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Continental News

Zimbabwe's Main Opposition Party Holds Rally Under Conditions Set by Police

Zimbabwe's main opposition leader Sunday held a rally in one of the poorest suburbs under strict conditions that police set. Police maintained a heavy presence in and around the area where the rally was held.

These are members of the Zimbabwe Citizens' Coalition for Change welcoming leader Nelson Chamisa at a rally in Harare. Citizens' Coalition for Change is the new name

for the main opposition party which split last year. At the rally, Chamisa promised to deal with corruption if elected president in 2023. He also denounced the government's threat to dismiss teachers who have been on strike since the beginning of the month, seeking higher pay. He said, "All teachers want is to revert to the \$540 a month they were getting during the late President Robert Mugabe's reign. People have a right to ask for food when they are hungry. Isn't

it? Fight for your rights until we get power and we give you back your original salary."

Police gave the go-ahead late for the rally only under strict conditions. Among other things, the opposition was not supposed to have protest marches, singing or slogans. Additionally, the organizers were told to stick to the time set by police for the rally or risk having authorities quash the event.

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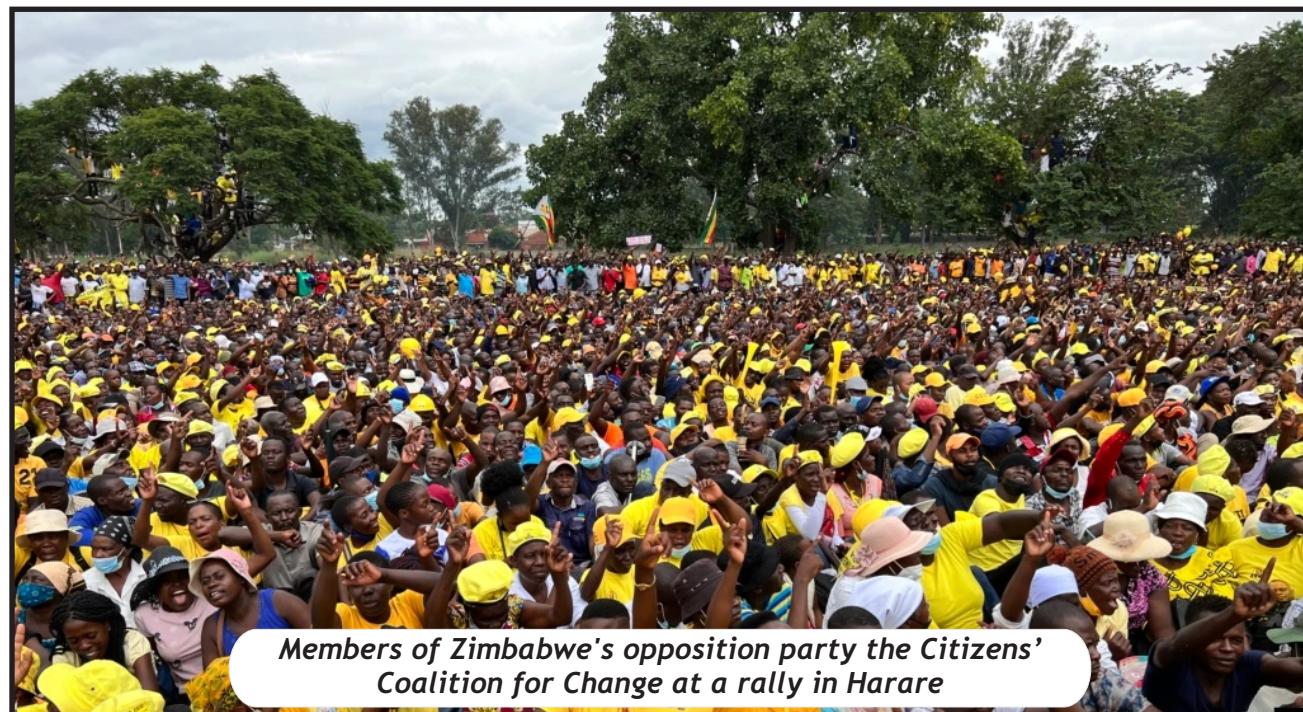
from the Citizens' Coalition for Change, commented on the conditions.

"The conditions were not achievable. They were meant to curtail people and to make it difficult for everyone to come," Chinoputsa said. "But we are happy that people of Zimbabwe know what we are pursuing and people of Zimbabwe are clear in terms of who should be their leadership."

Rashid Mahiya, from non-governmental organization Heal Zimbabwe, said the country needs electoral reforms to ensure a level ground for political players. "The conditions that were set are not conditions

that should be set in a democratic society," Mahiya said. "We expect the police to be non-partisan and respect the constitutional responsibilities and duties of the citizens, like right to assemble - clearly set in the constitution. When (ruling) ZANU-PF are holding their rallies, those conditions are not set. We want an even playing ground. We want these freedoms to be extended to all citizens."

About 100 kilometers east of Harare, the ruling ZANU-PF held a campaign rally for by-elections set for next month. No conditions were set for them. The home affairs minister, Kazembe Kazembe, who is in charge of police, refused to comment on the issue. VOA



Members of Zimbabwe's opposition party the Citizens' Coalition for Change at a rally in Harare

US Begins Counter-terrorism Training in Africa Amid Upheaval

The United States' yearly counter-terrorism training program for African forces began on Sunday in Ivory Coast at a time of upheaval in which Islamist fighters control large areas, coups are on the rise and French forces are winding down.

The training program, known as Flintlock, will bring

together more than 400 soldiers from across West Africa to bolster the skills of forces, some of which are under regular attack by armed groups linked to al Qaida and Islamic State.

Those not present included forces from Guinea and two countries worst-hit by Islamist violence, Mali and Burkina Faso. Military juntas have snatched power in those three countries

since 2020, raising concerns about a return to West Africa's post-colonial reputation as a "coup belt."

Central to this year's training is coordination between different forces fighting the same enemy.

"A main focus of Flintlock is information sharing. If we can't communicate, we can't work together," said Admiral Jamie Sands, Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command Africa, at the opening ceremony.

Islamist militants roam across large areas of the Sahel, the arid band of terrain south of the Sahara Desert. Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso have been overrun by attacks since 2015 that have killed thousands and uprooted more than 2 million people. Security experts say insurgents have infiltrated coastal countries including Benin and Ivory Coast.

The groups ghost across poorly-policed borders, confounding a mosaic of local



Participants stand at ease during the opening ceremony of the U.S. sponsored Flintlock exercises at the site of the new French

Zambian artist behind Pope's gift says it is humbling

Zambian sculptor and art teacher Sydney Siansangu says it is humbling that his art pieces have made it to the Vatican.

Mr Siansangu is making headlines in Zambia after two of his sculptures were given to Pope Francis at the Vatican as presents by President Hakainde

"For example, my name may have already been known probably with The Vatican because of some commissioned work at the headquarters of all Jesuits in Africa and Madagascar. Others include late Magufuli [Tanzania's former president], President of Botswana, King of Morocco, King of United Arab



Hichilema last week.

"First and foremost, I am humbled and greatly appreciative especially for the publicity. It's a normal feeling because my works are in many high-profile places," he told the BBC.

The pieces are part of his latest serious dubbed "Our Legacy".

and international forces who have spent billions of dollars trying eliminate the threat.

France has led the fight against the militants since 2013, but popular opposition to its intervention has grown.

Emirates. So the feeling is normal except that this has wide publicity," he said.

One of the pieces presented to the Pope was made from various tree species, copper wire and grey marble. BBC

Last week it said it would leave Mali, moving instead to Niger.

Diplomats fear the exit of 2,400 French troops from Mali - the epicenter of the violence - could destabilize the region further. VOA

EDITORIAL

Too disappointing Chairman Boakai

NO PATRIOTIC LIBERIAN HAD ever thought that former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai, captain of the Collaborating Police Parties (CPP) would have jumped the boat while it sails in troubled waters, abandoning CPP supporters and sympathizers in a state of hopelessness and neglect. It is so sad for the elderly statesman of the land.

IT CAME AS A SHOCKWAVE to many that barely four months into his 2-year chairmanship of the CPP, the former VP and standard bearer of the Unity Party would call it a quit just as he was expected to take the Collaboration to elections next year.

MR. BOAKAI CITED AMONG others, ceaseless internal wranglings in the CPP under his watch that he said distracted the four constituent parties (UP, ALP, ANC and LP) from their responsibilities to the Liberian people, coupled with pressure from his own UP that pushed to give up his duty.

BUT A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE UP publicly disagreed. Former Senator John Ballout described the decision by his standard bearer as an emotional error and hoped that Chairman Boakai can re-visit the decision and go back to the Collaboration.

MR. BALLOUT NOTED THAT arguments presented by his standard bearer clearly contradict efforts made over the period to unite the CPP, and that Mr. Boakai only catalogued a plethora of problems but failed to provide solutions.

SO, WHERE DOES THIS leadership that the UP-standard bearer so desperately wants to provide for the entire country is to be tested if he cannot take four parties to elections?

Boakai's exit out of the Collaboration has surrendered the CPP to the ruling CDC even before the political battle can start in 2023.

A GENERAL THAT FAILS TO MOBILIZE his troops and take charge is unfit to lead and therefore, cannot be entrusted with the duties of state. Chairman Boakai's action clearly proved so.

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, LEADERS of the CPP were convinced that remaining in their separate ways to face incumbent President George Manneh Weah at the ballot box in 2023 would not achieve the desire result hence, the need to unite as a formidable opposition bloc under the CPP.

NOW CHAIRMAN BOAKAI HAS thrown the bathtub away with the baby, leaving the opposition parties scattered and weak to put a strong fight against President Weah something, that he has already acknowledged but yet tells Liberians that hope is coming. But like former Senator Ballout, we too disagree. A scatter opposition cannot deliver hope for the future that it cannot nurture now.



COMMENTARY

By Hans-Werner Sinn

Green Nuclear Power

MUNICH - With its 2020 "taxonomy for sustainable activities," the European Union found a way to use the European Central Bank to steer capital markets by directly subsidizing interest expenses for "green" investment projects. Many European politicians, especially those from Green parties in German-speaking countries, have applauded this approach. But now, they are dismayed to find that the European Commission, under pressure from France, will classify nuclear power as a type of green energy.

Having emerged from the anti-nuclear movement, today's European Greens never dreamed that this ostracized source of power would not only regain respectability but even be associated with their own brand. Their humiliation couldn't be greater.

But whether nuclear power is a form of green energy isn't just a question of ideology. Huge sums of money are at stake, because the ECB will be offering banks particularly attractive refinancing conditions if they use EU-classified green bonds as collateral. The ECB also has made clear that it is more willing to buy up a disproportionate share of green bonds, thereby creating a new interest-rate structure within capital markets. Now that environmentally friendly investment goals are increasingly benefiting from lower interest rates, significant portions of Europeans' savings - accumulated over generations - are being diverted from other parts of the economy into projects classified as green.

Viewed from the perspective of an economist, this is quite hair-raising. We are seeing a wholesale redirection of capital - the most important non-human factor of production in a market economy - and it is being done in a way that blatantly violates the principle of allocation neutrality, a key postulate of economic theory.

The economics of environmental externalities is straightforward. If the aim is to internalize negative externalities into the market - a worthy goal - it should be done through a direct pricing mechanism like a carbon tax or an emissions-trading system. By contrast, changing the interest rate - that is, the price of capital - merely invites a slew of costly allocation distortions, because capital, as a production factor in green enterprises, has only a very loose complementary relationship with avoiding environmental damage. Europe's current approach therefore amounts to a scatter-shot policy.

The EU's Maastricht Treaty does not give the ECB the authority to engage in economic and environmental policy; rather, monetary policymakers must secure an individual authorization and an extension of their remit. Such an extension requires

unanimous consent from all EU countries by means of an amendment to the Treaty. This barrier should have ensured that the principle of allocation neutrality was upheld. But, as so often happens, EU policymakers have come up with legal trickery to avoid a formal Treaty change.

Putting aside the fundamental legal and economic concerns about the ECB's manipulation of interest rates, the prospect of nuclear power receiving a green classification is a welcome development. It also makes perfect sense, considering that nuclear power plants don't emit CO₂. In terms of the broader climate agenda, Green politicians made a huge mistake when they demonized nuclear power, and the rest of the world has recognized this.

After all, the big shift away from nuclear power, and toward wind and solar, occurred only in Germany and a few other countries, following various accidents that received a great deal of media attention. New nuclear power plants are once again being planned and built throughout the world. Fifty-seven are currently under construction, 97 are planned, and 325 additional plants are being proposed.

The first country that seriously considered abandoning nuclear power entirely was Sweden, following the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. But it has kept most of its nuclear power plants, and it has long since given up on an exit. Similarly, despite the 2011 Fukushima accident, Japan has once again fully embraced nuclear energy, following a safety review and modernization of its power stations.

Even more promising, there is ongoing research into new types of nuclear power plants, including designs based on thorium and models that avoid the old nuclear-waste storage problem by using reprocessed fuel rods. These are inherently safer than the old power plants.

Viewed in this global, twenty-first-century context, Germany has become the wrong-way driver on the Autobahn. No wonder the Greens are internally divided. Most of them are still fuming, but some of the party's more astute members are secretly happy that nuclear energy is available as a cheap, CO₂-free alternative to fossil fuels. With its adjustable energy supply, nuclear power will be crucial for those periods when a protracted wind or solar lull threatens to bring electricity generation to a halt. Best of all, German Greens can save face by simply blaming the French.

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OPINION

By Mariana Mazzucato

Larry Fink's Capitalist Shell Game

ONDON - BlackRock Chairman and CEO Larry Fink's latest annual letter has taken the business world by storm. BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager, and Fink, addressing the CEOs of the companies whose assets his firm manages on behalf of investors, took the opportunity to advocate a more ecologically sustainable, socially conscious, forward-looking form of capitalism rooted in stakeholder rather than shareholder value.

Fink's exhortation seems like a welcome break from orthodox dogma. But if his vision is supposed to be "woke," it is not nearly woke enough. We've heard all this before, including in Fink's own 2018 and 2019 letters, and in the ballyhooed 2019 Business Roundtable statement that Fink helped spearhead. But far too little has changed, largely because the vision expressed by Fink and other corporate leaders stops short of the radical reforms needed to transform capitalism in the interests of people and the planet.

Fink's version of stakeholder capitalism is based on conceptual sleight of hand. After all, his support for stakeholders is conditional on a secure profit pipeline for shareholders, which means that shareholder value remains the bottom line. Stakeholder value becomes merely a means to an end - to benefit shareholders in the long run. It is thus a betrayal of stakeholder capitalism's true intent: to create value for public benefit.

Consider climate change. Fink celebrates progress in dollar terms, stating that sustainable investments have reached \$4 trillion. Yet the aim should not just be to invest trillions more in sustainable development; rather, those trillions should be coordinated democratically, by stakeholders, to support ambitious missions like global decarbonization. A carbon-neutral economy is what would maximize the benefits for all stakeholders.

For missions to motivate action, generate momentum, and inject purpose into the economy, the gap between stakeholders and shareholders must be closed. In practice, that means empowering stakeholders. Workers, citizens, trade unions, community groups, state institutions, and NGOs must have strong financial and political stakes in the capitalist economy's operations.

Such a paradigm shift begins with recognizing the inherently collective process by which value is created in the first place. Value is co-created by producers and consumers, workers and managers, inventors and administrators, and regulators and investors. It does not simply spring from the heads of heroic entrepreneurs, risk-taking venture capitalists, and corporate leaders. It is the result of organizational and institutional configurations that enable all these actors to work together.

Whether in technology, pharmaceuticals, or energy, the big innovations that have produced value for corporate shareholders are more often than not the result of public investment. Most of the innovations driving today's pharmaceutical revolution were financed by high-risk, early-stage investments from organizations like the US National Institutes of Health, which invests more than \$40 billion per year across the United States.

Similarly, without public investments, the information-technology revolution would not have happened when it did. As I argued in *The Entrepreneurial State*, from the internet and GPS to touch screens and the technology underpinning Siri, everything that makes our phones "smart" resulted from strategic public investments.

No one doubts that private-sector innovation was also important, especially in the downstream phase of commercialization. The question is why the private sector has received all the recognition and reward. Why do drug prices not reflect the original public contribution (even when the government reserves "march-in" rights that require pharmaceutical companies to license their products)? Why are intellectual-property rights so strong as to inhibit knowledge sharing?

Part of the answer is that the compact between the private and public sectors - stipulating everything from legal proprietorship to privacy - is excessively weighted in favor of business. Moreover, the same companies that have benefited from publicly funded innovations now plow millions of dollars into lobbying for regressive regulations and tax policies, all to support their bottom lines. Countering this undue influence will require ambitious new regulations to enhance corporate accountability and transparency, starting with reforming the 10-K disclosure rules that have allowed Big Tech companies to conceal their operations.

But the state isn't the only stakeholder in the value co-creation process. Workers, too, are major contributors, and you don't need to be a Marxist to see that labor (and nature) create at least as much value as the owners of the means of production do. Ultimately, true stakeholder capitalism calls for a new social contract - backed by a new global economic consensus - that puts public value before private profit, and that fosters the "ecosystem" of value creation. In this vein, music producer Brian Eno attributes musical creation not to genius but to "scenius": the communal scenes that connect, sustain, and inspire individual creators.

The same is true throughout the economy. A healthy ecosystem implies competition between firms; but it also depends on cooperation. A flourishing ecosystem requires the public, private, and third sectors to work together in mutual partnership to nurture innovation and the growth of new enterprises.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided two examples of pervasive threats to ecosystem health. The first was vaccine development and production. The six vaccine frontrunners received an estimated \$12 billion of public money. That makes the vaccines a public good, but they haven't been treated like one. Under stakeholder capitalism, pharmaceutical production would strike a fairer balance between public and private risks and rewards, and it would be geared toward providing global access.

Consider the results: BlackRock is the fifth-largest shareholder in Fox News at a time when that network's on-air personalities are openly striving to undermine American democracy and the rule of law, seemingly forgetting that US capitalism is premised on both. Which shareholders have a stake in that?

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OPINION

By Shang-Jin Wei

Understanding China Since Nixon

EW YORK - On February 21, 1972, Richard Nixon became the first US president to visit the People's Republic of China, setting in motion a process that would end China's decades-long isolation and kick-start the emergence of a modern, dynamic economy. But, despite the seismic economic changes in China in the intervening half-century, many in the West regard today's People's Republic as an unreformed communist country whose unfair trade practices are harming Western workers and consumers. Although this impression is partly a by-product of today's geopolitical competition, it also reflects a lack of historical perspective.

At the time of Nixon's visit, China was as isolated and closed off from the world as North Korea is today. Ordinary Chinese had no freedom to choose where to work and had to accept jobs assigned by their local government. Almost every Chinese adult worked for the state or in a state-owned firm, because no privately owned domestic enterprises or foreign firms operated in the country. Nixon's entourage also noticed an astonishing lack of color on the streets, as most Chinese wore either blue or green. There was not a single foreign brand on the streets of Beijing or Shanghai.

Today, Chinese can choose their place of employment, more than 80% of the workforce are employed by firms not owned by the state, and wages are determined by supply and demand in the labor market. An international tourist cannot tell from people's clothing alone whether she is in Shanghai, Seoul, Tokyo, or Taipei. Virtually all major global brands that can be seen in New York, London, and Singapore, are ubiquitous in major Chinese cities as well.

Apple, Boeing, Caterpillar, Starbucks, and many other foreign companies are currently doing brisk business in China, supporting the returns of US pension and mutual funds that invest in them. General Motors sells more cars in China than in America or any other market. And firms in China that are wholly or majority owned by foreign investors account for 40% of China's exports.

At the time of Nixon's visit, the Chinese government's most important border control policy - as in East Germany then or North Korea now - was to prevent ordinary Chinese from escaping the country for good. In 2019, the last year before the COVID-19 pandemic began, 150 million Chinese tourists visited the United States, Europe, Southeast Asia, and other regions, and returned home voluntarily. The personal freedom ordinary Chinese have now was unimaginable in 1972.

China's transformation has not resulted in Milton Friedman's brand of capitalism, in which the state plays a minimal role in the economy. But China has adopted many regulatory institutions similar to those in Germany, Japan, and even the US. China's Food and Drug Administration, established in 1998, is partly modeled on its US counterpart. And the design of its State Environmental Protection Administration (now called the Ministry of Ecology and Environment) was influenced by that of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Even China's much-criticized industrial policy took its intellectual inspiration from Alexander Hamilton, who pioneered the concept. The China 2025 program, which aims to promote what the Chinese government regards as the industries of the future, resembles not so much Soviet central planning as Germany's Industrie 4.0 initiative or even America's own numerous industrial policies.

So, was Nixon right to help China reconnect with the world? To the extent that his visit and subsequent US policies contributed to China's success in lifting a billion people out of abject poverty, it is difficult to think of another initiative that could have done more to promote human welfare.

Of course, that was not the motivation for Nixon's diplomatic coup, which strengthened America's hand in its struggle with the Soviet Union. But it is equally important - yet somehow often overlooked - that US households and firms have benefited tremendously from China's economic rise.

US exports to China have increased faster than US exports to Europe, Japan, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, or Australia over the last three decades. While imports from China seem to have contributed to a decline in US manufacturing jobs, employment and value added in America's modern service sectors grew faster, because low-cost Chinese products such as laptops and electric equipment boosted efficiency. Cheaper Chinese goods undoubtedly helped to hold down goods prices in Western economies from the 1980s until recently. And throughout the period of America's increased economic engagement with China, there was no secular increase in US unemployment.

Former US President Donald Trump's misguided trade war with China implies a reversal of these trends. By raising tariffs on Chinese imports to the level that prevailed under the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act before World War II, Trump ensured that American households and firms faced higher prices than they otherwise would have. America's trade deficit has widened rather than narrowed, partly because US firms are losing competitiveness in the global market as a result of the trade war.

While US policymakers are tempted, for geopolitical reasons, to end the policy of economic engagement toward China pursued by successive administrations in the decades following Nixon's 1972 visit, the risks are significant. US living standards would likely increase less fast. While Chinese economic growth would suffer, the support for American institutions and ideals among many ordinary Chinese could decline as well. If a US decoupling strategy were to accelerate China's strategic rapprochement with Russia, perhaps even resulting in a formal alliance, a combination of Russia's nuclear arsenal and China's mighty economy could present a more nightmarish challenge to US global hegemony.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Congressman Meeks leads delegation to Liberia

By Lewis S. Teh

The visiting United States Congressional Delegation to Liberia headed by the House's committee chair on foreign affairs Representative Gregory Meeks says they are proud of progress made by Liberia over the years.

"Mr. Mayor, we're proud and honor to see the progress Liberia has made in the celebration 200 years of the Bicentennial and to be on the soil that represents freedom", Rep. Meeks said Monday, February 22, 2022 when he met with Monrovia Mayor Jefferson T. Koijee here. He says the delegation decided to visit Liberia to take a look at progress achieved and to join the country celebrates 200 years of freedom in what he describes as "a land of great

on behalf of the city government we like to welcome each and every one of you to Liberia, we also want to use this occasion to present the key of the city to you for continuous support giving our country."

Mayor Koijee notes that it is great honor to receive the US congressional delegation, saying their arrival here clearly signifies continuation of the U.S. long-standing support to Liberia especially through its embassy near Monrovia. The US delegation also met with President Weah and held talks with members of the cabinet, including the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Gender, Children and Social Protection, State for Presidential Affairs, Post and Telecommunications, Information and Defense, respectively, among others.

Recently, U.S. President Joe Biden, dispatched a delegation

Committee to reiterate the United States' commitment to free and fair elections in Liberia.

Recently, four members of the United States Congressional House, including Rep Meeks issued a joint resolution to Congress, calling on the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Treasury, respectively to continue to impose targeted sanctions and other measures against those responsible for undermining the rule of law as well as the faith and trust of the Liberian people through the conduct of corruption, gross violations of human rights and other acts that threaten the peace and security of Liberia.

The resolution issued by the 117th Congress in its 2nd Session, encouraged Liberia to redouble its efforts to counter corruption, advance



potential."

The Congressional delegation was received by Mayor Koijee and subsequently taken to the Executive Mansion where members of the U.S. Congress met with President Weah and members of his cabinet behind closed doors.

Making remarks on the ground of the Executive Mansion, Mayor Koijee thanked the delegation for visiting Liberia especially when the country is celebrating 200 years of existence. He then decorated the congressional members with Liberia's traditional attires with red, white and blue stripes, representing the national colors as a symbol of appreciation, saying "For and

to Monrovia for official launch of the Bicentennial led by his Special Assistant and Senior Director for Africa at the National Security Council Ms. Dana Banks. It also included U.S. Ambassador to Liberia Michael McCarthy, Mr. Lonnie Bunch, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and Rev. Dr. Teresa Jefferson-Snorton, Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and Chair of the Governing Board, National Council of Churches in the United States.

During the visit here, they delegation also signed a bilateral agreement of approximately US\$55 million to improve the health of Liberians over the next five years, and met with the Elections Coordinating

the causes of human rights, and implement critical economic reforms necessary to accelerate sustainable economic growth and human capital development.

The U.S. House of Representatives further resolved that it remains committed to nurturing the enduring ties between the people and the Governments of the United States and Liberia, including thru the provision of United States support for a strong civil society, reputable and accountable institutions, transparency, and other tenets of good governance that should lay a solid foundation for Presidential elections here in 2023. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Faith University College announces 3,000 scholarships

By Kruah Thompson

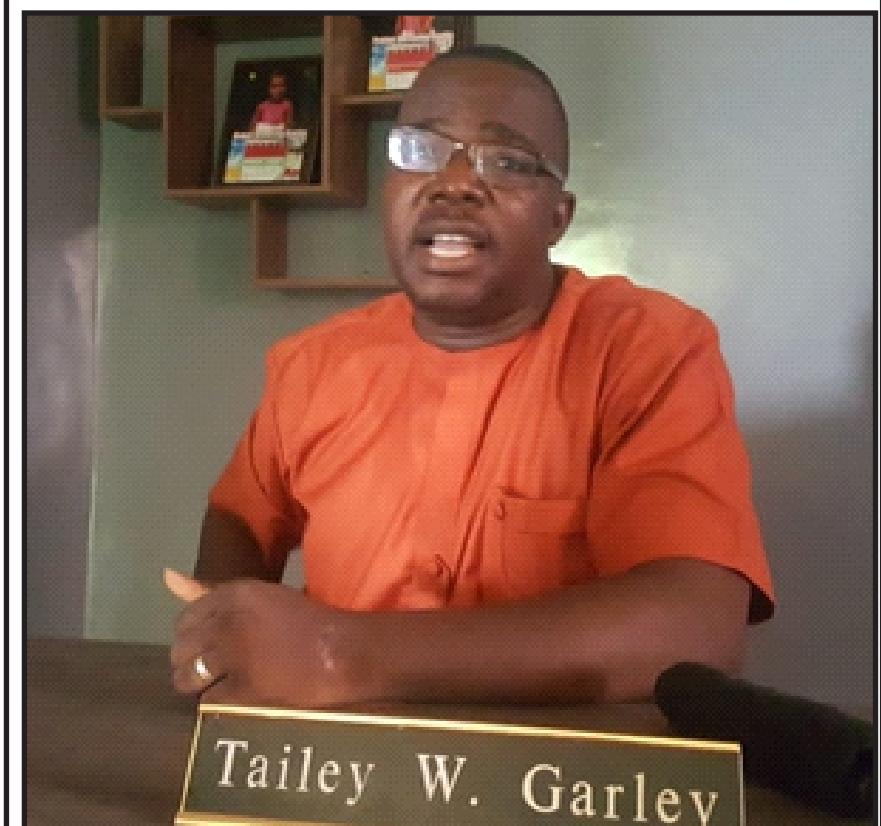
The president and founder of Faith University College in Diggserville, lower Magibi County, Rev. Tarley W. Garley, announces 3,000 scholarships to boost the educational system in Liberia after official launch of the M.K.S Faith University College.

Speaking with the New Dawn on Sunday, February 19, 2021, Rev. Garley said, the mission of college is not to yield maximum profits but to

college is extraordinary in terms of providing education and mentorship for students.

He says the college is prepared to offer technical, medical and business courses, among others.

He says the initiative is void of politics, adding that the vision is to become a world class University that is Christ-centered, purpose-driven and committed to raising a new generation of leaders to reflect a distinctive worldview in all



meet the need of Liberians that are yearning for education.

fields of human endeavors.

"Our mission is to develop knowledge and restore the dignity of the human race, human development and concept driven Curriculum with total man employing innovative, leading edge, teaching methods, learning research and professional service that promote integration", Rev. Garley explains. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



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February 15, 2022

INVESTIGATIVE SURVEY NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that the Liberia Land Authority(LLA) has authorized Surveyor Andrew T. Salay (License#:096) to conduct an investigative survey involving Kathy A. Lokko with claim to one (1) lot of land. The land in question is lying and situated in Sinkor- Montserrado County.

This investigative survey will commence on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the precise hour of 10:00am.

All parties concerned are to be present on the date and time of the survey with their technical representatives, their deeds, diagrams and other relevant documents to substantiate their claims.

Surveyor Andrew T. Salay of the Liberia Land Authority will cover parties without their technical representatives.

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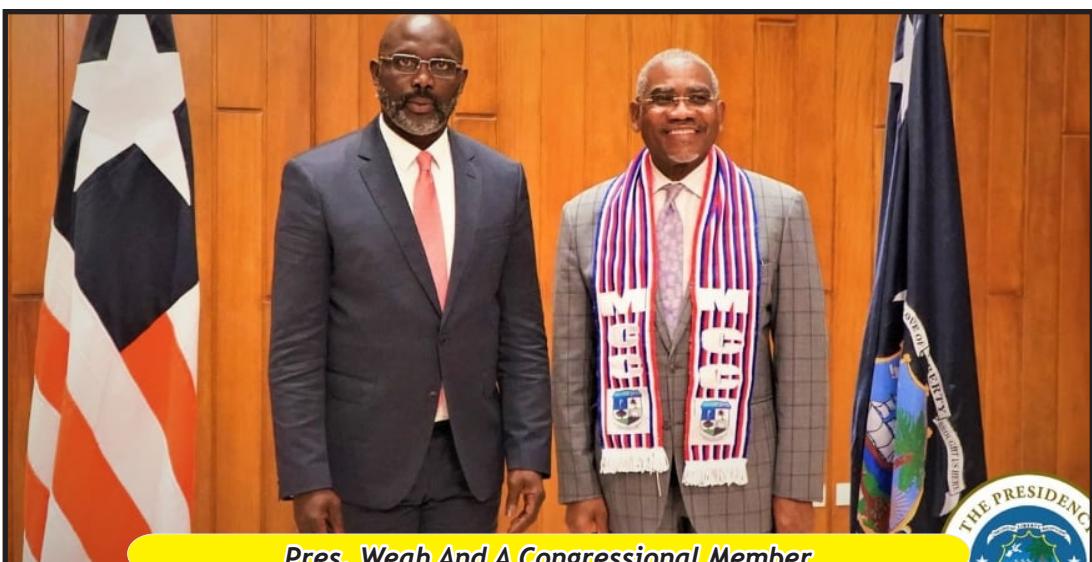
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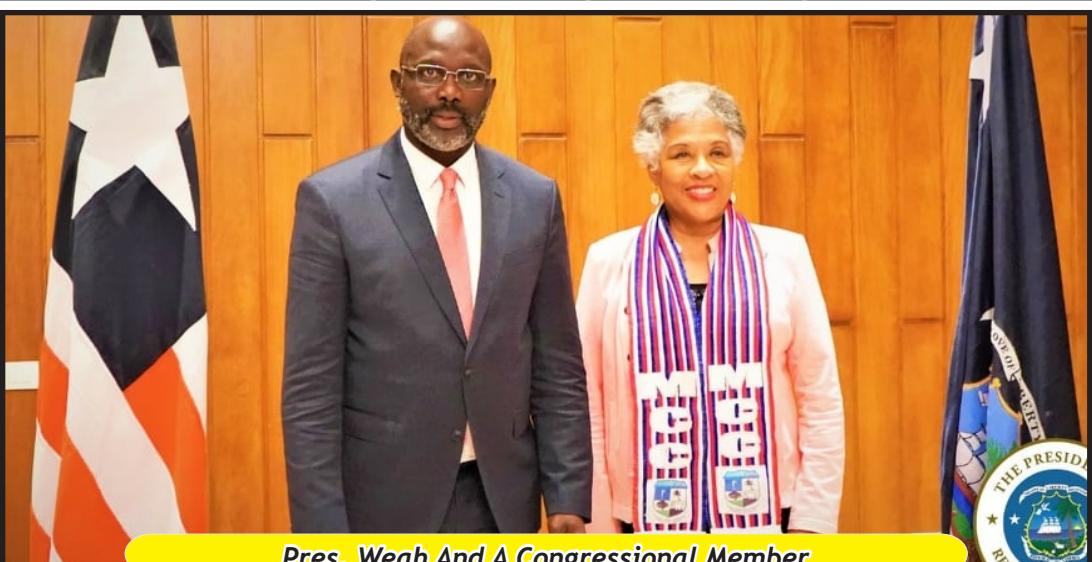
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Pres. Weah posts with Congressional Delegation



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Pres. Weah And A Congressional Member



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A Pictorial View from The Meeting



A Pictorial View from The Meeting



U.S. Amb. Michael McCarthy With a Congressional Member



Pres. Weah Chats With The Guests

Français

La MCC dévoile une plateforme de paiement mobile

Les membres du conseil municipal de Monrovia (MCC) ont dévoilé l'application mobile eWallie comme une nouvelle plate-forme pour la collecte des impôts dans le pays.

La nouvelle application mobile vise à apaiser la tension sur les sociétés qui luttent pour payer leurs impôts, et vise également à

améliorer la transparence dans la collecte des recettes de la municipalité, selon le conseil municipal de Monrovia.

L'eWallie est un moyen de paiement par mobile appartenant à des Libériens et introduit par un entrepreneur libérien. Le maire de Monrovia, Jefferson T. Koijee, a fait cette annonce lors de la célébration de la 43e Journée de Monrovia sur le

thème: "Ranimer le patrimoine de la ville pour la résilience urbaine".

L'événement est observé le 16 février de chaque année par le conseil municipal de Monrovia, conformément aux lois et ordonnances appropriées établissant la ville. Depuis la fin de la guerre civile, la ville s'est fortement appuyée sur les dons de la communauté internationale et des partenaires au

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Le gouvernement met à disposition 50 000 dollars pour rapatrier les Libériens victimes de la traite

Le ministre du Travail Me Charles Gibson a révélé que le gouvernement du Libéria a mis à disposition 50 000 dollars américains pour rapatrier les Libériens qui seraient victimes de la traite vers Chypre, Oman et Dubaï sous prétexte de poursuivre leurs études.

Selon le ministre Gibson, le premier groupe d'étudiantes victimes de la traite comprend trois femmes d'Oman, qui devaient arriver dans le pays au cours du week-end.

Dans une récente interview d'Oman avec la radio méthodiste unie à Monrovia, certaines des filles victimes de la traite ont raconté leur calvaire, déplorant qu'une de leurs camarades ait brisé sa silhouette en raison des traitements durs de leurs hôtes, tandis qu'une autre était en garde à vue pour avoir parlé.

S'exprimant lors du debriefing régulier du ministère de l'Information le jeudi 17 février 2022, le ministre a fait savoir que bon nombre de ces étudiantes qui devraient être rapatriées de

Dubaï, de Chypre et d'Oman sont confrontés à des difficultés aux mains de leurs employeurs et de leurs divers agents qui facilitent leur départ.

Il a expliqué que les étudiants ont tout offert à la fois à leurs écoles et à leurs agents avant de partir d'ici, mais lorsqu'ils sont arrivés à Chypre, il est devenu difficile pour eux de s'inscrire dans les établissements auxquels ils ont postulé.

Il a dit en outre qu'avant de

quitter le Libéria, les étudiants ont été invités par leurs agents à payer la moitié de leurs frais de scolarité ainsi que d'autres frais obligatoires qui leur auraient permis de s'inscrire à leur arrivée.

"Encourager quelqu'un qui a désespérément besoin d'un emploi à aller dans un pays étranger et ensuite le

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Editorial

Le Président Boakai nous a trop déçus

Aucun Libérien patriote n'aurait jamais pensé que l'ancien vice-président Joseph Nyumah Boakai, capitaine de la Collaboration des Partis politiques (CPP), aurait sauté du bateau pendant que ce dernier traverse des eaux troubles, abandonnant les partisans et les sympathisants de la CPP dans un état de désespoir et de négligence.

Beaucoup ont été choqués par le fait que l'ancien vice-président et porte-drapeau du Parti de l'unité, à peine quatre mois après le début de sa présidence de 2 ans à la tête de la CPP, se retire de la coalition alors qu'on s'attendait à ce qu'il conduise la dite coalition aux prochaines élections.

M. Boakai a cité entre autres, les querelles internes incessantes au sein de la CPP sous sa direction qui, selon lui, ont détourné les quatre partis membres de leurs responsabilités envers le peuple libérien. A cela, il faut ajouter la pression de son propre parti.

Un haut responsable du parti a même fait part de son opposition à son geste. L'ancien sénateur John Ballout a décrit la décision de son porte-drapeau comme une erreur émotionnelle et espère que le président Boakai pourra revenir sur sa décision et réunir la Collaboration.

M. Ballout estime que les arguments présentés par son porte-drapeau contredisent clairement les efforts qui visent à unir la CPP, et que M. Boakai n'a fait que cataloguer une pléthora de problèmes mais, il n'a pas apporté de solutions.

Alors, où ce leadership que le leader politique de l'UP veut si désespérément proposer au pays doit-il être testé, s'il est incapable de conduire quatre partis aux élections ?

La sortie de Boakai de la Collaboration a livré la CPP aux mains du parti au pouvoir avant même que la bataille politique ne puisse commencer en 2023.

Un général qui ne parvient pas à mobiliser ses troupes et à prendre en charge ses hommes ne peut pas diriger convenablement. On ne doit par conséquent lui confier la magistrature suprême de l'État.

Dans un premier temps, les dirigeants de la CPP étaient convaincus qu'affronter le président sortant George Manneh Weah aux urnes à 2023 en rangs dispersés serait une peine perdue d'autant plus qu'il serait quasi impossible d'avoir les résultats souhaités, d'où la nécessité de s'unir en un formidable bloc d'opposition.

Maintenant, le président Boakai a jeté la baignoire avec le bébé, tout en dispersant et affaiblissant les partis d'opposition qui doivent pourtant mener une lutte acharnée contre le président Weah, tout en faisant croire aux Libériens qu'il y a encore de l'espoir. Mais comme l'ancien sénateur Ballout, nous aussi ne sommes pas d'accord. L'opposition dispersée ne peut pas donner d'espoir.

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La MCC dévoile une plateforme

développement pour soutenir ses opérations.

Cependant, depuis que le conseil actuel a pris ses fonctions il y a quatre ans, le soutien des partenaires internationaux s'est considérablement érodé, incitant le conseil à rechercher des moyens innovants et durables pour améliorer la collecte des revenus tout en assurant la prestation de services.

Le conseil estime que cela stimulera la collecte des recettes et apportera la transparence dans la gestion des recettes.

Le Maire Kojee: « En nous orientant vers une automatisation complète, nous sommes sur le point d'acquérir un logiciel convivial qui servira de catalyseur pour améliorer la transparence et la productivité pour la croissance municipale. »

Il a déclaré que le service permettrait aux habitants de Monrovia de déclarer en temps réel (paiements

Le gouvernement met à disposition 50 000 dollars

maltraiquer, le molester et lui enlever toute sa fierté au point qu'il devienne rien est un acte criminel», a déploré le ministre Gibson.

Le ministère du Travail a lancé des enquêtes sur deux autres pasteurs qui, selon l'enquête, auraient transféré un groupe de Libériens à Oman depuis leurs églises locales au Libéria.

"On m'a dit que ces pasteurs auraient collecté de l'argent auprès d'individus non identifiés à Oman pour faire le trafic de personnes sous prétexte de les aider à poursuivre leurs études", a-t-il révélé.

Les pasteurs en question n'auraient pas encore été identifiés, à en croire le ministre. Ils auraient trafiqué 35 étudiants du Libéria et qu'il est maintenant de la responsabilité du gouvernement de ramener ces victimes chez eux.

Selon Gibson, le ministère du Travail a fait appel aux services de 10 ONG locales opérant dans les 15 comtés du Libéria pour mener de

pratiques de n'importe où à tout moment), ajoutant "Nous sommes impatients de travailler avec notre partenaire pour moderniser le paiement des impôts via l'application eWallie".

L'eWallie est la première plate-forme de paiement électronique + e-commerce 100% native du Libéria dont l'objectif est de faciliter les paiements pour les personnes de tous horizons. L'application est adaptée et conviviale pour les personnes aisées, éduquées, semi-éduquées et non éduquées.

Le PDG d'eWallie Inc., M. Abdullah L. Kamara, a déclaré que le conseil d'administration d'eWallie est ravi et satisfait de la décision du conseil municipal de Monrovia, promettant d'être un partenaire solide et efficace.

Selon M. Kamara, la plateforme aide à éléver et autonomiser les entreprises, les jeunes et les écoles libériennes.

Il a ajouté que l'application aide également à une bonne gestion financière, comme la micro-épargne et les micro-prêts.

vigoureuses campagnes de sensibilisation dans diverses communautés afin de prévenir les citoyens du risque de devenir la proie des trafiquants.

Par ailleurs, le ministre du travail a également révélé que les pays membres de l'Union du fleuve Mano ont discuté et convenu de convoquer un sommet sous-régional spécial sur la traite des êtres humains à Monrovia, au Libéria.

Il a fait savoir que le sommet vise à obtenir un budget quinquennal qui sera utilisé pour lutter contre la traite des êtres humains au Libéria, en Sierra Leone, en Guinée et en Côte d'Ivoire.

Le ministre Gibson a déclaré qu'il faut 60 millions de dollars américains pour lutter contre le crime dans les quatre pays de l'UFM.

Il a en outre indiqué que l'Organisation internationale pour les migrations et le secrétariat de l'Union du fleuve Mano ont déjà entamé des processus préparatoires du sommet qui sera organisé au Libéria, bien qu'il n'ait pas révélé de date précise.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Hans-Werner Sinn

L'énergie nucléaire verte

MUNICH - Avec sa « taxonomie des activités durables » établie en 2020, l'Union Européenne a trouvé un moyen d'utiliser la Banque centrale européenne pour orienter les marchés financiers en subventionnant directement les dépenses engagées dans des projets d'investissements « verts ». Les responsables politiques, notamment parmi les partis écologistes des pays germanophones, n'ont pas manqué pour applaudir à cette stratégie. Les voilà consternés d'apprendre que la Commission européenne, cédant aux pressions de la France, prévoit désormais l'intégration dans la taxonomie de l'énergie nucléaire.

Les Verts européens d'aujourd'hui, qui se sont autrefois forgés en animant le mouvement antinucléaire, n'auraient pu imaginer que la source d'énergie honnie eût un jour non seulement accédé à la respectabilité, mais fût associée à leur propre étiquette écologiste. Pire humiliation eût été difficile.

Mais considérer l'énergie nucléaire comme une forme d'énergie verte n'est pas seulement question d'idéologie. D'immenses sommes d'argent sont en jeu, car la BCE offrira aux banques des conditions de refinancement particulièrement attractives dès lors qu'elles utiliseront comme nantissement des obligations vertes européennes. La BCE a également fait savoir qu'elle est de plus en plus enclue à acheter massivement des obligations vertes, créant de ce fait une nouvelle hiérarchie des taux d'intérêt au sein des marchés financiers. Dès lors que les objectifs d'investissements favorables à l'environnement bénéficient de taux d'intérêt de plus en plus bas, des parts significatives de l'épargne des Européens - accumulée au fil des générations - sont détournées d'autres secteurs de l'économie vers des projets classés verts.

Du point de vue d'un économiste, c'est assez décoiffant. Nous assistons à une réorientation massive du capital - le facteur de production non humain le plus important dans une économie de marché - sur un mode qui enfreint délibérément le principe de la neutralité de la répartition, l'un des axiomes fondamentaux de la théorie économique.

L'économie des externalités environnementales est simple. Si le but est d'internaliser dans le marché les externalités négatives - objectif louable -, on doit y parvenir en recourant à un mécanisme direct de fixation des prix, comme une taxe carbone ou un système d'échange des quotas d'émissions. En revanche, toucher au taux d'intérêt - c'est-à-dire au prix du capital -, c'est ouvrir la porte à toutes sortes de distorsions coûteuses dans l'allocation de ce capital, car celui-ci, en tant que facteur de production, y compris des entreprises vertes, n'entretient qu'une relation complémentaire très lâche avec la protection de l'environnement. La méthode européenne actuelle s'apparente donc à une politique non ciblée.

Le traité de Maastricht n'autorise pas la BCE à mener une politique économique et environnementale ; les responsables monétaires sont au contraire tenus d'obtenir une autorisation expresse et une extension de leurs attributions, laquelle requiert l'assentiment unanime de tous les pays de l'Union en l'espèce

d'un amendement au traité. Une telle clause aurait dû garantir que le principe de neutralité de la répartition fût maintenu. Mais, comme il arrive si souvent, les responsables politiques de l'UE ont recouru à une habileté juridique pour éviter que le traité ne fût formellement modifié.

Toute inquiétude juridique et économique mise à part quant à la manipulation des taux d'intérêt par la BCE, la perspective de voir l'énergie nucléaire accéder à la classe écologique est une bonne nouvelle, par ailleurs parfaitement justifiée, si l'on considère que les centrales nucléaires n'émettent pas de CO₂. Et si l'on se rapporte à l'agenda climatique en général, les femmes et les hommes politiques des partis écologistes ont commis une lourde erreur en diabolisant l'énergie nucléaire, ce qu'a compris le reste du monde.

Car la grande transition de l'énergie nucléaire vers les sources éoliennes ou solaires ne concerne finalement que l'Allemagne et quelques autres pays, à la suite de divers accidents ayant retenu l'attention des médias. On prévoit à nouveau de construire des centrales nucléaires, et l'on en bâtit aussi, dans le monde entier : cinquante-sept sont en cours de construction, 97 sont en projet et 325 centrales supplémentaires sont à l'étude.

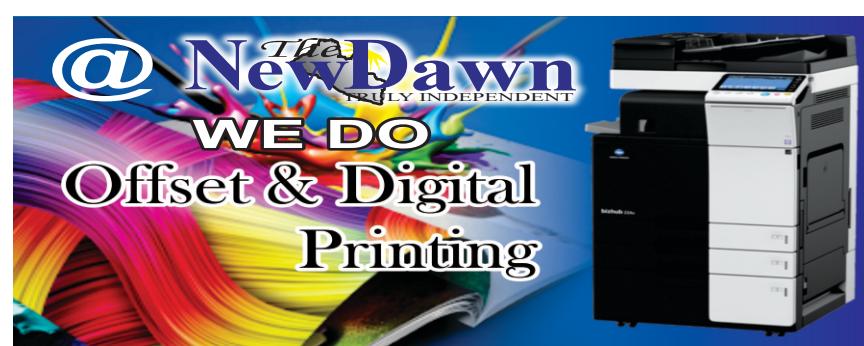
La Suède, qui fut le premier pays à envisager sérieusement de se passer complètement d'énergie nucléaire, après l'accident survenu dans la centrale de Three Mile Island, à Harrisburg, en Pennsylvanie, a maintenu en service presque toutes ses centrales, et a depuis longtemps renoncé à sortir du nucléaire. De même, le Japon, malgré l'accident de Fukushima, en 2011, donne à nouveau la priorité à l'énergie nucléaire, après un examen de sécurité et la modernisation de ses centrales.

Plus prometteuses encore sont les recherches en cours sur de nouveaux types de centrales fonctionnant au thorium ou permettant d'éviter le problème du stockage des déchets grâce à des assemblages de combustibles issus de combustibles usés. Ces nouveaux réacteurs sont intrinsèquement plus sûrs que ceux des anciennes centrales.

Dans le contexte mondial du XXI^e siècle, l'Allemagne est ainsi devenue le conducteur en sens inverse sur l'Autobahn. Il n'est guère étonnant que les Verts soient divisés. La plupart d'entre eux n'ont toujours pas digéré la pilule radioactive, mais certains des membres du parti écologiste, les plus avisés, se réjouissent secrètement que l'énergie nucléaire, qui n'émet pas de CO₂, constitue une solution de remplacement, disponible et bon marché, aux énergies fossiles. Avec sa production ajustable, l'énergie nucléaire est indispensable pour gérer les périodes où un défaut persistant d'ensoleillement ou de vent menace la continuité de l'alimentation en électricité. Et le lus drôle, c'est que les Verts allemands peuvent sauver la face en se contentant de rejeter la responsabilité de cette évolution sur les Français.

Traduit de l'anglais par François Boisivon

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MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Gender Ministry turns over 6 rape compromisers to Police

By Kruah Thompson

Asistant Gender Minister and chief of Anti-Sexual Gender Based Violence RoadMap Madam Maminah Carr Gaye has turned over six suspected rape compromisers to the

involving accused Abraham Peter Alex with a 21-year-old victim.

Speaking to reporters on Friday at the Ministerial Complex in Cong Town, the Assistant Gender boss narrated that after receiving medical report and notification by



Liberia National Police for interrogation.

Minister Gaye says the suspects went at her office with a bribe of US\$1,000.00, asking her to throw out a sodomized/rape case

Journalist Joseph Tumbey, informing the ministry of a 21-year-old girl, who is a residence of Johnsonville town, claiming to have been allegedly sodomized and raped by her aunt's fiancé Abraham Peter

Alex, and the accused subsequently released by police on bond, she immediately contacted the Police for more details.

Minister Gaye continues that after four days of engagement, which started on Tuesday, February 15 to Friday, February 18, 2022, a group of six females claiming to be relatives of the alleged perpetrator appeared at her office with the assurance of offering her US\$1,000.00 to terminate or compromise the case.

"I immediately informed the Liberia National Police and subsequently turned them over for undermining the process, as we are all aware that rape is a national emergency", she says.

Medical Report details that the victim's anus is swollen reddish with bruises from forceful penetration, and her virginal tampered with.

Family of the survivor alarmed that the alleged perpetrator is on the run, but Assistant Minister Gaye assures the public that Police will make him available to face justice. Editing by Jonathan Browne

Missing toddler found dead in Nimba -as reports of ritualistic activities rise there

By Thomas Domah/
Nimba County

A two-year-old old baby, who reportedly went missing last Thursday in Flumpa, electoral district #8, Nimba County has been discovered dead with body parts missing in a bush in Lao Zainpa town, the same district.

The New Dawn gathers that little Faith Gborbain's body was found in a bush about an hour and thirty minutes' walk away from the house where she was alongside her mother and other family members.

Police in Ganta, Nimba County have launched an investigation into the incident.

Speaking to reporters, the father of the deceased said he is currently in Sanniquellie, the provincial city, attending the Nimba County Community College, while her daughter was with her mother and other people in Lao Zainpa town when the incident occurred.

The child's remains were found in a bush between Lao Zainpa and Gbahn in district #8.

There has been an increase of ritualistic practices in Nimba, particularly in districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, respectively that have reportedly caused school-going children to drop out of school

due to insecurity.

Angry residents who called on community radio stations in the county complained about the wave of suspected ritualistic activities in various districts during preparations for elections, which they condemned.

"We send our children to school for the future but some fools will want to kill them because of power", they lamented.



MORE HEADLINE NEWS

UNDP, UN Women, Launch Project on Inclusive Political Participation of Women

United Nations sister agencies, UNDP and UN Women in collaboration with the government of Liberia officially launched a USD2M project titled 'Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence against Women in Politics' by the Peace Building Fund (PBF) on February 10, 2022.

The project was launched to promote women political participation and eliminate violence against women in elections in Liberia. Stakeholders from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MGCSP), Civil

incumbent are up for re-elections," stressed Hon. Brunson.

In Liberia, women constitute 49 percent of the population, according to the 2008 Census. Women occupy only two of the 30 seats at 6.7 percent in the Liberian Senate.

Hon. Brunson cited poor perception of women leadership, lack of access to resources, violence against women in elections and politics, social and cultural norms, and unenforceable legal frameworks as some of the barriers that have fragmented the role of women in politics.

Speaking on behalf of the United Nations in Liberia, UN



Deputy Finance and Development Minister Tanneh Brunson and UN Resident Coordinator Niels Scott

Society Organizations, the National Elections Commission (NEC), Peace Building Fund, the Irish Embassy and the UN System among others, attended the launch event.

Women's participation in politics and electoral processes in Liberia is essential to ensuring that all voices are heard and that all Liberians are represented in governance structures.

Launching the project, Deputy Finance and Development Planning Minister, Hon. Tanneh Brunson, said the initiative is critical to the mandate of the government of Liberia to support the operationalization of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security second action plan that prioritizes women in politics.

"Liberia will be going to elections in 2023 where 15 Senate and 73 House of Representatives' seats will be up for the race. Out of the 73 seats, only nine women

Resident Coordinator, Niels Scott encouraged the government to promote gender empowerment and participation in accordance with SDG5, and SDG16 to sustain the peace.

Mr. Scott noted that one of the best ways to a successful democracy is to encourage equal and inclusive political participation, stressing that the United Nations is very clear about its "2030" Agenda.

"Political exclusion must stop if we have to consider the gains that Liberia has made in its democracy. If this is not done, free and fair elections would only sound good in the headlines of newspapers' articles but the reality is not the case," stressed Mr. Scott.

In the 2020 Special Senatorial Elections, only 17.5 percent of nominated candidates were women, falling far short of the commitments made by political parties. Only one party fulfilled the voluntary quota calling for 30 percent of a party's candidate to be women.

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Liberia on path to recovery

President Weah being presented with a gift by the congressional delegation

The seven-man US Government Congressional Delegation visiting Liberia has lauded President George M. Weah for the progress Liberia has made under his Leadership of the country.

The Head of Delegation, New York Democratic Congressman Gregory Meeks, who is also the US House of

told President Weah.

Presenting gifts of Honor to the President, the US House Foreign relations Committee Chairman Meeks also extolled him for his "hardwork and accomplishments in pushing Liberia forward... in a better direction for all our people".

Also speaking, the Congressional Black Caucus Chairperson, Joyce Beatty, reaffirmed the delegation's support to Liberia, noting that the caucus is completely behind

outlining similarities with the fallout from the US Elections.

Earlier President Weah welcomed the US Congressional Delegation to Liberia and thanked them for the recognition giving the country as it commemorates the Bicentennial.

Weah recalled the strong historical ties between the US and Liberia and urged that both countries continue the engagements.

"We are always willing and



Congressman Meeks with Pres. Weah

Representatives Committee Chairman on Foreign Relations, said Liberia is on the right path to recovery and development after years of war. "We come in recognition of the 200 years of Liberia's existence as you commemorate the Bicentennial and we pledge to work with you to ensure continued progress in the country's development and democracy," Chairman Meeks

Liberia as it celebrates the bicentennial.

For his part, Representative George K. Buterfield of North Carolina admonished President Weah not to be bothered by divisive information as he continues his leadership of the country.

"We know that there are three kinds of negative information: misinformation, disinformation and malinformation" he said, while

ready to work with the US at all levels of government" President Weah said.

The President then provided answers to the questions raised by the members of the Delegation, ranging from the 2023 general and presidential elections, Gender Equality and Participation, Business and investments and Justice for victims of the Liberian civil war.

Complete delay

witness stand for the full trial to be declared a hostile witness.

Cummings' lead lawyer Cllr. Abraham B. Sillah said all the applications made by the prosecution are not substantive and they lack legal standing and basis.

He noted that the prosecution's applications are intended to delay the trial.

Cllr. Sillah claimed that because prosecution lawyers'

request is outside the law, they are demanding a subpoena witness who is only ordered to produce documents to become his own witness and testify against himself.

"The application is strange because the witnesses that appeared are subpoenaed witnesses, and the application made by the State is for the defendants to appear and produce two copies of the original signed framework document of the four opposition

Collaborating Political Parties which was signed May 19, 2020."

He stated that Subpoena Duces Tecum requires that a person produces documents and does not testify.

Meanwhile, the Magistrate at the Monrovia City Court, Jomah Jallah on Monday, 21 February reserved ruling in the motion filed by prosecution lawyer asking the court to declare Cummings a hostile witness.

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Nyonblee, Dillon risk expulsion

Embattled Chairman of the Liberty Party, Musa Hassan Bility has threatened to expel Senators Nyonblee Kangar-Lawrence, Abraham Darius Dillon and other delinquent officials next month if they fail to meet up with their obligation with the party.

Bility's warning comes weeks after the Monrovia City Court threw out the allegation of forgery brought against him and his Secretary General Martin Kollah by two members of the party.

The embattled LP chair told newsmen at the grounds of the Temple of Justice on Monday that the officials were given grace periods up to March 2022, to settle their financial obligations or be expelled with immediate effect for their disobedience and disrespect to law and norms.

At least 16 party officials of

officials to settle their financial disabilities but they risk expulsion from the party if they failed to meet up with their obligation.

He, however, noted that the party decided to extend the grace period of Kangar-Lawrence and Dillon to enable them have enough space and time to settle their due payment but could be expelled if they fail to do so after the March deadline.

"I am giving them from now to March to meet up with their obligation and if they fail to do so, they will be expelled from the party. Meet their obligation is the law and we cannot negotiate the law because the law is the law and they should do what is right in the sight law.

For peace that you bare asking me about, the only thing in the interest of the party is the law not individual and they have to go back to the law and



LP Embattled Chair Bility

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the Liberty Party (LP), including Political Leader Senators Karngar Lawrence, Dillon, and Steve Zargo were suspended from the party in December for defaulting on their dues payment.

The rest included Representatives Johnathan Kaipay, Hans Barchue, Mr. Prince Toles, vice chair for Mobilization, Mr. Augustine Fredericks, vice chair for Inter-Party & NEC Affairs, 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. Karnga-Lawrence, the LP

noted that its political 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.

However, Bility said though a grace period had been awarded to the suspended

make sure that the right thing is done. We are not begging them but just telling them because they have from now to March or else they will be expelled from the party," Bility said.

He also mentioned the recent decision taken by the National Elections Commission (NEC) to recognize the Liberty Party's 2021 constitution and his leadership as legitimate, saying he extolled the decision of the NEC to rule in his favor declaring the LP's constitution of 2021 as the legitimate document.

"Senator Nyonblee Kangar-Lawrence and Dillon are always on the wrong side and they have never won, therefore, nobody should feel sorry for them because the law has rules. We will make sure that we make this party a great place for all," said Bility.

He indicated that the Liberty Party will be about institution instead of individuals. He also vowed to correct the wrong in the party and to make sure that its agenda for development is expressed everywhere and the people have confidence in the party and its leadership.

Complete delay tactics

-Cummings lawyers term subpoena



ANC Cummings

By Lincoln G. Peters

Alternative National Congress (ANC) political leader Mr. Alexander B. Cummings' lawyers say prosecution's request for the court to declare their client a hostile witness is a complete delay tactic to prolong the case due to lack of evidence.

Mr. Cummings is on trial for criminal charges based on accusations by his fellow opposition leader Mr. Benoni Urey and the All Liberian

Party (ALP) that the accused and his ANC party allegedly tampered with the framework agreement of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) and attached his (Urey's) signature to a photocopy version.

The CPP, which has already broken apart, was once made up of the ALP, ANC, the former ruling Unity Party (UP) and the Liberty Party (LP).

Both UP and ALP have announced their withdrawal from the CPP, and LP is also divided into two factions, one

aligning with Mr. Cummings and his ANC, while another LP faction remains loyal to Grand Bassa County Senator Nyonblee Karnga - Lawrence.

Mr. Cummings has denied there exists any original CPP framework agreement other than what his accusers claim is a photocopy version and has instead challenged them to produce the original.

He faces charges of forgery and criminal conspiracy. But his lawyers said the prosecutors headed by Liberia's Solicitor General Cllr. Saymah Syrenius Cephus are just trying to fish for evidence that does not exist.

His legal team contend that were the court to agree to declare Cummings a hostile witness, it would mean he is a general witness, something they said is a strange practice in this jurisdiction.

The defense argued that Cummings was only responding to a subpoena, and he was not yet on the

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