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# Continental News

## Kenyans sue the British army over fire at wildlife sanctuary

**L**inus Murangiri was crushed to death by a vehicle as he rushed to help put out a fire at a Kenyan wildlife sanctuary which was hosting a training exercise by the British army.

Despite all the publicity over the fire in March, his death has not previously been acknowledged.

Although there is no suggestion the British army was directly involved in the death of Mr Murangiri, his

widow has now told the BBC she wants a speedy investigation into how her husband died and the cause of the fire, and for the findings to be made public.

The fire, which has been blamed on the military exercise, destroyed about 12,000 acres of land at the privately owned Lolldaiga conservancy in central Kenya, home to animals such as elephants, buffalos, lions, hyenas, jackals and the endangered Grevy's zebra.

One British soldier allegedly

wrote in a Snapchat post: "Two months in Kenya later and we've only got eight days left. Been good, caused a fire, killed an elephant and feel terrible about it but hey-ho, when in Rome."

The official cause of the fire has not been made public but the incident is at the centre of an environmental lawsuit brought by a lobby group and almost 1,000 local residents. Residents say the scale of the wildfire at the

conservancy was unprecedented - they say it lasted for at least four days as thick plumes of smoke filled the sky, making it impossible to move.

They say it smelt like a barbeque, although the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has denied claims that five elephants and a calf were killed. Some elderly people say they suffered burning eyes, while local preacher Duncan Kariuki, 43, said his one-year-old child had to be hospitalised for smoke inhalation.

A spokesperson for the British High Commission said the army had conducted an internal investigation into the fire but because "this is part of an ongoing court case, it would be inappropriate to comment any further". The Lolldaiga conservancy - about 49,000 acres of hilly bushland with a backdrop of the ice-capped Mount Kenya - is part of the Laikipia plateau, where hundreds of thousands of acres

was seized by the British during the colonial era, leading to land disputes which continue to this day.

It is just 70km (45 miles) from the Lewa conservancy, where Prince William proposed to Kate Middleton in November 2010. A few kilometres to the south are the newly refurbished Nyati Barracks, a £70m (\$97m) facility also known as British Army Training Unit Kenya (Batuk), that hosts thousands of British troops every year for massive exercises in Lolldaiga, which offers ideal conditions for harsh environment training.

It has been used by the British army for over a decade, according to local residents. There are also joint exercises with Kenyan soldiers.

But local support is dwindling - at least among residents living nearby who spoke to the BBC. They said they had become accustomed to hearing loud explosions, gunfire and low-flying aircraft near their homes, throughout the day and night. BBC



The fire that broke out in March destroyed almost a quarter of the conservancy

## Policewoman delivers homeless woman's baby

**A** Mozambican police officer has helped deliver a baby for a homeless woman, who has not been named, with the help of two colleagues.

The officers were on patrol in downtown Maputo on Saturday when a man approached them for help. He took them to a place where a

mother was in labour with the baby almost coming out, and no time to take her to the hospital.

Officer Sheila Chivite carried out the delivery while following the instructions of a midwife who they had called on phone. Ms Chivite, a mother of two, said she had to gather courage and save the baby and mother as she too had lost a baby in the past. "I

handed my gun to my colleague Jorge and asked my colleague Janaina to get the flashlight, because the place was dark. I had never performed or attended a birth, but at that time I did everything to help the mother and, with God's help, we succeeded, the baby was born," she said.

The baby boy was trapped by the neck and didn't cry on delivery,

but the officer's mother told her to massage the baby and he cried. The officer, in a video interview that was shared on social media, sobbed and told the story of how she lost one of her own children.

"I did what I couldn't do for my daughter, I saved the life of strangers, something I couldn't do with my own baby," she said.

The officer performed the delivery without gloves. Her colleague Jorge Justino said they did what was required at that moment, as they had a duty to help the public. BBC



Sheila Chivite, a mother of two, had flashbacks to losing her own child

## Ousted Tunisian PM says he won't cling on



Hichem Mechichi aired his thoughts in a Facebook post

**T**unisia's dismissed Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi says he will not cling on to his position, to avoid complicating matters further. He was dismissed by President Kais Saied on Sunday, and the parliament was temporarily suspended in a controversial move described by the speaker as a "constitutional coup" - which the president denied. In a statement released on his Facebook page, Mr Mechichi acknowledges the political failures of recent years. He says his year-long position as head of government came at a difficult period in Tunisia's history, with a "strangling economic and social crisis due

to successive political elites... failing to meet people's expectations".

Mr Mechichi said he understood the despair of Tunisians and the lack of confidence in the political class, adding that there were "great disparities" between what the people wanted and the priorities of political parties.

His statement appears conciliatory, and could serve to slightly temper the political tension plaguing the country in this uncertain period.

It also appears to break away from a nominal alliance he had formed with the speaker of parliament in recent months, which was part of the ongoing power struggle with the presidency. BBC

# EDITORIAL

## “Japan Freeway” brings significant relief

**RESIDENTS OF FORMERLY** Somalia Drive now “Japan Freeway” in the densely populated Monrovia suburb of Gardnersville are breathing great relief with the official dedication of a 4-lane 13.2 kilometers of road that links the commercial hub of Bushrod Island to the commercial district of Paynesville, significantly easing traffic congestion, while promoting trade and commerce.

**THE PROJECT INITIALLY** estimated at 89 million Japanese yen or equivalently US\$1million and formally signed in 2012 under the administration of ex-president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was dedicated officially by President George Manneh Weah on Monday, July 26, 2021, which also marked Liberia's 174th Independence.

**NOT SO MUCH** of the historic co-incidence of the day itself but the immense economic and other benefits that both Liberians and foreign business partners have already begun to enjoy in terms of movement, quick access, timely delivery of goods and services in the wake of completion and formal dedication of the road.

**UNARGUABLY, ROAD IS** one of the major economic assets that boost commerce and trade, so rehabilitation and expansion of the former Somalia Drive into four lanes asphalt-paved, separated by concrete with drainages that allow vehicles, including trailers and other heavy duty trucks as well as tricycles and bikes coming to Bushrod Island and Central Monrovia to ply in one direction, while those headed for the commercial district of Paynesville move in opposite lane, is the first of its kind in Liberia, meeting international standard.

**THANKS TO THE** Government and warm-hearted people of Japan for single-handedly financing the project as a gift to the Government and people of Liberia. This gesture, executed thru the Japan International Cooperation Agency or JICA will go a long way in not just cementing already existing cordial ties subsisting between Liberia and Japan, but keeping the strong bond of friendship of peoples of both countries.

**HOWEVER, NOW THAT** the “Japan Freeway” is here, we as ordinary Liberians and even the Government of Liberia have our own role to play in the maintenance of this great asset. Road like any economic asset goes thru a period of tear and wear or depreciation hence, the need for regular servicing cannot be overly emphasized. This means both road users and the Ministry of Public Works, the government arm that is responsible to keep watch on such public facility should do everything humanly possible in keeping the road in good state.

**EUPHORIA FOR THE** Japan Freeway would soon diminish if broken-down trailers and other heavy duty trucks are left unattended to in the traffic, creating congestion and risk for accidents that could be avoided just by removing such objects to maintain free-flow of traffic.

**DRIVERS TOO ARE** cautioned not to take the newly paved road as a license to engage in reckless driving and over speeding at the expense of human lives and property. Responsible driving requires careful observance of traffic signs, rules and vehicle road-worthiness.

**THE TRAFFIC DIVISION** of the Liberia National Police has a key role to play in this endeavor as it continues to do in other parts of the country. The presence of traffic Police officers at every intersection along the Freeway is important to keeping reckless drivers, tricyclists and bike riders in check.

**IN SHORT, WE** want the usage of this important public facility to become an asset rather than a curse to the people of Liberia. Thru effective maintenance and proper usage of the “Japan Freeway”, we would encourage our foreign partners to do more in driving the development agenda of this country for prosperity and improved living standards one of which is quality paved road.

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# COMMENTARY

By Howard Davies

## Put Central Bankers in Their Place

**L**ONDON - In the Forbes list of the World's Most Powerful People for 2012, Ben Bernanke, then the chair of the US Federal Reserve, held the sixth position, while Mario Draghi, then the president of the European Central Bank, came in at number eight. They were both ranked above Chinese President Xi Jinping. As the global economy struggled with the aftermath of the global financial crisis that began in 2008, and its European cousin, the eurozone crisis, central banks were in the driving seat, easing quantitatively like there was no tomorrow. They were, it was often said, “the only game in town.” Even at the time, some thought there was an element of folie de grandeur in their elevation.

This time is different. Although central banks continue to buy bonds incontinently, fiscal policy has been the key response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the United States, President Joe Biden and Congress have led the charge. In the European Union, the European Commission's Recovery and Resilience Facility is at the heart of the €750 billion (\$884 billion) Next Generation EU plan, while in the United Kingdom, Chancellor Rishi Sunak is signing the checks.

So are central bankers' noses out of joint, as they play second fiddle to the finance ministries, a position in the orchestra to which few aspire?

It seems that they are, as the last 18 months have seen a remarkable expansion of the central banks' fields of activity, largely driven by their own ambitions. So they have moved into the climate change arena, arguing that financial stability may be put at risk by rising temperatures, and that central banks, as bond purchasers and as banking supervisors, can and should be proactive in raising the cost of credit for corporations without a credible transition plan. That is a promising new line of business, which is likely to grow.

Central banks are also trying to move into social engineering, specifically the policy response to rising income and wealth inequality, another hot button topic with high political salience. In part, this new interest in inequality is a defensive move. Central banks have been stung by growing criticism that their policy mix of low or even negative interest rates, combined with quantitative easing, has given the wealthier members of society huge uncovenanted gains by pushing up asset prices.<sup>1</sup>

Those fortunate members of society with money to invest in stocks, high-end property, and expensive artworks have seen their net worth grow rapidly as funds flowed into appreciating assets. So central bankers have been forced to defend their actions and to attempt to prove that, taken in the round, the chosen policy mix has also benefited poorer families by sustaining jobs. Some have been convinced by that argument; others not so much.

The mixed reaction has drawn a further response from monetary authorities. One

element has been rhetorical. In 2009, less than 0.5% of all central bankers' speeches recorded on the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) database mentioned inequality, or the distributional consequences of their policies. In 2021, the figure is 9%, almost 20 times as many.

But talk is cheap. Is there any evidence that a concern for inequality has influenced policy? Indeed, is there any evidence that monetary policy can be used to moderate or reverse growing inequality?

The Chief Economist of the BIS, Claudio Borio, believes there is. He argued at the end of last month that “there is a lot that monetary policy can do to foster a more equitable distribution over business cycles.” Part of the argument is traditional, drawn from the textbook of central banking 101. He refers to “the havoc that high inflation can wreak on the poorer segments of society,” and shows that income inequality tends to decline when inflation averages less than 5%. So far, so conventional.

But he accepts that there can be a problem if interest rates are kept low for a long time to fight off recession. In those circumstances, “there may be a trade-off in terms of wealth inequality.” That is particularly true, he thinks, in the case of financial recessions, which can be more long-lasting, and where interest rates need to be held down for a long period to allow credit excesses to be worked off. So, what is the answer? It is “a more holistic macro-financial stability framework.” Oh, dear.

I have nothing against holism, I should add. But it can be vague as a guide to policy. In this case, what it primarily means is that governments should offset the impact of loose monetary policy on income and wealth inequality by the use of fiscal policy to ensure that post-tax inequality is moderated. They should also work on labor-market regulation to rebalance bargaining power in favor of employees. And they should invest more in education. These are all, of course, Good Things, but they take us away from central banking.

Can central banks really do no more than pass the buck to the Ministries of Finance and Economy? Not quite: if they are financial regulators, they can help promote financial inclusion and literacy, but that takes decades to have an impact. It may be, too, that macroprudential policies can be used to smooth credit booms and busts, which may reduce the scale of the problem low interest rates are designed to resolve. It is too soon since their introduction after the financial crisis to know whether that will turn out to be the case.

The slightly depressing conclusion is that the current monetary policy settings in the world's developed economies are likely to create greater wealth inequality, and that in the short term there is not a lot monetary and regulatory authorities can do about it, save mentioning it in speeches. If the problem is to be resolved, we will need to see finance ministers with a strong political mandate to implement redistributive policies, rather than Fed chairmen and governors featuring prominently in this decade's power lists.

# OPINION

By Laura Tyson, John Zysman

## America's Vital Chip Mission

**B**ERKLEY - Semiconductors are an essential product. They are the foundation of everything from sophisticated weapons systems and critical infrastructure to a growing number of technologies used daily by consumers and businesses. Scarcities are thus felt widely, and the current semiconductor shortage has exposed gaps and vulnerabilities across the global supply system.

Today's semiconductor shortage reflects a variety of factors - including significant pandemic-driven disruptions in both demand and supply and unilateral US trade restrictions with China. And any number of causes could trigger future shortages. For the sake of both national and economic security, the United States needs a multifaceted strategy for providing a competitive, resilient, secure, and sustainable (CRSS) supply of semiconductors. Such a strategy must address all parts of the industry, from design, fabrication, assembly, and packaging to materials and manufacturing equipment.

Each of these elements of the supply chain is critical. Competitive market conditions must prevail throughout the industry, because excessive market power in any one segment can jeopardize supply. The system must also be resilient to shocks like fires, droughts, earthquakes, and geopolitical tensions and upheavals. And it must be secure in two senses: the US must maintain reliable access to cutting-edge chips and the means of producing them, and chip supplies need to be protected from threats like counterfeiting, theft, cyberattacks, and espionage. Finally, the supply must be sustainable, accounting for the significant environmental and energy costs of chip production.

CRSS does not mean national autonomy in the semiconductor industry. That goal would be neither feasible nor economically rational, given the complex global supply system and the dispersion of industry knowledge, talent, and production. What CRSS does mean is that the US should cooperate closely with the European Union, Japan, Singapore, Israel, and others who form core parts of its secure supply base.

CRSS also does not mean preventing China from purchasing or selling semiconductors on global markets, or from developing its own semiconductor industry in ways that do not violate global trade and investment rules. Weaponizing trade and investment restrictions to thwart China's long-run semiconductor ambitions will be costly and counterproductive. It will disrupt global supplies, increase semiconductor prices, exacerbate shortages, and strengthen China's resolve to move faster to achieve autonomy.

A successful CRSS strategy does require the US and its allies to maintain a competitive edge vis-à-vis China, including through coordinated trade and investment policies to contain the mounting security threats that China poses within the semiconductor supply system.

The first step toward devising a CRSS strategy is to understand the semiconductor industry as it exists today. As a recent analysis by the Biden administration notes, although companies headquartered either in the US or in allied countries retain significant positions and leverage throughout the industry, most chip production has moved out of the US. For leading-edge chips, the US and its allies rely heavily on the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), which has a dominant market position. For cheaper commodity chips, they increasingly rely on other producers in Taiwan, South Korea, and China.

With production so heavily concentrated in Asia, supply-chain resilience is threatened by mounting geopolitical tensions with China. A top CRSS priority therefore is to expand the competitive production capabilities of both US companies and foreign companies located in the US for both leading-edge and other chips.

Fortunately, there are already promising private-sector plans to do this. Intel, for example, has recommitted to leading-edge domestic production, and both TSMC and Samsung have announced plans to build production facilities in the US. The EU is also committed to expanding its own semiconductor production, which if successful would make the global system more competitive, resilient, and secure.

Beyond maintaining the chip supply, leading-edge foundries play a critical role in driving competition and innovation throughout the supply system. The current state of foundry production technology tells design companies what can be built now and what future capabilities they can anticipate.

To help expand domestic production capabilities, US President Joe Biden has called for a \$52 billion investment in the semiconductor industry, and the US Senate has passed a bill that includes generous refundable investment tax credits and a federal fund to match state and local fiscal incentives for investments in semiconductor production.

The effectiveness of these tools will depend on how the incentives are targeted and how the funds are allocated. There is a danger that generous fiscal support will end up subsidizing private investments that are already being planned in response to growing demand. We may find that conventional fiscal tools are not up to the task and that out-of-the-box approaches are needed. Assuring US production of chips designed and used for defense and military purposes will be a particular challenge.

Recognizing that CRSS depends on innovation in every segment of the semiconductor industry, the Biden administration and Senate plans also call for significant increases in funding for research and development. Both basic and pre-competitive research in semiconductors is an increasingly borderless process, which means that the effectiveness of US outlays will depend on cooperation with allies and participation by their companies.

Finally, it is important to note that while the US continues to lead in overall semiconductor R&D, its ability to prototype and scale innovations has been hampered by the "lab-to-fab valley of death." Breakthrough projects that may be viable in research labs are often prohibitively expensive to demonstrate, leaving them starved of the private investment needed to achieve scale.

A promising approach to address this problem is a pre-competitive public-private R&D partnership to share equipment and other costs among participants. Perhaps a similar "commons" approach could be extended to chip production as well.

While the tactics of the policy response can be debated, the need for one is not in doubt. America's prosperity and security depend on a comprehensive strategy for ensuring a competitive, resilient, secure, and sustainable semiconductor industry.

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# OP-ED

By Stephen S. Roach

## China's Animal Spirits Deficit

**N**EW HAVEN - When it comes to the Chinese economy, I have been a congenital optimist for over 25 years. But now I have serious doubts. The Chinese government has taken dead aim at its dynamic technology sector, the engine of China's New Economy. Its recent actions are symptomatic of a deeper problem: the state's efforts to control the energy of animal spirits. The Chinese Dream, President Xi Jinping's aspirational vision of a "great modern socialist country" by 2049, could now be at risk.

At first, it seemed as if the authorities were concerned about a one-off personnel problem when they sent a stern message to the irreverent Jack Ma, founder of Alibaba, the world's largest e-commerce platform. Ma's ill-timed comments at a Shanghai financial forum in late October 2020 about the "pawnshop" mentality of the bank-centric Chinese financial system crossed the line for China's leaders. Early the following month, a record \$34 billion initial public offering for Ant Group, the behemoth fintech spinoff of Alibaba, was canceled less than 48 hours before the scheduled listing. Five months later, Alibaba itself was fined a record \$2.8 billion for alleged anti-monopoly violations.

And now it's Didi Chuxing's turn. Didi, the Uber-like Chinese ridesharing service, apparently had the audacity to raise \$4.4 billion in US capital markets, despite rumored objections from Chinese officials. After forcing the removal of more than 25 of Didi's apps from Chinese Internet platforms, talk of a fine that might exceed the earlier penalty imposed on Alibaba, or even a possible delisting, is rampant.

Moreover, there are signs of a clampdown on many other leading Chinese tech companies, including Tencent (Internet conglomerate), Meituan (food delivery), Pinduoduo (e-commerce), Full Truck Alliance (truck-hailing apps Huochebang and Yunmanman), Kanzhun's Boss Zhipin (recruitment), and online private tutoring companies like TAL Education Group and Gaotu Techedu. And all of this follows China's high-profile crackdown on cryptocurrencies.

It is not as if there were a lack of reasons - in some cases, like cryptocurrencies, perfectly legitimate reasons - for China's anti-tech campaign. Data security is the most oft-cited justification. This is understandable in one sense, considering the high value the Chinese leadership places on its proprietary claims over Big Data, the high-octane fuel of its push into artificial intelligence. But it also smacks of hypocrisy in that much of the data has been gathered from the surreptitious gaze of the surveillance state.

The issue, however, is not justification. Actions can always be explained, or rationalized, after the fact. The point is that, for whatever reason, Chinese authorities are now using the full force of regulation to strangle the business models and financing capacity of the economy's most dynamic sector.

Nor is the assault on tech companies the only example of moves that restrain the private economy. Chinese consumers are also suffering. Rapid population aging and inadequate social safety nets for retirement income and health care have perpetuated households' unwillingness to convert precautionary saving into discretionary spending on items like motor vehicles, furniture, appliances, leisure, entertainment, travel, and the other trappings of more mature consumer societies.

Yes, the absolute scale of these activities, like everything in China, is large. But as a share of its overall economy, household consumption is still less than 40% of GDP - by far the smallest share of any major economy.

The reason is that China has yet to create a culture of confidence in which its vast population is ready for a transformative shift in saving and consumption patterns. Only when households feel more secure about an uncertain future will they broaden their horizons and embrace aspirations of more expansive lifestyles. It will take nothing less than that for a consumer-led rebalancing of China's economy finally to succeed.

Confidence among businesses and consumers alike is a critical underpinning of any economy. Nobel Prize winning economists George Akerlof and Robert Shiller view confidence as the cornerstone of a broader theory of "animal spirits." This notion, widely popularized by John Maynard Keynes in the 1930s, is best thought of as a "spontaneous urge to action" that takes aggregate demand well beyond the underpinnings of personal income or corporate profit.

Keynes viewed animal spirits as the essence of capitalism. For China, with its mixed model of market-based socialism, animal spirits operate differently. The state plays a far more active role in guiding markets, businesses, and consumers than it does in other major economies. Yet the Chinese economy, no less than others, still requires a foundation of trust - trust in the consistency of leadership priorities, in transparent governance, and in wise regulatory oversight - to flourish.

Modern China lacks this foundation of trust that underpins animal spirits. But while this has long been an obstacle to Chinese consumerism, now distrust is creeping into the business sector, where the government's assault on tech companies is antithetical to the creativity, energy, and sheer hard work they require to grow and flourish in an intensely competitive environment.

I have frequently raised concerns about the excesses of fear-driven precautionary saving as a major impediment to consumer-led Chinese rebalancing. But the authorities' recent moves against the tech sector could be a tipping point. Without entrepreneurial energy, the creative juices of China's New Economy will be sapped, along with hopes for a long-promised surge of indigenous innovation.

China's mounting deficit of animal spirits could deal a severe, potentially lethal, blow to my own long-standing optimistic prognosis for the "Next China" - the title of a course that I have taught at Yale for the past 11 years. As I caution my students in the first class, the syllabus is a moving target.

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PLAINTIFF, in the above entitled cause of Action and complains the within named Defendants in manner and form as follows to wit:-

- 1. That Plaintiff is the bona fide owner of one (1) acre of land in fee simple, which Plaintiff acquired by honorable purchase from Whlemongar Garneo, Martha Kpowor, Samo Yarovgor, William Smith, Emmanuel Kpaque, Samuel Lewis and Isaiah Lewis, Administrators of the Intestate Estate of the late James Carter, Isaac Lewis, Mary Wright, Emma Wright, Johnny Hilton, Archbelic Nuna and Gran Gayzeah Yarovgor, on September 27, 2014, evidenced by an Administrator's Deed, duly probated on the 11th day of November A.D. 2015 and registered according to law in Volume 04-16, page 120-122. Copy of said Deed is hereto attached and marked as Exhibit P-1.
2. Plaintiff says that prior to the acquisition of the property, the Administrators obtained Letters of Administration and a Court Decree of Sale from the Monthly and Probate Court of Montserrado County, Temple of Justice which authorized the said Estate to sell the said property. Attached hereto and marked Exhibit P-2 is Court Decree of Sale issued to the Administrators to form a cogent and integral part of this proceeding.
3. Plaintiff says that sometimes during the first half of 2020, he observed strange persons on his property, acting without his knowledge and consent. Plaintiff was therefore constrained to file a Complaint before the Magisterial Court of Unification City, Margibi County, praying for a Writ of Mischief and Criminal Trespass against said persons. That based on the Plaintiff's Complaint the said persons were arrested and brought under the Jurisdiction of the Magisterial Court where they pleaded not guilty and claimed to have had a valid deed, claiming to have purchased the said property from Martha Kpowor, William Smith and Isaiah Lewis in 2018, son of the very persons who had already sold the property to Plaintiff. Based on this presentation, the issue of title came into place and the Magisterial Court for Unification City dismissed the said matter without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction. Copy of the Ruling of the Magisterial Court for Unification City of October 27, 2020 is hereto attached and marked as Exhibit P-3 to form a cogent part of this Complaint.
4. Plaintiff says that he having purchased the said property in 2014, the said property was no longer part of the Intestate Estate of the late James Carter, Isaac Lewis, Mary Wright, Emma Wright, Johnny Hilton, Archbelic Nuna and Gran Gayzeah Yarovgor, for which the Estate could legally sell to the Defendants.
5. Plaintiff says that the Defendants entry on his property is illegally and without any color of right, and are constructing thereon. Plaintiff says that even though he has asked the Defendants to vacate the premises, they continue to willfully, wrongfully and illegally encroach and occupy the Plaintiff's property, subject of this Ejectment Action up to the date of the filing of this Action; all to Plaintiff's detriment and harm, causing damages, inconveniences and losses to the Plaintiff.
6. That based upon the averment contained in counts one (1) through count five (5) of this Complaint above, Plaintiff says that the occupancy by the Defendants on Plaintiff's property, subject of this Ejectment Action, is wrongful, illegal and unlawful. Plaintiff submits that Section 61.1 of the Civil Procedure Law captioned: "When ejectment may be brought. states that: 'Any person who is rightfully entitled to the possession of real property may bring an action of ejectment against any person who wrongfully withholds possession thereof. Such an action may be brought when the title to real property as well as the right to possession thereof is disputed'. Plaintiff therefore brings this Action of Ejectment, praying this Honourable Court to have the Defendants and all those acting under their instructions on the said property ousted, ejected and evicted from Plaintiff's premises and have Plaintiff repossessed of same.
7. Plaintiff further says that as a result of Defendants' wrongful and illegal entry on his property, Plaintiff has suffered great damages, losses and inconveniences; that is, to date, Defendants have deprived Plaintiff of the use and enjoyment of his property, by the Defendants' unlawful encroachment, occupancy and withholding of Plaintiff's land, resulting to serious financial losses to the Plaintiff, for which Plaintiff is claiming the amount of not less than US\$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand United States Dollars), or amount to be determined by a Jury.

WHEREFORE, and in view of the foregoing, Plaintiff demands Judgment against the Defendants, their Principals and/or Agents and respectfully prays Your Honor to oust, evict and eject Defendants, its Principals and/or Agents from the Plaintiff's property; which the Defendants are currently encroaching upon and occupying, and award Plaintiff General Damages in an amount sufficient to compensate Plaintiff but not less than US\$50,000.00 ( Fifty Thousand United States Dollars) for the wrongful and illegal entry, encroachment, occupancy and withholding of the Plaintiff's property by the Defendants. And to rule Defendants to pay all costs and expenses of these proceedings; and grant unto Plaintiff such other and further relief which this Court in its Judgment would deem just, legal and equitable.

SWORN and SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, this 18th day of February A. D. 2021

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR THE LIBERIA DEPT. OF THE PEACE OF THE COUNTY MARGIBI COUNTY

MICHAEL V. SUAH
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND ONE OF COUNSELS FOR PLAINTIFF/DEPONENT

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**Ministry of Commerce signs agreements to boost livelihood projects supported by UNDP**

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MOCI) has signed several agreements valued at more than US\$540,000.00 to boost livelihoods and job creation across the country. The Programme is supported by UNDP.

Sixteen women, youth, academic and farmer-based enterprises will receive funds

Debra Nebo, Deputy Minister for Small Business Administration (SBA) at the MOCI.

The money will also support innovations and access to finance for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The organizations receiving the funds are engaged in agriculture production, training and commercialization, recycling of plastic waste, solid

cautioned beneficiaries to demonstrate concrete results and accountability for the funding.

Wilfred J.S Bangura II says the Ministry will diligently conduct monitoring and audits of the organizations to ensure that the grants are applied to achieve the results embedded in their proposals.

Mr. Bangura expressed thanks to UNDP and Partners for supporting the Livelihood & Employment Creation project.

“This project is a driver for poverty reduction, consistent with the Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity & Development,” he stressed.

The Programme Coordinator at UNDP described the process as “catalytic” and intended to support initiatives that contribute to efforts aimed at improving the livelihoods of vulnerable populations and communities across various sectors of the seven Counties where the project will be implemented.

One of the beneficiaries, the Director of the Liberian Women in Agriculture Cooperative Society, noted that her organization plans to use the funding to produce cotton as a raw material. The Director, Mrs. Agnes Kortimai, says the cotton material will then be used to process local



*The Initiative contributes to efforts aimed at improving the livelihoods of vulnerable populations*

to support entrepreneurship, livelihood and employment initiatives.

The organizations were selected using a rigorous criteria-based evaluation process supervised by Hon.

waste management, business development services, and capacity support for petty traders and environmental services.

The Deputy Commerce Minister for Administration

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**18 MACs staff complete Results based planning, M&E reporting training**

About eighteen County-based staff of government ministries, agencies and commissions from Maryland, RiverGee, Grand Kru and Grand Gedeh, have completed a four day result based planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting training last Thursday in southeastern Liberia.

The four days training was organized by the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit at the Ministry of Finance and Development planning with full support from the United Nations Children Funds (UNICEF), and conducted from July 19-22, 2021 in Harper Maryland County.

The capacity building training was held under the theme “strengthening sub-national staff and officials capacities for developing effectiveness and



efficiencies”.

The objective was to increase and strengthen the knowledge and skills of the MACs sub-offices staff and county officials in

contemporary results-based monitoring and reporting to improve the quality of their reports on outcomes of County Development Agenda.

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emergencies.

In addition, he commended

Commissioner Nagbe said, “That’s the nature of search and rescue. Search and rescue brings on board the police, the Coast Guard, the Maritime Authority, the Ministry of Defense, and private entities that we can bring to the situation.”

Mr. De added that Lonestar Cell MTN continues to stand ready and willing to support the Government of Liberia and the security sector, particularly during

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The Professionalism, Efficiency, Result-Oriented and Trustworthiness (PERT), a hired consultant administered the four days sessions.

Mr. Barward Johnson of PERT informed participants that a project is a temporary undertaking to create a unique product, service or result.

“A project has a defined start and end point and specific objectives that, when attained, signify completion. This means that a project is unique in terms of the outcome they produce, how they are conducted, staffing, stakeholders, resources are used, but temporary is when they do not have perpetual existence; they have a specific end point” he said.

According to him, project design refers to the process of making a conceptual framework of a project to show how the project will be initiated, implemented, monitored and evaluated.

He noted that projects should always be structured as possible solutions to identified and defined problems. In a project, problem and solution analysis is a critical

methodology for designing projects.

He stated that the problem tree is a useful tool in defining problems, their relationships and essentially the rationale for a project. “Remember a project is a solution to an existing problem, project design should start with the identification and subsequent analysis of the problem you intend to solve” he said.

He cautioned participants to observe the new COVID-19 wave in the country announced by the Government, and to take all preventive and social distancing measures as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and the Incident Management Team of the country.

The four days training workshop was attended by Development Superintendents, County Inspectors, County Project Planners, Regional Development officers, County Monitoring officers from Maryland, River Gee, Grand Kru and Grand Gedeh Counties including the Ministry of Finance Development Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Analyst.

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## Liberia vows to meet W.H.O's benchmark -as new vaccines arrive

By Lewis S. Teh

Liberia's Minister of Health and head of the incident management system Dr. Wilehlmina Jallah says the arrival of over 300,000 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccines will help Liberia

will meet the requirements and reach all of the benchmarks set up by W.H.O," she assured.

Dr. Jallah gave the assurance on Saturday, July 24, 2021 in a special press briefing held at the Ministry of Information in Monrovia when she announced

Disease Control via the Roberts International Airport in Harbel, Margibi County.

The Health Minister said the vaccines are gifts from the U.S. Government and will definitely help the country reach WHO's benchmark, which requires at least 10 percent of a country's total population to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 2021.

Dr. Jallah thanked President George Weah, U.S. President Joe Biden,

Liberia's Ambassador to the United States, George Pattern and Liberians in the United States for their combined efforts and in ensuring the vaccines arrive here safely.

She said unlike the AstraZeneca jabs administered earlier that requires two doses per person, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is a single dose, which means everyone will have an opportunity to be vaccinated with healthcare workers being prioritized.

"When we began administering the first doses, we listed certain people, but this time around everyone is important, including those with cold mobility, among others" Dr. Jallah explained. - *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



Health Minister, Dr. Wilehlmina Jallah

meets benchmark set by the World Health Organization or W.H.O.

"With the coming of additional vaccines from the U.S., I can safely say Liberia

the arrival of 302,400 doses of Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccines provided by the United States Government in collaboration with the African Union and the African Centers for

## Ruling party preaches unity

By E. J. Nathaniel Daygbor

The ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) through its national chairman has called on Diaspora Liberians and Liberians at home to create space for unity and national reconciliation.

Serving as keynote speaker during program for Liberia's 174th Independence held in Minnesota, United States of America, chairman CDC Mulbah Morlu said unity is a fundamental cornerstone for nation building, adding that President George Manneh Weah is committed to maintaining unity in the country by promoting national reconciliation and respecting rights and privileges of all citizens, including foreign residents.

He said President Weah is also committed to improving livelihood of all Liberians by taking tangible steps to overcome development challenges through collaboration with all, including friends in the opposition, civil society and goodwill from international partners.

However, he stressed that it is only by Liberians laboring together, consulting with all stakeholders, and putting country first prosperity will be achieved.

"Therefore, on this day, I call upon all Liberians to demonstrate patriotism and a nationalistic fervor. And so, while I remain thrilled for the honor to speak here tonight, I am not surprised by the level of organization, dedication,

sophistication, and commitment which characterize the distinctiveness of this program to celebrate the birth of our nation under the auspices of OLM. This is evident not only by the warm welcome you have accorded me and my team, but also by the presence of these distinguished and

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CDC Chairman, Mulbah Morlu

## IRC calls on wealthy nations to urgently step up support

The IRC has made an urgent call to wealthy nations to redouble their support for new vaccine delivery mechanisms that can reach most vulnerable populations, as the Delta variant reaches 124 countries - including some of the world's toughest crisis contexts - posing a growing and serious risk to global public health.

From Asia to Africa to Latin America, countries are suffering from record COVID-19 caseloads and deaths, even as wealthier nations with high vaccination rates let their guards down. As of July 2021, COVAX had shipped just 138 million vaccines to participants in the COVAX Facility, resulting in vastly insufficient coverage, far below initial targets and the goal of achieving 20%

17 countries in Africa have reported the Delta variant as the continent records an increase in cases (21%) and deaths (16%) when compared to the previous month as testing remains worryingly low. Africa is facing a third wave that is far outpacing vaccinations and overwhelming health systems. The Delta variant is causing the worst wave of COVID seen thus far on the continent.

The Delta variant is leading to a spike in cases in crisis-affected countries. In the month to July 25th, there has been a significant increase in cases in Zimbabwe (116%), Thailand (110%), Myanmar (78%), Liberia (60%), Bangladesh (33%) and Afghanistan (29%), and concerning test positivity rates in Mexico (37%), Iraq (22%), Colombia (22%), Zimbabwe (20%) and Democratic Republic of Congo (17%).



vaccination coverage in low-income countries. Thus far, less than 2% of Africans have received a vaccination dose. Vaccine delivery has been hampered in crisis-affected countries, where fragile health systems are unable to meet growing needs, have been decimated by conflict and underinvestment, and in some cases can't or won't reach refugee and displaced populations. COVAX is estimated to reach just 6% of the eligible population in IRC's 20 Watchlist countries, which are home to 85% of the world's population in need of humanitarian assistance. Now, these countries are battling a more deadly and transmissible variant, without sufficient vaccine coverage to protect their populations.

Spikes in cases due to the Delta variant have been reported in the following contexts:

The Delta variant has been detected in a majority of new cases in recent months in countries such as Afghanistan (60%), Democratic Republic of Congo (79%), Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Uganda (97%). Uganda, the largest refugee-hosting country in Africa, has included refugees in the national vaccines program, but the country has run out of vaccine stock. In Kenya, a test positivity rate of 12.2% is increasing fears a fourth wave is coming.

In addition to the Delta variant, the Lambda variant is of particular concern for Latin America. As of mid-June, it accounts for 82% of new infections in Peru and has reportedly spread to 29 countries.

COVAX is negotiating with new vaccine suppliers and expects to have 1.9 billion doses available for participating countries towards the end of the

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# Français

## « Nous ne grandirons pas tant que nous n'aurons pas permis à nos visions, attentes, rêves et aspirations de grandir également », Cummings

Le chef de l'opposition, M. Alexander B. Cummings, a du mal à croire que son pays continue de quémander des soutiens budgétaires auprès des nations beaucoup moins dotées que lui.

« Le Libéria, un pays indépendant depuis 174 ans, est doté d'une abondance de richesses naturelles, mais malheureusement ce pays continue de mendier des soutiens budgétaires auprès même des nations beaucoup moins dotées que lui, et dont les ministres et législateurs sont payés bien moins que ceux d'ici. Cela est déplorable ».

M. Cummings est le leader politique du Congrès national alternatif, parti membre de la coalition des quatre principaux partis politiques de l'opposition.

Dans une déclaration faite à Monrovia le jeudi 22 juillet sur le 174e anniversaire de l'indépendance du Libéria, le chef de l'opposition a mis un accent particulier sur

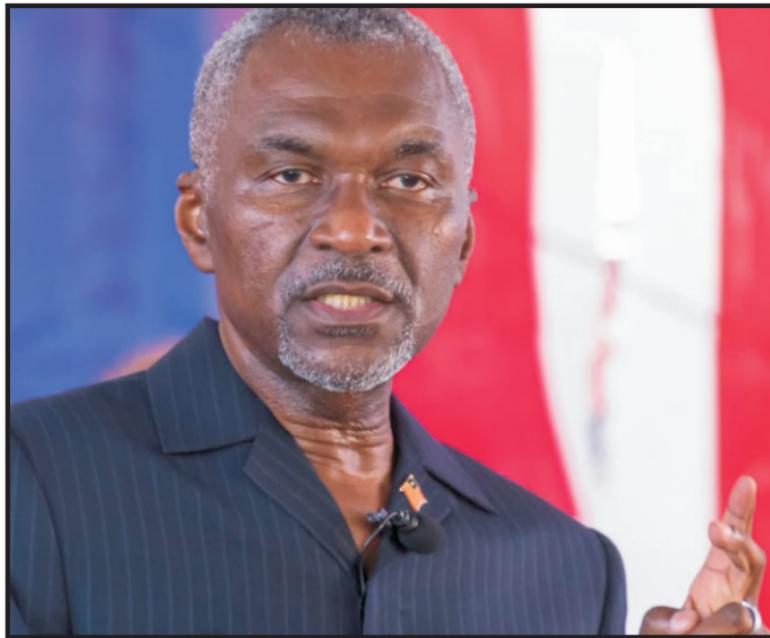
le fait que les Libériens sont trop pauvres. Plus de la moitié de la population, selon lui, vit avec moins de 1,25 \$ US par jour, et au moins 7 citoyens sur 10 dans les zones urbaines n'ont pas accès à de l'eau potable, à un assainissement, à un espace de vie suffisant ou aulogement décent.

Le Libéria célèbre la 174e fête nationale de son indépendance le lundi 26 juillet 2021.

Il n'y aura pas de cérémonie officielle en raison de la pandémie de la Covid-19.

« Le taux de mortalité infantile des moins de 5 ans est d'environ 84,6%, ce qui indique que sur mille nouveau-nés libériens, 846 mourront probablement avant d'atteindre l'âge de cinq ans, et que seulement

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## Variant Covid : Alpha Condé demande à renforcer la surveillance à aux frontières, notamment avec le Libéria et la Sierra Leone

La session ordinaire du conseil des ministres, s'est tenue, ce jeudi 22 Juillet, de 10 h 15 à 12 h, par vidéoconférence, sous la Présidence, de son Excellence, Professeur Alpha Condé, Président de la République.

Les points inscrits à l'ordre du jour, étaient les suivants :

1- Messages de son Excellence Monsieur le Président de la République

2- Compte rendu de la session du conseil interministériel du

Mardi 13 juillet 2021

3- Décisions

? Au titre du premier point de l'ordre du jour, Monsieur le Président de la République, son Excellence, Professeur Alpha Condé, à l'entame de son propos a rappelé avec autorité le caractère inéluctable de la doctrine du « Gouverner Autrement ». Il a indiqué que cette doctrine induit de fait une modification drastique de notre approche de la gestion de l'Etat qui découlera inexorablement

sur une transformation profonde de notre modèle économique. En effet, il a indiqué que la valeur travail doit constituer le socle de notre modèle de société afin que la Guinée produise plus, exporte plus et par conséquent importe moins.

Il a donc exhorté le Gouvernement à œuvrer dans ce sens afin que la Guinée devienne, comme il l'ambitionne, la seconde économie de la sous-région après le Nigéria.

Le Chef de l'Etat, constatant avec regret le faible taux d'absorption des financements extérieurs mis à la disposition de la Guinée a ordonné à l'ensemble des membres du Gouvernement de procéder, dans les départements dont ils ont la charge, à une évaluation rigoureuse du niveau d'exécution des projets en cours mais aussi de l'état de préparation des projets en perspective. Il a indiqué que la situation ainsi obtenue fera l'objet d'une analyse croisée avec celle présentée par les principaux bailleurs de fonds qui accompagnent notre pays, le tout sous la supervision du Ministère du Plan et du Développement Economique.



## Éditorial

### Une démonstration d'arrogance, de cupidité et d'insensibilité téméraire

Pour des raisons clairement égoïstes, les membres du parlement libérien ont distribué près de 4 millions de dollars américains entre eux à Capitol Hill, tout en pensant que c'est un geste honorable et légitime, comme quoi cet argent est dans le budget national.

Vraiment, n'est-ce pas là une démonstration de cupidité arrogante de la part d'un petit groupe d'hommes et de femmes qui prétendent représenter le reste des 5 millions de Libériens ? En tout cas, pour nous, ce n'est rien d'autre qu'une grande insensibilité et un vol et une corruption politique, comme l'a si bien dit récemment le chef de l'opposition M. Alexander B. Cummings.

Au moment où la pandémie mortelle fait ravage et la pauvreté bat son plein dans le pays, le fait que les législateurs ne font que défendre leurs propres intérêts égoïstes, sous le prétexte d'échanger avec leurs électeurs respectifs est très décevant.

Ce qui est même paradoxal, c'est que les législateurs président le budget national et exigent régulièrement un rapport de performance de l'exécutif, en particulier des ministères et agences, mais ces mêmes personnes refusent systématiquement d'être auditées et ne sont donc pas responsables devant les personnes qui les ont élus. Comment oseraient-ils demander des comptes à l'exécutif alors qu'eux-mêmes ne rendent pas des comptes ?

Pendant que les enseignants et les autres fonctionnaires sont mis à la retraite sans percevoir d'allocations et le paiement des salaires mensuels est retardé dans une économie où la majorité vit avec moins de 2,00 USD par jour, 103 législateurs se partagent environ 4 millions de USD en plus de leurs salaires mensuels et avantages sociaux qui couvrent le logement, la voiture, le chauffeur, l'essence, le cuisinier, la sécurité, la santé et le personnel de bureau personnel. Voyez-vous où se dirige le Libéria ?

Pourtant, avec une telle démonstration de cupidité incontrôlable et d'insensibilité imprudente, les salles du bâtiment du parlement coulent en raison du manque d'entretien, tandis que de graves crises sanitaires se profilent et les toilettes sont fermées en raison du manque d'eau courante. Les visiteurs sont ainsi honteusement contraints d'aller uriner ou déféquer derrière des conteneurs à l'intérieur de la cour du Capitole.

Les électeurs libériens doivent faire preuve de sobriété à chaque fois qu'ils se rendent aux urnes pour décider de la direction du pays. Ce n'est pas la qualité de leadership qu'ils envisageaient quand ils votaient en 2017 et en 2020.

Et au moment où nous parlons, ce petit pays de 5 millions d'habitants n'a pas de vaccins pour lutter contre le coronavirus en dépit du fait que le niveau d'alerte de l'épidémie dans le pays se trouve au niveau 4, le niveau le plus élevé, selon le Centre américain de contrôle et de Prévention des maladies. En outre, les hôpitaux qui luttent contre la pandémie à travers le pays manquent d'oxygène, sans parler des EPI pour les médecins et les infirmières qui sont en première ligne de la lutte.

Les législateurs se distribuent des millions entre eux aux dépens du peuple sans aucun remords. Il est dommage que cette nation soit soumise à une si mauvaise gouvernance.

Cependant, les Libériens ont le pouvoir de changer les parlementaires corrompus et égoïstes du Capitol Hill. Ils peuvent protester en vertu de la loi et demander à leurs législateurs d'abroger une telle loi qui leur permet de distribuer des millions pendant que les hôpitaux et les écoles à travers le pays manquent de médicaments, d'outils pertinents pour travailler, de chaises et d'enseignants qualifiés.

Nous pensons que l'exécutif prend plaisir à déboursier un tel argent pour avoir feu vert pour piller ce qui reste dans les caisses de l'Etat, alors que le système de contrôle et de contre-poids est relégué et que les législateurs se régalaient avec 30 000 \$ US chacun dans leurs poches.

# Français

## « Nous ne grandirons pas tant que nous n'aurons pas permis à nos visions,

1,3% des Libériens vivant en milieu rural et 34 pour cent des zones urbaines ont accès à l'électricité.

Les hôpitaux sont sans médicaments essentiels et sans équipement de diagnostic, tandis que les fonctionnaires chargés de corriger cela cherchent eux-mêmes un traitement dans les pays voisins, ou plus loin à l'étranger. Si le gouvernement abandonne les hôpitaux apoint que les gens qu'il dit servir n'ont nul part aller pour se faire soigner, alors aucun ministre du gouvernement ne devrait se faire soigner dans les hôpitaux étrangers aux frais de l'État », a-t-il dit.

Pour lui, depuis la déclaration d'indépendance de 1847, le pays s'est égaré, « on n'a pas besoin du Fonds monétaire international, de la Banque mondiale et d'autres institutions internationales pour prouver cela. C'est une vérité inéluctable ».

« Trop de Libériens vivent au quotidien dans des conditions de plus en plus déplorable et intenable. Ils ont du mal à trouver de la nourriture et un emploi décent, à s'occuper de leur famille, à payer le loyer, les frais de scolarité ou les factures d'hôpital et avoir un toit au-dessus de leur tête », a-t-il déploré.

« Quant au moral, il est bas, étant donné que trop de jeunes sont au chômage et pis, certains d'entre eux sont inemployables, tandis que le coût de la vie reste insupportable, au point que beaucoup de Libériens sont devenus des mendiants », a-t-il ajouté.

Pour lui, peu d'individus continuent de recevoir plus que ce dont ils ont besoin alors que la majorité en reçoit trop peu.

« Le Libéria connaît les pires conditions économiques depuis une décennie, avec des performances toujours lamentables des principaux indicateurs macroéconomiques tels que le produit intérieur brut (PIB), le chômage et l'inflation. Par exemple, selon le Fonds monétaire international, en 2019 et

2020, le PIB réel a enregistré une croissance négative de 2,5% et 3,0%, respectivement. Bien sûr, nous pouvons blâmer la pandémie de COVID-19, mais la mauvaise gestion, le manque de responsabilité, la mauvaise planification et la corruption ont continué de hanter l'administration.

Il n'y a qu'une seule explication logique à cela : les gens ne font pas confiance au système bancaire. La confiance est faible. C'est le prix que nous devons payer lorsque nous politisons le système bancaire et le corrompons en défaillances systémiques et autres défaillances administratives. Ces défaillances combinées à des prêts non productifs de 26,9% présentent un risque élevé pour la stabilité du secteur financier du pays », a-t-il dit.

Il appelle à un changement de mentalité et à l'adoption d'une nouvelle perspective nationale selon laquelle le Libéria appartient à tous les Libériens et tous les Libériens ont des devoirs envers le pays dont celui d'être de bons citoyens et de travailler aussi dur et aussi honnêtement que possible pour améliorer les conditions de vie de la génération actuelle et de la génération future.

Un bon citoyen pour lui, c'est celui qui ne vole pas et ne trompe pas le peuple. C'est celui qui défend ce qui est juste pour le pays même si cela dérange quelques amis et alliés politiques. En un mot, le devoir fondamental d'un citoyen est de construire un pays meilleur.

« L'obéissance à la loi est un devoir de civisme. Les bons citoyens assument leurs responsabilités et acceptent de reconnaître leurs erreurs, tout comme ils acceptent les avantages de bien faire. »

Il encourage par conséquent les leaders politiques, religieux, communautaires et traditionnels à être plus responsables et à donner de bons exemples afin que les autres soient encouragés à suivre. « Nous ne grandirons pas tant que nous n'aurons pas permis à nos visions, attentes, rêves et aspirations de grandir également. Par conséquent, les objectifs nationaux doivent être plus ambitieux, nous permettant de viser plus haut et d'étendre davantage nos efforts collectifs », a conclu M. Cummings, entre autres.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Howard Davies

## Remettre les banques centrales à leur place

LONDRES - Sur la liste Forbes des plus puissants individus du monde en 2012, Ben Bernanke, président d'alors de la Réserve fédérale américaine, occupait la sixième place, tandis que Mario Draghi, président d'alors de la Banque centrale européenne, se classait huitième. Ils étaient tous les deux mieux classés que le président chinois Xi Jinping. Alors que l'économie mondiale était aux prises avec les conséquences de la crise financière mondiale qui avait commencé en 2008 et avec son cousin européen, la crise de la zone euro, les banques centrales dirigeaient les opérations, à grands coups d'assouplissement quantitatif. On les identifiait bien souvent par l'expression « the only game in town » - la seule option disponible à l'heure actuelle. Même à l'époque, certains trouvaient qu'il y avait une part de folie des grandeurs dans leur démesure.

Cette fois-ci, c'est différent. Bien que les banques centrales continuent d'acheter des obligations de façon continue, la politique budgétaire a été la réponse clé à la pandémie de COVID-19. Aux États-Unis, le président Joe Biden et le Congrès ont été à l'avant-garde de cet effort. Au sein de l'Union européenne, la facilité pour la reprise et la résilience de la Commission européenne est au cœur du plan Next Generation EU, qui s'élève à 750 milliards d'euros (soit 884 milliards de dollars), tandis qu'au Royaume-Uni, le Chancelier Rishi Sunak signe les chèques.

Les directeurs des banques centrales ont-ils donc perdu leur flair, alors qu'ils jouent les seconds couteaux aux ministères des Finances, une position que peu de gens convoitent ?

Il semble que cela soit le cas, car une expansion remarquable des domaines d'activité des banques centrales a été constatée ces 18 derniers mois, largement motivée par leurs propres ambitions. Ils se sont donc déplacés vers le domaine du changement climatique, en faisant valoir que la stabilité financière peut être mise en péril par la hausse des températures et que les banques centrales, en tant qu'acheteurs d'obligations et contrôleurs bancaires, peuvent et doivent être proactives dans l'augmentation du coût du crédit pour les entreprises dépourvues d'un plan de transition crédible. Voilà un nouveau secteur d'activité qui semble prometteur et qui ne manquera pas de se développer.

Les banques centrales tentent également de se reconvertir dans l'ingénierie sociale, en particulier en réponse politique à la hausse des inégalités de revenus et de richesses, un autre sujet brûlant ayant une grande importance politique. En partie, ce nouvel intérêt pour les inégalités est un coup défensif. Les banques centrales ont été stupéfaites par des critiques de plus en plus nombreuses selon lesquelles leur combinaison de taux d'intérêt faibles ou même négatifs, couplée à l'assouplissement quantitatif, a donné aux membres les plus riches de la société d'énormes gains sans engagements en faisant monter le prix des actifs.

Ces membres privilégiés de la société qui ont suffisamment d'argent pour investir dans des actions, dans l'immobilier de luxe et les œuvres d'art de grand prix ont vu leur valeur nette augmenter rapidement au fur et à mesure que les fonds affluaient et faisaient monter les prix de leurs actifs. Les banques centrales ont donc été contraintes de défendre leurs actions et de tenter de prouver que, tout bien considéré, la combinaison des mesures choisies a également profité aux familles pauvres en maintenant des emplois. Si certains ont été convaincus par cet argument, d'autres se sont montrés plus réticents.

La réaction mitigée a suscité une autre réponse de la part des autorités monétaires. Une part de cette

réponse est démagogique. En 2009, moins de 0,5 % des discours des banquiers centraux enregistrés dans la base de données de la Banque des règlements internationaux (BRI) mentionnaient les inégalités, ou les conséquences de répartition de leurs politiques. En 2021, ce chiffre est de 9 %, soit près de 20 fois supérieur à ce qu'il était.

Mais les paroles n'engagent à rien. Existe-t-il des preuves selon lesquelles l'inquiétude quant aux inégalités a une influence sur la politique ? À plus forte raison, existe-t-il des preuves que la politique monétaire peut être utilisée pour modérer ou inverser la croissance des inégalités ?

Claudio Borio, l'économiste en chef de la BRI, estime que ces preuves existent. Il a soutenu à la fin du mois dernier que « la politique monétaire peut faire bien des choses pour favoriser une distribution plus équitable sur les cycles économiques ». Une partie de l'argument est traditionnel, une sorte de cas d'école pour tout directeur de banque centrale. Il fait référence au « chaos qu'une inflation élevée peut causer aux segments les plus pauvres de la société » et montre que les inégalités de revenus ont tendance à diminuer lorsque l'inflation est en moyenne inférieure à 5 %. Jusque-là, tout est classique.

Mais il admet en outre qu'il peut y avoir un problème si les taux d'intérêt sont maintenus à un bas niveau pendant longtemps pour lutter contre la récession. Dans ces circonstances, « il peut y avoir un compromis en termes d'inégalités de richesses ». C'est particulièrement vrai, selon lui, dans le cas de récessions financières, qui peuvent être plus durables et où les taux d'intérêt doivent être maintenus à un bas niveau pendant une longue période pour permettre de réduire les excès de crédit. Alors quelle est la réponse ? Il s'agit « d'un cadre de stabilité macro-financière plus holistique ». Oh la la !

Je n'ai rien contre le holisme, devrais-je ajouter. Mais en matière politique, difficile de faire plus vague. Dans ce cas, ce que cela signifie principalement, c'est que les pouvoirs publics doivent compenser l'impact d'une politique monétaire souple sur les inégalités de revenus et de richesses par le recours à une politique budgétaire pour s'assurer que les inégalités post-fiscales soient modérées. Ils doivent également travailler sur la réglementation du marché du travail pour rééquilibrer le pouvoir de négociation en faveur des employés. Et ils doivent investir davantage dans l'éducation. Bien sûr, tout cela est bel et bon, mais nous éloigne des banques centrales.

Les banques centrales ne peuvent-elles vraiment rien faire de plus que refiler le bébé aux ministères des Finances et de l'économie ? Pas tout à fait : en tant que régulateurs financiers, elles peuvent aider à promouvoir l'inclusion financière et l'alphabétisation, mais cela n'aura un effet tangible que d'ici plusieurs décennies. Il se peut aussi que des politiques macroprudentielles soient utilisées en vue d'atténuer les cycles conjoncturels du crédit, ce qui pourrait réduire l'ampleur du problème que les taux d'intérêt bas sont censés résoudre. Il est trop tôt depuis leur entrée en scène après la crise financière pour savoir si cela va être le cas.

La conclusion un peu déprimante, c'est que les paramètres actuels de politique monétaire dans les économies développées du monde risquent de créer une plus grande inégalité entre les richesses, et qu'à court terme, il n'y a pas grand-chose que les autorités monétaires et de régulation puissent faire à ce sujet, sauf évoquer le sujet dans des discours. Pour résoudre le problème, il faudra que les ministères des Finances soient dotés d'un mandat politique fort pour mettre en œuvre des politiques de redistribution, plutôt que laisser les présidents et gouverneurs de la Fed figurer en bonne place dans les classements des individus les plus puissants de cette décennie.

# “Liberia not independent nation”

By Winston W. Parley

A day after Liberia celebrated its 174th Independence Day, opposition Vision of Liberia Transformation Party (VOLT) political leader Dr. Jeremiah Z. Whapoe says Liberia is not an independent nation because “you cannot be independent and depend on somebody else to take care of you.”

“One thing I see in Liberia is that people usually talk about Independence Day, and one thing I can tell you is that, in the public I will tell you that Liberia is not an independent nation,” Dr. Whapoe said Tuesday, 27 July during official launch of the Publication of the Framework Document of Rainbow Alliance in Paynesville.

Dr. Whapoe argued further

able to shoulder responsibilities on your own because having a free association does not necessarily mean that you are independent.

He described Liberia as a diamond with so many corners that is yet to be discovered and polished, vowing that the Rainbow Alliance will ensure that this diamond is discovered, polished and shine among the comity of nations.

Speaking about the official launch of the publication of the Framework Document of Rainbow Alliance, Dr. Whapoe deemed it an honor to be part of a process of unity that disengages self-interest but puts Liberia first.

“It is an honor to be part of the process that asks itself what’s in it for Liberia? And anybody [who] has ever told you that Liberia or Liberians will

framework document said today the alliance is on the pedestal into the future which is not too distant.

Mr. Goodridge said the framework document is only a pedestal to something that is very dramatic, explaining that the document has three - folds.

He said the document talks about the [Constitution] with respect to how the Rainbow Alliance will compose itself; the by - laws which deals with the functions and legality, financial contributions; and the code of conduct which deals with how members of the alliance comport themselves.

Goodridge indicated that as a government - in - waiting, the alliance firmly believes that it must show a good example of discipline, proper decorum and deportment and also set the stage for governance.

In the framework document, Mr. Goodridge revealed that there are 19 standing committees which includes standing committees on Foreign Affairs, Public Works, Forestry, Information and every structure that is in the government.

He said the whole idea here was that the Rainbow Alliance would form committees to shadow the government so that whoever is chairman for the standing committee on Foreign Affairs, for instance, will be able to advise the alliance on how it can do it the right way.

He said the committee chair will be able to do the analysis, the research and the proper study to see where Liberia is lagging in its foreign relations and advise the Rainbow Alliance.

Presenting the framework document, Cllr. Emmanuel Tulay, Victory for Change Party chairman said he is pleased to present the instrument to the plenary of the Rainbow Alliance through its acting chairman Mr. Goodridge, adding that it contains the Constitution, By - laws and Code of Conduct of the alliance.

Cllr. Tulay said the alliance is pleased to publish the document for the consumption, analysis and critique of the Liberian people for whom the parties have come together to ensure they have oneness in political activities.

# Jeety expands inmates feeding program

**-Provides anti - Covid - 19 materials**

By Winston W. Parley

Indian businessman and philanthropist Mr. Upjit Singh Sachedeva (Mr. Jeety) has expanded his goodwill to inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison, supplying anti-covid-19 materials in addition to the provision of hot cooked meal for the entire prison population in observance of Liberia’s 174th Independence Day celebration.

The provision of 15 plastic buckets with faucets; one bucket of chlorine; 100 bottles of hand sanitizers; five Ctn tile soap; three pieces of thermometers and 1,500 pieces of face masks on 26 July 2021 was in fulfilment of Mr. Jeety’s earlier commitment during one of his monthly inmates feeding programs on Sunday, 20 June.

“We have not only brought food, we have also brought, based on your request, required materials for the protection of Covid - 19 which is exponentially spreading here. We have brought

reformation also. So we want to ensure that we care for them and support the effort of the government in taking care of the prisoners,” he said.

Mr. Jeety expressed gratitude to Col. Varney Lake, Monrovia Central Prison Superintendent, for the opportunity and access given to the Jeety Trading Corporation on a monthly basis to serve the prisoners.

He expressed pleasure to identify with authorities and inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison during Liberia’s 174th Independence Day celebration as a useful mark of his program to feed the prisoners with nutritional meals.

With the feeding program, Mr. Jeety hoped that the inmates would rejoice on Independence Day while they are serving their sentences in prison.

In response, Prison Superintendent Col. Lake thanked Mr. Jeety and his team, saying this has become an age - old thing now for Jeety from the time the authorities at the



that you cannot be independent and someone else produces the food you eat in your house; the security of your home is contingent on somebody’s willingness to provide it and your health care is being transported to another country.

“You cannot be independent when even jobs ... that your citizens supposed to do, employment that your citizens supposed to have, you cannot have it, you have to import other foreigners to come and provide services for you. If that is your definition of independence, I am not part of it,” Dr. Whapoe continued.

The VOLT political leader stated that when you are independent, you should be

never be unified politically, go and tell them, they are telling you a falsehood,” Dr. Whapoe said.

He considers the Rainbow Alliance’s arrangement as the foundation on which the biggest and the highest political groupings in the nation have been produced for the first time here.

Whapoe suggested that this alone should tell people that the hope of Liberians is alive because the Rainbow Alliance and any other political groupings in the country are those groups that he thinks Liberians depend on, hoping and looking forward to deliver the change they have always longed for.

Rainbow Alliance Interim Chairman and True Whig Party (TWP) Chairman Mr. Reginald B. Goodridge, Sr., who received the



buckets with faucets, we have brought chlorine, we have brought soap for hand washing and we have brought you thermometers,” he said.

Mr. Jeety took the cooked food distribution exercise to other communities in Monrovia and its surrounding areas, including in Vai Town on Bushrod Island for kids and less fortunate folks, as part of the celebration of Liberia’s 174th Independence Day.

The Indian philanthropist added that the team from the Jeety Trading Corporation also carried sanitizers and nose masks to be divided among inmates.

In terms of the hot food prepared, Mr. Jeety said it consisted of cooked yellow split peas, meat, rice, water, juice and cake to serve the entire population at the Monrovia Central Prison.

“We are here again as we have identified on a monthly basis. Prisoners are not only here to cover their sentences, but they are here for

prison facilities got in connection with the Indian businessman.

“For the feeding, it’s like we are hundred percent sure because his system is so unique to the extent that whatsoever that he prepares for inmates in custody we normally send our cooks, so they ... join his team to prepare the food,” the correction chief explained.

Col. Lake noted that the cordial relationship between the corrections authorities and the Jeety team keeps growing by the day, thanking Mr. Jeety for the gesture.

He praised Mr. Jeety for having made it his duty to always identify with the prison, assuring him that he acknowledged receipt of the gifts and they will be used for the intended purpose.

Col. Lake said their challenges are enormous and they are always prepared to knock doors, adding that despite being challenged, they are under the responsibility to perform national duty.

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# Cummings to open covid treatment centers

The Cummings Africa Foundation says it will open six (6) covid-19 Treatment Centers, and provide medical supplies and equipment to fourteen (14) Health Centers in five (5) counties across the country.

CAF Country Director, Dr. Wede Elliott-Brownell said the announcement is in fulfillment of the foundation's US\$150,000 commitment to help address the COVID-19 Pandemic in Liberia.

Dr. Elliott-Brownell in a written statement issued over the holidays said the first center as at the time of writing this report was expected to be opened at the Catholic Hospital on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 and turned over

capacity of existing hospitals and clinics to effectively treat Covid-19 cases.

As of July 21st, Montserrado, Margibi, Bomi, and Nimba Counties collectively had 1,026 active Covid19 cases, with the bulk of it in Montserrado. The remaining Treatment Centers are to be established in

Montserrado, C.H. Rennie Hospital in Kakata, Margibi County, the Government Hospital in Tubmanburg, Bomi County, the G.W. Harley Hospital in Sanniquellie and the Esther and JerelineKoung Medical Center in Ganta, Nimba County.

The CAF Country Director explained that inclusive of the six (6) Treatment Centers, a total of fourteen (14) health centers in Monsterrado, Margibi, Nimba,

CAF named the following medical facilities as institutions to benefit from its Covid-19 donations of medicines and equipment in five beneficiary Counties are as follows in Montserrado, St. Joseph Catholic Hospital, Redemption Hospital, ELWA Hospital, Star Base Clinic and Fidelity Clinic.

In Margibi- CH Rennie Hospital, and Barcolleh Health Center. In Bomi-Government Hospital. Nimba has four health centers set to benefit-G.W. Harley Hospital, Ganta Methodist Hospital, Bahn Health Center, Saclepea Comprehensive Health Center and Esther & JerelineKoung Medical Center, while Maryland's J.J. Dossen



to the hospital's administration for its operations and management.

"Over the last few weeks, CAF has worked with several hospitals and health centers to identify the most urgent needs per medical facility to effectively respond, as part of its commitment to the national fight against the deadly coronavirus disease. The other five (5) centers will be opened over the course of the next two weeks while donations will be made to fourteen health centers across five (5) counties," the statement signed by Dr. Elliott-Brownell said.

She noted that the purpose of the Treatment Centers is to increase the

Bomi and Maryland Counties will benefit from medical supplies, equipment and drugs. To expedite the process given the nature of the Covid-19 emergency, almost all items were procured locally from existing suppliers.

She stated that CAF will also cover the full costs of transportation and logistics in getting the donations to the 14 hospitals and clinics designated to receive them. The items to be donated included 24,000 face masks; 12,000 pairs of gloves; 200 Oximeters; 107 Regulators; 92 Oxygen Canisters; 4 Oxygen Concentrators; Assortment of Medicines-- Paracetamol, Azithromycin, Selenium, Zinc, and Vitamin C, and Assortment of Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies

Hospital and Glofaken Clinic stand out as beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, as press time the CAF had made the donation to the St. Joseph Catholic Hospital. The value of the donation and related costs to Catholic Hospital exceeds US\$12,000.

"We intend to continue to support yours and other efforts to eradicate this deadly disease from our beloved Country." Said Dr. Elliott-Brownell.

### About the Cummings Africa Foundation

The Foundation is a humanitarian organization established in 2015 by the Cummings Family headed by Mrs. Teresa Cummings.

# Ruling party

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accomplished statesmen and women of the State and city governments, and other citizens of the United States," he said.

Commenting on the importance of celebrating 174th Independence Morlu noted that from July 26, 1847 onward, Liberia became a place for freedom and a beacon of hope to all who sought freedom, adding that throughout that struggle, the people of Liberia have led and supported the fight against slavery, colonialism, apartheid and other forms of social inequities.

"From the formation of the League of Nations to the United Nations, to the Organization of African Unity, African Union, Economic

Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the sub-regional body, the Mano River Union, Liberia has been in the forefront of the organizing efforts and has guided the path of global cooperation and Pan African solidarity. And so, Mr. Chairman, my fellow Liberians, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, we celebrate the courage of brave men and women who cried together, bled and died together to fashion an independent nation..." he continued.

The ruling CDC chairman is currently visiting the United States, mobilizing chapters of the party across the U.S. in preparation for the 2023 presidential and representative elections. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

# IRC calls on wealthy

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year, but this is insufficient as new variants are already driving surging caseloads in the Global South. Even if supply issues are overcome, COVAX is only intended to help countries reach 10-50% of their populations with vaccines, far short of the levels that have made a difference in the US, UK and other richer countries.

An additional exacerbating factor in crisis-affected countries is the exclusion of refugees and displaced populations from vaccination plans. According to the International Organization for Migration, 40% of 152 countries analyzed do not include refugees or are unclear about inclusion of refugees in their vaccination plans.

David Miliband, President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee, said: "The race between vaccines and the variants is being lost in poorer countries while richer countries debate vaccine hesitancy. This is dangerous as well as immoral. We are beyond the time for urgent action to make global vaccination a truly global effort, including displaced and underserved populations in national vaccination plans. Now is the time for a three-pronged effort. First, the IRC echoes the recommendations of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, calling on the US and other G7 nations to

redouble their support and vaccine sharing for the COVAX facility, together with a serious boost in funding to frontline actors to reach as many arms as rapidly and equitably as possible. Vaccines should be a global public good provided free of charge to those in greatest need. The more inequity there is between high and low-income contexts, the greater the global danger. Second, promote effective distribution of vaccines within these low-income countries - ensuring the inclusion of refugee and displaced communities, and using front-line NGO responders to reach all communities. And lastly, address the growing needs of the world's most vulnerable with education, cash, food security and protection assistance. When communities struggle with rising humanitarian need and falling supplies and resources, a sustained and effective global public health response will be impossible."

About the IRC  
The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, the IRC is at work in over 40 countries and over 20 U.S. cities helping people to survive, reclaim control of their future, and strengthen their communities.

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# Ministry of Commerce

sanitary pads to be sold at affordable prices to rural women who cannot afford the current market price for menstrual pads.

"This funding is a major boost for supporting women farmer cooperatives to improve productivity and add value to their products," Kortimai emphasized.

Some of the businesses selected to receive grants include: Ma Bendu Investment Group (MIG); Community of Hope

Agriculture Practice (CHAP), Liberia International Christian College (LIC), Meni-Nina Farmers INC (MEN), Forestry Training Institute (FTI), Liberian Women In Agriculture Cooperative Society, SAP LIBERIA (SAP) and Nimba County Community College (NCC), among others.

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry/Small Businesses Administration with support from Ministries of Agriculture and Youth & Sports will implement the Livelihood and Employment Creation project.

Other partners are the Environmental Protection Agency, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, and other government agencies.

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## Lonestar Cell MTN consoles families of victims of sinking vessel



Lonestar Cell MTN extends its condolences to the families of the loved ones lost because of the sinking of the ship, the Niko Ivanka. The ship sunk six nautical miles off the coast of Marshall City, Margibi County bringing to five the number of those had died, according to Liberia's Incident Management System. Lonestar Cell MTN Chief

Executive Officer, Rahul De, said, "We are saddened by this occurrence. Our sincerest condolences go out to the families who have lost loved ones. We extend our support to those that were rescued and their families." The Liberian Maritime Authority used the telecommunications company's network to initially locate the vessel shortly after it sunk. LiMA Commissioner, Eugene

Nagbe, said "The last call came from a Lonestar Cell MTN number. We spoke to the management of MTN. We asked them to triangulate and tell us exactly where to narrow down the search area." "With the support of the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), we were able to provide the general direction of the sinking ship so it could be found," said Mr. De. LTA Commissioner for Government, Consumer Affairs, and Universal Access, Israel Akinsanya, said that as the mobile network regulator it's our job to assist the government in these emergencies. We reached out to Lonestar Cell MTN to support the search and rescue operations. Commissioner Akinsanya added, "We commend Lonestar Cell MTN for promptly providing the requested information. They did so within an hour of the

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