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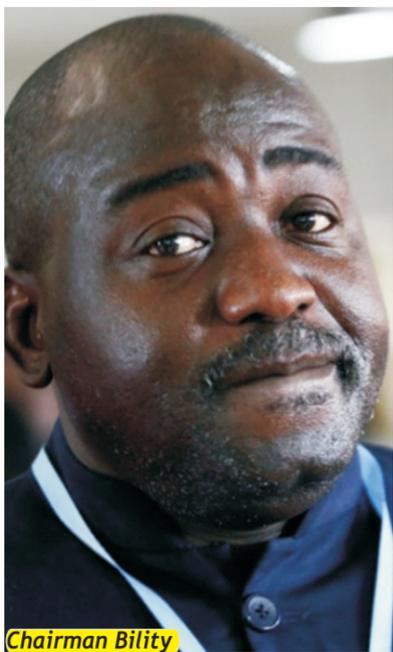
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# Continental News

## Tensions Rise Between Mali, Western Governments

Mali's military rulers are clashing with the international community over when to hold elections and how to conduct the fight against Islamist militants. Former colonial power France has been drawing down its troops in Mali, and European governments are considering pulling troops from a U.N. peacekeeping mission over concerns about Russian mercenaries.

Since being sanctioned by the West Africa bloc ECOWAS for failure to organize elections, Mali's military rulers have taken a hard stance against countries, including France, that backed the sanctions.

France has led the multi-nation military intervention in Mali since 2013, when forces arrived to take back the north from Islamist control.

This week, Mali ordered a recently arrived Danish contingent of the European Takuba task force to "withdraw immediately"

from Malian territory.

The government also accused France of breaching Malian airspace by flying a military plane from Gao in northern Mali to neighboring Ivory Coast without notifying Malian authorities.

Mali has acknowledged a degree of cooperation with official Russian trainers, but

denies accusations that they are cooperating with the Wagner Group, a military contracting agency widely believed to have links to the Russian government.

Ornella Moderan, head of the Sahel Program at the Institute for Security Studies in Bamako, says that though accusations of human rights

abuses against the Wagner Group are concerning, Malians have also seen abuses from other military forces, including France, notably with a drone strike on a wedding in the town of Bounti last year that the U.N. says killed 19 civilians.

Moderan says the extensive Western intervention up until now has had a limited effect.

All of this has not stabilized or improved the situation, she says. On the contrary we have noticed in the last year a worsening of the security context. She says, there are more and more violent incidents, always with a lot of victims. It's in this context, she adds, that we must put the will of the Malian transitional authorities, to try something else, to see if this something else can work.

Aly Tounkara, director of the Center for Security and Strategic Studies in the Sahel, a Bamako-based think tank, says that without the years of military intervention, the current situation could be even worse. He says a Russian intervention may help in terms of military strength on the

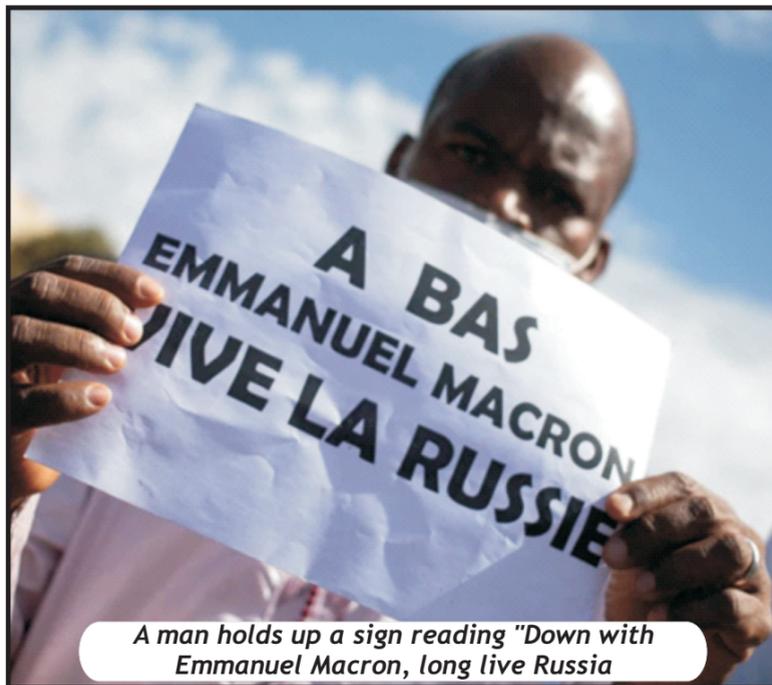
ground, but that this will have limited effect on long-term security.

He says he can't see the Russian Federation giving millions for projects that will reduce community tensions, notably how to bring back all of these young people who have joined these radical violent groups, to resume social life, how to restart the economy that has been slowed down by insecurity. Regarding these issues, he adds, after these battles against radical groups, the Malian state will be stuck.

Alioune Tine, an independent U.N. expert on human rights in Mali, also emphasized the need for non-military solutions.

Now, he says, we must reflect after years of military intervention, if in reality the only way to intervene or to respond to the security problem in Mali is with the army? I think from this point of view, really, the answer is no. Maybe we have to find other means, political means, in order to get out of this Malian crisis.

Tine added it's essential that a solution to the insecurity in Mali involve young people and women especially, and focus on development - not just more weapons and military strength. VOA



A man holds up a sign reading "Down with Emmanuel Macron, long live Russia"

## US Ambassador to Burkina Faso: Aid Cuts Possible After Coup

Burkina Faso's coup leaders have yet to say if they will install a civilian or military leader after deposing President Roch Kaboré, who has since resigned formally. In an exclusive interview with VOA, U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso Sandra Clark says if the military installs its own leader, Washington could cut support to Burkina Faso.

In the exclusive interview, Ambassador Clark said the

United States is closely monitoring the situation.

"We are evaluating events on the ground for any impact on our assistance. This is a very fluid situation and things are evolving. I would note that U.S. law does require a review and possible suspension of assistance in cases where a democratic government is deposed by unconstitutional means," she told VOA.

The junta has yet to announce whether it plans to install a

military or a civilian president as the new ruler. If a civilian is selected, it may mean a continuation of support from the United States, which has provided counterterrorism training to Burkinabe troops, as well as funding.

Ambassador Clark says the U.S. would like to see democratic rule restored.

"We have called for the immediate release of President Kaboré and other government officials and for a return to civilian-led government and constitutional order, and we urge all sides to remain calm and seek dialogue to address grievances," she expressed.

Burkina Faso has been locked in a six-year conflict with armed groups linked to Islamic State, al-Qaida and local bandits. The military has suffered a string of significant defeats to the groups in recent months.

France also has a special forces unit stationed in the country and provides air and intelligence support to the Burkinabe military. VOA

## Russian mercenaries offer aid to Burkinabè coup leaders



Mercenaries from the shadowy Russian Wagner group have been involved in a number of African countries

A group of Russian military contractors has written to the coup leaders in Burkina Faso offering to train the West African country's army in their fight against jihadists.

The group calling itself "Community of Officers for International Security", which is based in the Central African Republic (CAR), published its offer in a letter the BBC has seen and verified.

It is not clear if it has been or will be accepted.

Burkina Faso is now led by a military junta that overthrew the government of President Roch Kaboré on Monday.

The offer in the letter is explicit: "If Russian instructors

are invited to train the army in Burkina Faso, they can do it effectively." The letter, which has been verified by a Russian security adviser to the CAR presidency, also takes a swipe at the French-led offensive against extremists in the Sahel.

Despite leading the operation for over a decade, it alleges they have had "no success", and adds that the Russian group can help the Burkinabè soldiers to "master the security situation in very little time".

Western powers condemned the deployment of Russian mercenaries to neighbouring Mali in December, saying it could lead to a further deterioration of security. BBC



People take to the streets of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso,

# EDITORIAL

## Looking back 4 years after

PRESIDENT GEORGE MANNEH Weah is in the fifth year of his administration, having got elected in 2017 and inaugurated subsequently in 2018.

HE ASCENDED TO the Presidency as a populist politician and international soccer icon, winning the minds and admirations of Liberian youth, who constitutes 60 percent of the country's population.

BUT FOUR YEARS after, the euphoria has evaporated and expectations are far from becoming a reality, indicated by the thousands of jobless youth roaming the streets of Monrovia daily in an economy that is at a slow pace in showing hope.

MR. WEAH CAMPAIGNED on the slogan "Change for Hope" which many slum dwellers, particularly ghetto youths thought provided an opportunity to change their standard of life and improve their lots.

HOWEVER, FOUR YEARS after, many of the youth are disillusioned and they expressed their frustrations thru protest votes during the December 8, 2020 Senatorial By-election by electing an opposition instead, right in Montserrado County, once dubbed stronghold of the governing Congress for Democratic Change.

MANY LIBERIANS HAD thought by now insecurity across the country would become something of the past. It isn't so, as jobless and drugs-addicted youth command the streets of Monrovia after dusk, terrorizing peaceful citizens for their personal belongings at gun, knife or cutlass point.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF four auditors, including the director-general of the Internal Auditing Agency (IAA) E. BarthenNyenswa in 2020, coupled with the murder of three high profile individuals, two of them sons of two former presidents and an officer of the Liberia Immigration Service in 2021 cast a dark cloud over the nation.

INTO THE FIFTH year of the Weah administration, bread and butter issues are still a challenge for many ordinary Liberians. The economy is generally stagnated with inflation biting amid high prices and dwindling purchasing power.

NOTWITHSTANDING, PRESIDENT Weah has made some gains in infrastructure development, particularly roads, free university education, health, free speech and freedom of the press and peaceful assemble, among others. But systemic corruption at all levels of the government is becoming a drawback to these earnest efforts.

TWO MORE YEARS to go, the government that is seeking reelection would do itself a great favor by publicly demonstrating commitment to fighting corruption and other negative vices bent on eroding its image and credibility.

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# COMMENTARY

By Kenneth Rogoff

## Biden's Wise Fed Choice

CAMBRIDGE - Give US President Joe Biden, a Democrat, credit for reappointing Jerome Powell, a Republican, to a second four-year term as chair of the United States Federal Reserve. In doing so, Biden passed up a very strong alternative in Lael Brainard, the candidate much preferred by progressives, and who in the abstract would also have been an excellent choice. Firmly resisting strong pressure from the left wing of the Democratic Party, Biden accomplished several things at once.

First, and most important, he reaffirmed the central bank's independence from political pressures. His predecessor, Donald Trump, inherited a very capable central bank head, Janet Yellen, and he acknowledged as much. But he decided that it was preferable to have his own person in charge, perhaps hoping that he could call on Powell not to tighten monetary policy in the run-up to the 2020 election.

As with many of Trump's decisions, this was a sharp break with tradition. New presidents typically reappoint a competent Federal Reserve chair to serve a second term. Biden's choice resets the tradition. In the unlikely event Trump were to become president again in 2025, would he feel the need to pass over Powell for a third term because Biden had endorsed him? Probably.

In reappointing Powell, Biden also took an important step toward establishing his own independence, in particular from his party's strident left wing, which until now has exerted enormous influence. Biden tacked hard toward the center, basing his choice almost entirely on competence and picked a candidate whom many Republicans also endorsed.

Perhaps some of Biden's newfound emphasis on competence will rub off elsewhere in his administration. Having campaigned as a centrist who knows how to cross the aisle, Biden showed it when the stakes were high. This was the most important appointment of his presidency. Anyone who has studied political business cycles knows that the central bank can have an enormous influence by timing interest-rate cuts to gin up the economy just before an election.

At a time when the post-pandemic economy is still incredibly volatile and the tea leaves still hard to read (though frankly the US labor market looks red-hot), the choice of Powell made Fed policy more predictable and easier to interpret. As excellent a choice as Brainard might have proved to be, there still would have been a period of adjustment for markets as they learned to understand her language and signals.

The Wall Street Journal editorial page, certain that the Fed's policy will inevitably lead to ultra-high inflation regardless of who is in charge, dismissed the choice between Powell and Brainard as "Tweedledum and

Tweedledee." But that denies some consequential differences. Beyond the regulatory stances for which progressives praised her, Brainard, who will become vice chair, has shown herself especially open to innovative ideas about the evolution of central-bank policy in a world of low real interest rates.

Admittedly, I have been painting a somewhat sanguine picture of the decision to reappoint Powell. In fact, the most recent figure for consumer price inflation, at over 6%, was eye-popping. True, so far, financial markets seem to believe Powell's argument that most of it is transitory: Medium-term inflation expectations are just over 2% - not yet particularly high by the standards of the past decade. With Powell no longer looking over his shoulder as Biden decides on his reappointment, one might argue that he will no longer feel constrained in tightening monetary policy when the need arises. But has the Fed already waited too long?

It is a tough call. There is a chance that the factors underpinning recent inflation spikes turn out to be transitory, so that the Fed can double down on its dovish policy and later say, "We told you so." Unfortunately, there is also a good chance that wage and price hikes start chasing each other, with inflation proving far from transitory. If that happens, and if the public begins to lose confidence in price stability, it may take a rather significant recession to restore faith.

At that point, some might say that the Fed should just opportunistically recalibrate and tell everyone that it intends to raise its inflation target to 3% or 4%. This scenario was a key recommendation of one of the core papers the Fed commissioned in its 2019 reassessment of its monetary framework. Unfortunately, to allow inflation to drift inexorably higher, and only then tell the public that there is now a higher new normal, would most likely prove extremely destabilizing.

It has long been my view that a much more elegant way to create space for interest-rate cuts in a deep recession involves negative interest-rate policy. True, this would require that the Fed be prepared to avail itself of one of the increasingly many options for discouraging cash hoarding that might otherwise limit the policy's effectiveness.

Of course, the Fed could hike interest rates preemptively, but that might crash markets and put the economy into recession.

There are no easy options for the Fed at his point, and that would have been true had Brainard, not Powell, gotten the nod. So, at the end of the day, give Biden credit for understanding that no matter how much political pressure his administration was facing to bring the Fed to heel, it was better to uphold central-bank independence - and his own.

### Invitation for Bids

Republic of Liberia  
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning  
P.O. BOX 9013  
Broad & Mechlin Street  
1000 Monrovia, 10 Liberia  
West Africa

Title of bid: **Provision of Foreign Travel Management Services**

Contract Identification No.: **IFB NO. MFDP/NCB/SBA/02/2022**

The government of Liberia through the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) anticipates funds from the Government of Liberia National Budget 2022 and intends to apportion some of the funds towards the cost of procuring Foreign Travel Management Services during the Fiscal Year 2022. The MFDP will enter a framework agreement with at least three shortlisted Foreign Travel Management Firms /Agencies.

The MFDP now invites sealed bids in the form of proposals from eligible and qualified firms for the provision of Foreign Travel Management Services during the Fiscal Year 2022. Bidding will be conducted through the Request for Proposals (RFP) and Quality and Cost based selection processes in accordance with procedures specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPC Act) published and approved in 2010.

Description of the Services to be provided as per the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning requirements are as follows: Provision of Airline Tickets while ensuring suitable itineraries (including alternative routings, departures and arrivals) at the lowest cost for staff and consultants of the MFDP *(for the purpose of official travels).*

All Interested eligible firms / Foreign Travel Agencies 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 \$25.00** beginning January 27, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM daily, Mondays to Fridays.

Proposals must be submitted at the address below on or before Wednesday, February 24, 2022 at or before 2:15 PM. Bid opening will be done promptly thereafter at 2:15 PM, in the Conference room on the 10th Floor or in the Procurement Unit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, in the presence of Foreign Travel Agencies, 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 received as such but rejected and returned unopened. Electronic bidding will not be permitted.

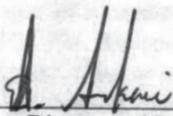
6. Qualification requirements include the following:

- *Company Profile*
- *Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry)*
- *Current Tax Clearance Certificate (Liberia Revenue Authority)*
- *Articles of Incorporation (where applicable)*
- *Proven track record of Corporate Clients (Two letters of Recommendation)*
- *Copy of Permit to operate a Travel Agency*
- *CVs of one Managerial Personnel/ Team Leader and at least two (2) Travel Staff highlighting key experience*
- *Ability to pre-finance for at least thirty (30) days*
- *Capability to work from home even after regular working hours during weekdays, because in some cases the request for itinerary changes comes after working hours*
- *Demonstration of superb customer service qualities at all times during interactions while processing the Ministry staff tickets, and must be reachable by telephone at all times*
- *Willingness and ability to work long hours on Saturdays (if the changes must be made such that the staff makes his/her flight the next day Sunday)*
- *willingness to make frequent changes to the staff existing itinerary on short notice*

All Submissions must be signed and sealed. The Technical envelopes must be placed in an outer envelope, with the original be marked "Original" and Copies be marked "Copy" **(IFB NO. MFDP/NCB/SBA/02/2022) CONFIDENTIAL BID- for the Provision of Foreign Travel Management Services, Fiscal Year 2022** and addressed to:

**THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT**  
ROOM 045, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING  
BROAD & MECHLIN STREETS  
1000 MONROVIA, 10 LIBERIA  
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The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) reserves the right to reject or accept any bid submitted and to annul the process at any time without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereto.

Signed:   
Director of Procurement

Approved:   
Deputy Minister for Administration

### Section I. Invitation for Bids

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING  
Broad & Mechlin Street  
P.O. BOX 013, 1000 MONROVIA 10, LIBERIA  
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Title of Bid: **Provision of Printing & Binding Services**

Contract Identification No: **IFB No. MFDP/SBA/NCB/001/2022**

1. The Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) anticipates funds from the 2022 National Budget and intends to use portion toward the cost of selecting firms to submit proposals for the Provision of Printing & Binding Services for Fiscal Year 2022. The MFDP will enter into Framework Agreements with selected Printing & Binding Services Firms for Fiscal Year 2022; **IFB No. MFDP/SBA/NCB/001/2022.**

2. The Ministry of Finance & Development Planning now invites qualified and eligible Printing & Binding Services Providers to submit sealed Bids/Proposals for the provision of Printing & Binding Services. Bidding documents are available between the hours of **9:30 AM-4:00 PM**, Mondays through Fridays starting Thursday January 27, 2022 at the Procurement Unit of the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning main Office. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act of 2010 and is opened to all eligible and qualified Bidders. These applicable Procurement Procedures are consistent with the Republic of Liberia Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act published and approved; September 18, 2010.

3. The provision of Printing and Binding Service as per Ministry of Finance & Development Planning requirements is listed below:

No	Description	Quantity	Delivery Schedule
1	National Budget; Budget Framework Paper, Citizen Guide, Fiscal Outturn, Revenue Forecast, Letterheads, Envelopes, Bilateral & Multilateral Agreements, Annual Reports, etc.	To be Determined	As per Contract Agreement

4. Interested Printing and Binding Services Providers should have the capacity to provide Printing and Binding Services to the MFDP for Fiscal Year 2022 and must also be able to respond to emergency situations when required to do so.

5. Qualification requirements include the following:

- ❖ **Current Business Registration Certificate**
- ❖ **Current Tax Clearance**
- ❖ **Past Performance History With At Least Three (3) References**
- ❖ **Readiness of Firms to provide Printing and Binding Services at all times**
- ❖ **Capacity To Do At Least (30) Thirty Days Pre-Finance**
- ❖ **Must Be Part Of The PPCC's Vendors Registry**

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English and other pertinent information may be obtained from the office of the Director of Procurement, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 045 for a non-refundable fee of US\$25.00.

7. Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from the MFDP Procurement Unit at the address specified below.

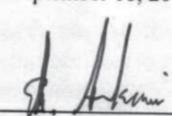
8. Submissions must be clearly marked, signed and sealed in an envelope, including other requested information as follows: **"CONFIDENTIAL BID for the Provision of Printing & Binding Services"** IFB No. MFDP/SBA/NCB/001/202222 to the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning for Fiscal Year 2022 and addressed to:

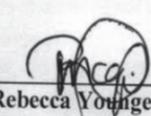
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All bid/proposal must be submitted to **MFDP Procurement Unit** located on the Third floor, on or before **Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2:00 PM**. Late bid(s) will be rejected and returned unopened. Electronic Bid/Proposals will not be permitted. Bid opening will be done promptly after closing at **2:15 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2022**, in the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room or in the Procurement Unit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning.

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives and those who choose to attend.

10. The Ministry of Finance & Development Planning reserves the right to reject or accept any bid submitted and to annul the process at any time without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason therefore; Invitations for Bid and Award of Contract will be issued to qualified bidders in accordance with procurement procedures applicable under the Republic of Liberia Amended and restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act published and approved September 18, 2010.

Signed:   
Eric B. Arkoi  
Director of Procurement

Approved:   
Hon. Rebecca Younger McGill  
Deputy Minister for Administration

## LBDI President/CEO - Job Advertisement

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5. Under the supervision of the Board of Directors, he/she shall have the power to commit resources, enter into agreements, contracts, leases, etc. in the ordinary course of business, in order pursue the approved plans, and objectives of the Bank as provided for. However, that major commitments, exposures and risks shall be reported to the Board on a regular and timely basis consistent with regulations applicable;
6. He/She shall identify the principals risks of the Bank's business and implement appropriate systems to manage those risks;
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Directors;

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- Must have experience in working with or understanding the requirements of multilateral financial institutions and knowledgeable of Financial Institutions monitoring framework;
- Must have proven senior level management experience at a financial institution in Liberia or beyond;
- Must have experience in banking operations, credit appraisals, compliance, procurement and general administration; and
- Must have knowledge of computer software application/appreciation;
- Applicants should not be more than age 55.

All interested candidates are required to submit their applications along with CVs and copies of academic and professional credentials via email: [info@bakertillyliberia.com](mailto:info@bakertillyliberia.com) within the set timeframe. Kindly note that only Short-listed candidates will be contacted; and will be subject to a rigorous vetting process.

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## Burkinabees troop to Nimba

By Thomas Domah, Nimba County

Serious concern is building up among residents of Nimba county over huge influx of Burkinabee nationals into towns and villages specifically, near the border with neighboring Ivory Coast.

The New Dawn Nimba County correspondent, who is currently touring the border says the Burkinabees are in Electoral District#6, including Kparblee

administrative district, carrying out farming activities.

This paper also gathers that they are engaged in cash crops and preventing residents from entering their farms, which some youth of the area think, may cause friction in the future.

Kparblee administrative district youth representative Josephus Freeman, narrates that some Nimba citizens welcome the Burkinabees into the county and gave them land for farming, but the strangers are now stopping their hosts from entering bushes where the farms

are located, a situation that has generated tension between both sides since Monday this week.

Residents in the affected areas, who spoke with the New Dawn, explain that the Burkinabees have been helping them with their farms and in return, they were offered land to farm for themselves.

When the New Dawn contacted Nimba authorities, the county commander for the Liberia Immigration Service, Madam Yei Dolopei, she reveals that recently, a high-level delegation visited the district and held meeting with citizens about the huge presence of Burkinabees in the county.

Commander Dolopei notes that some citizens welcome the foreigners' presence in their communities because they are currently helping them to farm.

The LIS Commander says she is also engaging the county administration and other civil authorities in the district to get involved by going on the ground to ask the Burkinabees out of the bushes



Burkina Faso's Farmer-to-Farmer Movement

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## CDC declares 4 days of mourning -for fallen partisan in U.S.



By Lewis S Teh

Following the death of one of its youthful partisans in the United States, the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) has announced four days of national mourning to be observed by all partisans across the country.

"The CDC, through its National Youth League is saddened to hear of the passing of one of its member comrades Wen Sailey, and therefore declared four days national mourning", the party declares here.

Deputy SecretaryGeneral

for administration Hassan Newland, in a news conference Wednesday, January 26, 2022, described the fallen colleague as an ardent devotionist of the CDC's doctrine, and an embodiment of the Youth League with a struggle credential of commitment, party discipline, and fearlessness.

He says the Youth League sees his death as a heartbreaking moment for not just the party, but millions of young revolutionaries and militants; most especially standing and

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### Change of Name



This is to inform all of my contacts, friends, and colleagues that I am changing my name from " Sam M. Livingstone Kollie" to "Sam M. Livingstone". I am a resident of Rubber Factory Community, Gbarnga City, Bong County. I am doing change of name to reflect my biological father's name Mr. James Livingstone. Thank for your understanding.

### SURVEY NOTICE

January 25, 2022

Based upon the request of Dorthy V. Richards Tolbert we the undersigned Registered Land Surveyor and authorized land surveyor, has been authorized to conduct a re-survey of Two (2) lot of land.

The land to be resurvey is lying and situated in 8<sup>th</sup> Street Sinkor Monrovia, Liberia. The resurvey will commence on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at the hour of 11:00am.

Therefore, all adjacent properties owner are asked to be present on the site with their deeds diagrams and all other relevant document to verify their claim.

This notice should claim the attention of the following properties owner or to whom it may concern.

1. Community Dweller
2. Community Chairman
3. To Whom It May Concern
4. Liberia National Police

Signed: Richard B. Smith  
Authorized Surveyor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Land Surveyor

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# Blebo citizens decry lack of safe drinking water

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Several residents of Blebo, Grand Kru county electoral district #1 are fetching drinking water from creeks due to lack of hand pumps in the town, thus exposing them to water borne diseases.

Speaking to reporters during a tour of the town recently, the residents said they have been faced with challenges in getting safe drinking water.

According to them, due to lack of hand pumps, they are

water because most of our pumps are not functioning properly, therefore, many of us are using creeks water for drinking purpose", they lamented.

A female resident, Luciana S. Brown, stressed that the lack of safe drinking is a serious challenge that needs to be addressed.

She noted during rainy season, the situation is worse because creeks are polluted and by that, they have to walk distances to get water from

area with safe drinking water."

Miss Brown: "Let me say thanks to you the journalists for coming to know our problem in Blebo town, I am pleased indeed to inform you that we the people of Blebo are in need of pumps because we're drinking from creeks too much now."

Liberians in Monrovia and outside the capital are faced with the challenge of safe drinking water. The nation's main supplier of running



constrained to fetch water from creeks for drinking, cooking, and washing purposes, which poses serious health risk.

They disclosed that few hand pumps that were constructed in town by some NGOs and community dwellers are damaged, so they now rely on untreated water from natural sources, such as bores, rivers, creeks, and springs.

"We are actually finding it difficult to get safe drinking

river.

"Let me say, sometimes if the rainfall heavily, we can walk a long distance to get water from the river or drink from dropped we get from on top of our houses because those creeks can't be good for drinking", she explained. She appealed to government and humanitarian organizations for interventions, adding that the challenges here are numerous. "We have few hand pumps but they are insufficient and not functioning properly to supply the entire

water, the Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation (LWSC) lacks capacity, including resources and equipment to meet public demand in urban areas, let long the interior.

The LWSC is also engulfed by mismanagement and corruption, leaving very little for public service. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

## CDC declares 4 days

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never relenting cadres who saw him as a role model.

"You might be dead today but your commitment to ensure that the ideologies of the mighty CDC be projected will forever be remembered. Indeed, death has not won and death will never win."

At the same time the Youth League promises to stand with the deceased's widow Mrs. Caroline Sailey, as she

mourns the death of her husband, saying "we are with you as you go through these difficult moments and will continue to be a family as always."

Meanwhile, the League calls on all party militants to observe the irreparable loss by placing BLACK CLOTHS at their various homes, offices, and on cars as they observe the period of mourning.

The Executive Mansion in Monrovia quotes President George Manneh Weah as conveying sympathy to the bereaved family, the CDC, and those impacted by the passing of Sailey.

President Weah said death is however a necessary end that we all will have to face someday, regardless of our individual statuses. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

## Court gives Cummings

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not a subpoena duces tecum granted under the circumstances requiring the ANC to produce copies of the originally signed CPP Framework document will be considered as incriminating, and will amount to violation of the defendants' constitutional rights. On the argument whether the CPP Framework Document is a public document, Magistrate Jallah ruled that the CPP is a public entity and a body corporate that can sue and be sued, noting that the signing ceremony of the CPP document was not confidential, so was the publication of excerpts of the framework document for public review and scrutiny.

He furthers that there is no legal basis for organizing such a political alliance if the intent was to keep it activities, records or its operations secret and it is a principle, practice and procedure in contract law that parties whose executives witnessed an agreement are entitled to, as a matter of right, copies of the contract if they so desire. "This court says the motion by ALP requiring the ANC (Respondents) to produce copies of the CPP Framework Document signed on May 19, 2020 is legally sound and it is consistent with the Criminal Procedure Law-Title 2, Liberian Codes of Law Revised, chapter 17, sections 17.2 and 17.3.", Magistrate Jallah ruled.

As to the second count of whether or not a subpoena duces tecum granted under the circumstances requiring Mr. Cummings to produce copies of the originally signed CPP Framework Document will be considered as incriminating and will amount to violation of his constitutional rights, the court again for proper guidance and direction, takes recourse to the law, Article 21(h) of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia.

Magistrate Jallah notes that Article 21(h) of the Constitution specially the portion that forbids the defendant from producing document (s) or testifying against himself in a criminal case is synonymous to the Fifth Amendment rights of the US Constitution which expressly states, "No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." the qualifying

phrase in the fifth Amendment right of the US Constitution.

The Magistrate said that the law when interpreted and compared to Liberia, is restricted to a witness and by law and practice, a witness is someone who gives a testimony at an investigation and trial.

He continues that the provision that states the defendant shall not be compelled to furnish evidence against himself, in the mind of the court, referred to a defendant making statement against himself or herself either knowingly or unknowingly and thereby incriminating his or herself by duress or other forms of coercive and intimidatory or intimidating action. Judge Jallah said that the court maintains that is only possible if the testimony required of the defendant affirmative defense to absolve himself or herself of the crime charged or the document demanded is personally and exclusively owned by the defendant in a criminal trial upon which the prosecution attorney may or is relying on to prove its case against the selfsame defendant.

"The case before this court is clear and that is, the request by the prosecution is consistent with law. To determine and challenge an act as self-incrimination and unconstitutional under Article 21 (h) as it's being done, there must be an egregious violation or application of the law that demonstrably reveals a rather callous and brazen disregard of the right of the defendant on trial. However, this does not obtain in the instant case which is why it's difficult if not impossible to contextualize the defense counsel reliance of the law" he explained. He says in the mind of the court, the doctrine of self-incrimination as provided for under Article 21 (h) of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia, becomes apparent and may be invoked if upon arrest, or during criminal investigation or at a trial, defendant is mandated or coerced to provide a testimony that may be considered utterly reprehensible as to incriminate him. Magistrate Jallah, in his ruling noted that this is possible if the testimony so required, violates the principal of the defendant's right to remain silent thereby gives the prosecution an edge to convict him at all cost.

"Wherefore, and in view of the

## Burkinabees troop

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that are about 400 kms away from towns and villages.

Similar accommodation of Burkinabees by citizens has been occurring in Grand Gedeh county near the border with Ivory Coast with intermarriages reported.

According to the Minister of Mines and Energy, Gisler E. Murray, foreign nationals mainly Burkinabees, Ivorians and Ghanaians in Grand Gedeh are being encouraged into economic activities, including illicit mining. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

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# Français

## Le gouvernement va construire 25 nouveaux lycées

Cette administration a réalisé le plus gros investissement dans le secondaire depuis les années 1970 pour remédier à l'énorme déficit d'infrastructures dans le secteur de l'éducation, à en croire le président George Manneh Weah.

Le chef de l'Etat a dit que la subvention de 47 millions de dollars reçue de la Banque mondiale avec un large éventail d'interventions, dont la construction de nouvelles écoles, la réhabilitation et l'équipement des écoles délabrées, et le développement des manuels scolaires, a grandement contribué à l'énorme effort de réparation du système de l'éducation qui, selon les mots de son prédécesseur, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, était une merde.

Prononçant sa 5e adresse annuelle à la nation devant le pouvoir législatif libérien au cours de la 5e session conjointe au Capitole le lundi 24 janvier 2022, le président Weah a annoncé la rénovation et la

réhabilitation en cours de 156 écoles secondaires publiques à travers le pays.

Il a dit qu'on s'attend d'ici juin de cette année à ce que tous les travaux de rénovation soient terminés et qu'il soit question d'inauguration.

Selon lui, le gouvernement a fait de grands progrès dans l'amélioration de l'alphabétisation et d'autres résultats scolaires dans le secteur de l'éducation, avec des réalisations remarquables dans

les domaines de l'accès, de la qualité et de la transformation du système.

Ces réalisations et interventions comprennent le développement de plateformes d'apprentissage continu et des salles de classe intelligentes dans tout le pays, et l'introduction d'un cadre d'apprentissage à distance ainsi que des laboratoires virtuels.

Il a révélé en outre que dans le cadre du projet IRISE et en partenariat avec la

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## Message annuel de Weah : l'opposition dénonce un manque de sincérité

Le Parti de l'unité (UP) a « chiffonné » le 5e message annuel du président George Manneh Weah, affirmant qu'il se caractérise par un mensonge délibéré, des tours de victoire prématurés et une rhétorique partisane manifeste.

L'ancien parti au pouvoir a affirmé que l'administration du président Weah continue de tromper le peuple libérien tout en faisant croire que tout va très bien.

Depuis trois ans, selon l'ancien parti au pouvoir, le gouvernement dirigé par la Coalition pour le changement

démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir ne fait que tromper le peuple. Le 5e message annuel du président Weah, selon le parti, est une répétition du message annuel précédent.

Désignée par l'UP pour répondre au message annuel du président Weah, Mme Cornelia Kruah-Thompson, secrétaire générale adjointe de l'UP pour la presse et la publicité, a accusé le président de ne pas être sincère sur la situation du pays.

« Mais nous savons la vérité : l'État de la Nation n'est pas bon. L'État de la Nation n'a jamais été fort depuis que le président a pris ses fonctions », a déclaré

Mme Kruah-Thompson.

« Peut-être que lorsque le président parle à ses conseillers les plus proches, c'est l'image qu'ils peignent. Ou peut-être que le président n'est tout simplement pas sincère quant à la situation du pays. Pour ceux d'entre nous qui parlent aux gens ordinaires, nous savons qu'il n'y a rien de bon », a-t-elle déclaré.

Elle a fait valoir que des ordures dans la rue à l'insécurité la nuit, en passant par la hausse du coût de l'éducation et l'insuffisance des soins de santé, les habitants de ce pays ont été négligés par le président et son gouvernement.

« Monsieur le Président, quittez la Jamaïque, parlez aux gens et revenez nous dire ce que vous pensez de l'état de la nation », a poursuivi Mme Kruah-Thompson.

Kruah-Thompson a en outre affirmé que le président a plus de sorties musicales que de réalisations politiques, et qu'il joue plus de matchs de football, de basket-ball et de volley-ball qu'il n'est allé

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## Éditorial

### Regard rétrospectif 4 ans après

Le président George Manneh Weah en est à la cinquième année de son administration, après avoir été élu en 2017 et pris fonction par la suite en 2018.

Il est monté à la présidence en tant que politicien populiste et icône internationale du football, gagnant les cœurs et l'admiration de la jeunesse libérienne, qui constitue 60% de la population du pays.

Mais quatre ans après, l'euphorie s'est évaporée et les attentes sont loin de devenir réalité, comme en témoignent les milliers de jeunes sans emploi qui errent quotidiennement dans les rues de Monrovia dans une économie qui tarde à montrer de l'espoir.

M. Weah a fait campagne sur le slogan « Change for Hope » que de nombreux habitants des bidonvilles, en particulier les jeunes du ghetto, pensaient être une opportunité de changer leur niveau de vie et d'améliorer leur sort.

Cependant, quatre ans après, de nombreux jeunes sont désabusés et ils ont exprimé leurs frustrations par des votes de protestation lors de l'élection sénatoriale partielle du 8 décembre 2020 en élisant une opposition à la place, en plein comté de Montserrado, autrefois surnommé le bastion du Congrès pour le changement démocratique au pouvoir.

De nombreux Libériens pensaient que l'insécurité à travers le pays appartiendrait désormais au passé. Ce n'est pas le cas, car les jeunes sans emploi et toxicomanes commandent les rues de Monrovia après le crépuscule, terrorisant les citoyens pacifiques en leur arrachant de force effets personnels et argent sous la menace parfois d'armes à feu, de couteaux ou autres objets mortels.

Mort suspecte de quatre auditeurs, dont le directeur général de l'Agence d'audit interne (IAA) E. Barthen Nyenswa en 2020, couplée au meurtre de trois personnalités de premier plan, dont deux fils de deux anciens présidents et un officier du Libéria. Le service d'immigration en 2021 a jeté un nuage sombre sur la nation.

Dans la cinquième année de l'administration Weah, la question du panier de la ménagère reste toujours un défi pour de nombreux Libériens ordinaires. L'économie est généralement stagnante, l'inflation mordant au milieu des prix élevés et du pouvoir d'achat en baisse.

Néanmoins, le président Weah a réalisé des progrès dans le développement des infrastructures, en particulier les routes, l'enseignement universitaire gratuit, la santé, la liberté d'expression et la liberté de la presse et de réunion pacifique, entre autres. Mais la corruption systémique à tous les niveaux du gouvernement devient un obstacle à ces efforts sérieux.

Deux ans plus tard, le gouvernement qui brigue un second mandat se rendrait un grand service en démontrant publiquement son engagement à lutter contre la corruption et autres vices négatifs visant à éroder son image et sa crédibilité.

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# Français

## Le gouvernement va construire

Banque mondiale, le gouvernement construira trois lycées modèles au cours du premier trimestre de cette année, maintenant que les exigences de conception et de passation des marchés ont été remplies, ajoutant que chacun des trois établissements a été conçu pour accueillir environ 1 500 lycéens et que le programme sera reproduit dans d'autres districts pour offrir un meilleur environnement d'apprentissage aux enfants libériens.

Le président Weah a indiqué que les statistiques disponibles ont révélé qu'il y a en tout 752 écoles secondaires dans le pays, dont le gouvernement n'en possède que 156.

« Pour réduire cet écart », a-t-il dit, « le projet IRISE financera la construction de 25 nouvelles écoles secondaires stratégiquement situées dans 25 districts qui sont actuellement sans écoles secondaires ».

Le président Weah a parlé également de la formation continue de 35 enseignants universitaires à l'étranger, de l'acquisition d'une bibliothèque numérique, de la révision des manuels pour les étudiants et de la mise à niveau du programme.

En outre, a-t-il ajouté, dans un effort pour combler les lacunes dans l'éducation des filles, le gouvernement offrira des bourses d'études à 3 000 filles admises en 10<sup>e</sup> année dans quatre comtés où les taux d'abandon des filles au lycée sont les plus élevés. « Comme il n'y a pas de frais de scolarité dans les écoles publiques, le parrainage couvrira tous les frais d'inscription, les uniformes, les manuels et les allocations annuelles en espèces », a ajouté le président.

Pour le président, pour que le Libéria se développe, il faut que les mentalités des

jeunes se développent. D'où la nécessité de former les enseignants pour aider les jeunes. « Nos enseignants doivent être formés afin qu'ils soient eux-mêmes capables de former l'amentalité de nos jeunes ».

Il a fait savoir en outre qu'au cours de la période considérée, 1 250 enseignants et agents soignants ont bénéficié d'une formation. Ces derniers sont déjà retournés dans leurs lieux d'affectation respectifs dans les comtés de Sinoe, Maryland, Grand Kru, Rivercess, River Gee et Bomi.

Le président Weah a également souligné les progrès et les percées réalisés dans l'enseignement et la formation techniques et professionnels (EFTP). Il a touché du doigt la réhabilitation et la construction des centres de formation dans six comtés.

De plus, il a dit qu'un nombre initial de 76 enseignants de l'EFTP ont été envoyés à l'étranger pour une formation afin de soutenir les institutions d'EFTP à travers le pays à leur retour.

« Un certain nombre d'entre eux seront des maîtres formateurs affectés au Booker Washington Institute, qui est en train d'être transformé en une institution de formation des enseignants de l'EFTP à l'avenir. Le nombre total d'enseignants à cet effet, sera de 120, dont 76 ont été embauchés et sont en formation, tandis que d'autres sont en cours de recrutement pour une formation ultérieure », a expliqué le président.

Il a également dit qu'au cours de la période budgétaire 2020/2021, le gouvernement a affecté 79,4 millions de dollars américains à l'éducation, ce qui représente 14% du budget national. Pour ce qui concerne le budget national 2022, son gouvernement a l'intention d'augmenter les dépenses dans l'éducation afin que les interventions actuelles puissent conduire à transformer le secteur.

## Message annuel de Weah :

travailler pendant toute l'année 2021.

« C'est un embarras national que nous ayons un président qui ne se soucie tout simplement pas de travailler. Malgré tous les discours sur son énergie juvénile, nous n'avons rien vu qui indique que cette énergie est utilisée dans l'intérêt du pays », a déploré Kruah-Thompson. Elle a affirmé en outre que ce gouvernement a simplement fait pleuvoir des difficultés et des souffrances sans arrêt sur le peuple libérien, ajoutant que

malheureusement, le président Weah ne semble pas s'en soucier.

« Nous avons écouté avec consternation et déception car le discours du président du 24 janvier était grossièrement hypocrite, comique et axé sur des futilités », a-t-elle noté.

Elle a déclaré que le président Weah a de nouveau perdu une occasion en or de concentrer l'esprit des Libériens et des partenaires au développement sur les défis du coût de la vie et les tâches herculéennes de construction de la nation.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Kenneth Rogoff

## Le choix judicieux de Biden pour la Fed

CAMBRIDGE - Il est temps de saluer le président américain Joe Biden, un démocrate, pour avoir reconduit Jerome Powell, un républicain, pour un second mandat de quatre ans à la présidence de la Réserve fédérale américaine. Ce faisant, Biden a pris un parti très fort contre Lael Brainard, la candidate préférée des progressistes, qui a priori aurait également été un excellent choix. En résistant fermement aux fortes pressions de l'aile gauche du Parti démocrate, Biden a accompli plusieurs choses à la fois.

Tout d'abord, et surtout, il a réaffirmé l'indépendance de la banque centrale par rapport aux pressions politiques. Son prédécesseur, Donald Trump, a hérité de Janet Yellen, la directrice très compétente de la banque centrale, et qu'il a reconnue comme telle. Mais il a décidé qu'il était préférable d'avoir son propre responsable, en espérant peut-être qu'il pourrait appeler Powell à ne pas durcir la politique monétaire à l'approche des élections de 2020.

Comme beaucoup de décisions de Trump, cela a constitué une rupture brutale avec la tradition. Les nouveaux présidents nomment en général un président compétent de la Réserve fédérale pour un second mandat. Le choix de Biden redéfinit la tradition. Dans le cas peu probable où Trump redeviendrait président en 2025, sentirait-il la nécessité d'accorder un troisième mandat à Powell parce que Biden l'avait soutenu ? Probablement.

En renommant Powell, Biden a également fait un pas important vers l'établissement de sa propre indépendance, en particulier par rapport à l'aile gauche véhémente de son parti, qui a jusqu'à présent exercé une influence considérable. Biden a fait un choix difficile vers le centre, en se fondant presque entièrement sur les compétences et en choisissant un candidat que de nombreux Républicains ont également soutenu.

Peut-être que l'accent récemment mis par Biden sur la compétence va-t-il déteindre sur le reste de son administration. Ayant fait campagne sur des thèmes centristes qui le laissent faire des concessions face à l'opposition, Biden l'a montré quand les enjeux étaient importants. Ce fut la nomination la plus importante de sa présidence. Quiconque se penche sur les cycles économiques politiques sait bien que la banque centrale peut avoir une influence énorme en gérant le déclenchement des baisses de taux d'intérêt pour faire démarrer l'économie juste avant les élections.

À une époque où l'économie post-pandémie est encore incroyablement instable et où les oracles ne sont pas clairs (même si franchement le marché du travail américain semble être un sujet brûlant), le choix de Powell a rendu la politique de la Fed plus prévisible et plus facile à interpréter. Aussi excellente que Brainard ait pu être, il y aurait encore eu une période d'ajustement pour les marchés qui auraient dû s'ajuster à son langage et à ses signaux.

L'éditorial du Wall Street Journal, certain que la politique de la Fed conduira inévitablement à une inflation ultra-élevée, quel que soit le responsable aux commandes, a balayé d'un revers de main le choix entre Powell et Brainard comme étant un choix entre « blanc bonnet et bonnet blanc ». Mais c'est ne pas tenir compte de

certaines différences importantes. Au-delà des positions réglementaires pour lesquelles les progressistes l'ont applaudie, Brainard, qui va devenir vice-présidente, s'est montrée particulièrement ouverte à des idées novatrices sur l'évolution de la politique de la banque centrale dans un monde à faibles taux d'intérêt réels.

Il est vrai que je peignais un tableau quelque peu optimiste de la décision de nommer Powell. En fait, le chiffre le plus récent pour l'inflation des prix à la consommation, à plus de 6 %, était tout à fait impressionnant. Il est vrai que jusqu'à présent, les marchés financiers semblent croire que Powell soutenait que la majeure partie de ce phénomène était transitoire : les prévisions d'inflation à moyen terme sont légèrement supérieures à 2 %, ce qui n'est pas encore particulièrement élevé selon les normes de la dernière décennie. Alors que Powell n'a plus à s'inquiéter que Biden décide de sa réélection, on pourrait dire qu'il ne se sentira plus contraint de durcir sa politique monétaire en cas de besoin. Mais la Fed a-t-elle déjà attendu trop longtemps ?

C'est difficile à dire. Il est probable que les facteurs qui sous-tendent les récents pics d'inflation se révéleront transitoires, ce qui autorisera peut-être la Fed à doubler la mise sur sa politique d'apaisement, pour pouvoir déclarer par la suite : « Nous vous l'avions bien dit ». Malheureusement, il est également très probable que les hausses des salaires et des prix entament un cycle de course réciproque l'un avec l'autre, avec une inflation qui s'avère loin d'être transitoire. Si cela se produit, et si le public commence à perdre confiance dans la stabilité des prix, il faudra peut-être une récession assez importante pour restaurer la foi.

À ce stade, certains pourraient dire que la Fed devrait simplement se recalibrer de manière opportuniste et dire à tout le monde qu'elle a l'intention de relever son objectif d'inflation à 3 % ou 4 %. Ce scénario était une recommandation clé de l'un des documents de base que la Fed a commandé dans la réévaluation de son cadre monétaire en 2019. Malheureusement, laisser l'inflation dériver inexorablement à la hausse, et ne dire à l'opinion publique qu'après coup qu'il y a maintenant une nouvelle norme plus élevée, se révélera très probablement extrêmement déstabilisant.

Je suis depuis longtemps d'avis qu'une manière beaucoup plus élégante de réduire les taux d'intérêt dans une récession profonde implique une politique de taux d'intérêts négatifs. Il est vrai que cela exigerait que la Fed soit prête à se prévaloir de l'une des options de plus en plus nombreuses pour décourager la thésaurisation qui risque de limiter l'efficacité de la politique.

Bien sûr, la Fed pourrait augmenter les taux d'intérêt de manière préventive, mais cela pourrait faire chuter les marchés et faire tomber l'économie dans la récession.

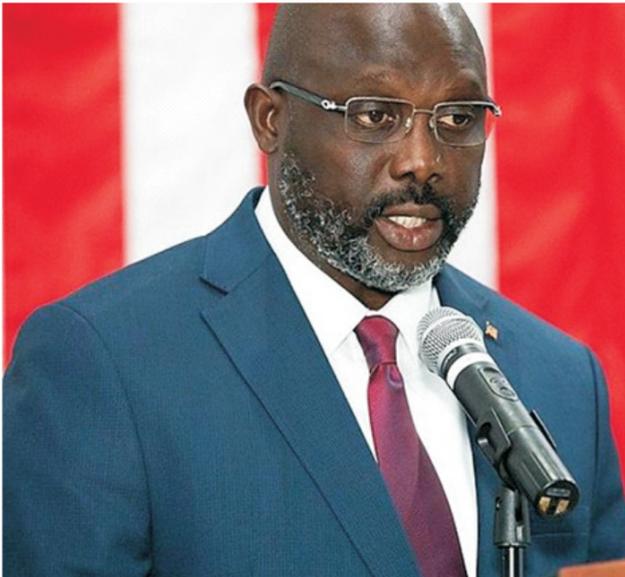
Il n'y a pas d'options faciles pour la Fed en ce moment, et cela aurait été vrai si Brainard, et non Powell, avait décroché le poste. Ainsi, en fin de compte, il faut saluer Biden pour avoir compris que, quelles que soient les pressions politiques auxquelles son administration était confrontée pour mettre la Fed au pas, il était préférable de maintenir l'indépendance de la banque centrale - et la sienne.

# ANNUAL MESSAGE TO THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

## DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GEORGE MANNEH WEAH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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We will continue to increase our efforts to ensure value addition to our agricultural products, provide for access to our farmers and enhance support to expand mechanized farming throughout the country.

MR. SPEAKER:

Providing quality education to our future leaders has remained a paramount priority of my Administration.

I am pleased to report that we have made great strides in improving literacy and other learning outcomes in the educational sector, with milestone achievements in the areas of Access, Quality and System Transformation.

These achievements and interventions include the development of continuous learning platforms and smart classrooms throughout the country, and the introduction of a distant learning framework along with virtual laboratories.

I am also pleased to report that we have made the largest single investment in Senior Secondary School since the 1970s to address the huge infrastructure deficit in the education sector.

A \$47 million US dollar grant received from the World Bank with a wide scope of interventions including new construction, rehabilitation, equipping training, and text books development has greatly contributed to the huge push we are making to fix the mess in the educational system.

I am also pleased to report on the following deliverables in Education:

Renovation and rehabilitation of all 156 Public Senior Secondary Schools throughout the Country are ongoing simultaneously. As of June 2022, it is expected that all renovations works would have been completed and dedication shall be planned in phases, preferably by county.

Under the IRISE Project and in partnership with the World Bank, we will begin the construction of three Model High School complexes in the first quarter of this year now that design and procurement requirements have been completed. Each of the three institutions has been designed to accommodate 1,500 Senior High School students. My government will replicate this in other school districts to provide a better learning environment for our children.

MR. SPEAKER:

Available school statistics have it that the total number of senior secondary schools in the country is 752 as of Academic 2020 / 2021, of which, the Government owns only 156. To reduce that gap, the IRISE Project shall fund the construction of 25 new Secondary Schools strategically situated in 25 school districts that are currently without secondary schools.

Under this project, we are also funding the training of 35 University instructors out of the country, procuring a digital library, revising textbooks for students and upgrading curriculum. Additionally, in an effort to address the gaps in girl education, we will provide scholarship financial support for 3,000 Girls transitioning from 9th grade in 4 counties considered as having the highest rates of Girls dropout from High School. As there are no tuitions in Public Schools, sponsorship shall cover all registration fees, uniforms, text books, and annual cash allowances.

For Liberia to develop, we must develop the minds of our youths. We must train our teachers so that they themselves will be able to train the minds of our youths. During the period under review, curriculum training was provided to 1,250 teachers and caregivers who have since returned to their places of assignment in Sinoe, Maryland, Grand Kru, Rivercess, River Gee & Bomi.

Major strides and inroads have also been made in technical and vocational education and training. The TVET projects include a

major rehabilitation and construction of training centers in six of the 15 counties of Liberia. Additionally, an initial number of 76 TVET teachers have been sent abroad for training to support TVET institutions in Liberia upon their return.

A number of them will be Master Trainers with assignment at the Booker Washington Institute, which is being scaled up to a TVET Teacher Training Institution for the future. The total number of teachers for this purpose, will be 120, of which 76 have been hired and are in training, while the reminder 44 are being recruited for subsequent training.

MR. SPEAKER:

The largest single spender for education is the Government. For the budget period 2020 / 2021 the government appropriated US\$79.4M US dollars out of a budget of US\$570.1M million US dollars, which amounts to a 14 percent share of the national budget going to education. The total appropriation which covers all education expenditures for the year, was sub-allocated such that Basic, Secondary and Early Childhood Subdivision of education received US\$41.8M or 52,64 percent of our budget.

Under the 2022 National Budget, we intend to increase spending in education so that all the interventions we are making can lead to us transforming the sector from mess to best.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE 54TH LEGISLATURE: ,

My stance in ensuring the rights and protection of all cannot be overemphasized. As a HeForShe Champion, I remain committed to the dignity of upholding human rights and safeguarding our most vulnerable population -- our women, girls and children.

As a Government, one of our priorities is to reduce the incidence of sexual and gender based violence by 30 percent by 2023, through the provision of appropriate support services and access to justice systems. I am pleased to report that significant progress is being made to make this a reality.

With the emergence of the COVID-19 when most women and girls were confined in their homes, there was a steep increase in the reporting of sexual and gender-based violence cases due to the heightened awareness that we conducted in communities and at the grass-root level.

However, we saw a reduction in Sexual and Gender Based Violence cases in December of 2021, compared to the reports of 2020 December. We have been able to raise awareness among communities about the referral systems, the government's anti-Sexual and Gender Based Violence Call Center and can ensure its functionality.

Traditional and religious leaders are also beefing up the efforts to change the story and narratives of survivors and victims, as well as supporting prevention efforts of sexual and gender-based violence. While we all may be aware that "prevention is better than cure", we will continue to work with our UN counterparts,

INGOs, NGOs, and civil society organizations to increase efforts in preventing sexual and gender-based violence.

On the other hand, we are also concerned about our response to sexual and gender-based violence, which prompted the setting up of the Presidential Taskforce on Sexual and Gender Based Violence through the implementation of the "Government of Liberia and Partner's Anti-Sexual and Gender Based Violence Roadmap 2020-2022".

My Government has been able to procure DNA machines to aid in evidence gathering of related sexual and gender-based violence cases. This will bring relief and justice to both survivors and alleged perpetrators during the legal proceedings of Sexual and Gender Based Violence cases at the level of the court.

We have made interventions in rehabilitation of safe homes and one-stop centers, including in River Gee and Grand Cape Mount Counties, as well as other safe spaces for children. My Government will continue to ensure that no perpetrators shall go unpunished.

MR. SPEAKER:

While we strive to meet our national target of ensuring that 5,000 extremely poor and food insecure households, and 13,000 individual beneficiaries, receive cash transfers by 2023, the Liberia Social Safety Nets Project is in full swing and making significant impact, special thanks to our collaboration with World Bank and USAID.

Based on the economic crisis posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we expanded the beneficiary pool with support from the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (UKAID) and the World Bank. An additional 15,000 households within Urban Montserrado County were enrolled and benefitted- making a greater impact in the lives of 18,300 beneficiaries in three counties, with 82 percent of the beneficiaries being females and 27 percent being males.

Phase Two of the program has been launched to add an additional 6,500 households by the end of March 2022. To establish the basic

building blocks for social protection and an equitable and objective process to the distribution of our limited resources, the Liberian Household Social Registry under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is well on its way with 233,000 Households profiled across five (5) counties -- Bomi, Bong, Nimba, Maryland and Montserrado. Enrolment continues across the country and I would like to encourage all households to participate.

Our government remains cognizant of main-streaming gender in the formulation of policies and programs that drive the development of Liberia. With support from our UN counterparts we have developed, for the first time, the country's Gender Equality Profile.

It provides an in-depth analysis, that will enhance the understanding of the differences in the conditions, needs, participation rates, access to resources and property rights, development planning and control of assets, decision-making powers between girls, women, boys and men in their assigned gender roles.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE 54TH LEGISLATURE:

During the period under review, the government and its partners implemented several programs intended to improve the lives of the country's youths. This is a sector that is central to every program meant to empower ordinary people. The young people of Liberia have already gone through quite a lot. While many have advanced to the next stage of their lives, others need our push.

Amongst the many programs we have initiated to improve living condition for young people is the Youth Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Program (YEEP), a \$2.4 million US dollar initiative funded by the African Development Bank, to get graduating students work-ready. We also are implementing the Entrepreneurship Development program; the Liberian Employment and Entrepreneurship Program (LEEP) and the recently launched Recovery of Economic Activities for Liberia Informal Sector Employment (REALISE), which will provide short-term employment opportunities to a much wider demographic, including young people.

The government also wholly sponsors a National Youth Literacy program and a National Cadet Program.

The Monrovia Vocational Training Center (MVTC) continues to provide vocational and technical skills to youths of diverse backgrounds. The Center offers a variety of training courses, including Heavy Duty and Auto Mechanic; Welding & Fabrication; Auto Electricity and Electricity; Electronics; Refrigeration & Air Condition; Masonry, Plumbing, Architectural Drafting, Carpentry; and Graphic Arts.

The European Union (EU) has approved additional 26 million Euros to cover the cost of establishing state-of-the-art TVET schools in the rest of the 8 Counties that do not have them. This is in fulfillment of our vision to have TVET Institutions in all 15 Counties.

These initiatives are targeted at all Liberian youth, regardless of which county they may reside in. Thousands have already benefitted. Over the ensuing period, the government will dedicate more resources in order to tackle the growing menace of disadvantaged Youth, otherwise referred to as Zogos.

As we are focused on the youth, let me highlight an activity that keeps them physically and mentally strong: Sports. Despite the challenges the country's sports program has faced, it has been improving years, with the County Meet being a major highlight.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Nimba County for clinching this year's soccer category. My congratulations also go to all other winners. The tournament has brought Liberians together regardless of our differences. It is my hope that the momentum can be sustained, while we ensure the National Soccer team, the Lone Star, can build on this energy.

It would be remiss of me if I did not also take this opportunity to personally congratulate the Volleyball and Basketball teams from Grand Kru County for their historical victories in these categories in the 2022 National County Meet. They made history in two ways: Firstly, they won the first ever Volleyball category that was included in the County Meet, and secondly, they are the first county to ever win TWO categories in the County Meet. Congratulations, once again!

MR. SPEAKER:

I regret to inform you that in spite of our efforts to upgrade the team, we still did not qualify for two of the main soccer events in the world: The World Cup and the African Cup of Nations. But we remain committed to doing more. We will dedicate more resources and scout the best talents for the team in the coming year.

MADAM VICE PRESIDENT, MR. SPEAKER, MR. PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE, AND MEMBERS OF THE 54TH LEGISLATURE:

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# Bility drags Dillon to court

By Lincoln G. Peters

Sixth Judicial Circuit Civil Law court Judge J. Kennedy Peabody, has ordered the Clerk of Court, Ellen Hall to issue a writ of summons for Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon, for action of damages for libel and slander brought against the Senator by Liberty Party Chairman Musa Hassan Bility.

"You are hereby ordered and commanded to summon Montserrado County Senator, Abraham Darius Dillon; defendant to appear before the sixth judicial circuit civil law court in its March term 2022, to answer to complaint of Mr. Musa Hassan Bility in an action of damages for wrong for libel and slander by

Newspaper's caption that quoted him as saying "Musa is a criminal - I can prove it". The defendant furthered that "Liberty Party went to a conflict resolution hearing and Chairman Bility signed a document, confessing that he criminally altered the Constitution of the Liberty Party to shift authority that was not granted. The complaints further that Senator Abraham Darius Dillon claimed he has document in his possession to prove that Chairman Musa Bility did admit to altering the LP constitution, but Bility demises these claims as untrue and unfounded, saying they are intended solely to defame, tarnish and destroy his good reputation.

He prays that given the

the plaintiff and the video recording of the OK FM broadcast in which the defendant appeared on the OK FM show, defaming the plaintiff's reputation", the complaints read.

The plaintiff also submitted that sometime last year between November and December, and January 2022, he became a target of blackmail, libel, slander and malicious stigmatization on social media, purely found on the pillar of political agenda and "ill will" and lies against his good name and reputation when defendant Dillon accused him of being a "criminal and fraudster."

According to him, the purpose of such devilish and libelous action was solely to defame and tarnish his reputation, thereby negatively tainting, staining and fouling his political and business standing, and career both within and outside the Republic of Liberia.

He says that defendant Darius Dillon is determined to continue his scheme of slander and libelous publication against him (Bility) therefore, he demands damages in the amount of not less than US\$1,000,000.00 in general damages.

"Wherefore and in view of the foregoing, plaintiff prays your Honor and this court to grant the plaintiff complaints and prayer for damages against the defendants in the amount not less than US\$ 1, 000,000.00 in general damages to be by the trial jury and an order to have defendants paid to plaintiff all legal and other necessary fees associated with these proceedings. Lastly, plaintiff prays your honor to grant all other reliefs that this honorable court will deem just, fair, legal, and equitable", Chairman Bility concludes in his complaint.

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attachment. Upon his failure to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against him", the writ of summons noted.

The writ that was issued Wednesday, January 26, 2021 further commands the clerk of court to notify the said defendant to file his formal appearance and or answer in the office of the judge before the 5th day of February 2022 and make official returns endorsed on the back of the writ of summon.

Plaintiff Musa Hassan Bility, in 10-count complaints against defendant Dillon details that on December 9, 2021, Dillon defamed him via a FrontPageAfrica

circumstances herein narrated, damages for wrong predicated on libel and slander shall lie against defendant Darius Dillon.

Bility further notes that Senator Dillon was also quoted by All Africa.com and that the defamatory publication was made on December 8, 2021, citing defendant Dillon's appearance on OK FM and YouTube. "Plaintiff gives notice to the court that during these proceedings, he will cause the issuance of the writ of subpoena duces tecum and a d testificandum to be issued on the Management of FrontPageAfrica Newspaper and OK FM to produce the newspaper publication on December 8, 2021 in which the defendant defamed

# Court gives Cummings 72 hours

By Lincoln G. Peter

The Magistrate of the Monrovia City Court, Jomah Jallah, has ruled on motion filed by prosecution for Subpoena Duce's Tecum thereby ordering Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, Political Leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) to produce the two original copies of the Collaboration Political Parties document that were signed in May 19, 2020.

According to Magistrate Jallah, the defendants are ordered to produce, provide, bring and make available to the court, the two copies of the originally signed framework document within 72 hours.

Even though defense lawyer rejected and frowned on the ruling by the Magistrate, using Article 21 (h) of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia, but Magistrate Jallah maintained that his action has legal grounds because Article 21 (h) of the constitution does not hold, and submits that constitutional privilege against self-incrimination as provided for

own internal arrangement.

The ALP proffered to the motion, a sworn-affidavit, denouncing the alleged alterations, expansions and modifications of specific provisions of the framework document, mainly the sections on "good state of health" with emphasis on the physical and mental capacity of would-be CPP presidential candidate as well as question of the withdrawal and the nomination of vice presidential candidate which, ALP alleged - were recommended in the amended Framework Document, prepared and produced by the lawyers, but was never deliberated upon and ratified by each of the constituent parties of the Collaboration as required, before the said purported CPP Framework Document was filled by ANC to the National Elections (NEC).

The ALP contends further the filing of the framework document with NEC was done without its expressed knowledge, participation and approval and therefore prays the court to grant the motion, thereby mandating,



under Article 21 (h) of the Constitution does not apply to business records, public documents or political contracts that are normally executed in accordance with parties' rules and regulations as they may see it fit. Mr. Alexander B. Cummings is currently facing criminal trial at the Monrovia City Court for forgery and criminal conspiracy filed by the Leader of the All Liberian Party (ALP) businessman-turned politician Benoni Uray.

On January 18, 2020, the prosecution filed a 10-count written motion for subpoena Duce's Tecum, contending strenuously that the originally signed CPP framework document of May 29, 2020 is in the hands of Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, and that persistent efforts made up to, and including the time of filing the motion, have fallen on deaf ears and the defendant, Mr. Cummings has ignored, neglected and refused to deliver to them copies of the document, contrary to their

ordering and instructing the ANC to produce the selfsame document.

But the ANC resisting the motion, prays court to deny and dismiss prosecution's motion for subpoena duces tecum, contending that such a request will amount to self-incrimination that will be in gross violation of Article 21(h) of the 1986 Constitution.

The ANC further argued that by filing the motion, the ALP was now looking for evidence from Mr. Cummings, who is already charged for crimes whose evidence the ALP must produce beyond all reasonable doubt to convict its Political Leader, Cummings and therefore, the court should deny and dismiss the motion as if it was never filed.

After analyzing the arguments on both sides, Judge Jomah Jallah says there are two salient issues that are determinative of the matter, explaining that whether or not the CPP Framework Document of May 19, 2020 is a public document: and whether or

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image of the country and its respectability as well as increased the national budget from 80 million to five hundred and sixty million before it left office in 2018, handing over to President weah.

"Now tell me, what has this government done that they are bragging about? We presented a budget to them of sixty million and they carry it to unstable seventy million. Compare from eighty million to six hundred million, and from six hundred million to seven hundred million and tell me what this government has done. It will be one

## Weah's cabinet

hundred million verse four hundred million so there is nothing to brag about", Massaquoi argues.

He says Liberians saw the Unity Party transforming the country that today they are enjoying happiness and stability from worst to better after many years of civil unrest.

Meanwhile, he thinks Liberians still have an opportunity to correct the mistake they made at the poll in 2017 by voting President George Weah and his leadership.

Rep. Massaquoi: "I believe that Liberians are now ready to prevent the mistrial death of professional people in Liberia by

changing this government. Our country is really struggling and suffering under the leadership of this President and the UP is here willing and ready to change this country for all Liberians to enjoy better lives."

He calls on opposition political leaders across the country to join forces in ensuring that President Weah is not re-elected, which will provide an opportunity to save the state and restore better economic policy that will improve the lives of every Liberian citizen. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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## Weah's cabinet lacks expertise

### -UP Lawmaker Massaquoi



Representative Clarence Massaquoi

**By Kruah Thompson**  
Lofa County district #3 Representative, Clarence Massaquoi, says the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC)-led government is engulfed and managed by a bunch of un-serious officials with no sound economic-financial management expertise to put the country on the proper economic trajectory of

Broad Street in Monrovia following the party's response to President Weah's Annual Message, the Lofa County lawmaker continued that the UP over the past 12 years fought to put the country on a better path that all Liberians are proud of.

inclusive national development. Rep. Massaquoi from the former governing Unity Party, notes that Liberia is failing under the Weah Administration because of lack of good experts in the government to help craft economic policies for the country.

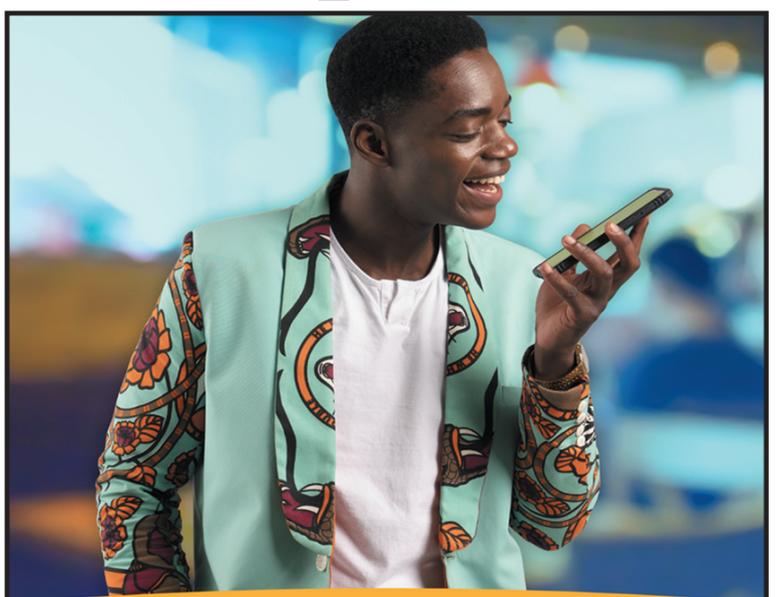
Speaking in an interview with reporters Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the UP Headquarters on

He says it's so saddening that the CDC government thru President Weah is bragging of taking the country budget from six hundred million to seven hundred million United States Dollars.

He recalls that between 2005 and 2006, the national budget of Liberia was US\$80million but there was insecurity and the economy was broken down because there was no governance, something, he says the UP government under former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, restored.

Rep. Massaquoi also brags that the former Unity Party-led government restored the

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