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Continental News

Biden Hosting Kenyan President at White House

U.S. President Joe Biden is welcoming his first African leader to the White House on Thursday as he hosts talks with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The White House said the meeting would include discussion of democracy and human rights issues, as well security, accelerating economic growth and addressing climate change.

Biden and Kenyatta will also talk about "the need to bring transparency and accountability to domestic and international financial systems," the White House said.

That is expected to include revelations about the offshore holdings of Kenyatta and his family. The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists said in recent reports about the Pandora Papers that Kenyatta's family had stowed away about \$30 million in offshore wealth. There is no evidence that the Kenyatta family stole any state assets.



Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta speaks in Nairobi

When asked Wednesday about the push for transparency and the Pandora Papers revelations, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden "has been quite vocal as you all know about the inequalities in the international financial system."

"That doesn't mean we don't meet with people you have disagreements on," Psaki said. "We have a range of interests in working with Kenya and working with them on issues in Africa, in the region, and that will be the primary focus."

Thursday's meeting also comes as conflict and a humanitarian crisis continue to unfold in Kenya's neighbor, Ethiopia.

Kenyatta told reporters Tuesday at the United Nations that the warring sides in

Ethiopia need to reach "a political resolution, because we do not believe that there is any military solution."

Some information for this report came from The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, and Reuters.

Nigeria to bar unvaccinated civil servants from offices

Authorities in Nigeria have announced that government workers who have not received Covid-19 jabs will not be allowed into their offices from December.

This effectively makes covid vaccines mandatory for federal civil servants across the country - a policy the government has been considering for several months. Chairman of the Presidential Steering Committee on Covid-19 Boss

Mustapha said proof of a negative Covid test done within 72 hours will be the only other option for government employees.

The government has not made any mention of visitors to its offices.

Nigeria has so far fully vaccinated just 1% of its population of more than 200 million.

Inadequate vaccine doses and hesitancy by the citizens are blamed for the low vaccination rate. But millions of doses it has

received in recent months through the Covax facility are expected to boost the vaccination campaign.

The government has also announced the lifting of travel restrictions for passengers from South Africa, Turkey and Brazil. But it has not announced any lifting of restrictions for travellers from India.

The ban was imposed in May following a spike in Covid-19 cases in those countries. BBC



Nigeria has so far fully vaccinated just 1% of its population

Mixed-heritage women sue Belgium over forced separation



Lea Tavares Mujinga, one of the women suing Belgium, was pictured arriving in court on Thursday

Five Congolese mixed-heritage women separated from their families in the colonial era are suing the Belgian state for crimes against humanity.

The women say they were taken away from their black mothers at birth solely on the basis of the colour of their skin. The five were among thousands of children taken from their families and put into the care of a religious

order in the colonial era. Most of them were not recognised by their white fathers.

Those who have gone to court were not brought to Belgium when the Republic of the Congo - as it was then known - gained independence in 1960.

The Belgian state contests the designation of their plight as a crime against humanity, an offence for which there's no time limit. BBC

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EDITORIAL

Indeed, equity in prevention matters

THE WORLD IS fighting the Covid-19 pandemic with unequal strength which is dangerous to achieve total eradication. While powerful nations such as America, Britain, France and others are determined to have their populations vaccinated 100 percent, Africa is still struggling to lay hands on at least 25 percent, if not 50 of the world's doses for its population that is predominantly youth. Something needs to be done urgently to give hope to Africa's future.

COMMENTING ON THE global health pandemic when she delivered a speech in Freetown, Sierra Leone, former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf stressed the need for vaccine equity, which she described as the primary means for prevention.

SHE SAID IT is simply wrong for richer nations to vaccinate 80 - 100 percent of the population of their countries while the poorer nations such as those in Africa have vaccinated less than 5 percent of their population. And this is true!

WHILE IT IS undisputable that richer nations have bigger populations and well sophisticated human resources that they desperately want to protect, and is their right to do so, but least they should forget, Africa is a member of the global community, and having just 5 percent of its population vaccinated against theirs doesn't promote a safe global village.

SOMETHING NEEDS TO done and done urgently to scaling up Africa's share of Covid-19 jabs to ensure equity in prevention for sustainable living. As it stands currently, the entire continent is nothing but vulnerable to everything: It lacks capital, economy has nose-dived due to slow growth and uncertainty.

MADAM SIRLEAF ALSO noted that Post-COVID-19 Inclusive Recovery also requires bridging the monopoly of vaccine manufacturing that is currently concentrated in the global North. "We have called for the waiver of intellectual property rights and technology transfers to facilitate vaccine manufacturing in the global South. There is progress to report in this regard. The voices of advocacy have prevailed and efforts are now underway for the collaboration among pharmaceutical companies that will ensure manufacturing in the global South. Already the J and J Company has started in South Africa with expected expansions to Senegal and Rwanda, and then to others", she explained.

THIS IS GOOD news for Africa and we must make maximum use of this opportunity so that Africa can increase the percentage of her people vaccinated to an appreciable level than what it is currently.

WE BELIEVE IF the J and J vaccine is manufactured right here in Africa the jabs would become affordable and available for all, and increase the number of people getting vaccinated to contain the Delta variant that has developed various strains.

ALL SEEMS NOT to be lost. We thank Madam Sirleaf herself, who co-chairs the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. She has vowed that coming months of critical discussions by governments and institutions and institutionalizing the changes that are required will make COVID-19 the last Pandemic.

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COMMENTARY

By Jayati Ghosh

The Real Rot at the IMF

NEW DELHI - There are many reasons to be critical of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, but the legitimacy crisis now confronting both institutions is not based on any of them. Instead, it has arisen for the wrong reasons, and this is serving to reinforce the real problems that have plagued the Bretton Woods institutions' functioning.

The current controversy stems from the World Bank's alleged manipulation of its annual Doing Business index in order to improve the rankings of China and Saudi Arabia. It threatens to claim the scalp of IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, who was the World Bank's chief executive officer at the time of the alleged improprieties.

The World Bank appointed a US law firm, WilmerHale, to investigate the matter. But its report relies on innuendo rather than evidence, prompting the Nobel laureate economist and former World Bank chief economist Joseph E. Stiglitz to describe it as "a hatchet job" and part of an attempted coup against Georgieva. The investigation also conveniently focused primarily on China, thereby underplaying the possible role of World Bank President David Malpass in influencing the ranking of Saudi Arabia, which was surprisingly declared the world's top reformer in the 2020 Doing Business report.

The WilmerHale report is manna from heaven for Republicans in the US Congress, who are demanding that Georgieva resign. But the current moralistic fervor about data manipulation overlooks the fact that the Doing Business index - which has now been discontinued - was deeply flawed and overtly political from the beginning. Unfortunately, it became hugely influential in driving investors' perceptions and policymakers' choices.

The problems were legion. For starters, the indicators it used emerged directly from an orthodox "Washington Consensus" economic-policy approach, irrespective of its validity or applicability in different contexts. As the Columbia University historian Adam Tooze has noted, Doing Business was always "a rickety and unpredictable construction shot through with discretion and complex judgments." My own critique centered on how the index viewed any government regulation as costly and undesirable, and treated taxation only as a cost rather than as a means of ensuring the infrastructure, institutions, and educated workforce that businesses need in order to function.

In 2018, Paul Romer, then the World Bank's chief economist, said that right-wing ideology at the Bank played a critical role in methodological changes that altered countries' rankings, and apologized to Chile's left-wing government for the artificial lowering of its rank. A more recent independent academic evaluation pointed out that the index measures only de jure rules rather than their de facto implementation, and "sometimes rewards policies that benefit

business at the expense of broader social objectives."

Georgieva's fate will be decided at this month's annual meeting of the IMF Board. But even if she remains in her post, the Doing Business controversy has damaged her stature and influence (which may have been the point). More important, this episode must not be allowed to obscure the real problems with the functioning of the Bretton Woods institutions: the disproportionate power of the United States; the IMF's deeply procyclical approach to countries that seek its support, which contradicts its original mandate; and the G7 advanced economies' unwillingness to enable multilateral institutions to address global problems.

When the IMF was established in 1944, it fell far short of John Maynard Keynes's vision of an international clearing union that would treat all countries equally. Instead - and unsurprisingly - the institution reflected countries' relative power at the time. The US secured a decisive share of voting rights and quotas, and, together with Western European countries, could determine the IMF's policies, programs, and allocations.

Despite significant changes in the global economy since then, that internal power structure has remained essentially unchanged. Even after the most recent reallocation, in 2016, the US retains a 16.73% voting share, while the OECD countries have a combined share of more than 60%. During Donald Trump's presidency, the US blocked a fresh quota allocation that, among other things, would have increased China's share. The US and the European Union can exercise veto power over any IMF decision. And under a longstanding transatlantic "gentleman's agreement," the World Bank chief is appointed by the US, while the head of the IMF is from a European country.

But perhaps the most damning criticism of the IMF relates to how its programs function. The Fund's loans not only remain inadequate for countries facing balance-of-payments problems, but also come with so many adverse conditions, including severe budget cuts, that most countries seek to avoid them. Despite this, the IMF even imposes interest surcharges on countries that are forced to borrow heavily from the Fund over a prolonged period, thereby worsening economic outcomes.

The IMF's focus on fiscal austerity has been much criticized, including by its own economists, but has persisted during the COVID-19 crisis. This betrays the IMF's original *raison d'être*: providing countercyclical lending to countries in distress so that their economies could recover with less harm to their people.

To her credit, Georgieva has sought to increase the IMF's non-conditional financing through a new \$650 billion allocation of special drawing rights (the Fund's reserve asset). She has also called for less austerity in recovery packages and for reform of the international debt architecture. Perhaps this is why those who are



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6	Gaming License (Casino up to twenty-five (25) Gaming Devices) Other Counties within the Republic of Liberia	-	USD 60,000.00
7	Gaming License (Sports Betting)	USD 40,000.00	USD 80,000.00
8	Gaming License (Scratch and Win)	USD 40,000.00	USD 50,000.00
9	Gaming Machine License (1-25 Gaming Machine)	USD 20,000.00	USD 40,000.00
10	Mini Slot (Chinese Machine)	USD 10,000.00	USD 10,000.00
11	Operation Fee per additional county (Sports Betting)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
12	Operating Fee per additional county (Scratch & Win)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
13	Operating Fee per additional county (Gaming Machine)	USD700.00	USD 1,000.00
14	Gaming Permit (Raffle)	15% of the value of the prize (s)	15% of the value of the prize (s)
15	Registration of additional Gaming Machine	USD 500.00 each	USD 500.00 each
16	Registration of additional Table Game	USD 500.00 each	USD 500.00 each
17	Permit for Promotional Game	15% of the total prize of the promotion	20% of the total prize of the promotion
18	Penalty for violation of Regulation 001	Not less than USD 2,500.00	Not less than USD 3,000.00

Dr. Whapoe blasts Commerce, Agriculture

By Lincoln G Peters

Opposition Vision for Liberia Transformation Part (VOLT) political leader Dr. Jeremiah Z. Whapoe has blasted the Ministries of Commerce and the Agriculture for their alleged failure and inability to empower local farmers and regulate business prices and the agriculture sector.



Speaking Thursday, 14 October 2021 on the Spoon 107.7 FM talkshow, Dr Whapoe said the actions of the two government institutions are responsible for the hardship that the ordinary Liberians are experiencing under this government.

spending approximately 36 million United States dollars on the importation of oranges and peanuts from neighboring Guinea and Ivory Coast, something he said is killing and damaging the economy here.

According to him, the influx of imported products on the Liberian market is seriously impeding the growth of the business and agriculture sectors of the country.

"Let's say Liberia has five hundred and fifty four million United States dollars ... and we are spending 23 million United States dollars on capital flight on pepper and four million United States dollars on the importation of rice to our country, tell me with that, how can we defeat hunger and emancipate our people from poverty?" Dr. Whapoe asked rhetorically.

Whapoe explained that if the Government of Liberia through the Ministries of Commerce and Agriculture can empower local farmers, regulate prices on the market and give priority to locally produced products, local farmers will benefit.

Whapoe, a constituent member of the Rainbow Alliance of Liberia noted that if Liberia can put in place price control, empower local farmers by making sure that imported products don't have influence over local products, the country will defeat poverty.

"If the locally produced rice or other agriculture products are given priority in our country by national stakeholders and government, we will defeat hunger and poverty," Dr. Whapoe said.

He argued that due to the economic hardship in the country, children are all in the streets selling to support their parents and homes instead of being in school seeking education.

"We have to make sure that farmers are empowered in order to reduce the too much importation of rich and other commodities on the market", Dr. Whapoe added.

He further indicated that Liberia is

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I have no criminal records

By Lincoln G. Peters

Opposition People Liberation Party (PLP) political leader Dr. Daniel E. Cassell has rejected rumors here that he and his party officials recently went to Lofa County and brought imported guns into the country, claiming that he and his officials have since been under watch by government based on such accusations.

"I have always been a law-abiding citizen even in the United States and I have no criminal record. Why will I come to help my people and

he should put all that at risk because of some silly idea.

He blamed some frustrated, expelled officials of PLP and government the government for such rumors.

"While in the United States of America, I been hearing that the government of Liberia is keeping eyes on some of our officials on grounds that we have guns and firearms in our possession," he said.

"And I have also been reliably told that some of the past officials who got expelled from the party are the ones engaging government and making such

has ended and so as hustlers, they are making falsehood as their hustle area and employment center.

"Mr. David Beyan was our former Secretary General and we suspended him for time indefinite since he was caught in telling falsehood. Moreover, David Beyan was on his private time as private citizen when the incident occurred, but people are now linking it to the party," Dr. Cassell explained.

Cassell said the accusations are false and misleading, and only intended to undermine the integrity, transparency and law-abiding spirit of the party, adding that the Government of Liberia is wasting its time to allegedly keep surveillance on.

Meanwhile, the PLP political leader is calling on his partisans and supporters to always document and video their operation whenever they are investigated by government so that the international community can know what happening in the country.

He said whatever the government decides to do, his party welcomes it, but warners that the international community is watching because he has already alerted them on some of the alleged ritualistic killings and kidnapping that are allegedly uncontrollable in the country.

For his part, Mr. Tapple E. Doe, Acting Chairman of PLP, disclosed that the party will be going for convention in November, but failed to call the exact date.

He encouraged partisans of PLP to continue to remain law-abiding, noting that their turnout and welcoming of the political leader showed their commitment and love for the party and their willingness to work collectively to liberate Liberia from the darkness of poverty and bad leadership.--

Edited by Winston W. Parley



engage into criminal activities? Does it even make sense? Dr. Cassell said on Wednesday evening, 13 October 2021 at PLP headquarters upon returning from the United States of America.

He accused some PLP officials that he recently expelled from the party of allegedly informing the government that PLP brought imported guns into the country.

Cassell argued that he is a licensed professional that society is depending on for services, pondering as to why

falsehood against the party and it's leadership", Dr. Cassell disclosed.

Dr. Cassell pointed out that those who are doing this are partisans who were expelled and have nothing to do after he cut their supply chain.

He condemned rumors that the Ministry of Justice and the Liberia National Police are allegedly keeping surveillance on him and other high ranking officials of the PLP based on the accusations from some his expelled party officials.

The PLP political leader indicated that the political career of his expelled partisans

ANC boycotts Boakai's induction as CPP chair

The Alternative National Congress (ANC) says it is boycotting the Collaborating Political Parties' (CPP's) turning over ceremony from outgoing chairperson, Grand Bassa County Senator Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence to incoming chairman, Joseph Nyumah Boakai, standard bearer of the former ruling Unity Party (UP) today, 15 October 2021.

"However, we regret to announce that the Executive Committee of the ANC has decided that the Party will not

the Turnover Ceremony, contrary to the practices of the CPP.

"We can no longer continue to tolerate a systematic pattern of conduct that willfully violates the established practices in the CPP," says Daniel Naatehn, National Chairman of the ANC.

Furthermore, the ANC believes that the program is characterized by wrongful processes, illegal profiteering and sectarian politicization; all practices that are alien to the cherished values of the CPP.

ANC political leader, Mr.



attend the CPP Turning over ceremony by Sen. Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence on tomorrow, October 15, 2021," ANC said in a statement authorized by Secretary General Aloysius Toe. The party however said it welcomes the Unity Party and its Political Leader, Ambassador Boakai, as incoming Chair of the Collaborating Political Parties.

But it maintained that its decision to boycott Boakai's induction today borders on the exclusion of the ANC from the planning and organization of

Alexander B. Cummings has stated that, "the ANC will only participate in activities that are legalized within the Framework Document, which includes and binds all four parties, and will no longer be expected to 'go along' in good faith, as others are knee-deep in violations and bad faith actions."

The ANC hopes that, unlike the outgoing Chair - Sen. Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, the tenure of the incoming Chair will see the CPP reverse course and recommit to doing the right things the right way, as we promised the Liberian people.

GOL, business owners brainstorm on procurement matters

By Lewis S. Teh

The Public Procurement Commission or PPCC in partnership with business owners and managers has concluded two days brainstorming workshop aimed at providing knowledge about government procurement related

matters.

The two days' bid tendering workshop was also aimed at strengthening collaboration, competition, and increasing participation of businesses in public procurement and formalization of the informal sector of the economy, commenced on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Paynesville Town Hall, in the City of

Paynesville.

PPCC Executive Director Atty. Jargbe Roseline Nagbe Kowo said the workshop was intended to enlighten heads of businesses and managers, who are doing business with the Government of Liberia.

She said as per mandate of the PPCC, the institution is to ensure the private sector including business owners, managers, and chief executive officers understand the workings of the PPCC.

Atty. Kowo said participants were drawn from Grand Bassa, Bomi, and Montserrado counties and there will be more interactions with the private sector in the future to enlighten their minds, and make them to be aware of their responsibility and obligation as a private sector and as bidders they also need to know what their rights are under the PPCC Act.

The workshop initiated under the auspices of the PPCC) with support from the

United Nations Development Program or UNDP was particularly designed to strengthen the capacity of businesses to take advantage of available procurement opportunities as in the case of the 25% procurement exclusively set aside in the Small Business Act (SBA) for Liberian-owned businesses.

Over 150 participants, representing different business interests are expected to attend the exercise that will be

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Boakai takes over CPP today

By Bridgett Milton

As all is set for the Liberty Party to officially turn over the national chairmanship of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) to the Unity Party. The UP, a constituent party of the Collaboration, is headed by former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai.

Lawrence that the turnover should be done at the LP Headquarters, instead, of the Unity Party.

In his communication, the LP chairman Musa Hassan Bility says, the official turnover ceremony marking the transition is usually held at the headquarters of the constituent party that is relinquishing authority, not at the

up of a transition committee that worked for more than two weeks to plan and execute the transition activities before the official turnover

Bility explains it is done in this manner because the transition is not just an event but a process that includes turning over relevant documents, moving CPP billboards and flag to the party taking over.

"Madam PL, it was against the above tradition and procedures that the LP/CPP secretary general wrote the UP on the 13 of September 2021 through its secretary general informing UP of LP's readiness to transition and requesting the commencement of transition meetings", he notes.

He says the communication to the Unity Party was clear that the turnover ceremony was the final part of the transition and as such, the date for this ceremony needed to be discussed and agreed upon at the transition meeting, but there have been no transition committee set up as requested by the LP and both the Liberty Party and the UP have scheduled the turning program to be held at the UP headquarters.

Boakai is replacing the Political Leader of the Liberty Party, Senator Nyonblee Kanga Lawrence. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*



Mr. Boakai, is today, October 15, 2021, taking over as Chair for the opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) as part of a two-year rotational leadership.

The National Executive Committee of the Liberty Party has written to the Political Leader of Liberty Party Nyonblee Kangar

headquarters of the incoming constituent party.

He maintains that as a tradition and procedure in turning over to another CPP constituent party, consistent with Article 9.3(3) of the CPP framework document, when the LP took over from the Alternative National Congress (ANC) the process was initiated by setting

Ellen shares Freetown experience with Kojjee

By Lewis S. Teh

Ex-Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has called on Liberians to redouble their efforts in helping the Monrovia city government to give the capital a decent facelift.

"The cleanliness of this city starts with each and every one of you; what you do and say will make this city what we all want it to be", she says.

Madam Sirleaf made the call on Thursday, October 13, 2021 following a closed door meeting with the Mayor of Monrovia Jefferson T. Kojjee, upon her return from Freetown, Sierra Leone where she had gone to address a forum.

She said the purpose of her visit to the City Corporation was to share experience from neighboring Sierra Leone with Mayor Kojjee.

Many had thought that her



Former President Sirleaf with Monrovia Mayor Jefferson T. Kojjee

visit to the mayor was to advise him on how to proceed with things at the MCC, especially after one of Liberia's major partners, the European Union Head of Delegation to Liberia Laurent Delahousse' described

Monrovia as disgusting and dirtiest of cities in Africa.

Speaking at the start of a two-day Solid Waste Management Forum here recently Ambassador Delahousse' noted, "Monrovia

Goalkeeper Watta

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lack of support.

She stressed that due to lack of support and attention, female footballers sometimes lead to early marriage and teenage pregnancy.

"More of my friends that we all started playing football in Kakata dropped from school because they don't have money to continue their learning".

A 10th grade student of the Giddings Polytechnic school in Kakata City, she added that one of the major challenges they face as female players is lack of training materials like jerseys and football boots which their parents are not

willing to purchase for them to forward their dream.

"More often I hide myself just to go practice with my colleagues because my mother does not want to see me playing football as a female".

"sometimes my mother will beat on me when she finds out that I come from playing football, it causes me to sometimes run away from the house to call people to come beg for me", Watta narrates.

However, she is optimistic of playing for a top football club in the future. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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is disgusting and the dirtiest cities of the many places I have visited in my work in Africa."

He added that more needs to be done because a clean city is critical to attract tourists and create jobs for young people - which is a big issue in Liberia.

But the former President dismissed having any idea of the EU Envoy's remarks, saying "I'm not aware; I don't know anything about this in fact, I just returned from Sierra Leone."

When asked to grade the performance of Mayor Kojjee, Madam Sirleaf responds I don't have the formula to give grades, what I can say now is to encourage everyone to work together, if we all must have a decent city, there's a need to work together."

Meanwhile, Mayor Kojjee expresses pleasure to have hosted the former President at the MCC, saying "As you may know, she is a senior citizen and it was an opportunity to have sat with her."

Though he couldn't say the outcome of the meeting, but notes that the Ex-president met his Sierra Leonean counterpart in Freetown, who

visited Liberia in February and she thought it was important to have come and share the experience she had in Freetown.

Kojjee discloses that Madam Sirleaf has volunteered her services to helping the city government, nothing that her visit to the MCC was to send a message to everyone irrespective of religion or politics to work together for the betterment of the city and the country at large.

He notes the scenario in Sierra Leone is far different from Liberia, saying in Freetown, the mayor and her council members are elected officials, and any resources that are collected are utilized by the council, unless in Liberia where the mayor and his councilmen are appointed, where budgetary allotments are being decided by central government.

"But that's not the issue; I think the central message is we must all begin to work together, because the filthiness of any city isn't done by foreigners but rather Liberian citizens, it is now time for our people to detest some cultural behavior", says Mayor Kojjee. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Français

PYJ risque de perdre les élections à Nimba en 2023

Plusieurs habitants du comté de Nimba ont juré de ne pas soutenir Prince Yormie Johnson, sénateur du comté de Nimba, pour sa réélection, et tous ceux qu'il soutiendra aux prochaines élections présidentielle et générales de 2023.

Les personnes interrogées dans la région par notre journaliste lors d'une récente tournée dans cette partie du pays accusent le sénateur Johnson de s'être servi d'eux pour son intérêt personnel.

Selon les habitants de Zoe Town, dans le district n° 4 du comté de Nimba, le sénateur Johnson, qui achèvera son deuxième mandat de neuf ans en 2023, utilise depuis longtemps le comté de Nimba comme un fonds de commerce politique en concluant des accords politiques au nom des pauvres gens pour des intérêts égoïstes.

Ancien général rebelle libérien redouté, le sénateur Johnson utilise son renom de grand guerrier pour assujettir

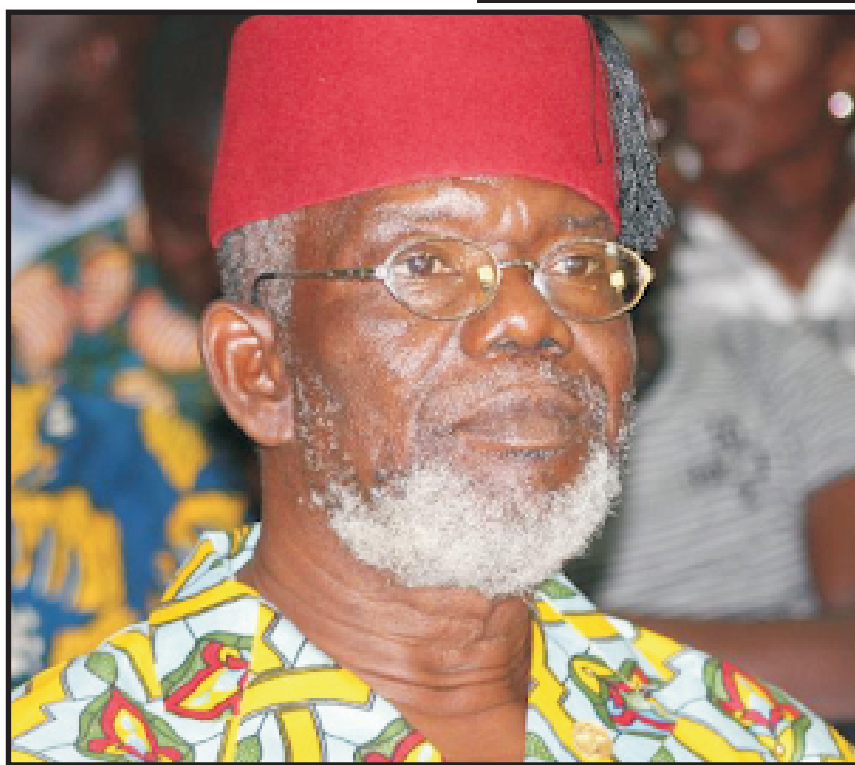
toutes les voix dans tout son comté pendant les périodes électorales. Il semble parfois intimider les habitants de la localité en leur faisant croire qu'ils ne seraient pas défendus en temps de crise s'ils ne suivent pas son conseil de voter pour lui et pour le candidat qu'il aura choisi à la présidentielle.

A en croire certains habitants

interrogés par notre journaliste, pendant les élections présidentielles, le sénateur Johnson demande de l'argent aux autres candidats et leur promet le soutien de son comté.

« Le sénateur Prince Johnson est responsable des

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Weah salue la décision de la Cour Suprême sur la double nationalité

Le président George M. Weah a qualifié de capitale la décision de la Cour suprême du Libéria d'annuler un article de la loi sur les étrangers et la nationalité qui retire automatiquement la citoyenneté à tout Libérien qui acquiert une autre nationalité.

La décision du tribunal est une réalisation du désir de longue date du président de faire en sorte que les Libériens de toutes tendances, qui ont quitté le

pays en raison de la guerre civile, ne soient pas privés de leurs droits et privilèges sur la terre qu'ils considèrent comme leur patrie. "C'est la victoire pour tous les Libériens", a-t-il déclaré.

Le mois dernier, le ministre de la Justice, Frank Musa Dean, a officiellement informé le doyen du Cabinet, le ministre des Affaires étrangères D. Maxwell Kemayah, de la décision de la Cour suprême.

Dans sa communication, le ministre Dean a souligné que

désormais un Libérien de naissance qui obtient la naturalisation d'un pays étranger ne perdra sa citoyenneté libérienne qu'à la suite d'une "procédure régulière" de la loi. Il a appelé le ministère des Affaires étrangères à s'assurer que les responsables de la mise en œuvre des règlements révisés régissant l'administration et la délivrance des passeports libériens "en prennent dûment note".

On peut rappeler que malgré l'objection de certains politiciens, l'administration Weah a présenté un ensemble de propositions - dont l'appel à la double nationalité - lors du référendum national de 2020. Le président a également lancé un appel similaire au parlement national lors de son premier discours devant cet organe en 2018. Par cette décision, par conséquent, tous les Libériens restent Libériens à moins qu'ils soient déchu de leur citoyenneté par ordonnance ou jugement d'un tribunal compétent.

"Certains d'entre eux [les Libériens] ont du succès, mais ils n'ont pas la propriété [des

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Éditorial

Vaccin contre le COVID-19 : l'Afrique n'est pas à oublier

Le monde combat la pandémie du Covid-19, mais avec une force inégale. Ce qui est peu efficace si l'on veut parvenir à une éradication totale de la maladie. Pendant que des nations puissantes telles que l'Amérique, la Grande-Bretagne et la France visent vacciner toutes leurs populations entières, l'Afrique, elle, a toujours du mal à trouver du vaccin pour vacciner ne serait-ce un quart de sa population. Il faut faire quelque chose dans l'urgence pour donner de l'espoir à l'Afrique.

Prononçant un discours à Freetown, en Sierra Leone, l'ancienne présidente libérienne Ellen Johnson Sirleaf a souligné la nécessité de faire preuve d'équité en matière de vaccination qui reste toujours le seul moyen efficace de prévention.

Pour elle, vacciner tout le monde dans les pays riches pendant que dans les pays les plus pauvres comme ceux d'Afrique on ne peut pas vacciner au moins de 5% de leur population est très contre-productif.

Il est incontestable que les nations les plus riches ont des populations plus importantes et des ressources humaines bien sophistiquées qu'elles veulent désespérément protéger, mais il ne faut pas oublier que l'Afrique fait partie de la communauté mondiale, et donc vacciner que 5% de sa population constituera un danger pour l'humanité toute entière.

Il faut faire quelque chose et très urgemment pour augmenter la part de vaccin pour l'Afrique afin de pouvoir protéger tout le monde. Car dans l'état actuel des choses, le continent tout entier est vulnérable. Il manque de capitaux et son économie croît très lentement.

Madame Sirleaf a également dit que la relance inclusive post-COVID-19 nécessite également que l'on se débarrasse du monopole de la fabrication des vaccins dans le Nord. « Nous appelons à la renonciation aux droits de propriété intellectuelle et aux transferts de technologie pour faciliter la fabrication de vaccins dans les pays du Sud. Des progrès sont à signaler à cet égard. Les voix du plaidoyer ont prévalu et des efforts sont maintenant en cours pour la collaboration entre les sociétés pharmaceutiques qui assureront la fabrication dans les pays du Sud.

Déjà la J and J Company a démarré en Afrique du Sud avec des expansions attendues au Sénégal et au Rwanda, puis dans d'autres pays », a-t-elle expliqué.

C'est une bonne nouvelle pour l'Afrique et nous devons tirer parti de cette opportunité afin que l'Afrique puisse vacciner une grande partie de sa population.

Nous pensons que si le vaccin J&J est fabriqué ici en Afrique, il sera beaucoup plus abordable et disponible pour tous, et beaucoup de personnes seront vaccinées.

Tout ne semble pas perdu. Nous remercions Madame Sirleaf qui copréside le Panel indépendant pour la préparation et la réponse aux pandémies. Elle a promis que les prochains mois des discussions critiques entre les gouvernements et les institutions et l'institutionnalisation des changements nécessaires feront de COVID-19 la dernière pandémie.

Français

PYJ risque de perdre les

souffrances que subissent les habitants du comté de Nimba sous cette administration, car il nous a amenés à vendre nos votes qui représentent nos droits. Et s'est fait à plusieurs reprises », a déclaré un habitant.

M. Aloysius Bahn, un habitant du district n°4 du comté de Nimba, a expliqué lors d'une interview que c'est parce que le sénateur Johnson a le sentiment qu'il s'est battu pour eux dans le comté de Nimba, qu'il utilise leurs votes comme un fonds de commerce chaque fois qu'il y a une élection.

Selon M. Bahn, le sénateur Johnson collecte des fonds auprès des autres politiciens à l'insu des électeurs du comté pendant les périodes électorales, et ceux qu'il présente souvent aux gens de Nimba travaillent jamais dans l'intérêt du comté.

"En 2017, il nous a présenté le président George Manneh Weah pour que nous votons pour et nous l'avons fait pour lui. Cependant, nous ne savions pas que nous faisons des erreurs. Nous l'avons fait parce que nous avions confiance en lui", a dit Bahn. Selon lui, le comté souffre et le président et le sénateur Johnson ne font rien pour remédier aux difficultés du comté et du pays dans son ensemble. Le sénateur Johnson en profiterait parce qu'il a obtenu de l'argent de leurs votes qu'il aurait vendus en 2017.

"Pas de bonnes routes dans

le comté. Nous n'avons aucun moyen d'avoir un établissement médical amélioré dans le comté où nous pouvons nous faire soigner et être bien. La montagne dans notre comté, nous n'en bénéficions pas", a-t-il déclaré.

"En 2023, nous ne voterons pas pour le sénateur Prince Johnson et toute autre personne qu'il nous amènera lors des prochaines élections présidentielles et générales", a promis M. Bahn.

S'exprimant également, Abraham Kergongor Gbangaye, un habitant de Loelay Town et Madame Gweh Karnusama, membre de Concerned Women of Zakulay, ont regretté d'avoir voté pour le gouvernement de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) dirigé par le président Weah.

Selon eux, les difficultés actuelles que connaît le pays et qui ne sont toujours pas résolues sont quelque chose d'alarmant.

Ils ont dit qu'il n'y a pas de bonnes écoles pour les enfants dans les locaux ruraux de Nimba, et pour obtenir une éducation de qualité et de bons soins médicaux, il faut se rendre à Ganata City et à Karnplay.

"Nous avons décidé de ne pas voter [pour] le sénateur Prince Johnson et quiconque qu'il nous amènera en 2023", ont déclaré les Nimbaiens.

"Nous chercherons l'un de nos fils et nous nous tiendrons à ses côtés au lieu d'aller derrière quelqu'un que le sénateur Prince Johnson nous présentera pour son intérêt personnel", ont-ils dit.

Weah salue la décision de la Cour

terres], le référendum est une proposition pour y arriver", a exhorté les électeurs en campagne électorale en octobre 2020.

La décision d'annuler la section anti-double citoyenneté de la loi sur les étrangers et la nationalité intervient à un moment où le gouvernement planifie le 200^e anniversaire de l'arrivée des esclaves libérés au

Libéria. La célébration d'une année, qui commence en janvier 2022, vise à reconquérir et à annoncer le rôle de leadership du Libéria dans le panafricanisme, tout en célébrant son riche patrimoine culturel et ses vastes attractions touristiques. Ce sera l'occasion pour la diaspora libérienne, les Afro-Américains et les amis du Libéria de visiter le pays.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Jayati Ghosh

Ce qui est vraiment pourri au royaume du FMI

NEW DELHI - On peut se montrer critique sur de nombreux points à l'égard du Fonds monétaire international et de la Banque mondiale, mais la crise de légitimité qui touche actuellement ces deux institutions n'est fondée sur aucune d'entre elles. Au lieu de cela, elle a éclaté pour de mauvaises raisons - ce qui ne fait qu'aggraver les vrais problèmes qui minent le bon fonctionnement des institutions de Bretton Woods.

La controverse actuelle découle de la manipulation présumée par la Banque mondiale de son indice annuel Doing Business en vue d'améliorer le classement de la Chine et de l'Arabie saoudite. Cette controverse risque bien d'avoir la peau de la Directrice générale du FMI Kristalina Georgieva, qui était la Directrice générale de la Banque mondiale au moment de ces irrégularités présumées.

La Banque mondiale a nommé un cabinet d'avocats américain, WilmerHale, pour enquêter sur la question. Mais son rapport se fonde sur des insinuations plutôt que sur des preuves, ce qui a poussé Joseph E. Stiglitz, prix Nobel d'économie et ancien économiste en chef de la Banque mondiale, à décrire cet indicent comme une « entreprise de démolissage » et une tentative de coup d'État à l'encontre de Georgieva. L'enquête s'est également commodément concentrée pour l'essentiel sur la Chine, en mettant ainsi au second plan le rôle possible du président de la Banque mondiale David Malpass dans l'influence du classement de l'Arabie saoudite, qui a été étonnamment nommée premier réformateur mondial dans le rapport Doing Business de 2020.

Le rapport WilmerHale est un don du ciel pour les Républicains du Congrès américain, qui exigent la démission de Georgieva. Mais la ferveur moraliste actuelle à l'égard de la manipulation des données néglige le fait que l'indice Doing Business - qui est à présent abandonné - était depuis le début profondément vicié et ouvertement politique par nature. Malheureusement, il est devenu extrêmement influent dans les appréciations des investisseurs et les choix des décideurs.

Les problèmes de cet indice étaient légion. Tout d'abord, les indicateurs qu'il utilisait ont émergé directement d'une approche orthodoxe de politique économique du « consensus de Washington », indépendamment de sa validité ou de son applicabilité dans différents contextes. Comme l'a fait remarquer l'historien de l'Université de Columbia Adam Tooze, l'indice Doing Business a toujours été « une construction chancelante et imprévisible mise en œuvre avec discrétion et à l'aide de jugements complexes ». Ma propre critique s'est concentrée sur la manière dont l'indice considérait toute réglementation gouvernementale comme coûteuse et indésirable, et traitait la fiscalité uniquement comme un coût plutôt que comme un moyen de garantir les infrastructures, les institutions et la main-d'œuvre éduquée dont les entreprises ont besoin pour fonctionner.

En 2018, Paul Romer, alors économiste en chef de la Banque mondiale, a déclaré que l'idéologie de droite de la Banque avait joué un rôle crucial dans les changements méthodologiques qui ont modifié le classement des pays et s'est excusé auprès du gouvernement de gauche du Chili de la baisse artificielle de son classement. Une évaluation plus récente et plus indépendante a souligné que l'indice ne mesure que les règles de jure plutôt que leur mise en œuvre de facto, et « récompense parfois les politiques qui bénéficient aux entreprises au détriment d'objectifs sociaux plus larges ».

Le sort de Georgieva sera scellé lors de la réunion annuelle du Conseil d'administration du FMI ce mois-ci. Mais même si elle conserve son poste, la

controverse Doing Business a porté atteinte à sa stature et à son influence (ce qui était peut-être l'objectif recherché). Plus important encore, cet épisode ne doit pas faire oublier les véritables problèmes du fonctionnement des institutions de Bretton Woods : le pouvoir disproportionné des États-Unis ; l'approche profondément procyclique du FMI envers les pays qui cherchent à obtenir son soutien, qui contredit son mandat initial ; et la réticence des économies avancées du G7 à permettre aux institutions multilatérales de résoudre les problèmes mondiaux.

Lorsque le FMI a été créé en 1944, il n'était déjà plus à la hauteur de la vision de John Maynard Keynes d'une Union internationale de compensation, qui devait mettre tous les pays sur un même pied d'égalité. Au lieu de cela - et sans surprise - l'institution a reflété la puissance relative des pays à cette époque. Les États-Unis ont obtenu la part du lion des droits de vote et des quotas, et, avec les pays d'Europe occidentale, ont été en mesure de déterminer les politiques, les programmes et les allocations du FMI.

Malgré des changements importants dans l'économie mondiale depuis lors, cette structure du pouvoir interne est restée essentiellement inchangée. Même après la dernière réaffectation, en 2016, les États-Unis conservent une part de vote de 16,73 %, tandis que les pays de l'OCDE détiennent une part combinée de plus de 60 %. Durant la présidence de Donald Trump, les États-Unis ont bloqué une nouvelle répartition des quotas qui, entre autres choses, auraient augmenté la part de la Chine. Les États-Unis et l'Union européenne peuvent exercer un droit de veto sur toute décision du FMI. Et dans le cadre d'un accord informel transatlantique de longue date, le directeur de la Banque mondiale est nommé par les États-Unis, tandis que le directeur du FMI est issu d'un pays européen.

Mais la critique la plus accablante du FMI concerne peut-être le fonctionnement de ses programmes. Non seulement les prêts du Fonds restent inadéquats pour les pays qui font face à des problèmes de balance des paiements, mais ils font face également à tant de conditions défavorables, notamment à des réductions budgétaires si sévères, que la plupart des pays cherchent à les éviter. Malgré cela, le FMI impose même des majorations d'intérêts aux pays contraints d'emprunter massivement au Fonds sur une période prolongée, ce qui nuit à leurs résultats économiques.

L'accent mis par le FMI sur l'austérité budgétaire a été très critiqué, en particulier par ses propres économistes, mais a persisté durant la crise de la COVID-19. Cela va à l'encontre de la raison d'être initiale du FMI : accorder des prêts contre-cycliques aux pays en détresse afin que leurs économies puissent se redresser en causant moins de tort à leur population.

À son crédit, Georgieva a cherché à augmenter le financement non conditionnel du FMI par une nouvelle allocation de 650 milliards de dollars de droits de tirage spéciaux (l'actif de réserve du Fonds). Elle a également appelé à moins d'austérité dans les plans de relance et à une réforme de l'architecture de la dette internationale. C'est peut-être la raison pour laquelle ceux qui tentent de la démettre de ses fonctions s'opposent également à tout changement progressif des institutions de Bretton Woods.

Des efforts en ce sens sont non seulement injustes mais également à courte vue. Si une organisation internationale comme le FMI ne peut pas fournir des biens publics mondiaux de base ni répondre à des fléaux publics planétaires comme la pandémie et la crise climatique, alors elle ne sert plus à rien. Le G7 a fait preuve de discrimination par rapport à sa tâche de leadership mondial, et pourtant ses dirigeants tentent de détourner l'utilisation des institutions multilatérales pour relever les énormes défis transnationaux auxquels nous sommes confrontés. Les historiens à venir se demanderont pourquoi les pays riches d'aujourd'hui ont ainsi agi à l'encontre de leur propre intérêt.





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Bomi County

District: 1

S/No:	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Gender	Party	Recommendation
1	BOAKAI II	ARMAH		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
2	BROWN	CHARLES	S.	Male	Collaborating Political Parties (CPP)	Accepted
3	KARMO	JOHN	D.	Male	Liberian National Union (LINU)	Accepted
4	LANSANAH	FINDA		Female	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
5	MCGILL	EDWIN		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
6	SANDO, SR.	HARRY		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
7	TULAY, SR.	ROOSEVELT	ALVIN	Male	People's Unification Party (PUP)	Accepted
8	VARNEY	J.	KPAKPA OBEDIAH	Male	Liberia Restoration Party (LRP)	Accepted
9	VINCENT	SEH	MAXWELL	Male	Liberian's People's Party (LPP)	Accepted

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Bong County

District: 2

S/No:	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Gender	Party	Recommendation
1	BETTER	JOE	K.	Male	Movement for One Liberia (MOL)	Accepted
2	BETTER	JOSHUA	D.K.	Male	Collaborating Political Parties (CPP)	Accepted
3	BLACKIE	LAWUNKONO	JEFFERSON	Male	Rainbow Alliance (RA)	Accepted
4	GBOE	EDWARD		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
5	KOLLEH	JAMES	M.	Male	People's Unification Party (PUP)	Accepted
6	KOLLIE	JERRY		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
7	NGENDA	JAMES		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
8	SALVAGE	MELVIN	K.	Male	Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC)	Accepted
9	SAYBAY	JAMES	KARPEE	Male	Liberia Restoration Party (LRP)	Accepted
10	SIAKOR, JR.	MATTHEW		Male	Liberian National Union (LINU)	Accepted
11	TARTOR	JAMES	MULBAH	Male	Movement for Progressive Change (MPC)	Accepted
12	YARKPAWOLO, JR.	PAASEWE		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted

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Grand Gedeh County

District: 1

S/No:	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Gender	Party	Recommendation
1	DUKULY	ANSU		Male	Collaborating Political Parties (CPP)	Accepted
2	GWION, SR.	EROL	MADISON	Male	Liberia Restoration Party (LRP)	Accepted
3	SAYDEE	FESTER	JARBAH	Male	People's Unification Party (PUP)	Accepted
4	SOHN	SEWARD		Male	Liberian National Union (LINU)	Accepted
5	SOKAN, SR	JEREMIAH	GARWO	Male	Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC)	Accepted
6	YAH	GEORGE	NYAN	Male	Rainbow Alliance (RA)	Accepted

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Nimba County

District: 1

S/No:	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Gender	Party	Recommendation
1	BROWN, SR.	SAMUEL		Male	Independent Candidate (IND)	Accepted
2	DAHNS	ZAWOLO	LAKPOH	Male	Liberia Restoration Party (LRP)	Accepted
3	FREEMAN	ABIGIAL	B.L.	Female	Movement for One Liberia (MOL)	Accepted
4	MAWEAH	FRANCIS	NYA	Male	Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR)	Accepted
5	SUA	LAWRENCE		Male	Collaborating Political Parties (CPP)	Accepted
6	TEAH, SR.	LARRY	LOMBAYE	Male	United People's Party (UPP)	Accepted

2021 House of Representatives By-Elections: Total Candidates: 33

Female Candidates: 2.

Male Candidates: 31.

Independent Candidates: 9

Political Parties/Coalition/Alliance Candidates: 24

Singbeh accuses Musa Dean, others

Senate Secretary Nanborlor Singbeh has accused Justice Minister Musa Dean and his Assistance, Cllr. Wesseh A. Wessehof displaying conflict of interests in the ongoing theft of property case involving himself and "British national" Hans Armstrong.

He argues that it is impossible for him to get a fair representation in the case as a private prosecutor, when state prosecutors who are at loggerhead with him, are aligned to the defendant and have served as counsel for the defendant in the same case.

In his letter dated October 13, 2021, detailing reasons why he has rejected the services of state lawyers in the controversial theft of property case, Singbeh accuses Minister Dean and the Assistant Minister for Litigation Cllr. Wesseh of being in cohort with defendant Armstrong.

"...that prior to your ascendancy as Minister of Justice, you (Musa Dean) appointed co-defendant Hans Armstrong as a member of the Board of Directors and Managing Director respectively of our company, MHM EKO Liberia while appointing yourself as Chairman, Board of Directors and President of MHM EKO LIBERIA, Inc. quite repugnant to the By-laws of MHM EKO LIBERIA, INC. and without any reference to me as Chairman," Singbeh said in the letter addressed to Justice Minister Musa Dean.

Singbeh narrated further that the fact that Cllr. Dean once served as Armstrong's defense counsel in the same case before ascending to the office of the Justice Minister would make it difficult if not impossible for him to get adequate representation from the state.

"...that based on the fact that you presently preside over the affairs of the Ministry of Justice thereby exercising influence over all prosecutors at the

State Prosecutor assigned to my case in person of Cllr. Wesseh A. Wesseh, Assistant Minister for Litigation at the Ministry of Justice cannot serve as Prosecutor in my case based on the fact that he is in cohort with Mr. Hans Armstrong, one of co-defendants in this case as exhibited by him (Cllr. Wesseh) calling for a nolleprosequi of said case without my knowledge and



Ministry, I see it difficult if not impossible to have a trust in any prosecutor at the Ministry of Justice for a case which started with your participation, having served as counsel for defendant Hans Armstrong in my said case," the Senate Scribe said.

Singbeh also accuses Cllr. Wesseh of being in cohort with defendant Armstrong. "That the

input." He argued.

He further argued that Cllr. Wesseh cannot be trusted to handle his case effectively on grounds that he (Singbeh) has complained Cllr. Wesseh to the Chief Justice for unethical behavior for allegedly solicited funds from co-defendant Armstrong in order to induce jurors to indict him

falsely. The particular case in question is the ongoing dispute between Singbeh and Armstrong over the rightful ownership of two yellow machines that include one caterpillar excavator with model 325 DNL valued at USD120, 000.00 and one Atlas Copco Jackhammer valued at USD 225, 000, 00.

The machines belong to MHM EKO Liberia Inc, and the equipment in question is currently being rented by ArcelorMittal Liberia.

The case was initially filed

Kesselly Boulevard

Gardnersville, Japan Freeway
Monrovia, Liberia

October 13, 2021

Cllr. Frank Musa Dean, Jr.
MINISTER/ATTORNEY GENERAL
Ministry of Justice
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Mr. Minister:

I present my compliments and wish to humbly request the Ministry of Justice for the issuance of a Letter Patent in the case In Re: Republic of Liberia vs Hans Armstrong et al in which I am the Private Prosecutor with the following to wit:

1. That the State Prosecutor assigned to my case in person of Cllr. Wesseh A. Wesseh, Assistant Minister for Litigation at the Ministry of Justice cannot serve as Prosecutor in my case based on the fact that he is in cohort with Mr. Hans Armstrong, one of co-defendants in this case as exhibited by him (Cllr. Wesseh) calling for a nolleprosequi of said case without my knowledge and input. Also that Cllr. Wesseh cannot be trusted to handle my case effectively to my satisfaction due to the fact that I complained him to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, His Honor Francis S. Korkpor, Sr. for unethical behavior in which he solicited funds from co-defendant Armstrong in order to indict me falsely;

2. That it seems impossible for a State prosecutor in a case who is at loggerhead with a Private Prosecutor to effectively prosecute a case in which the State prosecutor is aligned to the defendants and serving as Counsel for the defendants;

3. That due to the fact that prior to your ascendancy as Minister of Justice, you appointed co-defendant Hans Armstrong as a member of the Board of Directors and Managing Director respectively of our company, MHM EKO Liberia while appointing yourself as Chairman, Board of Directors and President of MHM EKO LIBERIA, Inc. quite repugnant to the By-laws of MHM EKO LIBERIA, INC. and without any reference to me as Chairman of the Board of shareholders and President of MHM EKO LIBERIA, INC.

4. That based on the fact that you presently preside over the affairs of the Ministry of Justice thereby exercising influence over all prosecutors at the Ministry, I see it difficult if not impossible to have a trust in any prosecutor at the Ministry of Justice for a case which started with your participation, having served as counsel for defendant Hans Armstrong in my said case.

5. That based on the above facts and in order to proceed with my case referenced above, request that a Letter Patent be given to the below named Institutions that I trust can effectively prosecute my case as Private Prosecutor.

- Wright and Associates Law firm
- Sayeh and Sayeh Law Office

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

J. Nanborlor F. Singbeh, Sr.
Private Prosecutor

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facilitated by PPCC staff and PFM/IFMIS Advisor assigned at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP).

An appreciable number of businesses operating in Bong, Nimba, Margibi, and Grand Bassa Counties have been invited to participate in the workshop.

Areas earmarked for

GOL, business owners

discussions include preparation of a responsive bid/proposal for goods, works & services procurement, non-consulting services & framework contracting, PPCC's Vendor registration procedures & requirements, modernization of Public Procurement System, as well as the complaint mechanism.

The Public Procurement and

Concessions Commission (PPCC) is Liberia's premier regulatory entity responsible for public procurement and concessions award processes and is committed to working with all parties in ensuring transparency and accountability. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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He noted that Liberia is gradually moving to a bigger illiteracy rate because children are not given the opportunity to explore their education capacity, rather, they are finding food for themselves and their family because the government and the system have failed the people.

"Eating and living is the responsibility of government to provide these rights for it's citizens. We are now living in great fear in our country due

Dr. Whapoe blasts

to the many alleged report of mysterious disappearance and ritualistic killings across the country", Dr. Whapoe disclosed.

He said if he is elected president of the Republic of Liberia, he will use the first two years to divide the country into four Agriculture Districts and his government will invest 24 million United States dollars to make sure that Liberian products are given priority.

"I will put high tariff on imported rice and other commodities at which time those

agriculture districts will help through the empowerment they have received to produce all the local rice that reach our consumption," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Whapoe is calling on Liberians to be patient, noting that comes 2023, he will bring true change with better leadership through agriculture which will end poverty and open economic empowerment and development for citizens. *-- Edited by Winston W. Parley*

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Goalkeeper Watta wants women's football supported



Women Football on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 via mobile phone, she said there are many active females playing football for teams in the county but they continue to struggle for education due to lack of financial strength.

She explains there is need for more attention to be given to women's football to promote the game.

Watta Sheriff laments that it is a total disservice to women's soccer in the country further urging the need for government to develop plans and programs to support women's soccer.

The 19-year-old goalkeeper says there are more talented female players whose dream of becoming professional footballers dies often due to

By: Naneka Hoffman

Kakata Base Football Academy goalkeeper Watta Sheriff appeals to the

Government of Liberia to support women's football across the country.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with Let's Promote

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