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# Continental News

## Abdulrazak Gurnah wins Nobel Prize for Literature

Tanzanian novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah has said he was "surprised and humbled" to be awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize for Literature. The Swedish Academy praised Gurnah for his "uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism". The prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy and is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.14m / £840,000). Gurnah, 73, is the author of 10 novels, including *Paradise* and *Desertion*.

He said how grateful he was to the academy, adding: "It's just great - it's just a big prize, and such a huge list of wonderful writers - I am still taking it in." "It was such a complete surprise that I really had to wait until I heard it announced before I could believe it." The BBC is not responsible for the content of external sites. *Paradise*, published in 1994, told the story of a boy growing up in Tanzania in the early 20th Century and was nominated

for the Booker Prize, marking his breakthrough as a novelist. "Abdulrazak Gurnah's dedication to truth and his aversion to simplification are striking," the Nobel Committee for Literature said in a statement.

"His novels recoil from stereotypical descriptions and open our gaze to a culturally diversified East Africa unfamiliar to many in other

parts of the world."

"[His] characters find themselves in a hiatus between cultures and continents, between a life that was and a life emerging; it is an insecure state that can never be resolved." Born in Zanzibar in 1948, Gurnah arrived in England as a refugee in the late 1960s.

He was Professor of English

and Postcolonial Literatures at the University of Kent, Canterbury, until his recent retirement. Gurnah is the first black African author to have won the award since Wole Soyinka in 1986. He said his award would mean issues such as the refugee crisis and colonialism, which he has experienced, will be "discussed". "These are things that are with us every day. People are dying, people are being hurt around the world - we must deal with these issues in the most kind way," he said. "I came to England when these words, such as asylum-seeker, were not quite the same - more people are struggling and running from terror states." "The world is much more violent than it was in the 1960s, so there is now greater pressure on the countries that are safe, they inevitably draw more people."

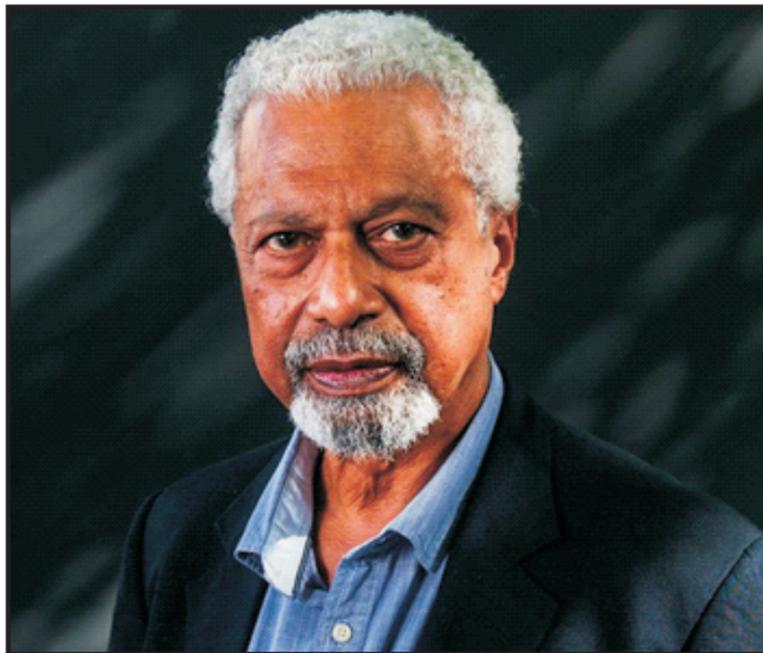
In an interview in 2016, when asked if he would call himself an "author of postcolonial and/or world

literature", Gurnah replied: "I would not use any of those words. I wouldn't call myself a something writer of any kind."

"In fact, I am not sure that I would call myself anything apart from my name. I guess, if somebody challenges me, that would be another way of saying, 'Are you a... one of these...?' I would probably say 'no'. Precisely, I don't want that part of me having a reductive name."

The Nobel Prizes, which have been awarded since 1901, recognise achievement in literature, science, peace and latterly economics.

Past winners have included novelists such as Ernest Hemingway, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Toni Morrison, poets such as Pablo Neruda, Joseph Brodsky and Rabindranath Tagore, and playwrights including Harold Pinter and Eugene O'Neill. Former UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill won for his memoirs, Bertrand Russell for his philosophy and Bob Dylan for his lyrics. BBC



## UN Chief to Ethiopian Government: Show Me Evidence of Misconduct

The U.N. Secretary-General told Ethiopia's government Wednesday that it should show him any documents or evidence the country has to substantiate accusations related to the expulsion of seven senior humanitarian officials from the country.

In a rare and unusual public exchange, Antonio Guterres took the floor of the U.N. Security Council after

the Ethiopian ambassador leveled accusations against the staffers, including that they inflated the numbers of people in need of aid by 1 million and reported deaths that never happened.

"I would like to ask you one thing, Mr. Ambassador," Guterres said, directing his remarks to Ethiopian envoy Taye Atske Selassie, who was seated at the council table. "If there is any written document provided by the Ethiopian government to any

U.N. institution about any of the (seven) members of the U.N. that were expelled, I'd like to receive a copy of that document, because I haven't any knowledge of any of them, and it would be very useful to me." Guterres went on to say that he twice told Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed that if he had concerns about the lack of impartiality of U.N. staff, he should raise them directly with him so he could investigate.

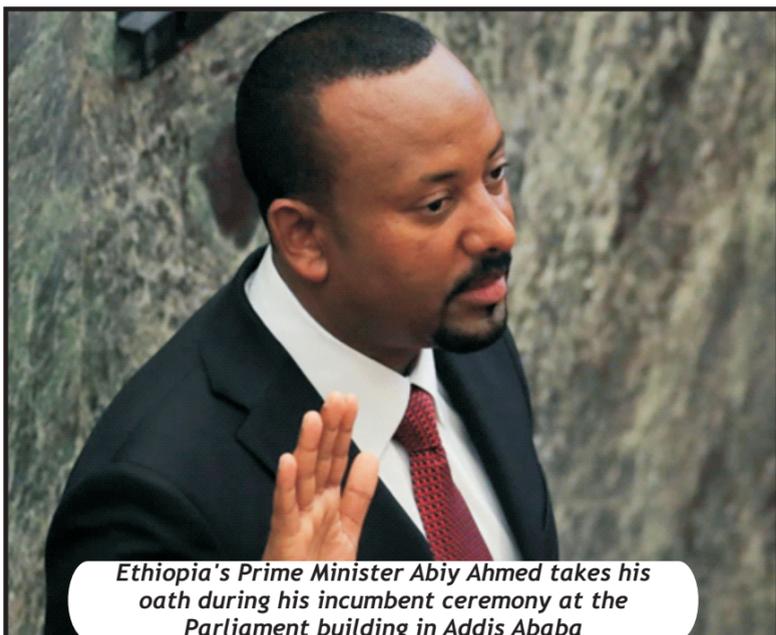
"Until now, I have no response to this request," the secretary-general said.

He added that Addis Ababa's move to expel the officials is a violation of international law. U.N. staff are protected by immunity conventions.

Guterres emphasized that he seeks cooperation with the government so humanitarians can do the necessary work to ease the suffering of millions of Ethiopians.

"We have no other interest but to help stop that suffering," he said.

Reporters outside the council asked him about the exchange. VOA



Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed takes his oath during his incumbent ceremony at the Parliament building in Addis Ababa

## Nigeria to borrow \$10bn to finance budget



President Buhari is under pressure to tackle high unemployment and rising living costs

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari says the government plans to borrow more than \$10bn (£7.3bn) to help finance his 2022 budget of nearly \$40bn.

There has been a public outcry about the government's frequent borrowing, but Mr Buhari - in a presentation to parliament - said that Nigeria's debt level was still within sustainable limits.

Presenting the budget is an annual ritual, but there aren't enough reports about how the money is spent.

Nigeria's economy is plagued by high inflation as the local currency continues to lose value against major foreign currencies like the US dollar and pound sterling.

Nigeria is mainly dependent on the export of crude oil for its revenue. BBC

# 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

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## A Global Institution for an Aging World

**C**APE TOWN/CAMBRIDGE/LONDON - The COVID-19 pandemic has made global aging impossible to ignore.

This pandemic is the first to occur since the world's population aged over 65 exceeded that under five, and COVID-19-related mortality rises sharply with age.

The intersection of the pandemic and this new demographic reality has exposed a gap in our global governance architecture. There is no single international institution responsible for safeguarding the rights and advocating for the interests of the world's fastest-growing age group - those 65 and over. This institutional lacuna contributed to the lack of a unified global response to a worldwide pandemic that disproportionately affects this population. Inconsistent vaccine rollouts are the most obvious symptom, but many other dimensions of vulnerability exist. For example, in low-income countries, 46% of those aged 65 and over are in the labor force, and they are rarely a policy priority.

Other population groups have not been neglected. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) targets the needs and rights of children, UN Women promotes gender equality and women's empowerment, the United Nations Population Fund focuses on issues of sexual and reproductive health, and the International Labour Organization monitors the standards and conditions of workers. An organization that emphasizes the older population is missing. Although older people are implicitly covered by the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the lack of an explicit focus on them, combined with demographic change, means they form a growing proportion of the world's most vulnerable people.

To see the difference creating an institution focused on older people would make, consider what UNICEF has done for children. Since 1990, the mortality rate for children under five has fallen nearly 60%. Although numerous factors are responsible, UNICEF's advocacy, as well as vaccination and sanitation programs, contributed significantly to this dramatic improvement.

The reasons for the current institutional gap are historical. The world's population structure was very different when the United Nations and the World Health Organization were established in the 1940s. In 1950, there were around seven times more children under 15 years of age than people aged 65 and older. But by 2050, these two age groups will be approximately the same size, with 1.5 billion people aged 65 and older - nearly double the number of children who were alive at the establishment of the UN and

the WHO.

Filling this global governance gap requires two initiatives: a UN Convention on the Rights of Older People to provide a framework for tackling economic and social inequities and vulnerabilities, and an international agency, such as a UN Program for Older People. Many of the activities of UNPOP would mimic those of UNICEF. UNPOP would also follow UNICEF in protecting the most vulnerable and tackling abuse and exploitation.

Inevitably, a major focus would be health - where the need is great and the gap considerable. The world largely was unprepared for the COVID-19 pandemic. It cannot afford to be unprepared for the rising trend of age-related diseases driven by unprecedented, but high-probability, demographic shifts.

Unfortunately, three common misunderstandings have prevented world leaders from rectifying the institutional gap. For starters, population aging is conventionally viewed as a problem predominantly for rich countries. While high-income countries currently have the highest proportion of people aged 60 years and over, most people in that age cohort live in low- and middle-income countries. There are 308 million people in this age group in high-income countries, compared to 322 million in low- and lower-middle-income countries and a further 419 million in upper-middle-income countries.

This leads to a second misunderstanding: that countries with large youth populations do not need to worry about societal aging. But they do. Global life expectancy increased from 34 to 73 years between 1913 and 2019, so the goal must be not just to meet the needs of today's older populations, but to ensure that future older populations are as healthy and productive as possible.

This forward-looking approach highlights the third misunderstanding, which is reflected in the failure to consider aging from a life-stage perspective. Achieving healthy aging requires focusing on all of life's phases, from prenatal to end-of-life care. As the young will lead the longest lives, this life-stage approach is necessary to achieve intergenerational fairness and prevent the risk of inequities compounding over a lifetime.

Whereas the main focus of UNPOP should be on the rights of older people and especially supporting those who are most vulnerable, there are also wider gains to be achieved. Past improvements in health have supported economic growth, and it is reasonable to think that this could apply to the older population as well. One-sixth of the global



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BY THE DIRECTIVE OF HIS HONOR JUDGE VINTON HOLDER, JUDGE MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, MONSERRADO COUNTY, THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE HONORABLE COURT HAD MANDATED 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.

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**Monrovia the dirtiest, disgusting city**

The Head of Delegation of European Union to Liberia, Laurent Delahousse' describes the City Monrovia as disgusting and dirtiest of cities in Africa.

"I am aware that tremendous progress has been made but more needs to be done because a clean city is critical to attract tourists and create jobs for young

management, an essential factor is the community leaders, noting "You represent the people and an essential transmission line between the objectives of your government and the implementation by the people. And also, an essential transmission line between the needs of the people and your government."

"I am not very familiar with

Mayor Koijee says Ambassador Laurent Delahousse' comment that Monrovia is one of the dirtiest cities he has visited is basically a restatement of the Monrovia City Corporation's position that "solid waste handling in the City of Monrovia is overwhelming our capacity to deal with the existing challenges we have in the absence of a sustainable approach."

Mayor Koijee stressed that there is no gainsaying that "solid Waste handling in Monrovia remains a fundamental challenge, confronting his vision for a clean, green and safe environment.

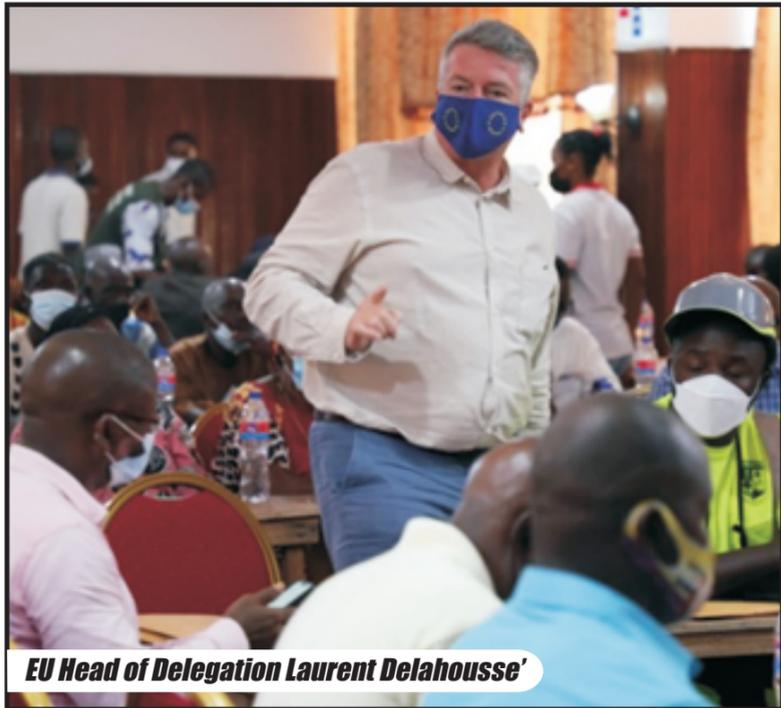
He said methods used before now to keep the City of Monrovia clean were not owned by the citizenry. Hence, sustainability, despite the help of international partners, has eluded the City Government.

"I am glad that the European Union Delegation to Liberia through its head realizes the enormity of our challenge. We are committed to changing the narrative notwithstanding," Mayor Koijee emphasized.

He indicated that the recognition of this challenge will go a long way in informing the European Union and other partners of the need for continuous assistance as the City Government works to institute a sustainable framework.

Mayor Koijee believes that

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**EU Head of Delegation Laurent Delahousse'**

people - which is a big issue in Liberia", he said.

Speaking at the start of a two-day Solid Waste Management Forum here he notes, "Monrovia is disgusting and the dirtiest cities of the many places I have visited in my work in Africa."

According to the EU Head of Delegation, in waste

this issue [waste management in Monrovia] because I have only been here for a year. I want to inform myself and learn more," the EU Envoy stated.

However, Monrovia City Mayor Jefferson T. Koijee lauds the Head of the European Union Delegation to Liberia for recognizing the enormity of the challenge the City Government faces in handling solid waste.

**GAC boss addresses students in Buchanan**

Liberia's Auditor General P. Garswa Jackson Wednesday, October 6, 2021 addressed a cross section of students in Grand Bassa County at a Career Day Seminar held on the Fair Ground of Buchanan.

The One-day event, under the office of Grand Bassa Senator Jonathan Kaipay brought together hundreds of students from across Grand

an insight of the Commission to Amb. Scott with concentration on its structure, mandate and challenges affecting operations as a supreme audit Institution.

Some of the challenges highlighted in the presentation include low budgetary support, lack of financial reporting & documentation in Government; Compliance with laws & implementation of audit



**Auditor General P. Garswa Jackson**

Bassa County.

At same time Auditor General P Garswa Jackson has hosted the United Nations Resident Coordinator to Liberia, Amb Niels Scott in continuation of his Stakeholders engagements.

According to the GAC, during the meeting AG Jackson, through a power point presentation, provided

recommendations, as well as Logistical inadequacies, among others.

In response, Ambassador Scott expressed his organization's commitment to working with the GAC to ensure that the fight against corruption is fully supported. Monday's meeting brings to four the number of engagements held by Auditor General Jackson. -Press

**LLA holds seminar on women's rights to land**

The Liberia Land Authority (LLA) is conducting a three-day seminar on the rights of Liberian women to own land in the country.

The seminar, funded by the Swedish Mapping and Cadastro and Land Registration Authority, is aimed at training participants on women's rights to land and properties ownership.

The Acting Coordinator of the Gender Unit at the LLA Madam Olivia David, said the seminar will address and erase the negative mind-set that women do not have rights to own land in Liberia.

Madam David spoke Wednesday, October 6, in an interview shortly after the opening ceremony held at a local hotel in Sinkor, Monrovia.

She said the deliberation will focus on national and



international legal instruments that promote and protect rights of women to land and property.

Also being discussed are the promotion of gender and women's land rights and gender-

based violence, causes and impact.

Madam David added the participants who are all LLA employees were drawn from the 15 counties of Liberia.



She pointed out that Liberian women have been marginalized over the years about land related issues based on custom and traditional practices.

She said creating awareness and providing sensitive education on the rights of Liberian women land ownership will go a long way to preventing women and

children whose rights to land have been denied over the years.

Madam David emphasized that the LLA will embark on major awareness campaign across the nation to ensure that women actively participate in the process to addressing misconceptions leading to their denial land ownership.

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## U.S. Amb. McCarthy commends war crimes court campaigner Hassan Bility

United States Ambassador Michael McCarthy has commended Mr. Hassan Bility and other members of the Global Justice Research Project (GJRP) staff for their many years of selfless service to the cause of justice for war

GJRP to research war crimes has demonstrated that a group of committed Liberians can achieve justice for war crimes victims, not that this is in keeping with the U.S. Government's belief that war crimes accountability for Liberians must be led by

result of GJRP's work thus, the organization and Bility personally have received many threats to their security and even their lives over the years.

"I want to make it clear that violence against those who seek justice through the rule of law must never be tolerated in Liberia," the Ambassador remarked. "The United States Embassy regards the security of committed researchers like these to be of the utmost importance, and as a bellwether of Liberia's democratic progress."

The release says the U.S. Government has invested heavily in Liberia's security sector in order for Liberians to pursue justice through proper legal channels. Since 2005, the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) has committed more than \$149.5 million to support civilian security and justice sector programs that increase the capacity of Liberia's civilian security agencies and the Ministry of Justice to maintain peace and stability in Liberia and to become a more effective partner with the United States and other West African countries. **-Press Release**



Amb. Michael McCarthy

crimes victims.

A release from U.S. the Embassy near Monrovia says Ambassador McCarthy during a visit to the Global Justice Research Project office in Monrovia remarked that the painstaking efforts of the

Liberians.

During the visit, the American Envoy also learned that the work of GJRP, while supported by Liberians who seek justice for war crimes victims, is not welcomed by those who have been brought to justice as the

## Former FLY president calls for audit of development fund

By Kruah Thompson

The former president of the Federation of Liberian Youths (FLY) Mohammed A. Nasser wants the General Auditing Commission to audit the Bong County development fund.

Speaking in an interview via mobile phone Mr. Nasser said citizens of Bong will not continue to live in abject poverty while few individuals in position live luxuriously.

He made the call from his office at the Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE) in Monrovia.

Mr. Nasser, who served as president of FLY during the former administration of ex-president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, maintains the well being of the people of Bong County must be the first priority of any public servant in the county.

"It's unfair and unpatriotic to see our lawmakers



receiving US\$30,000.00 while our poor students still seating on blocks at various schools across the county", he laments.

Mohammed urges the GAC to urgently bring out the complete audit reports of the county so

citizens will know how their development fund is being spent.

He notes that most public officials carry lies to be elected and then fail to be accountable to the people

## Liberia drops to

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three minutes in extra time Liberia lost everything with a 2-1 defeat.

The Lone Star are in Group C, sitting at second place with 3 points from three games, followed by Central Africa Republic third place behind Super Eagles of Nigeria at first place with six points.

If Liberia must succeed in the Qualifier for FIFA World Cup, the team need to get away from the mindset that they still in the formative stage.

Government needs to invest more in sports, especially grassroots football in communities to scout talents for the national team.

After the Liberia Football

Association has extended the contract of Coach Peter James Butler for a year the LFA said. "It was part of a number of decisions reached in an executive committee meeting on 2 August. According to the football house, "He has been tasked with qualifying Liberia for its first-ever World Cup finals."

Coach Butler's contract was signed on Performance or Leave basis. Bulter is carrying the job with a heavy heart after suffering his second defeat in the World Cup Qualifier.

Liberia is in Group C of the 2022 World Cup qualifiers alongside Nigeria, Cape Verde, and the Central Africa Republic.

**-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

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after elections, adding "Their lies will be brought to light after the audit report."

Meanwhile, the former FLY leader also points out that 60 percent of Liberian youth currently face unemployment and vulnerability, leading to increase poverty in the country.

He calls on public officials to serve humanity by creating jobs and empowering Health, Education and Agriculture.

A representative aspirant

for Bong, Mohammed says his dream is to see all Liberians live independently, most especially, his people from Bong.

According to him, he has launched several projects in his county, including ongoing construction of seven bridges, promoting sports and media, among others, but urges those in authority to live by their commitment and move the county forward. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

# Français

## L'ambassadeur suédois met l'accent sur la paix pour le progrès mondial

L'ambassadeur suédois accrédité au Libéria, Urban Sjostrom, a déclaré qu'il ne peut jamais y avoir de monde meilleur où vivre sans paix, car la paix joue un rôle cardinal dans la transformation de tout pays.

L'ambassadeur Sjostrom a fait cette déclaration en s'adressant récemment au

cinquième cycle du camp d'été annuel des Messagers de la paix dans le comté de Bong.

Les Messagers de la paix-Liberia (MOP-Liberia) est un groupe de défenseurs de la paix composée de jeunes. Il est basé à Monrovia.

« Jeunes ambassadeurs de la paix, suivons la meilleure recette de l'humanité, et c'est

que personne n'est au-dessus de l'état de droit. » Je voudrais vous dire, ambassadeurs de la paix, collègues, rejoignez-moi pour lutter pour notre paix. »

L'envoyé suédois a décrit le Libéria comme un pays progressiste d'autant plus que

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## M. Jethro Kolliede l'ANC enfin libéré après l'assaut de SUP

M. Jethro Kollie du Congrès national alternatif a été enfin mis en liberté. Le gouvernement du Libéria n'a eu d'autre choix que de le mettre en liberté après que le Students Unification Party, une organisation étudiante de l'Université du Libéria, a pris d'assaut la prison centrale de Monrovia pour exiger sa libération.

S'exprimant à la prison

centrale de Monrovia le mercredi 6 octobre, le président de SUP chargé de la propagande, Lawrence S. Tuah, a déclaré que Jethro Kollie n'arien fait de mal pour qu'on le mette en prison.

« L'arrestation de Kollie par le gouvernement était injustifiée et plusieurs documents légaux ont été déposés devant le tribunal pour sa libération, mais l'État a refusé », a-t-il dénoncé.

Selon Tuah, des informations crédibles font croire que Jethro

Kollie était très malade et avait besoin de soins médicaux urgents.

« Mardi soir, j'ai reçu un appel de Kollie. Il pleurait pour sa vie. Il a refusé de manger pendant des jours. Si quelqu'un doit être emprisonné, c'est le directeur de la police Patrick Sudue. Voilà quelqu'un dont les amis, les sœurs et les frères meurent dans les rues mystérieusement et il passe à la radio nationale pour mentir que personne ne meurt », a-t-il dit.

« Chaque être humain a droit à la liberté d'expression et de parole. Donc Jethro n'a commis aucun crime par sa publication sur Facebook parce qu'il n'a mentionné aucun nom, mais il a juste sonné l'alarme pour que le gouvernement puisse faire des enquêtes ».

Jethro Kollie 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 faire croire que des meurtres rituels sont commis au Libéria. Tôt lundi matin, Kollie a été escorté à la prison centrale de Monrovia

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## 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

## L'ambassadeur suédois met l'accent

les jeunes se déplacent d'un commun accord, ce qui montre de la détermination. « C'est le message que je porterai à mon peuple quand je rentrerai chez moi ».

Prenant également la parole lors de l'événement, le vice-ministre de la Jeunesse et des Sports, Isaac Doe, a réaffirmé l'engagement du gouvernement du Libéria en faveur des initiatives de développement de la jeunesse et de la consolidation de la paix.

Le sous-ministre Doe a reconnu que la paix n'est pas seulement l'absence de guerre, mais qu'il est également de la responsabilité du gouvernement central de développer les jeunes en tant que messagers de la paix.

Dans le même temps, un représentant de la mission de la CEDEAO au Libéria, M. Nathaniel Walker, a déclaré qu'il ne peut y avoir de démocratie durable sans une paix véritable ; et c'est pourquoi la mission de la CEDEAO ouvre ses portes à des activités telles que celle initiée par les Messagers de la Paix-Libéria.

M. Walker a félicité le MOP-Libéria pour son rôle auprès des jeunes dans la consolidation de la paix à travers le Libéria.

La formatrice principale, facilitatrice, fondatrice et directrice exécutive de (MOP)-Liberia Inc., Mme Gwendolyn Myers, a appelé les partenaires au développement et le gouvernement du Libéria à fournir en permanence des opportunités de partenariat et un accès aux ressources

pour les activités de consolidation de la paix à travers le pays. Le camp d'été des jeunes de cette année a été organisé en partenariat avec le programme Youth4Peace de l'Union africaine (UA) sur le thème : « La technologie numérique pour la paix ; renforcer la résilience et accélérer l'impact social grâce à la participation des jeunes.

Selon Mme Myers, on ne saurait trop insister sur le rôle de la technologie numérique dans la consolidation de la paix et le changement social.

Le camp comportait cinq domaines thématiques : les jeunes en politique et les médias numériques, la technologie numérique pour la paix, les TIC dans le développement durable : promouvoir les ODD, la technologie numérique dans l'éducation et la formation : outils pour l'apprentissage du 21e siècle et accélérer le plaidoyer pour un impact social à travers la Technologie numérique.

Outre les domaines thématiques, plus de 23 sujets de laboratoire de travail ont été ajoutés pour améliorer les résultats pour les compétences de vie et à des fins d'apprentissage.

Le camp a réuni plus de 200 jeunes issus des 15 sous-divisions politiques du Libéria. Les participants ont également été recrutés lors de la cérémonie de clôture pour faire du bénévolat chez Messengers of Peace-Liberia et bénéficiaire d'opportunités d'apprentissage et de croissance sans précédent au sein de l'institution, tandis que d'autres ont également été sélectionnés pour concevoir des projets communautaires de consolidation de la paix à mettre en œuvre dans divers pays.

## M. Jethro Kolliede l'ANC enfin

par des agents de la police nationale libérienne.

Le directeur de la police, Patrick Sudue, a annoncé que

quiconque émettrait une fausse alerte concernant des meurtres rituels au Libéria serait arrêté et jugé.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par John E. Ataguba, David E. Bloom, Andrew J. Scott

## Une institution internationale pour un monde vieillissant

**L**E CAP/CAMBRIDGE/LONDRES - La pandémie de la COVID-19 a fait en sorte qu'on ne peut plus passer sous silence le phénomène du vieillissement mondial. Cette pandémie est la première à se déclarer depuis que la population mondiale de plus de 65 ans dépasse celle qui a moins de cinq ans et le taux de mortalité liée à la COVID-19 augmente considérablement avec l'âge.

La conjugaison de la pandémie avec cette nouvelle réalité démographique a révélé une lacune dans l'architecture de la gouvernance internationale. Il n'existe aucune institution internationale responsable de la protection des droits et de la défense des intérêts du groupe d'âge qui connaît la plus forte croissance dans le monde entier – ceux qui sont âgés de 65 et plus. Cette lacune institutionnelle contribue à la riposte mondiale déficiente face à une pandémie affectant excessivement cette population. Des campagnes de vaccination incompatibles en sont le symptôme le plus évident, mais bien d'autres dimensions de vulnérabilité existent. Par exemple, dans les pays à faible revenu, 46 % des personnes âgées de 65 ans et plus sont encore sur le marché du travail et font rarement partie des priorités politiques.

D'autres groupes de la population ont été laissés pour compte. Le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) cible les besoins et les droits des enfants, ONU Femmes contribue à l'égalité des sexes et à la réalisation du potentiel des femmes, les interventions du Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population portent principalement sur les problèmes de santé sexuelle et génésique et l'Organisation internationale du travail veille au respect des normes et conditions d'emploi. Il manque une organisation qui s'occupe des populations plus âgées. Même si les aînés sont implicitement couverts par la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme de 1948, le fait qu'ils ne sont pas explicitement visés, conjugués à l'évolution démographique, signifie qu'ils forment une proportion grandissante des gens les plus vulnérables dans le monde.

Pour voir les bienfaits potentiels de la création d'une institution s'occupant des aînés, voyons ce que l'UNICEF a fait pour les enfants. Depuis 1990, le taux de mortalité des enfants de moins de cinq ans a chuté de presque 60 %. Bien que de nombreux facteurs y aient contribué, les activités de plaidoyer de l'UNICEF, ainsi que les programmes de vaccination et de salubrité, ont grandement contribué à cette nette amélioration.

Les causes de cette lacune institutionnelle actuelle sont historiques. La structure démographique de la population mondiale était très différente lorsque les Nations unies et l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé ont été fondées en 1940. En 1950, il y avait sept fois plus d'enfants de moins de 15 ans que de personnes âgées de 65 ans et plus. Mais d'ici 2050, ces deux groupes d'âge seront à peu près équivalents en nombre, avec 1,5 milliard de personnes âgées de 65 ans et plus – près du double du nombre d'enfants qui étaient vivants lors de la fondation de l'ONU et de l'OMS.

Pour combler cette lacune en matière de gouvernance mondiale, il faut lancer deux initiatives : une Convention de l'ONU sur les droits des aînés assurant un cadre pour s'attaquer aux inégalités et aux vulnérabilités économiques et sociales, et une agence internationale, comme un programme de l'ONU pour les aînés (ONUPA). La plupart des interventions de l'ONUPA pourraient se calquer sur celles de l'UNICEF. L'ONUPA suivrait également les pas de l'UNICEF dans sa mission de

protection des plus vulnérables et de lutte contre les exactions et l'exploitation.

Inévitablement, la santé serait un axe majeur – où le besoin se fait le plus sentir et le fossé considérable. Le monde n'était pas du tout préparé à la pandémie de la COVID-19. Il ne peut se permettre d'être pris au dépourvu pour la tendance à la hausse des maladies liées au vieillissement amplifiée par des changements démographiques sans précédent, mais presque inéluctables.

Malheureusement, trois méprises courantes ont empêché les dirigeants mondiaux de rectifier les lacunes institutionnelles. En premier lieu, le vieillissement de la population est en général considéré comme un problème essentiellement réservé aux pays riches. Alors que les pays à revenu élevé ont actuellement la plus grande proportion des personnes de plus de 60 ans et plus, la plupart dans cette cohorte vivent dans des pays à faible revenu et à moyen revenu. Il y a 308 millions de personnes dans ce groupe d'âge dans les pays à revenu élevé, par rapport à 322 millions dans les pays à faible revenu et à moyen revenu à faible revenu et un autre 419 millions dans les pays à revenu intermédiaire de la tranche supérieure.

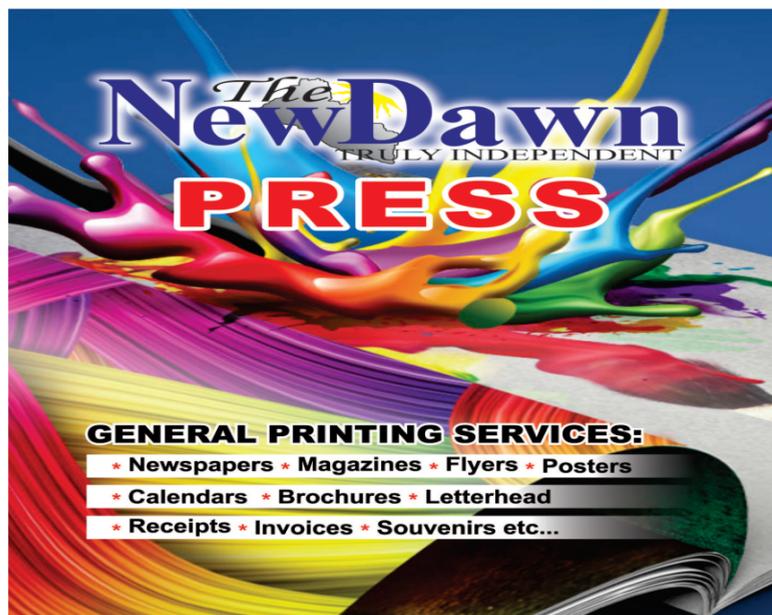
Un second malentendu en résulte : à savoir que les pays comptant de nombreux jeunes n'ont pas à se soucier du vieillissement de la population. Ils devront au contraire s'en préoccuper. L'espérance de vie mondiale est passée de 34 à 73 ans entre 1913 et 2019, de sorte que l'objectif ne doit pas seulement combler les besoins des aînés d'aujourd'hui, mais s'assurer que les populations plus âgées seront aussi en santé et productives que possible dans le futur.

Cette approche progressiste met en relief le troisième malentendu, qui reflète le fait de considérer le vieillissement dans une perspective d'étapes de vie. Pour vieillir en santé, il faut se préoccuper de toutes les phases de la vie durant, des soins prénataux aux soins gériatriques. Puisque les jeunes sont ceux qui vivront le plus longtemps, cette approche en fonction du stade de la vie est nécessaire pour instaurer une équité intergénérationnelle et empêcher le risque que les inégalités s'accroissent au cours des différentes étapes de la vie.

Considérant que la principale mission de l'ONUPA doit porter sur les droits des aînés et aider en particulier les plus vulnérables, il y a des gains encore plus importants à réaliser. Les améliorations passées en santé ont soutenu la croissance économique et il est raisonnable de penser que ceci pourrait aussi valoir pour les populations plus âgées. Un sixième de la main-d'œuvre mondiale est actuellement âgé de 55 ans et plus et cette proportion est appelée à se multiplier. Un programme ciblant les aînés aiderait ainsi les pays à réaliser des gains macroéconomiques.

Le nombre grandissant de personnes plus âgées et la probabilité accrue des jeunes qui deviendront vieux eux aussi signifient que beaucoup trop de pays, les formes existantes d'aide sociale sont sous-développées. Cette lacune au niveau national est un autre motif d'instaurer un organisme mondial consacré à la diffusion des pratiques exemplaires en ce domaine.

Si l'architecture institutionnelle du monde consiste à n'oublier personne, elle doit s'adapter à l'évolution de la structure démographique. Les attributions de l'ONU doivent être explicitement élargies pour justement accomplir cette mission.



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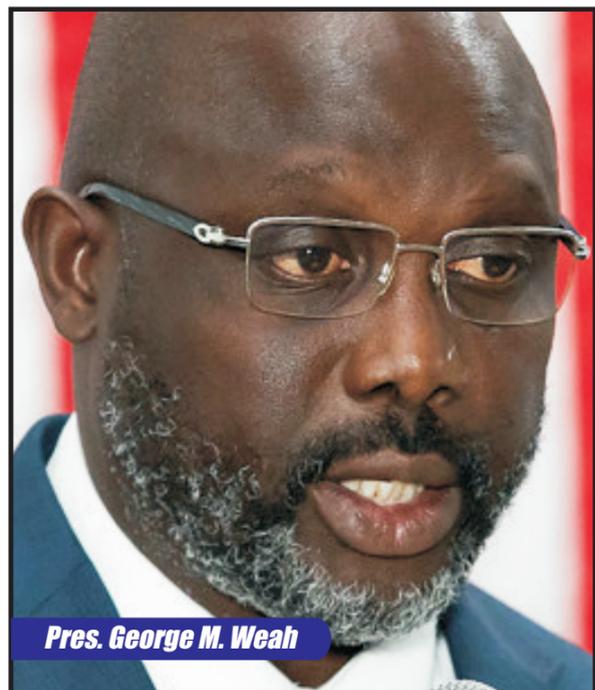
# When the Salt Loses Its Saltiness: The Case of the Council of Churches

By: Isaac W. Jackson, Jr.

The current patterns of ritualistic killings in Liberia are not scandalous for the government alone. It is also damning for the Liberia Council of Churches (LCC). The LCC is supposed to be carrying out its prophetic role of robustly denouncing injustice in society. No injustice is more devilish than the wanton killing of human beings for ritualistic purposes. Yet, in no serious manner, has the Council of Churches called out the government for the apparent lack of security, fear and violence being perpetrated against the weak, vulnerable and poor people in our country.

As a matter of fact, in addition to the ritualistic killings taking place up and down the country, poverty has also quadrupled across Liberia. Yet, still, the Council of Churches remains uncharacteristically mute, if not conspiratorially silent. The continuous silence of the Council of Churches, amidst all that has happened and continues to happen, is not only conspiratorial, but speaks to the acquiescence and collaboration of the Council with the power that be. Imagine, the mysterious deaths of four auditors; the death of Matthew Innis for threatening to spill the beans on the missing 16 billions; and the painful disappearance of three young boys while the alleged culprit still walks around Monrovia, free to do more!

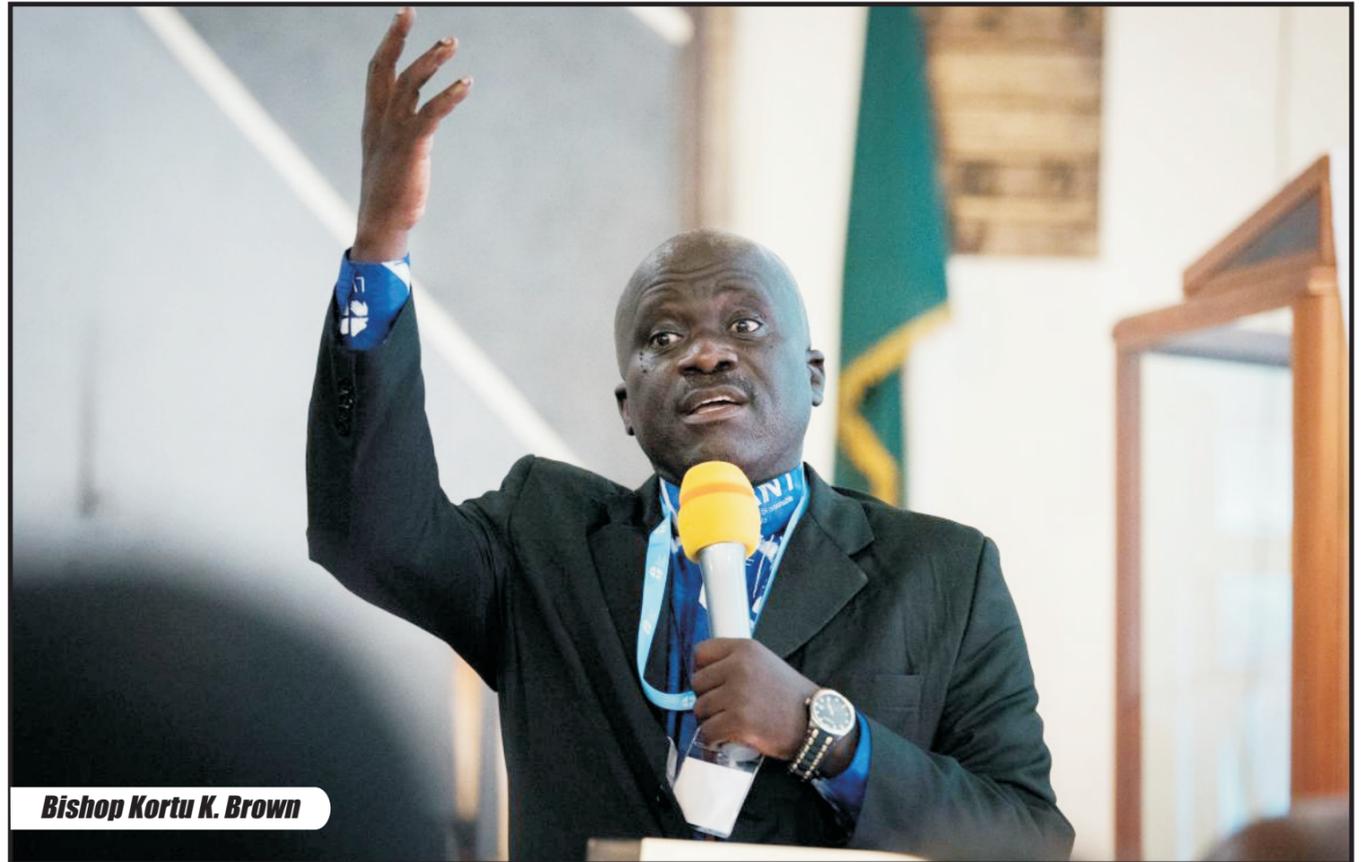
It's hard time that we boldly tell the Council of Churches that mouthing empty ecumenical and ecclesiastical rhetorics, while remaining silent about the suffering of the poor not only undermine the moral standing of the Council of Churches, but effectively besmirch the sainted



Pres. George M. Weah

memories of those who helped to establish the Council of Churches and those who stood firmly for its founding objective, including to stand and speak for the suffering community of poor people, and against societal ills.

Knowing the history of some of those who helped establish the Council of Churches, for example, Archbishop Michael Kpakala Francis, I am not sure whether Archbishop Francis would have stood idly by, and witnessed the baptism and normalization of corruption and the wave of



Bishop Kortu K. Brown

ritualistic killings in present-day Liberia.

You see, Archbishop Francis did not only demonstrate profound love for the poor, he inspired, associated with, and actively supported those who spoke truth to power on behalf of the poor. When human rights and political activists got in what John Lewis called "good trouble" with past governments, they found sanctuary at Bishop Francis' residence. The question that glares upon us is that, can activists in today's Liberia find safety at the homes of some of those handing the Council of Churches?

The answer to the question is a resounding no. Because, the evidence before us is suggestive of the fact that instead of standing for the weak, vulnerable and poor people in society, the Council of Churches in today's Liberia is basically relishing the opportunity to arrange, organize and attend programs with an Executive drooling of corruption and stained by the blood of the innocents. This cozy relationship existing between the Council of Churches and the government accounts for the impairment of the Council's functionalities, obligations and moral sway. And so, if any activist were to run to the Council of Churches for safety, such activist would be betrayed and sold to the government at the drop of a hat.

It's a crying shame that the Council of Churches is letting our people down by woefully failing to put front and center the plight of girls and women who say they are afraid when night falls, and cannot go out alone at night as death looms across the country. Some of these religious leaders are clamoring around anointing political flunkies and popular rejects of the people. Shame on you for tainting the cross you display around your necks - the cross to which many have looked for redemption and salvation.

Instead of challenging the government on the truthfulness of its assertion, which is the foundational doctrine of separation of church and state, the Council of Churches wants us to wholly accept the spider story and unashamed lie told by the Police Chief that no ritualistic killing is taking place in Liberia. How

can you ever claim to care for the souls of the flock when you show absolutely no care for the violent taking away of their lives - the lives of women and children?

As the conveyer of objective truths, the Holy Bible teaches that if the salt loses its savour, it is good for nothing; but to be cast out, and be trodden under foot of men. Aware that the current leadership of the Council of Churches is failing terribly, I suggest those in leadership resign or be booted out. As a country, we cannot continue to wallop in the paradox of having people occupying big positions, but failing to effectively carry out the job contents of those positions. As the biggest and most revered civil society organization, the Council of Churches is supposed to be straightening its backbone and speaking truth to power on behalf of the weak, vulnerable and poor people in Liberia.

Wake up, or be damned!



The Author

# Let Sudue resign

Opposition Vision for Liberian Party (VOLT) political leader Dr. Jeremiah Z. Whapoe is demanding Liberia National Police (LNP) Inspector General Col. Patrick T. Sudue's immediate resignation over his alleged inability to discharge the

not know it. He needs to free this government, let him resign," Dr. Whapoe said Thursday, 7 October 2021 on Joy FM 101.5 in Monrovia.

Dr. Whapoe accused Col. Sudue of allegedly being the main person that is damaging the Coalition for Democratic Change

the opposition community here for allegedly spreading fake news surrounding reports of ritualistic killings in the country.

Sudue and his team of police officials claimed during their radio appearance that what was being reported in the country as ritualistic killings was actually scare tactics by unscrupulous individuals and opposition politicians.

But Dr. Whapoe argued that Col. Sudue's suggestion that reports of people being killed is fake and that it is the doing of the opposition to damage the government means that the police chief knows who is doing harm in the country.

"If it is the opposition, why the Police Director ... as a principal investigator in the country, why can't he go to that particular opposition that is instigating these mayhem in the country that Liberians are losing their lives so he can bring them to justice?" Dr. Whapoe wondered.

"If it is the opposition that is killing the people let him identify that opposition to bring them to justice because that is not our interest," he added.

Whapoe suggested that by Col. Sudue allowing the particular opposition who is

allegedly involved in the mayhem to go free makes him liable to answer to the Liberian people.

The VOLT political leader noted that being in the police force and knowing what you're doing are two different things, claiming that one can get in the police force maybe by some contacts.

He believes that when Col. Sudue resigns, President George Manneh Weah will look for somebody competent to head the Liberia National Police and do better than Sudue.

He alleged that what he thinks Col. Sudue knows best is to collect his salary, saying the police chief does not know how to govern the security affairs of this country.

"You see citizens dying, these are the same people they will go after to vote for their president tomorrow," he noted.

Dr. Whapoe lamented that you have a country in which on a daily basis a citizen has to die and it is leading to demonstrations by those aggrieved.



duties of the police chief and to govern the security affairs of the country.

"But knowing the technical know - how to discharge the responsibility that is associated with that position, Patrick Sudue does

(CDC) - led government, saying there's no reason that he should be Police Inspector General here because he doesn't know what he's doing. Whapoe's comments on Thursday were a response to Col. Sudue's recent assertions on state broadcaster ELBC blaming

## Senator wants Chiefs invited

By Lincoln G. Peters

Liberia's Internal Affairs Minister Varney Sirleaf and the head of Liberia Traditional Chiefs and Elder Council, Chief Zanzan Karwor risk a Senate inquiry here over a reported traditional intimidation carried out in Bong County where Pastors and Church members have been captured and detained by a country devil for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bong County Senator Prince Moyer told local broadcaster OK FM 99.5 Thursday, 7 October 2021 that he is doing a formal communication to the Plenary of the Liberian Senate requesting it to invite Minister Sirleaf and Chief Karwor to provide explanation on the "cultural intimidation" that is currently tearing Bong County apart.

Earlier on Wednesday, 6 October 2021, several members of the Saint Assembly Ministries International, whose Pastors and Church members were captured by the country devil, stormed the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Monrovia in

a peaceful prayer gathering.

The protesters called on the Minister of Internal Affairs who had oversight on traditional practices in the country, and other relevant authorities at the Ministry to immediately release the Pastors and the Church members who were forcefully taken into a Zoe bush for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The protesters lamented that their pastors along with their wives and several members were arrested Tuesday, 5 October by a country devil and traditional leaders and taken into a Zoe bush.

According to them, their clergies and Church members have been undergoing torture and inhumane treatment at the hands of the traditional people in the Zoe bush in Gbartala.

Among those forcefully taken into the Zoe bush by the traditional folks include breastfeeding mothers and their children, and boys and girls, among others, for taking the good news of Jesus Christ to Gbartala.

The secular West African nation Liberia has a dominant Christian population compared to other religions, but in some quarters of the country, traditional people are firm on

deep traditional practices that do not welcome the Christian gospel to date.

Meanwhile, Senator Moyer said the Ministry of Internal Affairs headed by Mr. Sirleaf with counsel supervision from Chief Karwor has allegedly commercialized the tradition of the county, thereby resulting in cultural intimidation.

Senator Moyer noted that the Ministry of Internal Affairs has constructed bush schools and Zoe bush all over Bong County without his concern and the concern of other leaders, adding that young children were being forcefully initiated into traditional society.

Moyer complained that the situation is causing serious conflict in the county, and he is concerned that it will escalate if attention is not given.

He stated that children are currently living in fear without safety because they can be arrested at any time and taken into the Zoe bush by the devil for initiation.

He said academic schools are about to open next month, and the bush school and Zoe bus are there catching people's children,

## Monrovia the dirtiest

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every cent spent on waste management would make no impact unless a sustainable strategy that would harness the full involvement and ownership of ordinary citizens in terms of the way waste is handled gets into place, saying, "We are not here to make excuses. We came to solve a problem. Achieving this would require all hands on deck."

He said the City Government is adopting a bottom to top approach that

would allow community leaders to work with households to put in place a regimented waste disposal mechanism that is sustainable primarily because the people would take ownership while the City Government provides leadership.

Another way the City Government intends to remedy the menace is through converting waste to value added products such as briquettes for domestic and industrial fuel. -

Editing by Jonathan Browne



taking them into bushes despite an existing law prohibiting the traditional leaders from doing that during the school period.

"How can you have bush schools all over the county very close to the road? This bush school is our tradition and they need to be far away from town. Catching young children who are on the main street and forcefully initiating them into society is wrong," said Senator Moyer.

He pointed out that the Ministry of Internal Affairs will be held accountable for whatever conflict that will happen in the county, adding that he has told Chief Karwor and Minister Sirleaf about this so many times.

He condemned the situation involving the Zoe and the Saint Assembly Ministries International Church Pastors and members who are being detained by a country devil.

"How can you go into the Church and have Pastors and members along with their

wives and babies arrested by country devil? This is unlawful because our Constitution doesn't support that. We have to be tolerant to each religion and respect each other," said Mr. Moyer.

According to him, before there were respectable traditional leaders in the county that held the tradition in high esteem, but since they stop giving money to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Chief Karwor from the little graduation fees and other activities from children who are graduating from the bush school, they were downside and partisans were appointed to those positions.

"I'm calling on the Government of Liberia and the Ministry of Internal Affairs to stop what they are doing in Bong County. They are causing conflict in the county. People are no longer safe because bush schools are no longer far from the main street," Moyer continued.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

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## Liberia drops to second place after 2-1 defeat



**By Naneka Hoffman**  
The Lone Star of Liberia have suffered their second defeat in the World Cup Qualifier against Cape Verde after they went down

to the Nigeria's Super Eagles 2-0 at the Teslim Balogun Stadium in Lagos, on September 3, 2021 in their first match. The home boys managed to restore a short-lived hope during the match played in Accra,

Ghana when they opened the curtain-raiser against Cape Verde in the first half from leg of Striker Van Dave Harmon. Unfortunately, barely  
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