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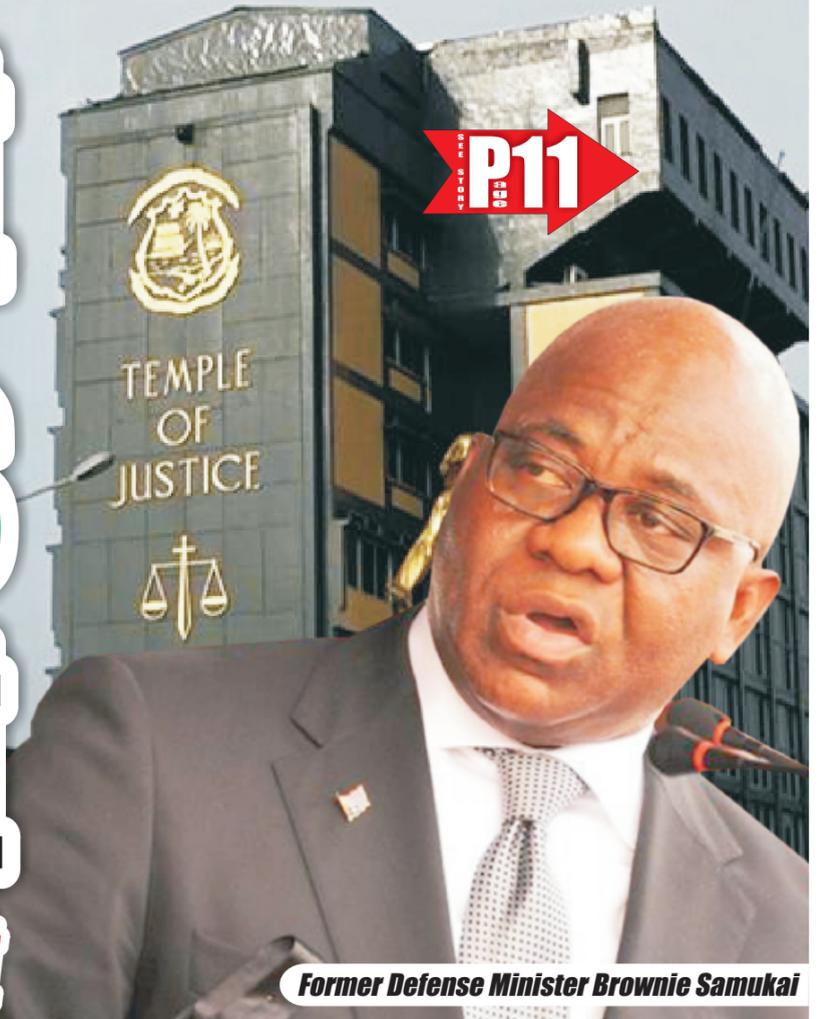
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MFGAP is recruiting for the position of a Community Forester to provide support to the Multi-stakeholder Forest Governance and Accountability Programme in Liberia (MFGAP). The project aims to strengthen the oversight and accountability functions of the multi-stakeholders in the forestry sector within the VPA processes.

Purpose of the position

The community forester will be responsible for strengthening the authorized forest communities (AFCs) to engage in forest-based businesses (including timber) that are market driven and serve as an incentive for legal compliance in forest management and use. S/he will together with the communities identify enterprise ideas that can be tested for development as business initiatives. All processes will be inclusive of gender, youth and minorities.

Specifically, in pilot AFCs, the community forester will,

- Supervise the implementation of the community forest development fund initiative.
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- Using participatory methods and tools, facilitate communities to select viable products for the community-based enterprises.
- Establish interest groups for selected products to incubate as enterprises and facilitate drafting of management by-laws.
- Monitor the implementation of enterprise plans; linking the enterprises with market outlets and appropriate sources of enterprise development support.
- Support the CFMB to develop short- and long-term plans for management of forest lands and forest resources and facilitate their implementation.
- When necessary, conduct training to expand the use of the Commercial Use Contract (CUC) template for medium and small-scale commercial activities.
- In collaboration with MFGAP M&E Manager, facilitate the development of a framework to monitor companies' compliance with the terms of negotiated contracts. in pilot AFCs.
- Support mediation and arbitration when disputes arise.
- Advise on the need for new or amended regulations to implement changes and make recommendations on necessary amendments to the VPA legality matrix to enhance compliance from CFMAs.
- Contribute to the reporting processes of MFGAP and submit periodic updates on project progress as requested by the Manager and/ or Team Lead.

Selection Criteria

BSc. in forestry or equivalent with at least 5 years work experience in forestry; three of which were in community forestry with demonstrated knowledge of tasks required for the role (as described above). Experience working with government and international organizations as well as working in Liberia in relation to the VPA process is an added advantage.

Candidates who meet the specifications, please send your CV with a cover letter to letla.mosenene@thepalladiumgroup.com and james.tellewoyan@thepalladiumgroup.com. Deadline for application is close of business, September 29th through October 6th, 2021. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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EDITORIAL

Stop killing our women

A SILENT BUT gruesome attack on women for whatever reason is raging in Liberia like business as usual. Every other day across the country, including the capital, Monrovia the dead body of a woman is discovered and reported with perpetrators at large.

IN LESS THAN a month the number of murder-related deaths involving women is not only scaring, but attention-drawing though no one seems to be listening, not even the government.

THE ATTACKS RANGE from domestic violence to ritualistic killings that specifically target women with some of the victims narrowly escaping their captors by the skin of their teeth. To cite but a few, a young lady was discovered murdered on September 18th along the beach in Sinkor, Monrovia. Next, a female survivor narrated her ordeal from riding a commercial bike when a male passenger that sat behind suffocated her by placing a handkerchief on face, forcing her to go unconscious.

SHE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY taken to an unknown destination where she saw other fellow women subjected to cruelty of unimaginable proportion, but managed to escape after her captors put her aside because she was in her menstrual cycle, so she was able to narrate her experience to the media.

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, the body of a reportedly insane woman was found dead in Caldwell, Montserrado County in an apparent attack with no arrest made.

THESE MYSTERIOUS KILLINGS are occurring at a time Liberians gear up for several by-elections across the country, including Montserrado County. Killing for ritualistic purposes, particularly to gain political power in Liberia is an age old practice.

BUT WHAT IS even more regretting is lack of intervention by state security forces, specifically the Liberia National Police. The inaction of the Police in terms of arrest is leaving citizens to think otherwise about their government.

THE SITUATION HAS reached an alarming level to an extent that the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Liberia Cllr. Dampster Brown recently raised serious concern about mysterious deaths and disappearances in the country.

CLLR. BROWN DESCRIBED such incidents as basic human rights issues that need to be addressed. We agree with him wholeheartedly that there is need for swift intervention by relevant state institutions to halt the secret killings in our country, particularly those targeting women.

EVEN SINCE VIOLENCE from our civil war ceased about 17 years ago, respect for basic human rights continue to elude Liberians with arbitrary killings being the order of the day. We call on the Weah administration to halt the secret murders across the country to restore public confidence in the administration. Failure to do so risks citizens taking the law into their own hands to protect themselves.

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COMMENTARY

By Melvyn B. Krauss

Goodbye to the German Status Quo

STANFORD - The Greens' strong performance in Germany's federal election - though not as strong as the party hoped just a few short weeks ago - offers hope that the country will now finally start moving in a more promising direction. That may mean moving away from outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel's authoritarian-friendly positions, not least her support for the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline between Germany and Russia, and her championing of an EU investment agreement with China (which has since been blocked by the European Parliament).

Unlike Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Social Democratic Party (SPD) - both of which have exhibited a pro-Russian bias ever since Gerhard Schröder's chancellorship (1998-2005) - the Greens favor tougher policies toward both Russia and China. Moreover, they are now in a position to keep the SPD's past bias toward Russia in check, since they could join its chancellor candidate, Olaf Scholz, in a new governing coalition that would consign the CDU to the opposition.

During the final television debate of the campaign, Scholz and Annalena Baerbock of the Greens came out in favor of precisely this arrangement. Although forming a new government could be a slow process, and numerous combinations and permutations are possible, the Greens are poised to play a key role in almost all of them. They are the common denominator, and this fact will not have been lost on Russian President Vladimir Putin, whom many Germans believe was active behind the scenes in trying to minimize the Greens' electoral success.

The problem for the CDU is that even Merkel's pro-export, pro-job policies have acquired politically unsavory attributes in recent years. To be sure, in 2020, German trade with China totaled €212.9 billion (\$249 billion), compared to €171.5 billion with the United States, €147.3 billion with France, €114.4 billion with Italy, and €101.6 billion with the United Kingdom. Because so much German employment and income depends on trade with China, German leaders have often overlooked that country's human-rights abuses and challenges to the open rules-based global order. As former German Vice-Chancellor and SPD leader Sigmar Gabriel put it in a recent interview, "Germany has walked a tightrope between condemning Chinese human-rights violations and ensuring access to Chinese markets for German companies."

Still, I am sure that many Germans are bothered that their exports have come at the expense of the victims of China's human-rights abuses. Still worse, Germany's excessive dependence on Chinese trade has prevented the European Union from establishing a united front against China's authoritarianism. How can Europe be tough toward China when its largest economy is so

soft?

Merkel has been out of step with her EU partners on autocrats. If the Greens have greater influence on German policy, there could be more EU solidarity when it comes to dealing with China and Russia. There would also be more transatlantic solidarity, in line with US President Joe Biden's United Nations pledge to move from "relentless war" to "relentless diplomacy" with China and Russia.

In any case, what the Greens want most for Germany is a modern economy, not a backward-looking mercantilist one. Their catchy campaign slogan, "Goodbye status quo, hello future," perfectly captures what sets them apart from both the CDU and the SPD - yesterday's two main parties.

The Green slogan strongly suggests a new pro-European strategy for German growth. Among other things, this means a redeployment of Germany's productive resources out of exports (many of which are polluting machines like Mercedes and BMWs), and into renewable energy, high-tech, digital, and other sectors.

Most critics agree that the biggest shortcoming of the Merkel era has been her failure to nurture the industries of the future. "Despite the growth and increase in employment," notes Allianz senior economist Katharina Utermöhl, "there has been little modernization." Under Merkel, low rates of public investment have left the country ill prepared. Economic policy has been to live for today and forget about tomorrow. While Germany has achieved a prosperous economy with many jobs, especially for women, it is an old-fashioned economy that will inevitably stagnate unless policymakers change course.

Merkel has left a big hole for the Greens to fill, and that is what they now intend to do. One promising option is to introduce a tax on exports, with the proceeds going to fund the industries of the future. This would kill two birds with one stone, both rolling back Merkel's mercantilism and investing in the sectors needed to maintain Germany's global competitiveness.

True, the Greens are not actively advocating an export tax. During the election campaign, they argued for tax increases on the rich, regulatory action to cut greenhouse-gas emissions, reform of Germany's debt rules, and sterner policies toward China and Russia. But if the idea is to jettison the status quo and pursue economic modernization, an export tax would establish the party's credibility and garner substantial media attention. What better way to hasten the demise of Merkel's mercantilist economic model?

Germany's status quo has not yet been vanquished. But the Greens' strong showing in this month's election should give it a much shorter lifespan.

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<u>LOT VI</u> IFB No. LIBTELCO/SP/NCB/004/2021	Laptops HP – Lenovo, Dell)	50pcs	August 30, 2021 – September 24, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	September 24, 2021 1:00PM

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More mysterious deaths in Monrovia

By Lincoln G. Peters

Massive killings continue to be reported in Monrovia almost on a daily basis, increasing fears here as many of these incidents are presumed in the public as ritualistic acts perpetrated by unknown individuals ahead of the 2023 presidential and general elections.

There is no clear picture of how any of these incidents may be linked to the quest for political power, but too often residents in some quarters of the post-war West African nation would speculate that mysterious deaths, especially around the electoral period,

believed that the killers may have sexually tampered with the deceased. Eyewitnesses say the deceased was a friendly and very popular resident of Samukai Town.

Ruth Zyne, daughter of the deceased, narrated that her mother cooked on Sunday and went to a nearby entertainment center called Cash or "Sand Beach."

"We are six children. Our mom sent two of our sisters in the interior to our father and the four of us left with her in Monrovia to go to school and learn other trades to help her tomorrow and our sisters in the interior," Ruth said.

She narrated further that her

remains of sister.

She called on the Government of Liberia to investigate the issue and make sure that justice is served. Madam Gokpan noted that at no time did her sister offend anybody, adding that she was a woman of peace.

Also speaking, a resident of the community, Roosevelt P. Sakor explained that they didn't hear any sound at night when such an incident occurred, adding that the incident is the first in their Community.

According to him, the current death in the country is worrisome and the Government of Liberia has to ensure that there is safety and protection for all its citizens across the country.

"Should we die first before they care for us? This is very bad for our country. When you get up all you hear is negative news about death, kidnap and ritualistic killing. We are living in total fear in this country. This lady that is dead is a very simple person that respects everyone in this community," Mr. Sakor noted.

Prior to the discovery of Oretha's corpse this week, another corpse of a woman was earlier discovered on 17th Street, Sinkor, a suburb of Monrovia early Tuesday morning, 14 September 2021.

The incident in Sinkor came days after one other lady too made a claim that she had survived an attempt by her kidnapers to slaughter her for ritualistic purposes.

Following her account which was circulated widely on social media, the police here said they received a complaint from a Liberian female, Joetta Gant, 33 years old, who claimed she was kidnapped by some unknown men.

The LNP said Joetta told investigators that she was picked up from AB Tolbert Road, Paynesville between 5:00- 6:00 PM, and the suspects robbed a handkerchief on her face which made her abnormal as they took her to a place they intended to slaughter her.--

Edited by Winston W. Parley

mother was not having any problem with people, but she was a friendly person that everyone loved.

Ruth revealed that as a single mother, the late Oretha worked for their aunt in Barnerville and got money to take care of the family.

Also speaking, the sister of the late Oretha Zyne explained that the deceased did not usually stay late, and that she went to work from Monday to Saturday.

Madam Janet Gokpan explained that she was home when a girl told her that the body of a woman was found lying on the train track.

Janet narrated that to her surprise, that body was the



are activities of elements seeking blood sacrifice for top jobs.

Recent scary incidents of the discovery of dead persons, especially bruised corpses of women dumped in different areas, have increased the call here on the government to boost support for national security, especially to ensure that the Liberia National Police (LNP) has what it needs to be robust and safe lives.

The latest death involves a lady believed to be in her early 40s, identified as Oretha Zyne whose corpse was discovered early Monday morning, 17 September 2021 around her residence in Caldwell, Samukai Town, Montserrado County with bruises all over her body.

Her suspected killers remain unknown, but the late Oretha Zyne's half-naked lifeless body was discovered on a train track in Caldwell as the suspects appeared to have removed her trousers and blouse while carrying on their mission.

Some residents in the area

Lonestar Cell MTN launches Ayoba

Liberia telecommunications giant, Lonestar Cell MTN has launched the social media platform Ayoba here.

The new app is MTN's award-winning, all-in-one, instant-messaging app that enables users to call, text, chat, share photos, play games, listen to music and more. And all for free for users on the Lonestar Cell MTN Network.

Thelma Ahamba is Lonestar Cell MTN's Data & Devices Specialist she said that Liberian youth are taking courses online, texting, calling, browsing the internet, or uploading photos to their social media.

She added, "Their challenge is finding the money

MTN Specialist for VAS and Digital explained, "Users can feel confident that their private data will remain private and is treated with the utmost care and respect. It's even safe for junior and senior high school students to use."

Ayoba features peer-to-peer private messaging which is end-to-end encrypted. A user's contacts and location are only available to other users if explicitly shared by the account owner.

In addition, the app features over 130 content channels in seven languages including Liberian Koloqua, Arabic, Dari, Pashto, IsiZulu, English, Kinyarwanda, and French to name a few. Help is available to all users with the in-app, "How



to pay for data. This situation has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic when many are out of work. Ayoba fixes this problem."

Ms. Ahamba said that Lonestar Cell MTN is working with educational institutions and national non-governmental organizations to ensure young people have unrestricted access to digital services.

"Young people," she added, "already have a lot to worry about, staying connected shouldn't be one of them."

Ayoba, which is South African slang for "cool", "okay" or "all right," was named after an MTN campaign to commemorate the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Now, after two years of existence, Ayoba has a user base of 5.5 million monthly users across Africa and was awarded the Africa Digital Award for Best Mobile Application in November 2020.

Carol Doe, Lonestar Cell

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Ayoba offers Group Chat, Status updates, Micro apps, and over 100 content channels bringing news, fashion, beauty, sports, education, and music to users. In addition, Ayoba has an extensive game selection of more than 120 games currently available.

Rahul De, Lonestar Cell MTN CEO said, "We believe everyone deserves the benefits of a modern connected life. With Ayoba, we can make this a reality for all Liberians, especially the youth."



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CDC puts anti-graft institutions in coma

--Dr. Cassell claims

By Lewis S. Teh

Opposition People's Liberation Party (PLP) vision bearer Dr. Daniel E. Cassell has accused the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) of allegedly submerging Liberia's transparency institutions into a functional coma because President George Manneh Weah's regime allegedly has no interest in accounting for state resources.

"Transparency institutions in Liberia are submerged into a functional coma because the Weah regime has no interest in accounting for state resources," Dr. Cassell claimed over the weekend in a keynote address at the 7th National Convention of the Association of Liberian Journalists in the Americas (ALJA).

He claimed that there are alleged lukewarm and

corruption and gross incompetence," while the private sector is in the hands of Lebanese and Indians.

"Liberians are not in charge contrary to what Mr. Weah pledged to the Liberian people, that "they will not be spectators in their economy," said Dr. Cassell.

He argued that the economy is virtually weak as the balance of payment is very low, adding that these "anomalous conditions besetting the country must claim the attention of the Liberian media and cause journalists to ask hard questions to those who are at the helm."

Dr. Cassell seeks answers to numerous questions, including a concern about why lawmakers are allotting US\$30K plus more to themselves amid a decimating Covid-19 health crisis instead of directing funding to the health sector.

"Why cost to clear a 20-foot container at the Free Port of Monrovia is outrageously

put emphasis on the governance of the country and the well-being of the "squalor-stricken Liberian masses."

He added that if one is called to practice or perform the noble journalism profession, he or she will always be protected by God and said individual will be endowed by wisdom to carry on his or her assigned tasks and responsibilities with passion and genuineness.

He reminded Liberian journalists that prior to taking journalism as their profession, they were and remain citizens of Liberia, and as such, they should not relent on exposing societal ills and standing tall against wicked leaders.

"By the same token, I like to remind journalists that before becoming journalists, you were first citizens of Liberia and shall remain citizens of Liberia suffice to say each of you has a patriotic duty to protect your country, stand against its mismanagement and abuse by nefarious leaders, for you are direct victims of bad governance," he said.

Dr. Cassell observed that "unethical and compromised journalism" is currently on the rise in post-conflict Liberia.

According to him, the situation persists because some of those in the profession prefer "gold over good."

The 7th ALJA convention was held under the theme: The Quest for an Independent, Sustainable, and Ethical Media in Liberia, and was organized under the auspices of Association of Liberian Journalist in America in Trenton, New Jersey, in the United States.

Dr. Cassell further reminded the organizers and members of the Liberian media that despite the risks involved, ethical journalism begins with truth-telling.

He noted that there are reports that some journalists are "proudly dining and winning with corrupt officials of the current government and sadly defaulting on their sacred duties to expose the ills permeating the homeland."

Instead of being watchdogs, he added that some members of the Liberian media, especially Editors, are taking monthly payments from public officials, ministries, and state enterprises to gate-keep and promote them.

astronomical? Why is the state-run University of Liberia lying in filth and professors underpaid? Why are teachers, nurses, police, and others serving our country underpaid?" he continued.

The PLP vision bearer also wondered why are road and building contracts being allegedly awarded to Lebanese in disregard for the Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC) laws and regulations, and what became of the US\$30 million stimulus package, among others.

He admonished Liberians to have in mind that their country is at a critical juncture in its national existence, and as such, the Liberian media must summon the courage to move from "official sources" reporting to crusading and advocacy journalism.

He challenged the media to



malfunctioning postures of anti-graft and transparency institutions operating under the CDC led-government of President Weah.

He insisted that Liberia is currently enduring a "Vexing Paralysis" affecting every sector of the post-conflict nation, lamenting that every segment of the society has painfully nosedived to nothingness.

"Governance is quite dismal, to say the least. Health care is bad. Education is substandard, arguably the least in the sub-region. Roads are horrible. Electricity is inadequate and unreliable. Water is almost non-existent. No job creation. No foreign direct investments," Dr. Cassell said.

He maintained that "public transport is on the verge of collapse due to

Nimba lawmakers visit ArcelorMittal Liberia

Five Nimba County legislators on last Saturday visited the ArcelorMittal Liberia Yekepa concession on a citizen's engagement tour, announced by Senator Jeremiah Koung to obtain information about AML's operations, and to interact with staff of the company.

Representatives Roger Domah, D. Twain Gleekia, Gonpue L. Kargon, Prince S. Tokpah, and Senator Jeremiah Koung, visited the Tokadeh Mines and the residential area and AML Hospital in Yekepa, and also visited some non-operational locations around Area F.

Senator Jeremiah Koung who headed the team said it was part of their responsibilities as lawmakers to engage with ArcelorMittal on the concerns of the citizens, stating that they are all working for the development of Liberia as the common agenda. He concluded with "the citizens have the right to petition their representatives. When they do, we have to come and listen to them and see for ourselves".

During a debriefing session held at the ArcelorMittal Liberia Training Academy, AML's Head of Government and Community Relations Marcus Wleh said AML welcomes the visit of the Nimba lawmakers and stressed that as a leader in Liberia's private sector, the company operates in an open, transparent, and accountable manner. Wleh said, "ArcelorMittal Liberia is honored to be contributing immensely to Liberia's economy and explained that with the progress being made on the company's expansion project, there will be more opportunities in the areas of jobs, education, training and development, and revenue generation for the Government".

Two weeks ago, the Government of Liberia and ArcelorMittal signed a landmark amendment to the company's Mineral

Development Agreement ('MDA') which paves the way to triple its mining and logistics operations in Liberia to export 15 million tons of concentrate annually. The additional capital required to complete the project is expected to be approximately \$800 million.

ArcelorMittal Liberia is concerned about the worrying precedent being set by some of the lawmakers during their visit. By making statements that appear to support acts of impropriety against the company; failing to fact-check derogatory remarks against the company and personnel, and refusing to follow safety and security protocols; only reinforce a state of impunity that was voiced.

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Females Lone Star

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performance.

Their last international fixture was against Sierra Leone during the Mano River Union Peace Tournament played in Freetown on Monday, April 26, 2021; since then the team has been out of engagement.

Barracks Young

Comptrollers FC's former head coach Robert Lartey, is current head coach of the Liberia Women's National Team. Liberians will be demanding a shining result from the girls, but Coach Lartey hints that things will kick off this week, and the girls will be ready for the match.

-Editing by Jonathan Browne

Français

L'ANC accuse Urey de dire du mensonge et de tromper le grand public

La lutte politique interne au sein des Partis Politiques Collaborateurs (CPP) semble loin d'être terminée, alors que le parti constituant Alternative National Congress (ANC) accuse le leader politique du All Liberian Party (ALP) Benoni Urey, également du CPP, d'avoir exécuté un

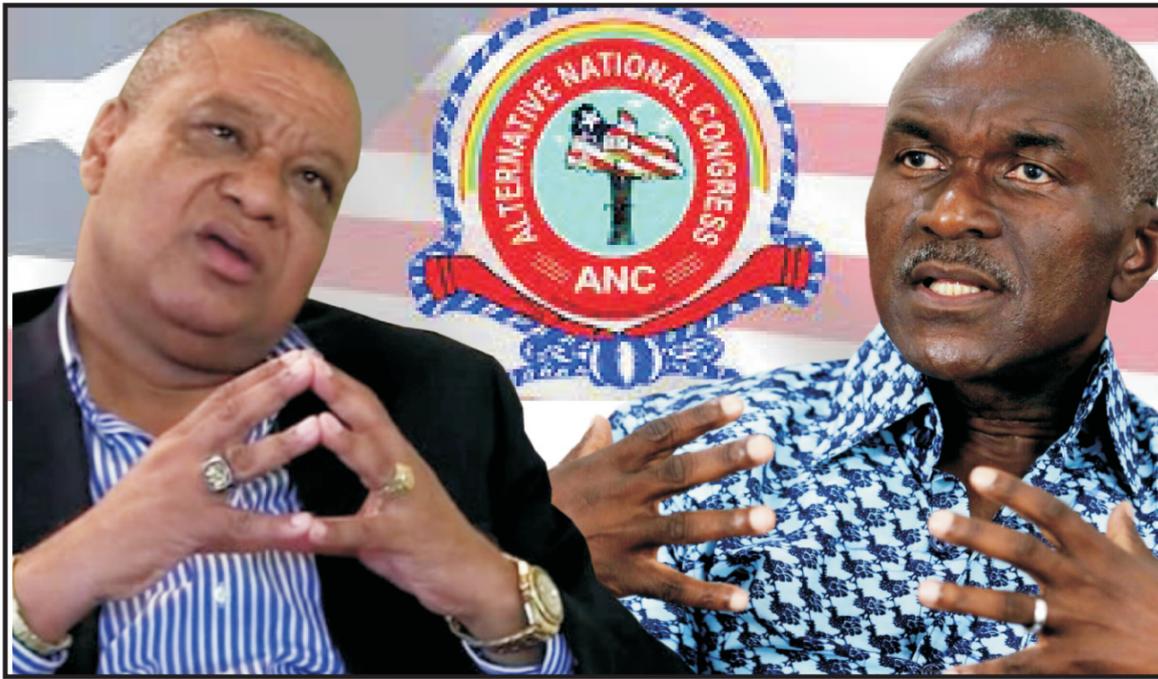
stratagème politique dans un livre de jeu de mensonges et de tromperie.

Répondant aux accusations du lundi 27 septembre 2021 selon lesquelles le chef politique de l'ANC, Alexander Cummings, aurait modifié le document-cadre du CPP, le secrétaire général national de l'ANC, Aloysius Toe, a accusé Urey

d'avoir fait des allégations infondées et des allégations farfelues qu'il savait être "fausses et inexactes".

"Il les a faits parce qu'il exécutait un stratagème politique dans un livre de mensonges et de tromperie", a déclaré M. Toe lors d'une

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Campagnes PYJ à Nimba

Le sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson, également chef politique de son parti Mouvement pour la démocratie et la réconciliation (MDR) commence sa campagne ici, cherchant un deuxième mandat pour le président George Manneh Weah et demandant à ses parents du comté de Nimba de lui accorder un troisième mandat au Sénat.

Le sénateur Johnson a apporté son soutien à M. Weah lors du second tour de l'élection présidentielle de 2017.

Selon lui, sa décision de

briguer un troisième mandat est basée sur le soutien et le développement exécutés dans son comté natal de Nimba, y compris l'éducation et d'autres activités depuis sa première élection en 2005.

Recevoir un troisième mandat des habitants de Nimba ferait automatiquement de lui le sénateur le plus ancien avec 27 ans au Capitole.

Lors d'un récent programme d'appréciation à Ganta, dans le comté de Nimba Se. Le PYJ a appelé ses partisans à le réélire ainsi que le président Weah, qui brigue un second mandat en 2023.

Il décrit M. Weah comme un

bon leader, soulignant

la construction de routes, l'enseignement gratuit jusqu'aux niveaux universitaire et supérieur, entre autres comme réalisations pour lesquelles le président devrait obtenir un second mandat.

Il appelle les Nimbaisiens à accorder au président George Weah six années supplémentaires pour lui permettre d'atteindre ses objectifs de développement.

Cependant, les observateurs politiques affirment que le célèbre chef de guerre devenu politicien n'a d'autre choix que de maintenir son soutien au président Weah, qui est très réticent à accueillir les appels à la création d'un tribunal pour les crimes de guerre et économiques ici. La Commission vérité et réconciliation du Libéria a recommandé des poursuites contre les acteurs de la guerre, y compris le sénateur PYJ qui a commis des crimes contre l'humanité pendant la guerre civile libérienne, mais le Sénat a plutôt recommandé la création d'une commission de justice transitionnelle. Montage par Jonathan Browne



Éditorial

Politique libérienne : pouvoir et opposition se disputent l'attention de Washington

Tandis que le gouvernement du Libéria cherche à convaincre Washington pour le soutenir en vue des prochaines élections qui auront lieu en 2023, l'opposition, elle, aurait mis en place une équipe dont la mission serait de dénigrer l'administration Weah auprès des autorités américaines.

D'une part, le gouvernement du Libéria a tout récemment loué les services d'une ferme américaine pour faire du lobbying auprès des autorités américaines afin de redorer l'image du président George Weah et de son cabinet.

Une délégation de haut niveau du gouvernement Weah dirigée par le ministre d'État aux Affaires présidentielles Nathaniel F. McGill a séjourné tout dernièrement aux États-Unis où elle a eu à discuter avec des responsables américains afin de séduire l'administration Biden en faveur de Monrovia.

D'autre part, un nouveau groupe qui se fait appeler Liberia Renaissance Office Inc., qui disposerait d'un budget de 180 000 \$ US, aurait recruté Alan White et Jeffery Birrell pour faire campagne auprès du gouvernement américain afin de soutenir le bloc de l'opposition au Libéria, à savoir notamment la Collaboration des Parties de l'opposition (CPP) qui cherchent à battre le président George Manneh Weah à la prochaine présidentielle.

En bref, deux groupes de Libériens, (l'un favorable au pouvoir et l'autre à l'opposition), rivalisent pour attirer l'attention de Washington dans une campagne assombrie par des intérêts et des motifs politiques égoïstes.

Selon le rapport, le groupe Liberia Renaissance Office dirigé par M. Sylvester Grigsby, qui fut ministre sous l'administration Sirleaf, aurait été créé à cet effet. Sa mission serait de ternir l'image du président Weah et de faire l'éloge des opposants. Des leaders politiques de l'opposition, dont M. Alexander B. Cummings de l'Alternative National Congress, seraient derrière ses activités, bien que cela n'ait pas été établi de manière indépendante.

Mais pourquoi deux groupes distincts ayant des intérêts opposés se disputeraient-ils le soutien du gouvernement américain alors que les réalités sur le terrain au Libéria ne sont en aucun cas impressionnantes ? Voici un bloc d'opposition qui est déterminé à s'autodétruire d'une part, et un gouvernement qui entretient l'impunité, la corruption avec un piètre bilan en matière de droits humains et un manque de responsabilité.

Comme on le dit souvent, seuls les actes comptent, pas les mots. Aucune quantité de lobbyisme ne changera quoi que ce soit si l'un ou l'autre des deux côtés reculait, au lieu d'avancer. Lorsque l'université, l'enseignement supérieur et secondaire s'effondrent sous nos yeux et que la santé est plus symbolique que pratique avec l'insécurité qui oblige les populations à aller au lit dès 20 heures, le lobbying ne peut pas changer la réalité.

De même, pendant que l'opposition dépense 180 000 \$ US pour avoir Washington de son côté, elle se déchire au Libéria et ne présente pas un visage sérieux pour attirer l'attention des électeurs.

Généralement, Washington est parfaitement au courant de la situation au Libéria, donc embaucher des lobbyistes pour blanchir à la chaux serait de courte durée car un singe ne peut pas changer ses mains noires, quelle que soit la quantité de détergent qu'il applique pour se laver les mains.

Les lobbyistes de Washington feraient bien s'ils adaptaient la sincérité dans le service public et privilégiaient l'intérêt des Libériens au-dessus des intérêts politiques égoïstes, au lieu de se livrer à la tromperie, aux mensonges et à la cupidité.

Français

L'ANC accuse Urey de dire du mensonge

conférence de presse lundi.

Au cours des dernières semaines, M. Urey s'est plaint à la direction du CPP, alléguant qu'il avait reçu des informations convaincantes de sources irréfutables selon lesquelles des parties du document-cadre du CPP déposé auprès des Commissions électorales nationales (NEC) auraient été modifiées par des individus infâmes au sein du CPP. hiérarchie.

« Urey a un objectif : c'est-à-dire qu'Urey veut entraver la quête d'Alexander Cummings pour le porte-drapeau du CPP par des moyens douteux, et il pense qu'il peut gagner par toutes les méthodes de raccourci possibles. C'est ce qu'Urey connaît le mieux », a-t-il ajouté.

Toe a insisté sur le fait qu'Urey savait que le document-cadre n'avait pas été modifié, mais il a affirmé ces dernières semaines que des "individus infâmes" et "frauduleux" avaient modifié le document.

"Mais malheureusement et de manière décevante, Urey n'a pas indiqué ou fourni la moindre preuve pour étayer ses affirmations et allégations sauvages, et il ne le fera jamais", a poursuivi M. Toe.

Le scribe en chef de l'ANC a noté que, loin des allégations surnoisées d'Urey, ni Alexander Cummings ni l'ANC n'ont modifié les dispositions du document-cadre.

« En fait, aucune disposition de l'Accord-cadre n'a été ajoutée ou supprimée. Il n'y a pas eu de telles modifications ! Aucune partie du document-cadre n'est modifiée. Jamais!" M. Toe a noté.

Selon lui, ces fausses allégations sont ourdies par M. Urey au profit et à la pleine connaissance de quelques individus du Parti de l'Unité (UP), soutenus par quelques personnes du Parti de la Liberté (LP), tous deux du CPP. partis constituants.

Il a affirmé que le but de ces allégations contre les Cummings est de "tuer le chien proverbial qui doit être coupable à tout prix, même si les faits prouvent le contraire".

M. Toe a expliqué que le 19 mai 2020, le document-cadre final a été signé via Zoom en raison de l'épidémie de Covid-19. Il a déclaré que chaque chef politique, président de parti et leur personnel de soutien étaient à des endroits distincts lors de la signature et uniquement connectés via Zoom.

Selon M. Toe, le sénateur du comté de Grand Bassa et leader

politique du LP NyonbleeKarnga - Lawrence était à Grand Bassa, le leader politique de l'UP Amb. Joseph NyumahBoakai était à Paynesville, M. Cummings était à Sinkor et Urey était vraisemblablement dans sa ferme à Careysburg.

Il a noté que chaque leader politique avait une copie originale du document-cadre et une page de signature sur laquelle signer.

Après la signature et la publication du document-cadre, M. Toe a expliqué qu'il y avait eu une réaction publique massive contre la disposition du document-cadre indiquant que l'emploi ne serait réservé qu'aux membres connus et visibles du RPC.

« Ce contrecoup a suscité la nécessité d'une révision juridique du document-cadre, afin de s'assurer qu'il répondait aux normes juridiques, statutaires et constitutionnelles », se souvient M. Toe.

Il a déclaré que tous les dirigeants politiques et cadres des partis ont convenu qu'il devrait y avoir une révision par des avocats réputés relativement indépendants après la signature.

M. Toe a noté que le comité juridique était ainsi constitué et qu'à l'issue de son examen, il a soumis à l'ANC un document-cadre modifié ainsi que des « questions découlant de l'examen ».

« Les avocats ont fait leur présentation initiale aux dirigeants politiques le 19 juin 2020. Le 22 juin 2020, le président du CPP de l'époque, M. Alexander Cummings, a soumis le document-cadre modifié et les « questions découlant de l'examen reçu du Conseil juridique. Comité, au Comité consultatif national (CCN) du RPC », a-t-il noté.

En conséquence, il a déclaré que toutes les parties ont soumis leurs résolutions signées et notariées le 7 juillet 2020, et que le secrétaire général de l'UP, M. Mo Ali a été chargé d'obtenir les signatures pour le document-cadre de tous les partis politiques.

M. Toe a déclaré que certains dirigeants politiques et présidents de partis avaient antidaté leurs signatures sur la feuille de signature pour refléter la date de signature du document-cadre original, qui était le 19 mai.

« Le document-cadre amendé, révisé par le Comité juridique et approuvé par toutes les parties le 23 juillet, ainsi que l'original de la feuille de signature de l'ANC et les résolutions des quatre parties ont été notariés et déposés à la Commission électorale nationale le même jour (14 juillet) », a déclaré Toe.-



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Lofians want Samukai's seat vacant

By Othello B. Garblah

At least about 1,609 citizens of Lofa County have signed a petition in a writ of Mandamus filed before Chambers Justice Joseph N. Nagbe requesting the superior court to compel Senate Pro-tempore Albert N. Chea and the entire House of Senate to declare their county senatorial seat vacant.

The seat was won by former Defense Minister Brownie Samukai in the December 8, 2020 Special Senatorial election, but legal battles have hindered him from being certificated by the National Elections Commission (NEC) to take his seat in the Senate.

The legal battles stem from his March 24, 2020 conviction over the misappropriation of about US\$1,147,656.35 soldiers pension money, whilst he was serving as defense minister under former President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

The situation has left the county under represented and has also created some leadership gap amidst diverse political views and commentaries.

In a 54-page petition filed by prominent Lofa citizens amongst them Mr. Vamuyan M. Kanneh, Kesselle Gayflor, Sengbe T. Kawala, Sumor Sannoh, former Justice Minister Koboi Johnson and registered voters of the county who participated in and voted in the December 8, 2020 special election, the petitioners request that the court compel Pro-tempore Chea and members of the House of Senate to adhere to Article 37 of the Liberian Constitution.

Article 37 states: "In the event of a vacancy in the Legislature caused by death, resignation, expulsion or otherwise, the presiding officer shall within 30 days notify the Elections Commission thereof. The Elections Commission shall not later than 90 days thereafter cause a by election to be held; provided that where such vacancy occurs within 90 days prior to the holding of general elections, the filling of the vacancy shall await the holding of such general elections."

Chea and the entire senate are expected to appear (by filing their returns) before Chambers Justice Nagbe on October 4, 2021, which is next week Wednesday.

Background

Former Defense Minister Samukai, along with his two former deputies: Mr. Joseph P.

Johnson and Mr. James Nyumah Dorkor were convicted of multiple criminal charges and ordered to retribute US\$1,147,656.35 in relations to funds they withdrew from soldiers' private pension saving account on Tuesday March 24, 2021 nearly 9 months before the special senatorial election.

The former officials were indicted in 2020 for alleged theft

K. Marley, Hamet Kromah and Gayflor Tarnue filed a petition before NEC citing irregularities and fraud. They further requested NEC not to certificate Samukai. But NEC ruled in Samukai's favor.

Not satisfied with the NEC ruling, the aggrieved parties petitioned the Supreme Court to halt Samukai's certification.

by the Movement for Progressive Change (MPC) against his (Samukai's) certification.

The MPC said its petition was against the background that Samukai was found guilty on criminal charges.

The Chambers Justice cited NEC, Samukai and the MPC to a conference on Tuesday afternoon, 9 March.

prohibition ordering the NEC not to certificate Samukai until the disability imposed on him by his conviction is removed according to law.

June 28, 2021, diaspora-based Liberians from Lofa County demanded that the government fulfill its constitutional responsibility by ensuring that Samukai is seated in the Liberian Senate as a way of restoring their rights to full senatorial representation in line with Article 45 of the Liberian Constitution.

July 9, 2021, Justice Nagbe grants an approval stamp to a Justice Ministry request to disallow Samukai's certification by NEC.

July 21, 2021, Samukai appeared before the full bench of the Supreme Court to try and overturn the separate petitions filed against his certification at the Supreme Court.

Thursday August 19, 2021, citizens of Lofa paid US\$191,000, of the former defense minister's initial 50% portion of the soldiers' money following an initial deposit of US\$18,000.

Friday August 20, Supreme Court ordered NEC not to certificate Samukai until the disability imposed on him based on his conviction for a felony is removed according to law.

Thursday August 26, 2021, the lower court which convicted Samukai and others says it had two motions pending before it, one requesting an enlargement of schedule for the convicted persons and a bill of information from prosecutors.

Thus, the writ of mandamus filed before the Chambers Justice opens another frontier into Samukai's legal journey as he battles to take his seat.



of property, criminal conspiracy, economic sabotage, misuse of public money & money-laundering. But Samukai and others took an appeal.

The AFL pension fund was established as a compulsory savings scheme in July 2009, where soldiers' salaries were deducted and placed in an account as supplementary pension benefits for assistance to wounded soldiers and deceased soldiers' families.

Before the election

While the appeal against their conviction was before the Supreme Court, a group called Consortium of Lofa Citizens petitioned the NEC to deny Samukai's bid to contest the senatorial election in the County on the basis of his conviction in a criminal trial.

On Tuesday October 20, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of the NEC upheld the ruling of its hearing officer giving Samukai a green light to contest in the December 8 midterm senatorial election.

Unhappy that the NEC would take a decision to qualify Samukai to contest the 8 December elections, the group sought the Supreme Court's intervention.

On Tuesday, 17 November 2020, the Supreme Court rejected the petition seeking to overturn the NEC's decision to allow Samukai to contest in the 2020 senatorial election.

After the election

Immediately after the December 8, elections, three of the defeated candidates: James

While this matter was pending, on February 8, 2021, the Supreme Court upheld the lower court ruling convicting Samukai and his two former deputies.

However, the Supreme Court ruled in the corruption case that the sentences shall be suspended provided that the convicted former Defense Ministry officials retribute the full amount of US\$1.147, 656m or (pay) 50 percent within the period of six months, and following that, make appropriate arrangement to pay the remaining percent in one calendar year

Following the ruling in Samukai's conviction appeal, Lofa County Electoral District #1 Representative Francis S. Nyumalin, Sr., said Lofa citizens who believe in their son were going to help raise the money that he has been ordered by the Supreme Court to retribute.

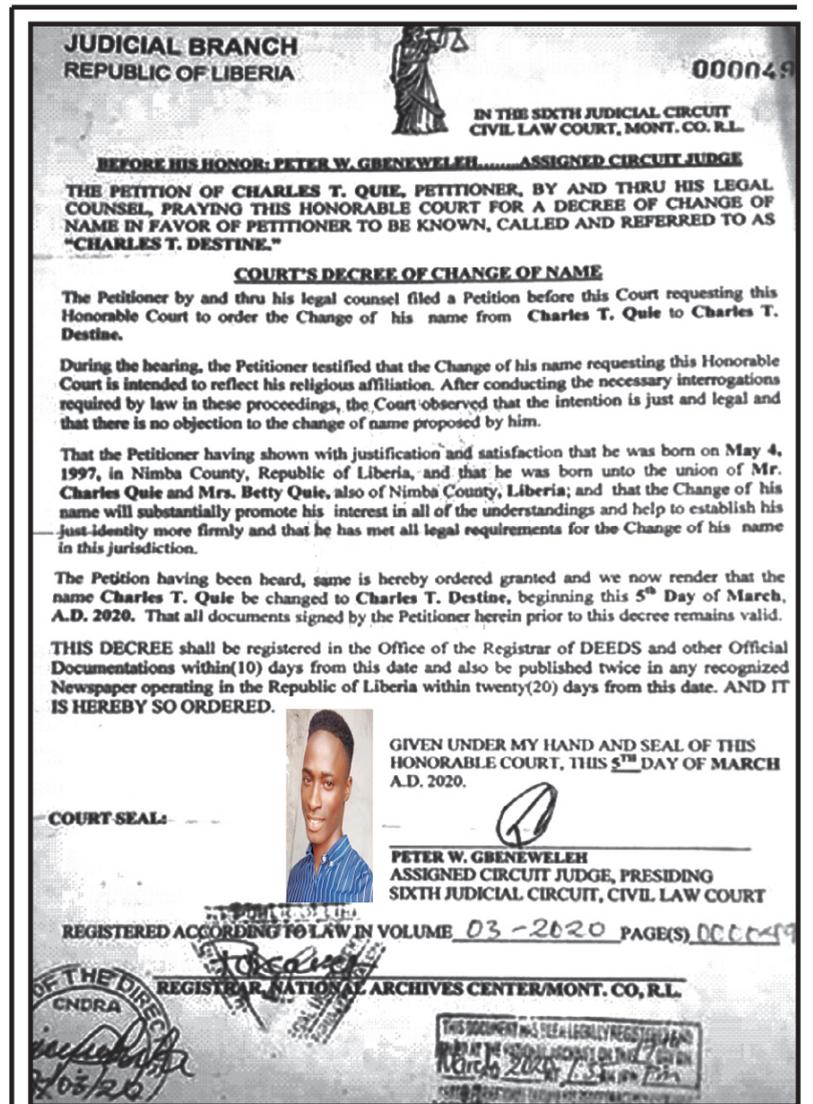
Then on February 24, 2021, the Supreme Court issued its ruling into the election fraud and irregularities dispute, again upholding the NEC ruling as it did before the election, giving the electoral house the green light to go ahead with Samukai's certification.

Then come Solicitor General Cllr. Sayma Syrenius Cephus asking NEC not to certificate Samukai.

On March 3, 2021, the Supreme Court placed a stay order on Samukai's certification following the filing of a writ of prohibition

"By directive of His Honor Joseph N. Nagbe, Associate Justice presiding in Chambers, you are hereby cited to a conference with His Honor on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in connection with the above case."

On May 4, 2021, Justice in Chambers Joseph Nagbe grants the MPC petition for a writ of



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Females Lone Star gear up for Senegal



apprehensive about readiness of the girls, who have been out of action since the female national league closed nearly three months ago. Players have been on vacation, and are currently low on energy.

On the other hand, the Senegalese women's team began early preparation weeks ago while their counterparts in Liberia have less than a month's training ahead of the qualification fixture.

The game in Monrovia will be a heated encounter, as both sides will be pushing for an early lead to better their chances ahead of the second leg.

Liberia is blessed with amazing female players, but late preparation is one of the major factors affecting their

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By Naneka Hoffman (Contributor)
Liberia's female national team is scheduled to face Senegal on 20th October 2021 at the Antoinette Tubman Stadium in Monrovia,

for the African Women's Nations Cup qualifier.
The national female football team of Liberia will kick off preparation this week, ahead of the stamina demand game against Senegal.
But Liberians are

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