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Continental News

Hope turns to anger after Nigeria building collapse

Anger and frustration is replacing the hope of finding survivors at the site of a collapsed residential building in the wealthy neighbourhood of Ikoyi in Nigeria's biggest city of Lagos, where at least 32 people died.

The febrile intensity of the rescue operation after the building came down on Monday afternoon has been replaced with the crunching rumble of an excavator digging and lifting concrete slabs without too much care.

Voices of frustrated families and friends who have gathered here occasionally fill the air as they shout at officials who visit the site and disapprove of the rescue crew's methods. "I have no faith in them," Bakare Farati says. He hasn't left the site since Monday - his uncle has still not been accounted for.

The anguish has taken a visible toll on him. He looks tired, dejected and defeated. "It's a retrieval operation. Not a rescue operation. They're not taking

care to search for bodies. One of the bodies they pulled out this morning was dismembered by the excavator," Mr Farati adds.

His uncle Wale Bob Oseni, in his late 40s, was at the site visiting a friend when the building came down. He was due to fly back to the US, where he lives part-time, that evening, he says. "The authorities stopped working for seven hours on the first day. They don't have the urgency you'd think they'd have

in this type of situation," Mr Farati adds.

Other relatives of the missing share his frustration. A man in his 30s who did not want to be named says his friend was also visiting the site. "The pace of the search is too slow. They're over it. They just want to get out of here," he says angrily. "It's disheartening and shows how little human lives are valued in Nigeria." "We're just keeping

hope against all hope," he adds. The Wednesday crowd is smaller compared to the hundreds who gathered here minutes after the building collapsed. They used their bare hands to lift the rubble to try and rescue those trapped.

Meanwhile, the security cordon has grown bigger, along with the number of soldiers and police officers.

A man is overheard telling the workers to wait for a hearse to drive closer to the site instead of carrying the bodies to where the vehicle is parked.

Two bodies were retrieved from the rubble in the morning, but no-one has been found alive since Tuesday morning. Near the site, a woman waits anxiously, occasionally taking calls from friends and relatives. Her boss is amongst those missing. He was a contractor working at the building.

His elderly mother still

doesn't know he was at the site the day of the collapse so she doesn't want to be named or give his identity. "It could have been me," she says. "I've visited the site many times, been on every floor. I'm still in shock. You never think a building of that size can come down like that. You think they've done their due diligence." A rare silence engulfs the site as Lagos state Governor Babajide Sanwo Olu visits the site for the second time in less than 24 hours - the deference angers the relatives.

"Why has the work stopped?! You're wasting valuable time," shouts Mr Farati, as an official begs him not to make a scene. "Remember that people's lives matter!" adds the man in his 30s whose friend is still missing.

"You are stopping work which should be ongoing! Why don't you do your press conference there and allow the workers to continue?" he says, pointing to an alternative venue. BBC



Frustrated families and friends have gathered on the site since Monday

Facebook says Ethiopian PM's post incited violence

Facebook has removed a post from Ethiopia's prime minister for violating its policies against inciting violence.

On Sunday, Abiy Ahmed called on citizens take up arms to block the advance of the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

The TPLF has fought a year-long campaign against

government forces, capturing key towns in recent days.

Facebook has been criticised for failing to do more to stop its platform being used to incite violence.

In the post, Mr Abiy said that the rebel advance was "pushing the country to its demise," and he urged citizens to "organise and march through [any] legal manner with every weapon and power... to prevent, reverse and

bury the terrorist TPLF".

A spokesperson for Facebook, whose parent company recently rebranded to Meta, told the BBC: "We were made aware of a post by Ethiopia's Prime Minister and removed this for violating our policies against inciting and supporting violence." "At Meta, we remove content from individuals or organizations that violates our Community Standards, no matter who they are."

In a massive leak of documents last month it was revealed that Facebook had been warned that its platform was being used by armed groups in Ethiopia to incite violence against ethnic minorities.

Speaking to a US Senate hearing in October, whistleblower Frances Haugen said that the company was "literally fanning ethnic violence" in conflict zones such as Ethiopia due to its failure to properly police its services outside of the US. Thousands of people have been killed by the conflict in



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed urged citizens to "bury the terrorist TPLF"

Saudi and UAE join calls to reverse Sudan's coup



Protesters have been calling for a return to democracy

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have called for the restoration of Sudan's civilian government.

It is the first time the two countries - seen as possible backers of Sudan's military leaders - have called for a reversal of the coup. They and the United States and Britain - in a joint statement issued by the US Department of State on Wednesday - urged the "release of all those detained in recent events and the lifting of the state of emergency".

"We call for the full and immediate restoration of its civilian-led transitional

government and institutions.

"Violence has no place in the new Sudan, on this point we encourage an effective dialogue between all parties, and we urge all to ensure that the peace and security for the people of Sudan is a top priority," the statement added.

There's been mounting international pressure on the country's military leaders to free the detained political leaders and relinquish power.

Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok has been under house arrest in the capital, Khartoum, since he was ousted in the 25 October coup led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan. BBC

Ethiopia, millions more have been displaced and hundreds of thousands are facing famine conditions, according to the UN.

The war broke out on 4 November last year, when Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy ordered a military offensive

against regional forces in Tigray. He claimed that his government did so in response to an attack on a military base that housed government troops. The TPLF has been designated a terrorist organisation, while it says it is Tigray's legitimate government. BBC

EDITORIAL

Signs of an emerging death squad

THE WAVE OF suspicious killings in Monrovia and parts adjacent is both scaring and very disappointing, particularly under a civilian administration where security or law and order should be paramount. However, it seems that ghastly killings in homes every other week or month have become common in our society with the authority at the highest level remaining conspicuously silent.

OUR ATTENTION IS drawn to the suspicious death of three high profile personalities, two of them officials of government and a highly established private citizen in just over a month.

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 the Government of Liberia announced the death of Liberia's Peace Ambassador Rev. William R. Tolbert, III, youngest son of slain President Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr. According to the Ministry of Information, Rev. Tolbert was discovered dead at his residence in Monrovia on Sunday, October 31, in what the Liberia National Police described as a suspected homicide. The same day, female officer Maude Elliott of the Liberia Immigration Service (LIS) said to be in her 50s, was found brutally murdered at home in Brewerville, outside Monrovia.

EARLIER, IN SEPTEMBER this year, specifically September 22, 76-year-old John Hilary Tubman, a son of another former President, William V.S. Tubman, was reportedly found dead lying face down in a pool of blood with deep cuts to his neck and forehead with pillow placed over his head at his residence in Fiamah community, Monrovia.

INTERESTINGLY, THESE PERSONALITIES were alone in their respective homes when they were brutally killed. These are nothing else, but targeted murders that raise concern about something sinister being perpetrated and Police investigations should be able to establish.

THERE WERE OTHER mysterious deaths in and around the city prior to these three specific cases listed above. And from the trend of events, we can deduce that there is a pattern being unleashed by a probable death squad that is roaming and seeking its next target.

THE KILLINGS BEAR similar wounds that were inflicted in specific parts of the body, indicating there is a hired killer or a group of hired killers involved. Who are they working for is yet to be established but their targets may signal something.

ARE WE RETURNING to the days of the Charles Julu death squad under slain President Samuel Kanyon Doe? God forbid! But the writings on the wall spell bad omen for our beloved country.

SADLY HOWEVER, CIVIL Society, religious leaders and institutions including men and women of moral conscience in our society are silent about the unfolding development. Today, the late John Hilary Tubman, Officer Maude Elliott and Rev. William R. Tolbert, III, are the latest victims of this creeping evil in our country. We don't know who's next.

SOCIETY SHOULD SPEAK out now before it becomes too late. It is citizens' alienable right guarantee by our Constitution to peacefully assemble, protest and petition their representatives against anything that threaten their peace and happiness. If the current killings must stop, Liberians should rise up now!

COMMENTARY

By Joseph S. Nye, Jr.

American Democracy and Soft Power

CAMBRIDGE - At a recent meeting of trans-Atlantic foreign policy experts, a European friend told the group that he used to worry about a decline in American hard power, but felt reassured. On the other hand, he now worried more about what was happening internally and how that would affect the soft power that underlies American foreign policy. Are his fears justified?

Smart political leaders have long understood that values can create power. If I can attract you and persuade you to want what I want, then I do not have to force you or pay you to do what I want. If the United States (or any country) represents values that others find attractive, it can economize on sticks and carrots. US soft power rests partly on American culture and foreign policies when they are attractive to others; but it also rests on our values and how we practice democracy at home.

As international polls show, President Donald Trump's term in office was not kind to American soft power. This was partly a reaction to Trump's nativist foreign policy, which shunned allies and multilateral institutions, as well as to his administration's incompetent response to the COVID-19 pandemic. But even more damaging to US soft power was Trump's effort to disrupt the orderly transition of political power after he lost the 2020 election. And on January 6, 2021, as Republican Senator Ben Sasse described the invasion of the US Capitol, "the world's greatest symbol of self-government was ransacked while the leader of the free world cowered behind his keyboard tweeting against his Vice President for fulfilling the duties of his oath to the Constitution."

America's allies and other countries were shocked, and America's attractiveness was diminished. Can US soft power recover?

It would not be the first time. The US has serious problems, but it also has a capacity for resilience and reform that has rescued it in the past. In the 1960s, America's legacy of racism fueled major urban riots, and protests against the Vietnam War grew increasingly violent. Bombs exploded in universities and government buildings. The National Guard killed student protesters at Kent State University. We witnessed the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and two Kennedys. Populist demagogues like George Wallace fanned the flames of hate. Yet within a decade, Congress enacted a series of political reforms, and the honesty of Gerald Ford, the human rights policies of Jimmy Carter, and the optimism of Ronald Reagan helped restore America's attractiveness.

Moreover, even when protesters marched through the world's streets condemning American policies in Vietnam, they were more likely to sing "We Shall Overcome" than the "Internationale." The anthem of the civil rights movement illustrated that America's power to attract rested not on its government's policy but in large part on its civil society and its capacity for self-criticism

and reform.

Unlike hard-power assets (such as armed forces), many soft-power resources are separate from the government and attract others despite politics. Hollywood movies and popular music showcasing independent women or empowered minorities can attract others. So, too, does America's diverse and free press, the charitable work of its foundations, and the freedom of inquiry at its universities. America's firms, universities, foundations, churches, and protest movements develop soft power of their own, which may reinforce others' views of the country.

But while peaceful protests can generate soft power, the mob in and around the Capitol on January 6 was far from peaceful. The events of that day were a disturbing illustration of the way that Trump exacerbated political polarization, which he continues to do by making his myth of a stolen election a litmus test in the Republican Party.

To be sure, the US had experienced an increase in political polarization well before Trump was elected in 2016. Trump's innovation was to exploit and exacerbate nativist populism as a political weapon to take control of the GOP, cowering congressional Republicans with threats of a primary challenge from his supporters. Many still are too scared to oppose his lies about the 2020 election. Fortunately, in a federal system, many state officials and legislators stood up to Trump's efforts to intimidate them into "finding" votes. Some pessimists worry whether this can continue.

For those who are mourning the demise of American democracy, it is important to remember that unprecedented turnout in the 2020 election unseated a demagogue. And the outcome was upheld in more than 60 court cases overseen by an independent judiciary, including some of Trump's appointees. And the outcome was finally certified by Congress.

This does not mean that all is well with American democracy. The Trump presidency eroded a range of democratic norms. Polarization persists, and most Republicans believe his lies about the election. Social media business models exacerbate the existing polarization by relying on algorithms that profit from eliciting user "engagement," and companies like Facebook and Google, under pressure from public opinion and Congressional hearings, are only slowly beginning to respond.

At the same time, American culture still has sources of resilience that pessimists in the past have underestimated. Press freedom, independent courts, and the right to peaceful protest are among the greatest sources of America's soft power. Even when mistaken government policies reduce America's attractiveness, its capacity for self-reflection and self-correction makes it attractive to others at a deeper level. As I told my skeptical European friend, values change with generations, and the younger generation is a source of hope.

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Lord, why people always do this?

Dear Father:

You know, there is a lot going on in my village of late. I mean too many plenty things going on. I telling you mehn, Da na one day you will wake up from your bed and na hear noise. And da not just ordinary noise oo. They just there putting each other secrets outside calling each other all kina names as if they will never speak to each other again.

You want to tell me yor never had any good times, that you can remember to just go yor way and leave the orlor person if you think you na need them again.

Bor my son da politics na-you na know these people yeh?

No Father, da orlor politics there it too personal oo. No wonder this small village is like this. You look in your friend eyebolt-somebody who helped you when you were nothin then you say that politics bisnay you will call the person rogue, rogue and all kina names. Da just being ungrateful mehn.

And come to think of it Father, if you knew de man da rogue, and you took some of his booty-then you too, you who na? So what are you telling de orlor people dem that see you as somebody who get "integrity?"

Bor my son oo, where you ever see a hustler get integrity? The people can only make sweet mouth to get what they want and go by their own bisnay.

So wait oo, all the dirty clothes they washing on our village street na, da who will take them serious na? What make them think when we give them our village they will not be fighting among themselves every day for power?

Eh ehn, talking about people fighting among themselves for power, have you heard this orlor gees my Father? They say it was na easy the orlor day in front the Footballer oo. They say his strikers took it to the street right in front of him.

You say whatin?

Father, this orlor gees too heavy for my mouth. They say they didn't play there. They say they were calling each orlor all kinds of names-bag boy, medicine man and killer and all of that.

Bormy son then da na small trouble yor in there so. So wait oo, it look like somebody was crossing the line ehn?

Hmm, they say that small man who to the Alien them place there na want to respect himself. They say the man getting too close to the Footballer and the other two main man them na like the idea.

Bor de thing da confusing me sef is how it started?

Father, you know plenty thing happening in this our village here at the same timena. And like our people always say-talk can bring talk. So you will never know that some kina talk na bring out all that anger there and they were just spilling their stomach out.

Um, they moh just take time with our lay village before they set it on fire for us-because the way things looking na, it is like all the grass under it dry and any little cigarette butt that will fall down on it, will destroy the entire village and we na ready for any of that.

This thin call power and money, our old people came they enjoyed it and left us with so, so old, old building in our village-making it more like a big slum already with no money to repair it.

They better take time so we can manage it and leave it with our owner children in a more peaceful way then to send it back another 1000 years like our forefathers did to us and we can see anything to show for our age.

Parents decry fees hike in public schools

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Several parents in Pleebo, Electoral district#2, Maryland County have accused public school administrators in the district of hiking fees despite the Ministry of Education's policy on fees in public schools.

They specifically named administrators of the Pleebo High School, Sodoken High School, and Lab4 High School as allegedly being involved in the act.

Speaking to this paper on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, several parents lamented that it's unfortunate that the Ministry of Education that is responsible to regulate schools both public and private, would have public schools not upholding policy fees.

"We wonder what the Ministry is doing; if they say Pro-poor and allow a government school in the county to charge poor market women like us LRD7, 350 for our children's school fees, then why they are Pro-poor for na?" They asked.

They said the sudden increment in fees by these government schools despite the ministry's policy, totally contradicts government Pro-Poor

monitoring team to the County to check on these people because we have talked for long period of time now but no better".

"We think what is happening in this county is different from other counties but if one or two school administrations are served letters of suspension, they will come to themselves.

We have receipts to this situation so no government school administration within this district will say what we are saying is false; they all know", they disclosed.

When this paper contacted the County Education Officer (CEO) for comment on these allegations, Tehneseo Brohdoyen, Sr. said, parents are contributing factors to the hike of fees in public schools.

He said despite complaints about public schools inflating fees, his office has not received any formal complaint.

CEO Brohdoyen said parents should have informed their education officers about those issues confronting them.

However, he warned school administrators to desist immediately if the claims by parent are true, while calling on parents to do formal letters of



agenda.

Student Patience Weah, an 11th grader at Pleebo High School said, she was shocked when the Registrar informed her that the fees have jumped from LRD3,000 to LRD7,350 per student.

She noted that because of the information from the Ministry of Education that public schools' fees shouldn't exceed LRD3, 000, her parents gave her the said amount but she was shocked to have heard about the sudden increment in fees.

"When the registrar of my school (Pleebo High School) called LRD7,350 I felt he was joking, so I presented my LRD3,000 but he refused and threw it back to me", Student Patience narrated.

Jocab Hinneh, a 12th grader from Sodoken High School said, he has paid LRD6, 500 as fees, alleging that the situation is not the first, because last year, they paid almost similar amount.

The both students, including their parents said these government schools have been violating government policy for a long time.

"We hope the Ministry will send her

complaint so that appropriate measures would be taken against school administrators involved in violating government policy.

The CEO also cautioned school administrators to observe the mandate of 45-50 students per class.

Pleebo City Mayor Wellington Kyen, promised to intervene on grounds that his citizens' interest remains his concern.

"We will visit the various district education officers to know what really happened", Mayor Kyen said.

The chair of the Parent-Teacher Association of Sodoken High School Mr. Dio Wah, promised to speak on the matter at a later date.

Despite the outcry about sudden increment of school fees, the price of a 25kg bag of rice has increased from L\$2,800 to L\$3,500, while a gallon of gasoline has been hiked from LRD800 to LRD1,200, resulting to a corresponding increase in transportation fares.

- *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Liberian INGO Forum Hosts Annual General Meeting

November 2, 2021, Monrovia– Liberia

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On November 2, 2021, the Liberia International Non-Governmental Organization (LINGO) Forum, a network of more than 40 International NGOs working across the Republic of Liberia convened a cross-section of members for its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Monrovia. The theme of the 2021 AGM was “Collective Impact-Resilient Future” reflecting on the collective impact of INGOs over the past 10 years towards building a more resilient future for Liberia.



(L-R) Jim Wright USAID Mission Director, Loretta Alethea Pope, NCSO Chair and Neils Scott, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Liberia.

Convening of all the INGOS together in Liberia to maximize impact, avoid duplication and use resources more effectively including Joint planning, coordination and resources mobilization is certainly what we should be doing more of said Neils Scott, UN Resident Coordinator in Liberia. He noted that there is a need to move beyond the term implementing partner, organizations for example, LINGO Network has more to offer so let’s develop the power of partnership to better promote and achieve the SDG targets. He also added that measuring the SDG does not come naturally to many countries. Even in the most developed countries, only 40-50% of indicators are being measured. We need planning tools and a more systematic way of working with government, development partners including INGOS in working towards achieving the SDGs he added.

Madam Loretta Pope-Kai, Chair of the National Civil Society Council charged LINGO to strengthen its coordination with and investments in the National CSO council members to build back better towards a more resilient Liberia. LINGO must ensure timely engagements of CSOs, effective partnerships beyond just co-implementation but involved in setting the agenda, shared program design and planning, monitoring and evaluation, joint resource mobilization and directly holding the government accountable to work closely with international partners on implementation and outcomes. She also noted that in terms of sustainability, CSO is the direct representation for the community; therefore, it is necessary to ensure active participation from all---the government, INGOS, CSO, Women and Youth led groups and the community at large. She concluded by calling for facilitated national dialogue with CSO and INGO and government to review the state of affairs towards building a more resilient future for Liberia.

The 2021 AGM wrapped up with a session on internal reflections facilitated by Madam Faith Akovi Cooper, Chair of LINGO. Members engaged in an interaction session highlighting LINGOS successes and gaps including highlighting critical incidences in Liberia in which LINGO positioned its support as a unified front on

This was the first AGM since the COVID 19 Pandemic was confirmed in Liberia. Many new INGO Country Directors/Representatives have joined LINGO Forum in the last year. As such, the event provided a platform for members and invited guests to better understand the role of LINGO as a collective network supporting the Government of Liberia’s development agenda. In addition, it was an opportunity to reflect, take stock of INGOs’ contributions and to outline and look forward to the future of civil society presence in Liberia.

Augustine A. Allieu, Immediate Past Chair of LINGO and Country Direct of SOS Children’s Hospital opened the event with a holistic overview of civil society’s contribution to the social, economic, and political development of Liberia over the past 10 years. Civil society in Liberia has been a critical force in the movement for democratization and played a crucial role in national reconciliation and peace building to date he noted. He further stated that CSOs also participated and/or facilitated in setting the development agenda at all levels, including county and national levels, including the then Poverty Reduction Strategy and the current Pro-poor agenda, as well as the development of sector plans in education, health, agriculture, social protection, and other areas.

A panel on Maximizing Collective Impact facilitated by Madam Facia Harris, National Women’s Rights advocate brought together representation from the United Nations, Bilateral partner such as USAID and the national Civil Society council. Speaking on



LINGO Members and donors post for photo.



(L - R) Mr. Augustine A. Allieu, National Director SOS and former Chair of LINGO, Jim Wright, USAID Mission Director and Neils Scott, UN Resident Coordinator.

the topic of “Building a More Resilient Post-pandemic future, Mr. Jim Wright, USAID Mission Director said, “Covid 19 taught us the value of shared partnerships and the degree to which we are interdependent. We can only solve the world challenges by working together. Liberian needs to draw on its quintessential Liberian strength to truly build a post-pandemic resilient future he highlighted. Only by working together as one united people that we can give true meaning to the national song, in union strong we cannot fail”.

humanitarian response. When Covid-19 gripped the world, it put to test our collective resilience to the global pandemic. The fight against COVID-19 required a collective effort with strategic partnerships at its core. CSOs, including NGOs given their deep connect in combating various socio-economic issues, have been a natural partner and instrumental in supporting the Government of Liberia COVID 19 response and recovery effort. Members are working relentlessly at various levels, ranging from participating at the level of the national Incidence Management System, to helping shape the work of the various clusters, as well as on the ground and providing critical services to vulnerable groups of people.

LINGO Coordination Committee expressed its profound thanks to the participants, speakers and appreciation to the AGM 2021 planning committee led by Dr. Abena Amedormey, CD of Catholic Relief Services and participants. The LINGO Chair also thanked the Government of Liberia and its partners and donors for the level of trust, collaboration, and support to INGO members/organizations operating in Liberia. She noted that LINGO looks forward to continued collaboration as the FORUM strive to build a more resilient Liberia.

About LINGO

Founded in 1997, LINGO, a membership of over 40 INGOs has contributed to the national development, peace, and security and continue to do so through wide range of programs and projects implementation by its members/organizations across Liberia. LINGO is working tirelessly with its development partners and donors to sustain and continue the gains and progress made in achieving an improve and develop Liberia.

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Man arrested for attempted murder

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

The Liberia National Police in Pleebo, Maryland County Electoral district#2 has arrested 27-year-old Henry Weah for attempting to murder a motorcyclist in the district.

According to Police preliminary investigation,

as Papa God in Zone 11, New Pleebo community before making his way to Ivory Coast on Monday.

Narrating his ordeal, Victim Samuel Dialeh, a commercial motorcyclist said, on Monday, November 1, 2021 while in traffic, Suspect Henry Weah stopped him around Big Market Road and hired his service to take him (Dialeh) to the Pleebo

Weah returned, he asked Samuel to taken him to the border through Barreken for a fare of LRD\$1,800.

Victim Dialeh explained that when he charged the suspect the amount, Samuel Weah asked him to show where gold is sold and also to take him to his oldest brother house in New Pleebo.

"When we got there, we met his oldest brother and the three (3) of us got on the bike and came to the parking around the big market road. We stopped again and he went to the shop to sell the gold but I don't know the total amount, but I saw the man giving him money."

Victim Dialeh narrated that after the suspect received the money; he gave some to his (Weah's) oldest brother and paid him the transport fare of LRD1, 800.

"So we picked up for the border, using the Barreken way but when we got almost around the border, we stopped and he started telling me that I should turn around and pass thru Daykay town border, so we came back and passed through the Cavalla Rubber Corporation and came to Gedetarbo."

He continued "We passed through and reached to

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Suspect Henry Weah came from Sinoe on Sunday, October 31, 2021 and spent a night at the house of his oldest brother only identified

Parking.

The victim continued that when they arrived at the parking, he stopped to allow the suspect change money and when

UP rejects claim of eviction

Opposition Unity Party (UP) says it has not been evicted from its party headquarters, contrary to reports here by some media houses.

The former ruling party which now chairs the main opposition bloc Collaborating Political Party (CPP), issued a statement over the weekend, assuring partisans and supporters that that the issue surrounding the property it occupied would be resolved in accordance with the extension given by the Court for dialogue on the arrears.

"The Unity Party informs its partisans and the public that, contrary to media reports, the party has not been evicted from the Congo Town Headquarters," the statement said.

The release noted that the Unity Party had a cordial relationship with the property owners and has been working out modalities for the smooth transfer of the property after both parties could not reach a resolution on the abrupt astronomical increase in rental.

The UP said at the beginning of the Standard Bearership of Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai in 2017, it paid off its debt of US\$180,000 in full and a further US\$60,000 for a year rent and continued the lease agreement as was.

At the payment of the said amount, the release said the party initiated a discussion with the McClains about the high rental cost and basically agreed that further discussions would be held about the reduction in cost by 50%.

Upon the assumption of the Chairmanship of the Party by Mr. Amin Modad, the leadership of the party concluded that the rental cost did not commensurate with the current economic conditions and again reengaged the McClains for a reduction.

The release detailed that the both parties had initially agreed in principle to the reduction of rental from U\$60,000 annually to U\$30,000 and that said rent would be paid on a monthly basis.

Accordingly, the party said it undertook massive renovation amounting to approximately to U\$30,000 in recent times. To the dismay of the party, the release said, a few months later, the property owners informed the leadership of an increment in rental to U\$100,000 annually instead.

At this point the UP said it decided to relocate and discussed appropriately with the McClains. It said Lawyers for both parties have since initiated discussions on payment plans for the arrears owed the property owners.

"The UP is dismayed and disappointed that the McClains, a family that the UP has done favorable business with for years, have decided to politicize the rent issues by disseminating what was once a private matter between the two parties to the public," the release continued.

The Unity Party assured its partisans, supporters and the public that this issue would be resolved in accordance with the extension given by the Court for the parties to dialogue on the arrears.

GOL threatens dismissal of employees over Covid vaccine refusal

By Lewis S Teh

The Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Health says beginning Monday, 8 November 2021, it will not relent in dismissing any employee who has refused to take their COVID - 19 vaccines.

"First those of them who haven't taken their COVID 19 vaccines will be asked to show their vaccines certificate, if not they will be asked to leave job," the Ministry of Health said Wednesday, 3 November 2021.

During a briefing at the Ministry of Information, Deputy Health Minister and Chief Medical Officer of Liberia Dr. Francis Karteh said the government through the Health Ministry will not compromise the safety of citizens.

Dr. Karteh said as the festive season is approaching, there will be huge number of people coming into the country and



as such it is prudent for citizens to be fully vaccinated to help Liberia reach the forty percent bench mark set by the World Health Organization.

He said the only way health authorities can prevent the public is through vaccination, saying all Health Ministry staffs are requested to be vaccinated

or bring a negative COVID 19 results every three days before they can get to work.

"If they can't, there's a CSA [Civil Service Agency] rule that once you can't show up to work for fourteen days you're going to be dismissed," said

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SURVEY NOTICE

November 1, 2021

The general public is hereby notified that the undersigned Registered Land Surveyor and Survey Technician had been duly authorized to conduct a resurvey of a parcel of land that contains one (1) lot of land in favor of Madam Lydia D. Serzue. The land is situated and lying in Hines bluff, Johnsonville, Montserrado County.

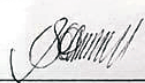
This survey exercise will commence on Saturday November 6, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

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Security forces end crowd control demonstration

--Assures Liberians of safe election

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Liberia National Police (LNP) and the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) with complementary support from the Liberia Disaster Management Agency, National Fire Service and Liberia Red Cross Society on Wednesday, 3 November 2021 ended a one - day joint command post and practical demonstration on crowd control and dispersal in Monrovia.

The command post and practical demonstration of crowd control and dispersal exercise is intended to ensure mutual understanding of the role of all agencies during response to crisis situation in Liberia.

The practical demonstration of crowd

watched an election violence in the country of Siberia where a party won an election, but its rival party rejected the result and cried fraud.

The synopsis continued where the opposition party of Siberia political leaders and supporters engaged in a major protest and demonstration, something which prompted the joint security to come in and restore calm.

At the physical demonstration and practical crowd control dispersal exercise activities, the LNP was assisted by the AFL when the crowd was overwhelming.

Also they were followed by the Red Cross, Fire Service and Disaster Management Agency who provided support for the protesters to save lives and properties.

The joint security at the scene changed strategically and responded depending on the

going towards and major election," said Minister Dickson.

Liberia's Army Chief of Staff Major General Prince C. Johnson, III, said the examples displayed were fruitful based upon the four separate intelligence unite that they have setup and trained to provide and handle information during election period.

General Johnson continued that they have the Operation Watch Over Vi, the Joint Technical Operation Center (JTOC) Watch Over Vi and Sector "B" Operation with the media sector that will provide the right information to the public during the election period when examples displayed and anticipated happened.

"The AFL will help but it will be the last to come in when the police can't make it. However, with the training and lesson thought, I'm confident to say that I trust the police in handling these issues across the country," General Johnson added.

Also speaking, Cllr. Ernestine Morgan Awar, Commissioner at the National Elections Commission (NEC) with oversight on security, said she is very excited to form part of such a great initiative, adding that this is the first of its kind in the history of the NEC and the country at large.

"The NEC's service has to do with the sovereignty of the country and it borders on peace and national security. We are doing everything to have a very free, fair and peaceful election," said Cllr. Awar. "We have NEC commissioners that have integrity. We are part of this so that in challenging time we can know how to get to the joint security to restore peace and stability," Cllr. Awar noted.

For his part, the National Security Advisor to the President Mr. Jefferson Kanmoh disclosed that the exercise has shown in term of internal security operation, which one of the security forces should take the lead and how it will be done, adding that there should be more support to the team for the work.

"We want to reassure the Liberian people that comes 2023 the country's joint security are well prepared and trained to handle election violence, mob violence and every form of violence across

Heads of state

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The campaign launched with commitments from President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d'Ivoire, President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, former president of Sierra Leone, Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, former president of Nigeria, and businessman and philanthropist Dr. Mo Ibrahim.

President Ouattara said: "I welcome and wholly support the Have Her Back campaign...I am committed to giving my full support to all initiatives which aim to promote female leadership. I encourage leaders at all levels to commit themselves through concrete actions in the same way."

President Ramaphosa noted: "I will #HaveHerBack. I pledge to improve the representation of women in senior management position levels in the public sector towards overall gender parity."

Former President Koroma expressed his support, saying: "I pledge that I will use my office...to continue to advocate for support and opportunities to be given to our women in politics, in business, and in our society."

Former President Obasanjo said: "I pledge to ensure that I work for parity between the number of women and men engaged at all walks of life."

Dr. Ibrahim also shared his commitment: "I pledge to #HaveHerBack by doubling our efforts in campaigning in Africa for more gender equality, the rights of women,

education of girls, family planning - all the issues which are really important to help bring our women to the center of development in Africa."

The male leaders above will be joined in the coming days by other prominent African political leaders, businessmen, and philanthropists.

The Have Her Back campaign also calls upon men across the continent to make concrete pledges to further women's leadership in their spheres of influence. It also provides an opportunity for women to recognize the men who have supported them over the course of their careers—and encourage other men to follow their lead.

Throughout the campaign, public pledges will be bolstered by contributions such as those above from some of Africa's most influential male leaders in government, business, philanthropy, and more - inspiring men at all levels and across all sectors to consider what they can do to advance gender equality.

Former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Founder of the EJS Center, encouraged people from across the continent to take part:

"Women's advancement benefits all of us, regardless of gender. So let us come together - men and women - to break down barriers to women's leadership."

To learn more about the Have Her Back campaign and how you can get involved, visit www.ejscenter.org/have-her-back.



control and dispersal phase was led by the Liberia National Police, hosted by the Armed Forces of Liberia and jointly complimented by the Liberia National Fire Service, Liberia Red Cross and Disaster Management Agency to ensure that during election and other violent situations there are proper cooperation to calm violence.

The aim of the exercise is to promote inter-agency cooperation and interoperability among participating agencies in dealing with crisis situation during internal security operation in Liberia.

During the physical demonstration of crowd control and dispersal synopsis, participants

escalation of force by the protesters. At first was empty hands negotiation by the joint security, later blockades, non-lethal and lethal weapons followed to disperse the angry crowd.

Speaking to journalists at the end of the exercise, Acting Defense Minister Mr. Tibli Olandrus Dickson said that the activities demonstrate how the Government of Liberia through its security agencies are ready and prepared in dealing with election violence and mob violence ahead of 2023 presidential and general elections.

"In time of peace you should be prepared for war. We are not doing all this because we sense violence ahead of the election, but we want to also put ourselves on the safe side because we are

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Dr. Karteh.

Giving an update on the status of the country regarding COVID 19, Dr. Karteh said as of 2 November, Liberia reported zero new case, while the country's total cumulative case is 5, 815.

He said those who have recovered have totaled 5, 525,

adding that there are three active cases and the death toll is 287 persons.

He said only Maryland and Montserrado Counties are in response while Bong County is on countdown with 12 counties in preparedness.—*Edited by Winston W. Parley*



the country," said Mr. Kanmoh.

In separate remarks, the Liberia National Fire Service, Disaster Management Agency and the Liberia Red Cross said

they are ready to complement the efforts of the joint security in handling issues of violence across the country.—*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

Jetty feeds prisoners on Thanksgiving Day and Diwali Festival



Eugene Nagbe markets Liberia Maritime industry

--Says country is committed to maritime, security, seafarers' wellbeing...

On the margins of the COP26 taking place in Glasgow, Scotland, Commissioner of Maritime, Eugene Lenn Nagbe participated in a seminar arranged by the Liberia Ship Owners Council Board where he assured Ship Owners of vessels under the registry of the Liberian government of a pragmatic regulation, passionate client-service and support for the tireless seafarers who move the global feet as well as ensuring security and safety in the maritime sector.

Mr. Nagbe who attended the gathering for the first time since his appointment by President Weah in 2020 by Mr. Weah told the gathering that his preferment came with a marching order to keep the Liberia Maritime Authority, which he is heading focused on its goals of advancing Liberia as a maritime state and also supporting the macro-levels needs of Liberian-flagged ship owners, amongst other things.

He said strategically, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the most critical venue for achieving these goals and added that Liberia has a track-record of promoting positive regulatory change with deep consideration for their effective implementation. He also said Liberia has taken what is believed to be the sensible approach to Ballast Water, IMO 2020, and presently with regards to the issue of emissions.

"The maritime industry must continuously evolve and improve, but in a harmonious manner that is operationally and financially feasible for ship-owners. Liberia is committed to redoubling our engagement at the IMO, and strives to be on the IMO Council. Our aim is to be at the center of shaping the regulations and standards of tomorrow", he said.

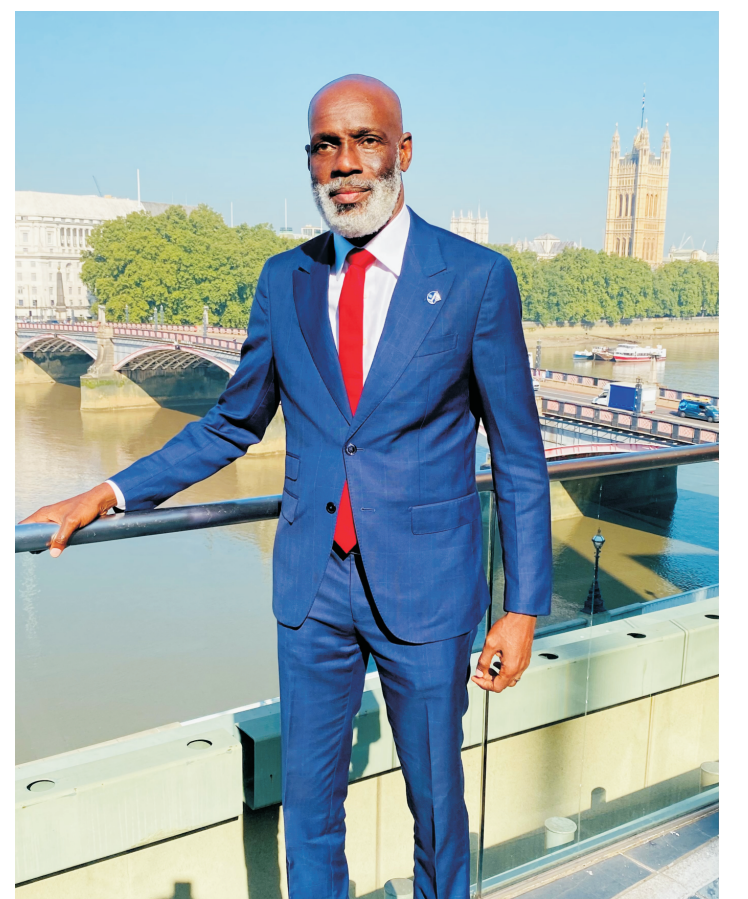
Commissioner Nagbe said Liberia's efforts to care for the macro-level concerns of ship owners has also propelled the country to tackle the issue of maritime security and lamented that piracy in the Gulf of Guinea has reached an intolerable level and as an ECOWAS member-state, Liberia is uniquely positioned to work with other West African nations to reach a sustainable solution to the problem. "Over the past 12 months the Liberian government has initiated high-level diplomatic dialogue on this issue. I am personally committed to championing Liberia's initiative to

address this matter", Commissioner Nagbe said.

"Our hope is to find global and regional solutions to this problem, which impacts ship owners and the vulnerable seafarers who are confronted with such violence", he stated.

Continuing further he said, "Seafarers are the most important asset in our industry and we have a legal and moral obligation to protect them. It is for this reason that Liberia has continuously worked throughout the pandemic to advocate for seafarers being designated as essential workers. We will continue to publicly demand for seamless crew changes and onshore emergency medical support", he noted.

Nagbe also spoke on the positive development taking place within the country's own community of seafarers and reported that the Liberian Maritime Training Institute, graduated its first batch of cadets in 2019 and is currently



educating a new class of bright young students. "I want to thank d'Amico Shipping and APM Terminals for their funding support in further training and employing LMTI's talented Liberian students. They are the future for transforming Liberia into a maritime nation with maritime talent. I also like to encourage and invite you to our loyal shipowner community to be a part of this exciting endeavor; contact us with any interest in collaborating with this extraordinary program", he said.

"Lastly, I want to thank the entire Liberian-flagged ship owner community for your trust and loyalty. The Liberian Registry is proud to be serving shipowners for over 70 years. Our success as an industry institution is due to our close partnership with you. I look forward to future success together", he concluded. -Dispatch

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Français

Weah : Ensemble, nous pouvons faire la différence

Le président George Weah a déclaré qu'ensemble, le monde peut faire la différence dans la lutte contre le changement climatique.

« Ensemble, nous pouvons faire la différence en tant que communauté du monde avec un destin commun. Ensemble, nous pouvons guérir le monde des fléaux du changement climatique », a déclaré Weah lors de la conférence sur le changement climatique en cours à Glasgow, au Royaume-Uni.

S'exprimant à la Conférence des Nations Unies sur les changements climatiques (UNCCC), surnommée la Conférence des parties (COP26), le lundi 1er novembre 2021, Weah a déclaré qu'il menait une action collective pour respecter les engagements de l'Accord de Paris et des Nations Unies et le cadre des Nations Unies sur le changement climatique.

Le président Weah a dit : « Ensemble, nous pouvons sauver cette terre des conséquences mortelles du réchauffement climatique. Ensemble, nous pouvons

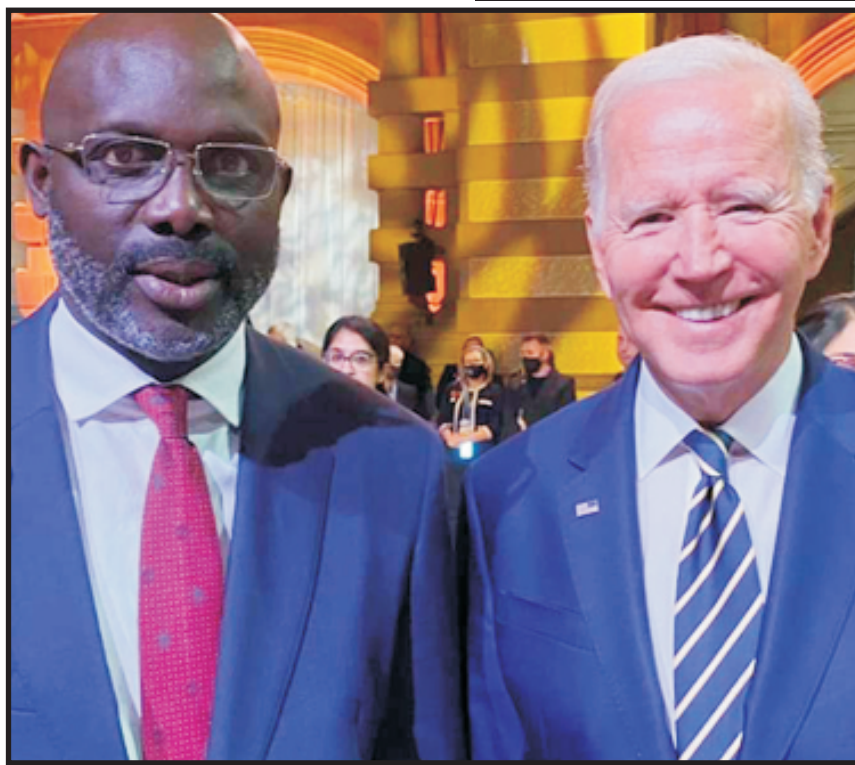
mettre l'humanité en harmonie avec la nature.

Conscient du fait que la COP26 a lieu au moment où le monde est sous le choc des conséquences dévastatrices et perturbatrices de la pandémie mortelle de coronavirus, le chef de l'exécutif libérien et militant pour un climat propice a dit que le changement climatique représente une

menace encore plus grande pour le monde et pour l'humanité.

Il a exhorté la communauté internationale à rechercher une action commune pour sauver la planète et à faire preuve d'équité et de justice afin d'atteindre les objectifs de l'Accord de Paris.

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Opposition divisée : Cummings et Boakai continuent de se tirer dessus médias interposés

Le bras de fer politique qui oppose l'ancien vice-président Joseph Nyumah Boakai et l'opposant charismatique Alexander B. Cummings est loin d'être terminée à en juger par l'attitude des deux dirigeants de l'alliance politique de l'opposition, qui ne semblent pas disposés à se mettre d'accord.

Avant l'accession de Boakai à la présidence tournante de la CPP (Collaboration des

Partis Politiques), les dirigeants se disputaient déjà le mode de participation aux réunions du Conseil consultatif national (NAC), et même après son accession, le problème se pose toujours. La cession qui était prévue en octobre dernier a fini par avoir lieu sans M. Alexander Cummings.

Les deux hommes se disputent la candidature de la CPP à la présidentielle de 2023 en prélude aux primaires qui doivent avoir lieu dans quelques mois.

La rivalité entre les deux personnalités de l'opposition devient de plus en plus rude au point que les partisans de la coalition de l'opposition, qui comprend quatre partis d'opposition, sont confus et dégoûtés. Ce qui est le plus décevant, c'est le fait que les deux hommes utilisent les médias sociaux et d'autres plateformes pour s'attaquer.

Dans des communications séparées, M. Boakai et M. Cummings s'accusent mutuellement d'être la cause de ce qui se passe.

Dans une note qui a fait fuite, Cummings, qui est le leader politique de l'Alternative National Congress, accusait Boakai de l'avoir informé tardivement de la tenue de la réunion de la CPP afin de désinformer délibérément le public en ce qui concerne les raisons pour lesquelles l'ANC n'a pas été représenté à la réunion.

Selon Cummings, l'ANC avait espéré que, après son accession à la présidence tournante de la CPP et sur la base de sa promesse de réconcilier les membres de la CPP, Boakai allait trouver une solution à ce qui les divisait et secouait la plateforme de l'opposition.

« Étonnamment, votre communiqué de presse sur la

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Éditorial

Les libériens doivent honnêtement se féliciter de l'accord amendé de l'AML

Le gouvernement du Libéria et la direction d'ArcelorMittal Libéria (AML), l'un des plus grands géants mondiaux de l'acier, ont récemment signé une version modifiée de l'Accord de développement minier (MDA).

Dans le cadre de l'accord, l'AML investira près de 800 millions de dollars supplémentaires au Libéria. Mais avant même que la copie modifiée du MDA ne soit signée, les citoyens des zones opérationnelles de l'entreprise dans les comtés de Nimba et de Grand Bassa ont protesté contre l'accord. Il y a eu une action en justice et des actes de harcèlement physique et d'intimidation avec la présence d'un masque traditionnel dans les locaux de la compagnie minière à Nimba dont l'intention était de mettre fin à ses opérations.

Mais toutes ces actions contre l'accord sont-elles vraiment justifiées sans avoir pris son temps pour faire la lecture de l'amendement du MDA ? Ou est-ce à dire que les Libériens ne font plus confiance à leur propre gouvernement avec le président George Manneh Weah aux commandes en ce qui concerne leurs intérêts dans cette concession ?

Le New Dawn a feuilleté les points saillants de l'accord modifié et pense que les citoyens ordinaires ont beaucoup à gagner en termes d'emploi, de fonds de développement social régional, de bourses d'études et de formation professionnelle, entre autres grâce à l'investissement de l'AML et du gouvernement lui-même qui renflouera ses caisses grâce à cet accord gagnant-gagnant.

En tant que premier investisseur majeur sous l'administration Weah, l'engagement d'ArcelorMittal à investir 800 millions de dollars US montre clairement que la société aspire à raviver la confiance des investissements du secteur privé dans l'économie avec plus de 2000 nouveaux emplois qui devraient être créés pendant la phase de construction, et à mesure que les volumes de production augmenteront, ses équipes d'exploitation généreront également 1 000 nouveaux emplois supplémentaires, ciblant les Libériens.

Le projet d'expansion, en vertu de l'accord modifié, qui englobe les installations de traitement, ferroviaires et portuaires, promet de devenir l'un des plus grands projets miniers de toute l'Afrique de l'Ouest. Il comprendra la construction d'une nouvelle usine de concentration et une expansion substantielle des opérations minières. La première expansion est prévue dès 2023 et pourrait atteindre 15 millions de tonnes par an. Ce qui pourrait stimuler le PIB.

L'accord qui est critiqué dans certains milieux devrait également renforcer la capacité du gouvernement du Libéria à répondre aux besoins d'autres utilisateurs, dont les mineurs guinéens, d'utiliser l'infrastructure libérienne pour leurs exportations. L'AML s'est engagé à conclure un accord multi-utilisateur avec le gouvernement du Libéria après la ratification de l'accord modifié.

Vu que l'économie mondiale est étouffée par la pandémie de COVID-19, les Libériens devraient faire preuve de patience et être optimistes quant à l'avenir plutôt que de chercher à jeter l'eau de bain avec le bébé. Nous avons besoin d'investissements étrangers directs pour développer notre économie et les entreprises qui sont déjà sur le terrain ne devraient pas être effrayées, comme cela a été le cas de Sime Darby dans les comtés de Bomi et de Grand Cape Mount. ArcelorMittal et le gouvernement du Libéria ont jugé nécessaire de procéder à un amendement depuis août 2016 avec l'ancienne administration Sirleaf. Cela démontre combien l'entreprise tient au partenariat avec le Libéria et au maintien des opérations à flot et son intention d'offrir des solutions gagnant-gagnant telles que l'utilisation des usines de HFO qu'elle avait achetées en 2014 pour fournir de l'électricité dont le pays a si grandement besoin.

Les négociations en cours avec l'administration Weah ont commencé sérieusement le 17 septembre 2020, et il y a eu 54 rencontres avec le gouvernement, l'entreprise et ses conseillers internationaux au cours des 53 semaines qu'il a fallu pour conclure le 10 septembre 2021. Cinquante d'entre elles portaient sur le partage des infrastructures comme l'exigeait le gouvernement du Libéria.

Le Libéria a été le premier pays africain à se conformer à l'Initiative pour la transparence des industries extractives (ITIE). En tant que membre fondateur de l'ITIE du Libéria, ArcelorMittal Libéria a joué un rôle essentiel dans la déclaration de ses paiements au gouvernement, ce qui était essentiel pour les rapports de conformité de l'ITIE. En outre, AML a versé 3 millions de dollars US par an aux pays dans lesquels elle opère. À ce jour, l'entreprise a versé 45 millions de dollars pour cet engagement. En réponse aux plaintes des citoyens selon lesquelles les fonds ne bénéficiaient pas aux communautés affectées, AML a convaincu le gouvernement du Libéria pour que 20 % de ces fonds soient gérés directement par ces communautés. Ce programme a démarré en 2020.

À ce jour, la direction de l'AML a dépensé 1,7 million de dollars sur le programme de bourses d'études qui a permis à 29 Libériens de faire des études dans des universités à l'étranger. Elle a rouvert le centre de formation professionnelle de Yekepa en 2017 en dépensant 7 millions de dollars pour rénover ce centre de formation à la pointe de la technologie. Il compte à ce jour 159 apprenants. Sa première promotion qui compte 48 étudiants est sortie récemment en 2021.

Les Libériens doivent être honnêtes avec eux-mêmes : quelle autre entreprise dans le pays a fait autant en seulement 15 ans, et est prête à en faire encore plus ? Nous croyons fermement que l'Accord de développement minier amendé offre d'énormes offres dont les Libériens devraient profiter.

Français

Weah : Ensemble, nous

« Nous sommes tous conscients qu'il existe un déséquilibre inhérent dans l'architecture actuelle du financement climatique. Des pays comme le Libéria, qui entretiennent et protègent les plus grandes étendues forestières, reçoivent les avantages les plus faibles pour ces services écosystémiques », a souligné le président Weah.

Il a appelé les délégués à la conférence à remédier au déséquilibre et a souligné la nécessité de corriger le décalage existant dans les investissements climatiques. « Nous qui sommes les plus riches en termes de ressources forestières et de biodiversité, sommes les plus pauvres en termes de développement socio-économique. Bien que nous soyons les plus touchés par l'impact du changement climatique, nous bénéficions le

moins des solutions existantes et des arrangements financiers actuellement en place pour lutter contre le changement climatique.

« Je pense que l'un des moyens d'y parvenir est d'établir un mécanisme africain d'échange de crédits de carbone. Avec votre soutien, le Libéria sera disposé à accueillir une conférence dans un proche avenir pour explorer les détails et la structure d'une telle entité. Nous travaillerons avec des institutions financières panafricaines et mondiales pour développer un marché réglementé à long terme pour le crédit carbone africain », a-t-il souligné.

Weah s'est dit convaincu que ces initiatives augmenteront les chances de tous les pays africains qui dépendent de leurs réserves forestières d'atteindre une croissance économique durable et un développement national conformément à la vision définie dans l'Agenda 2030.

Opposition divisée : Cummings et Boakai continuent

réunion du Comité consultatif national (CCN) laisse beaucoup à désirer, et au lieu de rétablir la confiance, elle semble approfondir la méfiance », a dit Cummings.

Il a révélé que quand il a reçu une proposition de Boakai le mercredi 27 octobre 2021 pour une réunion du CCN qui devrait se tenir le 29 octobre 2021, il lui a écrit pour demander l'ordre du jour car il ne l'avait pas reçu comme promis.

Il a fait savoir que quand l'ANC a finalement reçu l'ordre du jour, il a demandé que la réunion fût reportée en raison du fait d'avoir reçu l'ordre du jour si tardivement. Cette demande était basée, selon lui, sur le fait que le calendrier était inadéquat, car le Comité exécutif national de l'ANC ne pouvait pas discuter de l'ordre du jour proposé. Il était également impossible de recevoir à temps une copie de la lettre qui avait été précédemment envoyée à l'équipe d'avocats. Cette lettre était indispensable car elle avait été incluse comme point à l'ordre du jour.

« Par conséquent, nous espérons que cette affaire serait limitée à la salle de discussion du Conseil National, c'est-à-dire entre nous », a dit Cummings.

« Sans faire mention du retard que vous avez accusé dans la soumission de l'ordre du jour, vous avez tenu à ternir mon image et celle de l'ANC. Vous nous accusez d'être responsables de l'incapacité du CNA à se réunir. Ceci, monsieur le président, est un mauvais départ et un début

malheureux pour votre mandat. Beaucoup avaient espéré quelque chose de différent », a-t-il dit.

« L'ANC et moi personnellement avons déjà été victimes d'abus excessifs de la part de la présidence de la CPP. Nous avons fait l'objet d'une campagne de désinformation imméritée et de diffamation. Notre espoir était qu'avec votre appel à la réconciliation, et l'assurance de votre expérience en matière de leadership, ces abus auraient pris fin et le public commencerait à voir la CPP comme une coalition de l'opposition qui se comporte de nouveau honorablement afin de rétablir la confiance nécessaire dans les rangs de ses membres ».

Dans un communiqué de presse qui date du 29 octobre 2021, Boakai a déclaré que la réunion du Conseil consultatif national s'est tenue au siège du CPP à Congo Town. Seuls les dirigeants du Parti de la liberté, du Parti de tous les libériens et du Parti de l'Unité étaient présents. L'ANC avait boycotté la réunion.

« Malheureusement, il n'y avait absolument aucun représentant du Congrès national alternatif (ANC) à la réunion du CNA », a-t-il déclaré. Selon lui, conformément aux règles régissant les réunions du CPP, chaque parti devrait avoir au moins un représentant.

Il a déclaré que par conséquent, les questions cardinales relatives au renforcement de la CPP et à la décision sur la résolution à l'amiable des problèmes du document-cadre ne pouvaient pas être discutées. Il a cependant dit espérer que l'ANC sera pleinement représenté à la prochaine réunion du CNA.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Joseph S. Nye, Jr.

La démocratie américaine et le pouvoir de convaincre

CAMBRIDGE - Lors d'une récente réunion d'experts de politique étrangère transatlantique, un ami européen a déclaré au groupe qu'il s'inquiétait auparavant d'un déclin du pouvoir de contraindre américain, mais qu'il se sentait à présent rassuré. D'un autre côté, il s'inquiétait davantage à présent de ce qui se passe en interne et de la manière dont cela pourrait affecter le pouvoir de convaincre qui sous-tend la politique étrangère américaine. Ses craintes sont-elles justifiées ?

Les dirigeants politiques intelligents ont compris depuis longtemps que les valeurs peuvent créer du pouvoir. Si je peux vous attirer et vous persuader de vouloir ce que je veux, alors je n'ai pas à vous forcer ou à vous payer pour faire ce que je veux. Si les États-Unis (ou tout autre pays) représentent des valeurs que d'autres trouvent attrayantes, ils peuvent faire des économies sur leurs programmes d'encouragement et de répression. Le pouvoir de convaincre des États-Unis repose en partie sur la culture américaine et sur la politique étrangère lorsqu'elles sont attrayantes pour les autres ; mais il repose également sur nos valeurs et sur la manière dont nous pratiquons la démocratie chez nous.

Comme le montrent les sondages internationaux, le mandat du président Donald Trump n'était pas enclin à mettre en avant le pouvoir de convaincre américain. Cela était dû en partie à une réaction à la politique étrangère nationaliste de Trump, qui a évité ses alliés et ses institutions multilatérales, ainsi qu'à la réponse incompétente de son administration à la pandémie de COVID-19. Mais les efforts de Trump visant à perturber la passation de pouvoir pacifique du pouvoir politique après sa défaite aux élections de 2020 ont été encore plus dommageables envers le pouvoir de contraindre des États-Unis. Le 6 janvier 2021, comme l'a décrit le sénateur républicain Ben Sasse, l'invasion du Capitole des États-Unis a montré « le plus grand symbole de l'autonomie gouvernementale au monde mis à sac, tandis que le chef du monde libre se cachait derrière son clavier pour tweeter contre son vice-président qui exerçait son devoir en respectant le serment prêté à la Constitution. »

Les alliés de l'Amérique et d'autres pays ont été choqués et l'attrait de l'Amérique en a été amoindri. Le pouvoir de convaincre de l'Amérique peut-il s'en remettre ?

Ce ne serait pas la première fois. Les États-Unis ont de sérieux problèmes, mais ils ont également une capacité de résilience et de réforme qui les a sauvés par le passé. Dans les années 1960, l'héritage raciste américain a provoqué d'importantes émeutes urbaines et des manifestations contre la guerre du Vietnam se sont révélées de plus en plus violentes. Des bombes ont explosé dans les universités et dans des bâtiments publics. La Garde nationale a tué des étudiants qui manifestaient à Kent State University. Nous avons assisté aux assassinats de Martin Luther King Jr. et de deux Kennedy. Les démagogues populistes comme George Wallace ont attisé les feux de la haine. Pourtant, en l'espace d'une décennie, le Congrès a mis en place une série de réformes politiques et l'honnêteté de Gerald Ford, la politique des droits de l'homme de Jimmy Carter, ainsi que l'optimisme de Ronald Reagan ont contribué à rétablir l'attrait de l'Amérique.

En outre, même lorsque les manifestants ont défilé dans les rues du monde entier pour condamner la politique américaine au Vietnam, ils ont eu tendance à chanter « We Shall Overcome » plutôt que « L'Internationale ». L'hymne du mouvement des droits civiques a montré que le pouvoir

d'attraction des États-Unis ne reposait pas sur la politique de leur gouvernement, mais en grande partie sur leur société civile et sur leur capacité à se critiquer et à se réformer.

Contrairement aux actifs militaires (comme les forces armées), de nombreuses ressources du pouvoir de convaincre sont séparées du gouvernement et attirent les autres en dépit de la politique. Les films hollywoodiens et la musique pop présentant des femmes indépendantes ou des minorités autonomes peuvent attirer d'autres personnes. Il en va de même de la liberté et de la diversité de la presse américaine, des œuvres caritatives de ses fondations et de la liberté de la recherche dans ses universités. Les entreprises, les universités, les fondations, les églises et les mouvements de protestation des États-Unis développent leur propre pouvoir de convaincre, ce qui peut renforcer les points de vue des autres sur le pays.

Mais si des manifestations pacifiques peuvent produire du pouvoir de convaincre, la foule dans et autour du Capitole le 6 janvier était loin d'être pacifique. Les événements de ce jour-là ont été une illustration inquiétante de la manière dont Trump a exacerbé la polarisation politique, ce qu'il continue de faire en faisant de son mythe d'une élection volée un test décisif au sein du Parti républicain.

Bien sûr, les États-Unis avaient connu une polarisation politique croissante bien avant l'élection de Trump en 2016. L'innovation de Trump a consisté à exploiter et à exacerber le populisme nationaliste comme arme politique pour prendre le contrôle du Parti républicain, en intimidant les Républicains du Congrès par des menaces de fortes représailles de la part de ses partisans. Beaucoup sont encore trop peureux pour s'opposer à ses mensonges relatifs aux élections de 2020. Heureusement, dans un système fédéral, de nombreux responsables et législateurs de l'État ont tenu tête aux efforts de Trump, censé les intimider en « trouvant » des voix. Certains pessimistes craignent que cela ne se poursuive.

Pour ceux qui déplorent la disparition de la démocratie américaine, il est important de se rappeler que la participation sans précédent aux élections de 2020 a défait un démagogue. Et le résultat a été confirmé dans plus de 60 affaires judiciaires supervisées par un système judiciaire indépendant, dont certaines personnes nommées par Trump. Et le résultat a finalement été certifié par le Congrès.

Cela ne veut pas dire que tout va bien pour la démocratie américaine. La présidence de Trump a mis à mal tout une série de normes démocratiques. La polarisation persiste et la plupart des Républicains croient en ses mensonges sur l'élection. Les modèles d'affaires des médias sociaux exacerbent la polarisation existante en s'appuyant sur des algorithmes qui tirent profit de l'incitation à « l'engagement » des utilisateurs. En outre, des entreprises comme Facebook et Google, sous la pression de l'opinion publique et des audiences du Congrès, commencent à peine à réagir.

Dans le même temps, la culture américaine a encore des sources de résilience que les pessimistes ont sous-estimées par le passé. La liberté de la presse, les tribunaux indépendants et le droit de manifester pacifiquement comptent parmi les plus grandes sources de la puissance de convaincre de l'Amérique. Même lorsque des politiques gouvernementales erronées réduisent l'attrait de l'Amérique, sa capacité d'auto-réflexion et d'auto-correction la rendent plus attrayante pour les autres à un niveau plus fondamental. Comme je l'ai dit à mon ami européen sceptique, les valeurs changent avec les générations et la jeune génération est une source d'espoir.

Aliens & Nationality law under scrutiny

About 30 lawmakers from the House of Representatives have co-signed a bill and submitted same before the House requesting the amendment or the repeal of parts of the country's Aliens and Nationality Law.

The bill requesting the amendment or repeal of some parts of the Aliens and Nationality Law of Liberia is headed by Montserrado County District #8 Representative, Acarous Moses Gray.

Rep. Gray in the letter before the House of

the Aliens and Nationality Law of the Liberian Code of Law Revised, Vol. II."

Gray is the Chairman on the House's Committee on Executive. He and his co-signees believe that the amendment or repeal of certain parts of this law will satisfy the constitutional provision in Article 2 of the 1986 Liberian Constitution, which states, "... Any laws, treaties, statutes, decrees customs and regulations found to be inconsistent with it shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void and of no legal effect..."

The bill, which is being back

Citizenship (ALCOD), which includes the Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA), European Federation of Liberian Associations (EFLA), Liberian Advocacy for Change (LAFCA), Federation of Liberia Communities in Australia (FLCA), United Liberian Association of Ghana (ULAG), Liberian Association of Canada (LAC), and Conference of Liberian Organizations in Southwestern United States of America (CLOSUSA). ALCOD represents more than 500,000 Liberians living in the diaspora.

Rep. Gray's submission comes few days after it was published in the media that some diaspora Liberians, who became fed up with "lack of action and will", had called on Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon to withdraw similar bill that he had submitted with his colleagues, in the Senate, for legislative enactment.

Meanwhile, members of ALCOD have extended their thanks and appreciation to President Weah, who had, among eight other proposals for amendment in the December 2020 Special Senatorial Election, included the dual citizenship proposal for amendment. "The President still continues to support our effort for dual citizenship today. It is our wish that he will support the Rep. Gray-sponsored bill."

The ALCOD members also thanked the Speaker and Members of the House for their support for dual citizenship. They have also thanked Senators Varney Sherman, Abraham Darius Dillon, who had submitted similar bills in the Senate for passage.

These diaspora-based Liberians hope that when the bill passes through the House, it will be concurred in the Senate.



Representatives he had given "due consideration to the spirit and intent of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia."

"It is against this backdrop that I humbly submit to you, Honorable Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, for legislative enactment consideration by way of amendment and or repealing of the existing law through a proposed Bill titled, "An Act to Amend Part III, Chapter 20, Section 20.1; Chapter 21, Sections 21.30, 21.31, 21.51 & 21.52 and Chapter 22, Sections 22.1, 22.1 & 22.4 of

by 30 other lawmakers as co-sponsors including Deputy Speaker Jonathan Fonati Koffa, was submitted on Friday, October 29, and read on the House's floor on Tuesday, November 2nd. It was later forwarded to the Committee on Judiciary to report back to Plenary within one week.

Gray, an official of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) of President George Weah, is the "Chief Sponsor" of the Bill for the amendment.

The particular bill in question is also being back by the All-Liberian Conference on Dual

Jeety feeds prisoners on Thanksgiving Day and Diwali

Indian businessman and philanthropists Mr. Upjit Singh Sachedeva (Mr. Jeety) has used Liberia's Thanksgiving Day on 4 November 2021 and India's national festival, Diwali, to feed prisoners and donate 100 dozens of plates for inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison (MCP).

The inmates feeding exercise on Thursday, 4 November was part of Mr. Jeety and his Jeety Trading Corporation's inmates feeding

cakes, and we also brought plates for the inmates," said Mr. Jeety.

Mr. Jeety said the last time he visited the Monrovia Central Prison, he observed that the plates in which inmates were served were broken.

"So we decided to bring today 100 dozens ... for them," said Jeety, adding that he believes that it's God's work that he's doing by feeding inmates.

Mr. Jeety thanked Deputy Prison Superintendent for Administration Col. Justin Juah,



program which is carried out on a monthly basis as well as on holidays here.

Liberia's Thanksgiving Day coincided with India's Diwali festival, and Mr. Jeety decided to seize the opportunity to celebrate with inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison through the provision of food and needed utensils.

Diwali is a five-day festival observed across India, and it symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

During the food delivery, Mr. Jeety said he and his team from Jeety Corporation went out to feed the inmates at Monrovia Central Prison on Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday in Liberia, and Diwali, an Indian festival, to celebrate with the inmates.

Explaining about Diwali, Mr. Jeety said it is celebrated all across India, adding that it is very fortunate that it falls on the same day that Liberia observes its Thanksgiving Day, 4 November.

"We have come also here to celebrate ... with the prisoners in form of bringing them food, soft drinks, water,

and his boss Col. Varney Lake for all the support they have been giving he and his team to perform God's work.

In response, Col. Justin Juah thanked Mr. Jeety for his numerous supports aimed at buttressing government.

"These items, normally [have] a trigger down effect [on] other prisons. What do I mean by that? These items that we receive, subsequently we distribute them to other prisons," said Col. Juah.

Col. Juah called on all well-meaning Liberians and philanthropists to do same like Jeety.

He noted that it's not easy for Mr. Jeety to sacrifice his hard earned money to purchase items for the prisons.

"It means that he [is] concerned about those who have come in conflict with the law," Col. Juah said.

He added that it's a plus to see Mr. Jeety continuously supporting the efforts of the Bureau of Corrections and Rehabilitation (BCR), assuring him that the items donated will be used for their intended purpose.

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Man arrested

Daykay town check point and the security checked us and we passed but reaching in the town under a palm tree I felt a sharp pain on my back and I stopped quickly but while stopping the suspect was still chopping me with a knife", he alleged.

"But when I came down from the bike we started fighting over the knife; he overpowered me so I started shouting until one man came to my rescue and brought me to the checkpoint, while I was bleeding", he lamented.

According to Police charge sheet, Suspect Weah has been charged with multiple crimes, ranging from robbery,

criminal conspiracy, criminal attempt to commit murder and aggravated assault, respectively.

The crime is in violation of Section 14.1, 15.32, 10.1 and 14.1 of the revised Penal Law of the Republic of Liberia hence, the Suspect Weah is being detained at the Pleebo prison, awaiting court trial.

Though the suspect denied the allegation and claimed it was the victim instead, who attempted to kill him, he spent a night behind bar before Police forwarded him to the Pleebo Magisterial Court.

Similar situation this year occurred in Pleebo on 20th March, when a suspect identified

as Moses Mlarmah allegedly murdered a motorcyclist.

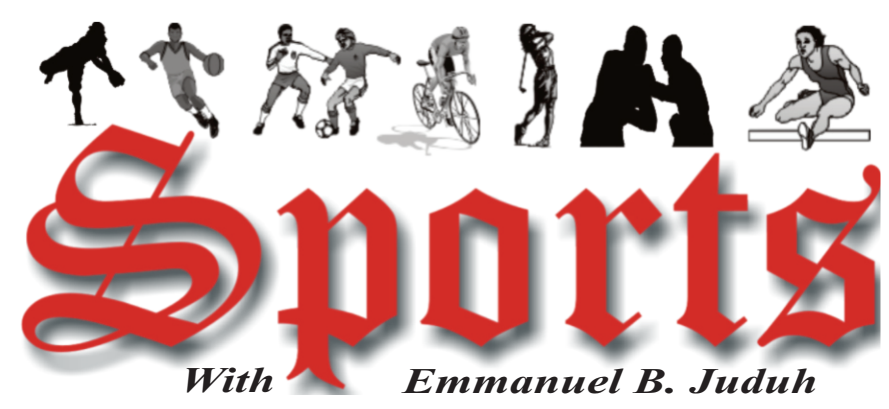
Angry protesters, including commercial motorcyclists subsequently set ablaze the residence of Speaker Bhofal Chambers' and a prison compound, demanding speedy investigation into the gruesome murder of the cyclist.

The protesters threw stones and erected road blocks, demanding speedy investigation for the sudden death of the late Modeciou Nyemah, a commercial motorcyclist who was gruesomely murdered by Moses Mlarmah. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

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Heads of state and leaders mobilize to advocate for gender equality in Africa



The Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development (EJS Center) has announced the launch of the Have Her Back campaign - an exciting initiative to mobilize male leaders and

members of the public from across Africa to make concrete pledges to advance gender equality.

According to a press release issued Thursday, 4 November in Monrovia, these commitments are part of a game-changing bid to shift perceptions of African men's support for gender equality, simultaneously making strides in addressing and breaking down barriers to women's participation.

The launch of the Have Her Back campaign followed the climax on Sunday, 31 October 2021, of the Amujae Leadership Forum convened by the EJS Center which assembled women leaders from across the African continent in Monrovia for three days.

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