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Sen. Steve Zargo
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Continental News

Kenyan policeman shoots six dead including wife

A police officer in Kenya shot dead his wife and five other people with an AK-47 in the early hours of Tuesday morning, officials have said.

A neighbour heard "a loud bang" from the officer's home at 01:00 local time, according to a police report.

The policeman then went on what officials are calling a "shooting spree" in Kabete, near the capital, Nairobi, killing five others.

The officer later took his own life, a police statement said.

The motive behind the killings is unclear, but police said the couple had been feuding, according to the AFP news agency.

"We are told that the couple had issues and were quarrelling before," police chief Francis Wahome told AFP. "Until now, we never had any concerns about the officer's behaviour. He had been going for duty properly, and had never been involved in an incident like this," Mr Wahome told the Reuters

news agency.

This incident is not the first time a Kenyan police officer is thought to have been involved in a similar incident.

In July a female officer grabbed national headlines after allegedly killing two men, including a colleague in a span of 24 hours. Caroline Kangogo was later found dead.

In 2020, the police launched a programme to help officers

struggling with trauma.

The police chief Hilary Mutyambai has previously warned that the "stress and trauma" officers undergo can leave them with "psychological and emotional scars that require healing".

The policeman behind Tuesday's incident, who the authorities have identified as Police Constable Benson Imbasi, "started shooting at

innocent members of the public frenziedly" after killing his own wife, the police report said. One witness described the moment the shooting started to Reuters.

"He came out with an AK-47, cocked it and started firing at us where we were with the boda boda [motorcycle] riders." Two motorcycle taxi drivers were among the victims. Two other people were injured and are receiving hospital treatment.

Interior Minister Fred Matiang'i commented on the incident at an event to commemorate police and prison officers who have died in the line of duty.

The government was saddened by events in Kabete, he said, but urged people not

to politicise the matter.

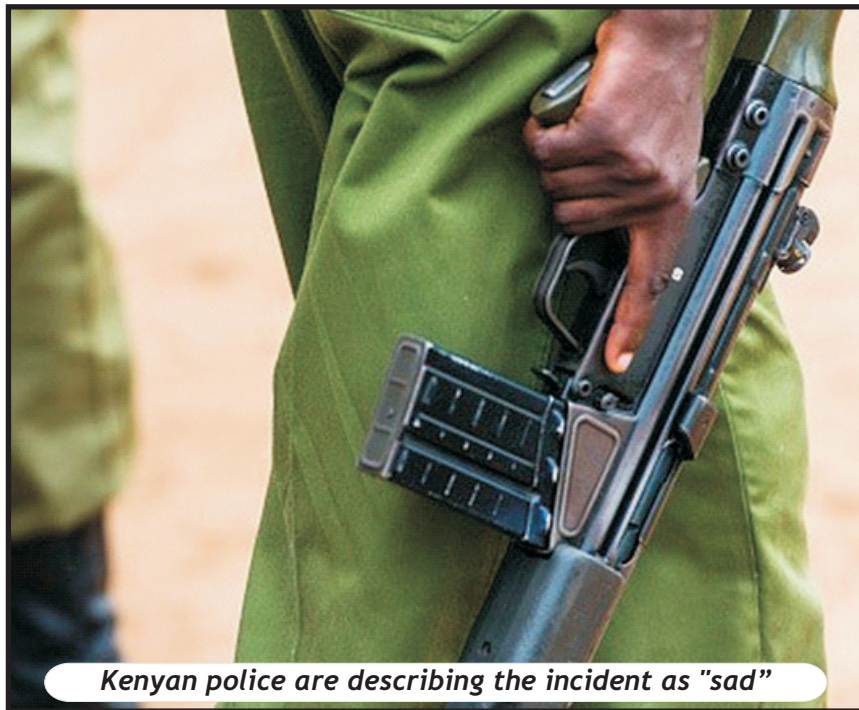
Mr Matiang'i said police officers can be susceptible to mental health challenges like all members of the public.

The government alongside the prison service has improved the counselling and medical assistance offered to officers struggling with mental wellbeing, he added.

There have been protests and disturbances in and around the Kabete area after the shooting incident, local media report.

A video from The Star news site shows people on the streets with tyres set alight.

Meanwhile another video tweeted by The Nation news site appears to show police pushing back a group of young people who wanted to break into Kabete police station. BBC



Kenyan police are describing the incident as "sad"

'Catastrophic' Burundi prison fire kills dozens

At least 38 people have died and scores more have been injured in a fire which tore through a prison in Burundi.

Vice-President Prosper Bazombanza told reporters the blaze hit an overcrowded facility in the capital Gitega, with at least 69 people

seriously injured.

Images circulating online show a building engulfed in flames and piles of bodies, said to be of inmates in the jail.

"It is really catastrophic," one inmate told the BBC over the phone.

"I'd say almost 90% of sleeping halls are burnt."

A journalist outside the

prison told the BBC that nurses from Gitega hospital have entered the prison to help the victims, saying they are taking out the dead and wounded.

The blaze started at around 04:00 local time (02:00 GMT).

"We started shouting that we were going to be burned alive when we saw the flames rising very high, but the police refused to open the doors of our quarters, saying 'these are the orders we have received'," one inmate told AFP news agency over the phone.

"I don't know how I escaped, but there are prisoners who were burned completely," he added.

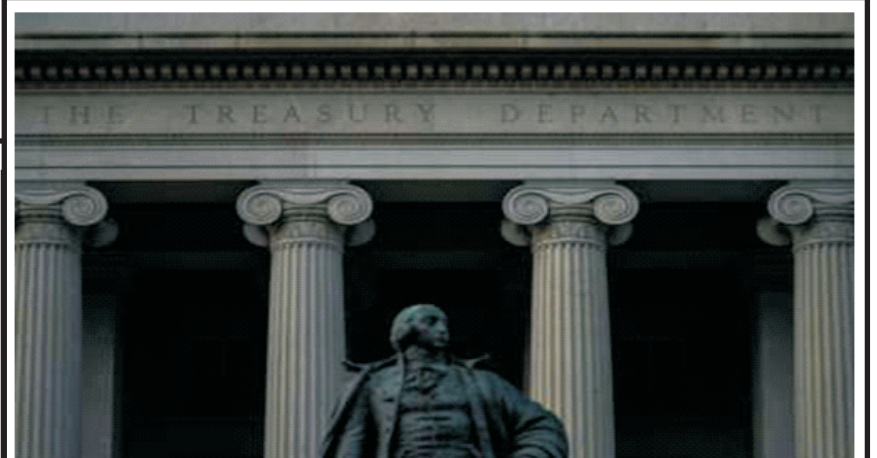
Witnesses told AFP the fire has now been brought under control.

With capacity for 400 prisoners, Gitega prison held 1,539 inmates as of last month, according to the Christian Association Against Torture (ACAT-Burundi).

A tweet posted by



US sanctions DR Congo man linked to Israeli tycoon



The United States has imposed sanctions on a Democratic Republic of Congo national and 12 companies linked to him for allegedly providing support to blacklisted Israeli businessman Dan Gertler.

The US Treasury in a statement said Alain Mukonda opened bank accounts and made payments into proxy bank accounts for Mr Gertler after sanctions were placed on him.

It said Mr Mukonda made 16 cash deposits totalling between \$11m (£8m) and \$13.5m into accounts of companies he incorporated that ultimately belong to Mr Gertler's family.

The US Treasury said it was standing by the country in fighting corruption which "fuels instability and conflict" and affects economic growth.

Burundi's interior ministry said a short circuit was to blame for the fire.

In August, another fire

"Treasury is committed to supporting the Democratic Republic of the Congo's anti-corruption efforts by going after those that abuse the political system for economic gain and unfairly profit from the Congolese state," said Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo.

The US imposed sanctions on Mr Gertler and over 30 of his businesses in 2017 and 2018.

It accused him of using his friendship with former DR Congo President Joseph Kabila to corruptly secure lucrative mining deals. Mr Gertler denied any wrongdoing.

The sanctions were waived in the last days of Donald Trump administration.

They were however reversed in March this year following calls by Congolese and international anti-corruption campaigners. BBC

broke out at the same prison, which authorities also blamed on electrical problems. That blaze caused no casualties. BBC

EDITORIAL

Faculties' disengagement leaves uncertainty at UL

STUDENTS OF THE University of Liberia preparing for final exams and graduation are being forced to stay home because of disengagement by lecturers and instructors in demand of salary arrears and salary disparities.

OPERATING UNDER BODY the University of Liberia Faculty Association or ULFA, they issued a communique' last week, disengaging from all academic activities until their demands are met

ULFA REACHED THIS conclusion despite assurance from the Government of Liberia to increase faculties' salaries in what seems to be clearly belated.

HOWEVER, THE REAL victims of the current disengagement by the faculty are the more 10,000 struggling students of the University of Liberia, majority of whom cannot afford fees at private universities in the country, so are stock at the state-owned University with its huge capacity gap as result of inadequate funding.

THOSE STUDENTS HAVE no choice but to endure unnecessary interruptions in their academic programs because of poor administrative leadership and decisions.

FINANCE MINISTER SAMUEL Tweah frantically made a last minute's negotiation with ULFA officials last week prior to their disengagement, asking them to return to the classroom with a promise to take charge of the payroll.

BUT HIS PLEAD did not yield any positive fruit, as the faculties abandoned lectures, demanding unpaid salaries and demeaning disparities in their monthly income.

IT IS BECOMING a trend for the Minister of Finance and Developing Planning Tweah to allow situations to reach crisis proportion before attempting to intervene somehow unsuccessfully. The case with teachers of the Monrovia Consolidated School System is one instance.

FOR GOD SAKE, can't these protests be averted by early or pro-active interventions other than carrying water when fire has already razed an entire building to the ground, as it was done with the case of the UL Faculty?

WHEN POTENTIAL CONFLICT situations are allowed to reach points of disengagement, there are always accompanying unintended consequences or what economists called externalities, which students at the University of Liberia are currently going thru largely as a result of poor planning or failure to plan. The faculty disengagement clearly has offset the academic calendar and left students with uncertainty over when they will write exams before the Christmas holiday.

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COMMENTARY

By Kseniia Shapoval

The Pandemic and Palliative Care

KYIV - When COVID-19 hit Ukraine, infectious diseases specialist Stepan Karabinyosh was at the center of the crisis. As he worked day after day in an intensive care unit, Karabinyosh found that his medical training had prepared him for the practical challenge of treating his patients, but not the emotional challenge of telling a growing number of them that, because of the risk of infecting their loved ones, they would most likely die without seeing them again.

But Karabinyosh was equipped for this experience better than many of his colleagues. He had taken additional training in palliative care - a multidisciplinary approach to optimizing patient quality of life during severe and terminal illness.

Karabinyosh learned about the need for instruction in palliative care the hard way. Early in his career, he felt overwhelmed by the burden of dealing with seriously ill patients. Despite having little time to eat, he put on weight. He stopped talking to friends and family and did nothing but work and sleep.

Then, one day while he was taking x-rays of a woman in her 70s, she grabbed his hand and said: "Please do something, son. I am dying!" In that moment, he saw his own mother. He knew he needed to walk her through a medical procedure she might not survive, but it was difficult for him to have the conversation. He realized that if he wanted to keep working as a doctor, that had to change.

After receiving training in palliative care, those conversations became easier. He says the training helped him develop techniques for active listening, building rapport, and creating empathy. Crucially, palliative care training has helped him separate the person who needs support from the disease that needs treating. The ability to address patient fears was particularly important during the early days of the pandemic, when the best way to approach COVID-19 was still being determined and medical options were limited.

Palliative care also helps create a space for discussions about death when all medical options have been exhausted. Patients and their relatives often are unaware of the course diseases take. In such circumstances, palliative care aims to help them understand the prognosis and better prepare them for the end of life.

Although palliative care training is most closely associated with improving the

quality of life of seriously and terminally ill patients, it also involves techniques to support health-care workers as they cope with the emotional burden of their experience at work.

It includes recommendations for self-care and psychological support, particularly for medical staff working in environments where they will regularly lose patients or confront the loss of patients they would not normally expect to die, like young people.

This kind of support is needed now more than ever. During the pandemic, healthcare workers have faced unprecedented levels of stress. Rates of burnout, depression, and anxiety among doctors, nurses, and physician assistants have exploded.

One expert, writing in the medical journal *The Lancet*, noted that the toll on the profession is impeding the recovery from the pandemic and jeopardizing global health care more generally.

Keeping experienced workers in the field is important for hospitals that are already short-staffed. And I and others in the field have observed that health-care workers with training and experience in palliative care have been better prepared to face these challenges and avoid burnout.

Many organizations, including my own, the International Renaissance Foundation, support initiatives to train more health-care workers in palliative care.

With the support of the palliative care team of the Ivano-Frankivsk Center and the Mother Teresa Foundation, we have introduced free online webinars on grief and loss for health-care workers.

We have also conducted three practical courses for medical staff who worked throughout the pandemic. The program included psychological training, group and individual consultations with a psychologist and a chaplain, prayers, virtual tours, and art programs.

More than 50 health-care workers participated in the courses, and all of them noted a stabilization of their psycho-emotional state and better sleep patterns.

But much more needs to be done. To prepare for future pandemics and provide better care generally, palliative care should be fully integrated into health insurance and become a standard part of training. Medical staff should do rotations in palliative care to obtain practical experience. As health-care strategies are reevaluated in light of COVID-19, palliative care should be recognized as a vital part of the therapeutic process.

OPINION

By Peter Singer, David S. Wilcove

Bright as a Bird

Nearly one in seven of the 10,000-plus bird species is currently at risk of extinction. The fate of birds, both wild individuals and those kept as pets, would be harder to ignore if more people understood how intelligent and complex they are.

PRINCETON - Birds are found worldwide, in many different environments, from penguins in Antarctica to pigeons in Trafalgar Square, and from the familiar sparrows on our lawns to the great albatrosses who spend years at sea without ever touching land. There are more than 10,000 species totaling many billions of wild individuals. To this we must add the tens of billions of birds we raise for their meat or eggs, and others we keep as pets.

Unfortunately, nearly one in seven of those 10,000-plus bird species is currently at risk of extinction. Even common species are declining. A recent study estimated that the total population of birds of all types in the United States and Canada has dropped by 30% since 1970.

It is easy to dismiss their fate. The use of the term “bird brain” as an insult suggests that many people have a low opinion of avian intelligence. But they are wrong. Irene Pepperberg’s work with Alex, a grey parrot who lived from 1976 to 2007, showed that a bird can learn concepts such as “color” and “shape.” Pepperberg would show Alex a red cube and a red sphere, and ask “What is the same?” Alex would reply “color.” When shown a red cube and a yellow cube, and asked the same question, Alex would say “shape.”

Parrots are not the only highly intelligent birds. In 2002, Betty, a New Caledonian crow, was faced with the puzzle of trying to get a piece of meat out of a tube. She bent a piece of wire and used it to hook the meat and pull it out, thus becoming not only a tool user, but a tool maker - characteristics once thought unique to humans. More recently, other New Caledonian crows have shown that they can mentally represent a three-stage task: picking up a short stick, taking it around a corner to a place where it could be used to extricate a stone from a tube, and then taking the stone around another corner to a third place where, by dropping it down another tube, it would release a door and provide the crow with food.

Pigeons - often viewed with disdain by urban pedestrians - can learn to distinguish between the paintings of Monet and Picasso, even when shown paintings the birds have never seen before. They also grouped paintings by Cézanne and Renoir with those by Monet, and paintings by Braque and Matisse with paintings by Picasso. When Monet’s paintings were presented upside down, the pigeons failed to distinguish them from the cubists’ paintings. Presenting the Picassos upside down, however, made no difference.

Birds are very popular pets. Budgerigars, popularly known as “budgies” but also often referred to simply as “parakeets,” were first imported to the United Kingdom from their native Australia around 1840 and quickly became a hit with people. Today, they are among the most popular pets in the world. Hundreds of other species, including canaries, lovebirds, zebra finches, and a host of less well-known species, are also kept as pets.

Unfortunately, many people who buy birds as pets treat them as living ornaments, valued for their plumage or song rather than for their minds. They have little idea of how intelligent and complex their new companions are, and are unaware of basic care requirements. Budgies, for example, are long-lived (10-15 years if properly cared for) and highly social. Like dogs, they need a lot of one-on-one attention and affection from their owners, plus toys and time outside their cages, to keep them happy while their owners are not at home. Typically, however, pet birds are allowed to interact far less with their owners than dogs or cats are. And because they are usually caged, they cannot go to their owners when they want attention.

The fact that some types of birds can be bought for a few dollars at a pet store with no questions asked or training required is therefore not something that a society that cares about animal welfare should tolerate. Many birds end up at “rescue centers” for adoption, often exhibiting harmful behaviors like feather plucking, which stem from mistreatment.

Some simple reforms could improve the lives of pet birds. One would be to require people intending to purchase one to take an online course and pass a concluding exam. These exams could be tailored to the main types of pet birds, such as parrots and parakeets, and canaries, finches, mynahs, and other songbirds. An alternative would be to require those who sell pet birds to provide, both verbally and in writing, and prior to finalizing a sale, all the essential information the buyer will need to care for their new pet properly.

People can also thoroughly enjoy birds without owning them. Birdwatching is an increasingly popular hobby around the world, offering thousands of species to see and no cages to clean. It boomed during the coronavirus lockdowns, and it appears to be retaining many of the new - and often younger - followers it picked up then.

Let’s hope that continues. Birdwatchers have long been at the forefront of efforts to protect wild species and their habitats. Our dwindling populations of wild birds need those efforts now more than ever.

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O-P-E-D

By Ian Buruma

Republican Martyrs

So long as political differences concern interests and ideas that can be reasonably debated, political opponents can be respected, and compromises can be reached. But reasonable debate ends when politics becomes religious, as it has for one of America’s two main parties.

NEW YORK - One might well wonder what a pudgy teenager was doing roaming the streets of a Midwestern town with a semi-automatic assault rifle, claiming to be a defender of citizens and property. But that is not what the now 18-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was put on trial for in November. He killed two men and wounded another, then claimed that he did it in self-defense.

State law sets a low bar for self-defense in Wisconsin, where the shootings occurred. Carrying a gun is lawful, and so is shooting someone to prevent “what the person reasonably believes to be an unlawful interference with his or her person by such other person.” Since one man pointed a gun at Rittenhouse and the others were chasing him, the jury believed that his fear of being “interfered” with was reasonable.

This was not an absurd verdict. One could easily imagine that a black man shooting three white people (all Rittenhouse’s targets were white) might not have gotten off so easily. But that is speculation, and no reason to doubt the jury’s good faith.

Nonetheless, some liberal media instantly published angry articles arguing that the verdict was a clear case of white supremacy. Because Rittenhouse had ostensibly come to town to protect people during a Black Lives Matter demonstration, one writer argued in *The Guardian* the “verdict is proof that it is reasonable to believe that the fear of Black people can absolve a white person of any crime.”

Such instant conclusions are almost always unwise. But the reaction on the right of the political spectrum was more disturbing. Former US President Donald Trump hosted Rittenhouse at his palatial home in Florida, had photographs taken with him, and called him a “really good, young guy” who had been the victim of “prosecutorial misconduct.” Liberals, in this version of the story, had been out to get him. Rittenhouse himself claimed that he had been “extremely defamed.” This is about more than defending gun-slugging and vigilantism. It is about turning political opponents into dangerous enemies and larding support for violence with pumped-up stories of martyrdom.

The American left has its own language of grievance and trauma. Black victims of police shootings become the focus of nationwide demonstrations against white supremacy. When George Floyd was killed by police officers in Minneapolis in May 2020, he became a martyr of “systemic racism.” And “social justice” can be an excuse for fanaticism - often inviting equally extreme responses on the right.

Still, there is good reason to deplore the way police routinely treat African Americans, and some of Trump’s most fervent supporters make their white racist views perfectly clear. When some of them got arrested for storming the Capitol in 2021, they became martyrs of the right. After visiting these “patriots” in prison, far-right US Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene tweeted, “I have never seen human suffering like I witnessed last night.” And Trump called Ashli Babbitt, who was shot by a police officer after breaking into the Capitol, “a truly incredible person.”

The cases of Floyd, Rittenhouse, and the mobs that ransacked the Capitol are not equivalent. It is easier to sympathize with outrage over racism than it is with the so-called patriotism of right-wing vigilantes. And elected politicians on the left are much less likely to promote violence. But the language of martyrdom is dangerous, even when the sentiments are justified.

Martyrdom is a religious concept. People die for their beliefs. Religions are founded on the blood of martyrs. When political parties indulge in these sentiments, they are rarely democratic. Horst Wessel, the Nazi brownshirt who was killed in a street brawl with Communist activists, became a martyr to National Socialism. But then Nazism, with its leader worship, its martyrs, its arcane rituals, and torchlight parades, was more like a religion than a political creed. This has not traditionally been the case with democratic parties, whether left or right.

So long as political differences concern interests and ideas that can be reasonably debated, political opponents can be respected, and compromises can be reached. Nothing about democratic politics is “sacred”; lives should not be sacrificed for one party or another. But reasonable debate ends when politics becomes religious. When blood sacrifice is idealized, there can be no room for compromise.

In the worldview of far-right Trump supporters, anyone with opposing views - liberals, anti-racism activists, advocates for immigrants - are not just political adversaries. They are an existential threat: you are either for us or against us, and those who are against us want to “take over our nation,” or “replace our race.” That can only end in a fight to the death. Blood will be avenged.

This puts US Democrats in a difficult position. What is a political party to do when the other main party has been taken over by self-appointed holy warriors? To treat them as a loyal opposition worthy of engagement in a spirit of compromise and respect becomes almost impossible. Democrats like Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden have sometimes been criticized by their own supporters for not fighting dirty and giving Republican fanatics a dose of their own foul medicine.

That would be a mistake. All legal means should be used to stop extremists from wrecking democratic institutions, but those institutions won’t survive if all parties turn politics into a matter of life and death. In a quasi-religious war, the far right will almost certainly win; they have more fanatics and, in the US, many more guns.

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Section I. INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS (Desktop Computers) IFB No.: UL/NCB/010/2021

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its internally generated revenue for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement and Supply of **DESKTOP COMPUTERS** for the **DIGITAL TESTING CENTER** and **DCIS PROGRAM** of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement and supply of **DESKTOP COMPUTERS**.
- 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 and Concessions Commission (PPCC), and is open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

4. Specifications and quantity:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure
I.	Desktop Computers	105	pieces

5. Eligibility and Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia Business Registration with Activity Code (G4741)
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC Vendor Registrar
- Bank guarantee of 2% of the contract price from a renowned commercial bank in the Country
- Past performance records including the names and contact details of at-least three (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.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.

6. A set of bidding document in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of Fifty United States Dollars (US\$50.00) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus beginning November 9 to December 9, 2021, Administrative Complex Building, Fendall, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

7. All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing valid for 60 days after the opening of bids.

8. Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 2:00 p.m., December 9, 2021, and will be opened in the presence of the bidders or representatives who choose to attend on December 9, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, Room #: AC1-01, Administrative Complex Building, Fendall Campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

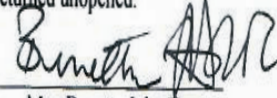
In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:
"SEALED BID FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS"
REF: IFB No.: UL/NCB/010/20/21

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

In the middle of the envelope, print the address below:
Procurement Department
Administrative Complex Building
Fendall Campus
Louisiana, Liberia

9. 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 Department, UL

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

Reviewed
Fatu Tipoteh
11/08/21

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Section I. Invitation for Bid (Printing and delivery of the 102nd Souvenir Program, Protocol & Invitations) IFB NO: UL/SP/NCB/003/20/21

November 27, 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 the (printing and delivery of Souvenir programs, Protocols & Invitation) for the 102nd Graduating exercises, 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	Temporary quantity	Total quantities
i.	Printing of Protocols	1	To be Determined
ii.	Printing of Souvenir program	1	To be Determined
iii.	Printing of Invitations	1	To be Determined

4. Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with Code C1811
- 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.
- PPCC Vendor Registry
- Current Bank statement for the past two (2) years - present with the closing balance of US\$3,000
- Bids will be examined for proper signature and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.

5. 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 27, 2021 - December 27, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

6. All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 60 days after the opening of bids.

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

8. Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., December 27, 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:
In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"SEALED BID FOR PRINTING & DELIVERY OF PROTOCOLS, INVITATIONS & SOUVENIR PROGRAMS"
REF.: IFB NO.: UL/SP/NCB/003/20/21


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

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

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Fendall Campus, Liberia

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

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NEC grants Bong County Motion

The Board of Commissioners, (BOC), of the National Elections Commission, (NEC), Monday granted the motion for summary proceedings as prayed for by lawyers representing the petitioners,

declared James Kollie of the People Unification Party, PUP winner of the just ended 16 November 2021 Representative By-elections in Bong county.

The NEC ruling read by its Clerk, Fofee Sheriff reminded the case to the Magistrate with specific instructions.

Democratic Change, CDC and its Candidate Melvin Savage as petitioners versus the National Elections Commission and representative elect, James Kollie of the People Unification Party, PUP, as first and second respondents, respectively.

Clerk Fofee Sheriff reading the BOC's ruling instructs the Bong County Magistrate, Daniel Newland to ensure that the petitioners, CDC and candidate Melvin Salvage must submit the names of all witnesses and have them prepare to testify during the next hearing.

The Board of Commissioners of NEC said that the due process clause for a party must be in a reason time and that due process is not open ended to cause unreasonable delay. The BOC said request for subpoena cannot be unrestricted by to its interest.

The NEC Board said failure of the Magistrate to allow the complainants to rest there in total was an error, but that the decision to appoint a Council in the absence of the petitioners to receive his ruling was not an error.



the Coalition for Democratic Change, CDC and its candidate Melvin Salvage against the declared winner, James Kollie in the electoral dispute case in electoral district #2, in Bong County.

The National Elections Commission has already

However, Lawyers representing the defendant, Cllr. Luther Vorfee and Cllr. Albert Sims, vehemently accepted ruling and said they will make use of the laws controlling.

The case, grew out of the action, election irregularities filed by the Coalition for

GIZ supports multi-stakeholder training for mining sector

The Liberian Kimberley Process Multi-stakeholder group recently organized a three-day intensive training workshop for Local Stakeholders held simultaneously in Bopolu City, Gbarpolu County and Ganta City, Nimba County.

The training is a way of buttressing the Government of Liberia's fight against the illicit movement of precious minerals, terrorist financing, money laundering and illicit financial flows within the artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) sector of Liberia.

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme - KPCS for short, talks about chain of custody in diamond trade, terrorist financing linked to smuggling of minerals, typologies of money laundering and an overview of the EU conflict minerals regulation with emphasis on the role of producer countries.

The workshop was facilitated by a group of

trainers from the Liberian Immigration Service, the Liberian National Police, Ministry of Mines & Energy, Liberia Revenue Authority, and two prominent Civil Society Organizations (Green Advocates International & Peaceful Youth Association for Transformation).

These trainers had been technically and financially capacitated by the GIZ Regional Resource Governance Project.

The three days joint training covered nine modules on important mining governance themes such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Minerals Supply Chains, the European Union (EU) Conflict Minerals Regulations, Terrorist Financing, Money Laundering, and Illicit Financial Flows within the informal artisanal and small-scale mining sector.

The training brought together a total of 88 participants drawn from the Liberian National Police, Liberian Immigration Service, Miners and Officials of Selected Mining Cooperatives,

Mining Agents, Civil Society Organizations, and Community Based Structures from eight counties, namely: Margibi, Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu, Nimba, Lofa, Bong, and Grand Gedeh.

This consolidated Government and Civil Society training on the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Sector of Liberia was made possible with technical support from GIZ and funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU).

Participants expressed excitement over the sensitization and new lessons on how to handle the movement of precious minerals to avoid minerals falling in the hands of criminals or terrorists.

They promised to carry the messages back to their peers and include them into the training curricular of their respective institutions and units.

At the end of the training,

I regret

--Dillon explains his support for Musa Bility

Opposition Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon says he regrets why he didn't make any move to prevent Musa Bility from leading the Liberty Party (LP) as chair.

Appearing on local broadcaster OK FM Tuesday, 7 December 2021, Mr. Dillon, who stood as an influential LP stalwart in backing Bility's quest for the chairmanship, said Bility's motives and goals [are] to destabilize the opposition bloc Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) so that the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) can get a second chance.

"Today, I Darius Dillon regret why I did not make any move to prevent Musa Bility

But Mr. Dillon took up sufficient time attacking LP chair Mr. Bility, accusing the latter of being a criminal.

"You know, let me be clear, the people say Dillon quick to apologize. You know, and I am not going to shy away [from that]," said Mr. Dillon.

Mr. Dillon claimed that there are documents showing that Mr. Bility allegedly confessed to altering the Liberty Party's constitution, saying when you do that, it's criminal.

According to Dillon, if you look at the constitution that was submitted before the National Elections Commission (NEC), Bility altered the constitution to shift authority that was not granted onto them.

Mr. Dillon argued that



Sen. Abraham Darius Dillon

from leading Liberty Party. I thought it was unfair to Musa and anybody in Musa's situation to deprive him the right to grow in the party, but he has justified everything the public said about him," said Mr. Dillon.

"Musa is a criminal, I can prove it. Musa altered the constitution of Liberty Party to get us to where we are today," Mr. Dillon further alleged.

Dillon's host at OK FM had made some efforts to get him to react to reports surrounding LP's decision to suspend him and the party's political leader, Grand Bassa County Senator NyonbleeKarnaga - Lawrence over claims of administrative reasons / failure to pay dues.

Chairman Bility loves money and he gets it anyway so he thinks due is only money. Mr. Dillon pondered if a partisan who leaves their home daily and goes to the party headquarters would be considered a non - due paying partisan on account of not simply paying cash as due.

"Musa is under duress. Musa is working for CDC. Musa's motives and goals [are] to destabilize CPP so that CDC can get a second chance," Mr. Dillon alleged.

He argued that nobody who wants growth of an institution will in their normal self and love for their institution, go to bed knowing that since taking over the entity that was peaceful, it is no longer peaceful.

the participants received certificates of completion which were co-signed by GIZ Technical Advisor Frank K. Cooper, Jr. and the Deputy Minister for Planning, Research & Development, Carlton S. Miller, who is also the National Kimberley Process Focal Person for Liberia.

Participant from the Law

Enforcement have also expressed appreciation to GIZ and the EU for the training.

They recommended to the government and its supporting partners to provide equipment to borders and checkpoints officers to be able to detect minerals and counter terrorism - related crimes.

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Weah vows to support people with disabilities

By Kruah Thompson

President George Weah has pledged to improve conditions of people with disabilities in Liberia so they can live and access healthcare services, education, and employment opportunity.

He said where the issue of accessible healthcare services, education, and employment opportunity are lacking, his administration

Speaking over the weekend at the national disability summit in observance of the international day of persons with disabilities, held at the ministerial complex on Tubman Boulevard, President Weah indicated that early February this year during the agriculture fair, he awarded Mr. Konah Kemah, a physically-challenge person, for being the best cassava producer.

He said Liberia has witnessed a significant increase in the

government has the responsibility to work through development partners in ensuring their desire to exist and participate in society can be fostered.

President Weah said there is no reason why people are called disabled, adding "We are human beings and we should be viewed as human beings, when you speak of disability."

The President continued that he sees himself equally as one of the disabled, because during his time on the soccer pitch he broke his leg, hand, and back more than once.

Mr Weah said he could've stopped playing football at that particular moment if only he did not have a good doctor.

"People could've viewed me as a disabled person. It is the only condition that got some of you the way you are today." He noted.

President Weah disclosed that under his administration the budget for the disable community has increased from 75,000 to half million dollars.

To construct a three-storey building for both people in wheelchair or to post a job advertisement that does not encourage persons with disabilities to apply is a failure to recognize the principle or the philosophy of being equal but differently-abled or capable, President weah noted, adding. "What our compatriots need is not our pity but the circumstances."



will take the necessary corrective step to restore the basic rights of all, especially people with disabilities.

He said these steps will be facilitated through the work of organizations working in the sector, including the national commission on disability which is headed by vice president Jewel Howard Taylor, in her capacity as chairperson.

number of people with disabilities since the end of the civil war, with many laboring at the lower end of the economic ladders, which President Weah said cannot be allowed to continue.

Continuing that some people who are called disabled today were once in good condition, before the civil war, therefore, it is not their fault that they are faced with such condition, so

Senate to probe illegal mining in Bomi, Gbarpolu counties

By Ethel A. Tweh

Bomi County Senator Edwin Melvin Snowe, Jr. has written the plenary of the Liberian Senate to intervene into alleged illegal mining activities in his county. In a communication to plenary Tuesday, December 7, Sen. Snowe notes that those mining in Bomi County are there without license.

According to him, they are digging under homes of residents, all in the name of mining thus leading to some of the homes to collapse, but did not give example.

Senator Snowe explains that at times some of the illegal miners give

inhabitants US\$100 to relocate elsewhere just to dig under their homes, adding that they are stealing the country's resources.

He calls on the Senate to send a team to the county to investigate the illegal mining going on there, mainly in Mano Camp Two.

In a motion, Grand Kru County Senator NumeneBartekwa, Sr. suggests that the Senate committee on mines, energy and natural resources along with the Bomi Legislative Caucus should visit the county for fact-finding in order to report to plenary within two weeks.

GbarpoluCounty Senator Daniel Nathaan, Sr. says has written similar letter to plenary, complaining that Ghanaians are

in Liberian waters, carrying on illegal mining.

According to him, since he wrote plenary, his letter was ceased by the President Pro-Tempore Albert T. Chie and since then has not come back on the floor for discussion, adding that he wants Gbarpolu to form part of the visitation.

Therefore, the Presiding officer and chair on the Senate Executive Committee Saah H. Joseph says the team should also include Gbarpolu as they get on their tour to Bomi and report to plenary in two weeks.

Meanwhile, Sinoe County

ArcelorMittal MDA

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been reliably informed that threatening statements and protest actions on the AML propose MDA extension are being hugely influenced by purportedly external business manipulated interventions based on ulterior or self-seeking motives aimed at benefitting a few against the supreme interest of vast majority of the Country"

Sirleaf asked the legislature to rectify the agreement, saying the deal when passed by the legislature will ensure additional jobs and place Liberian on the global scene in term of the quality iron ore.

This is the third group to call for the rectification of the Mittal Steal agreement since the bill was sent to the legislature by President George Weah.

It can be recalled, on Saturday, group of citizens in Grand Bassa County, assembled at the Buchanan City Hall to petition a team of senators who had gone on a fact-finding mission at AML facilities in Buchanan.

On Monday, the Civil Society Group--"Coalition of Youths & Students for Better Liberia" (COYSBL) expressed supports for the US\$800million ArcelorMittal Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) Amendment between the Government of Liberia and the company.

PaSD in its Tuesday statement said even though, Liberians have genuine claims on ArcelorMittal's operation, those claims cannot be adequately addressed by fighting opportunity for the entire country. That is counterproductive to the survival of the present and future generation of our country, and I appeal to your conscience to stop this.

ArcelorMittal, the First Major Investor in post-war Liberia and the world's leading steel and mining company presence in Liberia sends the CSO group said is a strong statement of investment confidence and that Liberia is ready for business, arguing further that this is why the company decided to invest a billion-dollar in "our struggling economy, the company action in our view, sends a strong message to the global investment community that Liberia is a safe haven and preferred investor destination".

"Our desk review of related literatures found out that, hiring by AML and its contractors began in 2007. By 2008, some 3,000 local people were already employed both directly and indirectly through

construction projects, records threatening statements and protest actions on the AML propose MDA extension are being hugely influenced by purportedly external business manipulated interventions based on ulterior or self-seeking motives aimed at benefitting a few against the supreme interest of vast majority of the Country"

According to documentary evidence, the 2008 employment number surged in 2013 largely due to a Phase 2 construction work. This construction work is said to have been responsible for increase in local jobs on the concession up to 5000 before Ebola struck".

In Health care and education, the Partnership for Sustainable Development its desk review of related documents clearly shows that AML in keeping with article X section 1 and article XI section 1, 2 & 3 provided healthcare and educational services including the rehabilitation and reopening of two hospitals and schools respectively in Yekepa and Buchanan to provide medical care and educational services to both employees and local residents rather than just employees, their spouses, dependents, children and government officials assigned in the concession operational areas as required by the MDA. Meanwhile, documents in the possession of PaSD reveal additionally that AML in keeping with the article XI section 1 b, reimbursed parents in Buchanan for their children's school tuition.

Said Sirleaf: "We found out that, when ArcelorMittal entered Liberia in 2005, the country had no electricity especially in the operations areas other than private generators. Together with the then Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy, WorldBank and ECOWAS, AML participated in national effort towards connecting the country with the WAPP line in Cote D'Ivoire for the provision of electricity. This project is depending on AML heavily, being a large off taker of electricity and accordingly the line has been routed via Yekepa and Buchanan".

The CSO group warned that rejection of the deal must never be an option of both the government and people of Liberia, urging concerned to put forth their grievances on the table for resolution rather than attempting to deny the youth of Liberia 3,000 new jobs; and the entire country over US\$80 million annually.

"We believe, if there are ambiguity in the rail, port, education, health and other clauses, policy makers, leaders, senior and ordinary citizens of the concession areas and the country must concentrate on improving on those clauses in the propose new MDA rather than using same to spell negative propaganda about the company thereby causing the country's investment image to be ruined" the group concluded.

Français

Viol présumé à l'ambassade du Libéria au Nigeria : le père de la victime entre frustration et colère

Un fonctionnaire de l'ambassade du Libéria au Nigeria affirme que sa fille de sept ans a été violée dans les locaux de l'ambassade par des hommes.

M. Nat Bayjay, attaché de presse de l'ambassade du Libéria à Abuja, au Nigeria, a déclaré que sa fille avait malheureusement été agressée sexuellement pendant sept mois alors qu'elle n'était âgée que de 7 ans à l'époque.

Dans un communiqué de presse qu'il a rendu public le lundi 6 décembre 2021, il a fait savoir que tous les efforts qu'il a déployés diplomatiquement pour attirer l'attention des autorités compétentes sur le bien-être de sa fille n'ont produit aucune réponse.

M. Bayjay, journaliste de son état, déplore le fait que personne ne prête attention à un crime aussi traumatisant qui continue de hanter sa famille.

« Ces deux auteurs eux-mêmes étaient sous la

direction d'un collègue diplomate à Abuja. Jusqu'à ce jour, il ne montre aucun remords pour les actes qu'ont commis ses hommes contre mon bébé », a affirmé Bayjay.

M. Bayjay a appelé à l'intervention personnelle du président George MannehWeah dans ce qu'il qualifie de « situation très pénible » qui est arrivée à sa famille alors qu'il était en service à Abuja.



Mr. Nat Bayjay, father of the victim

Ce quotidien a établi des contacts avec les responsables des affaires publiques du ministère des Affaires étrangères, y compris le ministre adjoint Sylvester Pewee et l'officier en charge du département des Affaires publiques, M. David Akoi, pour recueillir leurs commentaires. M. Pewee n'a

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L'accord de 800 millions d'ArcelorMittal suscite des mouvements de protestation

Un groupe de jeunes et d'étudiants de la société civile, la Coalition of Youths & Students for Better Liberia (COYSBL), a exprimé son soutien à l'amendement de l'Accord de développement minier ArcelorMittal (MDA) de 800 millions de dollars avec le gouvernement du Libéria.

Le groupe a marché jusqu'au Capitole le lundi 6 décembre 2021 pour exiger la ratification du MDA. La Coalition a déclaré qu'après avoir examiné l'amendement de l'Accord de

développement minier ArcelorMittal, elle s'est dit convaincue que l'Accord « est dans l'intérêt suprême du peuple libérien ».

Le groupe appelle ensuite à sa ratification rapide à l'Assemblée législative.

Leur protestation intervient quelques jours après que certains citoyens de Nimba ont manifesté devant le même Capitole pour rejeter le même accord.

Après 52 semaines de négociations, le gouvernement du Libéria a signé l'amendement le 10 septembre 2021, et il y a

quelques jours, le président George MannehWeah l'a présenté à l'Assemblée législative pour son adoption.

S'exprimant au nom de la coalition des jeunes et des étudiants lors de la conférence de presse, le président du groupe, Jeremiah Paye, a déclaré que leur analyse de l'amendement indique qu'une fois ratifié par l'Assemblée législative, l'accord entraînera considérablement une augmentation du portefeuille fiscal et des redevances de l'entreprise et l'augmentation de son soutien annuel au budget national. A cela, il faut ajouter une réduction significative du chômage au Libéria et une augmentation de la gamme des cotisations sociales de l'entreprise dans les comtés touchés (Nimba, Grand Bassa et Bong), entre autres.

Le groupe s'est vanté de plusieurs réalisations d'ArcelorMittal Liberia au cours des 15 dernières années, notamment la création d'emplois directs et indirects pour plus de 5 000 Libériens.

M. Paye a déclaré que les

Éditorial

Le désengagement des enseignants crée l'incertitude à l'Université du Libéria

Les étudiants de l'Université du Libéria sont contraints de rester chez eux en raison de la grève des enseignants qui demandent des arriérés de salaire.

L'Association des professeurs de l'Université du Libéria (ULFA) a publié un communiqué la semaine dernière, se désengageant de toutes les activités académiques jusqu'à la satisfaction de leurs demandes.

L'ULFA est parvenue à cette conclusion malgré l'engagement du gouvernement du Libéria à augmenter les salaires des professeurs.

Cependant, les véritables victimes de la grève actuelle des enseignants sont les plus de 10 000 étudiants en difficulté de l'Université du Libéria, dont la majorité ne peuvent pas payer les frais dans les universités privées du pays.

Ces étudiants n'ont d'autre choix que d'endurer des interruptions inutiles dans leurs programmes académiques en raison d'une mauvaise direction et de décisions administratives.

Le ministre des Finances, Samuel Tweah, a négocié à la dernière minute avec les responsables de l'ULFA la semaine dernière avant leur désengagement, leur demandant de retourner en classe avec la promesse de prendre en charge la masse salariale.

Mais sa plaidoirie n'a donné aucun fruit positif, car les enseignants ont abandonné les salles de classe, exigeant des salaires impayés et le règlement des disparités salariales.

Il devient de plus en plus courant pour le ministre des Finances et de la planification du Développement Tweah de laisser les situations atteindre des proportions de crise avant de tenter d'intervenir. Le cas des enseignants du système scolaire consolidé de Monrovia en est un exemple.

Pour l'amour de Dieu, ces protestations ne peuvent-elles pas être évitées par des interventions précoces ou proactives ? A quoi sert-il d'apporter de l'eau après que l'incendie a déjà rasé tout le bâtiment ?

Lorsque des situations de conflit potentiel atteignent des points de désengagement, il y a toujours des conséquences imprévues ou ce que les économistes appellent des externalités. Les étudiants de l'Université du Libéria subissent actuellement en grande partie à cause d'une mauvaise planification ou d'un manque de planification.

Le désengagement du corps professoral a clairement bouleversé le calendrier académique et laissé les étudiants dans l'incertitude quant au moment où ils passeront les examens avant les vacances de Noël.

Libériens occupent actuellement 66% des postes de la direction d'ArcelorMittal Liberia et que depuis 2006, la société a dépensé plus de 38 millions de dollars US dans le cadre du fonds de développement communautaire.

« Le Fonds de développement communautaire (CDF) a été lancé, garantissant que 20% du CSDF aille directement aux communautés affectées pour le développement. Il a raconté qu'ArcelorMittal Liberia verse 3 millions de dollars US par an pour les trois comtés dans lesquels elle opère (Nimba, Grand Bassa et Bong) ». « À ce jour, la société a versé 45 millions de dollars pour cet engagement ».

« AML s'est engagée à décaisser 40 millions de dollars américains pour financer le

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Evolution of Kissi Chiefdom in Liberia: A reflection of former Representative Phillips Saa Taily

83-year-old visually impaired Phillips SaaTaily is a former Liberia lawmaker, who served from the regime of slain President Samuel Kanyon Doe during the 80s. He represented the then Kissi chiefdom, now Foyah District that hosts the Kissi tribe in Lofa County, northern Liberia. The Kissis are a very small but united and hardworking people whose history is traced to Sudan.

Born on July 26(National Independence Day) 1938 unto the union of Mr. Fallah Kanda from Wosogissi and Madam Wollie Kumba from Tama Town, Kissi Chiefdom, Hon. Taily was reared in Bolahun, Bandi Chiefdom, Lofa County. After completion of primary education, he migrated to Monrovia on October 1, 1957 to further his education and eventually enrolled at the University of Liberia where he graduated from before going to the United States and the United Kingdom for additional studies.

But life was not kind with him initially upon arrival in Monrovia and had to be subjected to sleeping at Accra Bar, formerly a popular entertainment center in the city. By divine providence he encountered one Mamade that he knew then from Foya who introduced him to Mr. Fayah Ohe who took Phillips to his boss, Mr. Henry H. Saah. Mr. Saah took the young Phillips in at his house to stay.

After a period of struggle in search of job in order to get on his feet as a young man with a determination to succeed, he landed an employment as a janitor in the Science building, Department of Biology, University of Liberia in 1958 where the faculty there contributed money and bought him his first pair of shoes and a pair of trousers as a 'city boy.' This was made possible after he won the hearts and minds of members of the faculty for his reading and writing ability with an eighth grade education.

While working as a janitor at UL, Mr. Taily enrolled at Laboratory High for a short period and then changed his school and went to Miata Tubman Memorial Academy High School for evening classes which enabled him to maintain his job at the University and continue schooling. He later graduated in 1962 with a high school education and landed a fresh employment at Raymond International before moving over to an airline service by 1964. These two jobs were very critical in establishing him with his Kissi people that he would serve subsequently at various levels up to entering politics to represent them in the House.

The Kissi people migrated from South Sudan during the 1600 century, avoiding Northern Sudanese Muslims induction. They were among several ethnic groups that left Sudan, separating themselves: One group headed eastward and settled in Kenya in an area called Kissimu, while the other group went westward, fighting its way thru Futajalo and settled in the forest region of Guinea.

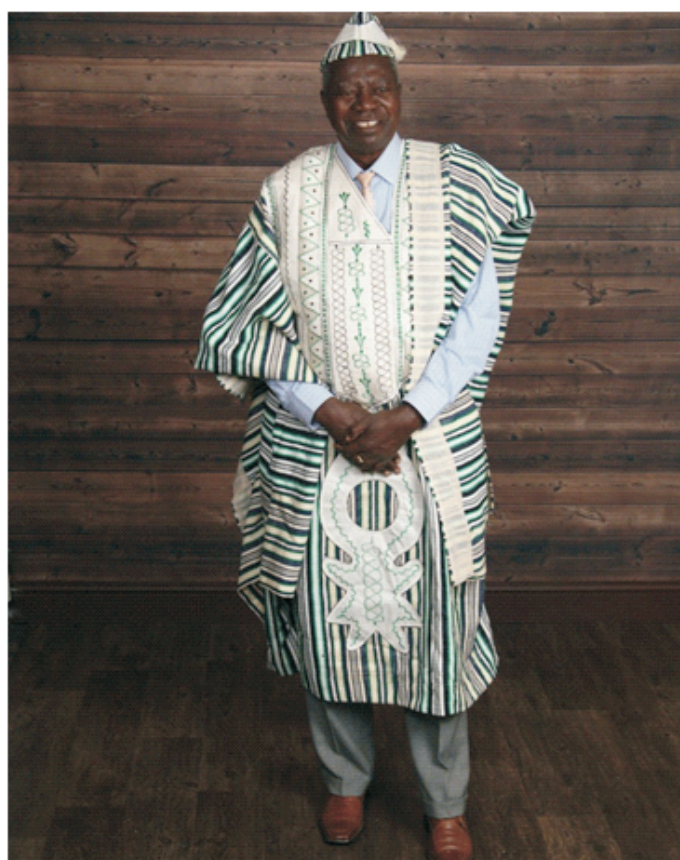
In search of farmland, they crossed the Makona River that connects Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone but faced resistance from the Bandi and Mande tribes who they fought and pushed back eventually before settling in eastern Sierra Leone specifically in Kaillahum District and a place called Kissi Chiefdom in Liberia.

The British and the French invaded this region with the latter seizing the forest region of Guinea while the former took the eastern region of Kaillahum, Sierra Leone, and the remaining small region fell to Liberia and became the Kissi Chiefdom. Kaillahum in Sierra Leone and Kissi Chiefdom in Liberia have several clans, including Kpala-Kollie Clan that starts from Kondobelgu down to Konjolo; Kissi-Kollie Clan



that starts from Kondobelgu to Kpadonue and Ran-Kollie Clan that extends from Kpandoleu to the Makona River. Others are Woum Clan extending from Yamgbeni down to Melelameh, Kamatoe Clan which starts from Milelameh, Sulumba Bolelo to Wawor River, Upper Tangie Clan that extends from Mokanei River to Kaya River and Lower Tangier Clan - from Wuindaba to Foyahtoe down to Ngaigar, respectively.

Chief Haliba of Yougbelude was a powerful chief who fought to maintain chiefdom intact; he was succeeded by Chief Kangba from Kponbu followed by his brother Sakila Pangay who was noted for paying taxes for his people who were not able to pay hut tax, while in Foyah Kamah, Paramount Chief Ma-Nedegbeh was also powerful and loved his people. In Poluma, Paramount Chief Lembesellu's son Saah Fubgo was a Clan Chief, but he died and was succeeded by Chief Kandkai, who also died and was succeeded by Clan Chief Tengbeg Wollie who was a strong advocate for social justice and even fought the Bandi people to maintain the boundary between Kissi Chiefdom and the Bandi land. He was a propagandist, lover of education and constructed a primary school up to fourth grade that was transferred to Boma in Foyah Kama. In Rankollie Clan Chief Kangba had dispute with Kandamale over Leopard skin which was customary that a hunter killing a Leopard must give the Leopard's teeth and skin to the chief but the warriors refused and rather, sought help



from Old Soldier Blackie Haward, telling him that Chief Kangba had a grand plot and that he(Old Soldier) should join him to oust Kangba and divide the clan so that he would settle there but Old Soldier Blackie responded that will his level of discipline, will not be tolerated by the people, so he recommended a nephew in Kolahun by the name of Tamba Lami, in the employ of Commissioner Reeves.

They then went to Kolahun and explained their stories and Commissioner Reeves suggested they write a petition to President Edwin J Barclay, requesting partition of the clan. But when President Barclay received the petition, he called a chieftaincy meeting and announced that there was a Presidential petition, confirming Tamba Taylor as Clan Chief of Ram-Kollie Clan, diminishing Kpangba's authority over Ram-Kollie.

Commissioner Reeves also wanted to conduct Paramount Chief Election, so he relinked Sadu-Pasi as Acting Paramount Chief. Tengbeh Quimorue commonly known as Duko became the new Paramount Chief eventually. His greatest achievement was construction of an airfield that was named in his honor. He died in 1954 and was succeeded by Tamba Lami Taylor in 1955. Paramount Chief Taylor's greatest achievement was construction of a junior high school, first of its kind in the chiefdom. He was hardworking and encouraged citizens into rice production

and for the first time in the history of Liberia, the clan under his administration purchased a D-6 Caterpillar for road development. Chief taylor was free-handed and was one of the longest-serving Paramount Chief, and began a Councilman, nominated jailed former President Charles Ghankay Taylor during the six-men collective presidency.

However, between 1963 and 1964 the Kissi Chiefdom was plagued by confusion and needed someone to reconcile the people. That task was placed on the shoulders of no other person than former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai then estate manager of the Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation, who spearheaded peace mission to the chiefdom after his ascendancy as managing director of LPMC and minister respectively.

On July 26, 1961, Hon. Phillips SaaTaily founded UNTOFAWOR, an organization with the aim of enabling the Kissi people to acquire lands. He launched the organization in Jallah Town in Monrovia and serious-minded Kissi dried swarmlands and built houses to live in.

"I was able to get from Bong Mine two truckloads of red dirt to help them build bridges asa replacement of palm logs bridges within the chiefdom in 1977", he narrates.

Then came the 1985 elections in which he contested for a seat in the House of Representatives that would provide him a greater opportunity to directly represent his people and better serve them. "We won election in 1985 and were inducted in January 1986. Now an elected Representative, he was very instrumental in the creation of Foya district on October 20, 1986.

In the absence of budgetary support, he headed a campaign to sustain the commission office, formed and vented committee headed by Elijah Taylor and Co-chaired by deputy minister John Tamba. Planning and development committee was headed by Maxwell Saa-Poe and others.

It was under the leadership of Hon. Taily that Foya District received several developmental projects, including administrative building that contains offices for commissioners, paramount chief, magisterial court, education, health and agriculture offices. The district was later electrified and two doctors and four nurses were assigned there and the home of Madam Agnes Siah Karmanor was leased to serve as temporary clinic.

"We constructed 30 bedroom hospital in Ndama; Mr. Henry Salifu furnished us with 30 hospital beds and some medical materials. We were also responsible for lodging, transportation, and feeding of the medical personnel. We introduced drug revolving funds by asking each household to contribute the amount of 50 cents in return for hospital cards, giving them incentive for children less than ten years, free



medical care. These programs were very successful headed by Agnes Saa Karmanor as chief nurse", Hon Phillips details with profound memories. Information compiled by Jonathan Browne

Chinese Ambassador Speech

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the Uyghur population in Xinjiang has doubled from 5.55 million to more than 12 million. The average life expectancy has increased from 30 to 72 years.

There is no "forced labor" in Xinjiang at all. It is completely out of nothing. In Xinjiang, workers of all ethnic groups freely choose occupations and locations according to their own wishes, and sign labor contracts with enterprises in accordance with the law on the principle of equality and self consent, and are completely free from any discrimination and coercion. According to data from the Xinjiang Agricultural Department, the machinery harvesting rate of cotton in Xinjiang in 2020 had reached 70%. Growers can order machine picking services through mobile apps without leaving home.

There is no "re-education camp" in Xinjiang at all. It is completely fabricated out of thin air. The essence of Xinjiang-related issues is the issue of countering violence and terrorism, de-radicalization, and anti-separatism. From 1990 to the end of 2016, thousands of violent and terrorist cases (incidents) occurred in Xinjiang, which brought serious disasters to people of all ethnic groups. Can any government tolerate this without doing anything? The Chinese government launched the fight against terrorism in accordance with the law, and at the same time, by drawing on the experience and practices of other countries including the Western countries to establish de-radicalization centers and other preventive counter-terrorism practices, set up vocational skills education and training centers in accordance with the law to save and help people who have committed terrorism, extremism, illegal or criminal acts to achieve stable employment, improve the quality of life, and achieve de-radicalization. This is fully in line with the principles and spirit of a series of counter-terrorism resolutions such as the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. By October 2019, all trainees of the centers had completed their studies, and most of them achieved stable employment and lived a peaceful life.

There have been no cases of violence and terrorism in Xinjiang for five consecutive years, and the rights to life, health, development, and national security interests of all ethnic groups have been maximized.

Over the past 60 years, Xinjiang's economic aggregate has increased by more than 200 times. From 2014 to 2019, Xinjiang's GDP grew at an average annual rate of 7.2%. As of the end of 2019, a total of 2,923,200 people had been lifted out of poverty in Xinjiang, and the incidence of poverty dropped from 19.4% in 2014 to 1.24%. By November 2020, the last 10 poverty-stricken counties of Xinjiang had all completely eradicated absolute poverty. Unprecedented achievements have been made in economic and social development and improvement of people's livelihood in Xinjiang.

Facts have proven time and again that some Western countries have meticulously concocted the so-called Xinjiang issue. They are not concerned with the "human rights of the Uyghur people" or the truth, but with the use of the so-called human rights issues to undermine China's security and stability and to impede China's development and growth.

On October 21, at the ongoing 76th Third Committee Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), some Western countries made a so-called "joint statement" on China's human rights situation, using the Xinjiang issue to carry out unwarranted allegations against China. China is shocked and disappointed that Liberia, a good friend and brother of China, is among those countries that have supported this "joint statement", and it is in fact the only African country which has diplomatic relations with China that has done so. Meanwhile, nearly one hundred developing and friendly countries have, by making joint or separate statement, supported China on human rights issues at the same Committee session. We sincerely hope that Liberia can keep her eyes open, discern the truth, not be deceived by those with ulterior motives, and stand on the side of correctness and justice with concrete actions.

On human rights issues, China advocates to respect the right of people of all countries to independently choose their own path of human rights development according to their national conditions. We believe that the realization of the right to subsistence and right to development is a top priority issue for most of the developing countries. China advocates the promotion and protection of human rights through constructive dialogue and cooperation, opposes the politicization of human rights issues and the practice of double standards, and opposes interference in others internal affairs under the pretext of human rights.

As you may be aware that the so-called Summit for Democracy will be organized by the United States in a few days time. We believe that democracy is the common value of all people, and it is not to be monopolized by a few countries. What the USA has done is proof that democracy is just a cover and a tool used by the U.S. side to advance its geostrategic goals, suppress other countries, split the world and serve its own self-interests.

The United States pursues bloc politics and incites confrontation under the cloak of democracy, reigniting a Cold War mentality and drawing widespread questions and opposition from far-sighted people in the international community.

At the same time, China firmly opposes U.S. invitation to Taiwan authorities to attend "summit for democracy". There is only one China, and the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, and the one-China principle is a universally recognized norm governing international relations. Taiwan has no status in international law except its status as a part of China.

We will never allow anyone or any force to hinder the great process of complete national reunification and undermine the bright prospects of the great national rejuvenation. No one should underestimate the Chinese people's determination and strong ability to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity! China will be compelled to take resolute measures, should the separatist forces for "Taiwan independence" "provoke us, force our hands or even cross the red line.

F. China-Africa relations and FOCAC

China-Africa relations have a long history, and the friendship between the two sides will last forever. Chinese President H.E. Xi Jinping, when addressing the opening ceremony of the the 8th ministerial conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation(FOCAC), elaborated on why China and Africa have such a close relationship and so deep a bond of friendship? The key lies in an everlasting spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation forged between the two sides, which features sincere friendship and equality, win-win for mutual benefit and common development, fairness and justice, and progress with the times and openness and inclusiveness.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the restoration of China's lawful seat in the United Nations. The Chinese people will never forget that it is the African brothers who "carried China into the United Nations"(as put by late Chairman Mao Zedong). At the same time, China has always sincerely and selflessly supported and helped the development of African countries.

Africa is an important strategic partner of China. A rapidly rising China will bring important development opportunities to Africa. Almost all African members of FOCAC have joined the big family of Belt and Road (B&R) cooperation. Under the framework of the B&R Initiative and the FOCAC, China will continue to uphold the concept of sincerity, real results, affinity and good faith and the right approach on interests and justice.

The 8th ministerial conference of FOCAC was held in Dakar, Senegal on 29-30 November. The theme of the conference was "Deepen China-Africa partnership and promote sustainable development to build a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era".

President Xi made four proposals for building a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era. First, fighting COVID-19 with solidarity. Second, deepening practical cooperation. Third, promoting green development. Fourth, upholding equity and justice. He also announced that China and Africa have jointly prepared the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035. Under the first three-year plan of the Vision, China will work closely with African countries to implement the following nine programs:

First, the medical and health program. China will provide another one billion doses of vaccines to Africa, including 600 million doses as donation and 400 million doses to be provided through such means as joint production by Chinese companies and relevant African countries.

Second, the poverty reduction and agricultural development program. China will undertake 10 poverty reduction and agricultural projects for Africa, and send 500 agricultural experts to Africa.

Third, the trade promotion program. China will open "green lanes" for African agricultural exports to China, speed up the inspection and quarantine procedures, and further increase the scope of products enjoying zero-tariff treatment for the least developed countries (LDCs) having diplomatic relations with China, in a bid to reach 300 billion US dollars in total imports from Africa in the next three years.

Fourth, the investment promotion program. China will encourage its businesses to invest no less than 10 billion US dollars in Africa in the next three years, and will establish a platform for China-Africa private investment promotion. China will exempt African LDCs from debt incurred in the form of interest-free Chinese government loans due by the end of 2021. China is ready to channel to African countries 10 billion US dollars from its share of the IMF's new allocation of Special Drawing Rights.

Fifth, the digital innovation program. China will undertake 10 digital economy projects for Africa, set up centers for China-Africa cooperation on satellite remote-sensing application, and support the development of China-Africa joint laboratories, partner institutes, and scientific and technological innovation cooperation bases.

Sixth, the green development program. China will undertake 10 green development, environmental protection and climate action projects for Africa, support the development of the "Great Green Wall", and build in Africa centers of excellence on low-carbon development and climate change adaptation.

Seventh, the capacity building program. China will help build or upgrade 10 schools in Africa, and invite 10,000 high-level African professionals to seminars and workshops. We will encourage Chinese companies in Africa to create at least 800,000 local jobs.

Eighth, the cultural and people-to-people exchange program.

Ninth, the peace and security program. China will undertake 10 peace and security projects for Africa, continue to deliver military assistance to the AU, support African countries' efforts to independently maintain regional security and fight terrorism, and conduct joint exercises and on-site training between Chinese and African peacekeeping troops and cooperation on small arms and light weapons control.

The Dakar Plan of Action (2022-2024) adopted by the conference covers an extensive scope for our cooperation in political, economic, social development, people-to-people, peace and security, green development, experience sharing on state governance, and FOCAC mechanism building areas.

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said at a joint press conference together with his Senegalese counterpart that the Conference has achieved the following outcomes.

First, both sides will promote the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation. The spirit was proposed by President Xi for the first time in his speech and became a highlight of the meeting.

TO BE CONTINUE

Musa Bility flexes muscle

At least 16 party officials of the Liberty Party (LP), including Political Leader Senator NyonbleeKarngar Lawrence, Senators Darius Dillon and Steve Zargo have been suspended from the party for defaulting on their dues payment.

The rest include Representatives Johnathan Kaipay, Hans Barchue, Mr. Prince Toles, vice chair for Mobilization, Mr. Augustine Fredericks, vice chair for

leader and other senior members were not in good standing with the party as it relates to their dues obligations and payments as defined by Article IX of the LP Constitution.

LPs Article IX states: "Persons accepted as members of the party shall pay a monthly fee as may from time to time be set by the NEC...Members in good standing are members whose ...membership dues are fully current and up to date...Members who are not in good standing shall not be allowed to hold any

2021 in Ganta, Nima County, where it deliberated on the National Treasurer' report and approved evoking Article IX for officials not in good standing by sending them a reminder letter about the status of their financial obligations.

"On November 22, 2021, a letter was sent to you indicating the balance owed on your account as United States \$1,500 per month. This represents a total of United States \$18, 000.00 for the period January to December 2021." The letter went on.

On December 1, 2021, the party approved the suspension of officials not in good standing. However, exception was given to the pending a second reminder letter which she failed to honor hence her suspension along with the others.

The LP has written the chairman of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), Amb. Joseph N. Boaka giving notice about the suspension of Sen. Karna-Lawrence the 15 others.

Although, there has not been any official response from the suspended LP officials, but appearing on a local FM station on Tuesday December 7, Dillon expressed his regret for not preventing Musa Bility from leading the LP as chair.

"Today, I Darius Dillon regret why I did not make any move to prevent Musa Bility from leading Liberty Party. I thought it was unfair to Musa and anybody in Musa's situation to deprive him the right to grow in the party, but he has justified everything the public said about him," said Mr. Dillon.



Inter-Party & NEC Affiars, Mrs. Edith Gongloe-Weh, Eminent Partisan, Debar Allen, NAC Chair/ NAC Representative to NEC, Mr. Jacob Smith, NAC member and Mr. Nathaniel Barnes, NAC Member among other senior county officials of the party.

In a letter dated December 6, 2021, signed by Mr. Bility, the party's National Chairman and addressed to Sen. Karna-Lawrence, the LP noted that its political

office within the party, and if such member holds a position in the party, elected or appointed, he/she shall be suspended from the office by NEC, until he/she shall have resumed the status of member in good standing. If after three (3) months, such member is still delinquent, he/she shall be permanently removed from the office and may also be expelled from office."

According to the Letter, the National Executive Committee (NEC), met on November 20th,

Aggrieved CDCians give Weah ultimatum

By Thomas Domah, Nimba County

Several aggrieved partisans of President George MannehWeah's Congress for Democratic Change party now the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change in Nimba County have expressed disappointment in the President's administration, giving him a 14-day ultimatum to respond to their concerns.

Among others, the aggrieved CDCians complained of lack of job opportunities, loans or grants for youth empowerment. They also point to lack of recruitment, scholarships and regular meeting in the county ahead of the presidential and general

Yormie. Senator Johnson is a kingmaker and staunch supporter of President Weah. He is currently leading a campaign for Mr. Weah's second term bid in Nimba.

The aggrieved CDCians however didn't say what their next course will be if President Weah fails to address their concerns after the 14-day ultimatum.

But a new variable has emerged on the Nimba political landscape with last weekend's acceptance of a petition by a prominent son of the votes-rich county, Cllr. TiawanGongloe to be on the presidential ballot come 2023. He promises that if



elections in 2023.

Addressing reporters in Ganta, Nimba County, the Acting chairman for the aggrieved CDC partisans, Melvin Bundeh said, they as CDCians from all nine administrative districts of Nimba have been downplayed or abandoned by executives of the CDC, including both the county leadership and the national leadership.

Melvin also laments that CDCians in Nimba have not benefited from skills training and employment opportunities since the party won the 2017 election except officials from the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction party of Senator Prince Johnson

will be corruption-free with females constituting 50 percent of his government, while lamenting that corruption has taken center stage in the Weah administration.

Cllr. Gongloe continues that under his administration, no official will be involved in corruption, urging Liberians to follow up on his past records in both public and private sector to see if there was any corruption reported.

He could offer an alternative to aggrieved partisans of the ruling CDC in the county. - **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Senate to probe

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Senator J. Milton Teahjay recalls that it is true that Sen. raised the same concern that he has written numerous letters on illegal mining in Sinoe County but the plenary hasn't acted upon it yet.

Teahjay has written numerous letters on the same issue. He however said when the team is done with the two counties, they will set a time to look into the case of Sinoe.

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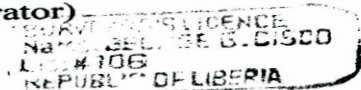
The general public is hereby informed that the undersigned surveyor had been mandated by Madehyu George to resurvey five (5) acres of land in favour of Darlington D. George. The land is located Gbengbar Town, Robertsfield Highway, Paynesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

This survey is schedule for Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the precise hour of 10:00 AM.

Therefore, all those sharing common boundaries with the said property are asked to be present on the day of the survey with their deeds, diagrams, and all legal relevant documents along with their surveyors to verify their claims so as to avoid future land dispute.

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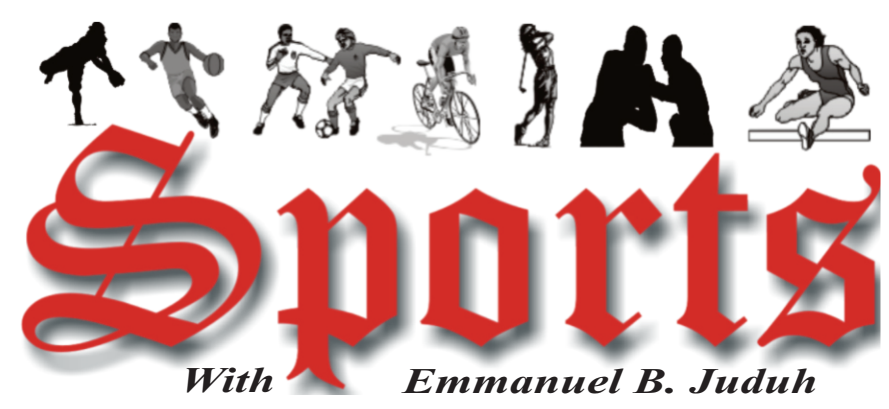
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7. R. Monconjay Dole
8. Robert Y. Cooper (Town Chief, Montserrado)
9. Eastman J. Yeasay (Youth Chairman)
10. J. Samuel Brown, Sr. (Administrator)



Signed: George G. Cisco
Registered Land Surveyor

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ArcelorMittal MDA gains more support



concerned about the “unhealthy” debates surrounding the deal.

The group made particularly reference to what it said are “incitefulactions and inflammatory statements from some senior citizens and Legislators who as leaders are expected to calm the storm when zealous citizen”, irrespective of how justify their claims, turn up to call for the outright rejection of an investment to Liberia at this critical time of high employment and economic downturn in our Country.

Thomas Sirleaf Jr, the communication and advocacy manager of the civil society group said after thorough background investigation of the merits and demerits of the extended MDA, “we have

The Partnership for Sustainable Development (PaSD) has joined the push for the speedy rectification of the US\$800 Million ArcelorMittal Mineral Development

Agreement. PaSD, formerly Citizens United to Promote Peace and Democracy in Liberia (CUPPADL) made the call Tuesday at a press conferences in Paynesville stressing that it is deeply

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