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Continental News

Media Watchdog Wants Zimbabwe Government to Ensure Peace During Coming Elections

The Media Institute for Southern Africa is calling on the Zimbabwe government to ensure peace ahead of March 26 elections, following opposition rallies that have been marred by violence claiming two lives and leaving dozens injured. Journalists also have lost valuable equipment during the melees.

Tabani Moyo, director of the Media Institute for Southern Africa, said in an interview that his

organization is "deeply worried" by violence at Zimbabwe's opposition campaign rallies.

"We therefore urge the police to enforce the law and ensure that perpetrators of violations against the journalists are brought to book. Secondly, we call upon politicians to desist from inciting their supporters or making inflammatory statements that risk putting journalists on the line of fire. This exposes journalists to possible harm from their supporters. By the same call, we call upon journalists to desist

from taking part in political processes if they are still to practice their craft," he said.

Zimbabwe is to hold by-elections March 26 to fill parliamentary and local authority seats that have become vacant since the country's 2018 general elections.

Thandiwe Garusa is a freelance journalist who lost her phone and other equipment she was using to stream the opposition Citizens Coalition for Change rally about 300 kilometers southwest of Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, last week live.

"It's also the phone I was using for pictures and stories, now that has affected my work because I can't do that anymore," she said. "I no longer have a phone with good picture quality, the phone I am using right now is a 2016 model, it can't even install some applications that I need to use like photoshop, I can't even use Word, it doesn't have a good battery and replacing the phone is now a challenge because I don't have the money."

Police arrested 16

suspected ruling ZANU-PF supporters who are accused of causing the violence and who now face murder charges in connection with the deaths at the rally.

Ndabaningi Nick Mangwana is the Zimbabwe information ministry permanent secretary.

"Investigations are already in place, there is a wanted man, there are people in custody, he said. "What happens in

situations where a crime has been committed? There is commitment from law enforcement agents to enforce the law and that's exactly what is happening."

Zimbabwe's pre-election season has been marred by violence that has claimed lives and left thousands injured since 2000 after a strong opposition party emerged. VOA

Ethiopia mourns death of peace-making patriarch



Ethiopian Orthodox church leaders are called abune - meaning patriarch

The fourth patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, his holiness Abune Merkorios, has passed away after several weeks of hospital treatment for an unspecified medical condition.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said he was "deeply saddened to hear the passing away of his holiness" who he said "played a vital role in the reunification of the two synods. It's an immense loss to the country."

The mayor of Addis Ababa also expressed her condolences.

Patriarch Merkorios was ordained in the late 1980s during the Marxist Derg regime, then forced to abdicate after the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) overthrew the Derg in 1991, which resulted in

the church splitting.

His followers objected, saying the role of the patriarch was held for life. Abune Merkorios escaped to the US, where a rival synod was established.

He came back from his 27-year exile in 2018 after Prime Minister Abiy persuaded him to reconcile with the rival faction of the church.

Following the exile of Patriarch Merkorios, Patriarch Paulos was elected in 1992. When he passed away in 2012, Patriarch Mathias was elected to replace him.

After the reunification, the Ethiopian Orthodox church had two patriarchs.

Patriarch Merkorios was responsible for the spiritual aspect of the church, while Patriarch Mathias was in charge of the day-to-day affairs. BBC

Freeman Mbowe: Tanzania's opposition leader finally released

Tanzania's main opposition leader Freeman Mbowe has been released after spending more than seven months in custody on terrorism charges.

His supporters said the case was a politically motivated move to crush dissent in the country.

His release is seen as a sign that the government could be about to allow the opposition to operate more freely, analysts say.

The prosecution did not explain why it had decided to drop the charges.

The BBC's Aboubakar Famau in Tanzania says that hundreds of people cheered outside the court when the decision was announced.

The US ambassador to Tanzania, Donald Wright, welcomed Mr Mbowe's release and tweeted that this was "a welcome opportunity for Tanzania to turn the page and focus on the future".

Mr Mbowe's defence lawyer, Peter Kibatala, welcomed his client's release as a "huge victory" adding that "no stone was left unturned".

Mr Mbowe, 60, is the chairman of Chadema, one of Tanzania's main opposition parties. He had been a staunch opponent of the late President John Magufuli, who was nicknamed the bulldozer and accused of cracking down on dissent.

When President Samia Hassan took power a year ago after Magufuli died, it was hoped that she would break from her predecessor's authoritarian approach, but Mr Mbowe's arrest seemed to dash those hopes.

Mr Mbowe and other senior Chadema figures were arrested in July 2021 in a night raid in Mwanza, ahead of a public rally to demand constitutional reforms.

His arrest came at a time of heightened tension after Chadema had launched a nationwide campaign for a



Freeman Mbowe was arrested in a night raid ahead of a public rally in July 2021

constitutional review, a demand that the president said was not her priority. She on several occasions stressed that her priority was fixing the economy.

However, his release could suggest President Samia is seeking to reconcile with the opposition.

In February, while attending the EU-Africa summit, she met

another leading Chadema figure, Tundu Lissu. He has been living in exile since he survived an assassination attempt in 2017 in the capital Dodoma.

He was an MP and Chadema's presidential candidate in 2020, when he returned to the country to campaign. He left again shortly afterwards, complaining of widespread fraud after Magufuli was declared the winner. BBC

EDITORIAL

Nimba people deserve better

Senator Prince Johnson continues to hold the people of Nimba hostage for his selfish political interests, consistently denying them of opportunity to make independent choices at the ballot box.

He had repeatedly presented himself to his kinsmen as their liberator, for killing President Samuel Kanyon Doe and therefore, he is the only messiah that they should hail! No one else.

The Doe regime had hunted the Nimba people and PYJ prides himself as liberator of his kinsmen, a position that he uses during elections to get their votes.

Using strategy such as threat of the people of Nimba being left vulnerable if they do not re-elect him, PYJ has stayed in the Liberian Senate for the past 18 years and wants to get another nine years to become the longest serving senator in the history of Liberia, at the expense of participatory democracy.

He even goes to the extent of taking candidates for the presidency to Nimba, lifting their hands and telling citizens to vote his choice in return for development that never comes or promises of jobs that are never fulfilled.

As a result, a silent disenchantment is brewing among the people of Nimba against this self-imposed "god-father" and "liberator" that has become a demigod in their lives.

Last year, group of Nimba youth from the county voiced their frustrations publicly for being kept in hostage by Senator Johnson with campaign promises that are yet to be fulfilled.

They want to come out of such deceptive influence and be allowed to think for themselves other than having a greedy politician controlling their thoughts for selfish motives.

Senator PYJ's 18 years at the Senate has produced nothing but divisive politics in Nimba, leaving the vote-rich county divided on tribal lines. This should not continue for any longer, and citizens are standing up.

We encourage such resilience from the people of Nimba to restore competitive democratic elections in the county than being constantly under the deceptive influence of one man who thinks he has monopoly over leadership.

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COMMENTARY

By Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze

What Ukraine Needs

KYIV - Although Ukraine's armed forces are outnumbered by those of Russian President Vladimir Putin invading our country, we take heart from the growing support we are receiving from friends abroad. Nobody should forget that this is not just an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine; it is an assault on the free world.

Putin has been at war with the free world for decades. He has ordered the assassination of Russian exiles on foreign soil, in democratic countries such as the United Kingdom. He has interfered in democratic elections, both in the United States and across Europe. He and his cronies have looted Russia and laundered the cash abroad. He has propagated disinformation worldwide, and crushed dissent at home. In 2008, he sent Russian forces into Georgia, where they continue to occupy large swaths of that country. And most recently, he has occupied Belarus - now a launchpad for his war on Ukraine.

In Ukraine, Putin's forces have exhibited appalling cruelty, bombing apartment blocks, hospitals, schools, and other essential civilian infrastructure that is critical to urban civilian life. The bombing of Freedom Square in Kharkiv and the use of cluster munitions in cities are unambiguous examples of war crimes. Russian troops are committing acts of genocide against the Ukrainian people.

Because Putin's troops have overrun sensitive sites containing radioactive material in Chernobyl and Kyiv, the threat of nuclear catastrophe is also already upon us. His decision last weekend to place Russia's tactical nuclear forces on high alert is another sign that he has no limits.

The longer Putin's assault on Ukraine continues, the greater the likelihood that other countries will need to step in more forcefully. It is no secret that Putin's objective extends beyond Ukraine. He wants a return to the 1945 Yalta Conference, when world leaders carved up post-World War II Europe according to Western and Soviet spheres of influence. Just last week, the Kremlin spokesman issued direct threats against Sweden and Finland - two countries that, like Ukraine, are European but not members of NATO.

The free world has begun to wake up to the magnitude of the threat Putin

poses. For too long, the global response amounted to too little, too late. But by barring several Russian banks from the SWIFT financial messaging system, freezing a significant share of Russia's foreign-exchange holdings, and supplying us with advanced military hardware, the free world is helping Ukraine drive Putin back.

We are grateful to Poland and other Western neighbors for doing all they can to accommodate Ukrainian refugees - though we now understand that Russia is deploying paratroopers to terrorize these people and to close our western borders.

To resist Russia and save Ukraine, we need more help immediately. For starters, we urge Western powers to enforce a no-fly zone over Ukraine to prevent the continued aerial

bombardment of civilian population centers. Second, other countries must impose an oil and gas embargo on Russia, to cut off its primary revenue source. Third, governments should expel Russian diplomats, deny Russia landing rights, and ban all Russian media channels. And, finally, we are calling for a revocation of Russia's veto at the United Nations Security Council, followed by a special war-crimes tribunal to prosecute Putin and other culpable officials for the crimes against humanity that have become a staple of Russian policy in Ukraine.

Putin's terrorist army may inflict horrific damage on our cities, but it will never take control of Kyiv, our Ukraine's capital and spiritual home. He can try to erase our city from the map with bombardments, but we will never capitulate.

As I sit here on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukrainian politicians of all stripes have rallied together with civil-society leaders and foreign parliamentarians to counter Putin's outrageous attack on our country.

While our brave armed forces and citizens are resisting Putin's criminal invasion in the cities and forests of Ukraine, we will continue doing what we can to defend ourselves. We know that we have truth and freedom on our side. All free countries must know that the fight Putin has forced upon us is not ours alone.

Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze is Chair of Ukraine's Parliamentary Committee on Integration of Ukraine to the EU.





VA-669-22-00005

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SOLICITATION NO:** VA-669-22-00005
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** March 2, 2022
3. **CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** March 16, 2022, 11:59 pm Local Time, Monrovia, Liberia
4. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
5. **POSITION TITLE:** Chief Accountant
6. **MARKET VALUE:** USD \$51,630 - \$82,612 **FSN-12**
In accordance with **AIDAR Appendix J** and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value. Note that all U.S. Embassy Locally Employed Staff are expected to observe and fulfill all tax obligations imposed by the Government of Liberia and you will be required to provide a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) before employment.
7. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** This contract will be for up to five years depending on programmatic needs, funding availability, and satisfactory performance. This is considered a permanent position and employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
8. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia.
9. **ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
10. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility and computer access.

II. STATEMENT OF DUTIES**1. Basic Function of Position**

The position is located at the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and serves as the Chief Accountant, one of two principal Foreign Service National (FSN) staff members. The Chief Accountant reports to the USDH Controller and/or Deputy Controller and is responsible for providing expert advice on project financing, budgeting, and the

coordination and preparation of budgets and all report submissions. The incumbent is also responsible for the overall management and oversight of the operating expense and program accounting, program/project budgets, and voucher processing. The incumbent provides direct professional financial and technical advice, support to technical offices, and analyses and advice on all financial aspects of the design, implementation, and evaluation of USAID/Liberia development assistance projects. The Chief Accountant is directly responsible for the development and supervision of accounting and voucher examiner staff.

2. Major Duties and Responsibilities**a. Financial Management and Oversight (50% of Time)**

- Serves as the principal manager for the daily operations of all financial management systems, practices, procedures, and applicable problems and is responsible for planning, directing, and administering a comprehensive accounting, payment, reporting, and budgeting system designed to provide senior Mission management with timely financial information for making operating decisions.
- Develops and establishes financial management systems, practices, and procedures applicable to program implementation and operating expenses.
- Plans and directs the maintenance of comprehensive accounting systems, coordinating the preparation of program assistance and operating expense budgets.
- Assures that obligations, reservations, earmarks, and commitments are approved from the standpoint of available funds through pre-validation techniques suitable to the needs of the program and providing clearance on documents, as required.
- Participates in the planning, installation, and maintenance of an adequate system of internal control for the processing, accounting and reporting of all USAID's obligation and liquidation actions.
- Performs disbursement reconciliation of accounts with those of the U.S. Disbursing Office, Treasury, and conducts accurate and timely quarterly accruals and 1311 reviews, making recommendations where applicable.
- Oversees and coordinates the activities of the accounting, voucher payment process, payroll, and maintains reporting systems of accounting and payment activities, ensuring that the operations run smoothly.
- Coordinates the installation, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the Mission's Phoenix, Intra-governmental Payment And Collection (IPAC), and other financial management systems as well as ensures the smooth financial operations for USAID/Cambodia in the Agency's procurement system, Global Acquisition and Assistance System (GLAAS).
- Provides on-the-job training to OFM FSN employees on all accounting and voucher examination/payments.

b. Analysis and Reporting (30% of Time)

- Assists Technical Offices with the development of improved financial management systems and procedures at project implementation units, with views towards better control and monitoring over projects.
- Provides advice to the Technical Offices and senior management on all issues that directly and indirectly have a financial impact on the Mission.
- Responsible for the preparation, tracking and reporting of the monthly mission program OYB matrix and plays a key role in liaising with the Mission Director, Program Officer and technical office team leaders on the management of the OYB and handling all queries with Washington on all OYB matrix related issues.
- Coordinates quarterly reporting which includes tracking and management of all OE assets and accounts receivable enabling Washington to issue consolidated financial statements.
- Assures that financing and reporting procedures, which conform with USAID's financial and program reporting systems and with the requirements and limitations of U.S. government and cooperating country laws and regulations, are fully considered and set forth in grant projects and contract agreements.
- Formulates and prepares the operating expense budgets and analyzes proposed additional funding and existing obligation pipelines and provides cost factors needed for budget formulation estimates.
- Assures effective management and funds controls are applied over operating expenses and program funds allowed for the current fiscal year.
- Responsible for all management, tracking and spending of representational funds and ensures that these funds are properly accounted for according to applicable guidelines and regulations.
- Prepares financial accounting, reporting, and budget control policies; verifies accuracy of financial data and appropriate action regarding accounts receivable; responds to all inquiries and resolves all financial problems; and controls all mission financial and accounting documentation and records.
- Manages and supervises the quarterly reporting of project and OE accruals. Provides technical assistance as needed to technical offices in development of accrual estimates for various development assistance activities.
- Works with the Executive Office on all ICASS-related issues and performs detailed analysis of ICASS invoices to assure conformance with the budget.

c. Other Financial Management Operations (20% of Time)

- Assists in the coordination and implementation of the Mission's annual Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) assessment of risks and development of control techniques, review of management controls and ensures compliance with reporting requirements.
- Evaluates the Office of Financial Management's administrative and operating procedures, as requested. Based on such evaluations, makes recommendations as deemed appropriate which would improve the accounting and administrative systems and controls and assists in the implementation of any recommendations resulting from such evaluation as approved by the Controller.

3. Supervision

- **Supervision controls:** Overall general supervision is provided by the Controller and/or Deputy Controller. Guidance provided is normally limited to interpretations of policies and the setting of work priorities. The incumbent's supervisor may from time to time make special assignments and provide advice on unusual situations, but day-to-day tasks are

normally accomplished without technical review. Incumbent principally performs duties with little or no direct supervision.

- **Supervisory Relationship:** Directly supervises FSN professional and technical OFM staff members: Currently up to (2) FSN-10 Accountants, (2) FSN-8 Voucher Examiner and (1) FSN -6 Document Control Clerk.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. **Education:** A university degree in Accounting, Finance or Business Administration is required.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** A minimum for 5 years of progressively responsible experience in accounting, auditing, budgeting, or financial management is required, of which at least 3 years should be in the accounting/vouchering areas.
3. **Work/Residency Permits:** Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
4. **Language Proficiency:** Level IV English [Fluent].

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1: Prior work experience

Progressively responsible experience in professional accounting, auditing, budgeting, or financial management, including vouchering in a substantial not-for-profit, governmental or business organization.

FACTOR #2: Job knowledge

Thorough knowledge of accounting principles and procedures. General knowledge of USAID business - its goals and objectives, applicable laws, regulations, and procedures associated with USAID financial management is preferred. Familiarity with Liberian business practices and commercial accounting systems is preferred.

FACTOR #3: Skills and abilities

Ability to analyze data, narrative reports, and effectively communicate to various stakeholders' pertinent information.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factors	60 points
Factor #1	20 points
Factor #2	20 points
Factor #3	20 points

Interview Performance 40 points

Interview questions will provide the candidate the ability to:

- Respond in a clear and concise manner to a series of questions about your experience, skills, goals, and other areas.
- Respond to different scenarios, clearly stating your proposed solution.

Total Possible Points 100 points

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-22-00005 - Chief Accountant LiberiaHR@usaid.gov**

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents, or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references with telephone and email contacts, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past

performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.

3. A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factors.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. At the time of applications, candidates must also meet in full the work experience requirement. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

McGill presents Weah's donated motorbikes to Nimba traditional leaders



McGill delivered speech at Dolokeleh Gboveh High School in Gbarngar, Bong County



Français

Affaire Cummings: Le parquet brandit des publications sur Facebook comme éléments de preuve

Pour prouver que le document-cadre de la Collaboration des partis politiques (CPP) a été modifié par le Congrès national alternatif (ANC) de Monsieur Alexander Cummings, le parquet a présenté des copies de photos publiées sur Facebook et sur des forums de discussion comme preuves.

Le président du Parti libérien (ALP), M. Theodore Momo, le premier témoin de l'État, a dit que le leader politique de l'ANC, M. Alexander B. Cummings, aurait admis avoir modifié l'accord-cadre de la CPP et également falsifié les signatures de ses camarades dirigeants de la plateforme de l'opposition.

Il a déclaré le jeudi 3 mars 2022 que M. Cummings avait

admis dans une publication sur Facebook et dans leur Chat Room que lui et l'ANC avaient modifié l'accord-cadre de la CPP.

M. Cummings est jugé suite à une plainte de M. Benoni Urey du All Liberian Party, qui l'accuse d'avoir altéré illégalement l'accord-cadre de l'alliance des

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Éditorial

Nous condamnons la violence faite aux femmes et dénonçons l'acte cruel du ministre Isaac Doe

La nouvelle selon laquelle le sous-ministre chargé du développement de la jeunesse au ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, Isaac Doe, a brutalement agressé une femme qui serait sa petite amie le week-end dernier est ignoble et très décevante. Comme il est dégoûtant qu'un haut fonctionnaire de l'administration Weah aille jusqu'à déshonorer la femme en public!

Cet acte grossier du chroniqueur contredit clairement le personnage qu'il incarne dans la célèbre émission intitulée Spontalk, en tant qu'ardent partisan et promoteur des bonnes manières, de la bonne gouvernance et du respect de la dignité humaine, en particulier des femmes.

Selon une publication de Frontpageafrica, le PDG de Spoon Communication, Stanton Whitterspoon, a, avec effet immédiat, suspendu M. Isaac Doe de l'émission en direct, dans l'attente d'une enquête approfondie sur l'affaire.

Cependant, le gouvernement de Monrovia semble être manifestement silencieux sur la question, à l'exception du patron immédiat du ministre Doe, le ministre Zeogar Wilson, qui aurait reconnu l'incident, mais a révélé que les appels passés à Doe sont restés sans réponse. M. Wilson aurait également dit qu'aucune plainte officielle n'a été déposée contre son adjoint Doe. Il a toutefois condamné l'acte.

Le gouvernement dirigé par le CDC est un gouvernement intéressant. Il crie et condamne un péché en public et tente d'en cacher un autre, comme cela a été le cas en janvier quand un livre co-écrit par M. Isaac Vah Tukpa, l'ancien chef de cabinet du leader politique du Congrès national alternatif, M. Alexander B. Cummings, contenant des commentaires sexuellement explicites contre la Première Dame Clare Marie Weah et les femmes libériennes, a été publié. M. Cummings lui-même a condamné cela en public et s'est immédiatement séparé de Tukpa.

La ministre du Genre, Willimena Saydee Tarr, a immédiatement pris les ondes et a rallié les femmes pour condamner et protester contre l'auteur, tandis que l'assistant spécial du président Weah, Sekou Dareme et d'autres ont appelé à des poursuites.

Le livre est une agression écrite contre la première famille et les femmes du Libéria en général, mais l'incident impliquant le sous-ministre Isaac Doe est une attaque physique contre une femme qui laisse des ecchymoses. Depuis la publication du journal le lundi 28 février 2022, le gouvernement n'a pas encore fait de commentaire officiel contre le ministre pour avoir ridiculisé son bureau en agressant publiquement une femme sans aucun remords.

La situation impliquant le ministre Doe n'aurait pas attiré autant l'attention du public s'il n'avait pas été un fonctionnaire du gouvernement, qui devrait donner le bon exemple. Nous nous demandons quel message envoie-t-il à ses enfants, s'il en a, et aux enfants du Libéria en battant et en infligeant des ecchymoses à une femme qui est censée être sa petite amie ?

Nous appelons le ministère du Genre, les groupes de femmes tels que l'Association des femmes avocates du Libéria et tous ceux qui s'opposent à la violence sexuelle et sexiste à condamner l'acte et à traduire en justice le ministre Isaac Doe pour avoir agressé physiquement une femme. En outre, il devrait être suspendu immédiatement, dans l'attente d'une enquête complète pour que cela serve de mesure de dissuasion.

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Les problèmes de la compagnie d'électricité seraient plus compliqués qu'on le croit

Le président du conseil d'administration de la Compagnie Électricité du Libéria (LEC), M. Monie Captan, a mis en exergue plusieurs facteurs responsables de l'incapacité de l'entreprise de procéder à la connexion de plusieurs foyer au courant électrique.

Monie Captan a cité entre autres le manque de logistique et d'investissements.

S'exprimant devant la

plénière du Sénat libérien le jeudi 3 mars 2022, M. Captan a dit que la compagnie d'électricité du Libéria est confrontée à plusieurs problèmes très compliqués. Il s'en serait rendu compte dès qu'il a pris la présidence du conseil d'administration de la LEC il y a six mois.

Selon lui, l'État du Libéria est le seul actionnaire de la société, et par conséquent, il y a peu d'investissements. « Si nous avions plusieurs actionnaires, il y aurait plus d'investissements

dans l'entreprise », a-t-il dit.

A en croire M. Captan, la LEC ne dispose que de très peu de camionnettes, ce qui l'empêche de mener à bien ses opérations. L'entreprise a ainsi du mal à intervenir très rapidement lorsqu'on a besoin d'elle.

En outre, le président du conseil d'administration de la LEC a révélé que l'État du Libéria doit 9,6 millions de dollars au pool énergétique ouest-africain. La société, selon lui, n'a payé qu'un million de dollars. Il reste 8,6 millions de dollars.

A en croire M. Captan, cette dette a été accumulée pendant l'administration de l'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf.

Il a expliqué que le courant a été mis en marche lorsque l'ancienne présidente a entamé une tournée dans le sud-est. Depuis ce jour-là, le courant ne s'est pas éteint. C'est ce qui explique l'accumulation d'une dette de près de 10 millions de dollars américains.

C'est depuis ce jour-là que les habitants du Maryland, de



M. Monie Captan

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Français

Affaire Cummings: Le parquet

principaux partis politiques de l'opposition et falsifié les signatures des autres cadres de la coalition.

L'accusé Cummings est un cadre de la CPP, une plateforme de l'opposition, qui s'est déjà effondré à la suite d'une lutte interne prolongée.

La CPP était autrefois

composée des quatre principaux partis politiques de l'opposition dont l'ALP (All Liberians Party), ANC (Alternative National Congress), UP (Unity Party) et LP (Liberty Party).

L'UP et l'ALP ont annoncé leur retrait de la CPP. Le LP n'a pas clarifié sa position en raison de ses propres querelles internes qui l'adivisé en deux factions.

Les problèmes de la compagnie

Grand Gedeh et d'une partie des comtés de Nimba sont connectés au courant du West African Power Pool.

Malheureusement, ajoute-t-il, aucun mécanisme de gestion n'avait été mis en place au cours du régime de l'ancienne présidente Sirleaf.

Il conseille ainsi que le Libéria investisse davantage dans sa propre électricité afin que chaque fois qu'il y a un problème avec la Côte d'Ivoire, le Libéria soit prêt à intervenir.

Quant au Dr Lawrence D. Sekajipo, directeur général de Liberia Electricity Regulatory Cooperation (LERC), il a appelé à la décentralisation du service clientèle de la LEC et à la privatisation du secteur de l'investissement.

Mais, la sénatrice Zoe Pennue du comté de Grand Gedeh a posé la question de savoir pourquoi l'État du Libéria doit 9,6 millions de dollars à la Côte d'Ivoire

lorsque les habitants des comtés de Grand Gedeh et du Maryland paient leurs factures.

En réponse, le PDG de la LEC a déclaré que l'argent que les deux comtés paient est si insignifiant qu'il ne peut couvrir les coûts opérationnels.

Pour sa part, le sénateur du comté de Nimba, Jeremiah Koung, a déclaré que le manque de courant affecte l'économie.

Le sénateur Jonathan Boycharles Sogbie du comté de River Gee a pour sa part dénoncé le fait que son comté ne bénéficie pas de l'électricité, comme si ce comté n'était pas un comté du Libéria.

« Comment voulez-vous que les sénateurs de River Gee contribuent à la discussion actuelle ou aient un impact concernant l'argent qui devrait être donné à l'entreprise pour payer la dette alors que mon comté et d'autres comtés du sud-est n'ont pas de courant électrique. Nous n'avons même pas une seule ampoule dans notre comté », a-t-il déclaré.

Au Mali, deuxième jour de deuil national après l'attaque d'un camp de l'armée

Deuxième jour de deuil national au Mali ce dimanche 6 mars, après l'attaque jihadiste de vendredi contre un camp militaire de l'armée malienne situé dans le centre du pays, à Mondoro. Les drapeaux sont en berne sur les bâtiments publics. Un élan de solidarité s'est créé autour de l'armée malienne qui a perdu des hommes.

Les ressortissants de Mondoro résidant à Bamako organisent en principe ce dimanche une réunion. L'objectif, témoigner du soutien aux populations de cette localité du centre du Mali, mais également soutenir l'armée nationale.

Messages de soutien

Après l'attaque jihadiste du vendredi 4 mars, des messages de soutien à l'armée émanent également de partis politiques locaux,

comme l'Alliance pour la Démocratie au Mali (Adéma) ou encore le Parti pour la Renaissance nationale (Paréna).

Sur le terrain, le calme est revenu. L'armée malienne contrôle à nouveau le camp de Mondoro, mais il est difficile pour les journalistes d'avoir plus de détails. Joindre par téléphone les habitants de la localité dont le camp a été attaqué reste compliqué.

Une attaque « complexe »

Le bilan provisoire, de source officielle, rapporte que 47 jihadistes et 27 militaires ont été tués. Trente-trois militaires ont été blessés, dont 21 gravement. Ces derniers ont été transportés vers un hôpital du centre du Mali pour recevoir des soins d'urgence.

Ce dimanche, l'armée malienne pourrait rendre public un nouveau bilan de l'attaque qu'elle qualifie de « complexe », avec l'utilisation par les assaillants de véhicules piégés.

COMMENTAIRE

par Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze

Le combat de l'Ukraine est celui de tous les pays libres

KIEV - Bien que l'armée ukrainienne soit très inférieure en nombre à celle du président Poutine qui envahit notre pays, le soutien grandissant des amis de l'étranger nous est d'un grand réconfort. Personne ne doit oublier qu'il ne s'agit pas simplement de l'invasion de l'Ukraine sans provocation de cette dernière, mais d'une attaque contre le monde libre.

Depuis des décennies Poutine est en guerre contre le monde libre. Il a ordonné l'assassinat de russes exilés dans des pays démocratiques comme le Royaume-Uni. Il a interféré dans des élections démocratiques aux USA et à travers l'Europe. Avec ses affidés, il a pillé son pays et blanchi l'argent à l'étranger. Il désinforme partout dans le monde et écrase la dissidence à l'intérieur des frontières russes. En 2008, il a envoyé les forces russes en Géorgie où elles continuent à occuper une partie importante du territoire. Plus récemment, il a occupé la Biélorussie qui lui sert maintenant de base pour sa guerre en Ukraine.

En Ukraine, les forces de Poutine font preuve d'une cruauté effroyable, bombardant des immeubles d'habitation, des hôpitaux, des écoles et d'autres infrastructures civiles essentielles. Le bombardement de la place de la Liberté à Kharkiv et l'utilisation de bombes à sous-munitions dans les villes sont des exemples sans équivoque de crimes de guerre. Les troupes russes commettent des actes de génocide contre le peuple ukrainien.

Les troupes de Poutine ont envahi des sites sensibles où se trouvent des éléments radioactifs à Tchernobyl et à Kiev, ce qui fait que la menace d'une catastrophe nucléaire plane également sur nous. Sa décision le week-end dernier de placer les forces nucléaires tactiques russes en état d'alerte est un autre signe de son absence de limite.

Plus longtemps l'attaque de Poutine contre l'Ukraine se poursuit, plus grande est la probabilité que les autres pays interviendront plus énergiquement. Ce n'est un secret pour personne que l'objectif de Poutine va au-delà de l'Ukraine. Il souhaite un retour à la conférence de Yalta de 1945, lorsque les dirigeants du monde ont découpé l'Europe de l'après-guerre en sphères d'influence occidentale et soviétique. La semaine dernière encore, le porte-parole du Kremlin a proféré des menaces directes à l'encontre de la Suède et de la Finlande, deux pays européens qui à l'image de l'Ukraine, ne sont pas membres de l'OTAN.

Le monde libre prend conscience de l'ampleur de la menace que représente Poutine. Pendant trop longtemps, la réponse internationale s'est résumée à trop peu, trop tard. Mais en excluant plusieurs

banques russes du système de messagerie financière SWIFT, en gelant une part importante des avoirs en devises de la Russie et en nous fournissant du matériel militaire de pointe, le monde libre aide l'Ukraine à faire reculer Poutine.

Nous sommes reconnaissants à la Pologne et aux pays occidentaux voisins de faire tout ce qu'ils peuvent pour accueillir les réfugiés ukrainiens. Nous comprenons aussi que la Russie déploie maintenant des parachutistes pour terroriser ces réfugiés et fermer nos frontières occidentales.

Pour résister à la Russie et sauver l'Ukraine, nous avons besoin d'une aide supplémentaire immédiate. Nous demandons instamment :

- aux puissances occidentales de faire respecter une zone d'exclusion aérienne au-dessus de l'Ukraine afin d'empêcher la poursuite des bombardements aériens sur la population civile ;

- à tous les pays d'imposer un embargo sur le pétrole et le gaz russe, afin de couper sa principale source de revenus ;

- d'expulser les diplomates russes, refuser à la Russie le droit d'atterrissage pour ses avions et interdire tous les médias russes ;

- enfin, nous demandons la révocation du droit de veto de la Russie au Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU, suivie de la création d'un tribunal spécial chargé de juger Poutine et les autres responsables coupables des crimes contre l'humanité qui sont devenus la base de la politique russe en Ukraine.

L'armée terroriste de Poutine peut infliger des dommages terribles à nos villes, mais jamais elle ne pourra prendre le contrôle de Kiev, notre capitale et notre foyer spirituel. Il peut effacer nos villes de la carte en les bombardant, mais nous ne capitulerons jamais.

Alors que je suis ici, en banlieue de Kiev, les dirigeants ukrainiens de toutes obédiences font front commun avec les dirigeants de la société civile et des parlementaires étrangers pour se défendre face à l'attaque scandaleuse de Poutine contre notre pays.

Nos soldats et nos citoyens si courageux résistent à l'invasion criminelle de Poutine dans les villes et les forêts d'Ukraine. Nous ferons tout pour nous défendre. Nous savons que la vérité et la liberté sont de notre côté. Tous les pays libres doivent savoir que le combat que Poutine nous a imposé est aussi le leur.

Traduit de l'anglais par Patrice Horovitz

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HFO spotted at Buchanan port

-EPA alerts security agencies

The Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia (EPA) has sent out an alert to the national security agencies about the presence of a

after receiving cogent reports from the Agency field offices.

The EPA has instructed BBMC on the proper storing and retaining to the level of threat the contaminated ammonium nitrate poses to the port of

1013/2006 and 1418/2007 as amended by regulation (EC) 733/2014 is obligated to ensure all enforcement. This also ensure that contaminated materials at ports, be dispose properly, consistent with article one of the Basel Convention, which requires that hazardous wastes or other wastes earmarked to be exported are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

The action of the Agency through this release is in line with the Free, Prior Informed and Consent (F-PIC) requirement of the Basel Convention that ensure all toxic waste reaches the proper destination upon embankment from Liberia.

Also, exports out of Liberia and transports within Liberia hazardous waste and contaminated chemical, except as prescribed by the provisions of section 55, subsection 6 of the Environmental Protection and Management Law (EPML) of Liberia is a punishable violation.

In view of the above, the agency calls on the National Security Authorities as an alert given the threat the vessel poses to Human Health and the Environment. **-Press release**



mixture of ammonium nitrate and heavy fuel oil (HFO) at the port of Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

The 260 tons of ammonium nitrate and heavy fuel, which pose severe threat to human health and the environment are on board a vessel named EK MEN.

The management of the Bea Mountain Mining Corporation (BMMC) however, confirmed the presence of said vessel and chemical

Buchanan and the people of Liberia.

The Agency has sent out a warning the shipping lines 'Cargo Marine International' (CMI) and BMMC and re-emphasized that no further action should be performed outside the established protocols of the Agency during a meeting with representatives of both CMI and BMMC.

Liberia being a party to the Basel Convention and European Union (EC) regulations

ANC political leader visits several communities in New Georgia and Sinkor

The Alternative National Congress (ANC) Political Leader, Mr. Alexander B Cummings, Friday, March 4, toured several communities in Gardnersville and Sinkor offering messages of hope for a better and prosperous Liberia.

Mr. Cummings at the head of hundreds of ANC stalwarts and supporters visited communities in Tusa field areas, Bassa Town, followed by other areas in Sinkor.

In Sinkor, Mr. Cummings' visited the Antoinette Tubman Cherish home, met and held brief encounters with youths and women groups at intellectual and business centers as well as the market on 12 Street.

Mr. Cummings cautioned youths against repeating past mistakes in supporting recycled politicians with tainted records and expect improvement in their living conditions.

"You keep doing the same thing over and over and

expecting different results", reference to supporting corrupt old politicians and expect things to change in Liberia.

poverty.

Youths and women groups expressed happiness for the impromptu visit by the ANC



Cummings visits New Georgia and Sinkor

Mr. Cummings said it's disheartening, that Liberia blessed with so much natural resources, for the greater masses of a small population of five million to be living in abject

Leader and said the message of hope and words of caution were timely for youths to start thinking anew about good governance in Liberia.

Pres. Weah: It's time to dedicate projects

By Naneka Hoffman

President George Manneh Weah, On Friday, 4 March 2022 dedicated a re-modeled corporate headquarters of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) in Monrovia, saying he is no longer breaking grounds but dedicating projects.

The cost of the newly constructed and re-modeled headquarters of NafAA is estimated at a little over \$200,000 United States dollars.

Speaking at the occasion marking the dedication of the project, President Weah acknowledged the effort of

projects," he added.

President Weah said breaking grounds is just a symbol of what you want to achieve, but the reality is what you achieve in the end.

He continued that he is an achiever and loves to achieve, noting that "I want to now be invited by Ministers and Directors of Government agencies that are in line with the PAPD to come and dedicate projects and not to break - grounds every time".

President Weah used the occasion to further thank Liberia's partners and to recount the significant role peace plays in the rebuilding of



Pres. George Weah

NafAA Director-General Emma Glasco and her team for the hard work done thus far.

He also encouraged heads of government ministries and agencies that do not have headquarters to strive to do so because he is no longer interested in breaking grounds, but is interested in dedicating government projects.

President Weah named the National Port Authority (NPA), Liberia Petroleum Refinery Corporation (LPRC), and Maritime Authority, among others, as institutions that have braved the storm to build their own head offices in the country.

"You are all witnesses to the fact that it doesn't matter your age but what matters is your diligence and your willingness to work so you can always deliver," President Weah said.

He noted that his vision is not against old people, but to create a peaceful working environment where the older and the younger generation can work together to achieve one common goal.

"As I said before in my last cabinet meeting that I will no longer break ground, I am serious about what I said and I am glad that DG Glasco and her team got my message clearly that I will only come to dedicate

Liberia's infrastructures.

"I want to use this medium to say thanks to our partners for the corporation and their many assistance to Liberia because without cooperation, harmony and dialogue, this relationship cannot go far," he said.

"As it is often said that if you want to go on a journey alone you can never go far, but if you go with people you will go far. Peace is all we need. Without peace, we cannot achieve our ultimate goal," President Weah concluded.

For her part, NaFAA Director-General Madam Emma Glasco said the reconditioning of NaFAA's Corporate Head Office was fully funded by the Liberian government through NaFAA, and no donor funds were used.

Madam Glasco explained that the building is now fully capacitated to run the country's fisheries industry.

"When we got here, this building was a two-bedroom apartment with very small working space. I was able to negotiate with the Managing Director of the National Port Authority (NPA) to get the land deed for this place," stated Madam Glasco.

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For killing Doe: PYJ seeks 3rd term in Nimba

By Thomas Domah
Nimba County

Senate Prince Yormie Johnson of Nimba County, currently facing U.S. sanction for corruption and votes selling, seeks third term in office, rallying his kinsmen here to re-elect him in 2023 because he redeemed them from Dictator Samuel Doe.

He has already served two nine-year terms in the Liberian Senate since 2005, and describes himself as god-father of Nimba politics.

He repeated the statement during ground breaking recently for a modern guest house in Gbor Whyeplay Town, electoral district#4 and Bahn City, District#7, respectively during inauguration of a cross border electrification project being undertaken by Jungle Energy Power (JEP) attended by the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Nathaniel McGill alongside other officials of government.

The leader of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR)

party who turns 70 in July this year, pleads with Nimbaians not to vote him out because the Senate, he argues, is not for young people.

However, he supported a young candidate, now Senator Jeremiah Koung, against Madam Edith Gongloe-Wehyee during the December 8, 2021 Senatorial

the sitting President before his death.

The Doe regime had hunted the Nimba people and PYJ prides himself as liberator of his kinsmen, a position that he uses during elections to get their votes.

However, as Liberia celebrates bicentennial, remembering the



Election.

A former warlord and leader of the disbanded Independent National Patriotic Front (INPFL) rebels during the Liberian Civil War, PYJ captured and slain President Samuel Kanyon Doe in 1990 inside the Freeport of Monrovia, mutilating the ears of

return of free slaves from America, President George Weah continues to call for unity, peace and reconciliation therefore, many see Sen. Johnson's constant reference to the past as being non-reconciliatory. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

LP plans special National Convention

The Executive Committee (EC) of the embattled Liberty Party (LP) has announced the removal of several officials from their positions including Senators Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence as the party's political leader and Darius Dillon as vice chair

Sando, Vice Chair for Press and Public Affairs, George Gaybue, County Chair, Grand Bassa County, Eugene Tarr, County Secretary, Grand Bassa County, Agatius Coker, Vice Chair for Auxilliary Services, Romeo Coker, County Chair, Montserrado County and August Fredericks, Vice Chair for Inter-

Nyormui, County Secretary, Montserrado, and McCarthy Weh and Prescilla Cooper, NEC Eminent Members.

The EC announced the decision Saturday Mar. 5, following months of threats to expel them from the party for their noncompliance postures with party's financial rule.

Convention and its membership with the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) in the wake of the withdrawal of the Unity Party and the All Liberia Party (ALP).

It could be recalled that 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.

LPs Article IX states: "Persons accepted as members of the party shall pay a monthly fee as may from time to time beset by the NEC...Members in good standing are members whose ...membership dues are fully current and up to date...Members who are not in good standing shall not be allowed to hold any office within the party, and if such member holds a position in the party, elected or appointed, he/she shall be suspended from the office by NEC, until he/she shall have resumed the status of a member in good standing. If after three (3) months, such member is still delinquent, he/she shall be permanently removed from the office and may also be expelled from office."

The 16 officials were given ninety (90) days to remedy their deficiencies, a constitutionally required, and notified them of the same. "The ninety day period has expired and, to date, the suspended officials have not remedied the deficiencies. As such, the LP EC has removed the suspended officers from position in the party in line with the Constitution", the party said in its statement while taking the decision to remove the officials.

According to the constitution of the party, removal from office of defaulting dues paying officials is one of the penalty meted out and expulsion from the party is the final decision after said official fails to remedy the outstanding obligation, It is not yet clear if they will be finally expelled from the party.

In their press statement signed by Martin Kollah and approved by Musa Hassan Bility, National Secretary General and National Chairman respectively, the party furthered that it was reviewing the relationship it entered with the ANC last year in which it endorsed the standard bearer and political leader of the party, Alexander B. Cummings as its choice to lead the sole ticket of the CPP during the 2023 but since then the relationship has not been successfully consummated.

"During its December 2021

Special National Convention (SNC), the LP resolved to endorse the candidacy of Alexander B. Cummings, Standard Bearer of the Alternative National Congress (ANC), as the Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), subject to execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the LP and the ANC outlining the agreements reached and proffered to the SNC for approval. To date, we have not been able to successfully consummate the relationship, by executing the MOU, and are duty bound to report back to the SNC, from which the mandate derived", the party said.

At the end of its special national convention held in Ganta, Nimba County in December 2021, Chairman Bility, while announcing the outcome of the gathering which included the suspension of Senators Lawrence, Dillon, Zargo, Kaipay and others, disclosed the LP had decided to endorse the candidature of Cummings to lead the CPP at the time into the 2023 presidential election.

The ideal was for the LP to work with the Cummings team through close collaboration and vigorous campaign and that a formal agreement was expected to be signed to take care of the demands put forward by LP. None of the demands were made public but it has been speculated that one of the demands was to pick a member of the LP as running mate to Cummings.

The third decision, according to the release is to review the party's membership with the Collaborating Political Parties(CPP) in the aftermath of the withdrawal of two other constituent members, the Unity Party of former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai and the All Liberia Party(ALP) of Benoni Urey.

"With the withdrawal of the All Liberian Party (ALP) and Unity Party (UP), the LP will be reviewing the relationship within the CPP and exploring all options available moving forward. The LP assures the public that it remains committed to ensuring the objectives of the opposition and that these will be paramount in any LP discussions and decisions", the party said.

The release further said that the party has voted to convene once again a special national convention (SNC) to review and deliberate on the issues concerning the relationship it has with the ANC and the CPP, the opposition bloc which pundits believe has lost its steam after witnessing series of crises including the crucial aspect that has to do with who heads the ticket and the allegation of alteration of the framework document levied against Cummings by Urey and presently being contested in court.



Senator Karnga-Lawrence



Senator Dillon

for political and Legislative Affairs.

Others removed from their positions are Mr. Debar Allen, National Advisory Council Chair/NAC Rep to NEC, Jacob Smith, Daniel

Party and NEC Affairs

The rest are Sen. Steve Zargo, Reps. Jonathan Kaipay and Hans Barchue who were members of the Legislative Caucus, Prince Toles, Vice Chair for Mobilization, Augustine

In a statement issued over the weekend, the party also noted that it has planned to hold a special national convention to review its relationship with the Alternative National

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No shortage of petroleum product

Government clarifies amidst planned price increase



pump price of diesel fuel and gasoline to account for the current increase on the international market to ensure availability and avoid loss to the importers.

An arrangement, it said has been agreed with the importers that will ensure continuous lifting of petroleum products for the various filling stations while discussions continue to conclude on a new pricing structure.

“The public is therefore assured that gasoline and fuel will be available at the major filling stations as the importers lift their products throughout the weekend.

The Ministry of Commerce and the LPRC will remain engaged with the Importers to derive a mutually acceptable price structure for the petroleum products in light of the global increase in the prices of petroleum products, the government statement concluded.

The Government of Liberia announced over the weekend that there is more than adequate supply of petroleum products in country to serve the local market for the next several months and that there should be no reason for panic buying of gasoline or diesel fuel. The Government’s pronouncement comes amidst panic buying and hoarding of the petroleum

product as it warned against the practice describing it as illegal. The prices of gasoline and diesel fuel have increased globally as a result of the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine which has affected supply chains. Government in a statement noted that through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, LPRC and other relevant agencies have been engaged with importers for adjustment in the

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