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Continental News

Nigerian army warning amid brutality protests

The Nigerian military has issued a warning to "subversive elements and trouble makers" to desist after a week of protests about police brutality.

The warning came as protesters were attacked by unidentified men with machetes in the capital, Abuja.

Demonstrations against police brutality have taken place in cities across Nigeria in the past week.

The protests have continued despite authorities agreeing to disband the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (Sars). The unit has been accused of extrajudicial killings, extortion and torture, especially of young people.

The government on Thursday announced a ban on all protest in Abuja, saying the demonstrators were violating public safety measures introduced to tackle Covid-19. Army spokesman Col Sagir Musa said in a Facebook post: "The NA [Nigerian army] hereby warns all subversive elements and trouble makers to desist from such acts as it remains highly committed to defend the country and her democracy at

all cost."

He went on to offer to "support the civil authority in whatever capacity to maintain law and order and deal with any situation decisively".

The statement has been received as a veiled threat by protesters, reports the BBC's Chris Ewoker from Abuja. On Wednesday, protesters against police violence in Abuja were attacked by a group of unidentified men with machetes.

Witnesses said several hundred demonstrators were

gathered in the city centre when the attack took place.

One protester said some of the assailants had later been detained and handed over to the authorities.

There are also reports of similar attacks on protesters in Lagos on Thursday. If the president accepts the army's offer to step in, it means the government hasn't learnt from past mistakes - it would be trying to solve new problems with old solutions that never worked before.

Nigeria's army has a bloody

history quelling civil disobedience.

The army coming in could make everything that has happened in the last week - with the deaths of at least 10 people caused by the protests, and the notoriety of the now disbanded Sars - look like child's play.

The generation leading the protests has no experience of military rule - which ended in 1999 - and its brutal repressions of civil disobedience, so it's hard to know how they will react.

But if there's anything the last week has shown, it is that this group doesn't give up easily. The protests started following the alleged killing of a young man by officers from the Sars unit at the beginning of October.

Protesters called for the unit to be disbanded. The police closed it down and announced a new unit - the

Special Weapons and Tactics (Swat) team.

But protesters rejected the announcement, as many see the changes as not enough to reform the police.

The protests have attracted worldwide attention - most recently the CEO of Twitter, Jack Dorsey, urged his followers to donate Bitcoin to the organisers.

Those working in Nigeria's tech sector have been prominent among those complaining about the activities of Sars officers. Nigeria superstars Wizkid and Davido have also backed the protesters. From theft to violent attacks to murder, people have been sharing their experiences at the hands of Sars.

Obianuju Iloanya told BBC Newsday that her brother Chijioke disappeared eight years ago after being arrested by Sars officers. BBC



Young Nigerians say they are often targeted by rogue police officers

Notorious Libyan people smuggler detained

Authorities in the Libyan capital Tripoli have arrested a man wanted by Interpol for human trafficking. Libya's internationally-recognised government announced the detention of Abd al-Rahman al-Milad, known as Bija, on Wednesday.

In 2018, the UN Security Council imposed sanctions against Mr Milad and five other men over people smuggling in the North African country.

Libya has emerged as a major migrant route to Europe in recent years. The country descended into lawlessness in the wake of the overthrow of

long-time leader Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, with rival militias vying for power.

Human rights groups say that migrants in Libya face widespread violence and abuse. France's embassy in Libya welcomed Mr Milad's arrest, which it described as "good news for combatting human trafficking".

In addition to the international arrest warrant against him, Mr Milad was also wanted in Libya.

Because of the powerful role of local militias in Libya, however, securing the arrests of people wanted internationally has been difficult. According to the UN, Mr Milad headed the regional coast guard for the north-western coastal town of Zawiya, which "is consistently linked with violence against migrants and other human smugglers". The UN's panel of experts said in 2017 that Mr Milad, along with other members of the coast guard, was "directly involved in the sinking of migrant boats using firearms". BBC

WHO Investigates Congo Sex Abuse Allegations



The World Health Organization says it has created a commission to investigate allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation committed by WHO workers during the response to the tenth Ebola virus epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

According to a WHO news release Thursday, the commission will "swiftly establish the facts, identify and support survivors, ensure that any ongoing abuse has stopped, and hold perpetrators to account."

The commission will be made up of seven members, including two co-chairs the WHO says have "expertise in sexual exploitation and abuse,

emergency response, and investigations," said the statement.

The co-chairs are Aïchatou Mindaoudou, former minister of foreign affairs and of social development of Niger and Julienne Lusenge of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

According to the WHO, the Ebola pandemic in the DRC provinces of North Kivu and Ituri is the second-largest recorded outbreak. The two-year-long epidemic was officially declared over on June 25, 2020. Some 2,300 people have died. According to the Reuters news agency, the allegations of sexual assault come from 30 women against men, who said they were working for the WHO. VOA



More than 500,000 migrants and refugees are estimated to be trapped in Libya

EDITORIAL

No place for electoral violence

THE GOVERNMENT OF the United States thru Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo, last week sounded a caveat to African countries preparing for elections, including Liberia to respect the rule of law by allowing citizens to engage in political dialogue and support their choice of candidates, parties, and platforms.

MR. POMPEO SAID in a statement issued over the weekend thru the United States Embassy in Monrovia that the conduct of elections is important not only for Africans, but also for defenders of democracy around the world.

SPECIFICALLY, THE UNITED States has vowed to closely watch actions of individuals who interfere in democratic process on the Continent and will not hesitate to consider consequences, including visa restrictions for people that would be responsible for election-related violence anywhere in Africa.

THIS CAVEAT FROM Liberia's traditional partner America, comes just at a time Liberians are gearing up for midterm senatorial elections on December 8, 2020. The December poll is to elect 15 senators to join 15 incumbent at the Capitol to complete the 30-member Liberian Senate before the next presidential election in 2023.

BUT AHEAD OF the poll, political rallies, mainly by the opposition have been disrupted repeatedly by violence, with fingers-pointing and threats of violent reaction.

ALTHOUGH SECRETARY POMPEO'S warning was not specifically directed at Liberia, but this country being a historical friend of America should listen and act accordingly. Liberia cannot afford to dwindle in violent or fraudulent elections because we should be torchbearer for young democracies on the Continent.

AS SECRETARY POMPEO emphasized, it is important that all sides have equal opportunity to participate peacefully in the democratic process void of repression and intimidation. This has not been the case at recent rallies held across the country, particularly in Monrovia and parts adjacent by opposition candidates, including Senator Abraham Darius Dillon of the Collaborating Political Parties.

WE RECALL THE incident of CPP leader Alexander Cummings' visit to Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County along with opposition Lawmaker Yekeh Kolubah months ago, where they were violently chased out of the county by machete-brandishing thugs expressing loyalty to President George Manneh Weah.

OUTCOME OF A government investigating into the violence is still pending despite a joint statement issued by Foreign Missions in Monrovia, calling for speedy probe.

EVERY LIBERIAN SHOULD endeavor to keep our elections and democracy peaceful and participatory. Whether a candidate comes from the opposition CPP, the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change or is an Independent, he or she has right to campaign and seek votes in counties, communities, towns and villages without fear of being chased away with machetes and stones.

COMMENTARY

By Eric Posner

What the US Election Is Really About

For all the hand wringing over Donald Trump's authoritarian rhetoric, the 2020 US election is not really about the incumbent. It is about deep-seated suspicion regarding the national government's role, which makes populism a recurring feature of American political history.

CHICAGO - Next month's United States election is not about policy, nor is it even about President Donald Trump. It is about America's constitutional system. This is not to suggest that the election could end that system. While Trump has an authoritarian temperament and admires dictators like Russian President Vladimir Putin, he is unlikely to become an autocrat even if he is re-elected. The real question that America faces concerns the role of the national government in the life of the country.

Trumpism is just the latest in a series of populist waves born of anger toward what people see as unaccountable, self-interested political elites in Washington, DC. Indeed, the story begins before that city was founded. The American Revolution targeted remote, self-interested elites in London, and it was soon followed by a major dispute over the power of the national government.

Critics argued that the proposed new Constitution would create a national governing elite, thus undermining the hard-won sovereignty of the colonies-turned-states. Though the Constitution's proponents prevailed, the critics proved prescient. Almost immediately, populist movements emerged to challenge what was seen as elite rule. Jeffersonian democracy overthrew the Federalist elites in 1800, and then Jacksonian democracy overthrew the Jeffersonian elites in 1829.

Although Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy differed in many ways, both reflected a belief that the elites who had led the American Revolution had broken their promise of delivering self-government to the masses. Elected officials, judges, and bureaucrats seemed to come from great families or the upper class, and to rule accordingly, like the corrupt aristocracy Americans had just escaped. The solution was to return political power to the masses by expanding the franchise, extending democracy to more offices (like state judgeships), and limiting the power of the national government.

This wave of populism was temporarily overtaken by the debate over slavery and the Civil War, but it roared back in the late nineteenth century. This time, it was led by southern and midwestern farmers who believed that they were being ignored by the two main political parties, and exploited by the banks and railroads those parties served. The Populists invoked Jackson as their hero, attacked the entire political system as corrupt, and formed their own People's Party to advance their interests.

The next great wave of populism came during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Politicians like Huey Long, Louisiana's governor and then a US senator, came to power by promising to redistribute wealth from the rich to the poor. Long accused established politicians of plutocracy, and attempted to undermine all

competing power centers, from the state legislature to the university system. By the time he died, in 1935, he had attracted a significant national following.

The last flare-up of populism before now was in the 1960s, when Barry Goldwater, the Republican nominee for president in 1964, expanded his appeal nationally by claiming that the federal bureaucracy ("big government") was responsible for all of America's problems. Such anti-elitism was also common on the left, which blamed a racist, imperialist establishment for the Cold War and intervention in Vietnam.

The logic of populism is simple and powerful: If things go badly, the blame lies with the government and the elites who run it. While American populists have attacked state governments, the federal government has always been their primary target because of its remoteness. People may trust local politicians and their own representative or senator. But other than the president and congressional leaders, federal officials are largely faceless.

All populist movements burn out when their internal contradictions overtake popular enthusiasm. Populists loathe the elites, but cannot rule without putting their own elites in power. Jeffersonian democracy yielded a one-party state run by Virginia planters; Jacksonian democracy produced a corrupt party system controlled by bosses and professional politicians; the Populist movement lost momentum when, in order to make political progress, it threw in its lot with the Democratic Party. And sometimes populists are outmaneuvered by establishment politicians or lose power as conditions improve. Roosevelt moved left to counter the Longian populism of the 1930s, and the populism of the 1960s collapsed with the end of Jim Crow and the Vietnam War.

Trumpian populism should be divorced from Trump, who has ridden a political wave that he neither initiated nor controls. Its main source is anger at the advance of cultural liberalism, economic stagnation, and inequality - all of which have been blamed, with more or less justice, on national elites and the institutions they dominate. This same wave helped the relative outsider Barack Obama defeat the establishment candidates Hillary Clinton and John McCain in 2008, though Obama was a technocrat by temperament and governed accordingly.

Populism is dangerous because it rests on an uncompromisingly hostile attitude toward established political institutions and the professional politicians on whom we ultimately have no choice but to depend, whatever their imperfections. That is why, in hindsight, populism can seem irrational even if it has done good by bringing legitimate grievances to the attention of government and the public. Trump's attacks on institutions and norms, culminating in his refusal to guarantee a peaceful transition of power, are veering toward nihilism.

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Lord, this is a village living in fear!

Dear Father:

Hmmm, this one na, it hard to talk oo. You mean da how we will be going one by one. You wake up in the morning bomb! They find someone body in the car, somewhere by a road or the beach. The thing is so scaring.

What’s happening again my son?

Oh, Father, hmm, da the way people dying in our village nowadays! talking here so oo. And the way people talking it sef, it already na start making some of us scary-the entire village is living in fear right na.

Tell me something!

Yes, oo Father, it na easy. The other day two people-a man and a woman working with our big tax house were found dead in their car parked on the main street.

Ehn?

Da na alloo, now we hear, they say another one from the same place was murdered too. Hmm, this time when you leave your house and go back home you moth have a small thanksgiving service oo because right na we don’t know. So my son oo, you want tell me the entire village na get security?

Father, even the security people sef, you go to them they will speak big book da they na equip. The only people you see with big, big gun them da the people guarding our big, big people them. For the rest of the village, we just have to look up to the Old Man up there to send his boys to look after us at night.

Then da na small thing yor going through oo.

Um, Father da the one you talking slow like that so. Ehn da the thing them we can be talking here and the other people who are not living in this village can say we talking bad about the government every day.

But you see God na like ugly. One other one was here the other day. I na say they say, from his own sefmouth telling the whole world the things we are going through in this village. And this is a man, a whole pastor oo, he will get on Face to Face and be defending our government and causing everybody who say bad thing.

So, he came down from Uncle Sam’s village to visit and not only did he see for himself but all the bad things that we are going through here he experienced almost half of them just for that short time.

You joking!

Father, this one da na joke oo. The man say the place he was sleeping the children opened the window to fish in his room, the same thing we can experience here every day. He na stop there oo. He say while he was preparing to leave the village, they stole his phone.

The man say, while turning around to the place the children jerk his phone, some of the same children came and say he should give them money to go collect it.

He say the children brought their big man for the rogue them in da community to him. The man say he must pay money. He got vex, he went to the police, the police say they na equip to go after the children.

The police people sef, sef tell the man say they know the area the boy can be but they na equip to go there.-see trouble!

But this is somebody who sitting down comfortably in Uncle Sam’s village oo. When he ready to put his mouth on people here defending the Footballer as if allor us here are bad people who na like the man.

Now, him sef, sef say the way he saw things, if we na careful we will fight war here again-God forbid!

He say even on the street, the rogue them are all over the place trying to jerk people things and securities will tell you they na equip to protect the poor citizens. This one da na Congou people doing oo.

You see Father, da the thing about our brother and sister them who are not living in this village. When outside there, they think their lives are more superior than those of us that are hear. In fact, they think, they are the most educated, most civilized and most everything and they alone get the best ideas and when they come home and taste just a little of what we live with then they get all over the place.

We who wearing the shoes say it hurting, you say we are lying, we just want to draw attention-now I jus waiting to see whether his posts on Face to Face will change from now on.



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If Liberia's 5th President Was a Nigerian, who Then is or isn't a Liberian?

The 5th President of Liberia Edward James Roy, was a Nigerian. He was the first pure descendent of an Ibo tribe in Nigeria. His Nigerian parents were taken as slaves to North Carolina but later migrated to Newark, Ohio USA, where he was born on February 3, 1815. Roye was the first pure black slave to occupy the executive mansion as head of state and commander-In-Chief, Armed Forces of Liberia. He arrived in Liberia in 1846 one year before independence was announced and he became president in 1870.

What is seriously and exceedingly laughable, is the fact that a Nigerian and other strange national like Jamaicans, Ghanaians, and Senegalese all of whom from systemic slave backgrounds served as Presidents of Liberia at different times interval. The question becomes; who then is or not a Liberian? Even the so-called natives or inhabitants of the land before the emergence of the so-called slaves did not own the land legally or constitutionally, it was the slaves who finally named the land, and legalized its existence.

The inhabitants of natives who occupied the land now called Liberia before the advent of the slaves from the US didn’t have any legitimate, legal, or constitutional documentation to claim land, the slaves did. The natives were rather a group of loose individuals who were potential wanderers and traders from Mali, Ghana, Ivory Coast Guinea, Sierra Leone, etc., who settled in those dark forests and later owned multiple spots for themselves illegally.

The so-called natives were rather covered by slaves who officially discovered the land, named it, legitimized its status, created a government, created a constitution, and declared official independence in 1847 under the very noses of those who called themselves natives or inhabitants of the Land, before the emergence of the slave’s junta. The land was first named by a Portuguese explorer Oct. 6 1462 as Grain Coast or Pepper Coast under the noses of the same so-called natives who had no idea of statehood, needless talks about a constitution. Who then is a Liberian and who owned the land officially, the Native or the Slaves?

Who is or isn’t a Liberian is a big issue? Millions of other nationals around the world possess Liberian passports and also call themselves Liberians who are involved in the multinational business as Liberians around the world. For example, Liberia Maritime head office in the US is heavily possessed by foreigners who called themselves Liberians. Today there are 3, 377 ships currently flying the Liberian flags and every worker at the US Maritime office carries Liberian passports but doesn't know where Liberia is even located in Africa.

The majority of other Africans bordering Liberia called themselves citizens of Liberia as soon they crossed into Liberia. For example, Guinea borders Liberia in the North. Guineans who crossed to Liberia referred to themselves as Liberians. The bulk of them hides under the shield of the religious Muslim culture as well as the Mandigo tribe especially when the late Doe referred to them as citizens.

Today the Mandigo tribe is protected by the feeble 1986 Liberian Constitution initiated by the late Pres. Samuel Doe. Today, the Mandigo tribe has succeeded to have their district call “Quinobodo” exclusively to themselves with no other tribe in their midst which is one of the most dangerous precedents the late Doe ever put into motion in the constitution. Sierra Leone also bordered Liberia on the West. A great deal of the Mandi tribe crossed from Sierra Leone into Liberia and referred to themselves as Liberians, the same is with those who hailed from Ivory Coast and Guinea.

When the Liberian civil genocide broke and many Liberians settled in foreign parts especially in refugee camps across Africa, those countries nationals, like Ghanaians, Togolese, Nigerians, Guineans, Sierra Leoneans, and Ivorians took advantage of huge overseas traveling opportunities under the banner of Liberian refugees and were opportune to travel as Liberian all over the world as Liberian refuse to escape from the civil wars brought upon them by Charles Taylor, Prince Johnson, and other warlords.

Most of the above nationals are getting ample benefits as Liberians when the true native Liberians are being denied regularly. Another emerging group that is using their leverage to become citizens of Liberia are the Lebanese, Fulani, Jamaicans, Ivorians, and ordinary Nigerians and Ghanaians especially those in the fishing category in Liberia.

Today, the question remains who is a Liberian, and who owns Liberia? Is it the natives, the foreigners, or the slaves who discovered the land under the noses of the so-called natives and the mixture of other close inhabitants? The issue of who is a Liberian will one day trek another war in Liberia.

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2	Jalloh Alpha	40	M	11	7365611 47		10/5/2020		2	Ma Bender kameh	25	F	11	7291728 7		10/5/2020		2	Harris Nduah	24	M	11	7334235 57		10/5/2020	
3	Noah Morgan	35	M	11	722580 827		10/5/2020		3	Ma Watto kamara	27	F	11	720656 27		10/5/2020		3	Prince Modibo	20	M	11	722787 97		10/5/2020	
4	Mohamed Barry	34	M	11	733604 767		10/5/2020		4	Fata kamara	22	F	11	72291731 7		10/5/2020		4	Therphilus koror	21	M	11	720647 37		10/5/2020	
5	Mamie Ford	39	F	11	722634 067		10/5/2020		5	Modusor kromah	22	F	11	7229184 27		10/5/2020		5	Emmen Flomo	65	M	11	734337 647		10/5/2020	
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9	Harney Mkhamed	59	M	11	7264447		10/5/2020		9	Mark William	18		11	722482 37		10/5/2020		9	Emmanuel Kpanalo	20		11	7333005 17		10/5/2020	
10	Rebecca kabba	55	F	11	7332026 87		10/5/2020		10	Mary Johnson	21	F	11	7447635 17		10/5/2020		10	Orethor Saah	42	F	11	7235130 7		10/5/2020	

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2	Nowah kifah	27	F	11	733422 967		10/5/2020		2	Prince Samuwa	25	M	11	72351217 7		10/5/2020		2	Jalloh Hassantou	22	F	11	7282636 97		10/5/2020	
3	Fenneh Tokpah	20	F	11	720649 17		10/5/2020		3	Folley kameh	24	M	11	7235139 67		10/5/2020		3	Massaz Sheriff	24	F	11	72261736 7		10/5/2020	
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9	Helena Watson	34	F	11	733435 067		10/5/2020		9	George Nolebah	21	M	11	72291512 7		10/5/2020		9	Ma Isatu Sheriff	69	F	11	7226021 57		10/5/2020	
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4	Kemah Togba	32	F	11	73656942		09/10/20	
5	Monadon D. Beh	40	M	11	7343359		09/10/20	
6	Fedu Kolleh	68	F	11	722427207		09/10/20	
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4	Massah Konneh	32	F	11	7224806		10/10/20	
5	Maryen Kamara	47	F	11	7227371		10/10/20	
6	Peter Barrille	37	M	11	7224087		10/10/20	
7	Willie D. Yekch	22	M	11	7332368		10/10/20	
8	Omu Barry	22	F	11	7626664		10/10/20	
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4	Haja Kunneh	26	F	11	73324058		10/10/20	
5	Sampson Sargeeh	26	M	11	7343674		10/10/20	
6	Verney Massah	20	M	11	73321100		10/10/20	
7	Jargbeh Blessing	18	M	11	72256717		10/10/20	
8	Vammara Kamara	22	F	11	76266772		10/10/20	
9	Masamkey Sesay	40	F	11	76266549		10/10/20	
10	Rachelt. Gweh	27	F	11	7332338		10/10/20	











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1	Reuterad David	21	F	Madati	72248197		10/10/20	
2	William Doe S.	26	M	Madati	72259535		10/10/20	
3	Evangelina Worthy	21	F	Madati	73323857		10/10/20	
4	Beckie Cooper	45	M	11	72258310		10/10/20	
5	William B. Joe	32	M	11	76266910		10/10/20	
6	Jallah Prince	24	M	11	7484664		10/10/20	
7	Harrison J. Tulay	29	M	11	7334946		10/10/20	
8	Briama Bahar	23	M	11	7416764		10/10/20	
9	Jedu Moore	41	F	11	7224444		10/10/20	
10	Lisa Davis	43	F	11	7224408		10/10/20	











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1	Toles Patience	42	F	Madati	73656206		09/10/20	
2	Moore Mathu	35	F	Madati	7224452		09/10/20	
3	Massahui Meima	31	F	Madati	73320097		09/10/20	
4	Wleah Barbara	24	F	11	72258137		09/10/20	
5	Nene Diello	18	F	11	7336005		09/10/20	
6	Fetamata Diello	44	F	11	73360455		09/10/20	
7	Diello Ramatulai	19	F	11	73322815		09/10/20	
8	Diello Alexander	27	M	11	73360160		09/10/20	
9	Oretta Bestman	28	F	11	7365674		09/10/20	
10	Esau A. Utay	21	M	11	7225979		09/10/20	











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1	Zeko Robert	23	M	Madati	7224838		09/10/20	
2	Ma-Jehneh Kamara	48	F	Madati	72291729		09/10/20	
3	Fedu B. Konneh	39	F	Madati	7227368		09/10/20	
4	Hannah KiaZolu	22	F	11	73342812		09/10/20	
5	Kenneh Hann	26	M	11	7484860		09/10/20	
6	Keabah Kokubo	27	F	11	7626637		09/10/20	
7	Willinia Gray	29	F	11	73320116		09/10/20	
8	Sao Sirleaf	29	F	11	7365653		09/10/20	
9	Fullu Johnson	27	M	11	72351195		09/10/20	
10	Fullu Maxwell	26	M	11	72351173		09/10/20	





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1	Yekeh Karbah	21	M	Madati	722799577	Yekeh	10/05/20	
2	James J. Kollie	22	M	Madati	762071677	Kollie	10/05/20	
3	Martin Kollie	21	M	Madati	738411157	M. Kollie	10/05/20	
4	Paye Roland	20	M	Madati	738411067	Paye Roland	10/05/20	
5	Mustapha Wolo	28	M	Madati	722495047		10/05/20	
6	Hannah Gibson	23	F	Madati	722497937		10/05/20	
7	Emmanuel Tambiah	22	M	Madati	720153057		10/05/20	
8	Momodou Blade	37		Madati	736563297		10/05/20	
9	Pasama Kamara	57	F	Madati	722787177		10/05/20	
10	Musa Z. Sheriff	27	M	Madati	234366698	Musa S.	10/05/20	

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1	Jack M. Alpha	27	M	Madati	726422617	Alpha	07/10/20	
2	Korto Wolsee	28	F	Madati	722583977	Korto D.	07/10/20	
3	James Kemoh S.	23	M	11	733226277	James K.	07/10/20	
4	Kerfala Kaurara	24	M	11	722493057	Kourara	07/10/20	
5	Jesse Obilor	18	M	11	722493057	DJ	07/10/20	
6	Simede Johnson	26	M	11	733693477	S.J.	07/10/20	
7	Momo massaleda	22	M	11	726612387	Momo M.	07/10/20	
8	Moore Lawrence	20	M	11	733663267	M. Lawrence	07/10/20	
9	Lovette Baring	26	F	11	722580847	Lovette	07/10/20	
10	Nagba Christane	26	F	11	731940887	Christane	07/10/20	

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1	Abraham Jamina	24	M	Madati	736566347		10/07/20	
2	Jackson Bendu A.	21	F	Madati	722617777	B.J.	10/07/20	
3	Emmanuel Smith	25	M	11	733229137	Emph	10/07/20	
4	Massa Kamara	20	F	11	733234847	M. Kamara	10/07/20	
5	Paye Junion	24	M	11	733226317	Paye Junion	10/07/20	
6	Alpha Bah	36	M	11	736563307	A. Bah	10/07/20	
7	Teddy Johnson	25	M	11	722490207	T.J.	10/07/20	
8	Massagui Lainoh	23	M	11	722499607		10/07/20	
9	Johnson Winifred	28		11	722603877		10/07/20	
10	Kesimu Saffelatu	21	F	11	722603587		10/07/20	

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1	Joel Tweh	26	F	Madati	722634497	Joel T. Tweh	08/10/20	
2	Garmah Goup	55	F	Madati	744762147		08/10/20	
3	Onell Birlcar	18	F	11	744762887	Onell	08/10/20	
4	Payne Milton	20	M	11	733210497		08/10/20	
5	James K. Birlcar	20	M	11	734365777		08/10/20	
6	Momodou Sam	26	M	11	722586057	Momodou S.	08/10/20	
7	Saw Geye Thomas	25	M	11	722586057	Thomas	08/10/20	
8	Doe Monet Sweet	27	M	11	722589657	Doe M. Sweet	08/10/20	
9	Everlyn Glweh	22	F	11	731940907	Everlyn	08/10/20	
10	Handful Cephas	19	F	11	722629697	Handful	08/10/20	

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1	Lucky Jennuah	20	F	Madati	733214497	Lucky	09/10/20	
2	Esther Sumo	32	F	Madati	733206087	Esther	09/10/20	
3	Tyler Bendu	31	F	11	722589977	Theresa	09/10/20	
4	Natt Theresa	39	F	11	722596827	Natt	09/10/20	
5	Junion Johnson	20	M	11	722487247	Junion	09/10/20	
6	Abraham Bande	36	M	11	736562357	I. B.	09/10/20	
7	Amandou Be/de	30	M	11	738264857	Be/de	09/10/20	
8	Comfort Tator	37	F	11	722599977		09/10/20	
9	Kamde Morris	26	M	11	741660457	Kamde	09/10/20	
10	Berry Mohamed	20	M	11	738264657	Berry	09/10/20	

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1	Sophie Wilson	26	F	Madati	722584867	S. Wilson	09/10/20	
2	Rita Toweh	29	F	Madati	733425877	Rita	09/10/20	
3	Mirron Baway	39	F	Madati	733205777	Mirron Baway	09/10/20	
4	Paul C. Yeayce	24	M	11	762665237		09/10/20	
5	Janiell Nippy Jr	20	M	11	762611677		09/10/20	
6	Feeh Hassan	29	M	11	738264777	F.H.	09/10/20	
7	Metu Marther	36	F	11	740383247		09/10/20	
8	Thieno C. Diallo	30	M	11	738264637		09/10/20	
9	Abigail D. Tuines	27	F	11	736566247	Abigail	09/10/20	
10	John Wright	19	M	11	722917777		09/10/20	

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1	Doe Maurice Jr.	24	M	24th Street Sinkor	722582907		10/5/2020	
2	Moore Naomi	21	F	11	736560947		10/5/2020	
3	Freeman Regina	40	F	11	736563077		10/5/2020	
4	Decontee Cole	32	F	11	736564247		10/5/2020	
5	Mercy Cranshaw	18	F	11	744762897		10/5/2020	
6	Princee Knuckle	36	M	11	7447623337		10/5/2020	
7	Massa Morris	32	F	11	736565947		10/5/2020	
8	Jamison S. Weah	21	M	11	736563327		10/5/2020	
9	Mary Toggar	28	F	11	736563317		10/5/2020	
10	Vorkepor Robert G.	35	M	11	736567327		10/5/2020	

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1	Rose Tarbio	39	F	24th Street Sinkor	744763207		10/5/2020	
2	Susannah Moore	24	F	11	722447057		10/5/2020	
3	Fatu M. Folley	27	F	11	762061177		10/5/2020	
4	Jacqueline Poteh	28	F	11	736563307		10/5/2020	
5	Musu Gray	24	F	11	744763587		10/5/2020	
6	Boryan Harriet	24	F	11	76206497		10/5/2020	
7	Logan Jacqueline	32	F	11	744762557		10/5/2020	
8	Dabweson Beatrice	19	F	11	733203297		10/5/2020	
9	Nathan Tair.	40	F	11	762063987		10/5/2020	
10	Fatu Woods	23	F	11	762064627		10/5/2020	

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1	Christopher T. Dabweson	4	M	24th Street Sinkor	733422049		10/5/2020	
2	Korto Johnson	26	F	11	744762567		10/5/2020	
3	Lucinta Kamara	26	F	11	74476287		10/5/2020	
4	Laura Togba	46	F	11	722448137		10/5/2020	
5	Nahn Rachel		F	11	74476287		10/5/2020	
6	Zuwayratu Darway	31	F	11	722598807		10/5/2020	
7	Marata Harris	31	F	11	722458047		10/5/2020	
8	Esther Thompson	27	F	11	733203867		10/5/2020	
9	Derek Soayue	27	M	11	762062957		10/5/2020	
10	Tamba Kamie	37	M	11	736561907		10/5/2020	

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1	Ibrahim Scilibat	20	M	24th Street Sinkor	733208027		10/5/2020	
2	Aboubakar Berry	28	M	24th Street Sinkor	738264307		10/5/2020	
3	Timothy Sneh	25	M	24th Street Sinkor	72581127		10/5/2020	
4	Abdulai Jalloh	39	M	11	73826497		10/5/2020	
5	Aliou Bah	23	M	11	73826487		10/5/2020	
6	Mohamed B. Jalloh	19	M	11	73826487		10/5/2020	
7	Tartie Hwal	25	M	11	733662777		10/5/2020	
8	Cooper T. Kpan	27	M	11	72259447		10/5/2020	
9	Mulbah Young	23	F	11	722480457		10/5/2020	
10	Florence Meete	29	F	11	722480557		10/5/2020	

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1	Femi Joseph	19	M	24th Street Sinkor	722597027		10/5/2020	
2	Kumba Tamba	43	F	24th Street Sinkor	7382647		10/5/2020	
3	Korto Kekeh	33	F	24th Street Sinkor	738263667		10/5/2020	
4	Williams Obediah	22	M	11	738260287		10/5/2020	
5	Weah, Mamie	36	F	11	722596827		10/5/2020	
6	Martin Cooper	35	M	11	72258037		10/5/2020	
7	Hloblah Chris	18	F	11	7365568707		10/5/2020	
8	Wleh Wilson	19	M	11	72248237		10/5/2020	
9	Mohamed Kaba	33	M	11	74476159		10/5/2020	
10	Abdul H. Sheriff	25	M	11	72264327		10/5/2020	

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1	Ujay Karsle	19	M	Madati	722490297		10/5/2020	
2	Deborah Dixon	2	F	Madati	722497947		10/5/2020	
3	Tambah Uriah	19	M	Madati	72263327		10/5/2020	
4	Nelson Davis	20	M	Madati	72248157		10/5/2020	
5	Liber T. Barber	30	M	Madati	734337647		10/5/2020	
6	J. Aliou Swarney	66	M	Madati	735435017		10/5/2020	
7	Prince Mulbah	20	M	Madati	73433567		10/5/2020	
8	Philip Robert	24	M	Madati	722790107		10/5/2020	
9	George Moore	18	M	Madati	73433247		10/5/2020	
10	Musa M. Donzo	21	M	Madati	722787847		10/5/2020	

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1	Madati							
2	Wah Joseph	24	M	08889736492	733571977		12/16/2020	
3	Single E Edward	24	M	Madati 0777373540	76313917		12/16/2020	
4	James Roberts	23	M	Madati 077560226	74848097		12/10/2020	
5	Marie Vatikie	17	F	Madati 0775597644	722444177		12/11/2020	
6	Ruth Shekey	29	F	Madati 075991348	734363712		12/16/2020	
7	Harris Gamin	31	F	Madati 77907428	722584237		12/16/2020	
8	Abdullahi	24	M	Madati 088622286	73656557		12/16/2020	
9	Zairah Konta	24	F	Madati 07679524	73360478		12/16/2020	
10	Kamara Bando	30	F	Madati 077744061	722597287		12/16/2020	
11	Prince Joe	24	M	Madati 0725345400	73420387		12/16/2020	

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1	Naomie Kerkula	19	F	Madati 077744031	7227787		12/16/2020	
2	Elliasso Diallo	24	F	Madati 070945275	733605177		12/16/2020	
3	Deante Kooluo	30	F	Madati 0888908285	735560577		12/16/2020	
4	Diallo Janku	19	F	Madati 07043348	733604487		12/16/2020	
5	Torch Amkha	35	F	Madati 0886944002	722598577		12/16/2020	
6	Abraham Karp	26	M	Madati 0888089755	73360577		12/16/2020	
7	Bah Mucker	24	M	Madati 077041601	733264577		12/16/2020	
8	Helena Jolee	43	F	Madati 077902794	72246557		12/16/2020	
9	Edwin Williams	20	M	Madati 0888234422	73420387		12/16/2020	
10	Patrick S. Toe	26	M	Madati 077884479	733264477		12/16/2020	

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1	Brown Princess	23	F	Madati	73326057		09/16/2020	
2	Howard Clarence	27	M	Madati	722582217		09/10/2020	
3	Momo Henry	27	M	Madati	733482857		09/10/2020	
4	Roberts C. maino	25	M	11	738260307		09/10/2020	
5	Parciott Melvin	20	M	11	733480497		09/16/2020	
6	Sarah Williams	19	F	11	722440557		09/10/2020	
7	Timothy Bayeo	28	M	11	736563347		09/10/2020	
8	Yekuba Bah	28	M	11	733227427		09/10/2020	
9	Sarah Reeves	49	F	11	762061337		09/10/2020	
10	James Gardea	18	M	11	733428937		09/10/2020	

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1	Jatu Moore	41	F	24th Street Sinkor	722441567		10/15/2020	
2	Kawah Alex	23	M	11	72234577		10/15/2020	
3	Aminata Jallah	30	F	11	73622487		10/15/2020	
4	Siatrick Collie	18	F	11	722345787		10/15/2020	
5	Kamuyah Corneh	18	F	11	737165217		10/15/2020	
6	Nyagui Luogon	21	M	11	73478777		10/15/2020	
7	Morlu Collie	14	M	11	737092417		10/15/2020	
8	Younger Flomo	55	F	11	72290077		10/15/2020	
9	Famatta Bando	23	F	11	722348677		10/15/2020	
10	John David	21	M	11	72245727		10/15/2020	

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1	Mandou Diallo	37	M	24th Street Sinkor	733432247		10/15/2020	
2	Jalla Alusony	58	F	11	738864587		10/15/2020	
3	Sarah Alice	34	F	11	72258157		10/15/2020	
4	Marlee Trauay	27	F	11	73281487		10/15/2020	
5	Amado Jallah	28	M	11	7224557		10/15/2020	
6	Bella Diallo	64	M	11	73356237		10/15/2020	
7	Sow Jarre	19	F	11	7422977		10/15/2020	
8	Jallah Kadisatu	19	F	11	737422717		10/15/2020	
9	Musa Kamara	40	M	11	74422727		10/15/2020	
10	Annie Brown	65	F	11	723347787		10/15/2020	

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1	Solomonso Bounen	23	M	Madati	723712447		10/10/2020	
2	Mary Cole	54	F	Madati	72773867		10/10/2020	
3	Femeta magsagui	36	F	11	722441647		10/10/2020	
4	Vida menyon	46	F	11	72244187		10/10/2020	
5	Fanta Kamara	23	F	11	72773337		10/10/2020	
6	Fatich Oreftha	40	F	11	748488507		10/10/2020	
7	Rose William	30	F	11	733494227		10/10/2020	
8	Samah G. Dean	48	M	11	734365017		10/10/2020	
9	Bertan Kpton	33	M	11	733801787		10/10/2020	
10	Marcus Joe Jr	18	M	11	72729337		10/10/2020	

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United Methodist Church Young Adults rescues 37 through Medical Outreach in Grand Cape Mount

Robertsport- On Saturday October 10, 2020 the young Adults of the E. Jonathan Goodridge (EJGYAF) and the James E. Marshall United Methodist Church' provided free medical services to 37 persons in Robertsport City, Grand Cape Mount County.

This activity was phase 2 of the fellowship COVID_19 Outreach to the elderly & underprivileged individuals in the church and community.

the President of the EJGYAF Eric Nunoo said the outreach was the fellowship way of identifying with the people of Robertsport City and also reminded them that despite the difficulties during the pandemic, the church remains committed in rescuing the underprivileged specifically those that are ill.

He also used the medium to evangelize and remind them that there is a God who have carry us through the tough

to those who are in need."

Mr. Nunoo called on all the members of the city and the public at large to observe all of the precautionary measures including thorough hand washing with soap and water, covering the mouth and nose with the corner of the elbows when sneezing and the observance of social distancing adding that though there is a reduction in cases, Covid-19 is still in the country.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the beneficiaries Rev. Rev. Roosevelt C. Mense, pastor of the first United Methodist Church, Robertsport City, thanked both fellowships for choosing Robertsport as their first site for their out of Monrovia outreach.

He said the people of this city needs more medical outreach because medical facilities are out of medical supplies.

Rev. Mense said the outreach activity has shown to others the purpose of being in a church and having farsighted young people.

"He also encourages the young people to not stop reaching out because this is the responsibility and purpose of the church.

It can be recalled phase one of the COVID-19 outreach carried out by the church was the donation of food items to 16 elderly of the church on Friday July 10 & Saturday July 11, 2020.

Items donated include a bag of 25kg rice, a gallon of Argo oil, bag of onions & cubes to the elderly.

period of the pandemic.

"We know that these are difficult times and to keep healthy in the pandemic is difficult and these two fellowships pledge its support to a strong and healthy family," Mr. Nunoo said.

He further, "Therefore, the Church through its Health committee has decided to make come on this medical outreach. We may not treat everyone, but this is our way of showing that we care and sharing God's love



This event took place at the Uramus B. Freeman United Methodist School in Robertsport City and was implemented by the Health committee of the fellowship, the medical outreach worth over US\$ 1,000.

According to the committee majority of the beneficiaries were diagnosed with Systemic hypertension, malaria, peptic ulcer disease, urinary tract infection etc.

Speaking at the program

Forests are still underrated as allies to curb rural poverty

-New study

A new study released by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) says forest are still being underrated as allies to curb rural poverty.

It also notes that poverty is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity. It says globally, one out of every 10 people lives in extreme poverty, defined by the World Bank as living on less than \$1.90 per day. Many of them live in rural areas where the poverty rate is 17.2 per cent -

more than three times higher than in urban areas. If current trends continue, the number of hungry people will reach 840 million or one ninth of the world's population by 2030 according to the World Food Programme.

Poverty eradication has therefore found a place at the top of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. "End poverty in all its forms everywhere" is the first Goal of this Agenda, which is supported by all 193 UN member states.

The finding also recognizes the international community

effort in stepping up efforts to achieve this goal, especially in response to the severe setback caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The zoonotic nature of the Covid-19 virus has also illustrated the urgency to reduce human pressure on nature and trees as allies in the fight against poverty.

In the long run, the study notes that losing forests means losing this fight. This is the central finding of a new global assessment report entitled "Forests, Trees and the Eradication of Poverty: Potential and Limitations".

PAL deeply concerned

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law and avoid undemocratic practices that would revert the country to its ugly past.

The PAL referenced the mysterious deaths of senior personnel of Integrity Institutions as very worrisome, fearful and urge the Liberian Authorities to expeditiously investigate these incidents and bring the culprits to justice, as the entire citizenry is now engulfed with fear and apprehension about the worsening security situation in the country.

The Publishers Association further state that these unsolved alleged murders of key professionals, compounded by the increasing political tension which has characterized the senatorial elections, have the propensity to scare and drive away potential investors in the face of the worsening economic conditions.

PAL notes that while it respects the authority of the Liberian National Police in probing these fearful and

grave matters of national security, reports of consistent and persistent harassments and intimidation of journalists who are reporting on these mysterious and alarming deaths, constitutes a clear breach of the right to freedom of expression, guaranteed by numerous international conventions, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 19 of the Universal Human Rights Declaration which states, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes the freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media, regardless of frontiers."

PAL admonished the Liberian Government to harness consultations with other major stakeholders aimed at resolving these sticking concerns to reduce the current political tension ahead of the December 8 Elections.

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The report was launched online on Thursday, 15 October 2020, , two days ahead of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, one day ahead of World Food Day, and on the International Day of Rural Women. All these official days underscore the urgent need for action.

The study consolidates available scientific evidence on the wide range of contributions forests and trees outside forests make to curbing poverty and on the effectiveness of diverse forest management policies, programs, technologies and strategies. It does so based on an understanding of poverty not only in terms of money but also as an obstacle that keeps people from attaining a certain level of well-being and participating fully in society.

"This global assessment comes at a critical time. More extreme weather events associated with climate change, widening inequality, and the spread of infectious diseases, among others, are

making an already insecure situation worse for the poor. It is therefore essential to review the role of forests in development in general, and in achieving poverty eradication, in particular," says HirotoMitsugi, Assistant Director-General, FAO, and Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

A core group of 21 internationally renowned experts from different parts of the world and different scientific backgrounds have worked together for almost two years on the Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) on Forests and Poverty. The Panel, chaired by Professor Daniel C. Miller of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States, and led by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), is an initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Access Bank charged for defrauding client

The Liberia National Police (LNP) has charged privately run Access Bank Liberia with multiple crimes including theft offenses, defrauding and cheating, obtaining money under false pretense and obtaining and issuing deceptive writings, after the bank abruptly blocked a loan it had disbursed to an applicant Mr. Weal Gharddien.

According to a police report, Mr. Gharddien, owner of Auto Elegance had in January this year applied to Access Bank Liberia for loan in the amount of US\$50,000 and the loan agreement was subsequently satisfied and bank allegedly disbursed to Auto Elegance the amount of US\$48,000 on 28 February.

According to Gharddien,

report, prior to the receipt of the loan from Access Bank Liberia, money was in Auto Elegance's account, and that after the US\$48,000 loan was disbursed, the company had a cash balance of US\$51,485.24.

Unfortunately for the management of Auto Elegance, police say when it issued a check leaf on 21 March to one Joyce Belleh Kermee to withdraw US\$3,300 from the account of the institution, Access Bank did not honor the amount.

Further on 24 March, police detail that the entity also issued another check leaf to the same Joyce Belleh Kermee to be paid the cash amount of US\$10,000, and Access Bank did not honor this as well.

Meanwhile police indicate that Access Bank's Loan Officer Gonkatee allegedly admitted

agreement between Access Bank Liberia and Auto Elegance was consummated and accepted for which the bank is still in possession of the collateral of Mr. Gharddien.

In response to the NewDawn newspaper's inquiry, the Management of Access Bank Liberia has written that specifically, Auto Elegance was required to execute its obligations under the Contract and as per Access Bank's Credit Procedures.

The bank explains that Auto Elegance was made aware of those obligations and requirements in the Credit Facility Offer Letter dated 28 February 2020, which it notes, was duly received by Auto Elegance representatives and guarantors.

According to Access Bank, the Credit Facility Offer Letter contained the requirements on the Real Estate Collateral Contracts and Guarantee Contracts which were neither signed nor executed by the collateral provider as well as one of the guarantors as per committed obligations by them.

The bank details that it decided to apply its rights to cancel the credit facility and avoided unsecured high-risk loan. It emphasizes that the banks are strictly regulated by the law and the Central Bank of Liberia, and regularly inspected and examined by various authorities in terms of well documentation, record keeping, compliance, and requirements.

Access Bank continues that it proceeds with the products and services only after full "KYC and AML," and customer signed application for those products and services.

It says it also ensures that credit facility terms and conditions are communicated formally to customers in the form of Credit Facility Offer Letter and duly confirmed by them, including Auto Elegance. Further, Access Bank states that it proactively broadcasts its mission, vision and principles and encourages its employees, communities and customers to report and feedback on any violation by employees or customers, adding that it takes each such report and feedback very seriously and always addresses it within the strict definition of the law and regulations.

However, this was not the first time Auto Elegance had been given a loan facility at the bank. In fact this was his second facility from the bank, this is why Mr. Gharddien found the explanation given by the bank so fishy and more that even denying him access to his company's account.

VP Taylor speaks out

Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor found her voice on Thursday October 15, following rising concerns about her health and return date to the country saying, her recuperation is about 75-percent and would be back soon.

VP Howard-Taylor, was flown out of the country on August 11, 2020, after health authorities here say she was diagnosed with COVID-19.

On Wednesday October 14, this paper raised question as to whether Vice President Taylor had been forgotten because not much has been heard of her since left the country over two months ago.

But appearing on state

Change (CDC).

She also declined to opening support a candidate from her native county of Bong, saying she would take such decision upon her return in consultation with citizens of the county.

"The question of supporting a particular candidate goes to every Liberian today. What is it we want to see? What kind of leaders are we looking for? And when you look at the spectrum from the national level, it's difficult to be definite on who to support but I pray that God will help to direct us in the choices that will be made", Mrs. Taylor said.

The absentee Vice President further frowned on the violation of the code of



earlier in January he had been approached by Access Bank's Loan Officer Sonkarlay Gonkatee with an offer of US\$50,000 credit facility.

Gharddien notes that he accepted the offer and entered into the loan agreement on 28 February, after which he says the bank opted to notarize the agreement and to return his company's copy.

However, police say the bank has since failed and refused to give Gharddien's copy of the notarized document, adding that after the complainant complied with the bank's requirement, the money suggested to the bank has not been made available to the company, thus depriving his company access to its account.

According to the police

receiving US\$650.00 from Mr. Gharddien and not US\$1,000.

According to police, Mr. Gonkatee also allegedly wrote Mr. Gharddien stating that he (Gonkatee) was not responsible for what had happened regarding the loan.

Police found that Auto Elegance is not obligated to any financial institution reference loan or credit facility as per the record of the Central Bank of Liberia which must be the probable cause to block the loan after it has been disbursed to the applicant's account.

The police add that the reliance of the investigation is drawn from policy of the bank under loan disbursement and loan interest calculation 2.4 which is in the possession of the investigation.

Additionally, the investigators say the loan



radio a day after the publication, Mrs. Howard-Taylor said she is recuperating very well and that her hope of returning to the country soon is high.

She was also grateful to Liberians who had kept her in their prayers while she was battling her poor health.

However, she expressed concern about the increasing wave on violence in the country while cautioning aspirants in the upcoming Senatorial mid-term election to refrain from violence.

VP Howard Taylor is the Standard Bearer of the former ruling National Patriotic Party (NPP), a member party of the ruling Coalition for Democratic

conduct and alleged voters trucking across the country.

She also spoke on the mysterious deaths of four high profile auditors, expressing concern about the losses explaining that one of such persons who died under mysterious circumstances, Emmanuel B. Nyenswa, Director General of the Internal Audit Agency was her closed relative.

She further that the need for investigation into the deaths of these Liberians especially with the involvement of the United States Government into the ongoing investigation is welcome.

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PAL deeply concerned about wave of violence, lawlessness



PAL President, Mr. Othello B. Garblah

The Publishers Association of Liberia (PAL) says, it is deeply concern about the current wave of violence and lawlessness ahead of the December 8 midterm Senatorial elections and National Referendum.

The Publishers Association, which represents

the owners and Managing Editors of Newspapers and Online publications operating in Liberia says the growing increased in political violence involving partisans of political parties has the propensity to seriously threaten Liberia's fragile democracy and undermines its collective peace and security as a people and

nation.

PAL notes that these negative vices including disrupting and stone throwing at political rallies and gatherings using mainly young people as instrument to perpetuate these violence, are totally unacceptable and dangerous.

The media institution opines that these uncivilized behaviors have kept Liberia far lagging behind in development and should therefore have no space in the current democratic dispensation and as such, political actors must refrain from such scare and dangerous tactics.

At its emergency executive meeting on Monday October 12, 2020, the Publishers opted to remind Liberian political leaders and actors of the fragility of the country's striving democracy and encourage all to canvass in confirmative with the rule of

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PSG in injury crisis ahead of Man Utd clash

Thomas Tuchel has bemoaned Paris Saint-Germain's injury crisis ahead of facing Manchester United in Champions League, claiming he may only have 11 players available for the contest.

PSG were drawn alongside United, RB Leipzig and Istanbul Basaksehir in the group stages of this season's competition, having made it all the way to final last time around.

Tuchel's men were beaten 1-0 by Bayern Munich in the showpiece, but are expected to be strong contenders for the trophy again after finally proving their mettle on the continental stage.

The French champions will open their latest Champions League campaign with a home fixture against United on Tuesday, where they will be aiming to exact revenge for a stunning round of 16 defeat to the Premier League giants in



2018-19.

PSG will warm up for that clash with a trip to Nimes in Ligue 1 this weekend, with Tuchel set to welcome several key members of his squad back into the fold following the international break.

However, the German head coach has now expressed fears that he will be unable to field a full-strength line-up in Europe as the likes of Neymar and Kylian Mbappe recover from their exploits with Brazil and

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