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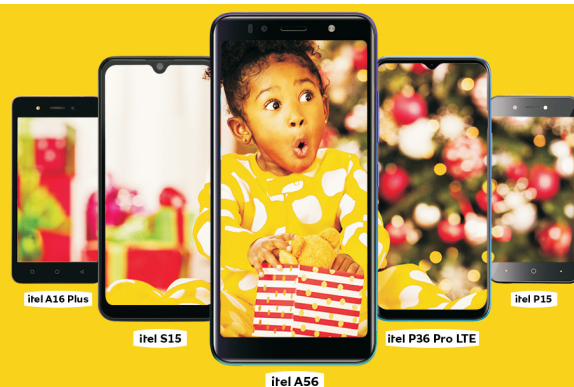
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Continental News

Ebola jabs arrive in Guinea after dust storm delay

A special plane carrying a consignment of Ebola vaccines has landed in Guinea, which will allow a vaccination campaign to begin later on Tuesday.

A dust storm in the Sahara had forced the aircraft off course on Sunday when it was diverted to Senegal.

Five people have recently died in Guinea from Ebola, the first cases in the region for five years.

Between 2013 and 2016 more than 11,000 people died in the West Africa Ebola epidemic, which began in Guinea. In response to that epidemic, vaccines were developed, which have since been successfully used to fight outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The focus is to vaccinate those who have come into contact with Ebola patients as well as frontline health workers. The World Health Organization (WHO) said the 11,000 doses, which

have arrived in the capital, Conakry, would be taken to the area near the south-eastern city of Nzérékoré within hours to start the inoculations.

The doses provided by the WHO are not enough for whole communities, so decisions have to be made as to who is most at

risk, reports the BBC's Africa correspondent Catherine Byaruhanga.

Guinea's forest region is the epicentre of this outbreak, as it was in 2013 when the disease spread to neighbouring Liberia and Sierra Leone, she adds.

The country officially declared that it was dealing with an epidemic on 14 February, but the WHO hopes a major outbreak can be avoided with this vaccination campaign. A nurse who worked at a health centre in Goueké, near Nzérékoré city, fell ill on 18 January and was first diagnosed with typhoid and then malaria.

When she got no better, she consulted a traditional practitioner in Nzérékoré, but died four days later. Several of her relatives and the traditional healer she consulted then fell ill.

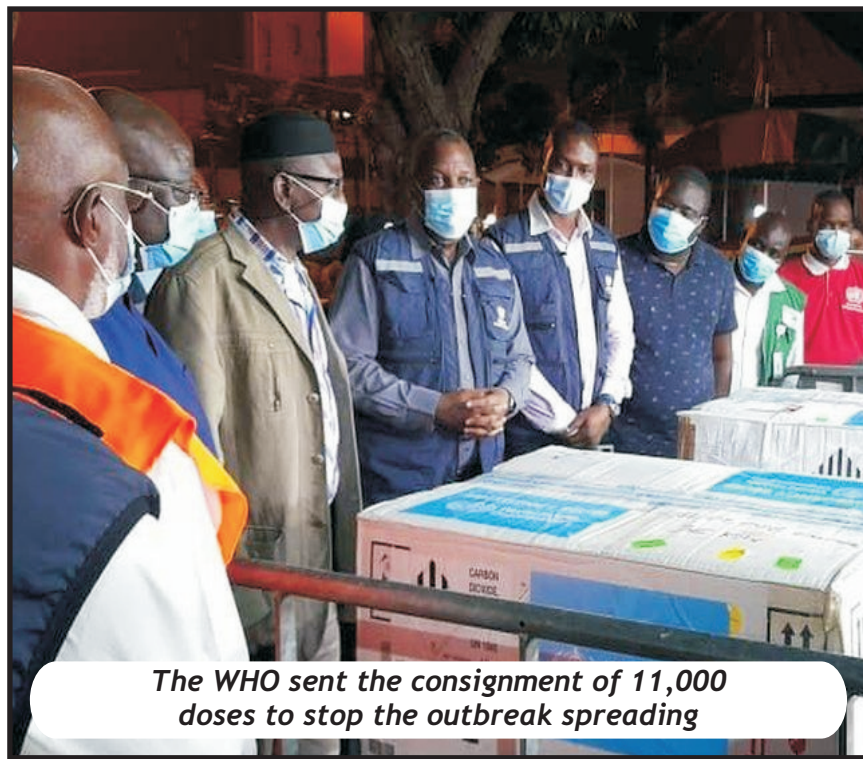
Community funerals, where people help wash the body of the person who has

died, can be a key way of spreading Ebola in the earlier stages of an outbreak.

The bodies of victims are particularly toxic. The incubation period can last from two days to three weeks.

Ebola jumps to humans from infected animals, such as chimpanzees, fruit bats and forest antelopes. Bushmeat - non-domesticated forest animals hunted for human consumption - is thought to be the natural reservoir of the Ebola virus.

It then spreads between humans by direct contact with infected blood, bodily fluids or organs, or indirectly through contact with contaminated environments. BBC



The WHO sent the consignment of 11,000 doses to stop the outbreak spreading

Covid infection in Lagos 'may top Africa's total'

A Covid-19 antibodies survey in Nigeria suggests that four million people in Lagos state alone have had the virus - more than has been officially recorded for the whole of Africa.

The official figure for Nigeria is 153,000 cases with 1,862 deaths.

The study was done on

10,000 people from four Nigerian states to estimate the extent of coronavirus in Africa's most populous nation.

It was conducted before a second wave began in early December. The findings of the seroprevalence survey, carried out in September and October by Nigeria's Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the Institute for Medical Research

(IMR), are staggering, reports the BBC's Mayeni Jones from Lagos.

Rates of infection were initially thought to be low during the first wave of the pandemic, our reporter says.

The country recorded its highest daily infection rate in January, when it logged 1,600 new cases, suggesting many more people were infected in the second wave. The results found that one in five of those tested in the states of Lagos, Enugu and Nasarawa had been infected.

In the north-eastern state of Gombe, the proportion was one in 10. Infections in men was higher and people living in urban areas were particularly vulnerable to contracting the virus, the study said.

For the head of the NCDC it shows that a large portion of Nigeria's 186 million inhabitants are still at risk from the virus.

"Eighty to ninety per cent of the population in these four states are still susceptible to the virus which makes the vaccination efforts we are about to start in



Millions not thousands of Nigerians have already contracted coronavirus, a new study says

Rebels deny killing Italian diplomat in DR Congo

A Hutu rebel group, known as the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), has denied any role in Monday's killing of Italy's ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Luca Attanasio, 43, died in hospital after the United

the attack

But the group's spokesman has denied the accusation.

"More than 100 armed groups operate here, we don't know why they linked us. We did not have a role in that heinous assassination," Cure Ngoma told the BBC Great Lakes.



Nations convoy he was travelling in came under fire near the eastern town of Goma.

An Italian military police officer travelling with the envoy and a Congolese driver were also killed.

DR Congo's interior ministry accused the FDLR rebel group of being behind

Mr Ngoma said that "whoever will be identified as responsible for the attack should be severely punished".

In a statement, the armed group said the attack happened in an area where both DR Congo and Rwanda had a military presence - so any investigation should take that into account. BBC

Nigeria even more important," said Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, Director-General of the NCDC. The country

recently approved the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine for use, but it is not clear when it will receive them. BBC

EDITORIAL

Political tolerance is key to peace and stability

IN HIS DEPARTING comments to the people of Grand Gedeh County on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Zwedru City Hall, President George Manneh Weah emphasized the need for political tolerance in the county in order to move ahead with economic development. He urged Grand Gedeans who voted for him overwhelmingly during the 2017 elections to tolerate opposition views in fostering a democratic culture in their midst.

THE CALL IS in direct reference to violence in Zwedru City, Grand Gedeh County on Thursday, 30 July 2020 when hundreds of thugs throwing stones and waving machetes prevented the leader of the opposition Alternative National Congress and former chairman of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Alexander B. Cummings, and Montserrado County District#10 Representative Yekeh Kolubah from stepping out to address supporters in the county after a stopover from Maryland County.

THE OPPOSITION DELEGATION woke up to a nightmare on the 30th of July last year when angry youths, armed with stones, sticks and cutlasses, among others barricaded B-2 Motel in the heart of Zwedru City, where Mr. Cummings, Representative Kolubah and other members of their entourage lodged. The mobs threatened to lynch Rep. Kolubah for constantly ranting invectives at President George Manneh Weah.

THAT INCIDENT RECEIVED condemnation from the Grand Gedeh County Legislative Caucus and the international communication with calls for speedy investigation to bring the perpetrators to justice. Findings of investigation by the government are yet to be made public.

BUT PRESIDENT WEAH was very emphatic on Saturday when he told citizens of the county that despite their support for his administration, they should tolerate opposition politicians as guaranteed under the Constitution.

WE BELIEVE THE remark by the President is important in promoting diversity of opinions or contrary views as required by freedom of speech. Mr. Weah further stressed that there would be no development both in Grand Gedeh and the entire Liberia without peace, so peace and tolerance for one another should be upheld.

WE JOIN THE President in calling on citizens of that county to cherish tolerance and peace for the sake of national unity and economic progress. Development cannot thrive in chaos.

ADDITIONALLY, GRAND GEDEANS should be reminded in no uncertain terms that Liberia is not for any pacific President or administration. Rather, the democratic space, thru the Constitution allows a person to be elected at the ballot box to govern the state for a specific tenure.

NO MATTER WHO is elected President, that person automatically becomes leader for the entire Republic, which includes both his own supporters and the opposition. He may not be liked or loved by all of the citizens but tolerance requires that critical or contrary views are expressed without threats to those expressing such views.

IN FACT, CRITICAL views strengthen democracy and the government in power to govern well in the interest of all citizens, including the opposition. If a President succeeds in his administration, it is Liberia that gets the credit.

THIS IS THE message President Weah wants the people of Grand Gedeh County to run with: He appreciates so highly that they love him 100 percent, as demonstrated at the ballot box, but at the same time, others may express contrary views about his leadership. This should not give his supporters right to go after those people who criticize his government. History has proven time and again, that doing so is counterproductive.

COMMENTARY

By Stephen S. Roach

The Limits to America's Pent-Up Demand

NEW HAVEN - As the second vaccine shot went into my arm, I could almost taste the instant gratification of deferred desires. Having done without for nearly a year, it was time to indulge.

While I was lucky enough - actually, old enough - to be included in the first wave of inoculations, the rest of America is about to follow. The possibility that broader vaccine distribution will lead to "herd immunity" by the end of 2021 is no longer fanciful. And with the end of the COVID-19 nightmare, goes the argument widely discounted in financial markets, long-deprived US consumers can finally relax and enjoy the glorious V-shaped recovery.

If only. The concept of pent-up demand is well studied in economics. While it typically applies to the consumption of durable goods - cars, furniture, appliances, and the like - it has also been used to describe residential construction activity and business investment in plants and equipment.

The idea rests on a basic premise of dynamic demand models known as the "stock-adjustment" effect: an unexpected development that prompts a deferral of spending on long-lasting items with a finite lifetime does not mitigate obsolescence (physical or technological) and the associated need for replacement. It follows that once the interruption ends, a surge of postponed, or pent-up, replacement demand can spark economic recovery.

Typically, the bigger the shock and the associated deferral of replacement demand, the stronger the rebound. I tell my students to imagine a big rubber band: the more you pull it, the greater the snapback when you release it.

This works well in explaining the temporary impact of what economists call exogenous shocks like natural disasters, strikes, political upheavals, and wars. It works less well for shocks that can cause lasting economic scarring - like financial crises and, yes, pandemics.

Recent trends in US consumer spending suggest that the natural forces of pent-up demand may largely be spent. Over the final eight months of 2020, the post-lockdown rebound of durables consumption was fully 39% greater than what was lost during the lockdown in March and April. As a result, durables consumption rose to 8.25% of GDP in the second half of 2020 - the highest share since early 2007 and well in excess of the 7.1% average over the 2008-19 period.

There is probably some more to come. On the heels of another tranche of federal relief checks issued in December (\$600 per eligible recipient), the 5.3% surge in retail sales reported for January - dominated by outside gains for durable items such as electronics, appliances, and furniture - provides further evidence of consumer euphoria. And with an even larger round of \$1,400 checks in the offing as President Joe Biden's "American Rescue Plan" takes hold, additional impetus

from consumer durables seems likely.

At that point, however, pent-up demand should be exhausted. This is even more apparent when assessing the extraordinary power of the recent surge in consumer durables relative to pent-up demand cycles in the past.

Since the early 1990s, recoveries in personal consumption have been relatively muted. But in the seven cyclical expansions from the mid-1950s through the early 1980s, the release of pent-up demand boosted consumer durables' share of GDP by 0.6 percentage points, on average, in the four quarters following business cycle troughs. From this perspective, the recent increase in consumer durables' share of GDP of fully 1.35 percentage points from the 6.9% low hit in the first quarter of 2020 is all the more extraordinary. At more than double the earlier cyclical norm, it is all the more unsustainable.

At the same time, the powerful release of pent-up demand, aided by unprecedented support from fiscal and monetary policies, is masking a lingering undercurrent of consumer skittishness that is likely to endure long after the bulk of the US population is vaccinated. The so-called long shadow of earlier major pandemics offers ample historical precedent for this scenario.

So do recent data showing signs of scarring in the services sector - especially in activities that require face-to-face contact such as travel, leisure, and entertainment. Vaccines or not, face-to-face interactions are at odds with a now deeply-engrained awareness of personal health risks that will most likely influence consumer behavior for years to come.

That's what the numbers show. Unlike the powerful rebound of consumer spending on durables, the post-lockdown rebound of services from May to December 2020 recouped just 63% of what was lost during March and April. Unsurprisingly, services, which make up a little more than 60% of total US consumption, are being held back mainly by face-to-face activities such as transportation (travel), recreation (leisure), and restaurant dining. Collectively, these three spending categories, which accounted for fully 61% of the lockdown-induced plunge in total consumer services, remain 25% below their peak in the fourth quarter of 2019.

This same hesitation in consumer services demand is mirrored by comparable trends in the US labor market. While there has been a significant rebound of hiring since lockdowns were lifted last spring, total nonfarm jobs remain 9.9 million below the February 2020 peak.

Again, the reason is hardly surprising. Fully 83% of that shortfall has been concentrated in face-to-face private services such as transportation, leisure and hospitality, accommodations, food services, retail trade, motion pictures and sound recording, and non-public education. New research points to more of the same: post-COVID-19 headwinds in services are likely to be an enduring feature of the US labor market.

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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 **amended 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 carry out 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, 2021 to 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 supplied in the last five years of at least US \$1,000,000.00

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 Fifty 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 **Friday March 26, 2021 at 02:00p m.** 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 **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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 Procurement Division
 Ministry of Public Works
 Monrovia, Liberia

Signed: _____

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.

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: Office of the Ad hoc Committee
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 5th Floor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Via Email: adhoccommittee2021@gmail.com

Deadline for Application: Friday, February 26, 2021 @ 4 O'Clock P.M. (GMT)

Note: All Applications already delivered in-person to the Civil Service Agency or via email to agapplication@csa.gov.lr are valid.

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Weah in River Gee



Weah in River Gee



Français

Wilmot Paye : « les individus corrompus n'ont aucune place au PLP »

L'opposition n'est pas un lieu où des individus corrompus se regroupent pour tenter de renverser un régime afin de se remplir les poches une fois aux affaires, a souligné Wilmot Paye, président du Parti de libération du peuple.

« Il n'y a aucune preuve dans l'histoire de l'être humain qui montre que les tribalistes et les politiciens qui ont horreur de la vérité et de l'intégrité et dénigrent ceux qui s'opposent à la malhonnêteté au sein de leurs propres organisations aient assez de courage et volonté pour mener la transformation dans quelque société que ce soit », a-t-il indiqué.

« Vous ne pouvez pas donner ce que vous n'avez pas. L'intégrité ne change [pas] son caractère ou sa nature, quoi qu'il arrive. Tout en exposant les maux et les erreurs commises par les autres, l'hypocrite ferme les yeux sur ce qui est commis sous son nez. Aucun parti politique, aucune alliance ou coalition, aussi « bonnes » que soient les intentions, ne peut se présenter comme une alternative viable s'il échoue

et / ou refuse de tenir ses propres membres et dirigeants responsables de leurs mauvaises actions et de leur conduite », poursuit Paye.

S'exprimant lors de la cérémonie de présentation du bureau politique du PLP, M. Paye a appelé les Libériens à ne plus permettre aux membres de la « classe politique égoïste » de bénéficier d'une nouvelle occasion d'exploiter le peuple libérien.

Selon lui, le patriotisme, l'intégrité et la transparence sont des vertus que les dirigeants au niveau national, régional et local doivent promouvoir à tout moment comme des normes minimales.

Il a par ailleurs indiqué que la libération du Libéria exige des idées nouvelles, des approches pratiques et prévisibles pour s'attaquer

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Guinée : réception des premières doses de vaccins contre Ebola

Quelque 11 360 doses de vaccin Merck en provenance du Sénégal sont arrivées lundi soir à Conakry. C'est un ouf de soulagement qu'ont poussé les autorités sanitaires guinéennes lorsqu'un petit avion à hélice perce la brume qui assombrit le ciel de Conakry ces derniers jours. Ces mauvaises conditions météo avaient en effet causé

le report pour 24h de la livraison des vaccins initialement prévue pour dimanche.

« Dans les caisses ce sont les vaccins contre Ebola, le vaccin Merck plus précisément, qui sont arrivés ce soir. Elles devaient arriver hier mais malheureusement pour des raisons climatiques, l'avion n'a pas pu se poser donc il a fallu l'intervention de beaucoup de

personnalités pour que cet avion soit là ce soir pour déposer ces vaccins qui étaient tant attendus », a expliqué le directeur général de l'Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire, Dr Sakoba Keita. Ces milliers de doses vont servir à circonscrire la propagation du virus dont la résurgence, en ce début d'année, a déjà coûté la vie à 5 personnes.

« La suite, c'est que les vaccins vont être déployés sur le terrain sur le théâtre de la riposte des opérations à Nzérékoré demain et dans tous les sites où on aura besoin d'eux pour protéger les contacts des malades et encercler ainsi la propagation de cette épidémie qui préoccupe non seulement la Guinée, mais aussi les pays voisins », a détaillé le représentant de l'OMS en Guinée, Georges Ki-Zerbo.

La campagne de vaccination a débuté dès ce mardi à Gouecké, epicentre de l'épidémie, à Nzérékoré (sud), ainsi qu'à Conakry, où un malade est hospitalisé.



Éditorial

La tolérance politique est la clé de la paix et de la stabilité

Dans son message de départ du comté de Grand Gedeh le samedi 20 février 2021, le président George Manneh Weah a souligné la nécessité d'une tolérance politique dans le comté afin de sauvegarder la paix sociale et relancer l'économie. Il a exhorté les habitants de Grand Gedeh qui ont voté massivement pour lui lors des élections de 2017 à tolérer les opinions de l'opposition et favoriser la culture démocratique.

L'appel fait directement référence à la violence qui avait éclaté dans la ville de Zwedru, dans le comté de Grand Gedeh, le jeudi 30 juillet 2020, lorsque des centaines de voyous s'étaient mis à lapider le leader de l'Alternative National Congress et ancien président de la coalition des principaux partis de l'opposition. Ce jour-là, Alexander B. Cummings et le représentant du district n° 10 du comté de Montserrado, Yekeh Kolubah, n'ont pas pu s'adresser à leurs partisans dans le comté, en ayant été empêchés.

Ce jour fatidique du 30 juillet était pour la délégation de l'opposition qui s'était rendue dans cette partie du pays un véritable cauchemar. Des jeunes en colère, armés de pierres, de gourdins et de machettes avaient pris d'assaut et barricadé le Motel où la délégation (M. Cummings, le représentant Kolubah et d'autres) avait élu domicile, au cœur de la ville de Zwedru. Ils menaçaient de lyncher le représentant Kolubah à qui on reprochait d'avoir l'habitude d'injurier le président George Manneh Weah.

Cet incident a été condamné par le caucus législatif du comté de Grand Gedeh et la communauté internationale qui a appelé à une enquête rapide pour traduire les auteurs en justice. Les conclusions de l'enquête du gouvernement n'ont pas encore été rendues publiques.

Mais le président Weah a été très catégorique samedi lorsqu'il a déclaré aux citoyens du comté que malgré leur soutien à son administration, ils devraient tolérer les politiciens de l'opposition comme le garantit la Constitution.

Nous pensons que la déclaration du président est non seulement remarquable, mais elle est aussi indispensable à la tolérance politique et à la promotion de la diversité des opinions, comme l'exige la liberté d'expression. M. Weah a en outre souligné que sans paix, il n'y aurait pas de développement dans tout le Libéria, encore moins dans le comté de Grand Gedeh. D'où la nécessité de promouvoir encore une fois la tolérance politique et de chérir et de sauvegarder la paix dont nous jouissons.

Nous nous joignons ainsi au Président pour appeler les citoyens de ce comté à chérir la tolérance et la paix au nom de l'unité nationale et du progrès économique. Il ne peut y avoir de développement et de prospérité dans le chaos.

De plus, il faut rappeler aux Grand Gedeans en des termes clairs que le Libéria n'appartient pas à un président ou à une administration. Au contraire, l'espace démocratique, à travers la Constitution, permet à une personne d'être élue aux urnes pour gouverner l'État pour un mandat spécifique.

Peu importe qui est élu président, cette personne devient automatiquement le chef de toute la République, qui comprend à la fois ses propres partisans et l'opposition. Il peut être aimé ou haï de certains citoyens, mais la tolérance exige que des opinions critiques ou contraires soient exprimées sans menaces pour ceux qui expriment de telles opinions.

En fait, les opinions critiques renforcent la démocratie et le gouvernement au pouvoir pour bien gouverner dans l'intérêt de tous les citoyens, y compris l'opposition. Si un président réussit dans son administration, c'est le Libéria qui en a le mérite.

C'est le message que le président Weah a bien voulu livrer aux habitants du comté de Grand Gedeh. Certes, il apprécie tellement le fait qu'il est si aimé par ces habitants, comme en témoigne les résultats des urnes, mais s'en prendre à ceux qui expriment des opinions contraires sur son leadership ne serait pas de son goût. Il est convaincu que les partisans n'ont pas le droit de s'en prendre à ceux qui critiquent son gouvernement. L'histoire a prouvé à maintes reprises que cela était contre-productif.

Français

Wilmot Paye : « les individus

aux problèmes de corruption, de népotisme et de tribalisme.

« Je sais que vous êtes tous fatigués des promesses qui ne correspondent pas à l'attitude, la conduite, l'action et le caractère actuels. La question n'est pas de savoir si une administration se terminera en 2023 par l'élection d'une autre. Que le débat porte plutôt sur la manière dont le système de gouvernance du Libéria sera différent après 2023 », a dit l'ancien président du Parti de l'unité, avant d'ajouter que le tempes est venu où le Libéria sera libéré, où les incertitudes monétaires actuelles disparaîtront, où la Banque centrale du Libéria cessera d'être un canal pour le pillage des fonds publics et où les banques commerciales auront toute la confiance des clients qui déposeront leurs avoirs en banque sans la moindre crainte.

« Lorsque nous libérerons le Libéria, les juges de la Cour suprême et les juges des tribunaux subordonnés rendront justice sans crainte ni faveur. Ensuite, les Libériens espéreront à nouveau, et leur espoir aura un sens. Oui, lorsque nous libérerons le Libéria, les partis politiques cesseront d'être des véhicules par lesquels les programmes égoïstes des voleurs et de leurs associés seront promus. »

Il a promis que le PLP serait géré différemment, avec ouverture, honnêteté, respect, avec vérité, avec un engagement total.

« Si vous êtes dans un parti politique qui n'a pas répondu à vos attentes, dans lequel les dirigeants disent une chose et font une autre ; si votre parti a pris votre allégeance pour acquise, en se concentrant uniquement sur les torts commis par d'autres tout en tolérant ou en justifiant des maux internes, venez faire du Parti de la libération du peuple votre foyer. Nous ne

pouvons pas et ne décevrons pas. Dans ce Parti, nous rejetons l'idée que la pauvreté est un mode de vie pour vous. Nous sommes convaincus que la pauvreté est une condition artificielle créée par la mauvaise gouvernance », a-t-il conclu.

Poursa part, le chef du plus jeune parti politique du Libéria, le Dr Daniel E. Cassell, a déclaré que le PLP cherche à devenir l'institution politique alternative qui libérera les Libériens de la dégradation économique, de la paralysie de l'éducation, de l'immobilité sanitaire et de la décadence de l'agriculture grâce à la participation inclusive et démocratique de tous les citoyens, quel que soit le comté, la tribu ou le statut social.

Il a fait cette promesse ce week-end lors de l'inauguration du siège du PLP.

Les membres du bureau exécutif sont : Wilmot Paye, président national; M. Tapped E. Doe, vice-président national pour l'administration et les finances; Alphonso D. Bindah : Vice-président national pour les opérations; Carlos Tingbah Edison, : secrétaire général; Stephen Vorkpor, secrétaire adjoint à la presse et à la propagande, Israel Mayou, vice-président adjoint au recrutement, et Christina Christopher, vice-présidente nationale par intérim pour l'administration et la Ligue des femmes, respectivement.

« Il y a des défis systématiques qui sapent les acquis que nous avons réalisés en tant que nation; notre économie peine encore à se remettre sur pied, le chômage est un défi majeur, les entreprises licencient toujours des travailleurs, tandis que les Libériens sont toujours des spectateurs de leur propre économie ».

Jusqu'à présent, le Dr Cassell avait été impliqué dans divers programmes humanitaires au Libéria depuis sa base aux États-Unis d'Amérique où il a vécu et travaillé pendant de nombreuses années avant de se lancer en politique.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Stephen S. Roach

Les limites du rebond de la consommation aux USA

NEW HAVEN - Lorsque l'aiguille a pénétré mon bras pour la deuxième injection de vaccin, j'ai senti la montée quasi instantanée de mes désirs différés. Après presque un an de restrictions diverses, il était temps d'y laisser libre cours.

J'ai eu la chance d'être assez vieux pour être inclus dans la première vague de vaccination, et le reste des Américains est sur le point de suivre. Il est devenu plausible qu'une vaccination à grande échelle conduise à l'immunité collective d'ici la fin de l'année. L'argument est largement écarté par les marchés financiers ; néanmoins avec la fin du cauchemar de la pandémie, vient l'idée que longtemps restreints dans leurs dépenses, les Américains consommeront enfin à tire-larigot et profiteront d'une magnifique reprise en V.

Si seulement cela pouvait être vrai ! Le concept de demande latente est bien connu en économie. Il s'applique généralement à la consommation de biens durables (voitures, meubles, électroménagers, etc.), mais il est aussi utilisé pour l'immobilier résidentiel, les usines et les machines industrielles.

L'idée repose sur le postulat d'une demande dynamique connue sous le nom d'ajustement des stocks. Dans un premier temps, un événement inattendu entraîne un report des achats d'objets à durée de vie limitée mais longue, sans atténuer leur obsolescence physique ou technologique et le désir de les remplacer. Dans un deuxième temps, une fois l'événement passé, la hausse de la demande de remplacement de ces objets déclenche une reprise économique.

En général, plus fortes la crise et la suspension de la demande, plus fort est le redémarrage économique. Je dis à mes étudiants d'imaginer un gros élastique : plus on le tire, plus sa détente va être puissante lorsqu'on le relâche.

Ce concept fonctionne bien pour expliquer l'impact temporaire des chocs exogènes comme les catastrophes naturelles, les grèves, les bouleversements politiques et les guerres. Il fonctionne moins bien pour les crises aux conséquences économiques durables à long terme, comme les crises financières et... les pandémies.

Aux USA, l'évolution récente des dépenses de consommation montre que la demande peut exploser après une crise. Au cours des huit derniers mois de 2020, le rebond de la consommation a été tel que les achats de biens durables après le ralentissement économique ont dépassé de 39% leur niveau de février 2020. Ils représentaient 8,25% du PIB au cours du second semestre de 2020 - la part la plus élevée depuis début de 2007, bien au-delà de la moyenne de 7,1% entre 2008 et 2019.

La hausse de la consommation va probablement se poursuivre. Après une nouvelle aide fédérale de 600 dollars par bénéficiaire en décembre, la hausse de 5,3% des ventes au détail en janvier, essentiellement pour les biens durables, est une preuve supplémentaire de l'euphorie des consommateurs. Et avec le versement d'une nouvelle aide de 1 400 dollars en perspective dans le cadre du Plan de sauvetage américain du président Biden, on peut s'attendre à un nouveau rebond de consommation de biens durables.

Mais à ce moment-là, la demande différée sera probablement satisfaite. C'est évident si l'on considère la récente frénésie d'achat de biens de

consommation durables à la lumière des précédents épisodes de demande différée.

Depuis le début des années 1990, les reprises de la consommation par les ménages ont eu une ampleur relativement modérée. Lors des sept cycles d'expansion entre le milieu des années 1950 et le début des années 1980, l'expression de la demande différée pour les biens durables s'est traduite par une augmentation de 0,6 point de pourcentage de la part des biens de consommation durables dans le PIB (dans les 12 mois qui ont suivi le creux du cycle des affaires). Or le rebond spectaculaire et tout récent de leur part dans le PIB (+ 1,35 points de pourcentage par rapport au creux de 6,9% du premier trimestre 2020) représente plus du double. Il ne faut donc pas s'attendre à ce que ce rebond soit durable.

Soutenue par des mesures budgétaires et monétaires sans précédent, l'explosion de la demande différée masque un courant sous-jacent de frilosité des consommateurs, une tendance qui devrait se prolonger longtemps après la vaccination de la majeure partie de la population américaine. L'examen des conséquences économiques des grandes pandémies précédentes renforce ce pronostic.

Ce scénario paraît d'autant plus probable à la vue des derniers chiffres du secteur des services. Ils sont catastrophiques - notamment en ce qui concerne le tourisme et les loisirs. Avec ou sans vaccin, lors des années à venir, la conscience enracinée des risques sanitaires liés aux interactions directes de personne à personne va probablement peser lourd sur le comportement des consommateurs.

C'est bien ce que montrent les chiffres. Contrairement au puissant rebond de la consommation de biens durables dans la période qui a suivi les mesures de restriction, de mai à décembre 2020, les dépenses en faveur des services n'ont retrouvé que 63% de leur niveau d'avant pandémie. Il n'est pas étonnant que la diminution de l'offre et de la demande en faveur des services (un peu plus de 60% de la consommation totale aux USA), soit principalement marquée dans les secteurs du voyage, des loisirs et de la restauration. Ensemble, ces trois catégories de dépense (qui comptaient pour 61% de la chute du chiffre d'affaire des services aux consommateurs lors des restrictions), restent 25% en dessous de leur pic du quatrième trimestre 2019.

On observe une tendance comparable sur le marché du travail aux USA. Bien qu'il y ait eu une reprise significative de l'embauche depuis la levée des restrictions au printemps dernier, hors secteur agricole, les USA ont perdu 9,9 millions d'emplois par rapport au pic de février 2020.

Là encore, la cause n'est guère surprenante. La grande majorité des pertes d'emploi (83%) touche les services privés à la personne (transport, loisir, hôtellerie, restauration, commerce de détail, cinéma, musique, et enseignement privé). De nouvelles études soulignent plus ou moins la même chose : même après la levée des restrictions, la contraction du secteur des services pourrait devenir une caractéristique durable du marché du travail américain.

Malgré le bond de la demande pour des biens durables qui était prévisible, le recul des services à la personne (en termes de demande et d'emploi) pourrait s'avérer durable. Avec la fin du rattrapage des achats de biens durables par les consommateurs, la reprise de l'économie américaine post-pandémique ne se fera probablement pas à la vitesse de l'éclair.

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"Family not cooperative"

By Ethel A Tweh

The Deputy Inspector General of the Liberia National Police (LNP), Prince Mulbah says the families of the three young men who went missing last year have not been cooperative in the search for the victims.

Appearing before the plenary of the Liberian Senate Tuesday, 23 February, Mr. Mulbah said police were protecting the St. Moses Funeral Parlor as part of their duties when the families threatened to burn down the place.

St. Moses Funeral Parlor proprietor Mr. Moses Ahoussouhe stands accused of

them hurt.

He says since the incident happened, police have been investigating and are still conducting a search for the three missing persons, but alleges that the families are not helping in the process.

According to him, they constituted a 26 - man search team, including the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) and the Police Support Unit (PSU).

Mr. Mulbah explains that a body was found around the same river in which the victims were alleged to have drowned and it was taken to the Samuel Stryker Funeral Parlor.

According to him, thereafter families of the missing men were called to identify the body

they also refused.

"The families of the three missing people have always said that they know where their missing children are but have refused to come up to [tell] us and say it," he indicates.

"They have also been on air telling people to go to the funeral home and take their dead bodies from there because they will burn down the funeral home," Mulbah notes.

According to Mr. Mulbah, a canoe was carrying six persons and water started to pull into the canoe.

Mulbah narrates that occupants of the canoe tried to get out, but the water overflowed it and it eventually capsized.

He notes that three persons survived and crossed to the other town, but the three men who went to work with St. Moses were the ones that got drowned and have not been found.

For his part, Justice Minister Cllr. Frank Musa Dean says they had a meeting with the families and the family requested him to constitute a committee to investigate the matter.

He says the families wanted the Armed Forces of Liberia, the Liberia Immigration Service, among others to be involved in the investigation, but without the LNP's involvement.

He says the families had suggested that the police had been compromised.

Also speaking, Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon says there is no way for sentiments to be removed from this case while the families are not getting any information as to whether their children are dead or alive.

He also says up to now, the police cannot tell if the children are dead or not.

For his part, Nimba County Senator Prince Yormie Johnson states that the police are doing their best, saying that they should forget about autopsy because nobody will believe an autopsy report in Liberia.--*Edited Winston W. Parley*



hiring victims Robert Blamo, Jr., 29, Siafa Boimah, 33 and Blama from Monrovia since Saturday, 15 October to travel to Bong Mines to do technical work for him at his diamond creek when all three of them controversially went missing. It was claimed that the victims drowned in the St. Paul River.

Series of protests held by families and friends outside the St. Moses Funeral Parlor in demand of the missing men were greeted by police's hard hands.

However, Mr. Mulbah told the Liberian Senate that it was not officers' intention to teargas the families or get

for about one month, but they allegedly refused to appear on grounds that they were not looking for a dead body but living bodies of their children.

In November 2020 the victims' family members said the three missing men were allegedly in the custody of their alleged kidnappers at an undisclosed location.

But Mr. Mulbah says it was through the intervention of the Liberian Council of Churches that the families went to see the body and identified it to be a corpse of an old person.

Further, Mr. Mulbah states that they told the families to do a DNA on the body to ascertain if the body belonged to them, and

Weah makes more promises

Fish Town, River Gee County-President George Weah the fourth leg of his county tour in River Gee County, has promised to construct a technical college in Fish Town, the capital of the county and construct 200 housing units for the underprivileged.

Speaking at a Town Hall meeting in Fish Town, on Monday February 22,

President Weah also promised to light up Kaweakan with 2000 solar panels.

A town hall meeting scheduled to have taken place in the area upon his arrival in the county on Sunday evening could not be held due to the lack of electricity in the area. It was push to early Monday morning thereby affecting the President's travel schedule.

Mr. Weah also vowed to ensure that pavement of the

Zwedru-Fish Town corridor which is currently being worked on is completed.

In Fish Town, Mr. Weah dedicated the isolation unit at the Fish Town hospital and the refurbished Superintendent compound.

Meanwhile, President Weah has expressed his dismay over the underdevelopment of the

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Mission for Humanity."

In his address to the Indian Community in Liberia, Mr. Jetty recalls his services in Liberia both as India's Consulate General and as a businessman which date back to civil crisis in Liberia when he had to take risks at some point to intervene in the situations of his people here.

"At that time, mother will not look for their own child. I know what risk I took," says Mr. Jetty, reflecting on his role in helping his fellow Indians during Liberia's civil crisis back in the 90s.

"In 2003, my house again in Mamba Point became center of refugees - Indians and Liberians. I never knew who Indians were there, but that was my duty and I did it," says in reflecting on another period of civil crisis that eventually ended former President Charles Ghankay Taylor's rule.

He says he "evacuated everybody who wanted to

right in front of you. If you are to die, you are to die. Nothing can change [that]," he says.

He also spoke of hot meal distribution exercise which he has been carrying out for the past time to help homeless folks in Liberia, indicating that he has not received a dime from anyone to do it. He says he will continue the initiative even when he is not in Liberia.

He says he is very thankful to everybody who has supported him over the past 27 years in the discharge of his duty, as well as the Indian community for organizing the event in his honor.

Mr. Jetty urged his fellow Indians to move to a certain stage in life towards small skill industrial sector in Liberia, noting that the investment climate here is very good.

"Government has very good policy through NIC (National Investment Commission), I'm sure some of my fellow compatriots are taking advantage of that," he said.



leave," recalling that by the end of 2003, they were only 39 Indians left in Liberia.

Fast forward to the start of the health crisis in Liberia when Ebola broke during former President Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf's administration, Mr. Jetty recalls how he had to come back to Liberia from the United States to attend to the former president and other citizens' call.

He recalled how the former president Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf wanted the Indians to cremate Ebola bodies, and that she also wanted him back because Indians were getting panic and were running away from the country which would have affected the availability of commodities in the country.

Having flew back to Liberia, Mr. Jetty says, he wore personal protective equipment (PPEs) suits, went ahead and taught them how to do cremation.

"The first body, I cremated it myself, and I am standing

He said although Indians in Liberia are in a small number, however, they have shown commendable presence in almost all sphere of activities in this country, saying they have significant number of entrepreneurs, investors, successful traders and qualified professionals contributing to every sector of development here.

Earlier in a welcome statement, Mr. Mahendra Shedul of T.Choithram and Sons thanked Mr. Jetty for his dedicated and remarkable service over 26 years of as the Honorary Consulate General of India to Liberia.

"His tenure will not only be remembered in Liberia for how efficiently he has done his duties and achievements ..., but also he will be remembered for his passion for helping the Indian community, helping the poor and helping the hungry, doing humanitarian works," he said.

Political fury erupts in River Gee

By Othello B. Garblah

Fish Town, River Gee County - The southeastern Liberian county, River Gee has erupted in to a political fury as President George Weah, who is currently on a nationwide tour in the area expresses dismay over the level of underdevelopment in the county.

Mr. Weah did not hold back his frustration during a Town Hall meeting in Fish Town, the administrative city of River Gee on Monday when he revealed to local officials and citizens that he nearly ran out of a mare palaver hut called Presidential Palacemeant for his accommodation.

county, I don't want to see it," he stressed.

The particular structure in question was constructed during the administration of former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Like many of the counties in the south eastern part of Liberia, River Gee is one of the least developed. It probably share similar status with Rive Cess, also in the South East and Gbarpolu in the North West. But Weah, a native from the southeast, has vowed to change the narrative.

River Gee was created as a county in 2000 alone with Gbarpolu under the regime of exiled former President Charles Taylor.

financial institutions for money transfer services.

But as if the poor infrastructure provided for the president was not enough, many of the county's senior officials decided to boycott the president's visit-among them were the two Senators-Conmany Wessreh and Weah's longtime rival, soccer star turned politician Jonathan Boy Charles Sogbie.

Their absence from the county during the President's visit have generated mix views from citizens both home and abroad with some supporting their actions while others condemning it.

It a social media post by Sen. Wesseh's chief of office staff, Anderson Chea, he wrote that the plan to stay away from the president's visit was triggered by the fact that some partisans of the ruling party were using the various community radio stations in the south east to preach divisive politics.

He noted that by their actions, the partisans and supporters of the president try to show disrespect to well-meaning sons and daughters and opposition government officials as if it was election time.

But another citizen from the county described the actions of their leaders as complete insult to the county and its inhabitants.

"The absent of these two senators; Cominay B. Wesseh and Boycharles Sogbie from the president's visit to our county is/was a big shame, disrespect, disgrace, non-Patriotism shown to our county by them. Our county is beyond opposition or ruling position. We must unite when it comes to the good of the county," the writer wrote in the River Gee leadership forum on social media.

"Take it or not their attitude was unacceptable and this page recommend that the traditional leaders and elders of RiverGee summon them and fine them with immediate effect!!!" the poster noted.



"I nearly ran out of that place. How can you referred to that structure as a Presidential Palace? It is a shame and disrespect to the office of the President," Weah roared.

"Why if I were to invite some of my friends to come along with me? Do you think they were going to take us seriously?" the President went on.

He immediately directed that the structure be broken down to give way for the construction of a modern one.

"Break down that thing! Break down that thing! I am emphasizing because I mean it. When I come back to this

Fish Town, is it administrative capital. The area of the county is measure at 5,113 square kilometres (1,974 sq mi).

According to the 2008 Census, the county has the population of 66,789, making it the third-least populous county in Liberia.

It is bordered by Sinoe County to the west, Grand Gedeh County to the north, and Grand Kru and Maryland counties to the south. The eastern part of River Gee borders Ivory Coast along the Cavalla River.

The county with its youthful population lacks basic social services including electricity, running water, internet and

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all the knowledge, all the connections, and all the resources to start to make a difference.

Further, he said one does not have to wait until a vacancy is announced because they probably never will announce it.

"And when they do, there will be way too much competition, that will make it harder for you," he said.

Tuesday's convocation at SKD Sports Complex in Paynesville was the second of four commencement convocations of the 101st Class of 2020 called "MENI NINA," - an expression from the Kpelleh language which is translated in English as "new beginning."

A total of 963 candidates graduated from the Thomas J. R. Faulkner College of Science and Technology, the William R. Tolbert, Jr. College of Agriculture and Forestry, and the College of Engineering.

Mr. Johnson, a young Liberian entrepreneur, founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of J-Palm Liberia, said he intended sharing his experience with the graduating class because as a young man, he found himself to be in the same age group as many of the graduates.

J-Palm Liberia is a Liberian - owned company that manufactures skin and hair care products from Palm Kernels, based in Liberia.

Mr. Johnson reminded the graduates that their degrees do not automatically make them experts or professionals, but their level of proficiency,

diligence, integrity, and commitment to whatever they do will make them experts.

He urged them to do their best always because they never know who's watching them.

"Don't wait for opportunities to fall from the sky," Mr. Johnson said, adding, "technology has made it easier for people to find information and so the competitive environment is becoming exponentially larger."

He concluded that when God blesses the graduates, they must remember to be a blessing to others, noting that all blessings are manifestations of God's grace.

In his commencement greetings to the graduates earlier, the President of the University of Liberia, Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson reminded the graduates that their achievement would not have been possible if not for the special grace of the Almighty Creator.

"You have finally reached the end of this phase of your academic sojourn, and the entire University of Liberia family is celebrating with you today," Dr. Nelson told the graduates.

He said after 173 years, Liberia still finds itself grappling with the challenges of nation-building and infrastructural development.

The UL President further stated that he is cognizant of the fact that the nation will not make progress if the necessary investment is not made for the younger generation in preparing them to assume the helm of leadership.

7TH DAY'S SESSION: IN THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT FOR MONT. CO. MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020 JANUARY TERM A.D. 2020

SHEET ONE
THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, MET FOR NORMAL TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS WITH HIS HONOR, J. VINTON HOLDER. DEVOTION WAS CONDUCTED AND THEREAFTER THE ROLL OF ALL THE CLERICAL STAFF WAS CALLED WITH THOSE ABSENT DULY NOTED. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S SITTING WAS CORRECTED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED WITH THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS MADE BASED UPON MOTION TO THE COURT BY COUNSEL WHICH WAS SECONDED AND GRANTED TO FORM PART OF TODAY'S SESSION.

Court: Mr. Sheriff, recess hour having expired, court now resumes normal business. And so ordered.

Court: Mr. Sheriff, call the case, the petition for Reading of the Will of the late KOLUBAH ZIZI TELEWODA HOWARD/BAI HOWARD

The petitioner is represented by the Jones and Jones law firm and present in court is LAVELA KOBOL JOHNSON, Sr. who says he is in Court and has a submission to make after representation are noted. And submits.

The representation of the Counsel for the petitioner is hereby noted. The Court says Counsel for the petitioner may now proceed. And it is so ordered.

Court: Mr. Clerk you are hereby ordered to break the seal on the brown envelope and read the contents in open Court. And is so ordered.

Clerk: Your Honor, as per your Honor's orders, I herewith unseal a brown envelope purported to contained 3 pages issued by the late Hon Kolubah Zizi Telewoda/Bai Telewoda which I now read. and I have discovered therefrom a three page document, KOLUBAH ZIZI HOWARD /Bai Howard which I now read.

Thus ends the reading of the last will and Testament as per your Honor's instruction. The area being presided by the Century law offices and present in Court are Cllrs. Willie D. Barclay and Lavela Kobol Johnson Sr. who says he is in Court with the petitioner and most respectfully request your Honor, Counsels and others have and application to spread on the minutes of Court after representations are fully noted.

Court: The submission by the Counsel for petitioners and the Request by counsel is hereby granted. And it is so ordered.

At this stages, one of counsel for the petitioners prays your Honor and this Honorable Court to order the breaking of the Seal containing the last will and testament of Hon. Koluba Zizi Telewoda/Bai Howard, thereafter have the same read in open court and that your Honor will order the Clerk of Court to issue letters Testamentary to the Executor or executors named in said will who thereafter will proceed with the administration of the testate Estate of the late Hon. Koluba Zizi Howard.

Court: The instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of the late Koluba Zizi Telewoda Howard having been read in open court as required by law, the Clerk of this Court is hereby ordered to issue public notice and have same posted on the bulletin of this Court and said public notice published in at least one legalize Newspaper for a period of 30 days for the purpose of any would be objector to file their formal objections thereto within the period of 30 days. Their failure so to do this court will be left with no other alternative but to proceed with the admission and probate of the said GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 11 DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2020

J. Vinton Holder
JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R.L.



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Weah makes more

southeast region of the country. He particularly lashed out and voiced his frustration over the condition of the Presidential Palace that was meant to accommodate him saying, "h nearly ran away from there.

The President argued that the structure his not fit to host a president describing it as an insult to the office of the presidency.

He promised to construct modern presidential palaces across the country and work to improve development within the southeast.

River Gee County District#1 Representative, Alexander Poure in a remarks promised to join rank with the Coalition for Democratic Change or CDC for development in the region.

Rep. Poure who is from the All Liberian Party (ALP), one of the

four Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) said his decision to join rank is geared toward helping a government which is headed by his southeastern kinsman to achieve its development agenda.

President Weah and delegation left River Gee County on Tuesday for Maryland. His first stop was in Pleebo.

Jetty receives honor

-Steps down as Honorary Consulate General



By Winston W. Parley

At a grand honoring ceremony held Sunday, 21, February at the Farmington Hotel in Margibi County, the Indian Community in Liberia paid respects and expressed gratitude to long - serving Honorary Consulate General

of India to Liberia, Mr. Upjit S. Sachdeva (Mr. Jetty), who leaves the post after over two decades of services and humanitarian work.

The program witnessed individual members of the Indian community telling their own stories of their experiences with Mr. Jetty, who according to

their accounts, went beyond his role as Consulate General to do personal humanitarian works that impacted not just Indians, but Liberians and other residents here.

During an interactive part of the program when members of the audience were given microphones to pose questions to Mr. Jetty, the honoree, in some of his responses to questions indicated that he believes in helping people, and he will do it day and night as long as he remains Jetty, not necessarily Consulate General.

While he recognizes that he is a successful businessman, Mr. Jetty also says he likes to live his life as a philanthropist, when asked to say what he loves being most, choosing between a successful businessperson and a philanthropist.

Mr. Jetty also says if a book is written about him, he would like it to be titled "A Man On A

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Commencement Speaker entreats graduates to serve society

The commencement speaker at the second of four convocations of the University of Liberia (UL) 101st Class of 2020, Mr. Mahmum Johnson has told the graduating class that their being on earth is to serve a bigger purpose, which includes service to their community, country, and the planet. "Yes, it's nice to have money, a nice car, a big house, Mr. Johnson said. "But that isn't the goal. That isn't

why we are here. We are here to be of service; Service to our country; service to our community, and service to our fellow human beings."

The commencement speaker told the graduates that their service to the planet should always exceed the material returns they receive.

"Anyone, anywhere, can be of service in one way or another. Start where you are. Identify a need, and find like-minded folks to work along with you to begin to create a solution," Mr.



Johnson admonished the graduates, noting that Liberia has many difficult challenges, but each of these challenges is an opportunity to innovate and to improve the lives of their fellow Liberians.

Recounting some of his personal experiences, Mr. Johnson said, along the way he had some huge failures, but he also had some pretty amazing successes. According to him, there will never be such a time when you have all the money,

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