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Continental News

Oscar Pistorius parole process to start

South African Paralympic athlete Oscar Pistorius, in prison for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, may soon meet her parents as part of the process leading to parole being considered, officials say.

He is eligible for possible release after having served half his sentence.

But he first has to take part in what is called "restorative justice".

Pistorius shot Steenkamp dead in 2013 saying he mistook her for a burglar at his home in the capital, Pretoria.

The 34-year-old fired four times through a locked toilet door.

In 2014, at the conclusion of a trial that was followed around the world, he was given a five-year term for manslaughter. But Pistorius was found guilty of murder on appeal in 2015 and the sentence was later increased to 13 years and five months. In a statement, South Africa's department of correctional

services said it was talking to the Steenkamp family about a possible meeting.

Outlining what needs to happen before parole is considered, the statement says that offenders must "acknowledge and take responsibility for their actions".

As part of the restorative justice process there has to be "an opportunity for parties to reconcile or an apology".

The Steenkamps' lawyer, Tania Koen, told national broadcaster SABC that they "would like to participate in the victim-offender dialogue". "June [Steenkamp, Reeva's mother] has always said that she has forgiven Oscar, however that doesn't mean that he mustn't pay for what he has done... Barry [Steenkamp, Reeva's father] battles with that a bit, but

that is something he will have to voice at the appropriate time," Ms Koen added.

"The wound, even though so much time has passed, is still very raw."

Being eligible for parole is not the same as being entitled to it and so it is not a forgone conclusion that he will be released, the lawyer said. The authorities will also have to consider a number of reports written by prison officials as well as other professionals.

There had also been some confusion over when the parole process could begin.

It was widely believed that it would not be until March

2023, but the Steenkamps were "very shocked and quite taken aback" that he was already eligible, Ms Koen said.

The BBC's Pumza Fihlani in Johannesburg says that if granted parole, Pistorius would serve the remainder of his sentence at home and need to report to prison officials regularly.

Prior to the murder, Pistorius had become well known as a Paralympic gold medalist. In 2012, he made history by becoming the first amputee sprinter to compete at the Olympics running on prosthetic "blades". His legs were amputated below the knee when he was 11 months old because he was born without fibula bones. BBC



Oscar Pistorius' trial and subsequent hearings attracted enormous media interest

SA corruption whistleblower flees for his life

A South African whistleblower who testified at a state inquiry into massive corruption allegations has left the country fearing for his life. "If I remained at home there was a good chance I'd be silenced, so I left," Athol Williams said.

He named 39 people and companies involved in the scandal.

A public inquiry investigating corruption during the presidency of Jacob Zuma has heard from multiple witnesses.

The Zondo Commission - named after the judge chairing the inquiry - was set up in 2018 to investigate allegations of corruption and fraud in the public sector including in government institutions.

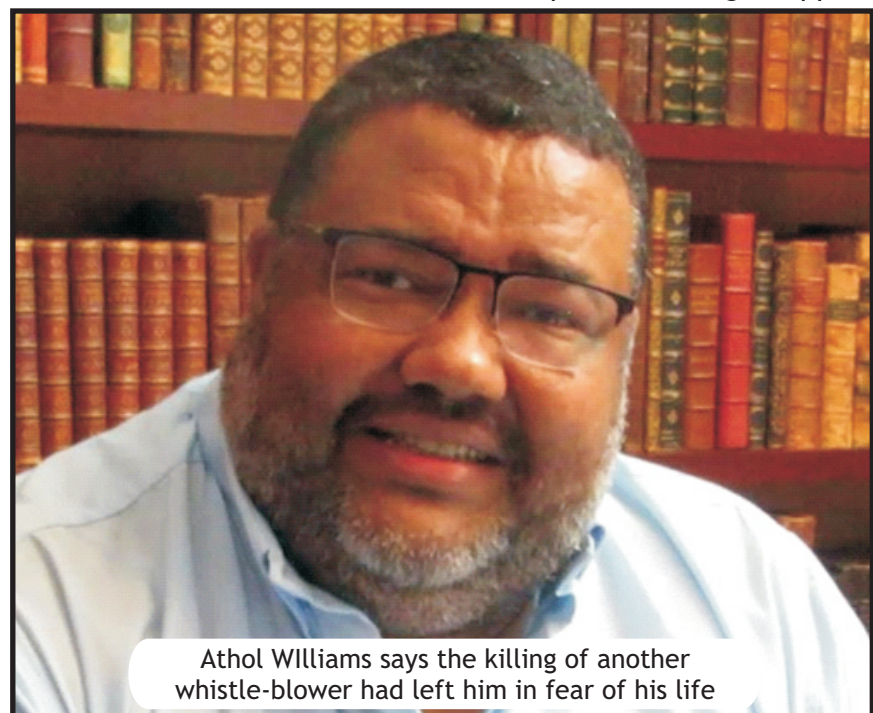
Zuma was convicted of contempt for refusing to appear

before the commission. He was jailed but then freed on medical parole. He faced numerous charges of corruption, which he denies. Mr Williams, a former ethics lecturer at the University of Cape Town, is among 278 witnesses who have testified at the public inquiry.

"Knowing that my government offers me no protection after I've acted in the public interest is a disturbing reality. I implicated 39 parties in my testimony so threats could come from many places," he said in a statement published on Sunday. He described hugging his family members in tears before boarding a flight out the country.

Mr Williams added that the killing in August of another whistle-blower, Babita Deokaran, who had exposed alleged corruption in a different scandal, convinced him that his protection was not guaranteed.

Ms Deokaran, a senior finance official in the health



Athol Williams says the killing of another whistle-blower had left him in fear of his life

Mass burial after Sierra Leone tanker explosion



People continue to gather outside hospitals and mortuaries to look for missing friends and relatives

Some of those killed in Friday's massive fuel tanker explosion in Sierra Leone are to be buried in mass graves shortly, officials say. The authorities have also made an urgent appeal for blood donations to treat more than 100 burn victims admitted to hospitals.

Officials say that blood supplies might run out in the next 72 hours.

More than 100 people were killed after the tanker collided with a lorry in the capital, Freetown.

Those being buried on Monday will be laid to rest in the same cemetery as some of those who died in the 2017 mudslide that killed some 1,000 people in the city, says

local journalist Umaru Fofana. President Julius Maada Bio has declared three days of national mourning for Friday's disaster and ordered flags to be flown at half-mast.

Mr Bio also said that a task force would be set up to look into the tragedy, and make recommendations on how to avoid similar incidents.

Most hospitals in the West African nation have been stretched thin by the accident because of the growing medical needs and also because the sector has not fully recovered from the 2014 Ebola pandemic.

The World Health Organization has despatched 6,000 tonnes of medical supplies to help treat the victims. BBC

department of Gauteng province, was shot several times outside her home in Johannesburg.

It is suspected that she was targeted because she was a witness in an ongoing investigation into fraudulent

contracts worth 332m rand (\$23m; £17m) awarded by her department to buy personal protective equipment to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Six people have been charged with her murder. 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!

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COMMENTARY

By Ian Buruma

Éric Zemmour and the Revenge of Vichy

NEW YORK - The French journalist, television celebrity, and possible presidential candidate Éric Zemmour is having great success with his extreme reactionary views. Zemmour has suggested that Muslims must choose between their religion and France, that the deportation of Muslim immigrants is feasible, and that non-French first names should be banned. He hates "cosmopolitans" and believes that liberalism is destroying French family life.

Zemmour has been sentenced twice already for racial discrimination and inciting hatred. His book, *The French Suicide*, published in 2014, sold more than a half-million copies in France. Polls suggest that he might get as much as 16% of the vote in next year's presidential election.

Zemmour's way of thinking stems from a tradition going back to the French Revolution of 1789. Catholic conservatives and right-wing intellectuals, who hated the secular republic that emerged from the revolution, have long fulminated against liberals, cosmopolitans, immigrants, and other enemies of their idea of a society based on ethnic purity, obedience to the church, and family values. They were almost invariably anti-Semitic. When Jewish army Captain Alfred Dreyfus was falsely accused of betraying his country in the notorious scandal of the 1890s, they were on the side of Dreyfus's accusers.

Germany's invasion of France in 1940 gave reactionaries of this kind the chance to form a French puppet-government in Vichy. Zemmour has had kind things to say about the Vichy regime. He also has expressed some doubt about the innocence of Dreyfus.

None of these views would be surprising if they came from a far-right agitator like Jean-Marie Le Pen. But Zemmour is the son of Sephardic Jewish immigrants from Algeria who lived among the Muslim Berbers. Because of the French reluctance to make ethnic or religious distinctions between citizens, Zemmour's background is often ignored. But it might help to explain why he arrived at his extreme opinions.

There is of course no reason why a Jewish person should not hold conservative views. And many Jews are passionately patriotic about their countries. But nativism among Jews in the diaspora is exceedingly rare, for obvious reasons. (Israel is a somewhat different story.) Hostility to immigrants and insistence on national purity have never done Jews any good. This is perhaps the main reason why American Jews, for example, unlike prosperous members of other minorities, such as the Irish, Italians, and increasingly Latinos, still consistently vote for Democrats.

For a long time, many diaspora Jews have been keen to assimilate and become indistinguishable from the majority population. As with other minorities, this is often a matter of class: relative prosperity loosens the ties to traditional faiths and customs. But even the most ardent French, British, or American Jewish patriots tend to

support their societies' openness and oppose anti-immigrant bigotry.

In France, such patriots would be mostly on the side of universal human rights and other French republican values. This would apply, for example, to the well-known philosopher Alain Finkielkraut, the son of a Polish father who survived Auschwitz. Finkielkraut fears the dangers of Islam no less than Zemmour, but he is not a nativist. The Islamic threat, in his view, is to the liberal, secular, republican ideas that Zemmour deplors.

So, what drives Zemmour? How can a Jew become an anti-Dreyfusard, as it were? Perhaps the memories of the Nazi genocide and the Vichy regime's complicity have faded so much that even a Jewish intellectual can flirt with nativist reaction without any sense of shame or fear. Or maybe he believes that stirring up French hostility to Muslims will deflect potential aggression against Jews. Many French Jews, especially the mostly Sephardic Jews living in poor neighborhoods, live in genuine fear of Muslim anti-Semitism.

Zemmour is an extreme assimilationist. He cannot stop talking about his ardent love of France. Again, there is nothing unusual about that. But his family roots among the Berbers are a complicating factor. Zemmour's attitudes are not unique to France, or to Sephardic Jews. In the Netherlands, for example, one thing some of the most fervent opponents of Muslim immigration have in common is a family history in Indonesia, the former Dutch East Indies.

Geert Wilders, leader of the anti-immigrant Party for Freedom, is partly Eurasian. So are some other prominent figures in Dutch far-right politics who have an obsession with Islam. Racial hierarchies in the former colonies were complex. Eurasians in Indonesia, especially those with a Dutch education, were not just keen to be thought of as Europeans, but were fearful of being identified as Asians - let alone Muslims. Many Algerian Jews were just as eager to identify as French, and living among Muslims could easily result in hostility.

Muslims in Europe not only are resented, but some Eurasians in Holland or Jews in France are terrified of being associated with them. The closest parallel might be the attitude of certain assimilated Western European Jews before the war to poor Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. But that was more a matter of snobbery than hatred. And fellow Ashkenazi Jews were not feared.

Zemmour's hostility to Muslims has made him popular with some French Jews who have been shocked by recent acts of Islamist violence - including the murder of a rabbi and three children in Toulouse, the stabbing of an elderly Jewish woman in Paris, and other incidents.

But Zemmour also has given license to bigotry among Gentiles. Le Pen himself put this succinctly in a recent interview with *Le Monde*. Because Zemmour is a Jew, Le Pen said, nobody could accuse him of being a Nazi, and "that gives him great freedom." By extension, it gives more freedom to people who think like Le Pen.

OPINION

By Kent Harrington

Twilight of the Kims?

Having failed to improve its economic prospects, North Korea is once again launching missiles and hoping that saber-rattling will lead to a loosening of international sanctions. But the United States and its allies are already familiar with this script and have decided to write a new one of their own.

ATLANTA - Nearly three years after his failed bromance with Donald Trump, North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un is once again angling for US attention. North Korea has tested a new, high-tech missile and hinted that it may agree to restart talks with South Korea, where President Moon Jae-in desperately wants to resuscitate his moribund outreach to the North. But if Kim is expecting a positive reaction from US President Joe Biden, he shouldn't hold his breath. With issues like China and the rebuilding of US alliances topping Biden's agenda, overtures to Kim are unlikely.

Kim's dog-eared script is not helping his cause. The latest drama has unfolded all too predictably. In Act One, Kim Yo-jong, Kim's sister and the North's spokesperson on North-South affairs, averred that the regime might be interested in discussing a peace treaty with South Korea - an idea that Moon himself had proposed in September. She hastened to add, however, that South Korea will have to distance itself from US demands for nuclear disarmament and end joint military exercises with US forces.

The predictable saber-rattling came a few days later, in Act Two. Following the announcement that the regime had launched a new hypersonic missile and carried out a half-dozen other tests, Kim took to the podium (with his missilery in the background) to tout the North's "world class defense capability." Although the Biden administration had sent "signals that it is not hostile," he declared that the North has "no reason to believe it." By challenging US credibility, Kim was all but asking the United States to respond, ideally by following its Korean ally's lead and publicly throwing a bone his way.

But the newly slimmed-down Kim isn't the only one reusing an old script. Moon's offer to negotiate a peace treaty as a prelude to nuclear negotiations has been a perennial feature of North-South talks. As if following Kim Yo-jong's cue, Moon's Democratic Party followers duly played their part by calling for a suspension of military exercises and other preconditions for negotiations.

Yet, in seizing on the prospect of new nuclear talks, the political leadership in Seoul seems to have already forgotten what Kim said at North Korea's Eighth Party Congress in January: "We must develop tactical nuclear weapons that can be applied in different means in the modern war [sic]... and continue to push ahead with the production of super-large nuclear warheads."

As always, North Korea's blandishments and bluster are geared toward only one goal: to loosen the vice of nuclear-related economic sanctions. Despite making economic development his domestic priority five years ago, Kim has failed to improve basic living conditions in the country. Battered by floods, food shortages, and a pandemic-induced lockdown, his initiatives - market-based reforms, decentralized decision-making, and more social investment - have stalled, tanking trade and economic growth. Kim acknowledged as much at the party congress in January, emphasizing the need for "self-reliance" and explicitly sidelining reform.

Unfortunately for Kim, there is a new audience in the White House, and it is far tougher than the incumbents in Seoul. Speaking before a joint session of Congress in April, Biden made clear that Kim should not expect the kind of pre-emptive concessions that Trump offered at the summits in Singapore in 2018 and Hanoi in 2019. According to Biden, the US is prepared to talk anytime without preconditions about the peninsula's denuclearization, but there will be no mano-a-mano deal-making. As Biden's press secretary explained after his speech, "We have and will continue to consult with the Republic of Korea, Japan, and other allies at every step along the way."

Biden's priorities in Asia pose a big problem for Kim. In early October, CIA Director William Burns announced the creation of a new China Mission Center and then disclosed that the agency's North Korea mission center will be shut down. Although countries like North Korea and Iran will remain priorities, that work will be absorbed into the agency's regional divisions. According to a State Department official, US intelligence agencies "will continue to remain in close consultation and coordination with our South Korean allies on issues of mutual concern," especially North Korea.

For Kim, the implications of this reorganization are obvious. While Trump was willing to backhand longstanding US allies for the sake of his summitry theater, Biden insists on working closely with America's partners. The consequences of this change are already apparent across the region. In South Korea, conservative politicians campaigning for next year's presidential election are calling for greater pressure on the North and to repair ties with Japan, which have become badly frayed under Moon.

Similarly, in his first conversation with Biden as Japan's newly installed prime minister, Fumio Kishida emphasized the importance of allied cooperation. Reportedly singling out the threat from a nuclear-armed North Korea, he highlighted Japan's need for stronger missile and naval defenses.

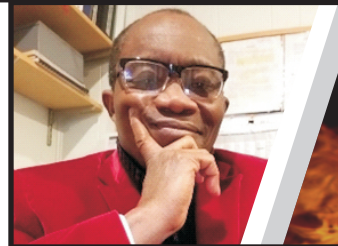
Biden's overarching focus on China, North Korea's sole ally and source of economic support, also does not bode well for Kim. To be sure, the North Koreans have probably concluded, correctly, that a more fractious US-China relationship will make China less likely to twist their arms on the nuclear issue. Given today's tensions, it is highly unlikely that China would do the US any more favors in this regard.

But Chinese help with the North Korean nuclear issue has only ever been intermittent at best. Because China does not want Korean refugees flooding over its border or a US ally in control of the entire Korean Peninsula, it still has an interest in limiting Kim's provocations.

In any case, having China in his corner is probably the best that Kim can hope for in the next act of the drama. By bolstering US allies and deepening mutual cooperation, America's strategic commitment to Asia not only represents a bulwark against China's own military ambitions; it also changes the balance of forces surrounding the Korean Peninsula. Australia's investment in nuclear submarines and enhanced alliance relations with the US and the United Kingdom represent future capabilities that can focus on Pyongyang. And Kishida's Liberal Democrats back a boost in Japan's defense spending to 2% of GDP.

For its part, Pyongyang would do well to consider these and other forthcoming strategic changes affecting the Korean Peninsula. America's Asian partners, with their strong economies, world-class technology, and modern defense forces, are well prepared for the twenty-first century. Time is not on Kim's side.

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LIBERIA POLITICAL

HOT-FIRE

How can PUL pull itself out of poverty?

The Press Union of Liberia like any other professional body in Liberia is suffering due to a lack of contemporary modern innovations. But PUL has no reason to suffer, perhaps critical leadership innovation is conspicuously missing from the strategy index of PUL since its inception on 30th September 1964 up to the present.

For PUL to strive positively it must transcend beyond regular due payment methods and come out with innovative long-range plans of action that will be more accountable and transparent, something to convince donors.

Excitingly, the \$100000 donation made to PUL by then Pres. Ellen Sirleaf (2008) wasn't for dinner and eating of chocolate and American sauces, it was for serious business for PUL to turn around and multiply a huge dividend which would have made Madam Sirleaf very proud to lobby more and more for the PUL, but instead the executives of PUL began to wear a big gold ring, Italian shoe, and American coat and tie and renting of huge SUV jeeps to entice others when in the true sense of the world the PUL is suffering beneath. Today, the \$100000 is now history and PUL is still at square one and Madam Sirleaf is grossly disappointed.

PUL is too old not to have accumulated huge assets in Liberia needless talks about its holistic connections with other giant media entities abroad-what is then PUL's actual problem as she continues to languish in acute financial poverty from one leadership to another? How can PUL hold the CDC-led government accountable for corruption when PUL is one of the leading children of corruption in the land?

It is very sad if not disappointing that the 57-year-old media institution has much to always talk about but little to show with no strategy, no innovation, no practical plan of action that will truly pull it out of financial to that bring lasting smiles to its over 500 members who are glaringly impoverished financially and materially. Interestingly, the birth year of PUL was the same year when the late President William Vacanarat Shadrach Tubman was inaugurated for a fifth term as President of Liberia.

This historical connotation should be key to PUL's birth for two reasons: First, Liberia was then a very dark republic that a smart entity like the PUL could have quickly stolen the show on development innovation. Second, a farsighted leadership can undertake more and more development in a very dark republic as quickly as possible than any other time in the history of a said entity like PUL. PUL, like other useful entities of the 50s and 60s, missed its opportunities to build a resourceful and rewarding future foundation that would have pulled its membership out of poverty in modern Liberia.

Mr. Gabriel I. H. Williams, a founding member who was then secretary-general of PUL in those dark days, failed to lay any productive foundation for PUL. As a chief administrator, he was either consumed or entrenched into business as usual or was simply complacent or he just didn't have the critical thoughts to get PUL to where it should have been-that is across the finished line into high core development initiatives.

PUL is not just any entity, it is a professional body. The Press is referred to as the "Fourth Estate" fourth in line of serious political tradition in line of societal functionaries next to the executive, the legislature, the judiciary and then comes the "Fourth Estate" defined as such with its array of functions and deliverables in Liberian society.

There are several possible strategies on how PUL can pull itself out of financial/material poverty. First, all PUL print newspapers should patronize a member or group of members that has printing facilities, rather than patronize foreign printing presses in Liberia. Second, PUL can get collateral that will help it get a loan of \$500,000 to invest in animal husbandry, by raising goats, cows, sheep, and chickens for sale on the Liberian market. PUL could also get ex-farmers from Zimbabwe, South Africa to help with the process.

Third, PUL could acquire 500000 acres of land, bring rice experts from Taiwan to guide its huge food production for Liberia, and have it sold at a much cheaper rate. Fourth, PUL could invest in mining gold and felling trees for charcoal that would supply Liberia. Fifth, PUL could use proceeds from the farm business to acquire an additional 800 acres of land and erect mini-estates for low-income Liberians including PUL members. PUL could also use its hugely acquired profits from the housing projects to establish a vibrant transportation system, by getting some old hands from Ghana and Ivory Coast to guide the process with their strategies and success stories. These are some of the ways and means by which PUL could easily be the richest entity in Liberia and help its members.

Lastly, PUL could lobby with its huge International media partners such as International Media Support (IMS), Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), West African Journalists Association (WAJA), Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (JPC-Liberia), Carter Center (CC), International Alert (IA-UK), Center for Democratic Empowerment (CEDE), the Civil Rights Association of Liberian Lawyers (CRALL), Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA), IREX, Media Rights Agenda, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), Panos Institute of West Africa, OSIWA and IREX to put before them some of these viable resourceful projects and proposals for funding.

THE TOLBERT FAMILY DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Reverend WILLIAM RICHARD TOLBERT, 3RD



With a sense of immense loss and sorrow, The TOLBERT & GEORGE FAMILIES in LIBERIA and the DIASPORA announce the death of Liberia's National Peace Ambassador, the Honorable Reverend William Richard Tolbert 3rd on November 1st 2021 at his Mesurado Compound apartment, Bushrod Island, Monrovia.

Reverend Tolbert, 68, affectionately called "Bill" was a PATRIOT and tireless Advocate for Peace and National Unity. He was a respected Public Servant, a devoted Husband, a Father of 9 children, an Uncle, a Brother and a hugely loved and valued member of the TOLBERT & GEORGE FAMILIES. The National Peace Ambassador was the son of Liberia's Late 19th President Dr. William Richard Tolbert, Jr. and Late Former First Lady Mrs. Victoria A. David Tolbert.

The TOLBERT & GEORGE FAMILIES acknowledge with thanks and express their appreciation for the countless messages of Sympathy, Solidarity, Support, Prayers and Love received from all over Liberia and the world at large. We further thank all National and International Organizations whom have lent their voices to demand a complete and satisfactory resolution to the HOMICIDE of Liberia's National Peace Ambassador, His Excellency Reverend William Richard Tolbert, III, Pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist Church.

The TOLBERT & GEORGE FAMILIES encourage the entirety of Liberia's Law Enforcement Institutions and Agencies in applying their maximum efforts and utmost professionalism to determine the cause(s) and/or Persons responsible for Ambassador Tolbert's death. We fully expect the application of all appropriate remedies in the circumstances as this will restore confidence in Liberia's Public Security and its National & International image.

Pending investigations and official inquiries, The TOLBERT & GEORGE FAMILIES will inform the public of FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS at a later date. In the presence of our tragedy, we declare and renew OUR FAITH in GOD and the Liberian Nation.

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." Martin Luther King, Jr.

GOD BLESS US ALL.

UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA

Section I. Invitation for Bid FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS (102nd Graduation Academicals) IFB NO: UL/SP/NCB/002/20/21

November 8, 2021

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its Convocation's budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and intends to apply it towards the procurement of Academicals for the 102nd Graduating Class, 2021.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Public Procurement & Concessions Act (PPCA), 2010 and approved by the Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC) of the Republic of Liberia.

3. Specification and quantity:

ItemNo.	Description	Quantity
1	Academicals - Graduate Programs/Visitor/Professors/Law School/Doctorate/ Undergraduate Program etc.	Assorted

4. Qualification requirements include:
- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with Code M7410
 - Valid GOL Tax Clearance
 - Past Performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
 - Current Bank statement for the past two (2) years - present with the ending balance of US\$5,000
 - Bids will be examined for proper signature and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus beginning November 8 - December 8, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Interested Bidders are advised to visit the Procurement Department (see address below) to view samples of the fabrics before submitting bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., December 8, 2021 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall Campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow: "SEALED BID FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ACADEMICALS"

REF.: IFB NO..UL/SP/NCB/002/20/21

Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address.

In the middle of the envelope, print the address below:

Procurement Department
Administrative Complex, Right wing, 1st Floor, Room #: AC1-09
University of Liberia
Fendall Campus, Liberia

- Note that Electronic bids will not be accepted, and that late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Signed:
Fatu Ruth Tipoteh(Mrs.)
Director, Procurement/UL

Approved:
Benetta Joko Tarr(Mrs.)
Vice President for Administration/UL



University of Liberia
Monrovia, Liberia

Request for Proposals

Title of bid: **Provision for Group Life and Medical Insurance Services**

Contract Identification No.: **IFB NO. UL/NCB/QCBS/001/20/21**

The University Of Liberia (UL) anticipates fund from employee salary cut and intends to apply same to the cost of procuring Group Life and Medical Insurance Services as indicated in the contract package listed in the table below. The University will enter into a **framework agreement with the selected Insurance Company** during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids in the form of proposals from eligible and qualified firms for the provision for Group Life and Medical Insurance Services during the Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Bidding will be conducted through the Request for Proposals (RFP), Quality and Cost based selection process in accordance with procedures specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA) published and approved September 18, 2010.

Description of the Services to be provided as per the University of Liberia requirements are as follows:

Code	Contract Package	Quantity	Bid Submission Deadline	Bid Opening Date
IFB No. UL/NCB/QCBS 001/2020/2021	Provision for Group Life and Medical Insurance Services	About 1,196 Insured Employees, their spouses and two dependents each.	December 10, 2021 2:00 PM	Immediate after bid submission on December 10, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

All Interested eligible firms/Insurance Companies may inspect and obtain a complete set of the Request for Proposals (RFP) from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US \$50.00(Fifty United States Dollars) beginning November 10, 2021, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM daily, Mondays to Fridays.

Proposals must be submitted at the address below on or before December 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Bid opening will be done Immediate thereafter at 2:00 PM, in the Administrative Conference Room AC-101 of the Administrative Building Fendall Campus, University of

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Section 3. Technical Proposal - Standard Forms

Liberia Montserrado County, in the presence of Insurance Companies, their representatives or those who choose to attend. Proposals shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline of Bid submission. Late proposals will be rejected and returned unopened. **Note: Electronic bidding will not be permitted.**

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- Copy of CBL License (CBL/RSD/002/2013)
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Re-Survey Notice

Contours, Limited informed the general public that Mr. J. Emmanuel Tarpeh, Madam Winifred Mason & Mr. George Allen has duly authorized the conduct of Detail & Perimeter Re-Survey of One point zero (1.0) Lot of land in the Township of Johnsonville, Montserrad County in Favor of Mr. Foday Kromah.

The parcel of land to be Re-Survey is lying and situated in Green Forest Community, Township of Johnsonville, Montserrad County.

This Re-survey will commence on Wednesday, 10th of November 2021 beginning at 1:00PM.

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:

1. Mr. Charles S. Weay Jr. & Family	INITIALS
2. Mr. Prince Yanzeh & Family	SOB
3. Community Chairman/ Chairlady	EDW
4. All other interested Parties	ABU

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Chief Justice frowns on Judge's unusual conduct

By Lincoln G. Peters

Liberia's Chief Justice Francis S. Korkpor, Sr., says it is strange and very unusual for a judge to make claims through the media.

He explained Judge Sikijipo A. Wollor's contentions for not being given two separate fees for serving two judicial assignments.

"It is strange and very unusual for a judge to talk to

or she is taken from their Circuit and assigned to another, adding that the money is intended to help the judge get adjusted in a new place for two or three weeks.

He maintained that judges have the right to express themselves but it must be done through proper channels or through an opinion delivered.

"This judge that I am making reference to is saying that I assigned him to two circuits and

human and constitutional rights.

Judge Wollor said he has served two terms of court without receiving his resettlement and restitution benefits from the Judiciary.

According to him, he has engaged Chief Justice Korkpor and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, but they have refused to hear his concerns.

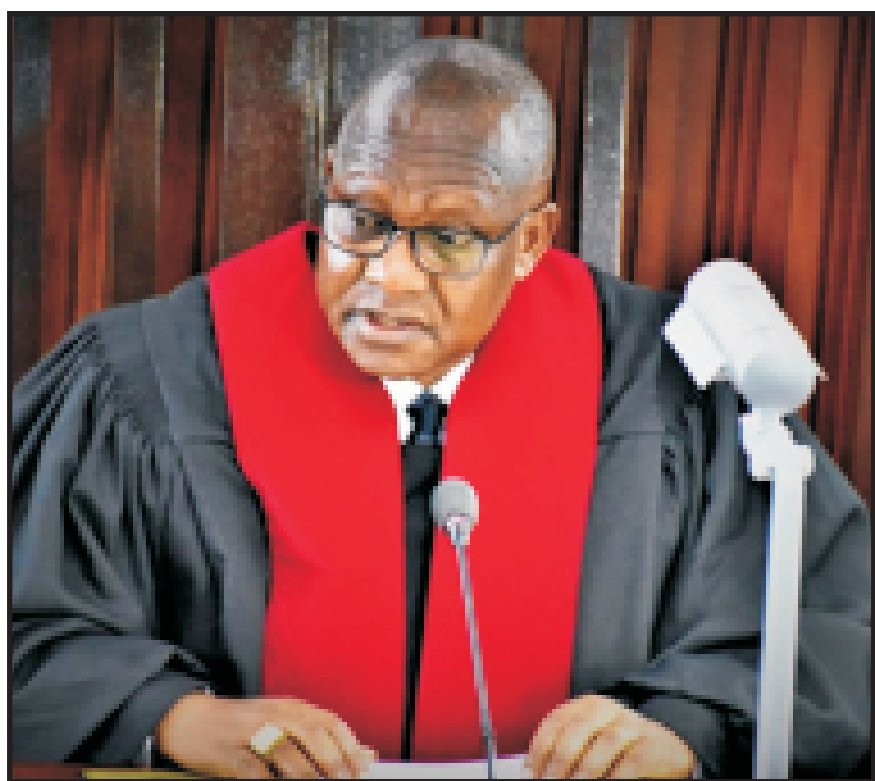
According to Judge Wollor, even his assigned driver has not been paid by the Judiciary. He noted that he personally paid his driver from 2019 up to present as the Personnel Department has not been able to place the driver on the Judiciary's official payroll.

Meanwhile, assigned Criminal Court "C" Judge T. Ciapha Carey has admonished his colleagues at the opening of the court that the challenges they face should not be reasons for them to engage into acts that undermine the integrity of the courts.

Judge Carey also reminded his colleagues that the office of the Judge is to interpret the law and not to make law.

"The office of a judge is not to render advisory opinions but to hear cases and render judgment in the form of an opinion and as such, judgment must be impartial and independent," Judge Carey noted.

He said judgment should not be for sale or delayed. According to him, they will maintain the independence of the office of the judge.--
Edited by Winston W. Parley



the media. In keeping with the [Judicial] Canon, judges are not to do rebuttal or newspaper publications," said Chief Justice Korkpor at the opening of the November 2021 Term of Court for Criminal Courts A, B, C and D Monday, 8 November 2021.

He said the amount in question is a relocation fee provided for a judge when he

therefore he should receive two relocation fees. This is something I have never heard before," Chief Justice Korkpor said.

It can be recalled that Criminal Court "D" Judge Sikijipo A. Wollor complained that Chief Justice Korkpor failed to pay his resettlement and restitution benefits for two court terms, saying it was violation of his

President Weah consoles Sierra Leone -describes tanker explosion as a major tragedy

President George Weah describes the tanker explosion in neighboring Sierra Leone that led to the death of nearly 100 persons and scores of others wounded as a major tragedy for the region.

In a statement issued in Monrovia, President Weah extends heartfelt condolences to his counterpart, President Julius Maada Bio, the Government and people of Sierra Leone, families of the deceased, and all those impacted by the accident.

Mr. Weah offers Liberia's full support and assistance, as the Sierra Leonean

authorities begin efforts to treat the injured and recover the dead.

"I am saddened by the dreadful loss of lives in Freetown, Sierra Leone, resulting from an explosion of a fuel tanker on Friday, November 5, 2021", Pres. Weah noted.

The tanker is reported to have collided with another vehicle in a very populated part of the city, leaving scores dead and many others badly injured.

President Weah calls on Liberians to pray for and with Sierra Leone as the country reels from the consequence of such a terrifying incident.

ECOWAS holds its 6th Meeting of Ministers of Finance

Accra - ECOWAS Ministers of Finance are expected to converge in the city of Accra-Ghana Friday, 12th November, 2021 to examine and approve the various Supplementary Act and the Regulations as recommended by the experts and Directors General of Customs for submission to the Council of Ministers in December 2021. This acts are meant to enhance the fluidity of intra-community trade and strengthen the Customs union across the region.

In order to ensure an effective review of these draft texts, there will be a technical meeting of the Joint ECOWAS-

of a Customs union in the ECOWAS region. This is in consonance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on the establishment of a common market in the Community.

With the implementation of the CET in 14 ECOWAS member states and Mauritania and the advent of the African continental Free Trade agreement (AfCFTA) the need to reform other equally important trade facilitation and Customs instruments to make the ECOWAS region a strong and economically competitive community has become imperative.

These trade and customs



UEMOA Committee for the management of the ECOWAS Customs union from 8th to 10th November, 2021. This regional meeting of experts will be followed immediately by a meeting of the Directors General of Customs of ECOWAS member states on 11th November, 2021.

With the implementation of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET) on 1st January 2015 in member states following the Declaration of the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its 46th Ordinary Session held in Abuja on 15th of December, 2014, this marked an important milestone in the establishment

instruments relate to the regulation and automation of transit procedure in member states and the reforms and management of intra-community trade in "made-in-ECOWAS" goods among others.

Aside from the Ministers of Finance from member states, the Directors General of Customs of ECOWAS member states, Experts from the customs and Industry/Trade/Finance experts across the ECOWAS member states, The Islamic Republic of Mauritania, ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions are all expected to participate at the meeting.

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Cummings on 30% women representation --if elected President of Liberia

By Lincoln G Peters

Opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) Stander Bearer says when he is elected president of Liberia in 2023, he will make sure there is at least 30% of women representation at the Legislature under his

the Liberty Part Women Congress Nationwide Empowerment Program- Village Saving loan (VSL) over the weekend in Sinkor, Cummings said when elected president of Liberia in 2023, he will make sure there is at least 30% of women representation at the Legislature under his watch. "When God blesses me and I

female representation at the national legislature," he added.

Mr. Cummings explained that unlike men, you can also trust women, adding that women know how to save and manage.

The Liberty Party through its Women Congress over the weekend launched its \$25,500 United States Dollars nationwide empowerment program -Village Saving Loan for women of the 17 districts of Montserrado County.

It is expected to be extended to other parts of the country sooner. The aim of the project is to empower and develop the capacity of women of Liberty Party to become self-reliant.

According to the ANC Stander Bearer, when men are given dollars, before they get home to the family they can use some of the money because they have to make stops to maybe girlfriend place, liquor shop or some kind of entertainment center that will not permit them to reach the money home in full.

Mr. Cummings thanked the Liberty Party Women Congress for the great initiative that will bring economic relief and empowerment to women of Liberia so that they can have some improvement in their businesses and careers.—*edited by Winston W. Parley*



watch. Mr. Cummings who seeks the head the opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) presidential ticket, has stressed the need for women participation in national decision making. Speaking at the launch of

become president of Liberia, one of the first legislation we will put forward is 30% of the Legislature should be women," said Mr. Cummings.

"That legislation will happen within the first 100 days of my administration and we will make sure that there is at least 30%

Partners in Health renovates pharmacy at JJ Dossen Hospital

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Partners In Health (PIH) Liberia has dedicated a newly-renovated pharmacy at the J.J. Dossen Referral Hospital in Harper City, Electoral district#1, Maryland County.

The dedicatory ceremony held Friday, November 5, 2021, brought together senior officials of PIH and administrators of J.J. Dossen Referral Hospital.

A communication from Partner In Health says the renovation is part of efforts to address storage constraint faced by the hospital due to lack of sufficient space that has made it difficult to store drugs and other medical supplies.

PHI stressed the need to ensure smooth and uninterrupted operation of the hospital for the public, including need for expansion for more storage capacity at the facility.

The communication says the refurbished annex will be used to store supplies, including health commodities to meet increasing demand at the referral hospital.

Meanwhile, PIH has vowed to also augment service delivery program at the hospital and

improve the quality of care by guaranteeing the availability of medicines, medical supplies and diagnostics.

Maryland County Health Officer (CHO) Dr. Methodius

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FIU threatens fines and revocation of operational licenses

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Director General of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Liberia, Mr. Edwin Harris has threatened to hold accountable through fines, sanctions, suspension and revocation of the operational licenses of Designated Non-financial Business and Professionals (DNFBPs) and insurance companies for constantly being non-compliant with FIU's law.

"The Financial Intelligence Unit of Liberia has noticed with disdain that some supervisory bodies are serving as enablers of non-compliant by these listed sectors," said Mr. Harris while addressing the Edward Wilmot Blyden Forum organized by the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) Friday, 5 November 2021 on Money Laundering and Terrorists Financing.

He said FIU has noticed that

the assessment is now helping them to formulate anti-money laundering strategy, policy and action that will be used over the next three years to mitigate the risk identified.

Mr. Harris continued that the assessment will allow policy makers to put resources in the area that are critical in preventing money laundering, adding that there has not been a single money laundering case put out for prosecution here.

He stressed the need for judges and members of the judicial branch of government to have adequate knowledge on the concept of money laundering and terrorists financing, something he believes will help the country's prosecution arm.

He said the Liberia Antic Corruption Commission (LACC), Liberia National Police (LNP) and Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA) also need



some insurance companies operating in Liberia over the last eight years have refused to comply in filing currency transaction reports and suspicious transaction reports to the FIU.

He denounced such behavior as a high risk to the fight against money laundering and terrorists financing.

Mr. Harris cautioned that the fight against money laundering and terrorists financing should not be a personality contest, but a concerted effort in making Liberia safe for the protection of the country's image.

The FIU boss assured Designated Non-Financial Business and Professionals that going forward they will be held accountable.

He said Liberia will have a risk assessment report to be used as a guide, adding that

additional skills and knowledge in both Money Laundering and Terrorists Financing Investigation because these are things that the assessment highlights. He indicated that major laws to strengthen Liberia's legal framework are currently before the Legislature for passage. He said they include the bills for Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorists Financing and Preventive Measure and Provisional Remedy for Proceed of Crimes Act of 2019 and the Financial Intelligence Agency Act of 2019 to make the institution an agency. "We are also on the amendment to the Penal Code to make market manipulation a crime and amendment to the Penal Code to make inside trading a crime," he added.—*Edited by Winston W. Parley*

Français

L'opposition se dit inquiète face à la vague de meurtres

L'opposition libérienne, par la voix du leader politique de l'Alternative National Congress (ANC), Alexander B. Cummings, dit avoir le cœur brisé face à la vague croissante de meurtres et d'autres actes d'anarchie dont la société libérienne est victime.

Au moins trois personnalités importantes ont été découvertes mortes à leur domicile la semaine dernière - deux d'entre eux sont des fils de deux anciens présidents, Tubman et Tolbert.

La semaine dernière, le ministère de la Justice a ordonné des examens post mortem sur les dépouilles mortelles de John Tubman, Maude Elliot et William R. Tolbert, III - qui ont tous été découverts morts à leur domicile - dans le cadre d'une enquête à grande échelle.

Dans un podcast rendu public ce week-end pour exprimer ses plus sincères condoléances à toutes les familles endeuillées,

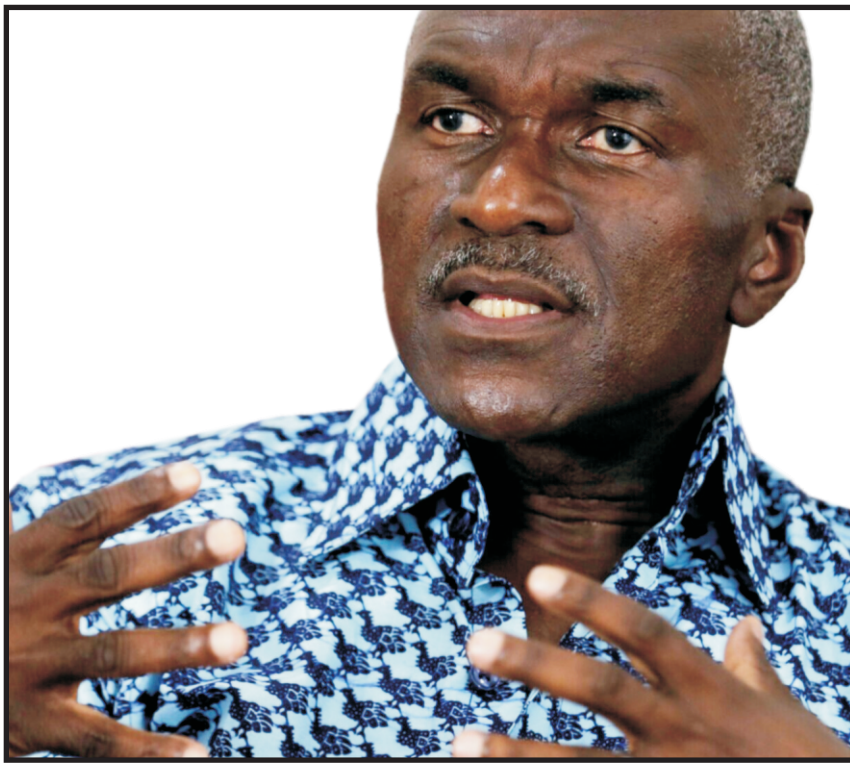
Cummings s'en est pris à l'administration de George Weah, l'accusant d'avoir trahi la nation.

Lisez ci-dessous ses propos complets

Cummings : « Sous ce président, le gouvernement libérien continue de trahir la nation. La situation sécuritaire dans le pays s'aggrave de jour en

jour. Les communautés ne sont pas sûres, les rues ne sont pas sûres et les maisons ne sont pas sûres. On n'a pas besoin de statistiques pour savoir que Monrovia, la capitale du pays, est envahie par la peur et la criminalité croissante. Et pourtant, la réponse du président a été de

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Mali : premières réactions politiques aux sanctions de la Cédéao

La Cédéao durcit le ton contre le Mali. Les chefs d'État de l'organisation sous-régionale ont décidé, ce dimanche 7 novembre 2021, lors d'un sommet exceptionnel, d'adopter des sanctions individuelles contre les dirigeants de la transition et leur famille : gel des avoirs financiers, interdiction de voyager.

La Cédéao entend ainsi rappeler les autorités de transition à leur engagement

initial de tenir des élections (présidentielle et législatives) en février prochain pour un retour à l'ordre constitutionnel. Et ce alors que les autorités ont indiqué vouloir repousser cette échéance, invoquant notamment le contexte sécuritaire.

La fermeté de la Cédéao concernant les autorités de transition au Mali ne surprend pas certains acteurs politiques. À l'image de Djiguiba Keïta, le secrétaire général du Parti pour

la renaissance nationale (le Parena).

« Nous regrettons qu'on en soit arrivés là, mais faute de volonté politique de tenir nos engagements. Et cela signifie que nous sommes en porte-à-faux avec la communauté internationale, avec la Cédéao et tous nos voisins et c'est à nous de trouver la solution... Depuis le coup d'État du 18 août 2020, il n'y a pas une date concrète pour aller dans le sens de l'organisation des élections. Nous ne croyons pas que ce soit les sanctions qui doivent pousser les militaires à respecter leurs engagements. Nous souhaitons seulement qu'il y ait un sursaut national, que les Maliens mêmes comprennent qu'ils doivent se retrouver, pour donner un nouveau départ et convaincre nos partenaires que nous sommes de bonne foi, pour arriver à une fin heureuse de la transition, rassembler les forces vives de la nation en quarante-huit heures, pour se donner une nouvelle feuille de route et rassurer nos partenaires que nous pouvons tenir les élections dans tel et tel délai. Et à ce moment-là, convenir avec la Cédéao et avec ce nouvel agenda nous pouvons tenir nos

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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 après 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 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 investisseurs 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

L'opposition se dit inquiète

dire avec dédain aux Libériens d'acheter et d'installer des caméras de surveillance (CCTV) dans leurs maisons.

Alors que les familles pleurent les nombreuses morts mystérieuses, les meurtres horribles non résolus et les rapports de meurtres rituels qui agitent la société, le président Weah, indifférent, passe des vacances dans son JamaicaResort de manière irresponsable, déconnecté de la vie quotidienne et des Libériens piégés par la peur. Le président n'offre aucune solution réelle à la vague croissante de crimes et de meurtres, et certaines des explications du gouvernement sur les morts et les meurtres mystérieux suscitent plus de questions que réponses.

Protéger des vies est le devoir le plus fondamental de tout gouvernement responsable. Le président libérien est le chef de l'État constitutionnel et le chef du gouvernement. Ainsi, ce devoir fondamental commence et se termine avec le président George Weah qui a échoué.

Mali : premières réactions politiques

engagements », estime Djiguiba Keïta.

« Les sanctions ne sont jamais une bonne chose »

Les autorités maliennes de transition n'ont pas réagi officiellement à cette annonce de sanctions, pour le moment mais le Front pour l'émergence et le renouveau (Fer-Mali), association créée en soutien aux autorités de transition, si. Son président Sory Ibrahima Traoré déplore donc la décision de la Cédéao.

« Les sanctions ne sont jamais une bonne chose, surtout à l'endroit des dirigeants d'un pays en difficulté extrême comme le Mali. Il est évident aujourd'hui, que le Mali ne peut pas organiser une élection crédible, transparente et apaisée, à la date du 27 février 2022. Il serait judicieux, qu'ensemble, nous nous mettions autour d'une table, pour analyser dans le fond, les conditions à créer pour tenir une élection qui conduira le Mali vers une période plus stable et meilleure. Il est évident que les conditions sécuritaires et les conditions réglementaires et légales, qui devront être créées pour un processus

Aucun gouvernement ne peut empêcher la commission de tous les crimes. Mais aucun gouvernement ne doit être insensible à plusieurs reprises comme ce gouvernement libérien à la vague croissante de crimes qui envahit la société. En outre, aucun président ne devrait être en vacances pendant que des Libériens sont assassinés, y compris dans leurs maisons. Aucun président ne devrait faire la fête alors que des crimes meurtriers balayent les communautés, pendant que les Libériens vivent dans la terreur et la peur.

La vie de chaque libérien est précieuse. Par conséquent, j'exhorte tous les Libériens à être prudents, à se déplacer à deux au moins. Faites attention les uns aux autres dans les communautés. Protégez les uns et les autres. Mettez en place des équipes de surveillance communautaire là où elles n'existent pas déjà et entraidez-vous lorsque vous sentez que quelqu'un est en détresse. Nous ne pouvons plus dépendre du gouvernement défaillant. Par conséquent, nous devons chercher à dépendre les uns des autres pour notre sécurité mutuelle. Le Libéria mérite mieux.

électoral au Mali, ne sont pas réunies. Le Mali, aujourd'hui, a au moins trois quarts du territoire qui échappent presque totalement au contrôle de l'État central. Si nous arrivons à créer les meilleures conditions sécuritaires, c'est après cela que nous pourrions parler d'élections », explique Sory Ibrahima Traoré.

Autre réaction, celle du M5, le parti du Premier ministre Choguel Maïga. Jeamille Bittar en est le porte-parole et il demande aux autorités maliennes de transition de ne pas fléchir et explique tout le mal qu'il pense de cette décision de la Cédéao.

« Nous sommes quand même un État souverain. Il ne faudrait pas que la Cédéao nous impose quelque chose qui pourrait nous amener dans un chaos qui ne dirait pas son nom. Il faut que les gens comprennent qu'aujourd'hui, l'environnement ne se prête pas à tenir les élections. Parce que le territoire est envahi par l'insécurité et cette insécurité a été sciemment créée par la France. La communauté internationale, notamment la Cédéao, aujourd'hui, n'est pas en mesure de nous faire un dictat. Parce que la décision du peuple malien, aujourd'hui, d'assainir cet environnement sur le plan sécuritaire.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Ian Buruma

Éric Zemmour et la revanche de Vichy

NEW YORK - Le journaliste français, vedette de la télévision, et potentiel candidat à la présidentielle Éric Zemmour remporte un franc succès au travers de ses points de vue réactionnaires extrêmes. Il estime que les musulmans doivent faire un choix entre leur religion et la France, que la déportation d'immigrés musulmans est une possibilité, et que les prénoms autres que français doivent être interdits. Il ne cache pas sa haine des « cosmopolites », et considère que le libéralisme détruit la famille française.

Zemmour a déjà été condamné à deux reprises pour discrimination raciale et incitation à la haine. Son ouvrage de 2014 intitulé *Le Suicide français* s'est vendu à plus d'un demi-million d'exemplaires en France. D'après les sondages, il pourrait recueillir pas moins de 16 % des voix lors des élections présidentielles de l'an prochain.

Le mode de pensée de Zemmour est ancré dans une tradition qui remonte à la Révolution française de 1789. À l'époque, les catholiques conservateurs et intellectuels de droite, profondément hostiles à la république laïque née de la révolution, fulminaient déjà contre les libéraux, cosmopolites, immigrés et autres ennemis de leur conception, celle d'une société fondée sur la pureté ethnique, l'obéissance à l'Église, et les valeurs familiales. Ils étaient d'ailleurs presque toujours antisémites. Lorsque le capitaine juif Alfred Dreyfus fut accusé à tort d'avoir trahi son pays, célèbre scandale des années 1890, ils choisirent le camp des accusateurs.

L'invasion de la France par l'Allemagne en 1940 conféra à ce camp réactionnaire l'opportunité de former le gouvernement fantoche de Vichy, dont Zemmour a parfois dit du bien, lui qui a également exprimé certains doutes quant à l'innocence de Dreyfus.

Aucune de ces opinions ne serait surprenante si elle émanait d'un agitateur d'extrême droite comme Jean-Marie Le Pen. Seulement voilà, Zemmour est le fils d'immigrés juifs séfarades algériens, qui ont vécu parmi les musulmans berbères. Compte tenu de la réticence française à établir des distinctions ethniques ou religieuses entre les citoyens, le profil de Zemmour est souvent ignoré. Or, il contribue peut-être à expliquer pourquoi le candidat potentiel en est arrivé à des positions aussi extrêmes.

Il n'y a évidemment aucune raison qu'une personne juive ne formule pas des opinions conservatrices. De nombreux juifs font d'ailleurs preuve d'un patriotisme passionné quant à leur pays. Pour autant, le nativisme parmi les juifs de la diaspora est extrêmement rare, pour des raisons évidentes (Israël constituant un cas à part). L'hostilité aux immigrés et l'insistance sur la pureté nationale n'ont en effet jamais bénéficié aux juifs. C'est peut-être la principale raison pour laquelle les juifs américains, par exemple, à la différence d'autres minorités prospères telles que les Irlandais, les Italiens, et de plus en plus les Latinos, votent encore régulièrement pour les Démocrates.

Depuis bien longtemps, nombre de juifs de la diaspora s'assimilent et deviennent aisément indistinguables de la population majoritaire. Comme pour les autres minorités, c'est souvent une question de classes, une relative prospérité venant assouplir les liens religieux et culturels traditionnels. Les patriotes juifs français, britanniques ou américains même les plus ardents ont tendance à soutenir l'ouverture de leur société, ainsi qu'à s'opposer à l'intolérance vis-à-

vis des immigrés.

En France, ces patriotes se situeraient pour la plupart dans le camp des droits humains universels et autres valeurs républicaines françaises, ce qui s'appliquerait par exemple au célèbre philosophe Alain Finkielkraut, fils d'un Polonais qui a survécu à Auschwitz. Finkielkraut redoute autant que Zemmour les dangers de l'islam, mais il n'est pas pour autant nativiste. La menace islamique, selon lui, concerne les idées libérales, laïques et républicaines, que Zemmour déplore pour sa part.

Qu'est-ce qui anime alors Zemmour ? Comment un juif peut-il devenir pour ainsi dire antidreyfusard ? Peut-être les souvenirs du génocide nazi et de la complicité du régime de Vichy se sont-ils tellement estompés que même un intellectuel juif puisse flirter avec un réactionnisme nativiste sans ressentir la moindre honte ou crainte. Ou peut-être pense-t-il qu'attiser une hostilité française contre les musulmans détournera les agressions potentielles loin des juifs. Beaucoup de juifs français, notamment les juifs principalement séfarades qui vivent dans des quartiers défavorisés, redoutent en effet réellement l'antisémitisme musulman.

Zemmour est un assimilationniste extrême. Il ne cesse de clamer son fervent amour pour la France. Ici encore, rien d'anormal. Ses racines familiales berbères viennent toutefois complexifier les choses. Les attitudes de Zemmour ne constituent pas une spécificité propre à la France ou aux juifs séfarades. Aux Pays-Bas, par exemple, les plus vifs opposants à l'immigration musulmane ont en commun une histoire familiale en Indonésie, autrefois Indes orientales néerlandaises.

Geert Wilders, chef du Parti pour la liberté, opposé à l'immigration, est en partie Eurasien, comme le sont plusieurs autres figures majeures de la droite néerlandaise, obsédées par l'islam. Les hiérarchies raciales au sein des anciennes colonies étaient complexes. Les Eurasiens d'Indonésie, notamment ceux d'éducation néerlandaise, ne souhaitaient pas être considérés comme des Européens, mais n'aimaient pas non plus être vus comme des Asiatiques - et encore moins comme des musulmans. De nombreux juifs algériens s'identifiaient au contraire comme Français, et leur existence parmi les musulmans pouvait rapidement conduire à l'hostilité.

Non seulement les musulmans d'Europe sont méprisés, mais certains Eurasiens des Pays-Bas ou juifs de France redoutent profondément d'être associés à eux. Le parallèle le plus proche réside peut-être dans l'attitude de certains juifs européens occidentaux assimilés avant la guerre, vis-à-vis des juifs pauvres d'Europe de l'Est. C'était néanmoins plus un question de snobisme que de haine, de même que les juifs ashkénazes n'étaient pas craints.

L'hostilité de Zemmour à l'égard des musulmans l'a rendu populaire chez certains juifs français en raison du choc ressenti par ces derniers face aux récents actes de violence islamistes - dont le meurtre d'un rabbin et de trois enfants à Toulouse, l'attaque au couteau d'une vieille dame juive à Paris, et plusieurs autres incidents.

Mais Zemmour banalise également l'intolérance chez les non juifs. Le Pen le dit lui-même rapidement dans une récente interview pour *Le Monde*. Zemmour étant juif, explique Le Pen, personne ne peut l'accuser d'être un nazi, et « cela lui donne une grande liberté ». Par extension, cela confère davantage de liberté à ceux qui pensent comme Le Pen.

Liberia Feminist Forum to convene this week

– Hold several outreach activities – including its annual Meet & Greet



The Liberia Feminist Forum (LFF) will this week host its 2021 convening on the theme: Intergenerational Dialogue on Feminist Movement Building: Trauma, Resistance, and Resilience for Feminist Movement in Liberia.

The Convening will bring together members of the Forum to hold deliberations on the Forum's work as well as its roles and contributions to national social, economic and development of Liberia, especially the advancement and realization of women's rights and quality.

LFF is a Feminism advocacy group that speaks against human rights violations perpetrated against women and girls, and minority groups with the quest of equality for everyone.

The LFF as part of its pre-convening activities held a 'Meet and greet' and open evening with young female college students, members of Civil Society Organizations, development partners and young women leaders from a diverse background.

The purpose of these activities is to acquaint the different participants with the workings of the LFF that will help broaden their understanding of the Forum, its values and principles.

At the Meet and Greet, and Open Evening Events, held separately, the LFF provided information on the work the Forum does, feminist movement building, intergenerational perspectives and resistance.

The gatherings also created an opportunity for young women to share experiences of their journeys and how they could become more effective and deliberate about challenging injustice and power dynamics that marginalize or silence women and girls.

According to Caroline Bowah, the gathering brings together people who are interested in learning, understanding and demystifying whatever thoughts and myths about feminism and allow for strategic engagements with stakeholders in different development sectors working on gender equality and women rights.

"We host these events so we can engage with the public and address concerns and questions they have about the work we do as the Liberia Feminist Forum," she said. Madam Bowah added that the Meet and Greet with young Liberian women convening as well as the Open Evening Event with development partners, Civil Society Organizations and other Allies in Liberia are pre convening activities that allows for agenda setting for it of the LFF 2021.

We will also go into an internal convening which is for the Liberia Feminist Forum members," she said.

Narrating the historic view of the LFF at the Meet & Greet, Ms. Aisha Kamara Kolubah said the Liberia Feminist Forum (LFF) was established in 2014, during the Ebola Crisis, starting with 25 Liberian

feminists with support for the forum - African Women Development Fund (AWDF), KvinnatilKvinna (KtK) and African feminists (Zimbabwe, Uganda and South Africa). "Sisters from Liberia attended the African Feminist Forum in Ghana when they came back African countries were given the mandate to have a country forum". The two Liberian co-creators are Caroline Bowah and Korto Reeves.

She recalled that setting up the movement was a struggle because many people do not feel comfortable associating with feminism in Liberia.

Currently, the LFF has 42 women who are members and has a horizontal leadership, meaning there is no head in the Forum.

"We have a horizontal structure of leadership. We don't have a head but we have a technical working group, people with different skills that run the day-to-day activities," she stated.

The fundamental purpose of the forum was to address the lack of critical feminist positioning/analysis on human rights issues. The LFF was organized to create a safe space for Liberian women promoting a grounded feminism perspective.

Presenting on 'Intergenerational Dialogue: Building Feminist Movement in Liberia, Ms. Naomi TulaySolanke called on the young girls to embrace inclusion and diversity to excel and create their space in the society. She emphasized the importance of collectiveness and solidarity in movement building.

"We need to get rid the - I didn't do it and so I am not going to be part of it".

According to her, the intergenerational conversations and sharing through collective actions and partnership is crucial to addressing the needs of young people, people living with disabilities, older people, and people with different sexual preferences.

Additionally, she said the Liberia Feminist Forum is concerned about the wellbeing of young women and girls. "We are concerned about the way we mentor young people making sure that they are guarded, young people are protected and young people's contributions and

voices are amplified.

Also, speaking on the resistance to Feminist Movement', Elizabeth G. Johnson said lack of understanding of feminism is the main challenge to the movement. She encourages the participants to be more robust to effectively advocate for a just and equal society using their agency and voice.

"Feminist movement is not a bread and butter. It is a political stand that you are taking, challenging unequal power relations that continue to marginalize women" she said.

According to Madam Johnson, religious beliefs, and traditional and cultural practices also serves as resistance to feminist movement building. "Even in your family they will call you names. You will be the outside child," she added. But importantly, it is prudent to always counter this resistance from an informed positioning because Feminism is about equality for everyone.

Also speaking was Korto Williams, co-founder of the LFF, she further noted that the establishment of the forum has helped to provide conceptual clarity on feminism and linkages to women participation in national development processes and reawaken the enthusiasm among Liberian women to movement.

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The LFF challenges patriarchal norms in the Liberian society which threaten the rights of women and LGBTI people.

Facia Harris also a founding member of the Liberia Feminist Forum stated that the LFF has contributed immensely to elevating the conversation of gender equality and women rights to the national agenda, adding that before 2014 - Feminism was not word boldly or comfortably mentioned in the country, it has taken lots of efforts to deepen the ongoing conversation even though Liberian women have been contributing to development work and fight for women rights in Liberia.

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Also, as part of its reconvening activities, the LFF will launch a series featuring the 100 women's stories documenting their and remarkable impact they are making at different levels of the Liberian society.

These are women from diverse social, cultural and economic backgrounds. They lead impactful lives within their communities at the local or national levels.

The stories capture their traditional and non-traditional leadership journeys of inspiring change and breaking through barriers unapologetically.



Senators fight over Bomi

By Ethel A Tweh

Senators Abraham Darius Dillon, Nyonblee Kangar Lawrence and Edwin Melvin Snowe throw jabs at one another as they campaign here for their representative candidates in Bomi County.

Both Senators Dillon and Lawrence had gone to the county over the weekend on a campaign tour for the opposition Collaborating Political Parties or CPP Candidate Charles Brown.

The Montserrado and Grand Bassa counties' senators told the people of Bomi to reject Senator Snowe's candidate on grounds that electing her would mean putting more

uncomfortable meeting with citizens in Married Camp because he was out of Internet connectivity in a concession area, stating that he's not accustomed to it.

But Snowe asks, "Oh! My Brother Dillon, when I put money in your pocket to run your campaign and paid your poll watchers, in no uncertain term meant that said money was put in my pocket to give out to you?"

He describes Dillon's stance as fake advocacy, saying that he will also urge Dillon not to assume the position of an occasional advocate, as he has always presented himself.

"How can you pretend to advocate for my citizens to get internet facility in Bomi when

for in the Senate to have it transformed into a township. "Kindly join me to approve this Bill since you both enjoyed your day there."

The Bomi Senator continues that if he and his candidate sat at Jamaica Resort, President Weah will patiently listen to them as they discuss the development of Bomi and the country and will not be sleeping and "Squandering Opportunities" at the same time.

"You both should be ashamed of yourselves that the people of Montserrado and Grand Bassa Counties will elect you and you both will rather put your personal selves and hate for a person



n. Kangar-Lawrence

Sen. Dillon

Sen. Snowe

money in Snowe's pocket.

Snowe is supporting and campaigning for Independent Candidate Finda Alice Gborie Lansanah, widow of the late Bomi County Senator Lahai Gbabyte Lansanah. The late former senator was Snowe's campaign manager in Bomi in 2020.

But two senators note that Snowe sits with President Weah frequently at Jamaica Resort, the President's private recreational center, so electing Madam Finda Lansanah, would mean she will similarly sit with the President and push Mr. Weah's agenda over the people's interest.

Senator Dillon says he's

our people in rural Montserrado County, such as Todee and the different settlements are without internet and other basic social services? You expose your fakery by this singular act of pretending to advocate for another man's family when your own family is in serious need. This is no surprise though, because this has always been your true nature; telling lies about everything, living in falsehood, operating in treachery." Snowe added.

Snowe, who terms Senators Kangar-Lawrence and Dillon's campaign as 'Safari', thanks them for visiting Gbah Jarkeh, as they continued their Safari, adding that it was a town that he (Snowe) just introduced a Bill

over the development of the people who elected you. I advise no matter how small or big a project that benefits your people seems to be, you both should always access the executive branch of government in the developmental interest of your people." Snowe advises.

The National Elections Commission is conducting four by-elections in Bomi, Bong, Grand Gedeh and Nimba counties, respectively to fill vacant seats created in the House as a result of the December 8, 2020 Special Senatorial Election. The poll are Scheduled for this November. -Editing by Jonathan Browne

Coach Butler names

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through his grandmother's influence.

Others are: Goalkeeper BoisonWynney de Souza, Midfielder Justin Paul Salmon, Striker Peter Wilson and Sylvanus Nimely, who have been called to join Coach Butler's squad.

The Lone Star of Liberia will take on the Supper Eagles of Nigeria on 13 November and play the Central African Republic on 16 November at the StadelbnBatouta in Tangiers, Morocco.

The 22- man squad is shortlisted below:

Goalkeepers: Derrick Julu (Watanga FC), Tommy Songo (LISCR FC) and BoisonWynney de Souza (FC Some?ulDej, Romania)

Defenders: Sampson Dweh and Ben Benaiah (LPRC Oilers); Alvin Maccornel and Carlos

Williams (Watanga FC); Prince Balde (FC Drita, Kosovo), Jamal Arago (Sabail FK, Azerbaijan) and Mark Pabai (PEC Zwolle, Netherlands)

Midfielders: Abraham Mohammed "Brem" Soumaoro (PAEEK FC, Cyprus), Seth KantehHellberg (IK Brage, Sweden), Allen Njie (FC Aarau, Switzerland), Marcus Macauley (Sahab FC, Jordan), Oscar Murphy Dorley (Slavia Prague, Czech Republic), Justin Paul Salmon (Degerfors IF, Sweden) and Abu Kamara (FC Makedonija, North Macedonia)

Forwards: Peter Wilson (Olympiakos Nicosia, Cyprus), MoussaSanoh (CS Mioveni, Romania), Van Dave Harmon (KF Laci, Albania), Kpah Sherman (Kedah FC, Malaysia) and Sylvanus Nimely (Ilves, Finland).

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Partners in Health

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George, on behalf of the Ministry of Health, expressed gratitude to PIH for the partnership that has led to a "significant improvement" of the county's health system over the years.

Dr. George described PIH as a true partner whose objective is to ensure a transformed health delivery service in the county and Liberia at large, assuring that the newly refurbished facility will be used for its intended purpose.

Recently, Partners In Health with funding from the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) constructed and handed over two cubic yard de Montfort incinerator with a 377.91 square foot shelter that comprised 59.50 square foot mini sorting compartment to the J. J. Dossen Hospital.

It erected an emergency

annex at an estimated cost of US\$266,000 in Pleebo, Electoral district#2, Maryland County to improve service delivery.

The facility will expand Pleebo's capacity to provide health services in a wide range of areas, including hypertension, diabetes, hepatitis B, tuberculosis, HIV, maternal health and child health, besides emergency needs.

The emergency facility will contain five beds for general admission purpose, a trauma bay, an isolation room, utility rooms, storage area, bathrooms, a reception space, an inpatient ward with eight beds, four for males and four for females, and an expanded outpatient consultation area, including a non-communicable disease clinic with three consultation rooms, among others.

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severe challenges, a situation that has drawn the attention of the FOA to have appealed to Mrs. Welley Alice Wilson for her intervention to progressively alleviate some of the hospital difficulties.

Mr. Wesseh says amongst the medical materials received, and to be taken to the Fish Town Hospital in River Gee County are; several barrels containing nursing uniforms, blankets for hospital beds, patients' gowns, reusable isolation gowns, and bath towels, among others.

Other materials included in the supplies are four cartoons of notebooks, pencils, and sharpeners for the disabled

community in Fish Town, and the Jablok Elementary School in River Gee County, along with six hundred (600) pieces of nose masks.

The Fish Town Hospital is located in River Gee County, accounting for more than 25,000 square miles away from the Liberian capital Monrovia, and has a notoriety for bad roads, mostly during one of the two climatic seasons in Liberia, the rainy season as compared to the dry season. The region is referred to, by many Liberians as the southeastern region which encapsulates other counties including, Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Sinoe, and Grand Kru Counties.

Local group attracts US\$6k medical materials for Fish Town Hospital, River Gee County

A local civic group with membership in River Gee County and Monrovia has disclosed that they have received some assorted medical materials worth more than Six Thousand United States Dollars (US\$6,000) intended for the referral Hospital in Fish Town River Gee County.

The civic group, Friends of Welley Alice Wilson divulge to newsmen in Monrovia that they have received the medical materials from their principal, Mrs. Wilson who is currently in the United States.

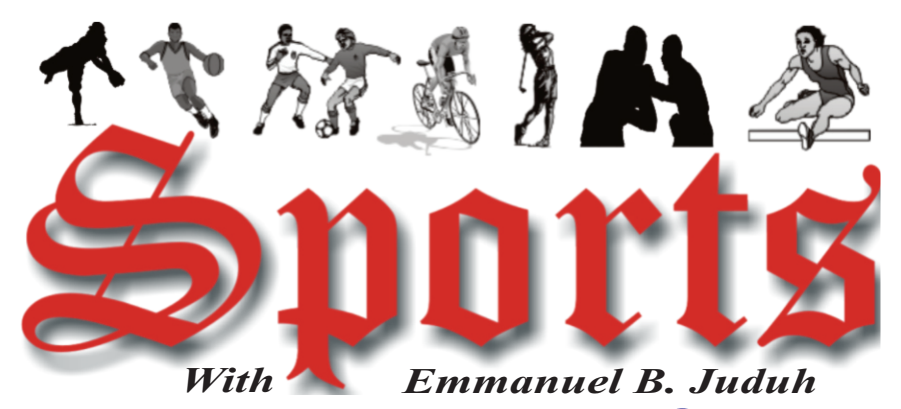
According to some executives of the organization, Mr. Oliver Wesseh along with Mr. Keifer Wilson, the medical materials

are currently warehoused in Monrovia as they are tackling the challenge of transporting the medical materials to Fish Town River Gee County by the weekend.

Mr. Wesseh has averred that the Friends of Alice have taken cognizance that the only referral hospital in the County has been faced with

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Coach Butler names 22-man squad for Nigeria, C.A.R.



By Naneka Hoffman
Liberia's head coach Peter Butler names three uncapped players in a 22-men squad

ahead of 2022 final World Cup qualifiers against Nigeria and Central African Republic (CAR).
The list includes: Watanga FC Goalkeeper Derrick Julu,

Defenders Mark Pabai of PEC Zwolle in the Netherlands and Jamal Arago of Sabail FK in Azerbaijan are three uncapped players.
The PEC Zwolle Player Mark Pabai has finally accepted to play for Liberia, having first been invited for the back-to-back 2021 African Cup of Nations qualifiers with Chad in October 2019.
The 21-year-old Defender moved to the Netherlands with his family at the age of six years.
Arago featured for Black Satellites in the 2013 qualifiers for the Africa Youth Championship but didn't make the final squad due to injury.
The 28-year-old has made two under-20 friendly caps for Ghana and booked the opportunity to play for Liberia

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