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Continental News

Ethiopian government admits Tigray airstrike

Ethiopia has admitted it was behind airstrikes in the capital of the conflict-riven Tigray region - hours after it denied it had carried out what rebels say were deadly raids.

The state-run news agency said the attacks had targeted rebel's communications and weapons facilities.

But media controlled by the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said three civilians had been killed.

The rebel group is at war with Ethiopia's federal government.

The government initially denied the allegations it had struck targets in Tigray's capital, Mekelle.

"Why would the Ethiopian government attack its own city? Mekelle is an Ethiopian city," government spokesman Legesse Tulu asked. Ethiopia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs went on to accuse the TPLF of killing at least 30 civilians in recent attacks in Amhara and Afar regional states, which both border Tigray.

"Terrorists are the ones

who attack cities with innocent civilians in them, not government," Mr Legesse added.

But hours afterwards, state media said it had carried out successful strikes with the aim of preventing civilian casualties.

The TPLF still says this is not the case, accusing the government of deliberately carrying out two strikes on

market day.

Meanwhile, the TPLF, which regards itself as the legitimate authority in Tigray, has not responded to the allegations its forces were behind the deaths of any civilians.

It is difficult to independently confirm details as there is a communications

blackout in the region.

The Ethiopian army took control of most of the northern region of Tigray in November 2020, after TPLF forces seized a military base.

Since then, the 11-month conflict has caused a humanitarian crisis, with the United Nations warning in July that about 400,000 people were living in famine-like conditions in Tigray.

Thousands of people have been killed in the conflict, and another two million have been forced to flee their homes.

In June 2021, the rebels recaptured Tigray in a surprise attack, and then moved into parts of neighbouring regions like Amhara.

Ethiopia has declared the TPLF a terrorist organisation, but the TPLF insists that it is the legitimate government in

Tigray. Tigray - the basics

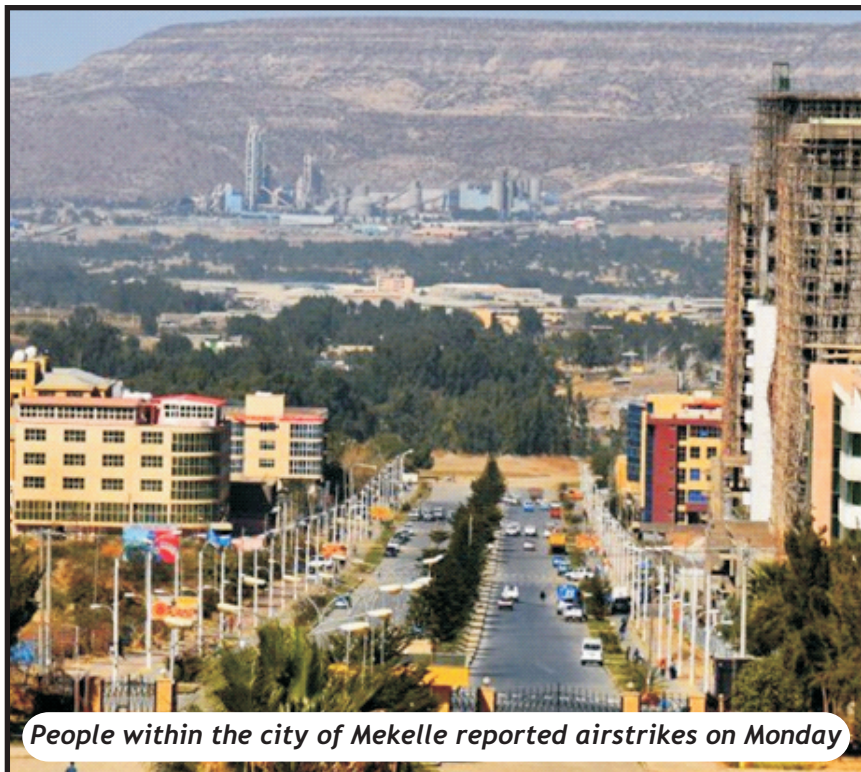
Since 1994, Ethiopia has been divided into states, now numbering 10; they are defined on ethnic grounds by the constitution and described as largely autonomous, but with central institutions

In 2018, following anti-government protests, Abiy Ahmed took over as prime minister and introduced reforms

Powerful politicians from Tigray, Ethiopia's northernmost state, accused Mr Abiy of trying to increase federal power

Relations worsened and, after the government accused Tigrayan rebels of attacking military bases, the Ethiopian army moved in in November, backed by Eritrean troops

Mr Abiy declared the conflict over in late November, but fighting has continued. BBC



People within the city of Mekelle reported airstrikes on Monday

Massive Pro-Military Sit-In Shakes Sudan Democracy Efforts

On Monday, as thousands of demonstrators aligned with the Sudan military remain outside the presidential palace for a third day, analysts warn that the civilian-led interim government is facing a growing crisis that could topple its rule. With upheaval escalating nationwide,

government leaders must find a way to "defuse the polarization" and "reach a compromise," said political analyst Hassan Haj Ali. Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok should "make a partial reshuffle of his Cabinet and appoint new ministers" or expand the number of ministers in the transitional government, Ali said. Sudan is facing its most trying political challenges since

it formed an interim government among rival factions after the fall of ex-president Omar al-Bashir in 2019. After a political coup attempt was thwarted in September, al-Bashir loyalists have upped their dissent and are demanding changes to the civilian Cabinet and the shaky coalition co-running the government.

"The essence of this crisis... is the inability to reach a consensus on a national project among the revolutionary and change forces," Hamdok said in a televised address last week.

People participating in the massive sit-in outside the presidential palace in Khartoum are demanding the government be dissolved and replaced with technocrats.

Sudan will never have a stable government if only a small group of people continue to make the decisions, said protester Ibrahim Ishaq Yousif. "The situation is deteriorating every day, people are unable to find bread, and life has become hard for everyone in



Somalis 'getting death threats' over UK MP's killing



An organisation supporting Somalis living in the UK says its members have been receiving death threats since the killing of British MP Sir David Amess.

Sir David was stabbed multiple times during a regular Friday meeting with his Southend West constituents.

Ali Harbi Ali, a 25-year-old British man of Somali heritage, is being held under the Terrorism Act over the killing. His father, Harbi Ali Kullane, was previously an adviser to Somalia's prime minister.

A representative of the

Council of Somali organisations (CSO) has told the BBC's Charlotte Gallagher that Somalis and people of Somali heritage have been receiving death threats since the murder.

Some youth clubs and community centres have also had to close because of threats and people are so scared, says Kahiye Alim.

Mr Alim says that he does not know the suspect's family but knows of his father because of his previous job with the Somali prime minister.

He added that the Somali community in UK was horrified by the murder. BBC

this country," he told South Sudan in Focus. "The government has been dominated by only four political parties, and they are unable to do something to change the situation."

Interim government supporters say members of the military and security forces are driving the latest protests, which involve counterrevolutionary sympathizers of al-Bashir. VOA

EDITORIAL

CPP must match words with deeds

THE COLLABORATING POLITICAL Parties or the CPP that is so divided against itself almost about everything else except to unite seems very upbeat of defeating President George Manneh Weah in the next presidential election in 2023. In the words of newly inducted chairperson former vice president Joseph Nyumah Boakai of the Unity Party, the CPP will in coming days organize, engage, discuss all issues internally and develop a blue print going forward for victory in 2023.

IF BOAKAI MEANS that victory can only be achieved for the CPP with him at the helm of leadership of the Collaboration than the dream to defeat President Weah is nothing but a dream, because in the past five to six months a lot of damages have been done to the CPP, including damaging allegation and name-calling that cannot be repaired in few days, as oldman Boakai wants Liberian to believe.

BOAKAI SOUNDED LIKE some of those selfish Liberian politicians who see something good only when they are in the driver's seat. How does he hope to reunite a fractured Liberty Party that sees its Political leader Senator Nyongblee Kangar Lawrence and Vice President for Political Affairs Darius Dillon dining with him, while the LP Chairman Musa H. Bility and Mr. Alexander B. Cummings of the ANC are way behind grieving for all of the reasons?

FROM THE WRITINGS on the wall, the CPP is not going to face President George Weah in 2023 as a united force. And that's exactly what the governing Coalition for Democratic Change is looking for in an opposition bloc that wants to unseat the ruling party.

A DEEPLY HURT and divided CPP will be no match for Weah and his CDC. A CPP in which one of the constituent leaders, in this case, 80-year-old Joe Boakai believes he is the most suitable contender for the ruling party than his colleagues even before their own convention, has already sent a wrong signal of disagreement within its ranks and file.

THIS POLITICS OF supremacy seems to be confusing Liberian voters who will have to make the ultimate decision at the ballot box with their votes. How well is this Boakai-Nyongblee ticket sinking down to the people?

WHAT HAPPENS TO the Bility faction of the Liberty Party and Mr. Alexander B. Cummings of the ANC? Are they being dumped by the wayside as sacrificial lamps? These are questions that beg answers and the Boakai-led chairmanship of the CPP should exert honest efforts to addressing them and other concerns.

WITH SO MUCH distrust following allegation of tempering with the CPP framework document under the leadership of Mr. Alexander B. Cummings which has dampened his character before the public despite his denial of not doing anything wrong, the shadow wouldn't go away.

THE CPP WOULD do itself and the Liberian people well by honestly threshing out these issues to present a united face come 2023, but what we see unfolding is not encouraging for a Collaboration.

WE ARE NOT in support of any side but want to see a strongly united opposition, in the case the CPP that would make our democracy very competitive and vibrant.

COMMENTARY

By Ngozi Okonjo-iweala

Trade and the Future of Food

GENEVA - No one can survive without food. And yet, the world's food systems are badly in need of reform. To ensure universal access to adequate nutrition, as well as long-term environmental sustainability, we need to change how we produce, process, transport, and consume food. World Food Day should spur us to consider how to achieve this, and to recognize that trade must be part of the solution.

The recent United Nations Food Systems Summit highlighted not only the need for comprehensive reforms, but also the key role that governments must play in improving how food markets function. This will require deeper international cooperation. As the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us, joint action is essential to enable all people to live healthy and dignified lives.

Barriers to trade in basic necessities, such as food and medicine, frustrate efforts to improve nutrition and health, thereby undermining the basis of future prosperity. By contrast, effective trade can reduce hunger and malnutrition not only by ensuring the delivery of food supplies, but also by creating decent work and raising incomes.

The urgency of the problem has become undeniable. We already know that climate change is altering temperature and precipitation patterns and leading to more frequent and extreme weather events - all of which can wreak havoc on food production. In such an unstable and unpredictable context, global food markets provide a lifeline to countries or regions facing sudden shocks.

We are already falling behind. In 2015, the world adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 2, which calls for ending world hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture by 2030. Six years later, we are nowhere close to being on track to achieving these targets. On the contrary, we seem to be moving backwards, buffeted by headwinds like the pandemic, economic downturns, violent conflict, and climate-related shocks. In fact, hunger and malnutrition rose substantially in 2020: according to the UN, some 9.9% of the world population is estimated to have been undernourished last year, up from 8.4% in 2019.

To reverse this trend and ensure that

food systems work for people and the planet, governments must redouble their efforts to update global rules on trade. At the same time, they must abandon policies that distort the rapidly evolving global food market. For example, governments spend \$22 billion each year to keep economically unviable fishing fleets at sea - a policy that drives depletion of fish stocks. Farm-support programs can similarly distort food and agricultural markets, with fossil-fuel subsidies compounding the effects.

Governments must find new ways to reverse underinvestment in public goods relating to food and agriculture, especially in low-income countries, while improving the global allocation of scarce resources. Here, they should take advantage of the growing importance of digital trade and services in poor countries.

The challenge may seem daunting. But, with an incremental approach, progress is possible. Next month, at the World Trade Organization's 12th ministerial conference in Geneva, trade ministers will have an opportunity to devise just such an approach and take important steps forward.

For example, ministers will consider how to end harmful fishery subsidies, which contribute to overfishing and overcapacity, and threaten to drive some species to extinction. Countries could also agree to exempt the UN World Food Programme's humanitarian food aid purchases from export restrictions, thereby making food more accessible to the world's poor and those displaced by internal strife or the effects of climate change.

Moreover, ministers will have an opportunity to drive forward negotiations on a slate of issues relating to agricultural trade including cuts in trade-distorting government subsidies and improved access to foreign markets. Here, agreement on concrete measures, as well as on the direction of future talks, would amount to tangible progress toward the food future we need.

World Food Day offers an important opportunity to remember how and why food matters to people. But we must not forget the vital role trade plays in shaping the production, availability, pricing, and quality of that food. No effort to create a more equitable and sustainable food system will be complete without world leaders' concerted action on trade.

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P.O Box 10-9016Intersection of Broad and Mechlin Streets
Monrovia, Liberia**(REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)**

Assignment Title: **Selection of an Individual Consultant to Develop and Produce, including Editing, Structure and Layout of quarterly Macroeconomic and Fiscal Information Dissemination Newsletter to support the Economic Management Department of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)**

Financing Agreement reference: **2100155034068**Project ID No.: **P-LR-K00-014**Reference No. **IPFMRP II/C/IC/1.4.1.3-AfDB**Issue Date: **October 20, 2021**End Date: **October 29, 2021****I. BACKGROUND**

The Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) is a five-year national development plan of the Government of Liberia (GOL) aimed at accelerating an inclusive and sustainable development. The government has over the years done a lot of investments in different sectors of the economy and those investments have not been communicated to the public as it should be. The Liberia Economic Newsletter (LEN) to be developed is a form of civic education program will be used to communicate economic policy actions and results to the general population in relatively less technical tone or in simple English void of tactical understanding-unlike the Annual Economic Review, the Budget Framework Paper, and the Quarterly Outturn. This will help inform the citizenry about critical happenings of the economy. Promoting fiscal transparency and accountability are key government fiscal goals. As such, the LEN seeks to eliminate the reality that development taking place in the economy are not properly and timely communicated to the public thereby leaving misinformation often on social media, in the intellectual centers, on the radio stations, in newspapers, etc. The Liberia Economic Newsletter to be managed by the Department of Economic Management at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.

II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this assignment is to hire a qualified consultant to support the Economic Management Department and build the capacity of staff in the area of gathering economic investment information and progress into news content; develop, design and produce a well-structured newsletter to cover major economic activities; ensure that the newsletter contents are as simple and at the level of the ordinary Liberians; and promote civic education around major economic development initiatives across the country.

III. SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The core scope of the services to be rendered under this assignment shall include the following:
Work with the Economic Management Department to provide content gathering skills for staff selected for the newsletter.

Facilitate the collection of contents for the newsletter with the help of MFDP staff and structure those contents in the simplest forms for easy reading and comprehension.

Edit all news contents written by trained staff of the Economic Management Department.

Develop content gathering guide for staff of the Department of Economic Management-Division of Economic Policy.

Facilitate a training workshop to help develop/strengthen staff skills in content gathering and script writing.

IV. DELIVERABLES

The consultant will be required to meet the following key deliverables under the assignment:

Inception Report: This will be due 7 days after assuming the responsibility and the brief inception report will include a review of the concept of the Newsletter, and suggestion to achieving the task.

Combined Training and Progress Report: The consultant must produce a training and progress report on the progress of the assignment including the setup of the features or elements of the proposed Liberia Economic Newsletter. This report should be submitted within 30 calendar days of the commencement of the assignment, and must incorporate all the requirements of the Terms of Reference.

Final Report on the fully functional Liberia Economic Newsletter (LEN): This should be submitted within 45 calendar days after the commencement of the assignment. The first printed copies of the LEN shall incorporate all comments and inputs provided by the Government during the stakeholders' workshop. The database will be updated and disaggregated to monitor progress on national development goals aligned with the sustainable development goals.

V. EXPECTED DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment is expected to be completed within forty-five (45) days.

9. QUALIFICATIONS, TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Interested individuals must meet the following Minimum Qualifications Requirements:

Minimum of Bachelor degree in the Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (Economics, Accounting, Business Administration, Journalism) or an equivalent university degree;

At least five (5) years of relevant working experience in journalism, news development and management, editing, content gathering and analysis.

At least two (2) years of experience in newspaper / newsletter management

Must show evidence of being capable of conducting training involving news gathering, analysis and layout.

VI. SELECTION METHOD

Eligibility criteria and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"). Consultants will be selected using the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) Method set out in the Procurement Policy Framework referenced above.

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

The Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) now invites eligible individual consultants to express interest in providing the services by submitting a list of similar assignments performed with references and submitting Curriculum Vitae (CVs) and copies of academic credentials, demonstrating experience in performing similar assignments with references and showing responsiveness to the qualification requirements outlined in this REOI.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form or by email to the address below on or before 29th October, 2021 @ 1700 hours (GMT) and indicate in the Email subject line or on the outer envelope "**An Individual Consultant to Develop and Produce, including Editing, Structure and Layout of quarterly Macroeconomic and Fiscal Information Dissemination Newsletter to support the Economic Management Department of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)**"

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P.O Box 10-9016Intersection of Broad and Mechlin Streets
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NAME OF PROJECT: Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project, II

Assignment Title: **Consultancy to Conduct Data Collection and Analysis Training and to Develop a Macroeconomic and Fiscal Database for the Department of Economic Management at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning**

Financing Agreement reference: **2100155034068**Project ID No.: **P-LR-K00-014**Reference No. **IPFMRP II/C/IC/1.4.1.2-AfDB**Issue Date: **October 20, 2021**End Date: **October 29, 2021****I. BACKGROUND**

The Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) is a five-year national development plan of the Government of Liberia (GOL) aimed at accelerating an inclusive and sustainable development. The lack of a systematic and multi-dimensional approach to poverty measurement and the tracking of development indicators affects the quality of evidence-based decision making for policy and program development in Liberia. The extent of national data collection, measurement and analytical capacity to monitor progress on the national development agenda and the sustainable development goals is still wanting. The proposed activity which is funded under the Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project Phase II is intended to support interventions to capture statistics on domestic, regional and global economic developments, with a particular focus on the progress of the Liberian economy. It will facilitate evidence-based research, discard mismatch of macroeconomic and fiscal data between MACs. It will function as a system whose overall purpose is to record and maintain information/data - ie, a computerized database- excel and csv compatible, online record keeping system; and will serve as a reliable source for many of the reports such as the Extended Credit Facility (ECF), Annual Economic Review (AER), Budget Framework Paper (BFP), and Fiscal Outturn. The intent, therefore, is to support the development and adoption of a standardized platform for data collection, analysis and management for the Economic Management Department (with anticipated scale up to affect other ministries, agencies and commissions of government (MACs).

II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the assignment is to hire an individual consultant that will build the capacity of the Economic Management Department in the areas of data collection and analysis, develop and adopt a standardized platform for data collection, analysis and management with anticipated scale up to other line ministries, agencies and commissions, ensure that the database fully captures all relevant statistics on domestic, regional and global economic developments, with a particular focus on the progress of the Liberian economy; and provide timely fiscal data to other internal and external users to support economic research.

III. SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The core scope of the services to be rendered under this assignment shall include the following:

Work with the Economic Management Department and assess the current capacity, researching tools that match capacity; building a new, robust data collection and storage system; and reviewing existing data and reports from the Department.

Create a database system that is user-friendly and accessible for storage of macroeconomic and fiscal data.

Develop workshop content (handouts, slide decks, and other additional resources), deliver data collection and analysis training and assess the performance of participants. This will include running experiential lessons in the field with participants.

Develop a pragmatic and holistic tracking tool that looks at development outcomes as a whole. This would include curating training materials and delivering hands-on trainings for all relevant staff as well as creating assessment tools to verify and validate program efficacy.

Facilitate a training workshop to help develop/strengthen staffs' skills in tracking development outcomes/results across public investment projects and development assistance, particularly economic development activities, based on agreed indicators.

Support data collection and analysis and work with the team to develop a comprehensive database for the Economic Management Department.

Develop a framework for monitoring economic development activities and the systematic reporting of outcomes/results.

IV. DELIVERABLES

The Consultant shall be required to meet the following deliverables:

Inception Report (due 10 days after kickoff of the assignment): The Consultant shall prepare a brief inception report highlighting his/her understanding of the assignment and the methodology to be employed.

Combined Training and Progress Report: The consultant must produce a training and progress report on the progress of the assignment including the setup of the features or elements of the proposed macroeconomic fiscal database. This report should be submitted within 30 calendar days of the commencement of the assignment.

Conduct Stakeholders' Workshop: This workshop will be used to present the proposed database. This workshop would provide an opportunity to obtain stakeholders' feedback. This activity must be carried out within 35 calendar days of the commencement of the assignment and will bring together all the key stakeholders to a one-day Workshop.

d. Final Report on the fully functional Macroeconomic and Fiscal Database: This should be submitted within 45 calendar days after the commencement of the assignment. The database shall incorporate all comments and inputs provided by the Government during the stakeholders' workshop.

V. EXPECTED DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment shall be completed within 45 calendar days after signing of the contract.

9. QUALIFICATIONS, TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Interested individuals must meet the following Minimum Qualification Requirements:

Minimum of Bachelor Degree in Economics, Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science, Information System or an equivalent university degree;

At least five (5) years of relevant experience in designing, conducting training involving data collection and analysis and setting up a database for monitoring and reporting on macroeconomic variables within the last 3-5 years;

At least two (2) similar experiences in designing and developing databases, particularly macroeconomic databases over the past five (5) years, including training of users and provision of support in data collection and for the public and/or private sector (informal sector included); and

Must show evidence of being capable of conducting training involving data collection and analysis.

VI. SELECTION METHOD

Eligibility criteria and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"). Consultants will be selected using the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) Method set out in the Procurement Policy Framework referenced above.

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11	Operation Fee per additional county (Sports Betting)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
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BEFORE HIS HONOR J. VINTON HOLDER, JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, MONT. CO. R.L.

IN RE: THE PETITION OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ABRAHAM V. KROMAH REPRESENTED BY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER MR. SENESE VARMUYAH KROMAH, PRAYING THIS HONORABLE COURT FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO BE GIVEN TO THE EXECUTRIX OR EXECUTOR AFTER THE SEAL IS BROKEN AND THE READING OF AN INSTRUMENT WHICH APPEARS TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HIS BIOLOGICAL ELDER BROTHER, MR. ABRAHAM V. KROMAH.

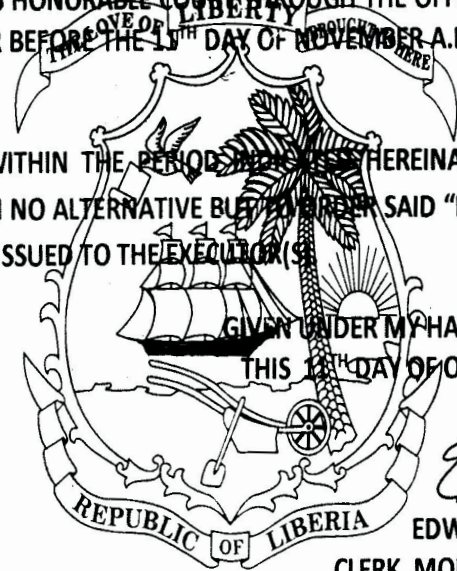
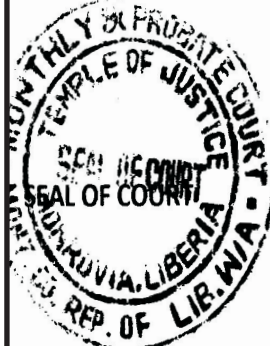
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THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE INSTRUMENT PURPORTED TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE ABRAHAM V. KROMAH WAS IN DUE FORM BROUGHT TO THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY AND SAME READ IN OPEN COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF LIBERIA ON THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2021. THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS FURTHER INFORMED THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ALL PERSONS HAVING LEGAL OR FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED "PETITION" ARE TO FILE SAME IN THIS HONORABLE COURT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE AFORESAID COURT ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

FAILURE TO DO SAME WITHIN THE PERIOD THEREINABOVE, WILL LEAVE THIS HONORABLE COURT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO GRANT SAID "PETITION" GRANTED AND LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ISSUED TO THE EXECUTOR(S).



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2021

EDWIN S. BOIMAH, SR.
CLERK, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R.L.

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October 12, 2021

Re-Survey Notice

Contours, Limited informed the general public that Mr. Joseph Barkpain, Mr. Rebben Jaywleh & Mr. Lawrence O. Davies has duly authorized the conduct of Detail & Perimeter Re-Survey of Zero Point Eight-three (0.83) Lot of land in Mount Barclay, Johnsonville, Montserrado County in Favor of Mr./Mrs. Eesiah .

The parcel of land to be Re-Survey is lying and situated along the Kakata High Way, Lofa Community, Mount Barday, Johnsonville, Montserrado County.

This Re-survey will commence on Tuesday, 19th of October 2021 beginning at 3:00PM.

Therefore, all adjoining & adjacent property owners, and interested parties are requested to be present at the site on the day of the survey with their deed(s), diagram(s), map(s), technical representatives/surveyors and other relevant document to substantiate their claims.

Please let this survey notice and announcement claim the attention of the following individuals:

- Mr. Clarence Z. Monroe & Family
- Mr. Sheir A. Jabatch & Family
- Madam Vessely & Family
- Mr. Suah Samuka & Family
- Mr. Joseph M.K. Dixon & Family
- Madam Reginald Tingboh
- Mr. Matthew S. Gbegbah
- Mr. James Binda---Community Chairman
- All other interested Parties
- Mr. Lawrence Kollie
- Mr. Johnson Beyan
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Japan gives Liberia 560 Yamaha engines

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Japanese Government through its Ambassador to Liberia Tsutomu Himeno on Monday, 18 October 2021 symbolically turned over to Liberia, through President George Manneh Weah 560 motorized Yamaha outboards fishing motorized engines.



The engines were presented to the Liberian Government for onward presentation to the Liberia National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) for use by local fishermen across the country.

The gesture aims at providing the Government of Liberia through NaFAA with motorized engines for local fishermen across the country to enhance their fishing skills and to empower them.

Earlier presenting the motorized Yamaha fishing engines to President Weah, Ambassador Tsutomu Himeno said the grant was a commitment made to the People of Liberia through a signed agreement.

Receiving the donation, President Weah expressed excitement and happiness, noting that the Government and People of Liberia are sincerely grateful to the Japanese Government for directing the support toward Liberia's national development plan.

"This program today is successful because of two major reasons, to empower and equip the fishery sector and to enhance the relationship between Liberia and Japan," he said.

According to him, the gesture is part of the outcome of his visit to Japan where he participated in the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development in August 2019.

He said Japan had a very good conversation with President Weah when he visited that country, adding that it's because of that the grant has been given.

"The five hundred and sixty motorized Yamaha fishing engine through a grant from the Japanese Grant Aid for Economic and Social Development Program is one of those projects that will have [a] significant impact on four thousands Liberians involved in our fishery [and] coastal industry of our country," he said.

Tsutomu Himeno pledged Japan's commitment and willingness to continually support the Government of Liberia's national agenda, adding that their friendship has come a long way and very strong.--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

October 17, 2021

SURVEY NOTE

Based upon the request of Mrs. Fatima Massaquoi Fomabola the undersigned Registered land surveyor and Resident County Surveyor has been duly authorized to re-survey two lots (2) land in Old Congo, Montserrado County.

The land to be resurveyed is lying and situated in Old Congo Community Montserrado County. The resurveyed will commence on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the hour of 11:00AM.

Therefore, all adjacent property owners are ask to be present on the site with their deeds, diagrams and other relevant documents with their technical representative (surveyor) to verify their claims to avoid future land dispute.

This notice should claim the following persons or properties owner:

- Mrs. Fatima Massaquoi Fomabola
- To Whom It May Concern
- Community Chairman

Approved: *[Signature]*
Registered Land surveyor
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32-Yr-oldman discovered dead

A 32-year-old man identified as Anthony Doe has been discovered hanging on a rope tied around his neck in Zone 11 New Pleebo Community, Electoral district#2, Maryland County. Families of the victim narrate that prior to the incident on Monday morning, October 17, 2021, the late

community, Pleebo. Family sources continue that while at Mother Mary Sackey's prayer center with his mother at about 9pm, the late Doe took his phone and put it on the bench, informing his mother that he wanted to urinate so she allowed him to go out to ease himself. The prayer center was populated with worshippers that had been

that his lifeless body was seen hanging on a rope in zone 11", the deceased's mother lamented. Doe's lifeless body was seen hanging on a rope early Monday morning until officers of the Liberia National Police, County Health Team, and community leaders arrived to examine it.

Meanwhile, a 15-man jury comprised of the zone leadership and County Health Team after thorough examination of the corpse reported no foul play.

Police in the district have launched an investigation into circumstances surrounding the death.

The deceased and his widow had four (4) children, three girls and a boy prior to his mysterious death.

For his part, the chair of Zone 11 said the incident is first of its kind, disclosing that it has left community dwellers panicking, in the wake of rumors of ritualistic killings in the county.

According to the zone chair, act of someone committing suicide is the first experience since the community leadership took office, urging residents and other communities not to panic as government is during everything possible to address the situation. Speaking to the New Dawn, the widow of the deceased regretted her husband's sudden demise, which she terms as a big blow to the family. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*



Doe told them that he was paying a visit to his aunt in Zone 7C at about 7:30pm. But they said when he arrived at his aunt's place, he complained of not feeling well, so his aunt and mother decided to take him to hospital. But he asked instead, to be taken to a prayer center in Zone 7B

there since Sunday night, 17 October. They explain that when the crowd reduced, Mother Mary decided to offer prayers for Doe but he was nowhere to be found. "My people this situation was actually worrisome because my son (the deceased) told me that he wanted to urinate and I allowed him, only for me to hear

Pres. Weah departs for Togo

President George Manneh Weah has left the country for an official working visit to Lome, Togo, the Executive Mansion reports. It says at the invitation of his Togolese counterpart, Faure Gnassingbe, President Weah departed Liberia via the Roberts International Airport

of Foreign Affairs, Dee-Maxwell SaahKemayah, Minister of National Defense, Daniel Ziankhan, and the Minister of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism, Legerhood Julius Rennie. While the Liberian Leader is away, the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, Nathaniel



(RIA) early Tuesday, October 19, 2021. During the visit, both leaders are expected to discuss wide range of issues, including matters of bilateral and regional interest. President Weah is being accompanied by the Minister

Farlo McGill, will chair the cabinet in consultation with Vice President Taylor, and via telephone conversation with the President. The Liberian delegation is expected home early Wednesday, October 20, 2021. *- Press Release*

Plan International donates to Ministry of Health

By Ethel A Tweh

Plan International on Tuesday turned over several vehicles to the Ministry of Health to help with implementation of TB and HIV programs. The turning over ceremony brought together officials of the Ministry of Health, the HIV/AIDS commission, the TB control center, the Liberia Coordinating Mechanism or LCM and partners. Speaking at the head office of Plan International in Congo Town, International Boss Dr. Ufuoma Omo-Obi said, the vehicles will be used to respond to people who are in need. He says Plan International's goal is to take services to the people, noting that the vehicles are meant

for this purpose. Paulina Doe Hilton, manager of the Global Find Unit at the Ministry of Health urges recipients of the vehicles to use them for the rightful purposes, adding that some of the recipients are the Liberia United Methodist Development Service, Equip Liberia and Youth Alive Liberia, respectively. "Let's use the vehicles and get to the hard to reach areas and get the number of people that are affected. The Global



Sylvina W. Garnett officiates

male and female matches in the top National League of the Liberia Football Association (LFA). In 2020, she served as fourth referee in the opening match of the WAFU Tournament between Sierra Leone and Cape Verde and subsequently officiated the Guinea Vs. Sierra Leone game in the WAFU Tournament, and as fourth referee in the Sierra Leone Vs. Senegal the same year.

Last year, she represented Liberia in the female WAFU Tournament held in Sierra Leone, Bo City as Liberia's only female international referee (FIFA). Sylvina officiated 2022 FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup qualifier second leg when Guinea defeated Sierra Leone 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw on aggregate at the Antoinette Tubman Stadium on 9 October in Monrovia.

Fund is result-oriented. If you don't perform, we will not get the funding. This was done through grant and the grant was approved for three years", she details. According to her, Plan has tried over nine months to secure the vehicles, and benefiting agencies should use them to get the work done. The Acting Secretariat of the Liberia Coordinating Mechanism or LCM Y. Solomon W. Watkins, thanks Plan International for the support,

noting that it will be used for a very long time. He describes the intervention as the right step in the right direction especially, for the TB control and HIV programs, adding that in the absence of vehicles, there will be no effectiveness and efficiency. The LCM is the body that coordinates implementation of the National AIDS program, the TB control center and other diseases in the country. *-Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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Amb. McCarthy lauds Liberia for passing trafficking law

By Bridgett Milton

United States Ambassador to Liberia Michael McCarthy lauds the Government of Liberia on the passing and signing of the Revised Trafficking in Persons Act of 2021.

Speaking at his Benson Street office near Monrovia

worldwide problem, and not unique to Liberia but each country has a responsibility to combat this global scourge, saying “We have our own challenges with trafficking which is why the Department of state includes the United States in the annual Trafficking in Persons report as well.”

significantly restricted and that is the last thing it wants to see happen to Liberia.

Amb. McCarthy notes that another key recommendation in the report is increasing investigations and prosecutions of trafficking cases, stressing that if that is done well, it will naturally lead to more convictions of persons involved in trafficking.

“Traffickers must face justice, the laws must be enforced and victims must have access to services.”

He says as long as the Liberian government is making an effort to combat the scourge of human trafficking and child labor, the United States will continue to support those efforts.

“Our reporting for the 2022 report is happening now, and we are following closely cases making their way through the justice system. If at the end of all these cases there are no convictions, then what good is the new law?” The Ambassador asks.

He reveals that since 2005, the United States has committed more than \$149.5 million to support civilian security and justice sector programs in Liberia, adding that these programs increase capacity of the country’s civilian security agencies and the Ministry of Justice to maintain peace and stability and to become a more

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Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Ambassador McCarthy said this brings the Liberian law in line with international standards.

However, he notes: “We are looking forward to seeing the published government handbill, which officially puts the law into effect.”

The U.S. Envoy says trafficking in person is a

He says the new Liberian Legislation is important because Liberia was downgraded to Tier 2 watchlist in the 2021 report, which is significant because countries on the watchlist may be automatically downgraded to Tier 3 if they do not show progress.

He also says U.S. foreign assistance to Tier 3 countries is

First Lady Donates Vehicle to Suehn Mecca Health Center

In fulfillment of a commitment during the 2021 Presidential Citizen Engagement Tour in Bomi County, First Lady Clar Marie Weah today, October 19, 2021, donated a brand-new JAC jeep to the Suehn Mecca Health Center through the Ministry of Health.

Speaking during a brief presentation ceremony at the Health Ministry in Congo Town, Mrs. Weah said she was moved by the exemplary work being done by health workers in Suehn Mecca amid the tedious challenges as explained by Senator Snowe during the President’s visit there.

As a champion against maternal and neonatal mortality, the Liberian First Lady recalled that she was



particularly attracted to how caregivers in the midwifery section of the health center ‘walked distances or commuted

on motorbikes to perform delivery and other related services.’

“I noted with heavy heart

Margibi students welcome LRD20m scholarship fund

By Kruah Thompson

Students in upper Margibi County have expressed appreciation to the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Nathaniel McGill and the Government of Liberia for providing them a 20 million Liberia dollars scholarship fund drive.

They note that this is the very first time for a cabinet minister to launch a 20 million dollars scholarship fund in Margibi County.

Speaking during the launch

Margibi County.

According to McGill, the money was provided to the students to buttress their effort in the wake of constraints they face in that part of the country.

He said the scholarship covers K2 up to 12th grade, respectively.

Meanwhile, school administrators in upper Margibi County have commended Minister McGill and President Weah for the scholarship, saying this is the first time in the history



Minister Nathaniel McGill

recently, Minister McGill disclosed that President George Manneh Weah is responsible to pay 15 million Liberian dollars out of the amount while he (McGill) along with Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor and Finance Minister Samuel Tweh, will pay the balance 5 million LRD.

He then presented 12,000 United States dollars cash on behalf President Weah to heads of the committee was setup to spearhead the scholarship fund in upper

of Margibi that their schools will be receiving money from government on behalf of students.

They said the scholarship will bring relief to scholars in the county, especially those in upper Margibi, while hoping it would extended to lower Margibi as well as.

However, they call on the minister to follow up on the scholarship at the end of each school year to know if students are really benefitting from the program.

as Senator Snowe singled out a midwife by the name Mrs. Sando M.S. Cole, who is the Supervisor of the Reproductive Health Services, and how she makes extra sacrifices to save the lives of precious young Liberians, some of whom could be next Doctor, Pharmacist, Nurse, Engineer or maybe the future President,” said Mrs. Weah.

“Being a health practitioner myself and most importantly a mother, I was troubled in my spirit and was moved, without a second thought, to do something.

“Today, in fulfillment of that commitment, I have come to donate to the Suehn-Mecca Health Center a brand new JAC

Jeep, which will be used to ease movement to hard-to-reach places in the County and support the work of the facility,” asserted Mrs. Weah.

Meanwhile, the Liberian First Lady expressed profound gratitude to health workers across the country for their commitment to saving precious lives, while praising the exemplary leadership of Health Minister Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah and Bomi County Senator Edwin Melvin Snowe.

Upon receiving the vehicle for further handing over to the Bomi County Health Team, Health Minister Dr. Jallah thanked the First Lady, noting that the donation would address pressing health needs in Bomi.

Français

Les excuses de Nyongblee

--"Je n'ai pas tenu ma promesse"

La présidente sortante de la Collaboration des Partis Politiques de l'opposition (CPP), regrette de n'avoir pas réussi à faire en sorte que, sous son administration, la plateforme des principaux partis de l'opposition choisisse son

candidat unique à la prochaine élection présidentielle comme promis.

Mme Nyongblee Karnga - Lawrence présente ainsi ses excuses aux nombreux militants de la coalition de l'opposition.

"Nous avons promis de présenter le ticket de la CPP à la fin de notre mandat, mais en raison de plusieurs restrictions

causées par le document cadre, nous n'avons pas été en mesure de mettre en œuvre et de tenir notre promesse", a dit la sénatrice du comté de Grand Bassa, le vendredi 15 octobre 2021 en cédant la place à Joseph Nyumah Boakai du Parti de l'Unité en tant que président de la CPP.

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Weah est la cause de toutes les souffrances que connaissent les populations, selon l'opposition

Le gouvernement dirigé par la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) du président George Manneh Weah n'a pas réussi à s'attaquer de manière adéquate et faire face aux défis auxquels la nation et ses citoyens sont confrontés, c'est du moins ce que croit le leader politique du Parti de la libération du peuple (PLP), le Dr Daniel E. Cassell, qui accuse le régime en place d'être impitoyablement

insensible face aux souffrances des masses.

« Le gouvernement est cruellement insensible au sort de son peuple. Alors que la pauvreté monte en flèche et que la faim extrême et les maladies curables déciment douloureusement les vies précieuses de notre peuple de jour en jour, les « gouverneurs » de notre pays acquièrent des condos luxueux, des maisons exotiques, des véhicules coûteux, des jets privés volants

et une vie criarde », a déclaré le Dr Cassell le dimanche 17 octobre à Monrovia.

S'exprimant lors d'un culte d'action de grâce et d'honneur à la First Presbyterian Church dimanche, le Dr Cassell a fait observer que le Libéria est actuellement sur la mauvaise trajectoire, comme en témoigne l'échec du gouvernement à lutter contre la faim extrême, la pauvreté et la vague croissante de corruption dans le secteur public.

« Pendant qu'une poignée de fonctionnaires continuent d'acquérir des richesses mal acquises et inexplicables, la grande majorité du peuple libérien continue de s'enliser dans la pauvreté », a-t-il dit.

La corruption, selon lui, est devenue excessive et semble avoir été institutionnalisée par ceux-là mêmes qui gouvernent la nation.

« Il est épouvantable de constater que, tandis que les enseignants, les infirmières, la police, l'armée et les fonctionnaires réguliers sont gravement sous-payés et cruellement soumis à des réductions de salaire massives

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Éditorial

Que la CPP joigne l'acte à la parole

La Collaboration des partis politiques de l'opposition (CPP) semble très optimiste quant à sa victoire contre le président George Manneh Weah lors de la prochaine élection présidentielle en 2023. A en croire le président nouvellement installé, Joseph Nyumah Boakai du Parti de l'unité, la CPP organisera, s'engagera, discutera de toutes les questions en interne dans les prochains jours et élaborera un plan directeur pour la victoire en 2023.

Si Boakai pense que la victoire de la CPP n'est possible que lorsqu'il est à la tête de la Collaboration, alors le rêve de vaincre le président Weah pourrait ne jamais devenir une réalité, car au cours des cinq à six derniers mois, beaucoup de dégâts ont été causés au sein de la CPP. Des propos tenus à l'égard des uns et des autres sont si préjudiciables et injurieux qu'il semble impossible de panser les plaies en quelques jours seulement comme le prétend le vieil homme Boakai.

Boakai est comme certains de ces politiciens libériens égoïstes qui ne voient quelque chose de bien que lorsqu'ils sont aux commandes. Comment espère-t-il réunir un Parti de la liberté fracturé dont le leader politique, la sénatrice Nyongblee Kangar Lawrence et le vice-président des affaires politiques Darius Dillon dînent avec lui, tandis que Musa H. Bility qui est le président du même parti et M. Alexander B. Cummings de l'ANC sont délaissés.

S'il faut en juger par ce que nous voyons, la CPP risque d'y aller en rang dispersé affronter le président George Weah en 2023. Et c'est bien entendu ce que veut exactement la coalition au pouvoir. La coalition pour le changement démocratique ne peut que se frotter les mains d'autant plus que le bloc d'opposition qui soit capable de la renverser a du mal à se comprendre.

Une CPP profondément blessée et divisée ne sera pas à la hauteur de Weah et de sa CDC. Une CPP dans laquelle l'un des leaders, en l'occurrence Joe Boakai, 80 ans, estime qu'il est le candidat le plus approprié par rapport à ses camarades avant les primaires, envoie un faux signal de désaccord au sein de ses rangs et son fichier.

Cette politique de suprématie semble confondre les électeurs libériens qui devront prendre la décision ultime aux urnes avec leurs votes. Dans quelle mesure le couple Boakai-Nyongblee est-il apprécié ?

Qu'en est-il de la faction Bility du Liberty Party et de M. Alexander B. Cummings de l'ANC ? Seraient-ils abandonnés en cours de chemin comme un agneau sacrificiel ? en tout cas ce sont là des questions qui doivent être répondues. Boakai devrait déployer des efforts honnêtes pour y répondre et se pencher sur les autres préoccupations.

Avec tant de méfiance née des allégations selon lesquelles le document-cadre de la Coalition de l'opposition a été modifié sous la direction de M. Alexander B. Cummings dont l'image a été ternie en dépit du fait d'avoir nié tout ce dont on lui reprochait, il y a peu de chance que l'ombre disparaisse aussi facilement.

La CPP n'a d'autres choix que de tirer toutes les leçons et d'aborder honnêtement ces questions pour présenter un visage uni en 2023.

Nous ne soutenons aucun camp, mais nous souhaitons voir une opposition fortement unie, ce qui rendrait notre démocratie très compétitive et beaucoup plus dynamique.

Français

Les excuses de Nyonblee

« Toutes les informations et documents nécessaires au fonctionnement de cette institution sont dans nos notes de service. Nous vous exhortons à travailler avec la feuille de route que nous vous avons présentée ici aujourd'hui pour mener la CPP à la victoire », a-t-elle déclaré. Karnga - Lawrence a indiqué que sous son administration en tant que présidente, la coalition a eu beaucoup de résultats positifs. Elle a eu à travailler, selon elle, avec le Secrétariat de la CPP et certains experts pour harmoniser les plateformes des quatre partis politiques membres en se concentrant sur la stabilité macroéconomique et le développement économique.

Elle a fait savoir que la plate-forme est également axée sur le développement économique, social et des infrastructures, les soins de santé, l'éducation, le développement des jeunes et l'entrepreneuriat, le genre, les personnes vulnérables et handicapées, l'agriculture, la sécurité alimentaire et le changement climatique.

La plate-forme de la CPP met aussi l'accent sur la bonne gouvernance et la réconciliation, l'état de droit et la sécurité, la culture et le tourisme, les relations étrangères et le programme de réforme législative.

S'exprimant sur le

Weah est la cause de toutes les souffrances que

sous le couvert du tristement célèbre 'Plan d'harmonisation', les responsables de tous les pouvoirs d'Etat libériens sont généreusement payés et bénéficient des avantages grandioses en plus de leurs énormes salaires ».

« Frères dans le Seigneur, comment pouvons-nous prétendre être une nation bâtie ou façonnée sur des principes chrétiens ou pieux tout en étant méchants les uns envers les autres ? Comment Dieu peut-il bénir le Libéria si abondamment en ressources naturelles, alors que sa population est classée parmi les plus pauvres du monde? »

« Comment pouvons-nous mener une guerre civile brutale pendant quinze années ininterrompues - au cours de laquelle 250 000 de nos compatriotes ont été assassinés de sang-froid et

processus de consensus, Mme Kangar-Lawrence a déclaré que : « comme cela est indiqué dans le document-cadre original du 19 mai 2021 signé par tous les dirigeants politiques, le ticket présidentiel de la CPP doit être identifié d'ici décembre 2021 ».

Elle a rappelé que le Parti de l'unité a déjà présenté l'ancien vice-président Boakai comme porte-drapeau du parti et candidat à la candidature de la CPP. Quant au Congrès national alternatif (ANC) d'Alexander B. Cummings, il aurait bénéficié d'une prolongation d'un mois et le calendrier cadre aurait été ajusté par les dirigeants politiques pour donner à l'ANC le temps de mener sa convention. Ainsi Cummings aurait également été présenté comme candidat de l'ANC à la candidature de la CPP.

Concernant les prochaines élections partielles qui auront lieu dans les comtés de Nimba, Bong, Bomi et Grand Gedeh, Madame Karnga - Lawrence a déclaré que tout le processus a été conclu pacifiquement au sein de la CPP.

Elle a fait savoir que l'ANC a un candidat à Nimba, l'UP dans le comté de Bong, le All Liberian Party (ALP) à Bomi et Liberty Party (LP) dans le comté de Grand Gedeh.

La CPP, selon elle, soutiendra tous ses candidats aussi bien financièrement qu'en ressources humaines pour assurer une victoire écrasante dans ces localités.

l'infrastructure du pays tragiquement détruite, et pourtant nous perpétons toujours les mêmes vices et anomalies maléfiques qui ont plongé notre pays dans le bain de sang qui a commencé en 1989? ».

Il a fait observer qu'au Libéria d'aujourd'hui, l'acte barbare des meurtres rituels est devenu omniprésent et fait la une des journaux.

Selon lui, la haine, la méchanceté, la division, l'exclusion et la chasse aux sorcières vicieuses ont malheureusement remplacé l'amour, l'unité, la paix et la tranquillité au Libéria aujourd'hui.

Le Dr Cassell a souligné que le Libéria et ses citoyens restent confrontés à de multiples problèmes et défis parce que la colère de Dieu s'est abattue sur le pays en raison de la méchanceté pure et d'autres vices négatifs dans le pays.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Ngozi Okonjo-iweala

Commerce et avenir de l'alimentation

GENÈVE - Personne ne peut survivre sans s'alimenter. Or, les systèmes alimentaires mondiaux ont aujourd'hui cruellement besoin d'être réformés. Pour garantir un accès universel à une alimentation adéquate, ainsi qu'une durabilité environnementale à long terme, nous devons transformer la manière dont nous produisons, traitons, transportons et consommons les produits alimentaires. La Journée mondiale de l'alimentation doit nous faire réfléchir sur les moyens d'y parvenir, et nous conduire à admettre que le commerce doit faire partie intégrante de la solution.

Le récent Sommet sur les systèmes alimentaires organisé par les Nations Unies souligne non seulement la nécessité de réformes globales, mais également le rôle majeur que les gouvernements doivent jouer dans l'amélioration du fonctionnement des marchés de l'alimentaire. Ceci exigera une coopération internationale plus poussée. Comme nous le rappelle la pandémie de COVID-19, l'action conjointe est essentielle pour permettre à tous de vivre une existence digne et en bonne santé.

Les barrières au commerce des produits de base, tels que les produits alimentaires et les médicaments, entravent les efforts d'amélioration de la nutrition et de la santé, mettant ainsi à mal les fondements de la prospérité future. Par opposition, un commerce efficace peut contribuer à la lutte contre la faim et la malnutrition, non seulement en permettant l'approvisionnement en produits alimentaires, mais également en créant des emplois décents et des revenus croissants.

L'urgence du problème devient indéniable. Nous savons désormais que le changement climatique transforme les modèles de températures et de précipitations, conduisant à des événements météorologiques plus fréquents et plus extrêmes - tous potentiellement désastreux pour la production alimentaire. Dans un contexte aussi instable et imprévisible, les marchés alimentaires mondiaux font office de bouée de sauvetage pour les pays ou régions confrontés à des chocs soudains.

Un retard certain a d'ores et déjà été pris. En 2015, le monde adoptait les Objectifs de développement durable, dont l'ODD n°2 visant à mettre un terme à la faim dans le monde, à atteindre la sécurité alimentaire tout en améliorant la nutrition, ainsi qu'à promouvoir une agriculture durable d'ici 2030. Six ans plus tard, nous sommes encore très loin d'avoir atteint ces objectifs. Au contraire, nous semblons opérer un recul, face aux difficultés que représentent la pandémie, les ralentissements économiques, les conflits violents, ou encore les chocs liés au climat. En effet, la faim et la malnutrition ont significativement augmenté en 2020 : d'après l'ONU, environ 9,9 % de la population mondiale n'a pas pu se nourrir suffisamment l'an dernier, un chiffre en hausse par rapport aux 8,4 % de 2019.

Pour inverser cette tendance, et faire en sorte que les systèmes alimentaires fonctionnent

pour tous, comme pour la planète, les gouvernements doivent œuvrer davantage pour actualiser les règles commerciales mondiales. Il leur faut dans le même temps abandonner les politiques qui entraînent un effet de distorsion sur un marché alimentaire mondial à l'évolution rapide. À titre d'illustration, les gouvernements dépensent chaque année 22 milliards \$ pour maintenir économiquement en vie des flottes de pêche qui ne sont plus viables - une politique qui contribue à l'épuisement des stocks de poisson. Certains programmes de subventions à l'agriculture entraînent des effets similaires sur les marchés agricoles et alimentaires, effets dont les subventions aux énergies fossiles viennent accentuer l'intensité.

Les gouvernements doivent trouver les moyens d'inverser la tendance du sous-investissement dans les biens publics liés à l'alimentaire et l'agriculture, en particulier dans les pays à revenu faible, tout en améliorant l'attribution mondiale des ressources rares. Il leur faut ici tirer parti de l'importance croissante du commerce digital et des services numériques au sein des pays pauvres.

Le défi peut sembler considérable. Pour autant, à travers une approche progressive, des avancées sont possibles. Le mois prochain, dans le cadre de la 12e conférence ministérielle de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce à Genève, les ministres du Commerce auront l'opportunité d'élaborer précisément une telle approche, et de prendre d'importantes mesures d'avenir.

Les ministres examineront par exemple les moyens de mettre fin aux subventions nuisibles qui sont versées au secteur de la pêche, lesquelles alimentent la surpêche, la surcapacité, et menacent d'extinction certaines espèces. Les États pourraient également convenir d'exempter de restrictions à l'exportation les achats d'aide humanitaire alimentaire du Programme alimentaire mondial de l'ONU, rendant ainsi les produits alimentaires plus accessibles pour les pays pauvres de la planète, ainsi que pour les personnes déplacées par un conflit dans leur pays ou par les effets du changement climatique.

Les ministres auront également l'opportunité de promouvoir des négociations d'avenir sur un ensemble de questions liées aux échanges commerciaux agricoles, telles que les subventions étatiques qui mettent à mal le commerce, ou l'amélioration de l'accès aux marchés étrangers. Sur ces différents points, un accord autour de mesures concrètes, et concernant la direction des discussions futures, constituerait une avancée tangible sur la voie de l'avenir alimentaire dont nous avons besoin.

La Journée mondiale de l'alimentation offre une opportunité majeure de nous remémorer comment et pourquoi l'alimentation est si importante pour tous. Mais nous ne devons pas oublier le rôle vital que joue le commerce dans le fonctionnement de la production, de la disponibilité, du prix et de la qualité des produits alimentaires. Aucune démarche en direction d'un système alimentaire plus équitable et plus durable ne sera complète sans une action concertée des dirigeants mondiaux autour du commerce.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON THE WAY FORWARD

Keynote Address by Bai M. Gbala at the Program of the
Sixth Inauguration of Officers of the Washington, D.C., Maryland & Virginia Chapter,
Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas, Inc., and Honoring Program
College Park, Maryland, USA, December 16, 2006

Mr. Nathaniel Gbaba, President

Mr. Archie Wright, Vice President

Officers & Members of the Grand Gedeh Association
Fellow Liberians, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and
Gentlemen:

Firstly, we bring you sincere greetings, heart-felt compliments, wishes of good health, long life and the years to come, and congratulation for this occasion of peaceful transfer of socio-political power, as you embark upon the exercise of meaningful, rational leadership.

And secondly, most importantly, we - the KwiaGbala Family of Meabloh, Grand Gedeh County, - express and extend to you our deep gratitude and appreciation for the Love, respect, honor and, above all, inspiration that you have demonstrated and given to us here tonight. Indeed, political animals such as we, who take pleasure, satisfaction and wallow in the interplay of words, are rendered unable tonight to summon the adequate words with which to give you thanks and to manifest our profound gratitude.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let word go forth that this historic recognition - of honor, reward and inspiration - that you bestow upon us here tonight, rightly belong and go to you, the people of Grand Gedeh County, our parents, grand and great-grand parents. For, it was and still is you all who provided, continue to provide, the enabling opportunity of love, protection, understanding, support and inspiration for us to enter a career of public service.

What Else Is There to Say?

On an occasion of this nature, honorees usually deliver a dose of "dos" and "don'ts", a sort of education, exhortation. But, in the light of the high level of your knowledge, achievement, socio-economic and political consciousness with energetic, passionate involvement in the search for rational public policy measures to improve the "human condition", what else is there for us to pontificate?

However, fellow Grand Gedeans and Liberians, please lend us your ears momentarily, given this opportunity and privilege, as we struggle to navigate the issues and to share some of our thoughts with you on what we describe as the prevailing, Critical Challenges facing us in 21st century Liberia; especially you, the young people who hold the future of our country in your hands.

Decentralization of Political & Administrative Power
At the National Conference, Vision 2024 on the future of Liberia, held at the Unity Conference Center, Virginia, Liberia, I presented a Paper entitled, "Decentralization of Political & Administrative Power in Liberia" (prevailing centerpiece of my thoughts).

Reflecting on our turbulent history, my experience as political/economic advisor and the nightmare of the civil war as a frame of reference, I recommended needed reforms - re-organization and re-structure of our socio-economic and political enterprise in the effort to fulfill the demands these critical challenges

Structure Influences Behavior

You may rightly ask, what are these Critical Challenges? For answer, we take you to theoretical approaches in organization literature on the relevance to the structure of our government (Page 2, Article 3 of the Liberian Constitution). Particularly relevant is the "... recurrent concept in organization theory which holds that structure influences behavior"

The Unitary Structure of our Government influenced, continues to influence the performance behavior - actions, reactions and results - of government, officials and related functionaries in government. For example, the much-talked about Corruption, a universal phenomenon found on all continents, every country and society, is not a Liberian monopoly; it is the result influenced by the structure of the Liberian Government.

Now, it is argued, clearly and reasonably shown that the prevailing "failed State Conditions" of the Liberian State are the result of the panorama of socio-economic and political ills intrinsic in and brought about by the Unitary structure of our government. Therefore, there is need to replace that Unitary structure of governance with a much more democratic form of government.

Re - Division ,
Amalgamation & Federation of Six (6)
Provinces

In the effort to achieve, successfully, true democracy and the development of the nation's regional, political subdivisions, prevent and, eventually, eradicate this panorama of the socio-economic and political ills intrinsic in the Unitary System - equal and equitable treatment of all citizens; equal and equitable participation in the political affairs of the state; equal and full protection of law; and full integration of all citizens into the nation's Body Politic as full-fledged citizens; lies in the re-structure and re-organization of our government by replacement of the current Unitary system which centralizes all political/administrative power in an imperial president in faraway Monrovia.

The system became, very early, an oligarchy that dominated, continues to dominate national decision-making, mainly, to protect and preserve the interests of a very few - the emerged and emerging "political class of some indigenous and some descendants of our founding fathers who, apparently, seem to be ignorant of or refuse to recognize the modern,

worldwide pro-democracy movement dedicated to the attainment of basic civil and political liberties upon which democratic principles and values are based.

Therefore, the Paper on Decentralization recommended re-division of the nation into Six (6) major provinces - Eastern, North, North Central, South Central, Duoh and Western Provinces - assemi-autonomous, constituent provinces with authority to elect their local political leaders, now "appointed by Monrovia".

Given our traditional ethnic/tribal affinity, the current highly-, rigidly-centralized structure of government creates the perception, in fact reality, that the all-powerful, Imperial President of the Unitary government may, does or will seek to protect and preserve only the interests of his/her ethnic/tribal group together with his socio-economic and political associates. This condition has been, and may continue to be, the yard-stick for the allocation/distribution of the nation's socio-economic and political pie, in light of the fact that the Government of Liberia is NOT ONLY the nation's largest, most important and sought-after employer, but also the measure of prestige, honor, socio-political cutting edge of the Liberian society.

It is important to note that the Unitary structure of our government, enshrined in our constitution and utilized during the 174 years of our existence as a nation is not, any longer, relevant to the prevailing realities of 21st Liberia. In fact, the system has clearly out-lived its usefulness and, therefore, should and must be replaced by the much more democratic system of regional, autonomous provincial administrations united to form a Liberian Federation.

Conventional political wisdom teaches that a government close to the people, understands and appreciates their needs better and, responsively, serves them best.

Achieving this noble goal requires the repeal/amendment of relevant provisions of the Liberian Constitution. In this context, it is necessary and important to note that law is made by individuals in society not only to define and equitably regulate their actions, interactions and relationships to protect and preserve individual and society's vital interests, but also to protect the powerless from the powerful; the weak from the strong; and the disadvantaged poor from the privileged wealthy. As these actions, relationships and vital interests change over time, law must, inevitably, change in correspondence.

Benefits of Decentralization



Bai M. Gbala

As indicated in the paper on Decentralization, detailed comparative cost-benefit analysis of decentralization in socio-economic and political terms at this time, is beyond the scope of this introductory discussion. However, for our immediate purpose to inform, it is necessary to identify the primary, important benefits.

Firstly, these benefits are crucial, critical national decisions made by Monrovia without input of Rural Liberian citizens: arrest, detention, trial and punishment; recruitment, selection and placement in positions at national as well as Provincial (or county) government levels; taxation, collection, and expenditure; access to quality education, healthcare, and social welfare; equal and equitable allocation and distribution of social and economic development among the political sub-divisions of the nation; and equal protection by law of every citizen; to name a very few.

Secondly, local autonomy will provide many employment opportunities for citizens of the Provinces (or Counties) which will include appointments to positions at top, middle director and manager levels. In each of these many areas, there will be the need for thousands of support staff recruited in the provinces or citizens from the outside.

Thirdly, there will be Provincial Houses of Assembly and Judiciary; the Houses of Assembly will need assemblymen and women while, the Judiciary will need lawyers for judges as well as district and Provincial (or County) attorneys.

Fourthly, and most importantly, Provincial (or County) employment opportunities will be beacon of attraction of qualified citizens of the Provinces (or Counties) now living in Monrovia and elsewhere to return home, take up employment, build homes and contribute to the development of the Provinces (or Counties). In this way, the socio-economic and political development and progress will take on improved and meaningful scope; thus, reduce and, eventually, eradicate "brain-drain" and painful exodus of rural, citizen/dwellers to urban centers with which they are unprepared to cope, in terms of marketable skills

necessary for socio-economic survival in the cities.

And fifthly, with illiteracy rate of about 75% and about 80% un-informed nationally, Decentralization will accelerate education which provides the necessary, important information that unreasonable, political agitation that, more often not, leads to violence and crime, hardly lays the foundation for introduction and management of a just and lasting social order under the rule of law.

Indeed, the change and replacement of the current structure, of our government with one which incorporates modern, democratic principles and values, empowers citizens to assume local self-rule and to participate as equals in making national decisions, is a rational democratic and peaceful revolution in our time, a benefit of enormous magnitude. Significantly, it was the inequity of the centralized rule that gave rise to the formation and establishment of four counties in hinterland, Rural Liberia, with legislative representation of the citizens of rural Liberia in 1964.

Conclusions

And finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, Changed and Changing World Conditions and the Corresponding Realities of the 21st century that shaped your outlook and Worldview, the young men and women of Grand Gedeh County and the Diaspora, require leadership not only enlightened, liberal, progressive, experienced and committed to democratic values and principles, but also a leadership that is open, free, fair but firm, committed to national inclusion and rejects the divisive politics of "Country-, Congo- and Americo-Liberianism", the so-called "ethnic and tribal nationalism".

Yes, a leadership that asks NOT for one's nobility of birth, but for that which one is prepared and committed to do for one's people and country.

Mr. President, Vice President, Officers and Members of Grand Gedeh Association, the "critical challenges" facing our nation, people and people of the Diaspora are countless and urgent. But we are confident that you are able and committed to analyze and implement rational solutions for the betterment of us all.

Thank you so very much.

Cummings cleared of tampering?

A leaked document has revealed that opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) political leader Alexander B. Cummings has been cleared of all wrongdoing by the committee investigating the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Framework Document alleged tampering.

But sources close to the opposition establishment of four political parties of which ANC is a constituent party, say there are attempts by the CPP to sweep the findings under the carpet and project CPP's newly inducted

cogent information from impeachable sources that portions of the CPP framework document filed with the National Elections Commissions (NEC) had been allegedly altered by some nefarious individuals within the CPP hierarchy.

But the ANC rejected the accusation against its political leader, and instead, accused Urey of making unfounded claims and wild allegations that he knew were "false and inaccurate."

A letter in the possession of the NewDawn dated 19 October 2021 shows that ANC is demanding that the investigative findings be made

practice.

"As a constituent party of the CPP, the Alternative National Congress is represented on all of these structures to ensure smooth flow of information between the CPP and our Executive Committee," the ANC said.

It stated that the allegations of "nerarious alterations" and "fraudulent inclines" to the Framework document made by Mr. Urey of the All Liberian Party (ALP) and repeated by Senator Karnga - Lawrence of the Liberty Party are of grave concern to ANC's Executives, partisans and the general public.

ANC warns that any attempt at concluding this issue should be done with transparency and openness to the parties and the public as have been the allegations.

"Therefore, the ANC finds it alarming that the communication to the lawyers and the lawyer's response [has] not been shared with the structures of the CPP of the respective parties, including the ANC which stands accused," the party said further.

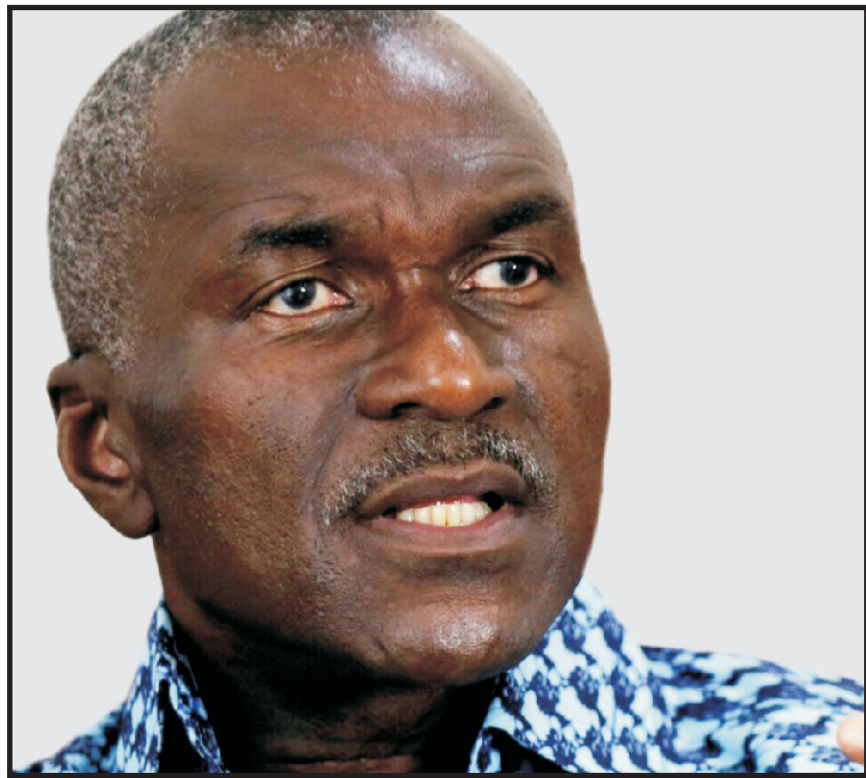
"As such, we write to officially request confirmation of the existence of these letters and submission of copies of both letters which include the request letter from CPP and the response from the lawyers," ANC added.

It noted that it expects that CPP will provide copies to ANC by Thursday, 21 October 2021 as same is reasonable time for such a request.

"We look forward to working with you during your tenure and ensuring that the CPP remains united and a responsible opposition body," it concluded.

Quizzed about the unfolding event and the demand being made by the ANC, Sen. Karnga-Lawrence told the New Dawn that the CPP now has a new chair and therefore all inquiries should be directed at him.

"We have the new chair of the CPP he will act on the



chairperson Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai as a peacemaker.

However the ANC remains very persistent in its demand for CPP to make the findings public, filing a formal request before Mr. Boakai to demand release of the findings to CPP structures and constituent parties, especially the ANC which stands accused through public comments attributed to Mr. Benoni Urey and Senator Nyonblee Karnga - Lawrence.

The investigation was launched after Mr. Urey was reported to have complained to the CPP leadership, alleging that he had received

public.

In the letter addressed to CPP chairman Amb. Boakai, ANC Chairman Senator Daniel Naatehn opined that it has come to ANC's attention that subject to the ongoing Framework saga, the lawyers have responded since last Thursday, 14 October 2021 to a written request sent to them by former CPP chairperson Senator Nyonblee Karnga - Lawrence.

However, ANC said none of the CPP structures, which include the National Advisory Council (NAC), National Executive Committee and the Secretariat, has been informed of these developments, nor given copies of these letters as is the

No money for extra sitting

By Ethel A Tweh

The President Pro-Tempore of the Liberian Senate Albert T. Chie says here government has allotted no money for the two months' extra sitting of the senate.

Senators here are accustomed to receiving money from the Executive each time they come for extra sitting, and this pronouncement by the Pro-Temp could be a strange departure.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Special Session on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Senator Chie thanked his colleagues for cutting their Annual Break short to return to the Capitol in the interest of the their people.

He recalls that the Senate closed on 31st August for the fourth session of the 54th Legislature, but had to cut their Annual Break to deliberate on the 2022 National Budget which should

of the budget process."

He says although the Legislature should cooperate with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning in the budget process, but they should always remember that appropriation is the responsibility of the Legislature and the people will hold them accountable for the performance of the budget and its implementation, as they also have oversight responsibilities.

"We have had several discussions in plenary on the need for a program based budget, it is time to implement this."

Chie notes that in the past fourth session, the Senate plenary approved a proposal for Annual Budget Allotment for Infrastructure Development within the political subdivisions, adding "It is hard time that the decision be implemented starting with the 2022 National Budget."

He says with good indications coming from the fiscal managers



come into force on January 1, 2022 and other issues of national concerns, including security.

Pro-Tempore Chie explains that in line with the amended Public Financial Management Act, the new fiscal period starts from January 1 each year and ends on December 31 of the same year.

"The most cardinal purpose for which this Special Session is being convened is to work on the proposed 2022 National Budget which will be submitted to the Legislature by the President of Liberia shortly", he adds.

He notes that Article 34(d) of the Constitution of Liberia empowers the Legislature to make appropriation for the fiscal governance of the Republic. "I therefore challenge the ways, means, finance and budget committees of both Chambers of the Legislature to take seize

of the economy that domestic revenue is performing, the Legislature needs to increase significantly the budgets for security, health and education and consider significant appropriation for human trafficking, fight against sexual and gender based violence and other national priority programs such as the recent investment proposal from the University of Liberia.

However, the Pro-Tempore clarifies that the Liberian Senate does not approve or concur with laws and amendments to the law which are not in the public interest, most especially when it comes to protection and distribution of natural resources, in an apparent reference to the recently amended Mineral Development Agreement signed between the Executive and steel giant, ArcelorMittal Liberia, pending ratification. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

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Amb. McCarthy lauds

effective partner with the United States and other West African countries.

Meanwhile, Amb. McCarthy reiterates that the issue of power theft in Liberia represents one of the

greatest threats to Liberia's development, stressing that by contributing to LEC (Liberia Electricity Corporation's) commercial losses, this theft prevents the utility from conducting preventative

maintenance and installing new connections, which also raises the price for electricity for Liberians to one of the highest tariffs in the world. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

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First Lady Donates

Also speaking, Senator Snowe welcomed Mrs. Weah's gesture to the Bomi County Health System and pledged his commitment to work with


her in various ways to improve the lives of Liberians especially the less fortunate.

In addition to the vehicle, the First Lady presented 500 United

States Dollars to Mrs. Sandu Cole as a personal token of appreciation for her hard work and dedication to the health sector.

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Sylvina W. Garnett officiates Guinea Bissau Vs. Mauritania today



By: Naneka Hoffman

Liberia's Lone Female FIFA-Badged Referee Sylvina W. Garnett who travelled on October 17, 2021 to Guinea Bissau will officiate the 2022 Women's Africa Cup of Nations first leg Qualifier between Guinea

Bissau and Mauritania today, October 20, 2021 at the Estadio 24 de Setembro.

Garnett is a Liberian female Referee, who currently works with the Liberia Football Referee Association (LIFRA)

She broke the tie and became FIFA-BADGE in 2019, after eight

years of vacant list. She is the first Liberian female referee in eight years to be accepted by FIFA.

The lone female FIFA-badged Referee Garnett in 2019 officiated the international friendly matches between Sierra Leone and Liberia Female National Team.

In 2019, she became the first female to officiate in the National County Sports Meet when she oversaw the first women's football game where Lofa grabbed a 4-0 win over Margibi.

She went on to officiate the final game between Nimba and Lofa, won by Nimba from the penalty spot after both teams drew in 90 minutes.

She also officiates both

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