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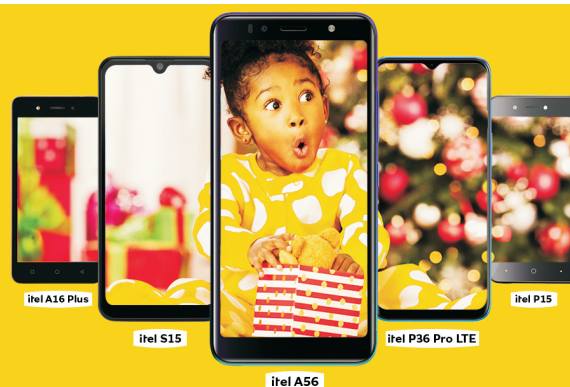
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Continental News

Gunmen kill and abduct schoolchildren in Nigeria

Gunmen have killed a school pupil and abducted 27 other children in a night-time raid on their boarding school in north-central Nigeria, state governor Abubakar Sani Bello has said.

Three members of staff and 12 of their relatives were also abducted, he added.

About 600 boys were asleep in their dormitories when the school in Kagara town in Niger state was raided, the principal Danasabe Ubaidu told the BBC. The security forces have been deployed to help with rescue operations.

The motive for the attack is unclear, but criminal gangs often carry out kidnappings for ransom in parts of Nigeria, says the BBC's Ishaq Khalid in the capital Abuja. On Monday about 20 people who were returning from a wedding ceremony were abducted after an attack on their bus in Niger state. Their fate is unclear.

In December more than 300 schoolboys were seized in the town of Kankara in the north-western state of Katsina. They were later released following negotiations with the gunmen. In the latest attack, the gunmen wore military uniforms and

stormed the state-run boarding school for boys in huge numbers, before taking students into a nearby forest, the AFP news agency quoted an unnamed security source and an official as saying. Troops with aerial support

were trying to track down the attackers, AFP quoted the security source as saying. Mr Ubaidu told the BBC that some of the children had managed to flee into nearby bushes and were now returning. An uncle of four children at the school said that all his nephews survived, but another pupil was killed. "They told us that some people in military uniforms knocked at the doors of their dormitories and asked them to come out for morning assembly. But the students dispersed in different directions.

"One of them said his colleague was shot dead beside him by the gunmen as he tried to flee," the uncle said in an interview with BBC Hausa.

Describing the attack as "cowardly", Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari said he had deployed a team of security chiefs to co-ordinate rescue operations.

Mr Buhari has been under intense pressure to tackle insecurity, including an insurgency by militant Islamists in the north-east. Those militants have also been involved in the mass abductions of schoolchildren. President Buhari replaced his four top military chiefs last month with a pledge to improve security. This was not the first time he made such a promise. In fact, it was one of his election promises when he came to power in 2015. But more than five years later, many Nigerians are still worried about insecurity.

The attack on the school in Kagara was the latest in a series of attacks on schools, either by criminal gangs or armed insurgents. Parents fear for the safety of their children, and want security to be stepped up. They also point out that disruptions to schooling could have devastating consequences for their children's future - and Nigeria's future. BBC



Criminal gangs often carry out kidnappings for ransom in Nigeria

SA coronavirus variant now 'dominant' in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe says the coronavirus variant first discovered in neighbouring South Africa now makes up more than 60% of cases within its borders.

It is the first country outside of South Africa to report that the so-called "501.YV2" variant is the dominant strain. Botswana, Zambia, Ghana and the Gambia have also found some cases.

The announcement by Zimbabwe's government

comes a day after a national lockdown was extended by two weeks. Monday saw the delivery of 200,000 Sinopharm vaccines doses donated by China, with rollout set to begin on Thursday. Little data has been produced so far to prove how well China's vaccines combat the coronavirus variant first found in South Africa.

As reported by Reuters news agency this month, a small-scale study by Sinopharm researchers found that its efficacy against this variant was

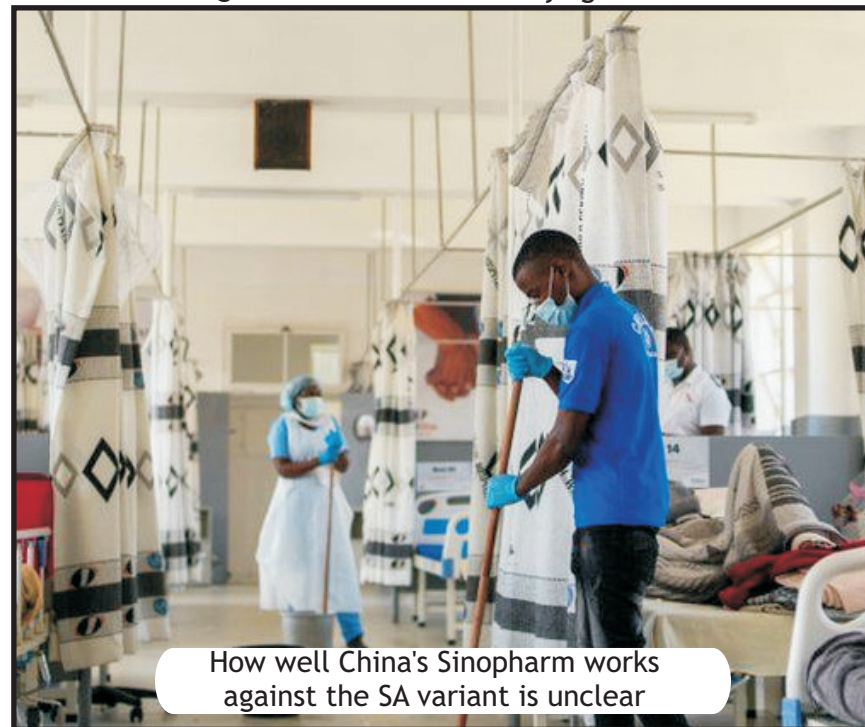
weaker than against the original virus.

Zimbabwe is expected to receive another 600,000 doses in March. The BBC's Shingai Nyoka in Harare says coronavirus cases are on the decline, but Zimbabwe's 4% fatality rate has the authorities worried.

Since the pandemic began, Zimbabwe has recorded more than 35,000 coronavirus cases, including 1,410 deaths. South Africa, meanwhile, is offering all of its doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine to the African Union for distribution elsewhere on the continent, after a small-scale study suggested it had limited efficacy against the variant in the country.

Health Minister Zweli Mkhize said it was "disappointing" but added South Africa was "determined not to be derailed from our commitment to roll out vaccines in February".

South Africa has now secured a total of nine million doses of Johnson & Johnson's yet-to-be-approved vaccine, with a first consignment arriving on Tuesday. BBC



How well China's Sinopharm works against the SA variant is unclear

'Search for internet led to Mauritius ship accident'

The captain of a Japanese ship that ran aground in Mauritius in July last year, spilling tonnes of fuel, has told an inquiry that he steered the vessel close to the island nation to look for internet connection. "There was no internet on the ship and I agreed to dock in Mauritius so that the crew members could

communicate with their relatives as it helps keep the morale of the crew high," said Capt Sunil Kumar Nandeshwar. MV Wakashio was carrying 4,000 tonnes of fuel when it hit a coral reef, causing an ecological emergency off the coast of the east African island nation. Capt Nandeshwar, who



Capt Nandeshwar (L) appeared before the investigating panel for the first time

was arrested along with his assistant, said he had sailed at least 15 times in Mauritian waters, often steering the ship within 30 nautical miles off the coast. But last July he came within five nautical miles off the coast. Mauritius government officials and MV Wakashio crew members have told the inquiry that the

captain was to blame for the accident. Testimonies given so far to the panel - which is led by former Judge Abdurraffek Hamuth - say that there was a birthday celebration onboard. Some of the crew said Capt Nandeshwar had given them the green light to drink despite alcohol and drugs being prohibited onboard. BBC

EDITORIAL

Weah is putting development in action

PRESIDENT GREORGE MANNEH Weah is breaking grounds for various development projects, as he continues his nationwide, leaving citizens excited and jubilating.

PRESIDENT WEAH AND entourage arrived in Nimba County on Monday, 15 February and on Tuesday, broke grounds for relocation for the Sanniquellie Market to Gborlo village in district\$2, in response to citizens' plea through the Liberian Marketing Association.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO broke grounds on the same day to relocate the GW Harling Hospital from Sanniquellie to Saykenpa, and inspected ongoing road projects as, he announced the construction of several farm-to-market roads and major roads to link counties.

IN HIS FIRST major historic tour since he came to the Presidency, Mr. Weah is personally interacting with citizens and soliciting their needs along the tour, as he takes immediate action in responding to requests put forth, in a pragmatic style of leadership.

THIS IS WHAT rural dwellers have been waiting for, to have their leader sit with them and listen to their problems in order to find solutions - a move towards people-centered leadership.

THE CURRENT TOUR is taking President Weah and party to southeast Liberia, perhaps all the way to his native Grand Kru County, where dozens of newly constructed housing units for rural residents are expected to be formally dedicated.

THIS TOUR WAS suspended last year due to the rainy season when roads particularly in the southeast are made impassable. But the President is taking advantage of the current weather to reach out to the citizenry to get their response on national policy.

PERHAPS AMONG KEY take-aways from the ongoing tour are President Weah's immediate responses to citizens' requests as he listens to their plights, which clearly demonstrates sensitivity, rather than coning back to Monrovia before sending emissaries to execute projects earmarked by the people.

THE ONGOING TOUR by the President will surely sow a political seed that may germinate and maybe bear fruits before the next election in 2023, which he could reap from in securing a second term in office.

HE WON 14 OF the 15 counties in the 2017 runoff presidential election, receiving 61.5 percent of the total votes cast against former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai of ex-ruling Unity Party, who traded with 38.5 percent.

THOUGH PRESIDENT WEAH'S Coalition for Democratic Change performed dismally in the December 8, 2020 special senatorial election, this present tour could change the tide in his favor before 2023 from the way he is proceeding.

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COMMENTARY

By Michael J. Boskin

The Economic Wisdom of George Shultz

STANFORD - George Shultz, who died this month at age 100, is best known for being US President Ronald Reagan's Secretary of State. Their close working relationship enabled them to limit nuclear weapons, help end the Cold War, and champion human rights.

Words like "great" and "extraordinary" have been so debased nowadays that they sound out of place even when they are truly deserved. In fact, words may fail to convey the depth, breadth, and enduring impact Shultz had on the world, and on economic policy in particular. While melding, as he put it, ideas into action, he never lost his grace, humility, and integrity.

I had the privilege of working closely with him for five decades on a wide array of public policy issues, when we were each in and out of government and at the Hoover Institution. He became a cherished colleague, mentor, and role model to me and many others. And he was a close friend: I was a pallbearer at his first wife's funeral, and he saw my wife through my life-threatening emergency surgery.

George thought strategically, with a view to the long term, which he attributed to his training as an economist. Be a compass, not a weather vane was his *modus operandi*. In four cabinet positions and a lifetime of advising American political leaders at the federal and state level, he profoundly affected policies on labor strikes and racial inequities; budgets, debt management, and tax reform; trade and exchange rates; regulation; money and interest rates; entitlements and education; and drugs and the environment.

Our many personal interactions began in 1973, when as US Treasury Secretary, he asked Martin Feldstein and me to advise the Filer Commission, which he and Wilbur Mills, then the chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, promoted to recommend policies toward private philanthropy. George and I often ruminated that the large role of private philanthropy relative to government was an important factor underlying America's success. Our research found that the tax deduction for charitable giving had a sizable impact on the level of philanthropy, and the commission's report was essential to fending off abolition of the deduction.

Soon thereafter, George and I met with California Governor Jerry Brown, who wanted advice on his budget. He tried to convince us to support building an ever-larger surplus. We advised him that doing so would invite trouble, given that high inflation was driving people into higher tax brackets and sending property tax assessments soaring. Structural tax reform and reduction made more sense. California's famous Proposition 13, which capped property taxes, ended Brown's plan.

In 1979, George invited a few economists to his home for dinner with Reagan, who was seeking the Republican Party's presidential nomination. He wanted me to push Reagan on the nuances of supply-side economics, while Milton Friedman pressed him to back a potentially painful disinflation. Reagan responded that lower tax rates would recover all revenue only if rates were high enough or

were on activities extremely responsive to taxation, but that they would unleash the economy's dynamism well before that. And he pledged firm support for disinflation. His answers were perfect, and he realized them as president.

George and the economist Martin Anderson then asked me to join Reagan's campaign. I helped prepare Reagan for the candidate debates, and develop the tax policies that led to lowering marginal rates, indexing tax brackets to inflation, accelerating depreciation, and introducing tax-deferred saving (partly based on my research on the effects of taxes on saving).

These were historic improvements in the tax code. But an overdue defense buildup and difficulty in reducing other spending led to budget deficits that seemed large at the time; today, they are dwarfed, adjusted for the business cycle, by the Obama, Trump, and now Biden deficits.

After I returned from the White House, George led a small group to advise California Governor Pete Wilson on fiscal and other issues. When Los Angeles was crippled by a devastating earthquake in 1994, George solicited ideas. I suggested that Wilson use emergency powers to waive the approvals that took years to process following the 1989 earthquake in the Bay Area. Our team honed the plan, which included financial incentives for speed and fines for delay, and Wilson ran with it. The freeways were rebuilt in weeks, not years, preventing LA's notorious traffic gridlock from becoming economically ruinous.

We later gave the same advice to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in a less severe situation. That was quintessentially George: work on problems from world peace to road repair, find solutions, and do what you can to make things better.

In President Richard Nixon's White House, he pushed (with strong urging from Friedman) to end dollar convertibility to gold, paving the way for an international trade regime with flexible, not fixed, exchange rates, which became a key part of Nixon's 1971 New Economic Policy. Unfortunately, another key part was disastrous wage and price controls, which George unsuccessfully opposed.

George's astonishing ability to get to the essence of complex situations and devise a way forward wasn't just about analysis, charts, and data. He never lost sight of, indeed always emphasized, that economic policy is about people's lives. Affirmative action to achieve racial or gender balance is often criticized as imposing harmful quotas. Even deep blue California voters decisively rejected such policies in state hiring and education. But, as Nixon's labor secretary in 1969, he initiated affirmative action to end a quota of zero black people in the Philadelphia building trades. George worked until the end - including on our federalism project - and left the world a better place with his ideas, service, mentorship, and the example he set of using intelligence, experience, and fortitude to tackle hard problems with a big heart. Rest in peace, wise, humble giant.



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
Invitation for Bids (IFB)
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)
ROAD PAVEMENT UPGRADE
 MPW/ICB/SP/W/002/20/21



The Ministry of Public Works with funding support from the Government of Liberia seeks qualify contractors who are able and willing to prefinance the upgrade and pavement of roads corridors in Grand Cape Mount, Bomi, Gbarpolu, Grand Bassa, Rivercess and Sinoe counties.

The works to be implemented are stated into lots below:

Lot No.	Roads	Kilometer (km)
Lot 1	Madina to Robertsport	41.3Km
Lot 2	Tubmanbrug to Bopolu	52Km
Lot 3	Buchanan to Cestos City	85Km
Lot 4	Cestos City Junction to Greenville	141Km

The Ministry therefore invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the implementation of the project. The Ministry will apply the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures approved by the **Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC)** specified in the **revised and restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act of 2010** to procure the works which is opened to all qualified bidders meeting criteria set in the Bidding Documents.

The Ministry will hold a pre-bid meeting on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00 in the Large Conference Room.**

Qualification requirements include:

- ❖ Experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two works of similar value, nature, and complexity in the last five years;
- ❖ Average annual turnover amount of construction works performed within the last five (5) years is US \$2,000,000.00 (2million United States Dollars) either with a firm or in case of Joint Venture.
- ❖ The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of financial resources such as lines of credit in the amount of US\$50million for each lot.

All interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Procurement Division of the Ministry of Public Works South Lynch Street, Monrovia, Liberia** through the following

contact: 0778779161 or Email: tmaxsr@yahoo.com and inspect the Bidding Documents from **February 17, 2021 to March 22, 2021 beginning from 8:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

The Ministry will hold a bidder's meeting on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00 in the Large Conference Room.**

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Three Hundred United States Dollars (USD\$ 300)** to the National Road Fund Office (account specified below) and the Bank receipt be brought to the Procurement Division at the Ministry of Public Works to obtain the document.

Account Title: **National Road Fund**
 Account Name: **National Road Fund Maintenance Account**
 Account No: **0011134701659634**
 Bank Name: **Eco Bank Liberia Ltd.**

Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to the address below on or before **Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 2:00pm**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person on **Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 2:10 pm at the Large Conference room of the Ministry**

All bids shall be accompanied by the following

- Current Business Registration Certificate where applicable
- Current Tax Clearance where applicable
- Articles of Incorporation

The address referred to above is:

Max T. Jardiah
 Director
 Procurement Division
 Ministry of Public Works
 South Lynch Street
 Monrovia, Liberia

Signed: _____
 Head of Procurement Unit



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
Invitation for Bids (IFB)
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)
SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS
IFB No. MPW/SP/W/ICB/03/20/21



The Ministry of Public Works with support from the National Road Fund Office of Liberia has received funding from the Government of Liberia and intend to secure the services of qualified Contractors to carryout Supply and Installation of Street Lights as indicated in three lots below:

Lot No.	Locations
Lot 1	AB Tolbert Road, Arch Bishop Michael Francis Road, Congo Town Back Road, SKD Boulevard Road and Police Academy Road
Lot 2	Jallah Town Road, Doe Community Road, Logan Town/Mombie Town Road, New Kru Town Community Road, Clara Town Road and UN Drive Road to Zulu Duma Bridge
Lot 3	Cardwell Road, Barnesville Road and Pipe Line Road

The Ministry therefore invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the implementation of the project. The Ministry will apply the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures approved by the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA) to procure the works which is opened to all qualified bidders meeting criteria set in the Bidding Documents.

All interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Procurement Division of the Ministry of Public Works South Lynch Street, Monrovia, Liberia** through the following contact: 0778779161 or Email: tmaxsr@yahoo.com and inspect the Bidding Documents from **February 17, 2021 to March 22, 2021 beginning from 8:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

The Ministry will hold a bidder's meeting on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00 in the Large Conference Room.**

Qualification requirements include:

- ❖ Experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two works of similar value, nature, and complexity in the last five years;
- ❖ Average annual turnover amount of construction works performed during the last five years of at least US \$250,000.00

Detailed qualification requirements are stipulated in the bidding documents.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Two Hundred United States Dollars (USD \$250)** to the National Road Fund Office (account specified below) and can be obtained from the Ministry Of Public Works Procurement Unit.

Account Title: **National Road Fund**
 Account Name: **National Road Fund Maintenance Account**
 Account No: **0011134701659634**
 Bank Name: **Eco Bank Liberia Ltd.**

Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to the address below on or before **Wednesday March 25, 2021 at 02:00pm**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person on **Wednesday March 25, 2021 at 02:10 pm at the Large Conference room of the Ministry**

All bids shall be accompanied by the following:

- Current Liberia Business Registration Certificate
- Current Tax Clearance
- PPCC Vendor's Registration Receipt
- Articles of Incorporation
- Ministry of Public Works Accreditation Certificate (CCCS)
- **Bid Security of 2% of the Contractor's Price**

The address referred to above is:

Max T. Jardiah
 Director
 Procurement Division
 Ministry of Public Works
 South Lynch Street
 Monrovia, Liberia

Signed: _____
 Head of Procurement Unit



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
Invitation for Bids (IFB)
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)
EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT
IFB No. MPW/G/ICB/001/20/21



The Ministry of Public Works with support from the National Road Fund Office of Liberia has received funding from the Government of Liberia and intends to secure the services of qualified service provide to Supply and Deliver Earth Moving Equipment as indicated below:

Contract Package	Detailed Description
Earth Moving Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUM TRUCK-----20 • BULLDOZER-----6 • WHEEL LOADER/FRONT-END-LOADER-----5 • COMPACTORS/ROAD ROLLER-----6 • Excavators 320/325bls-----3 • Lowbed & trailer heads-----2 • Water browser trucks-----3 • Fuel tankers-----3 • Mechanic service mini trucks-----3 • Pickups utility-----5 • Asphalts pave-----2 • Front End Loader-----2 • Bitumen Sprayer-----2

The Ministry therefore invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the implementation of the project. The Ministry will apply the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures approved by the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA) to procure the Earth Moving Equipment which is opened to all qualified bidders meeting criteria set in the Bidding Documents.

All interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Procurement Division of the Ministry of Public Works South Lynch Street, Monrovia, Liberia** through the following contact: 0778779161 or Email: tmaxsr@yahoo.com and inspect the Bidding Documents from February 22,2021to March 21, 2021 beginning from 8:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Qualification requirements include:

- ❖ Past Experience as prime service provider of goods of similar value, and nature in the last five years;Provide After Sales warranty of Two (2) years
- ❖ The offered goods/equipment shall be latest and in current production for a minimum of 2 years . If the offered model is new, the Manufacturer must have experience in producing the similar model for a minimum of 2 years.
- ❖ Average annual turnover amount of goods/equipment suppliedinthe last five years of at least US \$1,000,000.00

Detailed qualification requirements are stipulated inthe bidding documents.

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Account Title: **National Road Fund**
 Account Name: **National Road Fund Maintenance Account**
 Account No: **0011134701659634**
 Bank Name: **Eco Bank Liberia Ltd.**

Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to the address below on or before **FridayMarch 26, 2021 at 02:00p m.**Electronic bidding shall notbe permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person on **Friday March 26, 2021 at 02:10 p m at the Large Conference room of the Ministry.**

All bids shall be accompanied by the following:

- ❖ Current Liberia Business Registration Certificate
- ❖ Current Tax Clearance
- ❖ PPCC Vendor's Registration Receipt
- ❖ Articles of Incorporation
- ❖ **Bid Security of 2% of the Contractor's Price**

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 Ministry of Public Works
 Monrovia, Liberia

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Head of Procurement Unit



Republic of Liberia
Ad hoc Committee for the Recruitment
of the Auditor-General of Liberia



Invitation for the Position of
Auditor General 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 Section (a) above:
 - (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

Basic 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.

Core Competencies Required for the Auditor General:

Behavioral

- a) Integrity;
- b) Objectivity;
- c) Professional competence and due care;
- d) Confidentiality;
- e) Professional behavior;
- f) Ability to work with others; and

Technical

The Auditor General must understand:

- (a) Financial Statement, Compliance, Performance and Information Technology Audits;
- (b) Public Financial Management Act and Regulation of 2009 of Liberia as amended in 2019;
- (c) Public Procurement and Concessions Commission Act of 2005 as amended in 2010;
- (d) Revenue Code of Liberia of 2000 as amended in 2011;
- (e) INTOSAI Standards;
- (f) International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS); and
- (g) IFAC Standards.

Others:

- (a) Information technology systems for financial accounting and reporting, including relevant current issues and developments;
- (b) Principles and practices for evaluating financial accounting and reporting systems, including evaluating controls and assessing risk;
- (c) Computer-assisted auditing packages and techniques; and
- (d) Have an understanding of the LICPA Act and Regulations.

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Pres. Weah ends successful



tour in Nimba County



Français

Le Président Weah lance plusieurs projets à Nimba

Au deuxième jour de sa visite dans le comté de Nimba dans le cadre de sa tournée nationale, le président George M. Weah a lancé plusieurs projets, dont entre autres, la constitution d'un bureau pour l'organisation des personnes handicapées de Karnplay.

Le président Weah est arrivé à Nimba le lundi matin. Il a été reçu à son arrivée par des chefs traditionnels et des responsables du comté, au terme d'une visite de trois jours qu'il effectuée dans le comté de Bong, où il a échangé avec les dirigeants locaux et tenu plusieurs réunions.

À Sanniquellie, le mardi 16 février, Weah a posé la première pierre d'un marché. La cérémonie s'est déroulée sous les yeux de plusieurs centaines de Nimbaïens qui s'étaient rassemblés tôt mardi matin à Gbolor pour assister à l'événement historique.

Le président a également posé la première pierre d'un projet d'hôpital régional à Saykenpa. La construction du nouveau centre de santé

facilitera la relocalisation de l'hôpital GW Harling de Sanniquilli à Saykenpa.

Le processus d'appel d'offres pour la relocalisation de l'hôpital de Sanniquellie serait en cours avec l'Agence libérienne pour l'autonomisation des communautés (LACE), qui dirige le projet.

Pendant ce temps à Karnplay, où le président Weah a tenu la seule réunion, les habitants

ont exprimé leur joie d'avoir échangé avec le président, qui, selon eux, a montré beaucoup d'intérêt pour leur localité.

Lors de la réunion, le chef des personnes handicapées a fait une demande de plusieurs matériaux de construction pour la construction de leur bureau.

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Le Sénat s'oppose à la construction du parc des sports en proximité de l'aéroport James Spriggs

Les membres du Sénat libérien ont voté massivement contre la construction d'un parc national des sports à côté de l'aérodrome James Spriggs à Sinkor. L'aéroport est nommé en l'honneur du défunt président libérien

James Spriggs Payne, le dernier président du défunt Parti républicain.

Les sénateurs, au cours de leur session de mardi, ont voté l'arrêt immédiat des travaux de construction du parc sportif, qualifiant la localité de trop dangereuse

pour abriter un parc des sports.

Le président George Manneh Weah avait choisi le terrain adjacent de l'aérodrome de James Spriggs pour abriter le parc national des sports, mais les sénateurs soutiennent que le site est dangereux, car en cas d'un accident d'avion il pourrait avoir d'énormes pertes en vies humaines.

Présentant cet argument, le sénateur du comté de Gbarpolu, Daniel Naatehn, a déclaré que le parc sportif était une bonne chose qui pourrait offrir aux jeunes talents des opportunités de se développer dans divers sports, mais l'emplacement pourrait causer plus de mal que de bien.

Selon lui, il existe de vastes terrains à la disposition du gouvernement qui pourraient en profiter. Sélectionner ainsi un endroit près du



Cllr Jerome J. Verdier

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L'Afrique du Sud propose ses vaccins AstraZeneca à l'Union africaine

Le ministre de la Santé, Zweli Mkhize, a fait le point sur le devenir du stock de millions de doses de vaccin AstraZeneca que l'Afrique du Sud a reçues du Serum Institute of India avec d'autres pays africains via l'Union africaine (UA). © GUILLEM SARTORIO/AFP

Les autorités sud-africaines s'impatientent face à un encombrant stock de vaccins AstraZeneca - dont l'efficacité a été mise en doute contre le variant local du virus - dont elles voudraient bien se débarrasser. Après avoir émis le souhait de les vendre, la solution pourrait venir de l'Union africaine. Une semaine après avoir reporté sa campagne de vaccination contre le Covid-19, le pays va peut-être proposer le million de doses en sa possession à l'organisation panafricaine. « Les doses que nous avons achetées ont été proposées à l'Union africaine pour être distribuées aux pays qui ont déjà exprimé un intérêt », a déclaré ce mardi au Parlement le ministre de la Santé, Zweli Mkhize. Ainsi, « il n'y aura pas d'argent gâché », a-t-il assuré.

Un million de doses à partager

L'Afrique du Sud devait commencer à immuniser sa population de 59 millions d'habitants la semaine dernière, avec un million de doses du vaccin britannique AstraZeneca - Oxford manufacturées par le Serum Institute of India (SII). Ce premier lot avait été réceptionné début février en grande pompe, en présence du président Cyril Ramaphosa sur le tarmac. Une livraison supplémentaire de 500 000 doses était prévue. Les prochains engagements avec AstraZeneca seront guidés par « une approche dirigée par la science », a seulement expliqué le ministre. Une étude de l'université de Witwatersrand, à Johannesburg, révélant une efficacité « limitée » du vaccin britannique contre le nouveau variant sud-

africain, baptisé 501Y.V2, avait contraint le gouvernement à suspendre sa campagne de vaccination.

Les experts de l'OMS ont toutefois recommandé l'utilisation du vaccin d'AstraZeneca dans les pays où des variants sont présents.

L'UA a sécurisé l'acquisition d'environ 270 millions de doses de vaccin pour le continent et a récemment déclaré qu'elle « n'écarterai(t) pas » les vaccins d'AstraZeneca. Le Malawi a déjà déclaré poursuivre l'achat de ces vaccins. L'Afrique du Sud traverse une deuxième vague de coronavirus, largement causée par le nouveau variant, réputé plus contagieux. Officiellement le plus touché du continent, le pays compte près de 1,5 million de cas d'infection et plus de 48 000 décès. Mais les courbes de chiffres se sont récemment infléchies, les nouveaux cas passant sous la barre des 2 000 par jour, contre plus de 20 000 fin décembre.

« Plus facile à administrer »

À la traîne dans la course à la vaccination, l'Afrique du Sud doit recevoir cette semaine les premières 80 000 doses de vaccin du laboratoire Johnson & Johnson, qui lui permettront de finalement lancer les premières injections. Ce vaccin « n'a pas besoin d'un niveau de réfrigération élevé, donc il est plus facile à administrer », a déclaré à l'AFP le virologue sud-africain Tulio de Oliveira, à la tête de l'équipe de chercheurs qui a découvert le variant sud-africain. Au total, 9 millions de doses ont été commandées. Ces vaccins seront complétés par 20 millions de doses du laboratoire américain Pfizer. Et l'Afrique du Sud recevra d'autres lots par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) et l'UA. Le gouvernement a pour objectif de vacciner 67 % de sa population d'ici à la fin de l'année.

Français

Le Président Weah

Le président Weah, ravi de la rencontre, a immédiatement indiqué qu'avant de quitter Karnplay, les fonds seraient débloqués.

Ces derniers jours, des centaines de ruraux se sont rassemblés dans les stades, les églises et les bâtiments administratifs pour échanger avec leur président.

Le président et son entourage, y compris la première dame ClarWeah, ont visité lundi l'usine de production de chocolat de Nimba et plusieurs autres infrastructures.

Il a également inspecté les projets routiers en cours et annoncé la construction de plusieurs autres routes.

Le Sénat s'oppose à la construction

deuxième plus grand aéroport du pays est préjudiciable aux plus jeunes que le gouvernement entend aider.

Le débat sur le site du projet s'est déroulé sous les yeux de la vice-présidente Jewel Howard Taylor, qui est également présidente du Sénat libérien. Les sénateurs de l'opposition se sont opposés à la constitution du parc des sports là-bas.

Une motion a été présentée par le sénateur Naatehn pour que le parc sportif soit retiré et transféré dans un meilleur emplacement. Sept sénateurs ont voté pour et cinq contre.

Cependant, le sénateur du comté de Montserrado, Saah Joseph, de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique au pouvoir, a déposé une motion de réexamen.

Selon les règles du Sénat, une motion de réexamen ne peut être accueillie que dans les trois jours suivant le Sénat et si ce sénateur n'a pas fait valoir de solides arguments pour renverser la motion précédente, la décision de la plénière est maintenue.

Le président George M. Weah avait posé le mardi 9

février 2021 la première pierre d'un nouveau parc des sports à Sinko-Airfield, Tubman Boulevard.

Le parc des sports qui sera appelé «parc invincible» est le premier de plusieurs parcs des sports que le président Weah a l'intention de construire dans diverses communautés de Monrovia et de ses environs.

Le parc Invincible, qui devrait être achevé dans quatre mois, accueillera trois terrains de football, deux terrains de basket, une court de tennis et une autre pour le volleyball.

Le dirigeant libérien a déclaré que par la construction de ces parcs des sports il veut encourager les jeunes du pays à viser l'excellence dans le sport.

«J'ai joué à l'aérodrome de Sinko où Invincible Eleven, mon club, s'entraînait, et je suis devenu l'un des meilleurs joueurs de football au monde. Je pense qu'avec la construction de cette infrastructure il y aura d'autres Ballons d'Or comme moi », a déclaré le président Weah.

Le ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, les chefs des diverses associations et organisations sportives, les passionnés de sport et les dirigeants communautaires y étaient tous présents.

COMMENTAIRE

By Michael J. Boskin

La sagesse économique de George Shultz

STANFORD (CALIF.) - George Shultz, mort ce mois à l'âge de cent ans, est surtout connu pour avoir été le secrétaire d'État du président Ronald Reagan. Leur étroite collaboration leur a permis de limiter les armes nucléaires, de contribuer à la fin de la guerre froide et de défendre les droits humains.

Des mots comme « grand » et « extraordinaire » sont de nos jours tellement galvaudés qu'ils semblent déplacés, même lorsqu'ils sont authentiquement mérités. En réalité, les mots manquent pour décrire la profondeur, l'ampleur et la persistance de l'influence que Shultz eut sur le monde, en particulier sur la politique économique. S'il combinait, comme il le disait, les idées à l'action, il ne perdit jamais son élégance, son humilité ni son intégrité.

J'eus le privilège de travailler pendant cinquante à ses côtés, sur une large palette de questions tenant aux politiques publiques, années pendant lesquelles nous fûmes l'un et l'autre au gouvernement ou à la Hoover Institution. De collègue, il devint mon ami, mon mentor, mon modèle, comme il le fut de tant d'autres. Nous étions très proches : j'ai porté en terre, lors des obsèques, sa première épouse, et il se tint aux côtés de mon épouse lorsque mes jours furent en danger et qu'il me fallut subir une opération chirurgicale d'urgence.

George pensait stratégiquement, à long terme, ce qu'il attribuait à sa formation d'économiste. Son modus operandi était d'être le compas plutôt que la girouette. Quatre fois ministre à des fonctions différentes, ayant passé toute sa vie à conseiller les dirigeants politiques américains, au niveau fédéral comme à celui d'un État, il exerça une influence profonde sur les politiques mises en œuvre dans des domaines aussi divers que les conflits sociaux et les inégalités raciales, le budget, la gestion de la dette et la réforme de l'impôt, la réglementation, la monnaie et les taux d'intérêt, les dépenses sociales et l'éducation, les stupéfiants et l'environnement.

Nos nombreuses conversations commencèrent en 1973. Alors qu'il occupait le poste de secrétaire au Trésor, il avait demandé à Martin Feldstein et à moi-même de conseiller la commission Filer, dont lui-même et Wilbur Mills, qui présidait la puissante Commission des voies et des moyens de la Chambre des représentants, chargée des questions fiscales, avait encouragé la formation afin de déterminer quelle politique devait être suivie à l'égard de la philanthropie privée. George et moi nous étions souvent fait la réflexion que le rôle important joué par la philanthropie privée, comparativement à celui du gouvernement, était un facteur non négligeable des succès américains. Nos recherches montrèrent que les déductions fiscales des dons aux œuvres avaient sur le niveau de l'action philanthropique une influence considérable, et les conclusions de la commission furent déterminantes dans le rejet de la suppression de ces déductions.

Un peu plus tard, George et moi rencontrâmes le gouverneur de Californie Jerry Brown, qui nous demandait conseil sur son budget. Il tenta de nous convaincre de la nécessité d'accumuler des excédents encore plus considérables. Nous l'avertîmes qu'une telle politique lui vaudrait quelques déboires, dans la mesure où, avec une inflation élevée, les contribuables allaient passer dans la tranche supérieure d'imposition et l'estimation de la valeur fiscale des biens immobiliers flamberait. Une réforme structurelle de l'impôt et une réduction apparaissaient plus sages. La célèbre Proposition 13 de l'État de Californie, qui plafonnait la taxe foncière, enterra définitivement le plan initialement imaginé par Brown.

En 1979, George invita quelques économistes à un dîner privé, chez lui, en compagnie de Reagan, qui cherchait à obtenir l'investiture du parti républicain pour l'élection présidentielle. Il souhaitait que j'entreprenne Reagan sur les nuances de la politique de l'offre, tandis que Milton Friedman le convaincrat de soutenir une politique de désinflation potentiellement douloureuse. Reagan répondit que la baisse des taux d'imposition permettrait de maintenir les recettes à

condition que les taux soient suffisamment élevés ou que leur baisse s'applique aux secteurs d'activité les plus sensibles à la fiscalité, mais que bien avant cela, elle aurait libéré le dynamisme de l'économie. Et il s'engagea fermement à soutenir la désinflation. Ses réponses étaient parfaites, et il les mit en œuvre lorsqu'il fut président.

George et l'économiste Martin Anderson me demandèrent alors de rejoindre la campagne Reagan. J'aidai le candidat à se préparer aux débats, et à proposer des mesures fiscales qui abaisseraient le taux marginal, indexeraient les tranches d'imposition sur l'inflation, accéléreraient l'amortissement et favoriseraient l'épargne à différé d'imposition (en m'appuyant notamment sur mes recherches concernant la relation entre l'impôt et l'épargne).

Ce furent des améliorations historiques du code des impôts. Mais un renforcement longtemps différé de nos capacités de défense et les difficultés à réduire les autres dépenses conduisirent à des déficits budgétaires qui, à l'époque, semblaient importants - aujourd'hui, ils apparaissent mineurs replacés dans la conjoncture et comparés aux déficits des administrations Obama, Trump et aujourd'hui Biden.

Lorsque je suis rentré de la Maison Blanche, George dirigeait un petit groupe qui conseillait Pete Wilson, alors gouverneur de Californie, sur certaines questions, notamment fiscales. Après le tremblement de terre qui ravagea Los Angeles, en 1994, George sollicita les idées. Je lui suggérai que Wilson usât de ses pouvoirs d'urgence pour obtenir des dérogations aux autorisations qui avaient pris des années à la suite du séisme de 1989 dans la baie de San Francisco. Notre équipe affina le plan, qui comprenait des incitations financières à la rapidité des travaux et des amendes en cas de retard, et Wilson le mit en œuvre. Les autoroutes furent reconstruites en quelques semaines et non en plusieurs années, évitant que les encombrements déjà légendaires de LA ne deviennent économiquement ruineux.

Nous donnâmes plus tard le même conseil au gouverneur Arnold Schwarzenegger, dans une situation moins grave. Tel était la substance même de George : travailler à résoudre des problèmes qui allaient de la paix du monde à la réparation des routes, trouver des solutions, et faire tout ce qui est possible pour améliorer les choses.

À la Maison Blanche du président Richard Nixon, il contribua (fortement encouragé par Friedman) à décider la fin de la convertibilité du dollar en or, ouvrant la voie à un régime d'échanges internationaux fondé non plus sur des taux de change fixes mais variables, qui devinrent l'une des marques caractéristiques de la nouvelle politique économique, mise en œuvre par Nixon en 1971. Malheureusement, celle-ci fut aussi marquée par les désastreux contrôles des salaires et des prix, auxquels George s'était sans succès opposé.

L'étonnante capacité qu'avait George de comprendre la nature même des situations les plus complexes et de trouver une porte de sortie n'était pas qu'une question d'analyse, de feuilles de route et de données. Jamais il n'oublia, et il aimait à le rappeler, que la politique économique concernait avant tout la vie des gens. La discrimination positive, afin de parvenir à un équilibre racial ou de genre, est souvent critiquée parce qu'elle impose des quotas que certains considèrent comme préjudiciables. Les électeurs de la très démocrate Californie eux-mêmes ont récemment rejeté sans appel le rétablissement de ces mesures pour la fonction publique et l'éducation. Mais en tant que secrétaire au Travail de l'administration Nixon en 1969, Shultz avait lancé une politique de discrimination positive pour mettre fin à l'absence des travailleurs noirs dans le secteur du bâtiment lorsqu'il conçut le plan de Philadelphie.

George a travaillé jusqu'à la fin - notamment pour notre projet fédéraliste - et grâce à ses idées, à son dévouement, à son sens de la décision et à l'exemple qu'il a incarné du bon usage de l'intelligence, de l'expérience et de la constance lorsqu'il s'agissait de prendre les problèmes à bras-le-corps, il a rendu le monde meilleur. Repose en paix, sage et humble géant.

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MTN drives a future-fit workforce solution to match rapid digital change

MTN has unveiled its new Employee Value Proposition (EVP) entitled "Live Inspired" to drive agility, flexibility, and future fit skills for its workforce. This program benefits the staff working in all 21 MTN businesses across the Middle East and Africa of which Lonestar Cell MTN is an

"For us, it's really about the power of choice, we recognise that what our staff values are motivated by choice and flexibility. For this reason, our EVP is designed to cater to the various personas and preferences that inspire and help people realize their true potential," says Paul Norman, MTN Group Chief Human

converges, we need to do the same with our capabilities. Having the best talent is as important as having the best network," Norman adds.

Talent convergence in line with the rapid pace of technological change is the way of the future, driving digital learning consumption growth indicating a natural shift towards upskilling and re-skilling staff. MTN's digital aspirations are geared towards accelerating the creation of future capabilities, empowerment and agility at scale.

"The EVP will support our reputation for innovation, customer-centricity and being a company that is driven by people who bring personal commitment and a range of skills and experience together for the benefit of our customers," says Norman.

He says real growth is inspired by a purpose that advances individuals and impacts organisations and communities. We aim to enable opportunities for individuals to be innovative, acquire skills and meaningfully impact on our customers.

MTN's focus seeks to create an inspiring environment for everyone to 'activate one's whole self'. This is powered by genuine inclusion, respect for diversity, fair rewards, true recognition, and personal flexibility to contribute most productively. **-Press release**



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"As technology moves forward and as our business

Rep. Kogar urges Liberians to be good taxpayers



Nimba County District #5 Representative Samuel G. Kogar has called on Liberians to exhibit their patriotism and nationalism by paying taxes to support national growth and development.

Speaking at the weekend when he was certificated by the Civil Society Network of Liberia and the Corruption Watch Newspaper as the Most Outstanding Representative of the Year 2020, Kogar emphasized the importance of regular and timely payment of taxes, without which no nation can progress.

He boasted about having a compelling-taxpaying spirit which has made him a proud contributor to national development through payment of his taxes for all that God has blessed him with.

Rep. Kogar charged Liberians to strengthen their moral standings and authority to hold government accountable for the provision of basic social services and infrastructural development by regularly paying their taxes.

"Responsible citizens support their countries' development by paying their required taxes and holding their government's feet to the fire on issues that affect their growth and well-being at all times", Kogar emphasized.

He then commended the two institutions for the honor bestowed upon him and vowed to continuously carried out his legislative functions and strive to live up to the desires and wishes of his constituents and Liberians in general.

Earlier, the heads of the two institutions, SenseeKiadii of the Civil Society Network of Liberia and Roland Worwee of the Corruption Watch Newspaper hailed Kogar for his fearless and consistent exercise of legislative oversight, representation and lawmaking, as well as his robust but respectful floor-fighting spirit which has distinguished him among equals since he arrived at Capitol Hill nine years ago.

Representative Kogar is Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce & Industry. He is also the National Chairman of the People's Unification Party, which is now widely known as the fastest growing political party in Liberia.

Govt refutes reports of IE Park

The Government categorically refutes reports that the Invincible Park being constructed by President George M. Weah will remove the acclaimed Women Prayer group. The park, the government says, will instead have a separate center for the group as clearly pronounced by the President when he broke grounds a fortnight ago.

The Liberian Leader emphasized then the importance of the patriotic work the women do on behalf of the country, which is why he said an exclusive Prayer Center will be built for them near the site as a sign of appreciation.

The government also reiterates that the construction of the park meets all the guidelines set by the Liberia Civil Aviation Authority. The LCAA's permission was sought and granted on grounds that all elevation and height in the park conform to LCAA's

guidelines.

The President has said the Park will be a reasonable distance from the runway and will not have a building constructed in it as mandated by aviation authorities.

The building of the Invincible

Park, which has already begun, will be completed within four months. The facility will host three football pitches, two basketball courts, a tennis court and another for volleyball. **-Press release**



UL honors 32

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other UL faculty members to make the difference and publish.

The keynote speaker at the program Prof. Dr. William Ezra Allen indicates that peer review publications develop a trained core of faculty, help to give universities a positive image, and provide an equitable standard for academic promotion.

"Every upward movement has its material and psychological reward. When you go to the faculty promotion exercise, the "Publish or Perish," when you go through that exercise and you are promoted, there are incentives that come with this promotion," he says.

Dr. Allen, an immediate past UL Vice President for Academic Affairs, notes that these include material incentives and psychological

incentives or benefits.

He says that that feeling of self - satisfaction, having gone from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor or to full professor, while also benefiting an upgrade in salary or the material benefit.

He adds that those who have not published should give it a try and do publication, saying by doing so they will be producing knowledge that is needed by the university and the society at large.

Further, he says they will compete for the seed money already announced by UL President Dr. Nelson.

Additionally, Dr. Allen suggests course reduction for professors who are engaged in research and publication so as to afford them the opportunity to give time to their writing work.

Nimba shows huge support

Tappita, Nimba County-Hundreds of Nimba citizens waited up until 9:00 PM Wednesday night lining the dark streets and front of their villages and towns as they awaited the arrival of President Weah and delegation from Cocopa,

through Ganta to dedicate the newly established Cocopa Rubber Plant before heading to Bahn where he dedicated housing units at the Bahn integration settlement camp to some 8,099 Ivorian refugees.

Nimba the host county of the refugees made available 315

integrate into the society.

President Weah who reminded the refugees that it was their right to choose whether they would return or stay and get integrated, warned that they should respect the rule of law here.

"We don't want conflict in our country," he said, adding "If anyone wants to stir conflict, you have the obligation to protect the country you want to be citizen of."

Following the dedication ceremony, President Weah held a Town Hall meeting in Bahn, where citizens made a plethora request for developmental projects. He thanks them and urged the citizens to be patient as the government try to meet some of their demands. He also asked that they maintain the peace saying it is only in a peaceful environment that these developments can take place.

After the Town Hall meeting President Weah and delegation headed for Saclepea where a huge crowd overwhelmed the convoy.

The delegation departed Saclepea around 6:30 PM and headed for Tappita through the 60 Km road as locals-including students, health workers, dance through the dark waving palm branches just to have a glance of the president and his convoy.



Bahn, through Saclepea and Tappita, where he ended his three days visit to that county.

President Weah and delegation which spent the night in Sanniquellie on Tuesday February 17, following visits to Karnplay, and Yekepa, departed Sanniquellie for Cocopa

acres of land to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, where many of the Ivorian refugees today called home.

Many of the refugees have opted to naturalize as citizens of Liberia and have requested the attending fees to the naturalization process be waived to enable them

Weah challenges officials

By NawayGumeh

Karnplay, Nimba County- President George Weah on Tuesday challenged his officials to engage in meaningful ventures that would improve the livelihoods of people whom they live with in the communities.

Speaking in Nimba County, President Weah noted that it is unthinkable for ministers and other government officials to reside in communities without being impactful to their neighbors.

He said while the government is working to improve the country, all of his ministers must muster the courage to use their meager resources and make meaningful contributions to their respective communities or risk being replaced.

His comment came after a leader of the disable community in Karnplay made a request for 100 bags of cement, steel rods and few bundles of zincs to construct an office space.

Weah argued that the amount being requested was not more than USD10, 000 and

that the amount could have been handled by officials within the community-that way they would be making impact as well.

He told officials of government in the midst of hundreds of Nimbaians that had gathered at a Town Hall meeting in Karnplay Tuesday that in 2021, he will pay unannounced visits to communities where his ministers reside, to get

firsthand information about how they are impacting their respective communities.

Realizing that the attitudes of his officials would cast blame on his administration, Weah vowed to ensure that his lieutenants don't live in communities and consciously ignore the suffering of their neighbors while his government takes the blame.



House forwards US\$10.5m

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ArcelorMittal and a grant of US\$1.5 million from the Kingdom of Morocco.

Further in his communication, the President outlined his expenditures as followed: RIA route pavement \$900,000; Public schools chair project \$700,000; Transformer project \$600,000; Hospital beds \$500,000; Legislative goods and services \$1.4m; domestic travels \$400,000; vehicle repairs and maintenance \$300,000; and constituency travels \$900,000.

Others are vehicle fuel and lubricant \$400,000; generator fuel \$600,000; printing,

binding and publication \$250,000; Telecommunication, internet and ICT supplies, \$250,000; RIA residential lounge \$250,000; public schools renovation \$250,000; government's obligation to the African Union \$1,129,695; Foreign Missions Operations \$370,305 and subsidy compensation \$600,000.

Meanwhile, the budget has been forwarded to the committee on Ways, Means, and Finance and Budget for proper advice to plenary within two weeks. -Editing by Jonathan Browne



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Survey Notice

The general public is informed that the ADMINISTRATORS OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF THE LATE THOMAS MARK DESHIELD, ELIZABETH REDD, MARIAN GLENN, AND MICKINLEY K. CUMMINGS has duly authorized the conduct of Detail & Perimeter survey of One Point Zero (1.0) Lot of land in Paynesville City, Montserrado County in favor of Madam Tenneh Kamara.


The parcel of land to be Re-Survey is lying and situated behind the First United Methodist Church, on AB Tolbert Road, Paynesville City, Montserrado County, Liberia.

This Re-survey will commence on Friday, 19th February 2021 beginning at 3:00 Pm.


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Meanwhile on Wednesday, President Weah dedicated a newly constructed rubber processing plant at the Cocopa Rubber Plantation in Nimba County.

Cocopa is said to be the biggest rubber plantation under the "Nimba Rubber Plantation Company" and the first to establish a rubber processing plant in Nimba count, northeastern Liberia.

Making remarks at the dedication of the processing plant on Wednesday, President Weah hailed NRPC CEO, Harrison Karnwea for working hard to establish the second rubber processing plant after Firestone-Liberia established one, several years back.

President Weah however encouraged Karnwea and his team to keep up the good work whilst urging everyone in the rubber sector to embrace competition if the sector must experience rapid improvement.

Speaking earlier, Harrison Karnwea lauded employees of the Cocopa Rubber Plantation for being supportive of the establishment of the processing plant in the area.

He disclosed that the workers had waved certain percentage of their monthly income in support of the implementation of the project whilst vowing to be robust to ensure a vibrant rubber sector in Nimba County.

House forwards US\$10.5m supplementary budget



By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

The House of Representatives has submitted a US\$10 million supplementary budget to the Liberian Senate for possible passage.

The supplementary budget is expected to run from February to June, 2021, capturing some key priority

sectors of the government, including roads connectivity, supply of arm chairs to government secondary schools, the health sector, and improvement of the Liberia Electricity Corporation, among others.

However, it has no bearing on the current 2020/21 national budget which was passed by the

two chambers last year; instead, the supplementary budget is to buttress the national budget in key areas of Weah's government.

A letter accompanying the draft supplementary budget says the financial instrument is meant to "enable the government deliver on programs that are in critical need of funds."

According to President Weah, his government has "realized a windfall amid mounting expenditure demands for service deliverables beyond allocations in the approved budget of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021."

The FY 2020/2021 budget was approved in the tone of US\$570.1 million. If the supplementary budget is approved, the total budget for FY 2020/2021 will be US\$580.6 million.

The President indicated that sources of the supplementary budget include US\$9 million from

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UL honors 32 faculty authors

By Winston W. Parley

32 faculty authors at the University of Liberia (UL) were certificated Wednesday, 17 February by the university authorities in recognition of their scholarly works, while also stimulating their peers to learn a lesson and put their dreams into action by beginning to write and publish.

The honorees included professors, associate and assistant professors and

instructors. The university authorities discussed during the program on Fendall campus that honorees' publications covered the period from academic years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

The president of the University of Liberia Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo S. Nelson pledges that his administration will expand and cultivate the culture of research among UL staff, the students and faculty members.

Dr. Nelson announces a Research Grant Fund Platform in



the amount of US\$50,000 as seed money to cultivate research at the University of Liberia.

According to Dr. Nelson, honoring the faculty members serves as a means of encouragement for them as well as a stimulant to others who have developed the thought, but have been hesitant in putting those thoughts into words and actions.

He therefore challenges

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