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Continental News

Residents evacuated as Cape Town fire spreads

South African emergency workers have evacuated three 17-storey residential buildings overlooking Cape Town as a huge fire burns along Table Mountain.

The blaze spread quickly after breaking out on Sunday morning near a memorial to politician Cecil Rhodes. A restaurant was destroyed. The University of Cape Town's historic library was also badly damaged.

About 250 firefighters have been battling the blaze, which has been fanned by strong winds.

Helicopters were used to water-bomb flames, but their work had been hampered by the conditions. South African National Parks said firefighters were alerted at 09:00 local time (07:00 GMT) on Sunday. The flames spread quickly because of the low humidity and dry bush.

The fire created its own wind further increasing the rate of spread, it added, estimating that firefighters would need at least three

days to control the blaze. The Table Mountain area is prone to fires because of its vegetation, but this is the first time it has engulfed the neighbouring university.

City officials said a suspect had been detained amid speculation that new fires may have been started and the original fire was an act of arson.

"The fire is not under control yet. At this time, the wind is a major contributing factor," a

statement issued by city officials said. The emergency services have evacuated some residents from the upmarket suburb of Vredehoek, along the slopes of Table Mountain.

Schools in the suburb have been also ordered to evacuate.

"The fire that initially started in the vicinity of Rhodes Memorial just under 24 hours ago continues to rage and has spread in the

direction of Vredehoek," city officials said in a statement.

Disa Park, which refers to three identical residential buildings close to the foot of Table Mountain, has also been evacuated. The nearby University of Cape Town has also been shut and about 4,000 students evacuated. The fire destroyed the Reading Room at the university's 200-year-old Jagger Library, including a unique collection of African books and archives - many still unexplored.

"Some of us watched from on site with horror and helplessness this elegant and historical library burn," said the university's executive director of libraries, Ujala Satgoor.

The African Studies section was also damaged by the blaze. Some 3,500 historic collections were lost, including the Bleek and Lloyd

collection of the indigenous San language, university officials said.

But fortunately not everything was destroyed.

The library's fire doors closed automatically. This prevented the fire from spreading and may have saved more archives held in the basement, including records of the campaign against white minority rule in South Africa. The historic Mostert's Mill was also destroyed. It was built in 1796, and was the oldest surviving windmill in South Africa. Residents in the area have been warned of smoke and soot in the air, and told to keep windows and doors closed. Meanwhile hikers in the Table Mountain National Park have been urged to leave and drivers who have parked in the area have been told to collect their vehicles.



The evacuated buildings lie at the foot of Table Mountain

Chad's president dies 'in clashes with rebels'

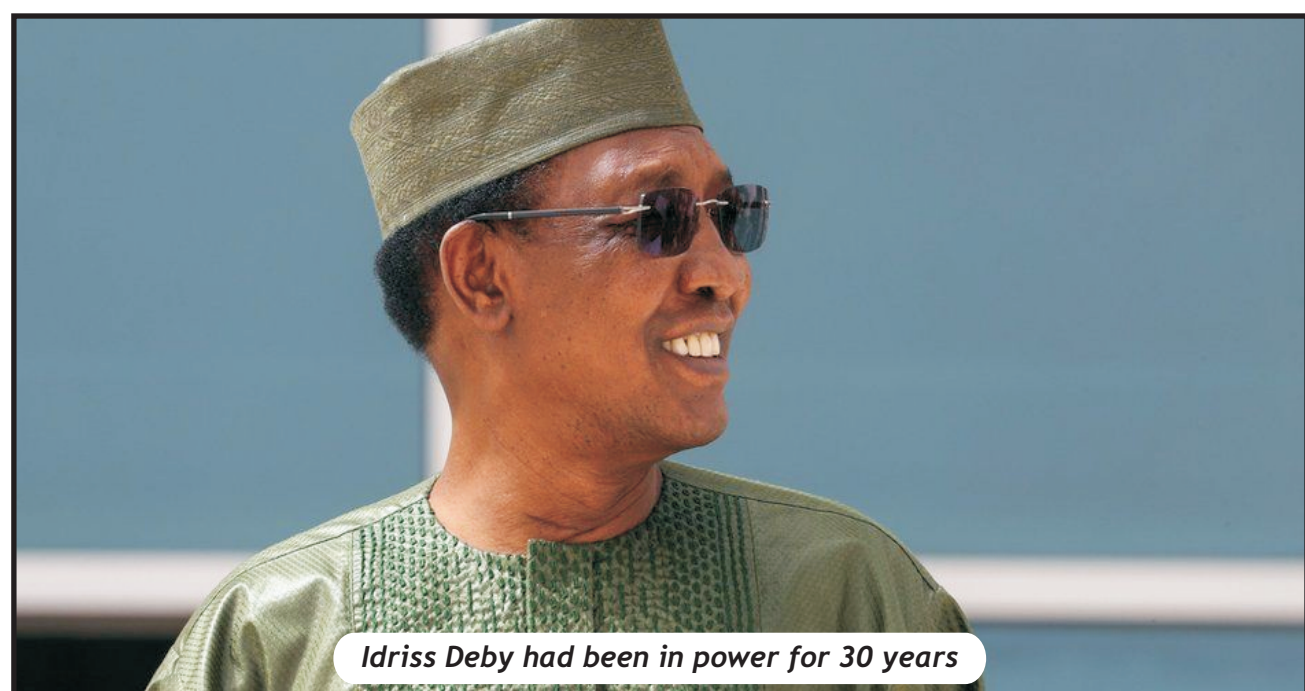
Chad's President Idriss Déby has died suddenly in clashes with rebels in the north of the country at the weekend, the army has said on state TV.

On Monday, provisional results from the election on 11 April projected he would win a sixth term in office, with 80% of the vote. The government and parliament have been dissolved. A military council will govern for the next 18 months.

Mr Déby was one of Africa's longest-serving leaders. He first came to power in an armed uprising in 1990. He had gone to the front line at the weekend to visit troops battling rebels based across the border in Libya. The rebels, from a group calling itself Fact (the Front for Change and Concord in Chad), attacked a border post on election day. They were advancing on the capital, N'Djamena.

The clashes with the army

began on Saturday. An army general told Reuters news agency that 300 insurgents were killed and 150 captured. Five government soldiers were killed and 36 were injured, he said. The figures could not immediately be verified. Mr Déby was a long-time ally of France and other Western powers. However, there has been growing unhappiness over his government's management of Chad's oil resources. BBC



Idriss Deby had been in power for 30 years

The mother no longer ashamed of her gay son

When Rita heard rumours that her son was gay she refused to believe it.

At the time, she thought that homosexuality was an abomination - a "problem" that happened elsewhere, not in Uganda. When she finally realised the truth, she felt that something bad had invaded her own home.

"When I confirmed it, I

two clear sides - LGBTI individuals on one hand, and homophobic communities on the other.

The reality is a lot more messy, with parents like Rita caught in the middle - between the strongly held beliefs they have grown up with and the plight of their loved ones. A group in Uganda is trying to help parents like Rita



wept. I wept because I could not believe it... I locked myself in and wept," she told The Comb, a BBC podcast.

Uganda's hostility towards homosexuality is well known.

Gay sex is punishable by life imprisonment, and LGBTI people often face discrimination, threats and harassment. But the battle over gay rights is often thought of as a situation with

understand and accept their children, and deal with the challenges and trauma of living with homophobia.

Rita found out about the rumours surrounding her son from a friend, who had heard people saying that he was homosexual. She was in turmoil and started to think about whether there had been signs that she had missed. BBC

EDITORIAL

Sen. PYJ is running away from himself

THE PAST IS human history that can never be erased even if it is nasty and unpleasant. But Senator Prince Yormie Johnson of Nimba County, a former rebel leader that committed countless atrocities, doesn't want to be reminded of his notorious role in the Liberian Civil War.

IT IS VERY unfortunate that Sen. PYJ, who commanded the rebels Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia that captured and slain President Samuel Kanyon Doe on September 09, 1990 at the Freeport of Monrovia, among other executions, is running away from his deeds. Men may succeed in destroying physical or material evidence of their past activities, but memories of such actions intangibly live on forever.

CURRENTLY AN EVANGELIST and preacher at his own Christ Chapel Faith Ministry in Paynesville outside Monrovia, PYJ should be aware that even in the Holy Bible, particularly in the New Testament, Saul who prosecuted Christians before he was arrested, converted and put into service by Jesus Christ and became Apostle Paul, was initially rejected by Christians because of his past. Believers at the time refused to sit under his ministry because his hands had been stained with blood.

OUR PAST DEEDS remain with us even after death. It is nothing to run away from. Rather, acceptance, remorse and plead for forgiveness is the way to proceed. If we are sincerely remorseful and ask God for mercy, the Bible says He is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins.

SENATOR/EVANGELIST PRINCE JOHNSON should preach forgiveness and God's grace instead of attempting to run from his past. He can't escape from himself, because his deeds are always before him. And so telling Liberians not to remind him of the atrocities he committed is a fruitless act of denial.

EVERY HUMAN BEING should learn to accept that the rear view mirror preserves facts and realities that can't be changed no matter how hard we tried. If our national leaders would lead well, they should never attempt to run away from themselves. Instead, we urge them to be men and women enough to accept their past in spite of how ugly they were.

THIS IS WHY we were even more disappointed recently in Grand Gedeh County Representative Dr. George E. S. Boley, leader of the defunct rebels Liberia Peace Council when he vehemently rejected responsibility for heinous atrocities committed by rebel forces under his command during the civil crisis.

EVEN AFTER GLARING fact of his deportation from the United States for arming child soldiers in Liberia, Dr. Boley is running away from himself that he played no role in arbitrary executions from the civil war here despite commanding the rebels LPC that were based in Sinoe County, southeast Liberia.

WE WONDER WHAT lessons our national leaders teach their children at home when they lie so confidently in public and want people to believe them! It is too sad for our country that moral decadence has taken center-stage against truthfulness and rectitude.

THE BIBLE SAYS in the Book of Roman that all has sinned and fallen short of God's glory, for only confession and sincere plead for mercy can bring us back under His grace and give us new life we so desire rather than running away from ourselves.

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COMMENTARY

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A Commonsense Corporate Tax

BERKELEY - As part of its massive infrastructure plan, President Joe Biden's administration is seeking to raise the US corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, with a 21% "minimum" tax on profits earned abroad by US corporations. In the words of Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, the goal is to arrest an international "race to the bottom" by getting other countries to adopt similar minimum corporate taxes.

Unfortunately, the measures being proposed seem designed for an earlier era, when it was easy to identify the factories and refineries where companies produced and earned their profits, and when a corporation's nationality was largely determined by the location of its main operations and its shareholders. In the modern era, multinational companies with international shareholder bases operate global supply chains, creating value using intangible capital with no natural location. As such, trying to modify a tax system based on a company's residence and where its profits are earned amounts to trying to replace the race to the bottom with a race to the past.

If the United States adopts the proposed measures but fails to get others to go along, it will have saddled itself with a less competitive tax system. But even if it succeeds, it will have locked in a system that will require constant modification to keep up with economic realities that are departing ever further from the core concepts on which the system is based.

Fortunately, there are alternatives that are much more attuned to the realities of the modern economy. Policies enacted in the US at the state level in recent decades have steadily moved toward taxing corporations based on the location of their sales. For these jurisdictions, shifting away from taxes based on the location of payroll and tangible assets has proved salutary for investment and employment. Moreover, if adopted at the national level, "destination-based" taxation could solve the problem of international profit shifting that the Biden reforms are intended to confront.

The most decisive reform would be a "destination-based cash flow tax" (DBCFT). Among other things, this would provide immediate expensing for all investment, eliminate the tax advantage for corporate borrowing, and impose border tax adjustments to eliminate taxes on export revenues and tax deductions for import costs. At the end of the day, only domestic cash flows would be taxed. And, because transactions between domestic

companies and related foreign parties would have no US tax consequences, the practice of profit shifting would disappear.

Moreover, the border tax adjustments would move the locus of taxation from where products are produced to where they are sold. Because domestic production would impose no additional tax on companies, America's attractiveness as a location for employment-generating investment would be enhanced. A major added benefit would be that the welter of complicated tax rules aimed at preventing corporations from shifting profits and production abroad could be repealed as unnecessary artifacts of a bygone era, rather than being augmented even further under the Biden plan.

Likewise, with the tax system imposing no special burdens on US corporations, all measures aimed at preventing them from moving their headquarters abroad in order to escape US nationality could be consigned to history, rather than confounding matters further. And tying tax liability only to transactions within the US would relieve the Internal Revenue Service of the burden of chasing down information about companies' foreign operations.

Readers may recognize the DBCFT from its appearance in 2016, when House Republicans Paul Ryan and Kevin Brady proposed it. The scheme ultimately did not make it into the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, because its sponsors' insistence on the immediate, full-scale adoption of a then-unfamiliar reform drew opposition from other Republicans. Moreover, the Trump administration's belligerence toward America's traditional allies created an adversarial relationship in which there was little attempt to explain the rationale for the reform, let alone push for its adoption abroad.

But the Biden administration, with its expressed desire for international cooperation and domestic bipartisanship, has a better chance at success. As an effective tax on corporate profits, the DBCFT is not only progressive; it is actually more progressive than the current US corporate tax, which makes US workers less productive by discouraging investment.

A straightforward tax that provides a sustainable, progressive source of revenue and incentives for domestic investment and employment (even if the tax rate is increased) should appeal to many in Congress, regardless of their political orientation. The choice between a modern corporate tax and a race to the past should be clear.

OPINION

By Yasmine Sherif

The Climate-Education Crisis

NEW YORK - Climate change threatens the very future of humanity. Entire villages are already being washed to sea, and conflicts over scarce resources are intensifying around the world. Each year, more and more families are forcibly displaced by extreme weather events, creating a vicious cycle of extreme poverty, acute hunger, and insecurity.

As we mark Earth Day 2021, we must expand our focus to acknowledge the deepening links between the climate crisis and education - an area where we desperately need to translate good intentions and financial commitments into meaningful action. Education for the world's most vulnerable populations - especially girls and boys displaced by climate-related disasters, armed conflicts, and protracted political crises - must become a top priority in our race to protect humanity and create a more viable future for generations to come.

The challenge we face is unprecedented. Over the next 30 years, more than 140 million people are expected to be displaced by climate change across South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America, at a cost of some \$7.9 trillion. This wave of mass migration and displacement will disrupt global efforts to expand democratic and responsible governance, and to achieve the targets outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris climate agreement.

Compounding the injustice facing marginalized and vulnerable children who have done nothing to contribute to the problem, girls - especially adolescents - often are the first to be forced out of school when droughts, landslides, floods, and other disasters strike, and they are the last to return, if they return at all. Without access to education, these girls face increased risk of sexual exploitation, early marriage, unwanted pregnancy, and child labor.

This represents a tragic loss of human capital. The Malala Fund estimates that in 2021, climate-related events will prevent at least four million girls in developing countries from completing their education. And this number could reach 12 million by 2025.

We need to start connecting the dots between these issues. By incorporating education aid into their broader climate agendas, governments can replace the vicious cycle of displacement, poverty, and insecurity with a new, virtuous cycle. Educated girls are powerful agents of change. With the right education, today's marginalized and vulnerable young people can build tomorrow's stronger and more resilient economies and communities.

The numbers don't lie. Recent studies indicate that an additional year of primary school for girls can raise per capita income by 10-20%. Conversely, the price of failing to educate girls through secondary school is estimated at \$15-30 trillion in lost productivity. These foregone gains could make a huge difference in addressing climate change and building stronger societies.

Research also shows that educating girls saves lives. A 2013 study analyzing the links between girls' education and disaster-risk reduction found that if 70% of women aged 20-39 received at least a lower-secondary education, disaster-related deaths could be reduced by 60% by 2050.

There are flickers of hope behind these grim statistics. Consider Afghanistan, where an increase in droughts, floods, and extreme weather is displacing families and triggering conflicts. Though Afghan girls' and women's basic rights have long been systematically violated, women are now teaching science and biology and empowering the next generation of girls. In rural areas, girls who missed out on education are accessing safe learning environments in community-based education centers. And national education policies are taking a proactive approach to get more girls in school.

In the Sahel, where people are increasingly fighting over scarce resources and fleeing record-breaking temperatures and droughts, children are the ones left furthest behind. Yet in countries like Chad, the international community has come together to support multi-year resilience education programs through global funds such as Education Cannot Wait, hosted by the UN. Thanks to these collective investments, girls are acquiring new skills in science, technology, engineering, and math, which will afford them more opportunities to thrive - and perhaps become powerful advocates for sustainable development and climate resilience.

In Mozambique, children today face the triple threat of climate change, violent insecurity, and COVID-19. But with ongoing support, girls and boys can now access remote education services, and are learning through TV, radio, and tablets. These children will know what to do when the next cataclysmic cyclone hits. Through education, they are becoming more resilient, more aware, and more empowered to act.

To address the multiplying risks facing children in developing countries - particularly in crisis contexts - we must take urgent, holistic, and collective action to link education and climate change. For donors, governments, and private-sector leaders, this means that education should be earmarked in contributions to the Paris agreement, COVID-19 response packages, and overall strategies for low-carbon, climate-resilient development. And as we look ahead to the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow in November and other global gatherings, funding for education - especially education for vulnerable girls - should be put at the top of the international agenda.

Hope is not enough. We need to embrace proactive measures to ensure humanity's long-term survival. The choice is ours. An investment in girls' education is an investment in our shared humanity, our economy, and the future of the planet.

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O-P-E-D

By Carl Bildt

War or Peace in Ukraine?

STOCKHOLM - Can Russia accept living peacefully next to a sovereign, independent, and undivided Ukraine? Or is open war inevitable? This has long been the paramount question for Eastern Europe, and it has abruptly returned to the fore with the massive buildup of Russian military forces in Crimea and along Ukraine's eastern border.

Ukrainian independence was the issue that definitively broke up the Soviet Union three decades ago. While the departure of other Soviet republics would not necessarily have been an existential threat, Ukraine's declaration of independence absolutely was. It sealed the Soviet Union's fate, a collapse remembered by Russian President Vladimir Putin as "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe" of the twentieth century.

For two decades after the Soviet Union's breakup, Russia focused primarily on building its own state and forging its own identity. That changed when Putin decided to return to the presidency for a third term in 2012 (having served a single term as prime minister while his crony, Dmitri Medvedev, held the presidency until Putin was constitutionally eligible to run again). Now, he embarked on a revisionist course to create a so-called Eurasian Union.

Ukraine, meanwhile, had developed a strong preference for alignment with its Central European neighbors. And though these countries had joined the European Union, there was no reason why closer ties with them should weaken Ukraine's historical and cultural links with Russia.

In this context, the EU's Eastern Partnership, which resulted in its Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area with Ukraine, was part of a broader attempt to meet Ukraine halfway. None of the EU-Ukraine trade agreements were incompatible with the trade agreement that Ukraine had with Russia. But the Kremlin saw things differently. Unable to accept these agreements, it started pressuring Ukraine's weak and vacillating president, Viktor Yanukovich, to turn away from the EU. That prompted a popular uprising that ousted Yanukovich (who fled to Moscow) and set the stage for the war that began in 2014.

The Kremlin saw Ukraine as a weak and fractured state that would fold under sustained pressure. To justify Russian revanchism, officials subjected the outside world to lectures about how Ukraine was really just a collection of the pieces left over from defunct empires. While true to some extent, the same could be said about Russia and every other modern nation-state, depending on how far back one goes.

Committed to the idea that Ukraine isn't a real country, the Kremlin seems to have convinced itself that snatching Crimea in early 2014 would precipitate Ukraine's collapse. The hope was that Russia could then carve out a so-called New Russia (Novorossiya) in Ukraine's east and south, while leaving a rump "Western Galicia" in what remained outside its control.

With these grand ambitions in mind, Russia started deploying insurgents, "volunteers," and weapons, accompanied by a massive disinformation operation to turn Ukrainians against one another. But this effort failed. Invading other countries is rarely a good way to make friends, and this time was no exception. Instead of dividing Ukraine, the Kremlin managed to unite the Ukrainian population like never before. By 2014, Russia had to deploy regular army battalion battle groups to rescue what was left of its separatist redoubt in Ukraine's Donbas region.

Since then, efforts to achieve a political settlement (through the two Minsk agreements) have failed. The ongoing low-level conflict has taken 14,000 lives and forced millions to flee their homes. While the Ukrainian public has had difficulties accepting some of the compromises that any settlement would entail, the real barrier to progress has been the Kremlin's refusal to give up its enclaves in Ukraine. The nationalist segment of Russian public opinion, the bedrock of Putin's support, will have a hard time swallowing "defeat" in Ukraine.

Now, according to Russia's Defense Minister, Russia has amassed two full armies and three airborne units to Ukraine's east and south, supposedly for the purpose of holding military exercises. But exercise for what? The mobilization is clearly directed at Ukraine. Putin's own spokesman has explicitly said as much, claiming that Russia intends to intervene if necessary to prevent attacks on Russian speakers in Ukraine.

Regardless of whether this brinkmanship leads to open conflict in the coming weeks or months (of this even Kremlin decision-makers probably aren't sure), the situation will remain dangerous until Russia gives up its revanchist ambitions. The question ultimately is about war or peace. Until Russia can accept living alongside a sovereign, democratic Ukraine, there can be no stable middle ground.

The outcome has implications far beyond Russia and Ukraine. A successful Russian revisionist agenda would not stop with the reconquest of Kyiv, but rather would seek to unravel Europe's entire post-Cold War security order. That would be profoundly dangerous for everyone, not least Russia itself. As long as the Kremlin remains locked in confrontation with the rest of Europe, it will not be focused on building the democratic and prosperous future the Russian people deserve.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)
MONTERRADO COUNTY)



IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW
MONTERRADO COUNTY SITTING IN ITS
MARCH TERM, A.D. 2021.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY...ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

IN RE: ELIZABETH K. WALLOE-BIMBA
MONROVIA, LIBERIA
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
ROLAND F. BIMBA
ALSO OF THE SAME ADDRESS
DIVORCE FOR INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER

WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO THE SHERIFF/DEPUTY SHERIFF OF MONSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT(S) IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION, TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, MONTERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM, A.D. 2021, SAME BEING THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO SUMMONS THE RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT (S) HEREIN TO FILE HIS ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFF(S) COMPLAINT, ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2021, THAT UPON THEIR/HIS/HER FAILURE TO APPEAR, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM/HER/THEM.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL RETURN THE ORIGINAL WRIT OF SUMMONS TO MY OFFICE ON/OR BEFORE THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 2021, WITH THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ENDORSED ON THE BACK OF THE ORIGINAL AS TO THE MANNER OF ITS SERVICE.

COURT'S SEAL GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2021.

ELLEN HALL-KAMARA
CLERK OF COURT

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE CIVIL LAW COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
MONTERRADO COUNTY) MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS SEPTEMBER
TERM, A. D. 2020.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

Elizabeth K. Walloe_Bimba, City of Monrovia,
County Of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia.....PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
Roland F. Bimba also of the same address.....DEFENDANT
DIVORCE FOR INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER & ABANDMENT

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

AND NOW COMES, Plaintiff in the above entitled cause of Action most respectfully complains of the Defendant in manner and forms as follows to wit:

- 1. That Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of the Republic of Liberia; and currently the Plaintiff is residing in the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia; while the Defendant living in Foya City, Lofa County, Republic of Liberia
2. Plaintiff submits and says that because the marital vow between the above named couple has become difficult and irreconcilable; as such the marriage relationship has deteriorated such that cohabitation between them has become worrisome and difficult, most especially with an unabated departure of the Defendant from the plaintiff and the Children. Now that Defendant has left without prior arrangement and/or marital discussion, as couple, the only best reasoning any reasonable person may arrive at is that the Defendant has abandoned the Plaintiff, hence the complaint as the only available option to Plaintiff, having failed after all efforts made to get back her husband.
3. That as a result of the abandonment, the relationship between the parties referenced hereinabove has become difficult and unbearable, most especially when Defendant has left without effectively relating to the Plaintiff and their children.
4. That under our law, abandonment and incompatibility of temper are grounds for a party to request a court of competent jurisdiction to sanction a divorce between parties to a marital contract and/or agreement, as in the instant case where the Defendant has abandoned the Plaintiff and children and he is living elsewhere without the Plaintiff's knowledge, consent and/or prior arrangement, hence this complaint.
5. Plaintiff submits, avers and says that she has no other reason or reasons for filing in for this divorce, excepts that of abandonment, her husband leaving her without prior arrangement to live elsewhere, and that all planning and efforts made to reunite with the husband proved futile.

WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, Plaintiff prays this Honorable Court for a Decree, dissolving the marriage contract entered into by Plaintiff and Defendant, and declaring them two separate and distinct persons both in law and equity, as if such marital contract was never entered into by the Parties. Plaintiff also prays this Honorable Court to grant unto her such other and further relief as the law directs and deems legal.

Respectfully submitted:
The above named Plaintiff
By and thru herself and/or her legal
Attorney.

Counselors/Attorneys-At-Law

Dated this 28th day of July, A. D. 2020.
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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR
MONTERRADO COUNTY) AND IN MONTERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Elizabeth K. Walloe_Bimba, City of Monrovia,
County Of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia.....PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
Roland F. Bimba also of the same address.....DEFENDANT
DIVORCE FOR INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER & ABANDMENT

PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace for and in Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, Madam Elizabeth K. Walloe-Bimba, Plaintiff in the above referenced case who made OATH according to law and facts that all and singularly the allegations of both law and facts that are set forth and contained in the foregoing, Plaintiff's Complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief and as to those matters of information, she verily believes them to be true and correct.

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BEFOREME THIS 28th DAY
OF July, 2020.

Justice of the Peace, Mont. Co., R. L.

Elizabeth K. Walloe-Bimba /AFFIANT

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REVENUE NOTICE

Topic: Real Property & Vacant Land
Attention: Real Property Owners

With referenced to the March 31, 2021 deadline, the Liberia Revenue Authority wishes to inform all owners of real properties including buildings, vacant land and abandoned properties that effective May 31, 2021, the LRA in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice, will begin to institute seizure and sale of properties including unregistered vacant land and abandoned properties in accordance with Section 64 and 65 of the Liberia Revenue Code as Amended in 2011, as well as other attending laws and regulations.

All owners of real properties in said category are asked to kindly visit the offices of the LRA to register their real properties or settle their tax obligations on or before June 1, 2021.

The LRA requests specifically owners of real properties including unregistered vacant land and abandoned properties to take advantage of this notice to regularize their real property tax obligations or risk losing ownership.

For more information on how to register and pay your real property tax, as well as other related information, visit the LRA website www.lra.gov.lr or its Headquarters at the ELWA Junction in Paynesville, or any Tax Business Office in your area. You can contact the LRA Call Center on 0770-572-572 or 0888-572-572, or download the LRA Mobile App from the Goggle Play Store to calculate the value of your property or pay taxes.

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Français

Le Président Weah sera fait Chef Zoe à Margibi

Le Président de la République du Libéria, son excellence George Manneh Weah, sera désormais membre de la haute hiérarchie de la chefferie traditionnelle du comté de Margibi, à en croire le Chef suprême Peter Banryou.

Chef Banryou a fait la révélation lundi au début de la troisième phase de la tournée nationale du président George M. Weah. « La montagne Gibi vous attend, M. le président, pour faire de vous un

Chef Zoe », a-t-il dit.

Gibi, est un territoire qui fut fusionné avec le territoire Marshall pour créer le comté de Margibi le 13 décembre 1985 par un décret de l'Assemblée nationale intérimaire. Le comté est bordé par le comté de Montserrado à l'ouest, le comté de Grand Bassa à l'est et le comté de Bong au nord. La partie sud de Margibi donne sur l'océan Atlantique.

La chefferie de Gibi, qui est maintenant l'un des cinq districts du comté de Margibi, est redoutée pour ses pouvoirs « vaudous », en

particulier la montagne Gibi. Beaucoup de Libériens croient que ceux qui s'y rendent sont souvent initiés aux pouvoirs magiques traditionnelles.

Le chef suprême Banryou au président Weah : « La montagne Gibi a accepté que vous la visitiez. La Montagne est prête à faire de vous un homme. N'ont-ils pas dit que vous n'étiez pas un homme ? Alors on fera de vous plus qu'un homme.

Il n'était pas prévu que le président fit escale dans ce

district au cours de cette phase de sa tournée, mais le chef Zoe dit que la montagne est prête à le recevoir. « Quand vous irez là-bas, ils feront de vous un homme », a-t-il ajouté.

Le président Weah a commencé sa tournée lundi par un accueil traditionnel dans le comté dirigé par les chefs traditionnels et les responsables locaux du comté à la frontière avec le comté

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La lutte de l'Afrique contre le changement climatique

La CEA joue un rôle de premier plan dans la lutte de l'Afrique contre le changement climatique. La Commission économique pour l'Afrique (CEA) travaille avec des agences sœurs des Nations Unies et des partenaires bilatéraux et multilatéraux pour aligner les objectifs climatiques

mondiaux sur le programme d'action du continent.

Le principal groupe de réflexion sur le climat en Afrique, le Centre africain pour la politique en matière de climat (ACPC), de la CEA, basé à Addis-Abeba, est à l'avant-garde pour renforcer les efforts nationaux, régionaux et continentaux de préparation et

d'intervention en matière d'adaptation au climat.

Dans le « Rapport sur l'état du climat mondial » qui est lancé conjointement aujourd'hui, par le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies, Antonio Guterres, et le Secrétaire général de l'Organisation météorologique mondiale (OMM), Petteri Taalas, la CEA est ravie d'avoir apporté de nombreuses contributions concernant le continent africain, à travers son Centre africain pour la politique en matière de climat.

Le « Rapport sur l'état du climat mondial » est publié avant le très attendu « Sommet des dirigeants sur le climat » organisé par le Président américain Joe Biden pour coïncider avec les commémorations de la Journée de la Terre, le 22 avril.

L'ACPC a été à l'avant-garde de l'intégration du changement climatique et du développement en Afrique et il y a deux ans, il a glané sur sa

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Éditorial

Le registre national d'identification devrait redoubler d'efforts

Le gouvernement du Libéria veut que l'ensemble de la population obtienne des cartes d'identité nationales, surtout les fonctionnaires, mais il se peut que le registre national d'identification, l'organisme d'État chargé de délivrer ce papier n'ait manifestement pas de moyen, au point que les citoyens font la queue pendant des semaines ou des mois pour avoir leurs cartes d'identité.

Le plus dégoûtant encore, c'est que le gouvernement a fait de la possession de la carte une condition sine qua non pour chaque fonctionnaire d'avoir accès à son salaire. En plus, les utilisateurs de téléphones portables sont harcelés pour mettre à jour l'enregistrement de leur numéro en se servant de leur carte d'identité nationale. Pourtant, il faut environ deux à trois mois aux demandeurs pour obtenir une carte d'identité, car le système du registre national est défaillant.

Le groupe de travail national chargé du nettoyage de la masse salariale de l'état a publié une circulaire, avertissant qu'à compter du mois d'avril 2021, les fonctionnaires qui ne disposent pas de carte d'identité nationale ne recevront pas de salaire. Mais concernant le dysfonctionnement des prestations de services au niveau du registre national, aucune mesure n'a été prise.

Il est important que le gouvernement prévoie des mesures d'accompagnement pour chaque politique mise en place, sinon les résultats escomptés pourraient être désastreux. En réalité, tout processus aléatoire finit par créer des inconvénients aux personnes qui devraient en bénéficier.

Compte tenu de la ruée actuelle vers les cartes d'identité et de l'incapacité du Registre national à répondre à la demande, l'on assiste à de sérieux compromis qui pourraient entraîner des conséquences imprévues et inattendues que la nation pourrait regretter ultérieurement.

Nous nous félicitons certes de la délivrance d'une pièce d'identité nationale appropriée à chaque Libérien, mais encore faut-il que le processus soit correctement soutenu tant sur le plan financier que technique. À quoi sert l'annonce d'une politique qui manque de planification appropriée. Cela n'a aucun sens.

Nous appelons les autorités du registre national d'identification à redoubler d'efforts pour répondre à la demande. Il ne suffit pas de forcer les gens à se faire délivrer des cartes d'identité. Il faut prévoir un service efficace.

Le Libéria ne dispose pas d'un système biométrique synchronisé qui améliorerait l'accès facile et réduirait les coûts sur les dépenses nationales, selon la Commission de la gouvernance, un groupe de réflexion gouvernemental.

Dans l'état actuel des choses, presque tous les services, y compris les passeports, les banques, les admissions universitaires et les services mobiles, entre autres, sont pré-conditionnés par des cartes d'identité nationales.

Nous semblons mettre la charrue avant les bœufs, en tant que nation qui n'a pas contribué à faire avancer le Libéria. Comme l'a dit le président, il est temps de calibrer pour garantir un pays meilleur.

Français

Le Président Weah

de Montserrado.

Le président a par la suite tenu un meeting à l'hôtel de ville de Kakata, où il a échangé avec des milliers de citoyens qu'il a écoutés attentivement pendant qu'ils présentaient leurs pétitions en fonction de leurs besoins de développement.

Le président, après avoir écouté, a remercié les habitants du comté de Margibi d'avoir cru en lui, comme en témoignent les résultats des élections présidentielles de 2017. M. Weah a fait l'éloge des dirigeants du comté pour le niveau d'unité qu'ils ont manifesté dans le comté en disant que cela témoigne du niveau de développement entrepris dans le comté.

Lors d'une deuxième meeting à l'école publique Weala, le président Weah a donné des coups de coude à l'ancien vice-président Joseph N. Boakai pour l'avoir

accusé de jouer au jeu de Ludo. « Mais c'est lui qui est maintenant sur les plages pour jouer au damier avec des enfants ».

L'ancien vice-président Boakai a récemment condamné les routes actuellement en construction dans la capitale Monrovia et sa banlieue, remettant en question leurs valeurs économiques.

Au président Weah de reposer en disant : « C'est malheureux qu'un homme qui est resté au pouvoir pendant 12 ans et qui n'a rien fait et qui réclamait 10 dollars aux citoyens tous les mois pour garer leur voiture dans sa cour veuille gagner le pouvoir de l'État ».

En réalité, Baokai, pendant son règne en tant que vice-président, n'a pas personnellement collecté 10 USD pour le stationnement dans sa cour, mais ce sont les membres de sa garde rapprochée qui le faisaient.

La lutte de l'Afrique

banque de connaissances et a offert ses soumissions venant des experts sur le continent, menant à la production faisant autorité du « Rapport sur l'état du climat en Afrique 2019 », Une publication multi-agences dirigée par l'OMM.

Le « Rapport sur l'état du climat mondial 2020 » met l'accent sur la nécessité cruciale pour les dirigeants mondiaux d'accroître leurs ambitions en matière d'action climatique afin de réduire les émissions.

« Ce rapport fait partie des efforts visant à combler ce fossé », déclare la Secrétaire exécutive de la CEA, Vera Songwe. « La contribution de la Commission économique pour l'Afrique à la production de ce rapport, par le biais du Centre africain pour la politique en matière de climat, vise à mettre en évidence le lien entre le changement climatique et le développement, et à souligner que mieux construire l'avenir face à la pandémie de COVID-19 nécessite une approche de développement verte, durable et résiliente au climat, éclairée par la meilleure science disponible ». Le « Rapport sur l'état du climat mondial 2020 » souligne la nécessité d'une approche de développement orientée vers le vert. L'adoption et l'utilisation limitées des Services d'informations climatiques

dans la planification et la pratique du développement en Afrique sont dues en partie à la rareté de données climatologiques fiables, adéquates et actualisées.

Soutenir les réponses de l'Afrique

Selon l'ACPC, le changement climatique affecte directement la capacité de l'Afrique à réaliser les Objectifs de développement durable (ODD) et le cadre de développement continental tel que décrit dans l'Agenda 2063, répercuté dans les plans nationaux.

En 2019, l'ACPC a déployé sa stratégie quadriennale intitulée, « Mettre en œuvre des politiques de développement résilientes au climat en Afrique 2019-2023 » comme une solution aux besoins de capacités d'adaptation et d'atténuation de l'Afrique. Jusqu'à présent, cette feuille de route stratégique a guidé les interventions de l'ACPC dans le renforcement de la stratégie africaine sur le changement climatique 2020-2030 qui est défendue par la Commission de l'Union africaine (CUA). « L'ACPC a conceptualisé et lancé une étude pour mettre à jour la stratégie de l'UA sur le changement climatique. L'objectif était de mettre à jour le projet de stratégie, en tenant compte des développements depuis la production du projet initial, y compris de l'Accord de Paris, de l'Agenda 2063 et de la pandémie de COVID-19 », explique James Murombedzi, Chef de l'ACPC.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Alan J. Auerbach

Pour un impôt simple, durable et progressif sur les sociétés

BERKELEY - Dans le cadre de son méga-plan d'investissement dans les infrastructures, le président Biden cherche à faire passer l'impôt sur les sociétés de 21% à 28% du bénéfice imposable, avec un minimum de 21% sur les bénéfices réalisées par les entreprises américaines à l'étranger. Ainsi que l'a dit Janet Yellen, la secrétaire au Trésor américain, il s'agit de mettre fin à une course à la baisse des taux d'imposition en incitant les autres pays à adopter le même taux minimum.

Malheureusement, les mesures proposées semblent conçues pour une époque révolue, quant il était facile d'identifier les pays où les entreprises produisaient et réalisaient leurs bénéfices, lorsque c'étaient essentiellement la localisation de ses principales opérations et de ses actionnaires qui déterminaient la "nationalité" d'une entreprise. À l'ère moderne, les multinationales dont l'actionariat est international utilisent des chaînes d'approvisionnement mondiales et créent de la valeur en utilisant un capital immatériel sans localisation naturelle. De ce fait, modifier un système fiscal basé sur la localisation du siège d'une société et les pays où elle réalise ses bénéfices revient à remplacer la course au moins disant fiscal par une course au retour vers le passé.

Si les USA adoptent cette réforme sans convaincre les autres pays d'en faire autant, ils risquent d'y perdre en compétitivité. Même s'ils y réussissent, ils seront prisonniers d'un système fiscal qu'il faudra modifier constamment pour qu'il reste en phase avec des réalités économiques qui s'éloignent de plus en plus des concepts clé qui fondent le système.

Heureusement, il existe des alternatives mieux adaptées aux réalités de l'économie moderne. Lors des dernières décennies, aux USA la plupart des Etats ont évolué vers une imposition des entreprises en fonction du lieu où elles vendent. L'abandon par les Etats de l'imposition basée sur la localisation de la main d'oeuvre et des actifs corporels s'est avéré salutaire pour l'investissement et l'emploi.

Réforme majeure si elle est adoptée au niveau national, la taxation basée sur les "flux de trésorerie à destination" (DBCFT, destination-based cash flow tax) pourrait résoudre le problème du transfert international des bénéfices auquel Biden tente de s'attaquer. Elle permettrait entre autres d'amortir immédiatement tous les investissements, de supprimer les avantages fiscaux liés aux emprunts des entreprises, d'éliminer les taxes sur les recettes des exportations par un ajustement fiscal aux frontières et d'augmenter la fiscalité sur les importations. Finalement, seuls les flux de trésorerie intérieurs seraient imposés. Et comme les transactions entre les entreprises nationales et leurs filiales à l'étranger

n'auraient aucune conséquence fiscale aux USA, la pratique du transfert de bénéfices disparaîtrait.

Les ajustements fiscaux à la frontière déplaceraient le lieu d'imposition de l'endroit où les produits sont fabriqués vers celui où ils sont vendus. Comme le fait de produire sur le territoire national ne se traduirait plus par un alourdissement de la fiscalité, les USA deviendraient plus attractifs comme pays d'investissements générateurs d'emplois. Autre avantage de taille : la multitude de règles fiscales complexes destinées à dissuader les entreprises de transférer leurs bénéfices et leur production à l'étranger deviendraient obsolètes. Il faudrait donc les abroger au lieu d'en rajouter, contrairement à ce que prévoit le plan Biden.

De même, ce nouveau système fiscal n'imposant aucune charge particulière aux sociétés américaines, les mesures visant à empêcher leur délocalisation afin d'échapper à la législation américaine pourraient être laissées aux oubliettes de l'Histoire, plutôt que de les conserver pour compliquer davantage les choses. Par ailleurs, le fait de taxer exclusivement les transactions effectuées sur le territoire américain éviterait aux services fiscaux fédéraux (l'Internal Revenue Service) d'avoir à rechercher des informations sur les opérations des entreprises à l'étranger.

La taxe sur les flux de trésorerie à destination a été proposée pour la première fois en 2016 par Paul Ryan et Kevin Brady, deux républicains de la Chambre des représentants. Mais elle n'a pas été intégrée à la loi de 2017 sur les baisses d'impôt et l'emploi (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) de 2017, car l'insistance de ses promoteurs en faveur de son adoption immédiate et à grande échelle a suscité l'opposition d'autres républicains. En outre, l'hostilité de Trump à l'égard des alliés traditionnels des USA a suscité un climat de tension peu propice pour expliquer le bien-fondé de la réforme, et encore moins pour favoriser son adoption à l'étranger.

Mais Biden qui a exprimé son désir de coopération internationale et de politique bipartisme sur le plan intérieur pourrait réussir. En tant qu'impôt efficace sur les bénéfices des entreprises, la taxe sur les flux de trésorerie à destination est progressive ; elle est même plus progressive que l'impôt actuel sur les sociétés aux USA qui, décourageant les investissements, nuit à la productivité des travailleurs américains.

Un impôt simple qui fournit une source de revenus durables et progressifs et des incitations à l'investissement intérieur et à l'emploi (même avec un taux d'imposition plus élevé) devrait séduire de nombreux membres du Congrès - qu'ils soient démocrates ou républicains. Le choix entre un impôt moderne sur les sociétés et une course vers le passé devrait être clair.

Ganta in smoke

By Othello B. Garblah,
with additional files

The skylines of Ganta, the commercial city of Nimba was covered with thick grey smoke early Tuesday morning when violent erupted over a disputed land in the city center. Businesses were closed, while parents and guardians rushed to school campuses for their children and wards as an oil depot and a warehouse were gutted by fire. A number of properties were also set on fire. The violent clashes amid demonstration followed a demolition exercise carried out on Monday April 19, 2021 based on a court eviction order issued by the 8th judicial circuit Court in Sanniquellie city. The demolished buildings were situated on a disputed land between the Jabateh and Donzo families on one hand and Pts. Fred Johnson on the other. Dispute over this parcel of land has been going for a protracted

Community Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS. The case was between the government of Liberia and the members of the Mandingo tribe of Ganta, Nimba County, the same place of Tuesday's violent demonstration. The suit in question emanated from a long-standing land dispute, which was offset by the "illegal occupation" of real properties of residents of Ganta, who are mainly the members of the Mandingo tribe, who fled the country during the war. "The Mandingo people have been the owners of the properties in Ganta, Nimba County, Liberia from time immemorial." The suit claim. "All of the lands in question were developed land that had our homes, business houses, farms, and plantations. Also, there was no court case/s anywhere claiming these Centuries-old owned properties of Mande'Nkoh people". In 2006, former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf set up an ad-hoc committee headed by the late Internal Affairs

were resolved and the illegal occupants were fully compensated by the Government of Liberia," read the suit. "Disputes over land tenure in Nimba are common and illustrate clashes between evolving notions of individual ownership and customary systems of collective use, writes the Juliette Syn and the Norwegian Refugee Council information, Counselling and Legal Assistance Team in Nimba County. In a report detailing the causes of the land dispute in Nimba, the NRC observed that "in the past, when land belonged to a clan or family, there was a clearly identified elder who would speak for the collective regarding rights to use their land. Communal discussions were part of the process, so many people could attest to traditional boundaries." Today, the NRC went on, "the younger generation often sells land without consulting anyone, resulting in too many buyers for not enough land.



period of time. The Donzos have claimed that the demolition exercise was done illegally without prior notice. Joint security officers including Police and Liberia Immigration Services (LIS), were seen guarding the site on the Dunbar Field around the Saclepea Parking Station. No human casualty has been reported as the city remained tense as at the time of filing this report. Dispute over land in Nimba has been a long running issue. In May 2019, a case over land dispute in Nimba was filed before the

Minister, Ambulai B. Johnson, to resolve the Nimba land disputes that many fear had the potential of plunging Liberia into crisis. Another commission was constituted comprising only Nimbaians and presided over by Mr. Musa Hassan Billity. The two commissions established that to achieve peace and foster reconciliation, there was the need to compensate all the squatters to enable them to vacate the properties. "With particular reference to Ganta and its environs, two hundred and fifty (250) cases out of the two hundred and eight (280) land dispute cases

Knowledge imbalance between wealthy urban and poorer rural Liberians is significant." According to NRC mediator Rebecca Secklo, "the secret of how to acquire land was hidden from the country people" who, without education, would forever be at a disadvantage. There are numerous cases in which deeds from the capital show individual ownership of lands that have been occupied by communities for decades.

Senate wants stimulus package accounted for

By Ethel A Tweh

The Liberian Senate is calling on the steering committee that headed the distribution of the coronavirus stimulus package to account for US\$25 million that was given to the committee for the stimulus package during the health crisis here. The Senate has cited former Commerce Minister Prof. Wilson Tarpeh who now heads the Environmental

responsibility over all of these things," Bong County Senator Prince Moya says. Also speaking, Sinoe County Senator J. Milton Teahjay says in Jacksonville, Sinoe County, there was a dispute over the stimulus package, adding that the whole county was given US\$17,000 out of \$25 million. He explains that during the dispute, those that were sharing the goods in Sinoe locked the warehouse and ran



Protection Agency (EPA) and all those who headed the distribution process to account for the US\$25 million that was given to them. The Senate also wants the World Food Program (WFP) to give the steering committee a report of how the money was used. Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon stressed that auditing doesn't mean someone has stolen, adding that they just want an account for how the money that the Legislature approved was spent. Senators on Capitol Hill are raising concerns that "This is the second US\$25 million that the Legislature has approved for the benefit of our people and they have not benefited from it and there is no account of the first \$25 million and now the second \$25 million." "Whenever we say these things we indict ourselves. We will make the public not to trust us anymore whenever we sign a joint resolution. We have the oversight

away, saying that up to now, there's no account for the food. Grand Cape Mount senator H. Varney Sherman says there's a need for all those agencies to come and justify, noting that there is no way to summon the WFP. According to him, whenever the steering committee is asked, it always makes reference to WFP. Also speaking, Maryland County Senator James Barney says the Senate should have reviewed the contract given to WFP in order to ask the necessary questions. Expressing a contrary view, Grand Kru County Senator Numene Bartekwa says Senator Dillon keeps bringing up the issue of the stimulus package as if he is the only person who cares for it, saying that the committee needs to work effectively so that this issue shouldn't come on the Senate floor again. --Edited by Winston W. Parley

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Weah takes Boakai on

By Othello B. Garblah

Duazon, Margibi County-It appears like former Vice President Joseph N. Boakai, did not know that he was opening himself and his former Unity Party administration up to attacks when he criticized the Weah regime's roads development project.

The former Vice President in a recent interview described the ongoing road constructions being undertaken by the George Weah Coalition for

But they stay 12 years in power they could not build sidewalk."President Weah as he threw jabs at Baokai to the cheers of the audience.

President Weah in continuing his jabs at Baokai and the former ruling Unity Party revealed that under the former regime, the citizens of the slum Doe Community paid US\$10,000 to the former regime to fix their road with laterite (red dirt). But that some unnamed officials took the community dwellers money and could not even put the laterites on their road.

Weah: "If you go to Doe

lived with you in your communities and we know what are going through."

"So we are happy to build your sidewalk, to put light on your street, to build your hospitals. If you look at the history of this country and see how many hospitals we have built over the last 3 years then you will know that your pro-poor is working for you," he continued

President Weah has continued to insist that his administration has done more in three years than what any of his predecessors have done in their first three years.

He told the citizens not to be fool b anyone, because they did not make a mistake by electing him to lead the country.

On Monday, he told a huge crowd on the grounds of the Weala Public School that former Vice President Boakai who supporters condemned him (Weah) for playing lulu games with children, was now on beaches playing checker with children.

President Weah during the town hall meeting said it was unfortunate that a man who stayed in power for 12 years and did nothing and was charging citizens USD10 per month to park their cars in his yard, would want to come back to gain state power.

VP, Baokai during his reign as Vice President did not personally collect USD 10 for parking in his compound but members of his security details did.

President Weah questioned what would be his achievement, which he could not accomplish when he was in power for 12 years. The tour of the county continues today with more town hall meetings.



Pres. George M. Weah



Ex-Vice Pres. Joseph N. Boakai

Democratic Change (CDC) government as mere sidewalk, thereby questioning its economic impact.

But President Weah addressing town hall meetings in Weala, Cotton Tree and Duazon on Monday and Tuesday respectively questioned as to what Boakai and his regime could show for the last 12 years they were in power.

"We heard some people telling you, the roads we building, they are sidewalk.

Community, those dwellers paid USD10, 000 for them to build their roads. They were not looking for quota (asphalt concret), they were looking for what just red dirty. They took the people money and did not build the road. We came at in two months the Doe Community road was paved.

But somebody will talk, that stay 12 years and doing nothing will come and say that sidewalk. We are happy that we can build sidewalk. But I can say to you the hearts that we have is not the heart of those people. We have

"Not a sex

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The leaked audio has since caused stirs here, as many politicians and social media users discuss the matter either on the basis of morality, particularly on the issue of an alleged call for abortion of the reported pregnancy.

Mr. Ali says as a key political or public figure, he is fully aware that the public holds him at a very different and high moral standard and expects that his behavior, public engagements and dealings would always serve as a good example for the upcoming generation.

Further, Ali notes that he is also aware of the gravity of any action and statements that he makes either in the public space or even in his private life, adding that it is in this vein that he takes "full responsibility of the incident involving Ms. Augustina Gray."

"I have met with the family and had a very good discussion. It was not and has never been my intention to cause harm to anyone or to exhibit an attitude that

disrespects our daughters, sisters or mothers," he says.

He assures his commitment to helping to protect the image of his family and political institution, pledging that he is renewing and again avowing this commitment.

"I call on our supporters and others to address this issue with a high level of respect for everyone's privacy. I also call on the public to refrain from the trading of accusations and attacks against all involved," Ali continues.

The UP Chief Scribe says in the wake of this unfortunate incident, he is taking a leave of absence for the rest of April 2021 in order to enable him to fully recover from the shocks of the past one week.

He expresses sincere appreciation to everyone for the moral support and pieces of advice during these trying times, assuring that he remains committed to his political values and will always pursue such with the same vigor that he has come to be known for.

April 19, 2021

SURVEY NOTE

Based upon the request of Christ global ministries represented by it pastor Melvin kieh, we the undersigned registered land surveyor and authorized surveyor has been duly authorized to resurvey half lot of land (0.50 lot) in Sinkor Monrovia.

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USAID, Kroll & Associates assure CBL of collaboration

MONROVIA - April 20, 2021: A visiting team from Kroll & Associates, accompanied by a delegation from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), on Tuesday April 20, 2021, met with senior executives of the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) to discuss issues of collaboration with the CBL as the Bank prepares to undertake the printing of a new family of Liberian dollar banknotes.

The head of the Kroll team, Paul Nash, expressed delight to work with the CBL team and expressed hope that the team will build on the success of the previous collaboration between their



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respective institutions. Nash said his team is prepared to work along with CBL technicians to

discuss all the technical details that would facilitate the process.

The head of USAID-Liberia Mission Director, Sara Walter, said her team is pleased to join the CBL in its effort to print a new family of Liberian dollar banknotes. "It is your show, we are just here to help you," Madam Walter emphasized.

In response, CBL Executive Governor, J. Aloysius Tarlue, Jr. lauded Kroll Associates and the USAID Liberia team for the partnership. Governor Tarlue said the CBL welcomes the collaboration and is willing to continue on that path. He expressed appreciation for the discussions which he said are intended to serve the interests of all sides.

Tuesday's meeting was also attended by the Deputy

Governor for Operations at the CBL, Madam Nyemadi D. Pearson, who assured the visiting Kroll Associates and USAID Liberia Mission teams that CBL is prepared to work with their technicians in ensuring a smooth and transparent process.

Kroll & Associates, as part of an understanding between the CBL and USAID in December 2019, facilitated, advised, and monitored the processes involving the successful procurement, management and accounting for the L\$4-billion which were printed and infused into the banking sector of the country.



“Not a sex scandal”

-Mo Ali clarifies leaked audio



the media. I simply regretted the situation and the embarrassment it has caused for me, my family and my party. I thought to clarify this to you,” he adds.

This paper’s publication on Tuesday followed Mr. Ali’s Facebook post earlier on Monday when he expressed regret over the embarrassment he caused his children, loved ones, friends, supporters, and the UP after the leaked audio captured him allegedly proposing to Augustina Gray, a young woman in her early 20s, the need to abort a pregnancy she claims to carry for him.

Mr. Ali said “I truly regret the embarrassment that this has caused my children, loved ones, friends, supporters, and the Unity Party.”

“As a father of three girls, I respect womanhood and know the importance of protecting women,” he said further.

regrets sex scandal.”

“I’ve read the headline of the paper “Mo Ali Regrets Sex Scandal”. I thought to bring to your attention that what happened was not a sex scandal,” Mr. Ali wrote this paper Tuesday.

“I was recorded in a conversation with a lady who claimed she’s pregnant for me and such recording was leaked to

Opposition Unity Party (UP) Secretary General Mo Ali says the viral leaked audio of him and Augustina Gray allegedly discussing abortion of a reported pregnancy was not a sex scandal, clarifying a report in the NewDawn newspaper’s Tuesday, 20 April 2021 Edition with the headline: “Mo Ali

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Manchester City withdraw from European Super League

Manchester City have confirmed their withdrawal from the proposed European Super League, leaving the controversial tournament in tatters within 48 hours of being announced.

Condemnation of the project, which drew the ire of fans, players, coaches, federations and national governments, was near universal following Sunday’s rollout, which detailed how the Premier League’s ‘big six’ would be founder members of the Super League alongside



Barcelona, Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid, Juventus, Milan and Inter.

The closed-shop element of the league was noted as being contrary to European football’s traditions of fair competition - an observation made by City manager Pep Guardiola on Tuesday, among many others.

Speculation mounted as a dramatic day progressed, with Chelsea also thought to be ready to pull the plug.

Manchester United executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward resigned from his post, although the club claim

this decision is not directly related to the apparently doomed Super League project.

Stats Perform News understands Woodward has brought forward a planned exit at the end of this year due to the likelihood of leaks.

A short statement issued from the other side of town read: “Manchester City Football Club can confirm that it has formally enacted the procedures to withdraw from the group developing plans for a European Super League.”

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