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Dozens Dead in South Sudan Intercommunal Fighting

At least 36 people were killed in clashes between four communities in South Sudan over the weekend, according to Warrap state officials.

Warrap Governor Aleu Ayieny Aleu called the latest wave of fighting in in Tonj East and Tonj North counties "devastating." He told VOA's South Sudan in Focus radio program that the clashes were linked to cattle raids and revenge attacks.

Thousands have fled the region and at least 36 others were injured, Aleu said. Many could not be transported to medical care due to flooding and the poor condition of roads.

"The bigger problem is how we can transport the wounded civilians to hospital," Aleu said. "Here I appealed to humanitarian partners to quickly step in, since the situation is normalizing, to transport these victims to hospital."

Due to the flooding which

destroyed several roads, government forces were unable to reach areas of the fighting.

Tonj East County Commissioner John Deng Kook told South Sudan in Focus that armed young men from two communities in the area continue to engage in deadly clashes, but he declined to name the individuals involved.

"The fighting was linked to a

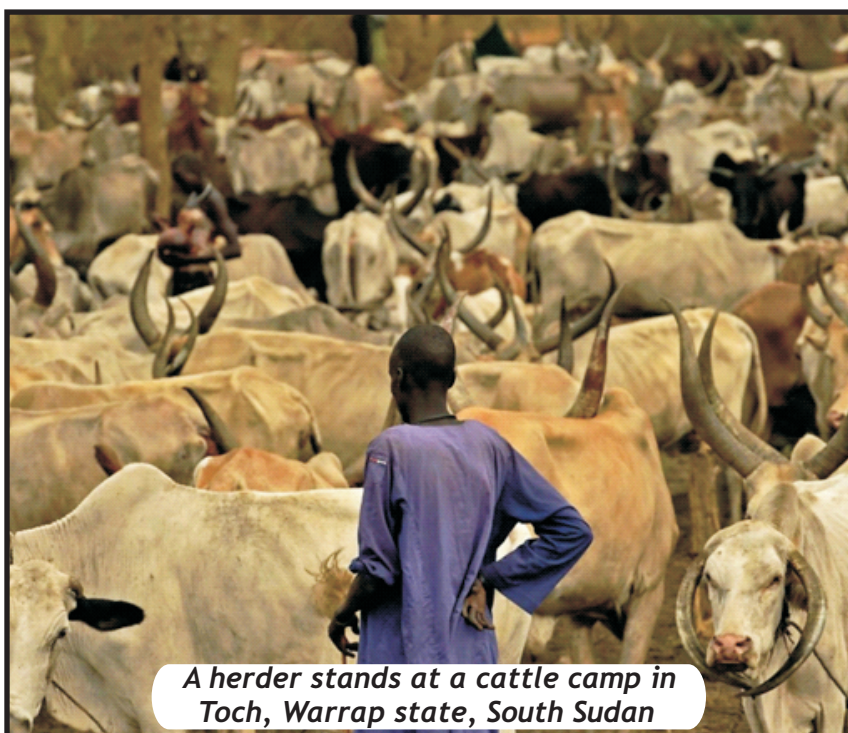
cattle theft, that some youth from Rek community stole cows from Luanyjang and when the youth perused the [area], then fighting erupted there on Saturday and on Sunday," Tonj East County Commissioner John Deng Kook told VOA. "The other communities came for revenge."

The clashes displaced

thousands of local residents, said Father Ajaknei Aguer, who works with a Roman Catholic church mission in Romic, Tonj East county.

"We have relocated ourselves to another place due to heavy fighting in the area that was approaching the town of Romic," Aguer said. "Personally, I have seen people wounded being carried out by their relatives and some died immediately due to a lack of health service."

State officials sponsored a peace conference between residents of Tonj East and Tonj North counties in Romic, where resolutions were drafted that called for uniform disarmament, compensation for victims and victims' families, and the return of looted property to rightful owners. Commissioner Kook said the only way to end the clashes is to carry out a thorough disarmament campaign and establish a strong justice system. VOA



A herder stands at a cattle camp in Toch, Warrap state, South Sudan

Cameroon Teachers Call for Better Protection From Conflict

The song "Oh Teachers" by Cameroonian singer Aunty Clo blasted through speakers Tuesday at Yaoude's city council courtyard with about 200 teachers listening.

Aunty Clo's lyrics are about how teachers should be respected and protected as they are the ones tasked with molding young minds for the future and Cameroon's development.

Most of the teachers

attending the protest, held to mark U.N.-declared World Teachers Day, say they fled the Boko Haram insurgency in the north or fighting between the government and English-speaking separatists in the west.

Fifty-two-year-old Peter Tar, a spokesperson for the teachers, says instructors working in Cameroon's conflict zones endure a lot of suffering.

"Teachers are being persecuted every day, every hour. Some have been brutally killed. Others, brutally deprived

of some parts of their bodies, forced out of their areas to become internally displaced persons. Some are now jobless. My heart bleeds for these teachers. I pray peace should return," he said.

Tar said he escaped from a government school in the town of Ndop after separatist fighters kidnapped him.

The protest was organized by the Cameroon Association of Teachers in Crisis. Tar said the teachers want the international community to know that they are suffering.

More than 40 teachers have been killed in Cameroon since 2017. At least 300 others were abducted and freed only after their families paid ransom.

Hundreds of schools in the north and west were destroyed or shut down.

Valentine Tameh, president of the Teachers Association of Cameroon, says teachers sometimes have no option but to flee the violence.

"It becomes, really, a sorry spectacle, seeing teachers running with their families, some losing their lives, some fleeing to areas where they

Expelled UN officials leave Ethiopia

Seven UN officials who had until Sunday to leave Ethiopia have left "for their safety", the organisation's spokesperson Farhan Haq says.

The officials were accused of meddling in the country's internal affairs, especially in relation to the conflict in Tigray. The UN said it was shocked by the decision.

"I would urge all involved to step back, make sure the humanitarian crisis does not accelerate and work together to resolve the situation," the UN General Assembly President Abdulla Shahid told the BBC's Pierre-Antoine Denis.

The US condemned the expulsion saying it "will not hesitate" to impose sanctions against "those who obstruct humanitarian assistance".

Ethiopia's ambassador to the UN called for a replacement of the expelled officials; The UN said earlier this month that of 466 aid lorries that entered Tigray between mid-July and mid-



September, only 38 had made the return journey. The Ethiopian government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which controls the northern region, have traded blame for this.

The TPLF says lorry drivers are provided with only enough fuel for a one-way journey into Tigray and complain of violence and intimidation at checkpoints manned by the Ethiopian federal forces.

The Ethiopian government has rejected the suggestion that a shortage of fuel is impeding movement of lorries. It has also accused aid organisations of supporting the TPLF, a group it had labelled as "terrorist". BBC



Schoolchildren, their parents and teachers hold a protest after gunmen opened fire at a school in Kumba

cannot do anything to sustain themselves. We are appealing that everyone who is engaged in a kind of war should understand that teachers and the milieu in which they operate are sacrosanct and fighters should understand that, without teachers, the community is preparing for a kind of dark ages," Tameh said. Cameroon's Minister of Basic Education, Laurent Serge Etoundi Ngoa, says the military is protecting schools, teachers and school children in regions where there is a security crisis.

He encouraged teachers who fled insecurity to return to relatively peaceful areas for the sake of the children in

need of education. "We've just recruited 5,000 teachers to support those who have already been in the field. When you (teachers) go to teach in a region of Cameroon, you must know that it is your country. The children, who are there, are all our sons and daughters, so we have to do everything necessary for them to have a safe education because they are the actors who tomorrow will continue building Cameroon," Etoundi Ngoa said.

The United Nations declared October 5 as World Teacher's Day in 1994 to honor educators for the important role they play in economic development and other sectors. VOA

EDITORIAL

The USAID-sponsored disputes resolution mechanism is commendable

LAST WEEK, THE USAID Mission Director in Liberia Jim Wright urged Liberians to peacefully resolve grievances and disputes at the community level before they develop into violent conflicts.

SPEAKING IN MONROVIA at ceremony marking the end of USAID-funded Connect for Peace Project in the Liberia, Director Wright emphasized that “nurturing peace and stability” at the community level is particularly important in post-conflict societies like Liberia where unresolved grievances and disputes remain.

INDEED RESOLVING DISPUTES promptly at community levels is one key strategy in averting violent conflict. Prolonged unresolved disputes have potential of evolving into conflicts that could lead to violence.

FOR THE PAST four years, Connect for Peace had worked to promote community-based conflict mitigation both in Monrovia and Nimba County, described as the primary locations of extreme violence during Liberia's 14 years civil wars.

DIRECTOR WRIGHT CALLED on “all stakeholders in a peaceful Liberia to draw on the lessons learned from Connect for Peace to replicate its successes.” We believe he couldn't have said it any better, because peace is very crucial for mankind to achieving progress.

POST-WAR LIBERIA IS still conflict-pronged evidenced by uneasy calm between the Lormas and the Mandingos in Lofa, land dispute between the people of Rivercess and Sinoe counties, and the Gios, Mano and Mandingoes in Nimba counties, respectively.

THE GOVERNMENT OF Liberia should double up current effort to resolving disputes around the country and promote healing among the population. The religious community also has a role to play thru messages to uniting Liberians.

A COUNTRY ENGROSSED in disputes at every level is self-afflicting and would not make progress in terms of genuine peace and development. Peace is the foundation on which every other thing is possible.

WE COMMEND USAID for sponsoring the Connect for Peace project, and appeal that the exercise should be extended to other counties to build sustainable peace in Liberia, for peace is not just silence of guns, but harmonious coexistence.

IF LIBERIA SHOULD move from a fragile state to enjoy sustained peace, we must take dispute resolution serious, particularly at the community level to avoid slipping back to chaos and violence.

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COMMENTARY

By Richard Ponzio

The Least Bad Option for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, DC - After the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York last month, the UN is being asked to take on an outsize role in Afghanistan. The Taliban are eagerly seeking international legitimacy, and global and regional powers should extend it - but only when certain political and humanitarian conditions are met, in line with recent official statements and UN Security Council resolutions on Afghanistan.

The UN is well-placed to facilitate this process. During the past four decades of nearly continuous war in Afghanistan, the UN remained engaged. Thousands of dedicated UN staff assumed extraordinary risks to alleviate human suffering and, in the late 1990s, facilitate negotiations between the Taliban and their rivals. Today, given the West's almost non-existent political leverage with the group, the UN must resume its central role in promoting reconciliation, providing humanitarian aid, and encouraging development.

These functions will require additional structures, staffing, and resources. On September 17, the Security Council approved a six-month extension of the current mandate of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and asked UN Secretary-General António Guterres to provide “strategic and operational recommendations” for the mission's future by January 31, 2022. Looking ahead, the UN's role in Afghanistan should be expanded in at least five key areas.

First, in support of the Security Council's recent call for “an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned process of national reconciliation,” the UN must provide its good offices to all of the conflicting parties. The UN can serve as an impartial and experienced adviser in the effort to form a more diverse, broad-based government, owing to its long track record of working with governments and non-governmental peacemaking organizations in the region. The UN's role in implementing the Bonn Agreement to form a new government in Afghanistan in 2001-05 offers a framework that can guide this process. Guterres's Personal Envoy on Afghanistan and Regional Issues, Jean Arnault, was a deputy to renowned UN troubleshooter Lakhdar Brahimi, who played a central role in the Bonn Agreement negotiations.

Second, to head off a humanitarian crisis, the UN should facilitate consensus and constructive engagement between the Taliban, global leaders, regional powers, and donors. The recent wars in Afghanistan all have had a prominent international component, and basic security and

stability - not to mention something resembling a durable peace - are unlikely without the cooperation of the country's neighbors and the permanent members of the Security Council.

Third, the UN mandate should include regular monitoring and reporting to the Security Council on critical human rights issues. To receive the international recognition and aid for Afghanistan that they reportedly desire, the Taliban will need to comply with a set of internationally agreed political and humanitarian conditions. These conditions could include progress toward an inclusive and representative government, measures to prevent the return of international terrorist organizations, and steps to protect civilians.

Fourth, the UN can help coordinate medical relief, food aid, and other donations. In her briefing to the Security Council in August, UN Special Representative for Afghanistan Deborah Lyons noted that 18.5 million Afghans - nearly half of the country's population - require humanitarian assistance. Recognizing this alarming trend, which is compounded by drought and the COVID-19 pandemic, the UN convened a high-level ministerial meeting on Afghanistan's humanitarian situation in Geneva on September 13 at which governments pledged more than \$1.2 billion in aid.

Finally, the UN has a critical role in organizing the international development assistance that will be key for building Afghanistan's future. The goal of this assistance should be maintaining the delivery of basic public services, including health care, education, and power generation. With bilateral aid likely to decline, the UN could serve as a chief oversight body and conduit of international assistance through emergency trust funds.

In reflecting on his UN leadership role in overseeing the Bonn Agreement, Brahimi remarked: “One of my own biggest mistakes was not to speak to the Taliban in 2002 and 2003 ... we should have spoken to those who were willing to speak to us.” The international community must not make this mistake again. Even the Taliban know that the country they now control is far different from the one they ruled until 2001.

With some encouragement from the UN, perhaps the Taliban can be persuaded to work with a new, educated generation of Afghans to embark on a development path that leads away from brutal violence, exploitative corruption, and widespread deprivation. In the near term, such an approach represents the least bad option for the international community and, above all, for the Afghan people.



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Electronic money operator eWallie gets CBL approval

By Lincoln G. Peters

A Liberian - owned electronic money business called eWallie has received a license from the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) to operate as a legally registered business in Liberia.

Electronic wallet is a platform which is used to

services in the financial industry of Liberia.

He said the financial electronic wallet payment platform is a 100% Liberian - owned company determined to have a positive impact in the electronic wallet money transfer and exchange industry with potential to create hundreds of

"This mobile fintech company will engage in hospital bills and school fees payment services across the country. However, we will also support resellers and distributors including SATCON utility bills so as to enable key services of financial transactions to have the opportunity of complete cash flow management," Kamara noted.

Kamara pointed out that the transaction is easy and fast, noting that the registration process is in five steps which enable clients or the public to download the eWallie App from Google play store or Apple App store to create a client account.

"If an individual downloads the App, all the person needs to do is to click on business and personal details and follow the instructions," he stated.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kamara noted that eWallie will also engage in a dual currency exchange program instead of only dealing with point of sale (POS) payment on its App.

He disclosed that since 2008, eWallie has been operating on a small scale since its operational license was being processed at the Central Bank of Liberia until September 2021 when the Government of Liberia through the Central Bank decided to grant the go-ahead operational license.

jobs for several Liberians here.

Mr. Kamara explained that the company also aims to have a much stronger grip on the Liberian economy before allowing international investment partnerships to have a shared collaboration in the fintech industry.

send and pay bills, pay salaries, buy goods and services and do online shopping, among others.

Mr. Abdullah L. Kamara, Executive Officer (CEO) of eWallie told a recent press conference that the fintech mobile company is prepared to do long term development



VP Taylor hails UN heroic role here

Liberia's Vice President, Jewel Howard-Taylor, has expressed gratitude to the United Nations for its heroic role in restoring peace and tranquility to Liberia following years of civil.

"Between 2003 and 2017, the UN positioned its largest-ever peacekeeping mission in Liberia, at which time it restored peace and tranquility and contributed to the rebuilding process of the country. "We cannot emphasize what the UN has done for us over the years," Vice President Howard-Taylor pointed out.

She added: "We are a democratic nation, and it behooves the government to follow the democratic path of leadership. We have exemplified that leadership, and we hope to continue on this path."



Vice President Howard-Taylor, however, described Liberia as a peaceful and friendly nation that is determined to uphold the values and principles of the

United Nations. The first female Liberian Vice President spoke Monday, October 4, 2021, at her Capitol Building Office when

Police charge PLP SG

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Liberia National Police (LNP) on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 charged and sent to court the Secretary General of the opposition People's Liberation Party (PLP) defendant David Beyan for illegal possession of firearm and spreading of falsehood.

Beyan's charges came on Tuesday after he recently

Prior to being charged by police, Beyan's own party, PLP suspended him for "lying that he was shot by unknown armed robbers" around 3am on Friday, 24 September 2021 on his way home to Monrovia from Kakata, Margibi County.

The PLP executives' decision to suspend Beyan followed police's preliminary investigation which is said to



alleged that some unknown men shot him while he was en route from Margibi County to Monrovia.

But police say their investigation shows that Beyan allegedly shot himself with a firearm in his own vehicle.

Defendant Beyan was sent to the Paynesville Magisterial Court awaiting prosecution.

have proved otherwise.

Beyan was reported to have alleged that he noticed four persons riding on two motorbikes were tailing him from Mount Barclay, claiming that they overpowered him on the Parker Paint road in Paynesville and shot him.--

Edited by Winston W. Parley

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she received in her audience the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Liberia Ambassador Neil Scott.

Speaking further, VP Howard-Taylor stressed the need for more support from the United Nations to empower and enhance women's participation in the country's governance process.

She acknowledged that UNDP and UN Women had played a critical in helping women and building the necessary institutions to fight sexual and gender-based violence and other harmful traditional practices, including female genital mutilation (FGM) in the country.

Speaking earlier,

Ambassador Scott extended warmest greetings on behalf of the UN and thanked Vice President Howard-Taylor for the warm reception accorded him.

Amb. Scott also hailed the government and people of Liberia for their support to the world body, recalling its role as a founding member. "We are always reminded that Liberia is one of the founding members of the UN and the significant contributions it is making," The UN Resident Coordinator Scott stated.

Mr. Scott reiterated the United Nations' commitment to supporting Liberia in its drive to enhance peace, security, good governance, development, and the promotion of human rights.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Marylanders rally to renovate prison center

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Nearly seven (7) months now, since the only prison center in Maryland County was vandalized by angry crowd protesting in demand of Justice for the gruesome murder of a motorcyclist in Pleebo, electoral district#2, County Superintendent George A. Prowd has rallied citizens to buttress government's renovation of the prison.

Addressing a group of citizens in Pleebo and Harper during a meeting on September 30 and October 1, 2021 respectively, Superintendent Prowd said it was disgusting that after eight months, prison center is yet to be operational.

The facility was vandalized in March this year by angry protesters who stormed Harper City, demanding Justice for youthful MordeciaNyema, who was allegedly murdered with body parts extracted.

"The criminals are aware that we don't have a prison compound," said

business community and well-meaning citizens to cooperate for the overall safety of the county.

"It is risky for court officers to be carrying criminals from here to Fishtown, (River Gee County) or from here to Zwedru (Grand Gedeh County). While the government is still finding the money to do it, let's see what we can do as a county to solve the problem," he pleaded.

The Harper Central Prison is the only correction palace in county. Due to its damage, the general justice and rule of law system appears to be paralyzed in the county.

Pleebo Magisterial Court magistrate, A. BoyeeMah said, pretrial detainees are either held at the Fish Town Correction Palace in next door River Gee County or are taken to Zwedru Correction Palace in Grand Gedeh County.

Magistrate Mah explained that though the road is paved from Harper, Maryland to Fish Town, River Gee but bumpy from River Gee to Zwedru, Grand Gedeh



Superintendent Prowd, and noted that it was about time the people of Maryland join efforts to temporarily renovate the prison compound.

"I remember that the business community at one point in time was experiencing lot of problems, and a meeting was held here to the extent that we had to remobilize the citizens defense force which I believe is helping", Prowd recalled.

However, he noted that the court system is important, so the current campaign is necessary to set up a committee that will mobilize resources to make the prison functional once again, pending government's full intervention.

He disclosed preliminary assessment done on the prison recently revealed that the main gate needs to be reinstalled, while some of the cell doors only need locks and welding.

The Maryland County superintendent pleaded with the

County, transportation fair is another issue, as commercial bikes charge 3,000 Liberian dollars per person, while public transport drivers charge between 1,500 and 1,800 per person.

He sees the situation as very challenging and stressed the need government's urgent intervention, adding the lack of prison poses a serious burden on the court's ability to dispense Justice.

He said the court is usually in a catch-22 situation in which they don't have the resources to transport defendants to the Fish Town Correction Palace and won't risk releasing defendants back into the community without prosecution.

In some cases, the Pleebo Magisterial Court judge indicated that the complainants or those directly victimized are the ones who facilitate the transportation of defendants.

However, in cases where complainants can't afford, "It can be a difficult situation", Magistrate Mah narrated. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Lawmaker predicts massive economic growth

By Bridgett Milton

The chairperson of the Liberian Caucus of the Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flow and Taxation, Representative Francis S. Dopoh has predicted massive economic growth for Liberia in the soonest possible time.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday in Monrovia, he said the network will work to ensuring that Liberia receives all necessary benefits from every natural resource extracted from the county.

Rep. Dopoh noted it is an eye-opening for Liberia in a sense that people often hear that the Legislature signed concessions but they don't see the impact from said concessions, explain that some of the reasons are because the legislature awards tax holidays to companies, which is not necessary.

According to the Rivergee District#2 lawmaker, said Liberia has lost out on many things like the

Firestone agreement and other companies, noting that these deals need to be revisited to understand how they went into transaction with people of Liberia not benefitting.

"The network is there to ensure that we get clear understanding of those concessions", Dopoh assured.

Dopoh said when this is done, Liberia will have increased revenue and the citizens will know how their benefits are used.

He specifically noted there are so many leakages in the miner sector, to the extent that the country doesn't have any data base of companies extracting resources, so by networking, it will help to have the rightful information.

The Africa Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flow and Tax for legislative Justice seeks to ensure and enhance proper balance of coordination between parliaments and the executive was held in Dakar, Senegal. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

JUDICIAL BRANCH REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

OCTOBER 5, 2021



INVESTIGATIVE SURVEY NOTICE

BY THE DIRECTIVE OF HIS HONORABLE JUDGE VINTON HOLDER, JUDGE MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, MONSERRADO COUNTY, THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE HONORABLE COURT HAD MENDATED GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR TOM W. NIMELY THROUGH THE LIBERIA LAND AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATIVE SURVEY INVOLVING FRANKLYN WRIGHT, BLAMA WRIGHT AND THE INTERSTATE ESTATE LISTED BELOW.

THE PARTIES AND THEIR CLAIMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. FRANKLYN WRIGHT REPRESENTING JAMES WRIGHT INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 350 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
2. BLAMA WRIGHT REPRESENTING ISAAC WRIGHT INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 550 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
3. ZUANNAH S. MASSAQUOI REPRESENTING PHILIP CARVER INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 75 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
4. ATTY. EVERLYN BARRY REPRESENTING GINDAH AND DEPPAH INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 300 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
5. ALEXANDER B. SAYWINE REPRESENTING BENJAMIN DENNIS INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 125 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
6. HELENA SWARAY REPRESENTING GEORGE CARVEL INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 62 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
7. B.K. YUDUSIE SR. REPRESENTING EMMON SAWAY INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 38 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
8. REV. A. WALTER LEE REPRESENTING ISIAH SURMMER INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 45 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
9. VARNEY GBASSIE REPRESENTING DWAH CAMMOH CHIEF OF KPANJAH INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 200 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
10. PRINCE P.W. DOLO REPRESENTING GEORGE DENNIS WRIGHT INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 65 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
11. MOHAMMED B. SHERIFF REPRESENTING MOMO SHERIFF INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 34 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
12. VARNEY A. SHERIFF REPRESENTING SAMLUKAI SHERIFF INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 341 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
13. ATTY. EVERLYN BARRY REPRESENTING GEORGE C. DENNIS INTERSTATE ESTATE WITH CLAIM TO 210 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
14. SINDI ROBERT JR. REPRESENTING HENRY RICKS AND JOHN RICKS INTERSTATE WITH CLAIM TO 264 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.
15. ELIJAH TAMBA BONO WITH CLAIM TO 21 ACRES OF LAND AND NO MORE.

THE SURVEY IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00AM.

THE LAND IN QUESTION IS LYING AND SITUATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOUISIANA, TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSONVILLE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CALDWELL, MONSERRADO COUNTY.

THE GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR (TOM W. NIMELY) WILL CONDUCT THE SURVEY WITHOUT SURVEYOR.

ALL ADJACENT PARTIES AND THOSE CONCERN ARE ASKED TO BE PRESENT WITH THEIR DEEDS, DOCUMENTS, DIAGRAM AND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SURVEY.

LET THIS SURVEY NOTICE CLAIM THE ATTENTION OF THE BELOW LISTED:

1. COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN
2. COMMISSIONERS, LOUISIANA, JOHNSONVILLE & CALDWELL TOWNSHIPS
3. LIBERIA NATIONAL POLICE AND
4. ALL CONCERNED

Kindest regards,

Yours truly,
Edwin S. Boyee, Sr.
CLERK OF COURT

APPROVED: His Honor J. Vinton Holder
JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT



JUDICIAL BRANCH REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

SITTING IN ITS SEPTEMBER TERM A.D. 2021

BEFORE HIS HONOUR: SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR, ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE:

IN RE: THE PETITION OF WILFRED B. GENINYAN OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, PETITIONER, PRAYING THIS HONOURABLE COURT FOR A DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME TO BE REGARDED, AND KNOWN AS "WILFRED B. GENINYAN WEETOL."

COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME

WHEREAS, Petitioner herein named in the above entitled cause of action, having file a petition with affidavit attached thereto, requesting an order from this Honorable Court to have the Change of Petitioner's name to formally and legally change from WILFRED B. GENINYAN TO "WILFRED B. GENINYAN WEETOL."

DURING THE HEARING, the Petitioner petitioned that the change of his name requesting this Honorable Court is intended to reflect his family name and render his identity, more explicit and absolute. After Concluding the Necessary Interrogations Requested by the Court in These Proceedings, the Court observed that the intention is just and legal and that there is no objection to the change of name proposed by him; therefore, it is adjusted as follow:

THAT THE PETITIONER having shown with justification and satisfaction that he was born on the 26th day of February A. D. 1992, in Gbarnga, Bong County, Republic of Liberia and that the Change of his Name in this jurisdiction is therefore ordered as follows:

That the petition already heard be and same is hereby granted and we now render that the name WILFRED B. GENINYAN be changed to "WILFRED B. GENINYAN WEETOL" beginning this September, A.D. 2021.

THIS DECREE shall be registered in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds and other Documents for Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, and shall also be published twice in any recognized Newspaper, operating in the Republic of Liberia, within Twenty (20) days from today's date. AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2021.

COURT'S SEAL: SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR, ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT

REGISTERED ACCORDING TO LAW DE VOLUIME: 09-021 PAGE(S) 00067897



Français

Des partisans de l'ANC manifestent devant la Cour suprême

Des partisans du Congrès national alternatif (ANC) ont manifesté devant la Cour suprême, au Temple de la justice à Monrovia, pour exiger la libération immédiate de leur camarade Jethro Harris, détenu par la police pour avoir prétendument déclenché une

fausse alerte.

Jethro Harris a été arrêté ce week-end à Ganta, dans le comté de Nimba, pour avoir prétendument publié de fausses photos sur les réseaux sociaux pour exciter à la violence au Libéria.

Tôt lundi matin, Harris, menotté, a été transféré au tribunal municipal de

Monrovia pour y être jugé.

Les manifestants soutiennent qu'il y a des problèmes plus importants sur lesquels la police devrait se concentrer au lieu d'arrêter des citoyens ordinaires sur une publication sur Facebook.

Ils insistent en outre sur le

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Fake new : L'opposition pointée du doigt

Des membres des partis de l'opposition libérienne sont soupçonnés de diffuser des fakes news pour ternir l'image de l'administration Weah.

Les informations faisant état de meurtres courent depuis des semaines dans le pays. Sur les réseaux sociaux, des images pétrifiantes sont publiées tous les jours et des témoignages de meurtres ayant prétendument eu lieu dans le pays fusent partout.

Deux femmes et un homme ont raconté dans des podcasts sur Facebook qu'ils avaient été enlevés à différents endroits, emmenés dans des bois. Mais ils ont échappé de justesse à la mort des mains de leurs ravisseurs.

L'image horripilante d'une femme éventrée a circulé sur les réseaux sociaux. Selon les auteurs, c'est l'une des victimes des meurtres rituels dans le pays.

Au cours du week-end, la police a arrêté un homme qui, selon elle, aurait publié de fausses photos sur les réseaux sociaux. M. Jethro Harris est un partisan de l'Alternative National Congress, un parti de l'opposition.

La police estime que certaines des photos publiées sur les réseaux sociaux donnent l'impression que le gouvernement est dans l'incapacité de protéger ses citoyens.

La semaine dernière, la police libérienne a tenu une conférence de presse pour infirmer toutes les rumeurs concernant les meurtres et les enlèvements. « Ces rumeurs sont fausses et politiquement motivées. Les auteurs de ces rumeurs veulent créer la peur de l'instabilité dans le pays », a dit la police.

L'inspecteur général Patrick Sudue et une équipe de responsables de la LNP sont apparus sur ELBC lors d'une émission pour calmer les craintes et les angoisses du public. Ils ont fait croire que les rumeurs des meurtres rituels étaient en fait des tactiques des individus sans scrupules et des politiciens de

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Police Boss Patrick Toe Sudue

Éditorial

Le mécanisme de règlement des différends parrainé par l'USAID est louable

La semaine dernière, le directeur de mission de l'USAID au Libéria, Jim Wright, a exhorté les Libériens à résoudre pacifiquement les griefs et les différends au niveau communautaire avant qu'ils ne se transforment en conflits violents.

S'exprimant à Monrovia lors de la cérémonie marquant la fin du projet Connect for Peace financé par l'USAID au Libéria, le directeur Wright a souligné que « entretenir la paix et la stabilité » au niveau communautaire est particulièrement important dans les sociétés post-conflit comme le Libéria où les griefs et les différends restent non résolus.

En effet, résoudre rapidement les différends au niveau communautaire est une stratégie clé pour éviter les conflits violents. Les différends prolongés non résolus peuvent dégénérer en conflits pouvant conduire à la violence.

Au cours des quatre dernières années, Connect for Peace s'est efforcé de promouvoir l'atténuation des conflits au niveau communautaire aussi bien à Monrovia que dans le comté de Nimba, décrits comme les principaux lieux de violence extrême pendant les 14 années de guerre civile au Libéria.

Le directeur Wright a appelé « toutes les parties prenantes à tirer les leçons de Connect for Peace pour reproduire ses succès ». Nous pensons qu'il n'aurait pas pu mieux le dire, car la paix est indispensable au progrès de l'humanité.

Le Libéria d'après-guerre est toujours en proie à des conflits, comme en témoignent le calme précaire qui règne entre les Lormas et les Mandingos de Lofa, les différends fonciers entre les habitants des comtés de Rivercess et Sinoe, et les Gios, Mano et Mandingoes dans les comtés de Nimba.

Le gouvernement du Libéria devrait redoubler d'efforts pour résoudre les différends dans le pays et promouvoir la guérison parmi la population. La communauté religieuse a également un rôle à jouer à travers des messages pour unir les Libériens.

Un pays plongé dans des différends à tous les niveaux s'auto-afflige et ne progresserait pas en termes de paix et de développement véritables. La paix est le fondement sur lequel tout le reste est possible.

Nous félicitons l'USAID d'avoir parrainé le projet Connect for Peace et demandons que l'exercice soit étendu à d'autres pays pour construire une paix durable au Libéria, car la paix n'est pas seulement le silence des armes, mais une coexistence harmonieuse.

Si le Libéria doit passer d'un état fragile à une paix durable, nous devons prendre la résolution des différends au sérieux, en particulier au niveau communautaire pour éviter de retomber dans le chaos et la violence.

Français

Des partisans de l'ANC manifestent

fait que des meurtres rituels existent toujours au Libéria, bien que l'inspecteur général de la police, le colonel Patrick SUDUE, ait récemment rejeté les allégations de tels meurtres, tout en les qualifiant de mythes.

S'exprimant à la Cour suprême lundi, un membre du bureau exécutif de l'ANC, Me Orashall Gould, a déclaré aux journalistes que son client a été arrêté depuis le vendredi 1er octobre 2021 et a passé plus de 48 heures en détention avant d'être inculpé de désinformation du public.

« Nous sommes parfaitement au courant de la politique Covid-19 émise par la Cour suprême et le juge en chef exige des juges qu'ils entendent toutes les affaires

pénales le matin, mais pendant qu'ils recevaient l'acte d'accusation et la caution de traitement, mon client a été emmené à la prison centrale de Monrovia. L'affaire semble plus politique que juridique », a dit l'avocat.

Plus tôt, le chef politique du Congrès national alternatif (ANC), Alexander Cummings, a déclaré que l'arrestation de Jethro S. Harris par la police nationale libérienne était politique.

L'inspecteur général de la police Sudue a déclaré mercredi dernier à la radio d'État ELBC que les allégations de meurtres rituels au Libéria sont fausses et que ceux qui publient des images de cadavres le font pour ternir l'image du gouvernement, avertissant que toute personne arrêtée fera l'objet d'une poursuite judiciaire.

Fake new: L'opposition

l'opposition pour susciter la peur.

Selon M. Sudue, ceux qui ont publié ces faux témoignages horribles sur les réseaux sociaux n'ont pas pu

confirmer la véracité de leurs propres rapports, tandis que certains ont fui lorsqu'ils ont été invités par la police pour donner des détails sur leurs récits.

Cité dans les « Pandora Papers », le Premier ministre ivoirien dément toute « action illicite »

Parmi les dirigeants internationaux cités par le consortium ICIJ dans les « Pandora Papers », figure le Premier ministre ivoirien. Selon l'enquête internationale, Patrick Achi aurait eu une société offshore jusqu'à au moins 2006. Mais ce dernier dément toute « action illicite ».

Dès ce lundi, les services de la primature ivoirienne se sont expliqués sur l'existence d'une société enregistrée aux Bahamas au nom de Patrick Achi et révélée par les « Pandora Papers ».

En 1996, il monte sa société de consulting en stratégie à Abidjan. Deux ans plus tard, dans le cadre de ses activités, il crée cette société offshore dévoilée dimanche par le consortium ICIJ.

« Dans la perspective de missions à l'international que son



activité de consultant pouvait impliquer légitimement, une société a été immatriculée en 1998 à l'étranger avec toutes les formalités légales », indique l'entourage de l'actuel Premier ministre, qui ajoute que la société en question « n'a jamais eu aucune activité ».

« Cette société n'a jamais servi de support à la moindre évasion fiscale, à la moindre transaction illicite, au moindre détournement de fonds publics, à la moindre activité illégale », explique-t-on encore à la primature. Les « Pandora Papers » ne décèlent effectivement ni mouvement, ni transaction, ni actif lié à cette société cédée en 2006. Patrick Achi n'est pas la seule personnalité ivoirienne mentionnée dans l'enquête internationale. L'ICIJ évoque aussi quatre autres « politiciens » mais n'avait pas encore révélé leur nom ce lundi soir.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Richard Ponzio

Les moins mauvais choix pour l'Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - Après son Assemblée générale, le mois dernier, à New York, l'ONU se voit demander de jouer un rôle de premier plan en Afghanistan. Les talibans sont en quête d'une légitimité internationale que les puissances régionales et mondiales devraient étendre, sous réserve toutefois de certains critères politiques et humanitaires, comme le soulignent les récentes déclarations de responsables diplomatiques ainsi que les résolutions adoptées par le Conseil de sécurité.

L'ONU est en situation de faciliter les choses. Durant les quarante années passées, de guerre presque continue en Afghanistan, l'ONU n'a pas cessé de s'engager. Des milliers de personnels onusiens ont couru des risques inimaginables pour y soulager les souffrances humaines et, à la fin des années 1990, s'entremettre dans les négociations entre les talibans et leurs rivaux. Aujourd'hui, étant donné le peu d'influence politique dont jouissent sur le groupe les Occidentaux, l'ONU doit reprendre son rôle essentiel de promotion de la réconciliation, de distribution de l'aide humanitaire et de soutien du développement.

Ces actions nécessiteront des structures, des équipes et des ressources supplémentaires. Le 17 septembre, le Conseil de sécurité a approuvé une extension de six mois de l'actuel mandat de la mission d'assistance des Nations unies en Afghanistan et a demandé au secrétaire général, Antonio Guterres, de lui donner des « recommandations stratégiques et opérationnelles » d'ici le 31 janvier 2022. Considérant l'avenir, le rôle joué par l'ONU en Afghanistan doit être étendu dans au moins cinq domaines essentiels.

Tout d'abord, conformément aux vœux récents du Conseil de sécurité pour un « processus de réconciliation nationale dirigé et contrôlé par les Afghans », l'ONU doit proposer ses bons offices à toutes les parties en conflit. En raison de leur longue expérience auprès des gouvernements et des organisations non gouvernementales de maintien de la paix dans la région, les Nations unies peuvent assumer la fonction de conseiller impartial et expérimenté dans les tentatives de former un gouvernement plus ouvert à la diversité et reposant sur une base plus large. Le rôle joué par l'ONU dans la mise en œuvre des accords de Bonn pour la formation d'un nouveau gouvernement en 2001-2005 offre un cadre de référence. Jean Arnault, l'envoyé personnel de Guterres pour l'Afghanistan et les questions régionales, fut assistant du négociateur de renom qu'est Lakhdar Brahimi, qui fut un élément particulièrement actif dans les discussions ayant conduit aux accords de Bonn.

Deuxièmement, afin d'éviter une crise humanitaire, l'ONU devrait contribuer au consensus et à des engagements constructifs entre les talibans, les dirigeants mondiaux, les puissances régionales et les donateurs. Les guerres récentes qu'a connues l'Afghanistan ont un dénominateur commun : leur dimension internationale. Une stabilité et une sécurité minimales - sans parler de ce qui pourrait

ressembler à une paix durable - sont inenvisageables sans la coopération des voisins de l'Afghanistan et des membres permanents du Conseil de sécurité.

Troisièmement, le mandat de l'ONU devrait comprendre un suivi et une information régulière auprès du Conseil de sécurité sur la question cruciale des droits humains. Afin d'accéder à la reconnaissance internationale et de recevoir pour l'Afghanistan l'aide qu'ils affirment désirer, les talibans devront remplir un certain nombre de critères politiques et humanitaires internationalement acceptés. Ces conditions devraient comprendre l'évolution vers un gouvernement inclusif et représentatif, des mesures pour empêcher le retour d'organisations terroristes internationales, ainsi que des dispositions de protection des populations civiles.

Quatrièmement, l'ONU peut contribuer à la coordination de l'assistance médicale, de l'aide alimentaire et des autres dons. Dans sa communication au Conseil de sécurité, le mois dernier, Deborah Lyons, la représentante spéciale des Nations unies pour l'Afghanistan, rappelait que 18,5 millions d'Afghans, presque la moitié de la population du pays, avaient besoin d'une aide humanitaire. Conscient de cette évolution alarmante, aggravée par la sécheresse et la pandémie de Covid-19, l'ONU a convoqué, le 13 septembre, à Genève, une réunion ministérielle de haut niveau sur la situation humanitaire en Afghanistan, lors de laquelle les gouvernements ont convenu de dégager une aide se montant à plus de 1,2 milliard de dollars.

Enfin, l'ONU est un maillon essentiel de l'organisation de l'aide internationale au développement dont l'Afghanistan a besoin pour bâtir son avenir. Cette assistance devrait avoir pour objectif de garantir l'accès aux services publics de base, notamment la santé, l'éducation et l'alimentation en électricité. L'aide bilatérale étant probablement amenée à se réduire, les Nations unies pourraient faire fonction de superviseur général et de canal pour l'aide internationale, au moyen de fonds d'urgence d'affectation spéciale.

Revenant sur le rôle déterminant qu'il avait joué pour l'ONU dans la supervision des accords de Bonn, Brahimi notait : « L'une de mes plus grandes erreurs fut de n'avoir pas parlé aux talibans en 2002 et 2003 [...]. Nous aurions dû parler à ceux qui désiraient nous parler. » La communauté internationale ne doit pas commettre aujourd'hui la même faute. Les talibans eux-mêmes savent que le pays qu'ils contrôlent désormais est très différent de celui qu'ils ont dirigé jusqu'en 2001.

Avec les encouragements de l'ONU, les talibans pourront peut-être se persuader de travailler avec une nouvelle génération, éduquée, d'Afghans et de s'avancer dans la voie du développement qui éloignera le pays de la violence aveugle, de la corruption, de l'exploitation et de la disette. À court terme, une telle approche représente le choix le moins mauvais pour la communauté internationale et, surtout, pour le peuple afghan.



Republic of Liberia

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SHORT TERM E-GP AWARENESS STAFF

NAME OF PROJECT: Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project, II

Assignment Title: Twenty-Five (25) Short-Term Staff to Support Awareness and sensitization activities on E-GP implementation to beef up capacity of the E-GP Project

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1. Background

The Republic of Liberia has received Financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the Liberia Technical & Capacity Building Assistance Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to cover eligible payment under the contract for the hiring of short-term E-Government Procurement implementation awareness staff.

As part of the on-going public procurement reform program achievements which improved competition and increased value for money, the Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC) intends to conduct multi-track nationwide awareness to educate stakeholders and the general public on the procurement, installation, and deployment of the e-GP system, including its benefits to the national government and the country.

2. Rationale

The rationale for this assignment is to hire twenty-five (25) external staff on a short-term basis to bolster the existing efforts of the Commission. The assignment will last for a period of three months and the staff will be responsible to educate the general public on the procurement, installation, and deployment of the e-GP system, including its benefits to the national government and the country.

3. Objective of the Assignment

The objective of the Assignment is to ensure an increase in information conveyance to stakeholders and the general public on the e-GP project implementation, and forge partnership with relevant stakeholders to aid with the information dissemination mechanism of PPCC.

4. Scope of the Assignment

The scope of the assignment is to create awareness on the E-GP Implementation, in the fifteen (15) political subdivisions of Liberia. It will be carried out through the following means:

- Create awareness during town hall fora or meetings across the country with key stakeholders and citizens;
- Airing of dramas and jingles on radio stations in all counties;
- Street and theatre shows, Parades; and,
- Awareness materials distribution

5. Deliverables

In addition to the foregoing, the individuals along with the Commission's staff shall deliver the following outputs for the assignment within the corresponding timeline:

- Conduct of town hall meetings in all counties at least once every two weeks
- Airing of dramas and jingles on radio stations in all counties (four times a week)
- Conduct of Street and Road Shows, Parades etc.
- Awareness and Momentum building through awareness materials distribution in all fifteen counties.

6. Qualification and Experience Requirement

Interested individuals must meet the following Minimum Qualifications Requirements:

- ❖ Experience in public procurement, media relations, public administration, training or education. Knowledge of E-procurement and World Bank Procurement procedures will be an added advantage.

- ❖ Must have at least a first degree in any of the social science disciplines; graduate diploma or degree is an added advantage
- ❖ Must be fluent in speaking and writing English
- ❖ Self-starter and able to develop and implement programs with minimal supervision.
- ❖ Excellent interpersonal and persuasive skills;
- ❖ Ability to work with and build teams.
- ❖ Observant, analytical and pay particular attention to details.
- ❖ Working knowledge of MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint).

7. Duration of the Assignment

The assignment is expected to take three months after signing of the contract.

8. Number of Staff

A total of twenty-five (25) staff will be hired under this arrangement.

9. Duty Station

All staff hired under this arrangement will be stationed in Monrovia. The assignment will require frequent travels to all the fifteen counties of Liberia.

10. Institutional Arrangement

Staff recruited under this project shall work under the supervision of Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC) and be subject to rudimentary Human Resource Policies whilst the assignment is active.

11. Facilities to be provided by the PPCC

The PPCC will provide the following facilities:

- i. Access to all necessary information and stakeholders to facilitate the assignment
- ii. Office space
- iii. Essential office furniture
- iv. Essential miscellaneous office equipment
- v. Access to Internet, and network resources, where necessary
- vi. The consultant will use her/his personal Laptop.

12. How to apply

Further information and the detailed TOR can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. from 0900 to 1700 hours (GMT), Mondays through Fridays.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) now invites eligible individuals to express interest in providing the services by submitting a list of similar assignments performed with references and submitting Curriculum Vitae (CVs) and copies of academic credentials, demonstrating experience in performing similar assignments with references and showing responsiveness to the qualification requirements outlined in this REOI. Eligibility criteria and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"). Consultants will be selected using the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) Method set out in the Procurement Policy Framework referenced above.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form or by email to the address below on or before 16th October, 2021 @ 1700 hours (GMT) and indicate in the Email subject line or on the outer envelope "**Short-Term E-GP Awareness Staff**"

The Address referred above is:

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Citizens protest against mysterious deaths

By Lincoln G. Peters

Several residents of Monrovia under the banner Citizens United Against Ritualistic Killing (CURK) staged a peaceful protest Tuesday 5 October 2021 against the alarming wave of alleged ritualistic killings across the

Weah continues to show little or no interest in finding [a] solution to the problem and fear that is in citizens," Byron Brown alleged.

Contrary to Brown's allegation, the Liberian Government is blaming members of the opposition parties here for spreading fake news surrounding

and open it up to international investment and economic progress," Brown claimed.

He denounced as disingenuous to the country and its people, Liberia National Police (LNP Inspector General Col. Patrick T.



country.

According to the group, the current increase in the wave of ritualistic killings across the country is alarming, adding that there is no safety and protection for citizens in the country.

The Liberian National Police says reports of increase ritualistic killings here are fake news being propagated by the opposition.

But speaking in an interview with journalists at the protest scene in Bassa Community in Monrovia, the group's spokesperson and chairman of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Solidarity Brigade Byron Brown said their peaceful protest was meant to call the attention of the world to the alarming wave of alleged ritualistic killings across the country.

"The Government of President [George Manneh]

reports of ritualistic killings in the country.

Reports of killing for the past weeks have taken the country by storm, followed by social media posts that petrified the public with gruesome photos and testimonies of killings taking place in the country.

But in their reaction, the Liberian authorities say two ladies and a man launched podcasts on Facebook in which they explained they were seized from different locations, taken to woods, and escaped death at the hands of their captors.

But Byron insisted that since the ascendancy of the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) to the leadership of the country, there has been uncontrollable waves of alleged mysterious disappearances, kidnapping and ritualistic deaths in the country.

"These things have [a] negative impact on the country and economy. This action today is void of politics and we are doing this to save our country

Suede's claim that there is only one ritualistic death in the country, alleging instead that are ten reported ritualistic deaths across the country.

"We are going to our Legislature, the United States Embassy near Monrovia and we will petition them to call their attention to what is happening in the country that [the] government continues to give deaf ears to," Brown continued.

"We are living in total fear in our country. Our peace and security is not sure. We are standing up for what we believe will liberate our country and secure international investor's confidence to help our economy grow," he added.

Byron noted that peaceful protest is expected to last for a week until the Government of Liberia can respond to their plight and assure their security and protection in the

Court orders ANC man's release

By Lincoln G. Peters

Criminal Court "A" Judge Roosevelt Z. Willie has ordered Monrovia City Court Magistrate Jomah Jallah to immediately release from detention opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) stalwart Jethro S.K. Harris who has been jailed for his Facebook post expressing concerns against recent waves of reported ritualistic killings here.

Magistrate Jallah jailed defendant Harris Monday, 4 October 2021 after failing to grant the opposition ANC partisan a bail following multiple police charges against the accused for his Facebook post.

But Judge Willie ordered the subordinate court magistrate to sign and approve the bail bond filed by defendant Harris' lawyers, adjudicate and dispose of the case within the maximum period of 30 days.

Judge Willie's mandate came Tuesday, 5 October after an appeal filed by lawyers representing the Alternative National Congress who have termed Magistrate Jallah's failure to sign their bail bond

degree.

According to the defense lawyers, their client was brought to and they prepared a valid criminal appearance bond to secure Harris' release.

The defense however lamented that Magistrate Jallah failed to sign the criminal appearance bond after he made them wait for more than two hours at the court.

However Magistrate Jallah said he didn't refuse to sign the bail bond submitted by ANC's legal representation, noting that he told the lawyers to wait so that he could consider all conditions and be satisfied legally before approving the bail bond.

Magistrate Jallah argued that as far as he is concerned, ANC lawyers just wasted their time and energy for bringing him on summary proceedings at the Criminal Court "A" because he didn't refuse to sign the bail bond and release Harris.

Meanwhile, Judge Willie ruled during the chamber session that Magistrate Jallah was not in the wrong to have informed the petitioners that he was prepared to sign the bail bonds, but that he needed to



as biased.

Defendant Harris' lawyers informed Criminal Court "A" that their client was charged by police for allegedly raising false public alarms and making false statements, arguing that the charges were a misdemeanor of the second

take into consideration the satisfaction of all the legal requirements.

According to Judge Willie, Magistrate Jallah is instructed to approve the bond based on his own admission along with the human sureties.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

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Lone Star is shaking?

within the player's circle, Johnson had complained the LFA didn't show him concern when he was nursing injuries, so coming back to play for Liberia is a hard decision for now.

At the same time the Lone Star energetic midfielder David Tweh, turned down invitation for the double-task against Cape Verde on the 7th and 10th of October in Ghana and Cape Verde, respectively.

Tweh also plays for Club Rukh Brest in Belarus top flight. Lone Star is struggling to bring in players landing 90 minutes at club level. He feels the national team coach doesn't believe in him, so he turned down the call for home duty, according to news coming out of the FA.

Coach Peter James Butler didn't look in the direction of Striker Peter Wilson, as his focus seems to be on 17-year-old Striker Patrick Weah. Things are

shaking in the national team, but many fans of the Lone Star are gearing up for a delegation with Patrick Weah.

A minor, Patrick needs his parents' approval, but they are looking at chances from the USA youth teams. Liberia is like an option for their son.

Patrick is on the books of Minnesota United, but currently out of the club on loan. -Editing by Jonathan Browne



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By Naneka Hoffman

As the nation's pride, the Lone Star gear up for the Cape Verde fixture in Ghana this Thursday, October 7, all seems not to be well with the home boys. Midfielder Justin Salmon

has pulled out of the Lone Star double-header fixture with Cape Verde, while American-based defender Joel Johnson turned down the national team's invitation due to lack of concern from the Liberia Football Association during his injury. However, he is back in fitness

and making more minutes in the USL championship in America.

Johnson is an employer of American side C. Independent. According to news leaking out of the FA and

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