

TIP ME

...Your wallet is safe

Withdrawals made easy and smooth

TipOut whenever you want.

Download Now

Available on  



The New Dawn

French Version Inside

TRULY INDEPENDENT

Advertize Here For Low Rate

VOL.11 NO. 001

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

PRICE LD\$40.00



PYJ wants Weah summoned

NEC will not certificate winners



Chairperson Davidetta Browne Lassanah

For as low as 60 USD, you can own one of these!

You also enjoy 1GB free data every month for 6 months! Phone prices range between 60USD and above.

Available at: itel shop at Broad and Center Streets Intersection.

everywhere you go

Dial *187# to get 1GB free data after purchase.

Ts & Cs apply.





Continental News

Tigray crisis: Ethiopian TV journalist 'shot dead'

A journalist working for Ethiopia's Tigray TV has been found dead, his colleagues have told the BBC.

Dawit Kebede Araya was discovered on Wednesday along with another dead man inside a car in the Adi Hawsa neighbourhood of Mekelle, the capital of the Tigray region, they said.

Red Cross workers

reportedly collected the bodies and notified Tigray TV about the killings.

The authorities are yet to release any information about the incident.

A Tigray TV employee, who asked for anonymity, told BBC Tigrinya that the other person in the car was thought to be a brother of another journalist at

the station - and they both appeared to have been shot.

Dawit had recently returned to work at Tigray TV, which had closed operations during the military offensive in the region in November.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched a ground and air offensive on 4 November to oust the region's ruling party,

after its troops captured federal military bases

After government forces seized control of Mekelle on 28 November, the TV station resumed its broadcasts and recalled its staff.

According to staff at the TV station, after Dawit had returned to work he was detained for a number of days - and was released three days before he was found dead.

Reports of his detention have not been confirmed by the local authorities.

Security is tight in Mekelle where a dusk-to-dawn curfew is still in place.

Earlier in his career, Dawit had worked for several years with the state broadcaster, ETV, in the capital, Addis Ababa, and had also launched a Tigrinya news magazine. BBC



Dawit Kebede Araya had reportedly been detained for a number of days before he was killed

Jailed teenager wins blasphemy appeal in Nigeria

A 13-year-old boy who was handed a decade-long jail sentence for blasphemy last year will now walk free.

He was convicted by an Islamic court in August for making uncomplimentary remarks about God during an argument with a friend in

northern Kano state.

But a secular appeals court overturned the sentencing on Thursday, saying the child was a minor.

Last year's ruling by a Sharia court sparked international condemnation.

The UN children's agency, Unicef, said it "negate[d] all

core underlying principles of child rights and child justice that Nigeria - and by implication, Kano state - has signed on to".

In September 120 volunteers, led by the director of the Auschwitz memorial in Poland, offered to serve part of the original 10-year jail sentence given to the boy.

It is not clear whether the Kano state authorities that initially brought the case will further appeal. Kano is one of 12 Nigerian states practising the Sharia legal system alongside the country's secular laws.

Muslims form the majority in northern Nigeria, where only Muslims can be tried in the Sharia courts.

The appeals court also ordered a retrial in another blasphemy case, involving a singer sentenced to death by the Sharia court for using lyrics deemed blasphemous against the Prophet Muhammad. BBC



Islamic courts have their own police force in Kano

Top South African minister dies after Covid battle

Prominent South African politician Jackson Mthembu has died of Covid-related complications, President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced.

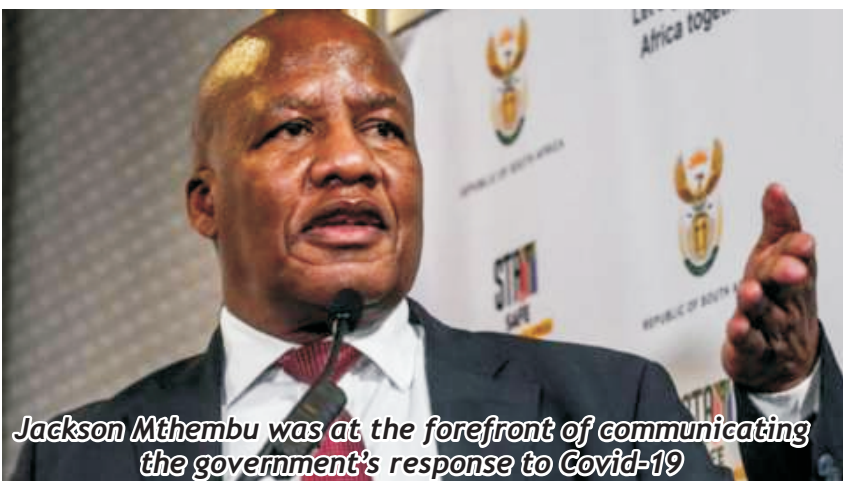
Mr Mthembu, who since 2019 had been serving as the minister in the presidency, was a parliamentarian and long-serving member of the governing African National Congress (ANC).

He had worked his way up the ranks over many years and has been described as a man of

overcome Covid-19."

Mr Mthembu will be remembered in media circles as one of the few officials who cultivated an open relationship between the media and those in power, even at the height of the tumultuous scandal-prone years of the previous administration.

He believed that politicians should be accountable to the people, a value that sometimes put him at odds with members of his own party



Jackson Mthembu was at the forefront of communicating the government's response to Covid-19

integrity.

In his tribute, President Ramaphosa said the 62-year-old was "an exemplary leader" and "life-long champion of democracy".

Ten days ago, Mr Mthembu shared news in a tweet that he had an abdominal pain and had tested positive for coronavirus. His last tweet on that same day read: "I want to thank the many South Africans who have wished me a speedy recovery. As a people we must

who preferred that some of the controversies, including allegations of widespread corruption and mismanagement of then-President Jacob Zuma's administration, be dealt with quietly within the party.

His name is trending on Twitter in South Africa, where many are paying tribute to his inspiring leadership, openness, kindness and humour. BBC

Advertise with us!

EDITORIAL

Govt. should pay poll workers

IT IS SADDEN, disgraceful and very embarrassing that poll workers hired by the National Elections Commission for the December 8, 2020 special senatorial election and national referendum are crying and protesting for stipend owed them over a month since the polls were conducted across the country. We just can't comprehend that the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning would delay in providing money to the NEC to pay stipends such as US\$50, US\$75 or US\$100 to poll workers who served under very strenuous circumstances during the poll.

ON THE EVE of the election in December 2020 we vividly recalled that polling staff across Montserrado County demanded stipend before being deployed. The ugly situation they tried to avoid has now caught up with them: The elections are over but pay cannot come. When will they receive it? Only heaven knows.

NEC CHAIRPERSON DAVIDETTA Browne-Lansanah last week appealed to protesting polling staff to exercise patience as the Commission continues to engage the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to make funds available to complete payment for all poll workers throughout the country.

MADAM BROWNE-LANSANAH SAID Thursday, 14 January the Commission, through its Finance Section is in daily discussion with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to quickly disburse remaining Five Million United States dollars (US\$5 Million) to clear all debts it owns not only poll workers, but vendors who also rendered electoral related services, including car rentals, printing, and the media.

BUT CHAIRPERSON BROWNE-LANSANAH should have known ever since that when she sliced her US\$17 million budget for the 2020 special senatorial elections and the National Referendum by US\$4million, she was already running into trouble such as the one before the doorstep of the Commission, for none of her predecessors had conducted nationwide election on a meager budget of US\$13 million.

WE BELIEVE HER decision to have accepted to operate on such a low budget for the senatorial election, national referendum and two by-elections for the House of Representatives was a very big mistake that she might be difficult, if not impossible, to correct under this administration.

MADAM BROWNE-LANSANAH WOULD face a serious task in convincing both lawmakers at the Capitol and the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to have an operational budget above US\$17 million for future election. She brought the bar very low for an important national endeavor that has left the Commission walloping in debts and strangled.

Apart from donor's support, we stand to be corrected, but the Government of Liberia's contribution to the December 8, 2020 senatorial election did not pass US\$5 million. We Liberians, including government always want others to do for us what ought to do for ourselves, as a nation.

THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT is faced with shortage of cash in banks, crucial issue like election should not be taken lightly. It requires adequate planning and funding to make outcomes successful, including payment to polling staff and vendors.

THE MINISTRY OF Finance and Development Planning should exert all efforts in providing money for the National Elections Commission to enable the electoral house meets its financial obligations to vendors, media houses and polling staff for services rendered during the election.

New Dawn
TRULY INDEPENDENT

Published by the Searchlight Communications Inc.,
UN Drive, P.O. Box 1266 Opposite National Investment Commission,
Monrovia-Liberia. Tel: +231-06484201, +231-77007529, +231-886978282 /
+231-775407211 Managing Editor: Othello B. Garblah; Editor-In-Chief: Jonathan

COMMENTARY

By Jeffrey D. Sachs

Liberation

Throughout America's history, the bigotry that fueled Donald Trump's rise to power has never been far from the surface. Trump's departure is an opportunity for a new beginning, not only in the deeply-wounded United States, but in multiethnic societies everywhere.

NEW YORK - In celebrating the liberation from Donald Trump's misrule, we must not forget that Trump's presidency embodied the raw politics of US white supremacy. He often spoke like a segregationist Southern governor of the 1960s, and, after losing the 2020 election, like a secessionist senator on the eve of the Civil War. To sustain the victory over Trump's destructive politics, we must overcome the racism that brought him to power. That urgent challenge faces not only the United States, but many multiethnic societies around the world.

Trump sold a segment of American society - white, older, less educated, Southern and Western, suburban and rural, evangelical Christian - on the idea that they could reclaim America's racist past. That group of voters, some 20-25% of American adults, became Trump's ardent base in the 2016 election. That base was large enough for Trump to capture the Republican Party and then to squeak to victory in the Electoral College, despite losing the popular vote by three million.

Other quirks of American politics enabled Trump's 2016 win. If a high proportion of Americans voted, as in countries where registration is automatic and voting is encouraged or even mandatory, Trump would not have come close to victory in 2016. But impediments to voting that burden African-Americans, the poor, and the young are a long-standing part of American politics, their purpose being to maintain the political and economic supremacy of wealthy white people. In short, their purpose is to enable the election of the likes of Trump.

Trump's vulgar politics demonstrated the persistence of his racist appeal to older white evangelicals, and to some younger voters as well, such as those who stormed the Capitol on January 6 and threatened to lynch Vice President Mike Pence for not blocking the certification of Joe Biden's victory in the Electoral College. Too few pundits emphasized the continuity of Trump's racist nostalgia with the similar politics of Ronald Reagan, who used the nearly identical slogan - "Let's Make America Great Again" - for the very same purpose.

Yet racist politics is not only an American problem, though America has been exceptionally affected by it since originating as a slaveholding society. Trump's political style finds counterparts in other multiethnic countries where racism similarly shapes the structures of power.

Consider Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, another corrupt and manipulative politician. Netanyahu has held on to power by denigrating Israeli Arabs and denying the most basic justice to the Palestinian people. American white evangelicals have held a deep kinship with the Israeli right, and Trump and Netanyahu have shared the same exclusionary politics.

Or consider Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, widely known as the "Trump of the Tropics." Here, too, the connection with Trump is more than just style and temperament. US white evangelical groups saw in Bolsonaro one of their own and worked assiduously to help him win. Bolsonaro now governs by attacking Afro-Brazilian culture and Brazil's indigenous populations.

Or consider Trump's close relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Some claim that Putin has kompromat (compromising material) on Trump. Others see shared financial interests. But another

part of the story is obvious political affinity. A major ingredient of Putin's success has been to remind ethnic Russians that they are the true leaders of Russia's multiethnic society. Putin's political embrace of Russian Orthodoxy mirrors Trump's political embrace of white evangelicalism.

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been another fulsome admirer of Trump, and the two lavished praise on each other during Trump's visit to India in 2020. Modi's base includes far-right Hindu nationalists who preach hate against India's Muslim-minority population. The Modi government's military occupation of Muslim-majority Kashmir in 2019 generated little international concern, but offers a stark example of violent ethnic repression for domestic political gain.

Alas, ethnic chauvinism can be found in almost every multiethnic society. It is no accident that Trump actually praised China's repression of the mainly Muslim Uighur population in Xinjiang province. Likewise, Myanmar's violent expulsion of the Muslim Rohingya population elicited mainly silence from the Trump administration.

If there is one constant in racist politics around the world, it is this near-universal persecution of indigenous populations. Around the world, indigenous peoples have been robbed of their lands, forced into servitude, brutally killed, and pushed into poverty by late-arriving settlers. Yet this dispossession was never enough for the conquerors. In addition to the infliction of harm, and even genocide, the conquerors also blamed the indigenous peoples for their woes, maligning them as lazy, untrustworthy, and dangerous as their lands were being stolen.

Yet there is also good news. Trump's defeat, and the overwhelming US public opprobrium that met the Capitol insurrectionists, holds the lesson that we can move beyond our worst instincts, fears, and biases. White racists in America are losing their grip on power, and they know it. The times really are changing. The American people voted Trump out of power. The day before the insurrection, Georgia's voters elected an African-American and a Jew as US senators - both firsts for the state that came at the expense of two pro-Trump incumbents.

Trump's departure is therefore an opportunity for a new beginning, not only in the deeply wounded US society, but in multiethnic divided societies everywhere. There is no excuse anywhere to govern by racial hatred and ethnic chauvinism. In the post-Trump era, governments everywhere should expel the hatemongers.

The world should also look back in history to help us move forward. In 1948, in the shadow of the atrocities of World War II, all member states of the new United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This magnificent declaration is based on the principle of universal human dignity, "without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status."

The Universal Declaration must be our lodestar. Its 75th anniversary in 2023 is approaching, and we have the means to say no to the haters, the demagogues, and the dividers. Trump left America in a shambles, with 400,000 dead from COVID-19, asking his followers to dispense with face masks. Now that we have instead dispensed with Trump, we can get on with the task of ending the pandemic and healing our deeply divided societies.



Lord, why if Chief Botswan was alive today?

Dear Father,

You know, I am sitting down here in my little corner today thinking about old man Chief Botswan. Why if the old man was alive today? I wonder what would he had told our greedy chiefs at the Traditional Council-just thinking out loud.

What do you mean my son, and why do you need the poor old man around for anyway?

Hmmm, I would have loved for him to ask those greedy Chiefs at our Traditional Council one question. The same way he asked those chiefs way back then.

Um, really my son?

Yes, oo Father. I would have loved to see him asking them the same way he asked those old chiefs after they sold their land to the White people who were looking for land for our forefathers to return to from Uncle Sam's Village those days.

You see, the people at the time sold their land to our forefathers and took the people money or whatever they gave them at the time. After they saw the way the people were using the land na, then they came back and say the people should move from on their land. Can you imagine that Father?

Da the noise they were making until all of them went to old man chief Botswan who used to live where they called Jamaica Road today.

Old man Chief Botswan just made the whole case short and sweet. He told those greedy Chiefs then that you have sold your land and accepted payment. So let the people have their land. Simply put, it na for you again.

Wise old man living in his days.

Yes, Father, he was truly wise indeed. People would say, he was way ahead of his generation.

So, tell me na my son, why do you so which that he was around today for na?

Hmm, Father, have you heard of late the noise about some 25 years old contract the Chiefs them okay some time ago during the Old lady era to some of Uncle Sam's cousins to manage our big shipping yard?

Yes, my son, I remembered.

Okay, da whole deal na backfired. The people are abusing the contract left, right center and our chiefs can't do fewn!

Tell me something my son!

Yes oo Father. They can't do fewn. Those greedy chiefs sat down there and signed something they did not even read with care and committed our village to it. Even after they read it in black and white that this contract will go for its entire 25 years and will not be review-they said yea.

In fact, just days after they finished signing the contract before they even realize that our village was to pay royalty to the people instead of they paying royalty to our village.

Are you kidding me?

Oh, you just hearing this one Father. I swear to my grandma and aunty tay-tay waters, because da their tay-tay water I suck, the chiefs were only after the brown envelope to sign.

You know what they people can say ehn-if you want to hide something from black man put it in sidea book because black man na get patient to read.

Yes, so it haunting them na and we the poor people in the village are suffering. Now they want to change it but it na choked them. We inside.

So, you see, if old man Chief Botswan was around he would have told them not to disturb his peace.

And Father you know, that reminds me of one Wise man from Uncle Sam's village who said he charge our people 50,000 Uncle Sam's money to help our people renegotiate the big mining contract in our village.

He said all the people that the Old lady sent at the time to talk on behalf of our village were just looking stupid. They have never negotiated any deal like that before and their only focus was on perdiem. He said our village was going to be short changed had he not put his legal and negotiating skills to work.

Truth be told, it's better for us to call in people who know about these kinds of contracts to negotiate on our behalf than for us to sign something just to come back and say it was not fair. No one force you. If it was the brown envelopes that blinded your eyes, just tell us. Now we the poor village people have to pay for your greed!



With Jones Mallay

fredrickdiamondm@yahoo.com

LIBERIA POLITICAL HOT-FIRE

Can Pres. Weah Football Popularity Earns Him A 2nd-Term in 2023 Given the Humiliating Defeat His Party Sustained in the December 8th. 2020 Senatorial Election?

The Congress for Democratic Change was established in 2004. A credible source revealed that one Joshua Sackie led a movement to petition President Weah to contest the Liberian presidency for the first time in 2005 because according to the source George Weah wanted to kill himself due to the unavailability of a job. The movement was quickly transformed into a political party known and styled today as Congress for Democratic Change, CDC.

The party was officially certificated in July 2005 by the National Elections Commission as a political party to contest the October general and presidential elections which took Pres. What to an election for the first time when he was endorsed as the party standard-bearer in a convention held in August 2005? The CDC is not one of the known mainstream political parties in Liberia such as the Unity Party, Liberty Party, National Democratic Party of Liberia, etc., it was formed out of political desperation by George Weah to gain political power according to one source familiar with the CDC.

CDC political survival and total independence rest exclusively on the shoulders of Pres. George MannahWeah's popularity which he earned during his 18 years of successful football adventures at home and abroad. Interestingly, looking at the illiteracy rate at 52% in Liberia coupled with acute poverty, weak educational system, and devastating economy, Pres. With magnificently used his advantage to translate his 18 years of football popularity to exploit those volatilized sectors in gaining a huge political victory first, as senior Senator in 2014 and current Liberia 25th president.

Pres. Weah's popularity resonated with Liberia's young millennium, especially the so-called downtrodden, Yanna-boys, market women, school dropouts, and most especially ex-rebel fighters and war-lords who viewed him as their Mensah, a Hero and their guy who will not implement a war crime court in Liberia. He was also viewed as a downtrodden who lived and grew up and experienced acute poverty and survived in one of Monrovia's known slums Borough of New Kru Town, like thousands of other less fortunate young Liberians.

Aside from the aforementioned different populations, there is another population that joined the rank and file of Pres. Weah's CDC, that population includes some traditional corrupt retired Liberian politicians whose fundamental mission in the CDC is to exploit Pres. Due to his little experience in politics and lack of exposure internationally to manage a government. The CDC party is therefore a host to multiple different populations with computing interests and hidden political objectives.

For example, the massive humiliation defeat of the CDC in the just ended Dec. 8th, 2020 Senatorial election is a serious referendum on Pres. Weah's popularity and his bid for the 2023 presidential election for his 2nd term. It is also a huge referendum on the entire CDC's different computing populations within the rank of the CDC starting with its centralized leadership trend. Emphatically, the entire CDC leadership has zero popularity of its own and zero political influence and contacts at home and abroad.

Sources confirmed that 95% of CeDecians and their leadership are regarded as a bunch of hustlers and wealth hunters, who are militant in thinking, lack interest in schooling, lack domestic political experience, very acrimonious, emotional, lack former education to manage the CDC as a political institution. The source continues, the CeDecians possessed the characteristics of being desperately provocative with rebellion posture and intolerable. What is annoying according to the source is the fact that when experienced, well-educated and politically talented Liberians try to join the CDC party, Cedecians fostered politics of marginalization, segregation, discrimination and suddenly declared such person of interest as a stranger in the CDC party. As a result, the new members leave the party. This is one major problem that will continue to create avenues of defeat for the CDC's political party in Liberia.

Another problem that will always cause the defeat of CeDecians in any future political contest is their habitual singing tendencies, yelling attitude, marginalization theory within its rank and file, direct and indirect extortion of money from people for jobs, massive corrupt practices, making tremendous unnecessary political battle-cries coupled with numerous militant proclamations to energize CeDecians politically, is doing the CDC more harm than good. The CDC party is not financially accountable and transparent, the party according to one source survives on state resources, because the entire leadership lacks the abilities and the experience to generate funds apart from donations, heavy fines, and taxations of its poor members, and exertion of funds for the promise of a job.

Another problem that would affect CDC future elections will be due to Pres. What's a failure to address the acute multiple economic, social welfare, educational challenges facing the downtrodden masses, especially the youth who do not have food to eat, and do they have a place to sleep. Most of the youths in the CDC party have either become visible vagabonds or they have lost total hope in Pres. Weah and the CDC have no solution to their nightmare. The party has created a middleman status where the top dogs look down on the illiterate youths in the party and this will continue to affect CDC future changes to succeed in any political elections.

The final problem is the fact that CDC has marginalized its original political alliances, these include, the National Patriotic Party and the Liberia People's Democratic Party. All political appointees are Cedecians. Members of the alliance are being discriminated against and sidelined by CDC political doctrine of discrimination and segregation constitutes a deep-seated betrayal by leadership endorsed by Pres. We will affect CDC in any future political elections.

Copyright: Project Syndicate, 2020. www.project-syndicate.org



Republic of Liberia
CIVIL SERVICE AGENCY (CSA)

"Ensuring Merit and Efficiency in the Public Service"



Invitation for the Position of Auditor General of the Republic of Liberia

Background

Established by an Act of the National Legislature in 2014 ("the Act"), the General Auditing Commission (GAC) supports Legislative oversight of the management of public resources. As the independent constitutional external auditor of Liberia, the GAC serves the people of Liberia by conducting quality and timely financial, compliance and performance audits. Headed by the Auditor General of the Republic of Liberia, the GAC is mandated to periodically conduct professional audit of all government ministries and agencies, and reports audit results and recommendations to the Legislature with copies to the President.

According to Section 2.1.5, the Auditor General shall hold office for a term of seven (7) years and shall not be eligible for reappointment. Consequently, given the tenure of the current Auditor General is nearing expiration, the Government of Liberia, in compliance with Part 2, Section 2.1 of the ACT, is recruiting to fill the position of Auditor-General of the Republic of Liberia.

The Duties and Responsibilities of the Auditor General:

- a) The Auditor General shall be the auditor of the public accounts and public funds of the Republic of Liberia. Subject to sub-section (b) below, the Auditor General shall carry out such audits and inquiries as he/she considers necessary of public entities and funds owned or controlled by the Government to enable reporting as required by the General Auditing Commission Act of 2014.
- b) Notwithstanding the generality of sub-section (a) of this Section:
 - (i) the Auditor General shall carry out the annual audit of the Government's annual consolidated financial statements; and
 - (ii) the scope of audits by the Auditor General for the Judicial Branch of Government shall exclude matters relating to court decisions and for the Legislative Branch of Government shall exclude matters relating to the merits of legislation.
- c) The Auditor General shall have the right to determine which audits are to be carried out, to select the type of audit to be carried out, when to carry them out and report the findings.
- d) In the performance of his/her operational duties as set out in sub-section (c) above, the Auditor General shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority.
- e) The Auditor General and the staff of the General Auditing Commission shall carry out audits, but shall not be involved, or seen to be involved, in any manner, in management's responsibilities of the organizations being audited

Qualification for Selection and Appointment

A person shall be appointed as Auditor General only if:

- (i) the person is a Liberian citizen;
- (ii) the person possesses at least one professional certification such as a CPA, CA, or ACCA from a recognized professional accountancy body;
- (iii) the person possesses at least a Bachelor degree in accounting, audit, business, finance or a related field;
- (iv) the person possesses a minimum of fifteen (15) years of relevant work experience, including an understanding of the role of a Supreme Audit Institution; and
- (v) the person is of a high moral character, with integrity and impartiality, and who has neither been convicted of any criminal offence nor judgement or been declared bankrupt, in any jurisdiction.

SUBMISSION OF INTENT

To be considered for inclusion in the recruitment process, please submit your CV, Cover Letter, and all relevant Credentials to:

In Person Delivery: Civil Service Agency (CSA)
Ministerial Complex, Congo Town
Monrovia, Liberia

Via Email: agapplication@csa.gov.lr

Deadline for Application:

Friday, February 12, 2021 @ 4 O'Clock P.M. (GMT)

Court rules in late James Cooper's residue property at Water Street

By Emmanuel Mondaye

The Monthly and Probate Court at the Temple of Justice by and thru Mr. Aaron E. Cooper, Jr. has served legal notice on occupants of the residue property of the late James Francis Cooper, situated at Water Street in Monrovia.

According to the Court document, dated 25 August 2020, all persons

been ruled against Madam Elsie Cooper and Madam Hellen Cooper, respectively, in the Monthly and Probate Court of the Republic of Liberia.

Furthermore, the Court said there exist no legal agreement between the authorized Administrators of the intestate estate of the late Aaron E. Cooper, and Madam Elsie Cooper and



occupying the residue property/a portion of the late James Francis Cooper estate are hereby not to pay any rent and/or enter into any lease agreement with Madam Hellen Cooper.

The Court also advised that the matter regarding the residue property of the late James Francis Cooper estate has

Madam Hellen Cooper.

The Court document explained that based upon the ruling by the Monthly and Probate Court on 29th July 2020, Aaron E. Cooper, Jr. has been recognized as the new administrator of the residue property of the estate.

▶ CONT'D ON PAGE 10

Death Announcement



This is to announce the death of Mrs. Joyce S. Noah. This sad event occurred at the St. Joseph Catholic Hospital after a brief illness.

The body has been deposited at the St. Moses Funeral Parlours. Funeral Service will be held at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Gardnersville on January 30, 2021 and burial along the Roberts Field Highway.

She leaves to mourn several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Andrew S. Noah, Mrs. Juliana Tantu Noah Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Noah Wessi. This announcement was brought in by Mr. Andrew S. Noah and Mrs. Juliana Tantu Noah Johnson on behalf of the family.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Patients to start paying for services at Phebe Hospital

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan in Bong County

Phebe Hospital Acting Administrator, Reverend Victor Padmore has disclosed that the Hospital's Management will shortly begin charging patients for treatment and services rendered at the

hospital.

Phebe Hospital is owned by the Lutheran, Methodist and Episcopal Churches, but it receives subsidies from the government and implements government's policies.

According to Rev. Padmore, childbearing mothers and children are usually catered to

the hospital's management to assist the government to run the hospital, considering the fact that the government is overwhelmed with huge challenges.

Rev. Padmore says there are rumors circulating that the government will shortly withdraw additional two medical doctors from Phebe Hospital.

However, several residents of Bong County are stressing the need need for an understanding to be reached between the government and hospital's board, as the lives of the ordinary people who cannot afford going to private health facilities will be endangered if the fight for supremacy continues at Phebe Hospital.

The citizens expressing their views on the latest development during a Radio Gbarnga breakfast program say it will be appropriate for the government to keep supporting the Hospital so as to continue its free medication to the ordinary citizens in the county and part adjacent.

"Let those in government understand that it is not about the hospital's administration, but about the lives of people who cannot afford to go to private hospitals," one caller

▶ CONT'D ON PAGE 11



hospital. The disclosure comes as the alleged fight for supremacy between the government and churches intensifies leading to a reported draw down in government's supports to the

on a free of charge basis. But he now says patients, including childbearing mothers and children will begin paying for the services and medication in the coming weeks. Rev. Padmore explains that the move is part of efforts by

Physically challenged widow cries for support

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan (Bong County)

Mary Wolo, a physically challenged widow in Gbarnga, Bong County has launched an SOS call to goodwill citizens both in Liberia and abroad to help her establish a business to improve her living condition.

Mary became paralyzed more than 30 years ago and has over the past years struggled with her current condition, as she usually stands on one leg to gather potato-greens for sale to fend for her kids.

The physically challenged widow lost her husband about one year ago. She tells a local broadcaster in Gbarnga that she wants to establish a provision shop in the VI Community, which according to her will significantly contribute to improving her livelihood.

With her little business, Ma Mary believes that she will

also be able to send her three children to school and cater to other domestic affairs.

"I am crippled, my husband died and before me and my children eat, I have to either beg or do a contract in someone's

garden, then when they give me potato-greens or cassava leaves, I sell them to buy food," she explains in sorrow.

Marry says she currently needs food, asking God to bless whoever that will see the need and make a contribution.--Edited by Winston W. Parley



Defense Minister applauds India

The Minister of National Defense, Maj. /Gen. Daniel Dee Ziankahn, Jr., (Rtd.) has praised the Government and people of India for their numerous contributions towards the developmental agenda of Liberia, especially the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL).

The Liberian Defense Minister said India's contributions to the AFL have helped the force become a "force for good".

The Liberian Defense Minister spoke on Thursday, January 21, 2020, at the 14

Liberia with residency in Ghana, His Excellency, SailasThangal, expressed joy to be a part of the unveiling and naming ceremony of the Shanti Block at the 14 Military Hospital.

He noted that the unveiling and naming of the Shanti Block played a significant role in the collaboration and cooperation between India and Liberia. According to him, health is very important in the existence of mankind, describing health as wealth.

Ambassador Thangal used the occasion to applaud Shri Upjit Singh Sachdeva, India's Honorary Consul General to



Military Hospital during the unveiling and naming ceremony of the Shanti Block which was financed by the Government and people of India.

The Shanti Block is an emergency annex to the 14 Military Hospital with a modern surgical theater, which contains a thirty-bed capacity with associated offices.

For his part, the Indian Ambassador accredited to

Liberia, for his unmatched humanitarian and developmental contributions to the people of Liberia.

He also thanked those who have contributed immensely to the successful construction of the 14 Military Hospital adding, that though the hospital is yet to be dedicated, it has contributed significantly to the health needs of the general public by opening its doors in catering to Covid-19 patients.

GET ACCESS TO THE

The New Dawn TRULY INDEPENDENT

www.thenewdawnliberia.com



Daily

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

MIGA backs use of Solar to Power Cell Towers in Sierra Leone and Liberia

MIGA, a member of the World Bank Group, has issued guarantees of up to US\$25.6 million to Escotel Mauritius covering its investments in solar power generation in Liberia and Sierra Leone for a period of up to ten years.

The MIGA guarantees provide protection to Escotel Mauritius against the risks of Transfer Restriction,

expensive diesel generators. Of the US\$25.6 million in guarantees, US\$13.5 million is for Escotel (SL) Limited in Sierra Leone, and US\$12.06 million is for Escotel Liberia Inc.

“MIGA’s clean energy guarantees to Escotel Mauritius will contribute positively to GHG reductions in Liberia and Sierra Leone,” said MIGA Executive Vice President Hiroshi Matano.

long-term development and has one of the lowest rates of electrification in the world. Only 12 percent of the 4.8 million Liberians, and less than 20 percent of residents in the capital, Monrovia, have access to electricity.

“MIGA’s guarantees allowed us to raise capital and invest in a challenging market,” said Michel Hubert, CEO of Escotel



Expropriation, and War and Civil Disturbance.

MIGA’s guarantees will support the provision of electricity and logistical services to power existing and future cell phone towers (Telecommunication Network Sites or TNS) in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Escotel projects will be providing power through considerably more efficient and climate-friendly power solutions by installing photovoltaic solar panels at each TNS that will either supplement or replace entirely the diesel generators.

This will allow the telecommunication operator to modernize and expand the scope and quality of its services and will have a significant impact since providing power to TNS currently represents about 50 percent of the total operating costs due to unreliable supply and heavy reliance on

“The cost savings through a more energy- and cost-efficient supply of clean power also send a strong signal to other telecom providers in Africa.”

MIGA’s support for these projects will yield significant climate mitigation benefits. It is expected that 600 TNS will be modernized by 2028 in Sierra Leone, resulting in an avoidance of more than 58,000 tons of CO2 equivalent (CO2e) emissions over the period. In Liberia, nearly 158,000 tons of CO2e emissions will be avoided by the modernization of 612 TNS over the same period.

Off grid and on grid power is very unreliable in both Sierra Leone and Liberia. In Sierra Leone, only 16 percent of the population has access to electricity; the electrification rate in the vast rural parts of the country is almost zero. Liberia still faces significant challenges transitioning its power sector from post-conflict recovery to

Mauritius. “We are proud to help operators reduce reliance on fossil fuels, giving people better access to telecommunication services and supporting economic transformation, and are looking forward to implementing this model in other geographies.”

MIGA was created in 1988 as a member of the World Bank Group to promote foreign direct investment in emerging economies by helping mitigate the risks of restrictions on currency conversion and transfer, breach of contract by governments, expropriation, and war & civil disturbance; and offering credit enhancement to private investors and lenders.

Since its creation, MIGA has issued over US\$59 billion in guarantees across 118 developing countries.

Foreign Minister Kemayah chairs Board at Baptist Seminary

The Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary (LBTS) on Thursday, 21 January had first of its kind, the opening convocation and matriculation service for about 46 students for the academic year 2020/2021 and the official taking over of the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees at the institution.

According a press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the President of LBTS, Rev. Momolu A. Massaquoi (PhD), says this is the first time the institution has embarked on the exercise of matriculating students in the seminary, noting that with new culture, they are moving to a new direction.

Speaking during the matriculation service, the new Chairman of the board of trustees and Liberia’s Foreign Minister, Deacon Ambassador Dee-Maxwell SaahKemayah, Sr., says he is very much pleased with utmost humility at this point and time to take over the mantle of authority as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of this great seminary.

“I accept this wholeheartedly to the glory and honor of God. Let me be

Work. The Foreign Minister indicates that this will be used as a tool for his duty and responsibility given him on the Board of Trustees.

Serving as keynote speaker, the Director for Quality, Assurance, National Commission on Higher Education, Rev. James Andrew Lablah shared with the students the (5c) for becoming successful during and after their studies.

Starting with competence, he says it is the ability of an individual to do a work properly.

“It is the desire that you have to do all of your academic work accordingly, and doing it as it is required,” he says.

Rev. Lablah explains further that competence includes all the related knowledge, skills, abilities, and attributes that form your work.

According to him, competence begins on the training ground, noting that it starts from the classroom and you can begin it here and right now.

“If you came with a mind to work hard, study hard and get the result that you deserve, then you are on the right track of becoming competent,” he



Ambassador Dee Maxwell Saah Kemayah

quick to point out that as we embark on this new role of ours as Chairman of the Board of Trustees ..., we do so and will provide our leadership as the first among equal to use the core value which I crafted since 1978,” Ambassador Kemayah states.

He took over as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from Dr. Aaron G. Marshall.

The Liberian Foreign Minister intones that he crafted this core value which has guided him through his life, saying he named it “TEACH”, meaning Transparency, Equity, Accountability, Client and Hard

continues. He cautions that a strong “B” or even stronger “C” is better than a weak “A,” speaking in reference of classroom performance.

However he says this is not meant to discourage students or make them think of settling for the least, but they must have a desire to justify their education by proving what they have learnt through hard work.

Touching on commitment, Rev. Lablah explains that it has to do with your willingness to give your time and energy to

WWW **Advertize Here!**
Subscribe to our website
 get the best of balance and accurate news, delivered daily

Français

Mme Sirleaf adresse son message de félicitation à Mme Kamala Harris

La première femme présidente du Libéria et d'Afrique, Mme Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a adressé un message de félicitations à la vice-présidente des États-Unis d'Amérique, Mme Kamala Harris, première femme noire et d'origine asiatique à occuper ce poste.

Kamala Harris a pris ses fonctions le mercredi 20 janvier, aux côtés du président Joseph R. Biden. Quelques semaines avant son investiture, elle a déclaré qu'elle se tenait sur les épaules de générations de femmes qui lui avaient ouvert la voie.

Mme Sirleaf, un modèle et une inspiration pour les femmes du monde entier, a été la première femme démocratiquement élue à la tête d'un Etat Africain.

Dans son message à Kamala, Mme Sirleaf, dont la Fondation Amujay se concentre sur l'autonomisation des femmes dans le monde, voit l'ascension de la nouvelle vice-présidente américaine comme une victoire pour les femmes du monde entier.

«Je vous adresse toutes mes félicitations, à vous, à votre famille, au peuple américain et aux femmes du monde entier qui se tiendront debout à votre image, a-t-elle déclaré.

Mme Sirleaf a rappelé comment elle a rencontré Kamala pour la première fois lors de sa dernière visite au Capitole en tant que présidente du Libéria le 25 septembre 2017.

« Encore toute

fraichement élue sénatrice, vous étiez parmi les distingués membres du parlement à m'accueillir, dont le sénateur Chris Coons (D-DE), le sénateur Jeff Flake (R-AZ), la présidente Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), les membres du Congrès Ed Royce (R-CA) et Nita Lowey (D-NY).

Vous et vos collègues avez clairement indiqué que le

▶ CONT'D ON PAGE 9



L'affaire du départ à la retraite de 230 agents de la police nationale du Libéria

Les noms et les dates de naissance des 230 agents de la Police nationale libérienne (LNP) mis à la retraite ont été générés par un système automatisé mis en place pendant le processus d'harmonisation, à en croire le ministère des finances et de la planification du développement et l'Agence de la Fonction Publique.

L'inspecteur général de police nationale du Libéria, le colonel Patrick, et les autorités de l'Agence de la fonction publique et du ministère de la fonction publique se sont entretenus mercredi avec les agents de police qui vont très prochainement aller à la retraite pour discuter des questions cruciales.

Lors d'un entretien à la suite

de la réunion avec les retraités, le colonel Suduea fait savoir que les autorités de la police nationale du Libéria n'ont pas pris part au processus, elles n'ont fait qu'envoyer la liste des policiers qui devaient prendre leur retraite.

2149 employés des institutions gouvernementales auraient été mises à la retraite en août 2020 en se basant sur les informations générées par le système automatisé. Le colonel Suduea a nié les rumeurs selon lesquelles les policiers qui iront prochainement à la retraite ont été choisis par lui. Il s'est félicité du fait que M. Dell Francis Wreh et le directeur général de l'ASC James Thompson aient pu préciser lors de la réunion que la liste a été générée par un système automatisé. 75 des 230 retraités de la LNP sont des policiers et le reste des civils.

Selon le colonel Suduea, l'équipe du ministère des



Commerce Min. Mawine G. Diggs

▶ CONT'D ON PAGE 9

Présidence Biden : au Nigeria, les attentes sont fortes



Au Nigeria, comme sur le reste du continent, l'investiture de Joe Biden apporte l'espoir d'un regain d'intérêt pour la diplomatie africaine à la Maison Blanche alors que le mandat de Donald Trump avait été marqué par un repli des États-Unis et l'affaiblissement des grandes organisations internationales, dont l'Afrique bénéficie largement. C'est bien une nouvelle ère qui s'ouvre selon le président Muhammadu Buhari, qui s'est dit « pressé de travailler avec Joe Biden ».

L'investiture de Joe Biden et Kamala Harris fait renaître « l'espoir et l'optimisme », assure le communiqué de la présidence nigérienne, qui souhaite une collaboration « positive » avec la nouvelle administration américaine.

Comme un symbole de cette nouvelle ère, un titre du chanteur nigérian Burna Boy faisait partie des chansons sélectionnées pour accompagner la cérémonie.

Un motif de fierté supplémentaire pour le Nigeria, alors que plusieurs personnalités issues de la diaspora ont été promues autour du nouveau chef de l'État américain :

L'ancien président de la fondation Obama, Adewale « Wally » Adeyemo - qui est né au Nigeria et a grandi dans le

sud de la Californie - a notamment été choisi pour occuper le poste de secrétaire adjoint au Trésor des États-Unis. S'il est confirmé à ce poste, il sera le premier Afro-Américain à diriger le ministère des Finances de la première puissance économique mondiale.

La jeune Osaremen Okolo, 26 ans, née aux États-Unis de parents nigériens a quant à elle été nommée au poste de conseillère dans l'équipe de riposte au Covid-19.

Certains au Nigeria espèrent aussi que l'arrivée de Joe Biden au pouvoir permettra d'accélérer la nomination de la Nigérienne Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala à la tête de l'OMC, l'Organisation mondiale du Commerce. En compétition avec la Sud-Coréenne Yoo Myung-hee, la Nigérienne a le soutien de l'Europe et de l'Afrique, mais n'avait pas celui des États-Unis.

Et bien sûr que la refonte de la politique d'immigration américaine bénéficiera aux Nigériens, visés par les importantes restrictions imposées durant le mandat de Donald Trump. En janvier 2020, les États-Unis ont ajouté trois pays africains, le Nigeria, le Soudan et la Tanzanie, à la liste des pays inclus dans le décret anti-immigration promulgué en 2017 par Donald Trump.

Advertise with us!

Français

Mme Sirleaf adresse son

Libéria et les États-Unis étaient liés par une histoire commune, des valeurs et des intérêts communs, et que ceux-ci perdureraient bien au-delà de tout régime aux États-Unis et au Libéria.

À l'époque, vous étiez une jeune sénatrice de la Californie. Un peu plus de trois ans plus tard, vous êtes désormais vice-présidente des États-Unis. Ma devise a toujours été que si vos rêves ne vous font pas peur, ils ne sont pas assez grands », a dit Mme Sirleaf. L'ancienne présidente libérienne a également remercié le président américain Biden

d'avoir choisi Kamala comme vice-présidente, tout en le félicitant pour son investiture en tant que 46^e président des États-Unis d'Amérique.

« Monsieur le Président, merci pour votre engagement à réengager la communauté mondiale pour construire un monde plus fort dans le collectif qui ne laisse personne ni nation pour compte. Cela exige la responsabilité des gouvernements envers les gouvernés.

Le monde se tourne vers l'équipe Biden-Harris alors que nous affrontons ensemble nos nombreux défis et opportunités », a-t-elle conclu.

L'affaire du départ

finances et de l'Agence de la fonction publique a informé les retraités que pendant le processus d'harmonisation, le gouvernement a mis en place un règlement qui obligeait chacun des employés, y compris ceux qui sont maintenant à la retraite, à présenter leur carte d'identité nationale.

« C'est à partir des cartes d'identité nationales que l'équipe du ministère des Finances et de l'Agence de la fonction publique ont déterminé ceux qui devraient aller à la retraite. Ils ont donc compris cela et c'est maintenant clair. Beaucoup d'entre eux pensaient qu'ils avaient été recensés par nous pour aller à la retraite », a dit le patron de la police.

Le Colonel Sudue s'est dit très satisfait de la stratégie qui a été mise en place pour la sélection des retraités, ajoutant que la police nationale du Libéria a pour politique d'informer ceux qui

doivent aller à la retraite six mois à l'avance.

Le colonel Sudue a déclaré que les 230 travailleurs devraient prendre leur retraite au mois d'août en 2020, l'an dernier, mais suite à l'intervention des autorités de la police nationale du Libéria auprès des autorités du ministère des finances et de l'Agence de la fonction publique, le processus a été retardé.

« Et c'est parce que nous n'étions pas au courant que les choses s'étaient passées ainsi. Nous avons donc immédiatement commencé à envoyer des lettres à ceux qui prendront leur retraite en janvier. Ils ont reçu leurs lettres il y a des mois, je pense », a-t-il dit.

Au colonel Sudue de déclarer que la LNP tente de mettre en place une mesure corrective et que le ministère des Finances n'était pas au courant de la réglementation de la police au départ.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Jeffrey D. Sachs

La libération

NEW YORK - Aujourd'hui libérés du règne désastreux de Donald Trump, nous ne devons pas oublier que sa présidence a représenté la politique brute du suprématisme blanc aux États-Unis. Le discours de Trump a souvent rappelé celui d'un gouverneur ségrégationniste du sud dans les années 1960, puis, après sa défaite à l'élection de 2020, celui d'un sénateur sécessionniste à la veille de la guerre civile de 1861. Pour consolider la victoire sur la politique destructrice de Trump, nous devons surmonter le racisme qui l'a porté jusqu'au pouvoir. Ce défi urgent ne concerne d'ailleurs pas seulement les États-Unis, mais également de nombreuses sociétés multiethniques à travers le monde.

Un segment de la société américaine composé de Blancs, seniors, non diplômés, habitants des banlieues et campagnes du sud et de l'ouest, ainsi que de chrétiens évangéliques, s'est laissé séduire par l'idée proposée par Trump selon laquelle ils pourraient renouer avec le passé raciste de l'Amérique. Les électeurs de cette catégorie, à savoir 20 à 25 % des Américains adultes, sont devenus d'ardents partisans de Trump à l'approche de l'élection de 2016. Cette base s'est révélée suffisamment large pour permettre à Trump de prendre les rennes du Parti républicain, puis de décrocher la victoire auprès du collège électoral, après avoir pourtant perdu le vote populaire d'une marge de trois millions de voix.

Mais la victoire de Trump en 2016 repose également sur d'autres aberrations dans la politique aux États-Unis. Si une proportion élevée d'Américains avait voté, comme dans les pays au sein desquels l'inscription sur les listes électorales est automatique, et le vote encouragé voire obligatoire, Trump serait passé très loin de la victoire en 2016. Seulement voilà, les obstacles au vote pour les Afro-Américains, les plus démunis, et les jeunes, constituent une caractéristique de longue date de la politique aux États-Unis, dont l'objectif principal consiste à maintenir la suprématie politique et économique des Blancs les plus fortunés. En quelques mots, l'objectif consiste à favoriser la victoire de candidats tels que Trump.

La politique grossière de Trump a révélé la persistance de l'attrait raciste suscité chez les Blancs évangéliques d'un certain âge, ainsi que chez certains électeurs jeunes, comme ceux qui ont pris d'assaut le Capitole le 6 janvier, et menacé de lyncher le vice-président Mike Pence pour ne pas avoir empêché la certification de la victoire de Joe Biden devant le collège électoral. Les commentateurs ont trop rarement insisté sur la continuité qui existe entre la nostalgie raciste de Trump et les politiques similaires observées sous Ronald Reagan, qui avait formulé un slogan quasi-identique - « Let's Make America Great Again » - avec précisément les mêmes finalités.

Si la politique raciste ne constitue pas un problème exclusivement américain, elle est un trait caractéristique d'une Amérique à l'origine société esclavagiste. Le style politique de Trump trouve des équivalents dans d'autres pays multiethniques au sein desquels le racisme façonne les structures de pouvoir.

Songez au Premier ministre israélien Benjamin Netanyahu, lui aussi politicien corrompu et manipulateur. Netanyahu est parvenu à maintenir son emprise sur le pouvoir en dénigrant les Arabes israéliens, ainsi qu'en refusant au peuple palestinien la justice la plus essentielle. Les évangéliques blancs américains éprouvent de profondes affinités avec la droite israélienne, à l'instar d'un Trump et d'un Netanyahu qui partagent les mêmes politiques d'exclusion.

Songez au président brésilien Jair Bolsonaro, sorte de « Trump des tropiques ». Ici à nouveau, la proximité avec Trump va au-delà du style et du tempérament. Les groupes évangéliques blancs américains ont vu en Bolsonaro l'un des leurs, et ont œuvré activement pour sa victoire. Bolsonaro gouverne désormais en s'attaquant à la culture afro-brésilienne ainsi qu'aux populations indigènes du Brésil.

Songez encore à l'étroite relation entre Trump et le président russe Vladimir Poutine. Certains affirment que Trump disposerait d'un kompromat (c'est-à-dire d'informations compromettantes) sur Trump. D'autres

parlent d'intérêts financiers communs. Un autre aspect réside tout simplement dans des affinités politiques évidentes. L'un des principaux ingrédients de la réussite de Poutine consiste à rappeler aux Russes de souche qu'ils sont les seuls vrais leaders de la société multiethnique du pays. Les étrointes politiques de Poutine avec l'orthodoxie russe ont pour reflet miroir celles de Trump avec l'évangélisme blanc.

Le Premier ministre indien Narendra Modi est lui aussi un fervent admirateur de Trump, les deux ayant généreusement fait l'éloge l'un de l'autre lors de la visite de Trump en Inde en 2020. Ici encore, la base électorale de Modi se compose de nationalistes hindous de droite, qui prônent la haine contre une population musulmane minoritaire dans le pays. Si l'occupation militaire d'un Cachemire à majorité musulmane par le gouvernement Modi en 2019 a peu perturbé la communauté internationale, elle offre un exemple clair de répression ethnique violente menée à des fins politiques nationales.

Un chauvinisme ethnique s'observe hélas dans la quasi-totalité des sociétés multiethniques. Ce n'est pas un hasard si Trump a salué la répression menée par la Chine contre une population ouïghoure principalement musulmane dans la province du Xinjiang. De même, l'expulsion violente de la population musulmane rohingya hors de Birmanie a suscité très peu de réactions dans l'administration Trump.

S'il est une constante dans la politique raciste à travers le monde, c'est bien la persécution quasi-systématique des populations indigènes. Partout dans le monde, ces peuples sont privés de leurs terres, contraints à la servitude, poussés vers la pauvreté par des colons tout juste installés, voire tués. Or, cette dépossession n'a jamais suffi aux peuples conquérants. En plus d'infliger des souffrances, voire un génocide, les conquérants ont toujours reproché leurs propres maux aux peuples indigènes, en les qualifiant d'êtres paresseux, peu dignes de confiance, et dangereux, alors même que les terres de ces derniers leur étaient dérobées.

Mais il y a également de bonnes nouvelles. La défaite de Trump, et l'opprobre public très puissant adressé par les Américains aux assaillants du Capitole, ont pour enseignement notre capacité à nous élever au-dessus de nos pires instincts, préjugés et peurs. Les racistes blancs d'Amérique perdent de l'emprise sur le pouvoir, et ils le savent. Les temps évoluent réellement. Le peuple américain a voté le départ de Trump. La veille de l'insurrection, les électeurs de Géorgie étaient un sénateur afro-américain et un sénateur juif à la tête d'un État perdu par deux candidats pro-Trump.

La défaite de Trump offre ainsi l'opportunité d'un nouveau départ, non seulement pour une société américaine profondément blessée, mais également pour les sociétés multiethniques divisées du monde entier. Nulle part ne saurait être justifiée une gouvernance fondée sur la haine raciale et le chauvinisme ethnique. Dans l'ère post-Trump, partout dans le monde, les gouvernements doivent en finir avec les semeurs de haine.

Le monde doit également se remémorer son histoire s'il entend aller de l'avant. En 1948, au lendemain des atrocités de la Seconde guerre mondiale, tous les États membres des Nations Unies adoptaient la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme. Ce texte magnifique repose sur le principe d'une dignité humaine universelle, « sans distinction aucune, notamment de race, de couleur, de sexe, de langue, de religion, d'opinion politique ou de toute autre opinion, d'origine nationale ou sociale, de fortune, de naissance ou de toute autre situation ».

Cette déclaration universelle doit rester notre étoile polaire. Nous célébrerons son 75^e anniversaire en 2023, et nous avons le pouvoir de dire non aux partisans de la haine, de la démagogie et de la division. Trump laisse derrière lui une Amérique en lambeaux, avec 400 000 morts du COVID-19, et des partisans auxquels il explique qu'ils peuvent se passer du masque. Maintenant que nous avons préféré nous passer de Trump, nous pouvons commencer à travailler sur l'éradication de la pandémie, et sur la guérison de nos sociétés profondément divisées.

The New Dawn Newspaper
is on the Newsstand Daily.

Grab a copy of today's edition
or visit: <https://thenewdawnliberia.com/>

NEC will not certificate winners

By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commission announces here, the commission will not certificate any winner from the December 8, 2020 special senatorial election, until cases pending before the commission and the Supreme

There are ten senatorial and two by-elections cases before the Supreme Court and the National Elections Commission, meaning of the senatorial elections conducted in all 15 counties, the commission was able to freely and fairly handled five, while the rest of the ten and two-by elections are being challenged.

Commenting on the recount

percent.

In Grand Kru County where the rerun of election was conducted in some parts of the county, Numene Bartekwa, an independent candidate, got the total votes of 3,679, amounting to 22.83 percent; the Liberia National Union candidate Nathaniel Bahway, got 3,597, amounting to 22.32 percent and



Court are cleared and finalized.

Speaking during a news conference Thursday, at the NEC headquarters in Monrovia, Chairperson Davidetta Browne Lassanah said NEC took the decision based on a precedence case in 2015, where the Supreme Court ruled that elections' case shall be resolved before winners are announced.

She said the Supreme Court in 2015, in the case: Varney Sherman verses All, ruled that the Commission cannot certificate any winner whenever there is a dispute from the conduct of that election. And so, in keeping with the mandate of the Supreme Court, the Commission will not certificate the winners in these two counties until the matter is speedily disposed of.

of ballots in River Cess County and re-conduct of the election in Grand Kru County, Madam Lassanah explains, "I am pleased to report that the recount election conducted in 7 polling places in Rivercess County, as mandated in the ruling of the Board of Commissioners was successfully conducted on Saturday, 16 January 2021. Tally of results have been completed. We can now report that Rivercess County is one hundred percent completed."

For River Cess County, former Journalist, Wellington Geevon Smith, an independent candidate, topped the poll total number of 3,302 votes, amounting to 23.34 percent, followed by Steve Tequah, another independent candidate with 3,248 votes, amounting to 22.96 percent, and incumbent Senator Dallas Gueh collected 2,149 votes, amounting to 15.19

incumbent Senator Peter Coleman, ruling Coalition for Democratic Change, got 3,061 votes, raising his percent to 19.00.

"That re-run election was successfully conducted on Wednesday, 13 January 2021 in three precincts in Beloken Town Hall, Wakpo Public School and Boluwein Town Hall. Tally of the results for Grand Kru County is now one hundred percent complete," she said.

Meanwhile, the commission has registered that the Liberia National Union of Nathaniel Blama has filed complaint against the re-run election in Grand Kru County and that the commission will look into the matter. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Marylanders fight over control of electricity

Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Days after citizens of Pleebo Sodoken Statutory District#2, Maryland County were asked to managed their own electricity in the district due to persist complaints, they have kicked against a three-man committee set up by Statutory District Superintendent Alysious William.

The three-man committee constituted to control the electricity in the district includes Lincoln S. Wesseh, Chair; Thomas K. Nyemah, Co-chair; Dennis Weah, Secretary General and Mr. Wallace Dennis, who currently manages power supply in Harper District and other parts of the county.

Mr. Dennis was recommended during the administration of former County Superintendent Betsy Kuoh Toe to manage electricity in the entire Maryland County until the service can be turned over to national government officially.

But since he took up the job

rounded up and jailed by District Superintendent Alysious William.

According to Superintendent William, his took the action due to disrespect demonstrated by CEPA staff during a visit to the county last year by Speaker Bhofal Chambers.

He narrated that prior to Christmas celebration in the county, he received a complaint from staffers of the Creway Energy Power Association and the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) Maryland Chapter, demanding pay rise, bill payment by residents and safety gears, among others.

Mr. William continued that the staffers maintained if their demands were not timely addressed by citizens and head office in Monrovia, they would have taken unspecified actions, which eventually led them putting the entire county in complete darkness for several days.

The District Superintendent said this action was carried out when Speaker Chambers was in the county for the Christmas



there have been several complaints from citizens on the intervention Statutory District Superintendent William.

The long-term conflict between residents of Maryland County and the Management of the Liberia Electricity Corporation in the county over non-payment of electricity bills evolved after community dwellers purchased two transformers on their own at the cost of US\$20,000, but the LEC management demands that residents pay electricity bills, something that has sparked row in the county.

Since the row over bills payment, local authorities have kept a distance not until Friday, December 26, 2020, when technical staffers of Creway Energy Power Association (CEPA) were

festivities, so he (William) ordered the aggrieved staffers' arrest and imprisonment and impounded the vehicle of Mr. Wallace Dennis, the team manager.

The arrest and imprisonment led to disagreement among citizens, prompting intervention by Maryland County Superintendent, George A. Prowd.

Superintendent Prowd subsequently called one day mass citizens meeting at the Pleebo City Hall attended by various stakeholders including members of the Muslim and Christian communities, local authorities, direct users of electricity, Mr. Wallace Dennis and his technical staff, among orders.

The meeting ended with

Cont'd from page 5

Court rules in late James

It further advised occupants to do business with the administrator Mr. Aaron E. Cooper, Jr. of the said residue estate situated on Water Street, Monrovia, and for so doing, "this shall constitute your legal and sufficient notice."

Meanwhile, the occupants, according to the Court document, include but not limited to; Fatu J. Trawally Business Center, Matkro Business Center, Simple Corco #1 Business Center, Man-United Trading, Lion Business Center, V. C. Global Star

Business, Jozzy Ent, Nusi Shop, Grace TRUTL, P. United Business, Samuel Business Center and Technicom Business Center.

Others are, Dimma Business Center, Mariama Business Center, New Moon Business Center, Sekou Business Center, Reual Business Center, Delight

Business Center, Fatu S. Wilson Business Center, Farory Right Business Center, E. M. K. Business Center, R. H. V. Business Center, Papie Warehouse, Haja Emma Enterprise and S. S. J. Kamara Warehouse, among others. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

WWW Advertise Here!
Subscribe to our website
 get the best of balance and accurate news, delivered daily

▶ CONT'D ON PAGE 11

PYJ wants Weah summoned

By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

Nimba County Senator Prince Yormie Johnson, a close political ally of President George Manneh, has urged his colleagues in the Senate and the full plenary of the Liberian Senate to summon President Weah to give reasons why he should not be held in contempt.

Speaking in the Senate chambers Thursday, January 21, during debate why controversial Chairman of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission Nigerian-born Cllr. A. Ndubuisi Nwabudike still serves in government, Senator Johnson said

chairman.

He added that since the senate took the decision to reject Cllr. Nwabudike, the President should have amounted courage enough to fire him or make him to resign, for Mr. Weah to ignore everyone is something the senate should not take lightly.

Also speaking, River Gee Senator Conmany Wesseh, said Cllr. Nwabudike has managed his way criminally through all sectors of the Liberian government including the judiciary, the executive and legislative branches and later duped the Liberia National Bar Association.

Senator Wesseh said Cllr. Nwabudike must stop and the

Nwabudike, Chairman-designate, National Elections Commission; Cllr Edwin K. Martin, Chairperson-designate, Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission, respectively..."

President Weah's decision to especially withdraw the nomination of Cllr was the culmination of nearly a week of fierce blowback from all sectors of the Liberian society including some members of his ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC). Following the withdrawal of his nomination, on June 19, 2020, the Liberia National Bar Association with immediate effect expelled Ndubuisi from the Bar for his woeful failure



President Weah should be made to give reason why Cllr. Nwabudike, who carries a questionable Liberian naturalization document, still heads the anti-corruption institution.

He said it is embarrassing to have someone, who is not a Liberian citizen serves in the government and worse of it, for the President to be in full known but refuses to take action, is unacceptable.

According to PYJ, the only option left with the senate is to summon President Weah and make answer to senators on the employment of the 'controversial' LACC

only way to do so, is to push the executive branch of government to remove him or Justice Minister, Cllr. Frank Musa Dean, be made to appear before plenary to explain the role of the Nigerian national in government.

For his part, Senator Jonathan Sogbie from the same county in a strong tune told his fellow senators to declare vote of no confidence in the LACC boss and communicate with President Weah accordingly.

In a letter to the leadership of the Senate on Thursday, April 02, 2020, President Weah wrote, "I do hereby withdraw nominations of Cllr A. Ndubuisi

to defend his citizenship both before the Senate confirmation hearing and the Grievance and Ethics Committee of the National Bar Association.

Meanwhile, the senate has voted overwhelmingly to invite Justice Minister, Cllr. Frank Musa Dean to explain Cllr. Nwabudike's presence in the government and that, based on response from the attorney general, drastic decision should be taken to put an end to the Nwabudike's story in the body politics of Liberia. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Patients to start

Cont'd from page 6

says.

"No matter what happens, I don't think it will be necessary for the government to close its eyes on the support of the current hospital in spite of the current economic challenges," Alfred J. Tokpa, one of the citizens cautions.

Also speaking, Dennis Flomo, a private health worker

in Gbarnga says providing free medication promotes improvements in both health outcomes and the citizens' perceptions of the quality of their care.

He therefore calls on the government to drop every plan of 'withdrawing doctors from the hospital'--**Edited by Winston W. Parley**

Marylanders fight

Cont'd from page 10

local authority and residents of Pleebo Sodoken district asked to manage electricity in the district.

"I have listened to several complaints from citizens of Pleebo concerning this current business, therefore I am informing you as local authority of the district to set up a committee that will control the current", Superintendent Prowd instructed.

The contentious issue now seems to be who should appoint the committee and its composition.

Recently, several citizens called on a local community radio station and expressed dissatisfaction over District Superintendent William setting up a committee to manage the electricity rather than the Mayor of Harper City, who is the direct representative of the city.

According to them, the move by Mr. William has the propensity to undermine smooth working relationship in the district, noting that the power is directly used by residents of the city, not the whole district.

The citizens said although the committee members and the District Superintendent have been monitoring irregularities, instabilities and corrupt malpractices involving the supply of electricity, but they should scrutinize those coming onboard and make sure they account for funds raised to buy the two community

transformers, because they represented the various zones.

The citizens disclosed that the issue of who should set up a committee in order to control the district current after it has been turned over to the local authority is another concern that needs critical attention.

Though the district authorities have not come up with new names after the previous committee appointed by Statutory Superintendent William frowned at by citizens, a new technical team headed by Brown Y. Dennis, is calling on residents to pay maintenance fees directly to his office.

On Monday, August 10, 2020 the President of the Maryland County Youth Association Thomas Kuma, said it is clear that citizens in the county shouldn't pay electricity bills other than maintenance fees because the power being used in the county was initiated under the Poverty Reduction Strategy of former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, arguing that it has not been formally turned over to the Weah administration.

According to him, since the Ghanaian electrification group planted light poles and installed primary or tension wires, no company has won bid for the power distribution.

He claimed former Maryland County Superintendent Betsy Kouh Toe only asked Mr. Wallace Dennis to serve as caretaker, and he has not won a bid either. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Cont'd from page 6

Foreign Minister Kemayah

what you believe in.

"No whining about how hard it is. No worrying about what it looks like, or how others think about it. No laziness and no delays. Your level of commitment plays a key role in the process of creating a fulfilling career," he adds.

According to Rev. Lablah, you will become committed when your thoughts and emotions are pointing in the direction of your vision and ambition.

He says this requires hard work with time consciousness, noting that you don't have to be punished for coming to class late or late for activity before you become committed.

Moving on the character, Rev. Lablah notes that this primarily refers to the assemblage of qualities that distinguish you from others.

He notes that it is the attributes and qualities you need as a student for your vocation to succeed in your pursuit of education and career.

Speaking of contact, he says this is the good relationship you establish and develop with a person or people that take you to another level of life.

"It will enable you to accomplish your dream. The good relationships you make, connections you establish and maintain have much to do with how you will succeed in and out of here," says Rev. Lablah.

He stresses that contact is important and must be kept valuable, explaining that

**The NewDawn Newspaper
is on the Newsstand Daily.**

**Grab a copy of today's edition
or visit: <https://thenewdawnliberia.com/>**

sometimes it becomes difficult for some competent people to succeed because they lack the appropriate contact.

"CONTACT with GOD" -Prov.

2:3: "So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man," he concludes.--**Press release**

CPP Cummings congratulates Biden - Harris



The Chairman of the Opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), former Coca Cola Executive Mr. Alexander B. Cummings has sent messages of

congratulations to US President Joseph R. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on their inauguration Wednesday January 20.

According to Mr. Cummings the significance of this day was

reflected in the immediate 17 policy decisions signed by President Biden.

One of those policy decisions, Cummings went on, was the extension of a program that protects roughly 4,000 Liberians in the US who hold a protected immigration status known as Deferred Enforced Departure (DED).

"On behalf of the CPP, we want to thank the President of the United States for making that very important decision to benefit our people in the US. We also thank every organization or individual who continues to work behind the scenes to get these things done for our community," he said.

The CPP chairman added "while Liberia remains home for many of our compatriots in the diaspora, the current conditions of our country are not encouraging for a mass return of our citizens. We once again congratulate Pres. Biden and Vice President Harris on their historic inauguration and extend our thanks on behalf of our people."

For as low as 60 USD, you can own one of these!

You also enjoy **1GB** free data every month for **6 months!**
Phone prices range between **60USD and above.**

Available at: **itel shop at Broad and Center Streets Intersection.**

- Features:
 - 3G or 4G
 - Fullscreen
 - Powerful Battery
 - Quality front and back cameras
 - Fingerprint/Face Unlock

price range
\$60 and above
PLUS
1GB data
Free every month for 6 months



Dial *187# to get 1GB free data after purchase.

everywhere you go
Ts & Cs apply.



FIFA threatens to ban players if...

World football's governing body has published a strongly-worded statement amid reports some of the world's biggest clubs could form a new competition

FIFA has threatened to ban any player or club involved in breakaway competitions, amid renewed talk of a European Super League involving some of the world's biggest teams.

A breakaway continental tournament has been mooted and discussed for years, with Barcelona, Real Madrid and

many leading Premier League clubs believed to favour a ring-fenced European league which would include some of the richest and most famous teams.

However, this has been vocally rejected by others, including Bundesliga giants Bayern Munich, while UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin and La Liga chief Javier Tebas are among the most ardent critics of the breakaway plans.

Now FIFA has made its stance clear, saying that players will be banned from playing in any of their competitions - including the World Cup and European



Championship - should they take part in any unauthorised events.

The letter has been signed by the six heads of FIFA's continental confederations and reads: "In light of recent media speculation about the creation of a closed European 'Super League' by some European clubs, FIFA and the six confederations once again would like to reiterate and strongly emphasise that such a competition would not be recognised by either FIFA or the respective confederation.

The NewDawn Press

2 colors Heidelberg printing machines



We Offer The Following Printing Services:

- Newspapers, Magazines
- Flyers, Posters, Calendars
- Brochures, Letterhead
- Receipts, Invoices
- Souvenirs, Gifts
- Designs, etc...