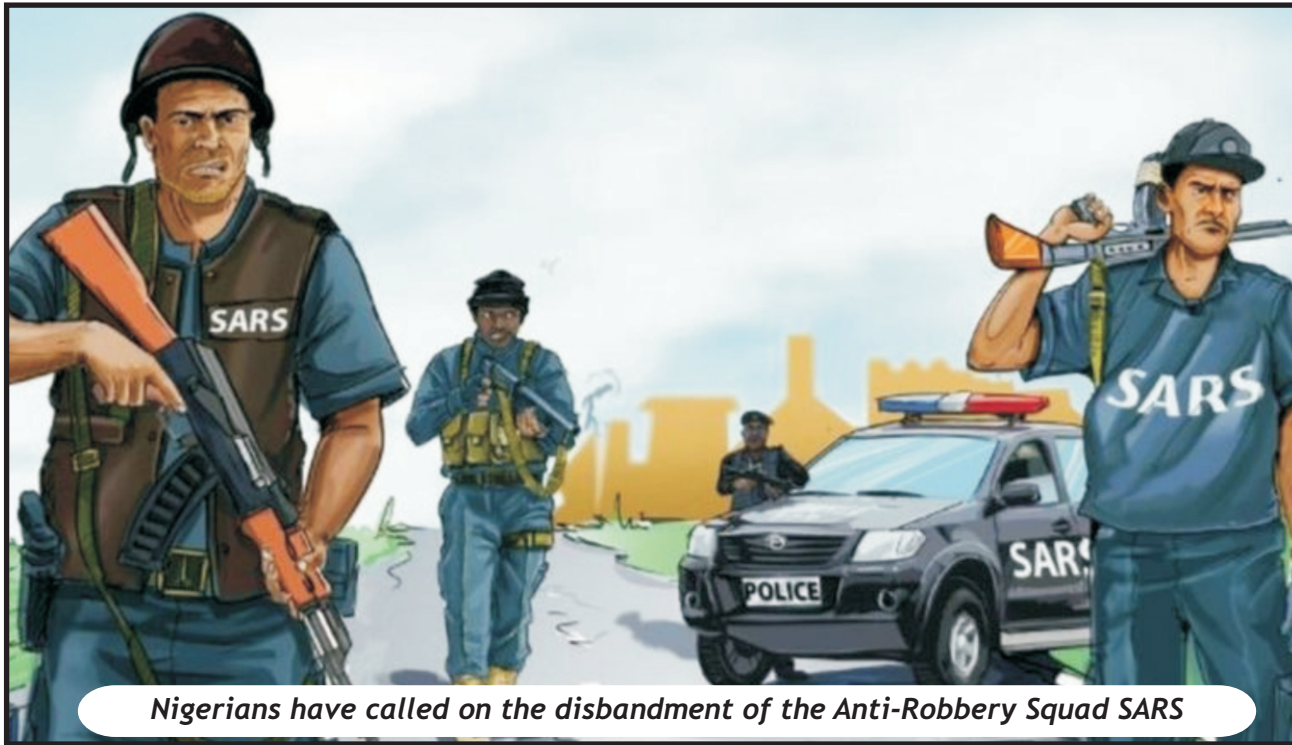
The rights group accused SARS officers of using "torture and other ill-treatment to execute, punish and extract information from suspects".

It documented 82 cases between January 2017 and May 2020.

Amnesty found the group allegedly targeted men between the ages of 17 and 30.

"Young men with dreadlocks, ripped jeans, tattoos, flashy cars or expensive gadgets are frequently targeted by SARS," the organisation said.

"The Nigerian authorities must go beyond lip service and ensure there is real reform," Osai Ojigho, director of Amnesty International Nigeria, said about the findings. BBC



Nigerians have called on the disbandment of the Anti-Robbery Squad SARS

## Separatist Fighting Continues in Cameroon a Year After Major National Dialogue

October 4 marks a year since Cameroon held its Major National Dialogue to solve the Anglophone separatist crisis that has killed at least 3,000 people in four years. Cameroonians and some participants at the dialogue say that fighting has continued unabated and that most parts of the English-speaking regions are ungovernable, an indication the event was a failure, but the government maintains it

was successful. Eric Tataw, a U.S.-based Anglophone activist says the National Dialogue organized by Cameroon president Paul Biya a year ago to solve the separatist crisis has failed woefully. Tataw says for peace to return to the restive English-speaking regions the international community should force Cameroon to organize what he calls true dialogue in another country. "The Grand National Dialogue was a publicity theater by the Cameroonian authorities to

please the international community. Any such discussion will be done on an international scene with Cameroon and Ambazonia as equal parties, where we will decide peacefully on the separation of these two countries," he said.

Ambazonia is the English-speaking state that rebels want to form. Tataw said when the dialogue was held from September 30 to October 4, 2019, the U.N. was reporting 2,000 deaths in the then two-year conflict. Now, in the year since the dialogue ended, the U.N. is reporting an additional 1,000 deaths, indicating how tense the crisis is. Former Cameroonian Prime Minister Philemon Yang says the fighting has been reduced but he says barbarism has continued because an insignificant minority of English speakers are using violence to try to split Cameroon. Yang says the government is determined to solve the crisis but will never allow Cameroon to be divided.

"On the part of the government the negotiations were very frank. VOA



Cameroonian policemen patrol the market in the majority English-speaking South West province in Buea

## Rusesabagina case: Hotel Rwanda 'hero' denied bail

A court in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, has denied bail to Paul Rusesabagina, the man who inspired Hollywood film Hotel Rwanda about the 1994 genocide.

It depicted his efforts to save hundreds of Tutsis at his hotel during the 1994 genocide.

He is now facing 13 charges

terrorism activities".

Mr Rusesabagina had appealed for bail on the basis of his health and the lack of evidence.

But the judge said that he represented a flight risk, according to an independent journalist who was allowed into the court. His family allege he was kidnapped in



including terrorism and murder, in connection with his alleged support of deadly attacks by a rebel group.

He has made no comment on the charges.

Last week, he said that though he was part of a group that formed the National Liberation Front rebel movement it was "not for

Dubai and taken to Rwanda. The authorities have not said where he was arrested.

His five children told a virtual press conference on Thursday that he had been denied an independent team of lawyers. "And we know that he was tortured to say what they want and have prepared," said his daughter



# EDITORIAL

## Stop the violence

**LIBERIA IS RETROGRESSING** gradually into violence of unimaginable proportion that could reverse hands of the clock and send this country once again nose-diving, amid a global pandemic.

**AHEAD OF MIDTERM** senatorial election in December, the country has witnessed spate of violence between supporters of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change and loyalists of the opposition Collaborating Political Parties, threatening whatever is left of the economy and social peace.

**THIS IS DANGEROUS** and must claim attention of the Weah administration immediately. Opposition lawmakers Abraham Darius Dillon and Yekeh Kolubah have suffered attacks repeatedly in the past several months for criticizing the CDC administration. The latest saw the home of Montserrado County Electoral District#10 Representative Kolubah completely ransacked on Sunday, 27 September by mobilized youths believed to have come from the CDC just as it occurred in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County few months back.

**THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS** to be comfortable with violence against members of the opposition, believing that such tactics would silence them into cowardice and submission. The ruling establishment is totally paranoid by criticisms, and is prepared to go after any citizen raising his or her voice, as is in the case of Dillon and Yekeh on critical issues.

**SURELY, THIS IS** not the type of democracy Liberians saw in the CDC and elected its standard bearer George Manneh Weah in 2017 as President. President Weah's conspicuous silence on the wave of violence across the country is not only worrisome, but disappointing.

**THIS IS EVEN** more dangerous as the country goes to the poll on December 8th to elect 15 senators with the ruling Coalition seeking absolute control of the Legislature, which it already has over both the House and the Senate.

**THE WEAH ADMINISTRATION** should understand that violently suppressing free speech and dissenting views are traits of dictatorship that undermine tolerance and national unity. The eastern European state of Belarus is a classic example of where tyrant rules with iron fist, crushing dissents at all cost.

**LIBERIA SHOULD NOT** be allowed to return to such atmosphere because our international partners, including the United States, the United Nations, ECOWAS and the African Union, among others invested a lot in this country to get us to where we are today as a people.

We call on the government to move quickly in ensuring the violence comes to an end no matter which side it emanated from to give way to democratic norms and practices, which are healthy for our democracy.

**IN THE SAME** vein, we want an immediate investigation into Sunday's violence that left Representative Kolubah's residence totally ransacked so that perpetrators are brought to justice. Anything short of that could be seen as government's complacency.

# COMMENTARY

By Kent Harrington

## Rescuing US Intelligence

*By consistently demonizing America's intelligence agencies and undercutting their missions, US President Donald Trump has sacrificed US national security for the sake of his own political interests. Given today's global threats, a President-elect Joe Biden would need to make this the first mess he cleans up.*

**A**TLANTA - With the US presidential election barely a month away, former Vice President Joe Biden and his advisers are devising his national-security policy and creating shortlists to fill the cabinet's ranking positions in the event that he defeats President Donald Trump. But while presidential hopefuls traditionally have focused first on contenders to run the state, defense, and treasury departments, this time is different. With the intelligence community in an increasingly perilous state, Biden should choose a top spymaster before making any other personnel decisions.

It is no secret that the United States faces a wide range of challenges abroad. Over the last four years, Trump has undermined the standing, standards, and strengths of the agencies that are charged with ensuring the country's security. A new director of national intelligence will have to repair the damage and root out the festering corruption that Trump's appointees have sown across the agencies. This will be no small task.

While the sheer scale of the harm done under Trump is anyone's guess, his unrelenting attacks on US spies and analysts have cowed the agencies and undermined their missions. Since taking office, Trump has consistently disparaged the intelligence community and its work, especially the finding that Russia interfered in the 2016 election on his behalf. And while the Kremlin's election meddling has continued, those conducting Trump's daily intelligence briefs no longer bother to raise the subject, lest they provoke his ire. And recent reports that CIA director Gina Haspel is choking off intelligence on Russia's interference in the 2020 election to avoid antagonizing Trump suggest that intelligence leaders' political subservience is degrading US national security as well as the integrity of its government agencies. It is safe to assume that those briefing the president are also eliding other active threats, such as those emanating from North Korea, where Trump's failed summitry has left in place a ticking nuclear time bomb.

A president who trashes rather than heeds crucial information is bad enough. But the effects of Trump's war on intelligence do not stop at the White House gate. He is also blocking other key decision-makers' access to needed information and expert analysis. For example, national intelligence officials have indefinitely postponed the annual worldwide threat briefing for Congress. For legislators who oversee these issues, this presentation offers a valuable perspective not only on the intelligence community's \$70 billion annual budget, but also on the leading dangers confronting the US.

Of course, the Trump administration's motives are obvious. Denying Congress and others access to intelligence spares Trump the embarrassment of having his numerous policy failures and personal misdeeds aired publicly. Trump made his wishes clear after the 2019 annual threat briefing, when he fulminated publicly against the intelligence community for its assessments of Iran, the Islamic State, and North Korea. Faced with findings that contradicted his self-proclaimed achievements, he tweeted that the intelligence agencies needed to "go back to school."<sup>1</sup>

And now, Trump can count on John Ratcliffe, his newly confirmed national intelligence director, to

do his bidding without question. Ratcliffe, a former congressman with no qualifications for the job he now holds, recently issued a decree that Congress will receive only written intelligence reports on election security, instead of in-person briefings, just when Russia is ramping up its 2020 pro-Trump electoral interference. That diktat, which would have prevented intelligence experts from having to answer lawmakers' questions, drew criticism even from Republicans.

But legislators aren't the only people whom Trump and Ratcliffe want to keep in the dark. According to a Department of Homeland Security whistleblower, the White House has prohibited the department's analysts from sharing intelligence on Russian meddling with other agencies.

It is obvious why the administration wants to suppress such information. Trump and his cronies are peddling bogus intelligence to support his presidential campaign. One line of disinformation seeks to tar Biden as sympathetic to China. Thus, in an August 26 tweet, Trump claimed that "Chinese State Media and Leaders of CHINA want Biden to win 'the U.S. Election.'" This followed the similarly disingenuous assertion made by Trump's son, Donald Jr., at the Republican Party Convention that "the intelligence community recently assessed that the Chinese Communist Party favors Biden."

When asked about the matter on August 30, Ratcliffe demurred, claiming that he couldn't reveal any details, even though his counterintelligence chief, William Evanina, had done precisely that just a few weeks earlier. As Evanina made clear, China's overt propaganda is par for the course, and should be distinguished from the Kremlin's covert political warfare on Trump's behalf.

Ratcliffe's shameless fabrications suggest that he sees the politicization of intelligence in Trump's interests as a major part of his job. Last month, he claimed that China poses a greater threat than any other country, adding: "That includes threats of election influence and interference." Curiously, he seems to have forgotten his own counterintelligence chief's recent statements suggesting otherwise. He also neglected to mention the findings of his own senior intelligence official overseeing election security, Shelby Pierson, whose earlier testimony before Congress singled out Russia, not China.<sup>1</sup>

Whatever the outcome of the presidential election, Trump's war on the intelligence community has taken its toll. As one former intelligence official tells the journalist Chris Whipple in *The Spy Masters: How the CIA Directors Shape History and the Future*, "There's been an evolution among all intelligence community leaders ... from holding the line on objectivity and integrity to, eventually, Trump breaking down that wall - and the loss of objectivity and integrity."

Nonetheless, the intelligence community's ultimate responsibility, as former CIA Director Leon Panetta puts it, is to speak truth to power. To that end, if Biden wins in November, purging the political patsies now ensconced in the national intelligence director's office will be a necessary, though not sufficient, first step. When it comes to restoring the intelligence community's integrity, a President-elect Biden will need more than one new broom to sweep everything clean. *The Spy Masters* shows why. Whipple's excellent history should be on Biden's desk.

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## O-PED

By Otmar Issing

## The Danger of Following the Fed

*The US Federal Reserve's long-awaited new monetary-policy strategy should probably not serve as a global benchmark. Other central banks should think long and hard before they consider emulating the Fed, for four technical and political reasons.*

**F**RANKFURT - To say that the US Federal Reserve is the world's most important central bank is to state the obvious. The Fed's monetary-policy decisions affect market interest rates worldwide, and no central bank can ignore them without risking unwelcome movements in its own currency's exchange rate.

Moreover, the Fed's leadership - for good or ill - extends beyond current monetary policy. To be sure, the Fed was not a global frontrunner in designing a monetary-policy strategy - remember how long it took to adopt inflation targeting officially - or in making its decisions and communications more transparent. But make no mistake: the Fed also plays a leading role in global discussions of strategic central-banking issues.

No wonder, then, that central bankers eagerly awaited the outcome of the Fed's recent review of monetary policy strategy, tools, and communications." But the Fed's new strategy, announced in late August, should probably not serve as a global benchmark for the conduct of monetary policy.

Other central banks should think long and hard before they follow the Fed, for both technical and political reasons. The first concerns the Fed's switch to average inflation targeting, whereby it now "seeks to achieve inflation that averages 2% over time." It is hard to see how such a regime can credibly anchor inflation expectations when the Fed has clarified neither the past period for measuring the degree of undershooting of its 2% target, nor the procedure for deciding on the duration and distribution of higher inflation in the future.

Second, Fed Chair Jerome Powell says policymakers will refrain from setting a numerical objective for maximum employment - one of the Fed's congressionally mandated goals - because it cannot be measured and changes over time. But if maximum employment is immeasurable, then no numerical value can be set for the shortfall of employment from this level. And the shortfall will be a key factor in future monetary-policy decisions.

In this context, the decline in the key federal funds rate is related to the fall in the natural real interest rate - a non-observable rate for which empirical results are accompanied by a high degree of uncertainty. Furthermore, it remains an open question whether expansionary monetary policy may itself have contributed to the natural real rate's fall. In that case, the argument for lowering the central-bank rate would be circular.

Third, the Fed has now explicitly assumed responsibility for income distribution in the United States. In his speech at the recent annual Jackson Hole symposium, Powell emphasized that as America's long pre-pandemic economic expansion - and, one might add, expansionary Fed policy - continued, "the gains began to be shared more widely across society. The Black and Hispanic unemployment rates reached record lows, and the differentials between these rates and the white unemployment rate narrowed to their lowest levels on record."

But Powell's intervention in the inequality debate will eventually backfire. Once the Fed begins to tighten monetary policy, it will come under immense political pressure not to hurt the poorest members of society.

Finally, the Fed's new strategy contains no answer to the challenge of building an inflation-targeting model that integrates financial-system risks, with all their shifting dynamics, non-linearity, and complexity. No such model currently exists. While I am not obsessed with the European Central Bank's "two-pillar" approach to analyzing risks to price stability in an encompassing way, it is at least an attempt to deal with the problem. The Fed is thus continuing its dangerous neglect of money and credit, and - strangely, but unsurprisingly - did not even include these words in its updated strategy statement.

At the very least, other central banks should not blindly follow the Fed's new strategy. But my biggest concern relates to the great importance that the Fed places on income distribution. To be clear, economic inequality - along with threats to the environment - is a key global political issue, and monetary-policy decisions inherently have distributional effects. But acknowledging that fact - and conducting a monetary policy that abstains from measures that directly influence distribution - is very different from making distributive justice an objective of monetary policy.

The Fed's new strategy thus raises several questions. Can monetary policy achieve distributional goals? Might these objectives potentially clash with the price-stability mandate, and how should conflicts between a self-adopted goal and a legal mandate be resolved? Is a central bank even entitled to claim responsibility for distributional policy in a democracy?

Central bankers are not omnipotent, and they should not communicate and act as if they were. Distributional decisions must remain in the hands of governments and legislatures that are directly answerable to voters. By playing an increasingly political role, monetary policymakers will further undermine and ultimately destroy the case for central-bank independence. It remains to be seen what central banks can and will achieve when they are exposed to politics in all its aspects.

By assuming responsibility for tackling economic inequality, the Fed has put other central banks under huge political and moral pressure to follow suit. They would be wise to resist.

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## OPINION

By Elizabeth Drew

## The Next Civil War?

*Although US President Donald Trump has long hid his tax records and history of business failings, he has never made any secret of his willingness to destroy the US constitutional order if doing so will give him a political advantage. Not since the eve of the Civil War has America been so on edge.*

**W**ASHINGTON, DC - America's capital is more on edge now than at perhaps any other time since the eve of the Civil War in 1860. The city was tense during Watergate, of course. But as much as Richard Nixon tested the constitutional system, as a lawyer who had served in government for decades, he recognized that there are limits that even a president dares not transgress. And now, with President Donald Trump, the First Lady, and a top aide all testing positive for COVID-19, there is more uncertainty in Washington, DC than at any time in living memory.

The non-medical crisis now facing the United States is that Trump doesn't recognize limits. There is scant indication that he even understands, let alone respects, America's constitutional order, the survival of which depends on whether those to whom power has been entrusted exercise restraint.

Trump, recklessly breaking precedents and norms, has consistently attempted to disable any checks on his behavior. He insists that Article II of the Constitution "gives me the right to do whatever I want to do." And he is buttressed in his view by Attorney General William Barr, who is the kind of fealty-first law-enforcement chief that Trump has craved.

A critical part of Trump's effort to undermine confidence in the election outcome, if it goes against him, is his attempt to discredit millions of ballots preemptively. The assumption is that, because of the COVID-19 pandemic that Trump has allowed to get out of hand, more Americans than ever before will vote by mail, and that most of those who do will be Democrats.

Earlier, misreading public opinion as he so often does, Trump sought to slow mail deliveries in order to disqualify millions of mail-in ballots. After a public backlash, these activities were supposedly suspended, yet mail delivery remains slower than before.

Then, in September, Trump started saying that the election aftermath will be peaceful as long as "we ... get rid of the ballots" - whatever that means. He and his campaign team are now casting about for more ways to shape or otherwise invalidate the election's outcome if necessary.

Allies of Trump's challenger Joe Biden are discussing how to forestall Republican meddling with the outcome, and force the president from the White House if he loses the election but refuses to leave. The need to take this astonishing possibility seriously is a sign of how far things have deteriorated.

And so, the legal guns are being readied. With luck, real weapons won't be used. But Trump has been encouraging violence since he first ran for office, and he doesn't convincingly eschew it now. His calling at the first presidential debate on the Proud Boys, a violent right-wing white-supremacy group, to "stand back and stand by" has embroiled the White House in efforts to sanitize this ominous statement.

Meanwhile, the New York Times' recent exposé has made clear why Trump has frantically sought to keep his tax returns secret: he paid \$750 in federal income taxes in both 2016 and 2017, and nothing for many years before that. The revelations about Trump's dicey tax record and business dealings offers one explanation for his desperation to win another term in office. The Times' reporting has scraped away Trump's populist façade and revealed that the underlying rationale for his presidency - that he was a savvy billionaire who would apply his amazing business acumen to running the country - was entirely bogus.

The Times report also showed that, as was widely suspected, Trump had received financial help from authoritarian countries such as Turkey and Saudi Arabia. And Trump reportedly has voiced his own assumption that he has benefited from Russian oligarchs at the behest of Vladimir Putin. Numerous observers warn that Trump's indebtedness to foreign countries makes him a national-security threat. As it is, Trump owes over \$400 million in debts that will come due in the next few years; there's no knowing where he'll find the money.

Trump's performance in the first presidential debate was the latest demonstration of the threat he poses to democracy. His thuggish behavior - serial interruptions, nasty wisecracks, and blatant distortions - were an extension of his persistent effort to destroy any means of holding him accountable. The debates are another democratic practice that Trump seeks to destroy. But despite all the lamentations over what a miserable event the debate was, the tens of millions of Americans who loathe him should celebrate his performance, displaying as it did the unvarnished Trump.

The so-called debate didn't ease Trump's political predicament. He can scarcely afford to lose support at this point. His unwillingness to denounce white supremacists unambiguously, his apparent incitement of violence, and his threats - "This is not going to end well" - were as alarming as they were norm-shattering. Even some of Trump's Senate Republican lackeys openly expressed unease.

Though Biden provided some substance and obviously didn't stoop to Trump's level, he wasn't at his best. He occasionally appeared thrown off by Trump's behavior, and failed to convey the stature and sense of command that people desire in a president. By calling Trump a "clown" and telling him to "shut up," Biden may have been trying to show that he, too, can play a tough guy. But is this how Americans want a president to talk?

Some semblance of a coherent argument could be glimpsed in Trump's attempt to ram through the Republican-controlled Senate the nomination of the right-wing judge Amy Coney Barrett to fill the Supreme Court seat vacated by the death of the liberal hero Ruth Bader Ginsburg. By trying to have her confirmed and seated in a few weeks, Trump is again going against democratic assumptions, and also public opinion. Trump openly states that he wants Barrett on the bench to improve his chances if a case involving the election outcome reaches the Court. Republican senators seem unwilling to insist that Barrett recuse herself to avoid such a flagrant conflict of interest.

Trump's disinclination - and perhaps inability - to reach beyond his right-wing base, which is insufficient to elect him, also calls into question his political acumen, and is one of many reasons to doubt his basic intelligence (an issue on which he is quite sensitive). But one thing about the president is now clearer than ever: in order to perpetuate his hold on power, Trump is testing the constitution in unprecedented ways.

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# Open Letter to the Government of the Republic of Liberia

## A Call for Independent Investigation into the Major Passport Scandal at Liberia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

October 4, 2020

Attention: His Excellency George M. Weah  
President of the Republic of Liberia  
Monrovia, Liberia

Mr. President:

I am a former Liberian diplomat, who served from 2010 to 2019 as Minister Counselor for Press and Public Affairs at the Embassy of the Republic of Liberia in the United States. Prior to my diplomatic posting, I served as Deputy Minister for Public Affairs, Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism during the first term of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. A career journalist and an author, I have also served as head of the Press Union of Liberia, a leading civil society organization in the country.

This Open Letter is to call upon the Government of the Republic of Liberia to immediately set up an independent commission to investigate the major scandal that broke out recently at the Foreign Ministry regarding the sale of more than four thousand Liberian ECOWAS passports through alleged criminal means.

Because of the scandal surrounding the criminalization of the Liberian ECOWAS passports, the United States government recently imposed sanctions on former Liberian passport director Andrew Wonplo and his family. This is an indication that the passport scandal could taint the international image of Liberia and ECOWAS in general. The scandal also has the potential to create serious problems for Liberian and ECOWAS citizens traveling to other parts of the world.

In his reaction following the announcement of the U.S. sanctions, former passport director Wonplo implicated former Liberian Foreign Minister Gbehzohngar Findley and the Office of the President (your office) in the illegal sale of the Liberian ECOWAS passports, including diplomatic passports. The former passport director also alleged that former Foreign Minister Findley and other senior officials in your office were involved in the illegal sale of diplomatic passports and the posts of Honorary Consul of Liberia to non-Liberians, including a Nigerian, who is reported to be a drug dealer based in Mexico as Liberian Honorary Consul. A source, who is a former official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told me that there has been a complete breakdown in the system regarding the issuance of passports and how honorary consuls are appointed. The former official said that he strongly believes, based on experience that many Liberian passports have illegally ended up especially in the hands of Nigerians during the course of the scandal.

In view of the foregoing, it is incumbent upon the Liberian government to take this passport scandal seriously and conduct itself in a credible manner to uncover the facts. To leave the scandal hanging could have untold negative consequences for Liberia at the international level. This is why I seriously object to the Liberian government's response to the passport scandal, as articulated by acting Foreign Minister Henry Fahnbulleh, that the government does not intend to conduct any investigation. It is unacceptable to dismiss these allegations without an investigation.

If Liberia is to be a part of international arrangements like the Liberian ECOWAS Passports, the government is obligated to ensure that Liberian institutions that represent the country function effectively to meet the required standards of security and credibility.

In this light, I call upon ECOWAS, as well as the United States and other international partners concerned, to prevail upon the Liberian government to commission an independent investigation, considering that the missing passports in question are ECOWAS passports issued by the Government of Liberia. It may be recalled that in 2007 Liberia adopted the ECOWAS Passport, which is a common format passport that ECOWAS member states have gradually been introducing since 2000. In 2009, Liberia adopted the Liberian Biometric ECOWAS Passport that is currently in use, thus bringing the country into compliance with international aviation regulations.

The scandal could also potentially affect the African Union (AU) passport, the continental travel document that would allow visa-free travel between AU member countries, which was scheduled to roll out before the end of 2020. While commending the AU for the launch of a continental passport to boost intra-African travel and business, it should be noted that the major passport scandal that has unfolded in Liberia has the potential to undermine international confidence in the integrity and security of a sub-regional or a continental travel document if not addressed promptly.

The illegal sale of the Liberian ECOWAS passports presents a threat to international security. At a time of growing drug, human, and sex trafficking, during which terrorists are also desperately seeking to travel abroad to unleash acts of terror, the Liberian ECOWAS passports that have been allegedly sold could well serve the interests of such criminal masterminds.

It should also be noted that this communication is in no way intended to impugn the integrity of those who have been implicated in the passport scandal by the former Liberian passport director. Former Foreign Minister Findley has expressed that he is willing to submit to any investigation to prove that the former passport director is a liar. Hence, the call for an independent probe is in the interest of transparency to ensure international confidence in the security of the Liberian ECOWAS passport. Failure to do so, Liberia risks being perceived as a country degenerating into a criminal state, as was the case under imprisoned former Liberian President Charles Taylor, who was convicted for war crimes.

Similar to what happened during the respective regimes of Mr. Taylor and military ruler Samuel Doe, the country is also experiencing growing politically-motivated violence, as Liberians prepare to vote in midterm senatorial elections in December. Your government has an obligation to ensure the safety and security of every Liberian, and to sustain the peace in the country. Let Liberia's recent evil past serve as an example that Liberians will not accept the result of a fraudulent election, no matter how much violence is perpetrated to instill public fear.

Finally, the need for an independent investigation into the passport scandal cannot be overemphasized. Hope that you are mindful of the dire international consequences if a Liberian passport is found in the possession of a notorious drug dealer or a terrorist. Equally important, Liberians or ECOWAS citizens do not deserve to be pulled from the line and interrogated at airports around the world because they are bearing passports that are internationally stigmatized. This is a very serious problem, Mr. President, do something to address it before it is too late.

Meanwhile, please be informed that ECOWAS, the U.S. Department of State, and the African Union have been copied on this communication. May I use this opportunity to also wish you a belated happy birthday, Mr. President. As you grow in age, Liberians expect that you would grow in wisdom to serve in the interest of the people and the country.

Sincerely Yours

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## LIBERIA POLITICAL

# HOT-FIRE

## Where is the Ethical and Moral Standing of the 54th Liberian Senate?

**T**he 54th Liberian Senate's gross ethical mismanagement of the alleged sexual dilemma that befell Amb. Kamayah who has now been confirmed Liberia's Foreign Minister is a clear indication of how this body has lost its legitimate sense of direction, moral hard grounds, lacks constitutional respectability, worthless, useless, and morally inept in handling ethical issues in recent past including Cllr. Nwabudike's dubious citizenship fiasco. The below are some of those Senators' most Holy utterances when they spoke in tongues on the Senate floor, but no sooner, the below Senators became Super Chameleons overnight when they shamefully told Ms. Wilson to take her case to court after Amb. Kamayah's overwhelming confirmation.

"Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has placed on hold the confirmation of Foreign Minister-designate Dee Maxwell Kemayah until a thorough investigation is carried out regarding recent sexual harassment allegations claims made against Mr. Kemayah by Ms. Whynee Cummings Wilson, an employee of the Liberian Permanent Mission to the United Nations." Senate Chair Morais.

"As senators and the committee charged with the responsibility of investigating allegations that are brought to that body, they find magnitude in thoroughly and fully investigating the allegations made against Ambassador Kemayah." Senator Dan Morais.

"There is an allegation that is tied to your reputation. I think that allegation should be investigated and cleared in your interest, in the interest of the Liberian Senate, and in the interest of Liberia, so we can conclude on this confirmation because you are going out there to represent us, and we don't want your integrity to be questioned. Therefore, I am recommending to this committee, that as we go to continue this confirmation hearing, that we take that into very serious consideration, and make sure that it is investigated properly so that we get clarity for you to go out there and represent Liberia." Sen. Kanga Lawrence.

"The position of the owner of the seal of the Republic is not anything to play with. Even if the President is elected, there is a role played by the foreign minister for other people around the world to know that that president is the president of the republic, because of the role they play by holding the seal. I want to thank the public for the interest that has been shown. That interest goes with special scrutiny." Sen. Commany B. Wesseh.

So then, what went wrong Hon. worthless Senators? The Senate has just lost its dignity and homage as a Senate. The Liberian 54th Senate should understand that patriotism and ethical practices are not earned on the back of Senators' huge annual budgetary allocations, attractive monthly salaries, cuts from Lebanese merchants, driving of several SUV loaned cars, wearing of black coat attire, the erection of multiple mansions, possesses numerous diamond/gold creeks and logging companies in Liberia it is earned from the back of good ethical practices that should fight against special favors, political patronage, special interests, bribery, tips, and systemic corruption. What happened to Ms. Wilson's case is yet another unethical miscarriage of justice on the part of the useless Liberian 54th Senate.

These subjectivity feelings can be narrowed to the explicit handling of Ms. Wilson's case and Cllr. Nwabudike's dubious citizenship issue and his sustainability as chair at LCCC who has become a liability on the Liberian taxpayers and Amb. Kamayah alleged sexual narration in which the 54th Liberian Senate willfully caved and compromised such a grave sexual allegation, yet Amb. Kamayah was confirmed which was nothing but a big sham and also an embarrassment on the part of the Liberian 54th Senate.

What is the patriotism of the Liberian 54th Senate when it once confirmed a full-blooded-born Nigerian national twice as Chairman of Liberia Good Governance Commission and subsequently Executive Chairman Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission but yet dined him as NEC's chairmanship-what a shame! Are members of the Liberian Senate Liberians or foreigners in disguise turning their blind eyes on Liberia's unemployment rate at 2.81% but yet when on to employ Cllr. Nwabudike as an employee at the Liberian government?

The Senate action shows how weak the Liberian society is. Today, Cllr. NdubuisiNwabudike is still the Executive Chairman at LCCC on taxpayer payroll while hundreds and hundreds of Liberians remain unemployed. This cannot happen in Nigeria, Ghana only in a stupid nation like Liberia that this can take place. Liberia is currently a big political laughing stuff among foreigners, especially Nigerians and Ghanaians alike.



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# Ballout quits UP, CPP

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Former Senator John A. Ballout of Maryland County, southeast Liberia has formally announced his resignation from the ex-ruling Unity Party and the Collaborating Political

He made the disclosure during a news conference over the Weekend in Harper District, Maryland County, lamenting that the CPP didn't demonstrate democratic tenets during its primaries when it allotted specific counties to individuals without opening up the process. He specifically argued the

during its 12 years rule and became one of the most powerful voices in the party, who commanded lots of respect.

But he expressed surprise that despite the level of works he did in the UP, the party is proceeding in an unpleasant manner, so he has called it a quit and was proceeding to the senate on an independent path.

"Today, as you can see, I am disclosing to you the biggest news of my resignation from the Unity Party and CPP in extension, because in my view this is not a demonstration of democracy carried on by the Unity Party and CPP. I have made it public that I will be contesting in this mid-term election as an Independent Candidate", he said.

"I have chosen to make this press conference of my resignation at my office in Harper District, Maryland County to put forth and prioritize Maryland and the Legislature. As a political leader, former senator and a candidate in this year's election, I chose to have this press conference in the county for the information to be relayed from the primary source, Maryland County."

He disagreed with some

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Parties, claiming that he was overlooked by both institutions.

A former stalwart of the UP, Mr. Ballout is currently seeking re-election to the Senate in December as an Independent Candidate.

CPP primary held in Maryland County which declared Mr. Eric W. Giko as its candidate was intended to degrade the objective of the Collaboration.

According to Mr. Ballout, in two separate elections, he led to the Unity Party to victory

# Wilson Tarpeh takes over at EPA

Days after being appointed by President George Weah to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), former Commerce Minister Wilson Tarpeh is expected to take over his new post today. Prof. Tarpeh who has served in several positions under

He also takes over days after he pulled off a strike action at the APM Terminals at the Freeport of Monrovia where workers had gone on strikes.

The APM Terminal's Managing Director in a message to the former Commerce Minister said: "I've been



previous governments within the financial sector including as Minister of Finance comes to the EPA with arguably no background in environmental science.

But Tarpeh says with his administrative experience over the years in government he is prepared for his new task.

informed about your intervention that led to an effective end of the strike action yesterday. Thank you so very much. God bless you," APM Terminal's General Manager of Mr. George Adjye wrote.

# UN Women reaffirms support for women candidates

By Winston W. Parley

Head of the December 2020 senatorial election, the United Nations Women Liberia Country Office has reaffirmed its commitment of support for women candidates in the election, warning of an emergency in the Liberian Senate which risks having no female senator if none of the female candidates wins this December.

The only female senator Liberia has currently is Grand Bassa County Senator Nyoble Karnga - Lawrence who also formed part of the Women Candidates Meeting that was organized on 2 October in Monrovia by the National Chapter of the African Women Leaders Network.

Karnga - Lawrence is seeking re-election this December, and many more women from various counties are also in the race for their

counties' senate seats, including Nimba's Edith Gonglo - Weh; Montserrado's Jemima W o l o k o l l i e and Lofa's Mariamu Fofana, among others.

In a virtual address, Ms. Marie Goreth Nizigama, UN Women Representative says the

UN Women Office already has an elaborate communication plan underway as well as technical support for these women and it hopes to be able to provide other strategic support as may be articulated, in addition to much needed high level



advocacy for success in these polls.

"So I will just reaffirm the commitment of the UN Women Liberia Country Office to follow through on the key areas of support for these women candidates," she says.

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She thanks the women of Liberia for their solidarity in this struggle, adding: "It is no lean feat considering the emergency in the senate: there may be no woman if none of you win."

Liberia's former Chief Justice Gloria Musu Scott tells the women that sometimes you go to the senate because you have a passion for the suffering people, the country, making the difference, the future and understanding the task, but when you get to the senate, "it's a whole different culture.

"And you know the situation in our country is so bad, the despair, the frustration, the hopelessness, the lack of a sense of a future. Sometimes you even ask yourself why did I come here?" Why did I come here because what you are inside it is so compromised," she notes.

Speaking at the meeting, Liberia's former Foreign Minister Madam Marjon V. Kamara cautions that the stakes are very high for women's continued participation in the critical decision-making that takes place in the senate, affecting all aspects of national governance.

"This is why we are here today and why we must respond with urgency to the presentations which the female contestants will make and their plea for support in varied forms," Madam Kamara says.

Acting Gender Minister

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**US\$9,950 stirs controversy in Bong County**

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan  
in Bong County

Bong County officials have begun a blame game over the purported payment of US\$9,950 to a local vender Moses Manston by County Superintendent Esther Walker.

Both Superintendent Walker and Mr. Manston have denied knowledge of the amount, with the Superintendent vowing to launch an investigation into the matter.

The money in question was meant to obtain a mower for the Presidential Palace in Gbarnga and the Superintendent's compound from US\$75,000 which was allotted as "administrative budget" during the 2018 County Council Sitting.

Documents in the possession of the local media in Bong County suggest that the amount was paid to the Hin-Dweh business center on 31 January 2020, but the business Manager Manston says he has no knowledge about the money.

However he indicates that he has over the past time transacted business with the county administration.

"It is true that I have transacted with the county's leadership, but not in such amount of money," he adds.

Bong County Superintendent Walker promises to set up an investigative team to probe the matter.

Superintendent Walker who is signatory to the county's account has maintained that if such amount was given for grass cutter, she doesn't know about it.

Madam Walker barely talks to journalists when she is questioned about the money as she has on several occasion been heard describing the situation as nonissue.

For his part, Paul A. Sulunteh, Bong County Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Affairs in a recent interview with our correspondent alleged

that the county administration on the alleged order of Superintendent Walker paid the money to Mr. Manston.

"I am not telling you they say, I am telling you that the money was paid for that machine but Manston and the ... superintendent we have can better explain what happened," he alleges.

Mr. Sulunteh who is also signatory to the account says he has documents to prove that the money was paid to Mr. Manston on the instructions of the superintendent.—*Edited by Winston W. Parley*



Bong Superintendent Esther Walker

**Presbyterians bid Ex-Moderator farewell**

The immediate past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Liberia, the nation's third oldest church, the late Reverend Sando E. Townsend has been laid to rest in his hometown in Vaizola, Bomi County following funeral rites over the weekend at the First

Presbyterian Church in Monrovia.

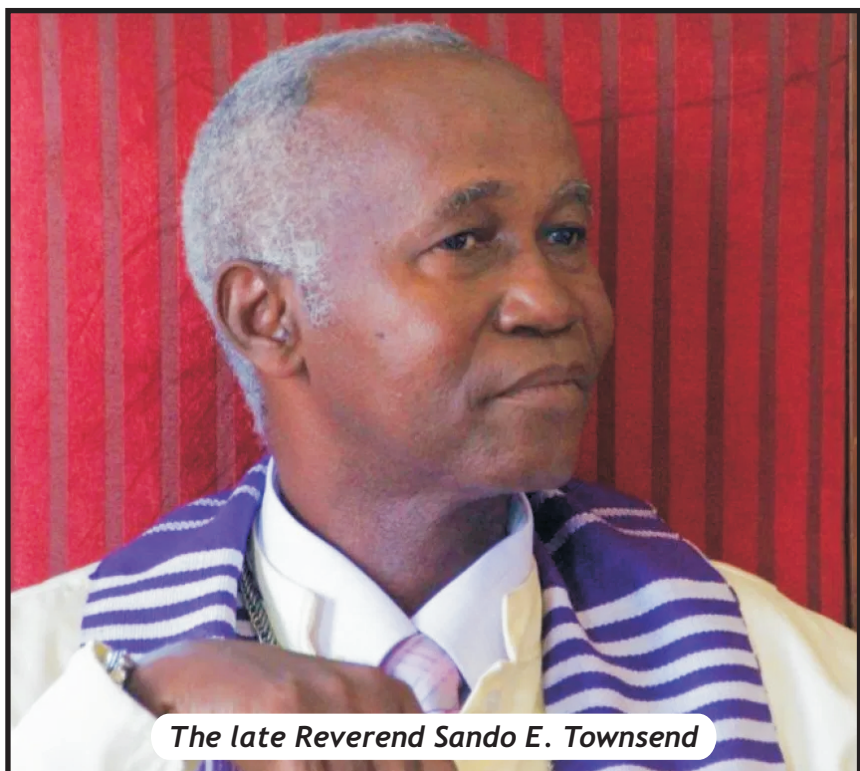
Reverend Townsend died on September 3, 2020 at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center following a brief period of illness. He was also Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church-Monrovia, a position he held from 2009 up to his demise.

He also served as the last Religious Adviser to President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf from November 2016 to January 2018.

Pastor Townsend was a graduate of the Gbarnga School of Theology now under the United Methodist University. Before then, in 1985, he acquired a diploma in Building Construction from the Arthur Barclay Technical Institute in Sinkor, Monrovia.

He became the 24th Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Liberia from 2008 to 2018 since the church was founded in Liberia in 1833. It was under Reverend Townsend's stewardship as Pastor, the Church envisioned establishing a University and plans are being worked on.

In 1991, he was licensed Licentiate; and in 1994, ordained as Minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian Church. Between 1994-2002, he served several Presbyterian Churches including, the Korean Mission



The late Reverend Sando E. Townsend

**Ballout quits**

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CPP partisans who argued the act of allotting specific counties to particular aspirants is in line with the framework document that unite parties of the Collaboration, saying such agreement didn't exist in the framework of the marriage because it lacks both moral and political bearing, so he leaving.

"Let me make this clear, I am not an enemy of the Unity Party because I was among others who have built the party, so I am not fighting the Party but what I am saying to the party is, in as much they have chosen to go such way, I too am not forced to follow them.

"As I resign today from the UP and CPP, I am fully prepared to battle with anyone - be it a CDC or CPP candidate in this race in order to deliver my

county from the hands of those claiming to be called CPP or CDC candidates in this senatorial election", he added.

Meanwhile, when asked why his resignation was not discussed with other senior officials of the UP, he said in several executive meetings attended in Monrovia, he had expressed dissatisfaction about the way the party was proceeding, was never accorded redress.

Ballout disclosed that despite efforts to share his disappointment with the CPP, the lapses still exist; noting that Mr. Cummings has you can't continue doing one thing over and over and expect different result, so he was so constrained to have registered as an independent candidate for the senatorial election.

**UN Women reaffirms**

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Madam Alice Johnson Howard says it is proven that women are key to sustainable development and quality of life, noting that they are in the majority when it comes to advocacy on women's voice to be heard and other social atrocities in the society.

According to her, women are no longer considered mere announcers of peace, rather, a source of power and symbol of progress, thereby encouraging women to continue to stand up for what they believe in.

In her presentation, Grand Bassa County Senator NyonbleeKarnaga - Lawrence says she wants to be re-elected

because she has been tested and she has been a senator for eight years, pushing women issues in the Senate.

Grand Cape Mount County Senatorial candidate Madam HawaCorneyBropkeh says she has been petitioned by her people because they know that they are trouble, noting that their leaders that the are presently in the senate do not speak for the people.

"And in order for things to change, we need representation. Not only representation for females but representation for the entire county," she notes.

Presbyterian Church in Congo Town; Trinity Presbyterian Church along the Duport Road which he founded in 1994 and the First Presbyterian Church in Careysburg.

While as Senior Pastor of the Careysburg's Church, the late Townsend was elected as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Liberia -the third highest level position in the denomination -under Moderator Reverend Dr. Coker A.A. George, Sir.

Again, the late Townsend was elected to the second helm of the Church as Vice Moderator under Moderator S. Prince Porte; and later in 2009, he was overwhelmingly elected as the Stated Supply (Acting Pastor) of his home

church, the First Presbyterian Church in Monrovia.

He was an ardent gospel singer who interspersed his sermons with hymns and songs that thrilled his congregations.

Reverend Townsend was born on December 4, 1961 in Vaizolon Town, Bomi County. Both his parents: Honorable E. Reginald Townsend and Hawa-Zoe QuaziahGballay predeceased him. Honorable Townsend was Liberia's first Minister of State for Presidential Affairs and the pioneer who established the then Liberia Information Service which was later renamed the Ministry of Information and Cultural Affairs in 1972.



# Français

## Des supporters du député controversé YekehKolubah inculpés

Un certain nombre de supporters du député YekehKolubah (opposition) ont été inculpés et traduits devant les tribunaux par la police nationale du Libéria, le jeudi 1er octobre, pour plusieurs crimes présumés.

Ayant accusé le maire de la ville de Monrovia et président de la Ligue de la jeunesse de la Coalition au pouvoir d'avoir ordonné l'attaque de son

domicile dimanche, le député Kolubah a également montré jeudi 1er octobre des obus de balles aux médias, affirmant que c'était la preuve que son domicile avait essuyé des tirs à balles réelles lors de l'attaque.

Avant la comparution de ses partisans devant le tribunal jeudi, M. Kolubah a affirmé avoir été informé par des sources au sein de la police nationale du Libéria que des agents de "Sabuunit" avaient

reçu l'ordre de l'éliminer chez lui à domicile.

«Alors j'ai demandé à ma garde rapprochée de reculer, de se positionner à l'intérieur la clôture. Et juste à ce moment-là, j'ai vu venir des éléments de "Sabu Unit". Alors il y a eu des jets de pierres de part et d'autre. Et par la suite, la police est arrivée et a ouvert le feu. Ce

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## Inauguration du stade olympique Alassane Ouattara d'Ebimpé au Nord-ouest d'Abidjan

Le stade olympique d'Anyama-Ebimpé baptisé stade Alassane Ouattara, l'un des plus grands ouvrages sportifs de la sous-région ouest-africaine avec une capacité de 60 012 places, a été officiellement inauguré samedi lors d'une cérémonie présidée par le président ivoirien Alassane Ouattara en présence de milliers d'amateurs de football, a

constaté APA sur place. Cet ouvrage qui a coûté environ 143 milliards FCFA et qui a été réalisé grâce à la coopération Sino-Ivoirienne, est le plus grand stade de la Côte d'Ivoire. « Je suis fier et heureux de la coopération Sino-Ivoirienne... Je suis très touché par l'honneur qui m'a été fait », a affirmé M. Ouattara dans une allocution. Poursuivant, il a annoncé la construction de

plusieurs autres stades à l'intérieur de la Côte d'Ivoire, notamment dans les villes de Bouaké, Korhogo, San-Pédro et Yamoussoukro pour abriter les matches de la Coupe d'Afrique des Nations (CAN 2023) qui sera organisée par le pays. Aux milliers de jeunes qui ont effectué le déplacement pour assister à la cérémonie inaugurale de ce stade, M. Ouattara leur a demandé de prendre soin de cette infrastructure sportive. « Nous vous donnons ce joyau en sachant que vous allez bien vous en occuper », a dit le président ivoirien.

Dans la foulée M. Ouattara, a promis aux jeunes que « je peux vous garantir que nous allons continuer de vous donner des emplois ».

Avant lui, Claude Paulin Danho, le ministre ivoirien des Sports a salué, à son tour, la coopération entre la Côte d'Ivoire et la Chine. « C'est un joyau architectural qui résulte du leadership du président Alassane Ouattara. La Côte d'Ivoire est de retour sur le plan sportif », a estimé M. Danho.



## Éditorial

### Arrêtez la violence !

Le Libéria est en passe de renouer progressivement avec la violence d'une envergure si inimaginable au point de risquer de renverser le sens des aiguilles de l'horloge et provoquer la chute libre de ce pays, en plein pandémie mondiale.

En prélude aux élections sénatoriales de mi-mandat qui doivent avoir lieu en décembre, le pays assiste à une vague d'affrontements entre militants des partis rivaux (la Coalition pour le changement démocratique au pouvoir et la collaboration des partis politiques), menaçant tout ce qui reste de l'économie et de la paix sociale.

Cette situation est dangereuse. Ainsi interpellons-nous l'administration Weah à prendre immédiatement des mesures. Des députés issus de l'opposition (Abraham Darius Dillon et YekehKolubah) sont quotidiennement victimes d'attaques ces derniers mois pour avoir critiqué le régime en place.

Le dimanche 27 décembre, le domicile du représentant de la circonscription électorale n° 10 du comté de Montserrado, YekehKolubah, a été complètement saccagé par des jeunes militants du CDC, à l'image de ce qui s'était produit à Zwedru, dans le comté de Grand Gedeh, il y a quelques mois.

Le gouvernement semble être à l'aise face à la violence faite aux militants de l'opposition, tout en espérant pouvoir ainsi museler l'opposition. Le régime en place est totalement paranoïaque et allergique aux critiques, ainsi s'en prend-il à tout citoyen qui ose lever la voix sur les questions critiques, comme c'est le cas de Dillon et Yekeh.

Ce n'est certainement pas le type de démocratie que les Libériens ont vu dans le CDC en élisant son leader politique George Manneh Weah en 2017 à la présidence. Le silence assourdissant du président Weah sur la vague de violence à travers le pays est non seulement inquiétant, mais décevant.

C'est d'autant plus dangereux que le pays se rendra aux urnes le 8 décembre pour élire 15 sénateurs, alors que la Coalition au pouvoir cherche le contrôle absolu de l'Assemblée législative.

L'administration Weah devrait comprendre que la suppression violente de la liberté d'expression et des opinions dissidentes sont des traits de dictature qui sapent la tolérance et l'unité nationale. L'État de l'Europe de l'Est, la Biélorussie, est un exemple classique de l'endroit où le tyran règne d'une main de fer, écrasant à tout prix les voix dissidentes.

Le Libéria n'a pas intérêt à retourner dans une telle cacophonie parce que nos partenaires internationaux, y compris les États-Unis, les Nations Unies, la CEDEAO et l'Union africaine, entre autres, ont beaucoup investi dans ce pays pour nous amener là où nous en sommes aujourd'hui en tant que peuple.

Nous demandons au gouvernement d'agir rapidement en faisant en sorte que la violence cesse afin que règne la norme démocratique qui est indispensable au développement. Nous exigeons une enquête immédiate sur les violences de dimanche.

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# Français

## Des supporters du député

sont de vraies balles. Un de mes hommes a été atteint. Ils l'ont emmené. La police l'a emmené », a dit M. Kolubah, un fervent opposant au président George Manneh Weah et à son régime.

Les chefs d'accusation de la police contre les supporters de l'opposant Kolubah, dont notamment un certain Mohammed Kamara, font état de possession illégale et usage d'arme à feu parmi les émeutiers.

Kamara est accusé de tentative de meurtre, de voies de fait graves, méfait criminel, vol de propriété, cambriolage, conduite désordonnée, émeute, non-dispersion, obstruction des voies publiques et autres passages publics et possession illégale d'armes à feu et des munitions.

D'autres supporters inculpés sont Rebecca Williams, Mohammed Kromah, Daniel Boakai, Lasana S.Kamara, Charles Myers, Lincoln Brooks, Daniel Dukuly, Aaron Kollie et Chris Boimah. Ils sont aussi accusés de crimes de voies de fait graves, méfait, vol de propriété, cambriolage, conduite désordonnée, émeute, défaut de dispersion et obstruction des autoroutes et autres passages publics.

Le dimanche 27 septembre, la résidence du député Kolubah a été attaquée et pillée par un groupe de jeunes soupçonnés d'être des militants de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC), mouvance au pouvoir.

Le bureau du représentant du comté de Montserrado, dans une déclaration, a sollicité l'intervention rapide de la CEDEAO et de l'Union africaine (UA) et d'autres partenaires internationaux à la suite de l'attaque de sa résidence privée.

Ce n'est pas la première fois que le domicile et le bureau du député du comté de Montserrado sont ciblés par des attaques. Il y a quelques mois, le législateur et ses partisans ont été pris à partie par des militants du parti au pouvoir pour avoir critiqué le président George Weah.

S'exprimant lors d'un entretien exclusif avec le New Dawn le 30 septembre, l'assistant spécial du Bureau du représentant Kolubah, Abdullah Kamara, a révélé que l'intervention de la communauté internationale est nécessaire pour éviter une situation de grande ampleur qui pourrait survenir en cas de répétition d'une telle violence.

Racontant ce qui s'est

passé dimanche, il a déclaré qu'il était chez lui, le représentant Kolubah a reçu des informations selon lesquelles l'inspecteur général du ministère du Commerce (MOC), Mme Josephine David, et d'autres membres du CDC devaient se rendre dans le district pour assister à une cérémonie d'inauguration d'un marché.

« Compte tenu de ce qui s'était passé auparavant lorsque des personnes du CDC ont perturbé la paix et la sécurité des habitants du quartier, le représentant Kolubah a décidé de quitter les lieux pour assister à un programme de son collègue, le sénateur Abraham Darius Dillon. Pendant son absence, le législateur a reçu des appels du district indiquant que le maire de la ville de Monrovia, Jefferson Koijee, était arrivé au bureau du district avec un gang, menaçant de se venger du législateur et de ses partisans pour avoir l'habitude d'insulter le président. Le représentant Kolubah s'est ainsi précipité sur les lieux où lui et sa famille vivent.

Pendant ce temps, le maire Koijee a donné 500 dollars américains pour attaquer Kolubah et ses partisans. Quand le gang est revenu, il a commencé à lancer des pierres et à attaquer les partisans du représentant Kolubah, détruisant les pare-brises des véhicules garés dans la cour. Le gang était dirigé par un Abu, qui travaillait auparavant pour le représentant Kolubah, en tant qu'assistant. Maintenant il travaille à l'Agence libérienne de lutte contre la drogue. Ils ont pillé des ordinateurs et des téléviseurs, entre autres objets de valeur du bureau de district.

Pendant que le pillage était en cours, des agents de la police nationale du Libéria (LNP) sont arrivés sur les lieux. Mais ils ont choisi d'arrêter uniquement les personnes associées au législateur, y compris une certaine Rebecca, le mécanicien de Kolubah identifié comme Lassana Kanneh, et un Mohammed, laissant de côté les assaillants », a-t-il dit.

Lorsque le bureau de communication de la Monrovia City Corporation (MCC) a été contacté pour donner ses versions des faits, un agent a déclaré que des personnes chargées des relations avec les médias étaient sur le terrain.

Ce quotidien n'a pas non plus pu obtenir de commentaires de la police nationale du Libéria (LNP) sur la dernière situation, car notre journaliste a appris que le porte-parole de la police H. Moses Carter était en réunion sérieuse et ne pouvait pas parler à la presse.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Kent Harrington

### Après Trump, comment revitaliser le renseignement américain

**A**TLANTA - À un mois à peine de l'élection présidentielle américaine, l'ancien vice-président Joe Biden et ses conseillers élaborent sa politique de sécurité nationale et établissent des listes de candidats présélectionnés pour occuper les postes les plus élevés de son cabinet au cas où il l'emporterait. Généralement, les candidats à la présidence se préoccupent essentiellement des nominations à la tête des Affaires étrangères, de la Défense et du Trésor ; mais cette fois-ci c'est différent. Avant tout, Biden devra sans doute choisir un chef espion de haut niveau, car la communauté du renseignement se trouve sur le fil du rasoir.

Les USA sont confrontés à un large éventail de défis de politique étrangère, or au cours des quatre dernières années, Trump a sapé le statut des agences responsables de la sécurité nationale, il s'est attaqué à leurs normes de fonctionnement et tenté de les affaiblir. Un nouveau directeur du renseignement devra réparer les dégâts et éradiquer la corruption rampante que le personnel nommé par Trump a provoquée dans les agences. Ce ne sera pas une mince affaire.

L'ampleur des dégâts causés par Trump est évidente. Par ses attaques incessantes contre les agences de renseignement, il a mis des bâtons dans les roues des espions et des analystes américains, rendant leurs missions plus difficiles. Depuis son entrée en fonction, il n'a cessé de dénigrer la communauté du renseignement et son travail, s'en prenant notamment aux rapports du FBI sur l'interférence russe en sa faveur lors de l'élection de 2016. Et alors que l'ingérence du Kremlin dans les élections se poursuit, les responsables des briefings quotidiens de Trump en matière de renseignement n'abordent plus le sujet, de peur de provoquer sa colère. Et selon de récents articles, pour éviter de le contrarier, la directrice de la CIA Gina Haspel évite de faire remonter jusqu'à la Maison Blanche les renseignements sur l'ingérence de la Russie dans les élections de 2020. On peut en déduire que la soumission des dirigeants des services de renseignement devant Trump dégrade la sécurité nationale des USA et le fonctionnement des agences fédérales. Pour les mêmes raisons, les personnes qui informent le président font sans doute aussi l'impasse sur d'autres menaces, par exemple celles qui émanent de la Corée du Nord, le sommet raté de Trump avec Kim Jong-un ayant laissé en place une bombe à retardement nucléaire.

Un président qui refuse de prendre en compte des informations cruciales a de quoi susciter l'inquiétude. Mais les effets de la guérilla de Trump contre le monde du renseignement ne s'arrêtent pas à la porte de la Maison Blanche. Il empêche aussi d'autres responsables d'avoir accès à des informations et à des analyses d'experts dont ils ont besoin avant de prendre des décisions lourdes de conséquences. Ainsi, les dirigeants des services de renseignement ont reporté à une date indéterminée leur audition annuelle devant le Congrès sur les menaces mondiales. Pour les législateurs qui supervisent ces questions, cette audition offre un point de vue précieux non seulement sur le budget annuel de 70 milliards de dollars destiné au renseignement, mais aussi sur les principaux dangers auxquels sont confrontés les USA.

Les motivations de Trump sont évidentes. En refusant au Congrès et à d'autres l'accès aux informations des services de renseignements, il évite que ses nombreux échecs politiques et ses méfaits soient dévoilés publiquement. Il a clairement exprimé ses souhaits après la publication du compte-rendu 2019 sur l'évaluation des menaces mondiales. Il s'en est alors pris publiquement à la communauté du renseignement pour ses évaluations sur l'Iran, l'Etat islamique et la Corée du Nord qui contredisaient ses propres propos. Il a même écrit un tweet proclamant que les agences de renseignement devraient "retourner à l'école".

Dorénavant Trump peut compter sur John Ratcliffe,

son directeur national du renseignement nouvellement confirmé, pour qu'il fasse son travail sans poser de questions. Ratcliffe, un ancien membre du Congrès sans qualifications pour le poste qu'il occupe actuellement, a récemment publié un décret selon lequel le Congrès ne recevra que des rapports écrits des services de renseignement sur la sécurité des élections, sans compte-rendu oral - ceci au moment où la Russie intensifie son ingérence électorale en faveur de Trump. Ce diktat, qui aurait évité aux experts des services de renseignement d'avoir à répondre aux questions des législateurs, a suscité des critiques, même de la part des républicains.

Les législateurs ne sont pas les seules personnes que Trump et Ratcliffe veulent garder dans l'ignorance. D'après un lanceur d'alerte du ministère de l'Intérieur, la Maison Blanche interdit aux analystes de ce ministère de partager les renseignements sur les ingérences russes avec d'autres agences.

Il est évident que le gouvernement veut faire disparaître de telles informations. Trump et ses acolytes colportent de fausses informations en prévision de l'élection présidentielle, par exemple en faisant croire que Biden fait preuve de complaisance à l'égard de la Chine. Ainsi, dans un tweet du 26 août, Trump déclarait que les médias d'Etat et les dirigeants chinois veulent que Biden gagne l'élection présidentielle. Cela faisait suite à une affirmation tout aussi fallacieuse du fils de Trump, Donald Jr, lors de la Convention du Parti républicain. Selon lui, "Les services de renseignements ont récemment estimé que le Parti communiste chinois est favorable à Biden".

Interrogé à ce sujet le 30 août, Ratcliffe a hésité, affirmant qu'il ne pouvait révéler aucun détail, alors que son chef du contre-espionnage, William Evanina, avait fait précisément cela quelques semaines auparavant. Comme Evanina l'a clairement indiqué, il ne faut pas confondre la propagande ouverte de la Chine et la guérilla politique secrète menée par le Kremlin en faveur de Trump.

A examiner les manipulations éhontées auxquelles se livre Ratcliffe, on pourrait croire qu'à ses yeux une partie importante de son travail consiste à politiser le renseignement dans l'intérêt de Trump. Le mois dernier, il a affirmé que la Chine représente une plus grande menace que tout autre pays, ajoutant, "cela inclut les menaces d'influence et d'interférence dans l'élection." Curieusement, il semble avoir oublié les récentes déclarations de son propre chef du contre-espionnage suggérant le contraire. Il a également négligé de mentionner les conclusions de sa propre responsable du renseignement chargée de superviser la sécurité des élections, Shelby Pierson, qui avait pointé du doigt la Russie et non la Chine dans son témoignage devant le Congrès.

Quelle que soit l'issue de l'élection présidentielle, la guerre de Trump contre la communauté du renseignement a fait des ravages. Ainsi que le dit un ancien responsable du renseignement au journaliste Chris Whipple dans un très bon livre intitulé *The Spy Masters: How the CIA Directors Shape History and the Future*, [Comment les directeurs de la CIA façonnent l'Histoire et l'avenir], "Il y a eu une évolution parmi tous les dirigeants de la communauté du renseignement ... ils sont passés d'une éthique d'objectivité et d'intégrité à la perte d'objectivité et d'intégrité sous l'action de Trump".

Néanmoins, comme le rappelle Leon Panetta, un ancien directeur de la CIA, la responsabilité ultime de la communauté du renseignement est de dire la vérité au Pouvoir. À cette fin, si Biden gagne en novembre, la purge des marionnettes politiques mises en place par Trump dans le bureau du directeur du renseignement national sera une première étape nécessaire. Mais ce ne sera pas suffisant. Si Biden est élu, un grand coup de balai ne permettra pas à lui tout seul à restaurer l'intégrité de la communauté du renseignement. Whipple explique pourquoi dans *The Spy Masters*. Biden devrait en faire son livre de chevet.



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# Intentional Mis-Education of Africa

***“Education without interrogation, teacher don't teach me nonsense”***

The arrow of time is always delving deeper in us, constantly forcing us forward, and in any story, time only flows when the story is told. The arm of time is always ticking to the beat of change, and change is as constant as time. We should move along with time, and not be swept along by the tide of time.

Progress is the attraction that moves humanity—Marcus Garvey

The essence of education in all societies is to prepare individuals to be useful and effective participants in their society. It prepares youths to be active and productive members of their societies by instilling them with the necessary skills and talents from an early age.

Koma Kenneth stated that education is everything that prepares the young people for either integration in a given specific society to perpetuate the established values and norms of such society or transform and changing such values and norms. While Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere defined education as the transmission of accumulated wisdom and knowledge of the society from one generation to the next and also to prepare the young people for their future membership in the society in which they find themselves.

Thus, the African educational system, “it takes a village to raise a child” concept, the education, knowledge, skills, and attitudes were passed from generation to generation mostly orally, and training was done by example in most African societies. In essence, the training was done directly, formally, indirectly, or informally by the family members, kinships, village groups, and the community at large participated in the educational and socialization process of the child.

And no matter how old we are, we are a product of the community that raised, trained, supported, and helped shape the way we see the world from childhood. For that reason, western education has limited values compared to being educated in the “it takes a village to raise a child” concept and the values inherited from them. That is why the concept it takes a village to raise a child is very crucial in African societies.

Therefore, the African concept of it takes a village to raise a child-focused on producing a well-grounded, skillful, accommodating, and civil adult capable and able to contribute to the development of the community at large. As a result, the concept of education was never a colonial invention in Africa. Rather, training systems existed in Africa long before the intrusion of the rogue colonizers.

Magnus Bassegy posited that the African training was very practical, those who took to fishing were taught navigational techniques like seafaring, the effects of certain stars on tide and ebb, and migrational patterns and behavior of fish. Likewise, those who took to farming had similar training. Those who learned trades and crafts, such as blacksmithing, weaving, woodwork, and bronze work, needed a high degree of specialization and were often apprenticed outside their homes for training and discipline. On the other hand, those who took to the profession of the traditional priesthood, village heads, kings, medicine men and women diviners, rainmakers, and rulers underwent a long period of painstaking training and rituals to prepare them for

the vital job they were to perform.

The African system of education emphasized practicality, social solidarity, equal opportunity for all, homogeneity with culture, and religion focused, which were later destroyed by the introduction of western theoretical education that impedes Africa's development.

“If you can control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his action. When you determine what a man shall think you do not have to concern yourself about what he will do. If you make a man feel that he is inferior, you do not have to compel him to accept an inferior status, for he will seek it himself. If you make a man think that he is justly an outcast, you do not have to order him to the back door. He will go without being told; and if there is no back door, his very nature will demand one”? Carter Godwin Woodson.

The later introduction of western education excluded; African languages, history, cultures, religions and lifestyles in their curriculums. And practicing African cultural lifestyles or languages were discouraged or punished in those institutions.



Early churches discriminated against and discouraged the use of African names for baptism, forcing Africans to take biblical names for baptism, indirectly vied that African names were not Godly enough for Christian Salvation. White missionaries consistently preferred biblical names, and that they (Africans) stopped using an individual's given or non-Christian name after their baptism – Katharine Gerbner. Likewise, traditional beliefs of naming ceremonies were frowned upon.

Unfortunately, decades later, Africans now mimic these behaviors in their institutions and at homes. That is why it is not surprising that the younger generations of Africans can hardly speak in their mother tongues.

Regrettably, and so far, 52 languages (Wikipedia, 2020&UNESCO) are extinct in Africa. Foreign instructional languages and religions introduced by the colonizers (western educational subjugation and negative attitude towards own languages) were the leading contributing factors to these losses. Therefore, the extinction of any language is not the loss of spoken words. Instead, it is the loss of self-identity, cultural, historical, linguistical, and psychological.

Baffoe, IssahandAmoah, Anthony Kwaku noted thatGhana had made concerted efforts to prioritize the

use of indigenous languages in education. On the other hand, Mako Muzenda posited that South Africa's proposal to teach students Mandarin has not been well received. Instead, there was a call for more focus on indigenous languages, which have been neglected by the education system. Despondently, Zimbabwean primary and secondary schools planned on introducing more foreign languages: Mandarin, French, and Portuguese into the education syllabus, instead of indigenous languages. Liseli A. Fitzpatrick put forward that language is the main conduit that transports cultural expression and marks one's identity.

Thus, the further introduction of more foreign languages instead of indigenous languages in the school systems must be challenged and frowned upon, it will undoubtedly further exacerbate the extinction of more languages, if not checked. If this trend continues, Africa will deliberately seek more foreign gods to worship due to its “enclosure of the mind” syndrome. It should be noted, that the introduction of more foreign languages to the school systems is not limited to these few countries mentioned above.

That is why, if the elders leave you a legacy of dignified language, you do not abandon it and speak childish language— Ghanaian Proverb. In short, western education is culturally biased that it makes Africans consider their cultures and languages along with their history with a disdainful and shameful attitude.

Dr. John Henrik Clarke acknowledges that to control a people, you must first control what they think about themselves, and how they regard their history and culture. And when your conqueror makes you ashamed of your culture and your history, he needs no prison walls and no chains to hold you.

According to Vanqa Tembe, basically training was intended to enable an individual to play a useful role in society. Education was seen as a vehicle through which western cultures can be fostered or promoted in the African continent by its colonizers. Western education was meant to reinforce the colonial conditions by inculcating the values of colonial society and training individuals for the service of the colonial state.

The colonizer's unfamiliarity with the diversities of Africa's culture, training, and religion, they viewed any practices different from theirs as inferior, barbaric, and degraded these practices as witchcraft, devil-worshipping, and heathenism. As a consequence of their close-mindedness and superiority complex, they sought to convert and then exploit Africa.

Bartolomé de las Casas was part of the early conquistador of the Indies. Later, became reformed and a strong advocate to stop the Christian dehumanization and violence against the Inca Indians. Bartolomé de las Casas enumerated the account of the colonial destruction of the (Inca) Indians in his most influential writings the Brief Report on the Destruction of the Indies (1542). The conquistadors' excesses reflected the reasons why the Christians killed and destroyed such an infinite number of souls (Inca Indians) because of their greed for gold and their desire to enrich themselves within a short time. Bartolomé de las Casas emphatically vied that Christ did not come into the world to die for gold.



# Mysterious deaths

Police authorities say they have begun investigation into the death of two citizens, Albert K. Peters and Gifty A. Lamah, of whom were employees of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA). The late Peters was an internal auditor at the LRA, while his partner Gifty was a Research Analyst at the LRA as well. Both were found dead in a parked vehicle belonging to Peters in front of the UBA

providing any such detailson the incident, except for confirming their deaths. "The Liberia National police has begun investigation into the death of two citizens, Albert K. Peter and Gifty A. Lamah who were discovered in a parked vehicle on Snipper Hill, Broad Street," he says. The death of the duo has left the country in shock, as many are wondering what may be responsible for the incident. Reports say Mr. Peters served as an Internal Auditor at LRA while

says. Mrs. Peters, a branch manager at the Liberia Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI) has insisted that when she last spoke with her husband, he had informed her that he was going to meet someone around the UBA. She told colleagues that when her husband did not returned home Thursday night she placed calls to most of their family acquaintances and all deny having knowledge of his



bank up Sniper Hill Broad on Friday October 2. There were unconfirmed media reports over the weekend suggesting that the wife of Peters, Beatrice Andrews Peters, is alleged to be a person of interest in the deaths of the two LRA employees. But Police spokesman Moses Carter told a press briefing Friday, 2 October in Monrovia that the deceased LRA employees felt short of

Mrs. Lama was a Research Analyst. According to Carter, the victims' corpses have been deposited at the St. Moses Funeral Home for preservation, and urges the public to remain calm as the LNP investigates the matter in establishing the cause of death. "Our preliminary investigation established that the two deceased victims are employees of the Liberia Revenue Authority," Mr. Carter


whereabouts. She said on Friday she had decided to search where her husband last said he would have been and upon discovering the vehicle there, she open same just to find the lifeless body of her husband and his partner in it.

# NEC unveils

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counties. The theme of the stakeholders' meeting on the national referendum symbols is "Bringing Referendum to the people", Mr. Nah reveals. He says today, Monday, 40 Traditional Leaders from the above counties will gather to deliberate on the symbols, while tomorrow, Tuesday, another batch of 40 participants comprised of local government authorities will brainstorm on the need for the symbols to be followed on Wednesday by the third and last in the series of 40 participants, which will include District Commissioners perusing the symbols. According to him, the second in the series of unveiling program takes place in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County beginning 12 October 2020 to 14 October 2020 with another 120 participants. He details the Buchanan unveiling ceremony will begin with 40 representatives of registered political parties in Liberia to be followed by 40 representatives from Civil Society groups, including Faith-Based Organizations, and Community Based

Organizations on Tuesday, 13 October 2020. The NEC referendum coordinator says to climax the unveiling ceremony on Wednesday will be another batch of 40 participants consisting of representatives of local and national media institutions from across Liberia. Jappah explains that after unveiling of the symbols of the four propositions for the December 8, 2020 referendum and senatorial election, a massive civic and voter education awareness and distribution of symbols will be implemented in all 15 counties. Liberians go to the poll in December to elect 15 senators that would join other 15 in the Liberian Senate, and to vote for four propositions in a national referendum that seeks to change the presidential term from six to five years; term in the Senate from nine to seven years; term for members of the House of Representatives from six to four years, and dual citizenship, respectively. - *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



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**THE PETITION OF PRINCESS RUSSELL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, MONTERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA PETITIONER PRAYING THIS HONOURABLE COURT FOR A DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME TO BE KNOWN, REGARDED AND CALLED, AS "WENLA GESELLE GABRIEL."**

**COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME:**  
 PRINCESS RUSSELL filed a Petition through her legal counsel requesting this Honourable Court to order the change of her name to "WENLA GESELLE GABRIEL".  
 During the hearing, the Petitioner 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 MARCH 27, 2015 in GREENVILLE, SINOE COUNTY unto the union of MR. JOHN A. A. GABRIEL AND MISS. KEBBEH QUEQUOI respectively, all of the City of Monrovia, Monterrado County, 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 DECREEED as follows:  
 That the PETITION having been heard, same is hereby ordered granted and we now Render that the name PRINCESS RUSSELL be changed to "WENLA GESELLE GABRIEL" Beginning this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER A.D. 2020.  
**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 DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2020  
**J. KENNEDY PEABODY**  
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# UL arrests

for a conference, actually I [told] him that it's wrong; I'm your friend, don't put me into problem, he said that my man I beg you, go and take my test because I [don't] want for my effort to go in vein," says Roberts. He says he accepted to sit in for Martin as a good friend, adding that he went for the test which was being administered on UL's Capitol Hill campus. "When I was on the test, he sent another person. I don't know if it is he that did it or his

relative that sent another person behind me. I was already taking my test and my other brother came in and he say his name Martin Zwannah too," Roberts explains further. According to him, the plotter got confused, and then looked at the two of them, asked them questions. "So later on I confessed because I knew that what I was doing is wrong and I tell the people that my brother sent me to do his test - my brother and friend, so I wrong. I appeal to them, they said that we should

meet the authority because it's already in the authority's office," he says. According to Roberts, he and Martin are childhood friends from the same community, noting that Martin went on a trip in Bomi for a training. In an effort by this paper to hear from the other accused man who allegedly attempted sitting the exam in the place of Martin, the suspect says he has no comment, noting: "I'm guilty." He also declines to mention his name.

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# NEC unveils referendum symbols today



By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

The coordinator of the 2020 Constitutional National Referendum at the National Elections Commission (NEC) says final preparations leading to the unveiling of symbols for the

conduct of the National Referendum concomitantly slated for 8 December with the senatorial election in Liberia have been concluded.

NEC Referendum Coordinator J. Jappah Nah discloses the first in a series of weeklong unveiling program

takes place in Ganta City, Nimba County, starting today, Monday, 5 October 2020 to Wednesday, 7 October with the involvement of 120 Liberians from Grand Gedeh, Bong, Lofa and host Nimba

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# UL arrests two academic fraudsters

By Winston W. Parley

Authorities at the University of Liberia (UL) over the weekend arrested two young men who were posing with the same name for an absentee candidate in person of one Zwannah God-sent Martin, thwarting the duo's attempts to fraudulently sit the university's entrance on behalf of candidate martin.

The move backfired Saturday, 3 October on UL's

Capitol Hill campus when an exam plotter noticed that two persons had shown up in the exam hall with the same candidate's name, but had no resemblance to the actual candidate's face on the form.

UL Police were immediately alerted and the suspects were taken in for questioning.

The candidate form bears the name of one Zwannah God-sent Martin, and details that this candidate hails from Grand Cape Mount County and



graduated from Mary help of Christians Catholic High School in 2018.

In conversation with this paper, one of the arrested men who calls his own name as James N. Roberts from Clay Street admitted that two weeks prior to the day of the test, he had been contacted by his friend Martin to sit the exam in his place.

"He was going Bomi County

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