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German Minister Questions Commitment n Mali After Moura 'Atrocities'

erman Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht on Saturday reiterated her doubts about maintaining the German armed forces' commitment in Mali during a trip to the country during which she spoke of "atrocities" committed in Moura.

Mali's military-dominated government says it "neutralized" 203 jihadis in Moura, but witnesses interviewed by media and Human Rights Watch (HRW) say soldiers instead killed scores of civilians.

"Is this regime that we want to support," Lambrecht asked after a meeting with German soldiers in northern Gao, her ministry said.

"We see that Malian soldiers are being trained in a tremendous way by highly motivated and skilled German soldiers, and then they go on missions with these capabilities, for example with Russian forces, even with mercenaries," the minister added.

"And the question then

arises of whether this can be compatible with our values, especially if we then have to witness atrocities like in Moura," she said.

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French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on Friday cast doubt on Mali's account of events in Moura.

"The authorities in Bamako announce 200 terrorists killed, without civilian casualties. I have a hard time believing, I have a hard time understanding, I have a hard time accepting these explanations," he said.

"There needs to be a United Nations investigation and we demand this," he

No mercenaries In February, French President Emmanuel Macron announced the withdrawal of thousands of troops deployed in Mali under France's anti-jihadi mission in the Sahel.

Bamako denies the presence of mercenaries from the Russian group Wagner in Mali, acknowledging only the presence of what it calls

Russian instructors and trainers under a bilateral cooperation agreement with Moscow dating from the 1960s.

In a report, Human Rights Watch said Malian soldiers and foreign fighters had executed 300 civilians between March 27 and 31 in

Malian forces were operating in tandem with white foreign soldiers, according to HRW, who are believed to be Russian because witness accounts refer to them as non-Frenchspeaking.

Russia has supplied what are officially described as military instructors to Mali.

However, the United States, France, and others, say the instructors are operatives from the Russian private-security firm Wagner.

The U.N. special envoy for Mali, El Ghassim Wane, on Thursday called on the Malian authorities to provide access to the area.

Ruled by a military junta since August 2020, Mali has been in turmoil since 2012.

Jihadi attacks have spread from the north to the center of the country and into neighboring Burkina Faso and Niger. VOA



South Africa's Zuma to Pursue Private Prosecution Against Prosecutor

ormer South African President Jacob Zuma is pursuing private prosecution proceedings to remove the lead prosecutor in an arms deal corruption trial after failed legal challenges, his foundation said on Sunday.

Last month the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) torpedoed Zuma's latest bid to have lead prosecutor Billy Downer taken off the case after accusing him of bias and

information to a journalist in contravention of the national prosecution act, among other complaints.

The SCA dismissed the application for leave to appeal on the grounds that there is no reasonable prospect of success and there is no other compelling reason why an appeal should be heard.

The spokesman of the Jacob Zuma Foundation, Mzwanele Manyi told a press briefing that Zuma's instructions to his legal prosecution "will now be put into operation in the next few days.

He also said Zuma's legal team has filed a reconsideration application to the president of the SCA, a petition to hear the appeal.

Zuma, who was ousted from the ruling African National Congress in 2018 after nearly two decades as president, has pleaded not guilty to charges of corruption, money laundering and racketeering in the longrunning case over the \$2 billion arms deal in the 1990s.

The deal case has dogged Zuma since he was sacked as deputy president of the country in 2005. He said he was the victim of a political witch-hunt.

On Monday the longdelayed trail is set to get underway and Zuma will be present in court.

Manyi said Zuma, who turns 80 on Tuesday, is applying for a postponement because "it is very clear that the conditions for a fair trail are non-existent."

On Monday his team will

Mozambique Palma terror attack: 'I can't go back'

efore the well coordinated assault began, the coastal town was packed and bustling - full of those who had come to find work in the area's burgeoning gas industry.

It was also full of thousands of people who had fled violence in other areas of Cabo Delgado, the mainly Muslim province where an Islamist insurgency began in 2017.

too afraid to talk to the BBC over the phone, even though the militants have been expelled.

Antònio, one of the contractors who had gone to the town to work in the gas industry, is not hopeful about the future.

Despite the deployment of regional troops to fight al-Shabab, the 36-year-old, whose name has been changed to protect his identity, says he can't see himself returning.

"I don't think myself that I can go back there," he told me over



The militants are known locally as al-Shabab. They have no link to the Somali group of that name, but have since pledged allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) group.

Today, French energy giant Total's multi-billion dollar gas project remains closed.

Some of those who have begun to return home are Zoom from his home in southern Mozambique, where he is still struggling to find a job.

He remains traumatised by the events that, four days into the siege that began on 24 March, saw the militants break through the gate of his work compound where he, his brother and other contractors - some from Zimbabwe and South Africa - were hiding in pre-fabricated buildings. BBC

also respond to the supplementary affidavit served by the National Prosecution Authority where they seek to introduce new evidence in the trial.

"All His Excellency President Zuma really wants is his day in court, in a fair trial and certainly not in a forum which is being rigged by the State," Manyi said. VOA



By Juan Manuel Santos

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Paying lip service to agriculture

INFORMATION THAT THE Weah administration is preparing a supplementary budget to allocate US\$12 million for rice importers when the country's entire budget for | agriculture is just about US\$6 million clearly demonstrates that this administration is paying lip service to food sufficiency in Liberia.

THIS PAPER HAS gathered that the US12 million, which would be in the form of subsidy to importers, is intended to offset extra cost incur during importation and eventually avoid extra charge to consumers. This may sound politically expedient in the short-run, but is neither sustainable nor financially prudent.

WITH ELECTIONS SCHEDULED for 2023, President Weah and his government are clearly sacrificing rice production here that could lead to self-sufficiency in food for personal political interest hence, subjecting a hungry population to rice politics.

IT IS HIGHLY incomprehensible that a government with a US\$5,561,226 annual budget for agriculture, is planning a supplementary budget to allocate US\$12 million to I subsidize rice importation in the face of a fertile soil and conducive climate for agriculture.

BY ALLOTTING HIGHER budget for rice subsidy over national agriculture program, what message is the government sending to international partners and friendly governments about the will to feed ourselves.

SHOULD OUR ENVIABLE rain forestry continue to lie in waste while we look up to India, Pakistan, Malaysia and China for our staple food? Have we lost pride as a nation or is this sheer laziness?

Fundamentally, this administration has failed to govern properly by trying to allot US\$12 million on quick fix solution rather than tackling the key issue of lack of a clear, demonstrative agriculture policy.

INSTEAD OF LEADING by example by cultivating a presidential farm (like slain President Samuel K. Doe) that would encourage or motivate his cabinet and the other two branches of government to invest in the soil, President Weah believes that diverting scarce resources to subsidizing rice importation will make price staple and ensure uninterrupted supplies.

BUT THERE IS no guaranteed that food produced in other countries that may equally face unforeseeable challenges such as climatic changes, political upheavals or natural disasters would always serve our national demand. This could be nothing else other than suicidal illusion.

IF THE WEAH-led government means well for the Liberian people, it should come up with a workable national agriculture policy that would return citizens to the soil to grow rice, the nation's staple rather than striking deal with importers that are driven by profits. There can be no sustainability because nothing is certain in today's global



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Peacemaking After the Pandemic

to end a violent conflict and establish a defend and rejuvenate multilateralism. sustainable peace:

"Who overcomes by force, Hath overcome but half his foe."

challenges today.

and anchor policies in empathy, solidarity, and a long-term vision of the common good. This is precisely the approach we must take 2020 and still rage today. now to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic better withstand future shocks and crises.

Humanity's collective experience of COVIDinextricably connected with that of our up from 77 million in 2019. brothers, sisters, and neighbors, as well as with our forebears and unborn generations. This is a damning indictment of collective leaders.

Nelson Mandela, a man of infinite courage and determination who defied a generation. Mandela endured nearly three apartheid." decades of imprisonment, led his people to this day.

in democracy helped lay the foundations of modern South Africa. These qualities also resonated globally, because Mandela always must our determination. placed the African National Congress's liberation struggle in the context of the As for me, I am hopeful and determined that colonialism, racism, and discrimination.

charged the group with a specific mandate: "Support courage where there is fear, foster inspire hope where there is despair."

this approach in the face of the pandemic, as well as even greater existential threats and a member of The Elders. such as climate change and nuclear

OGOTÁ - In Paradise Lost, the English weapons. We urgently need an explicit poet John Milton encapsulates a recognition by global leaders that solidarity fundamental truth about the struggle matters, and that they must act decisively to

This ambition and sense of hope is essential. One sobering example of its absence is the underwhelming collective reaction to the March 2020 call by United Nations Secretary-This insight was crucial to my own General António Guterres for a "global understanding of how to chart a way to end ceasefire" in response to COVID-19. True, Colombia's long and costly civil war, and it is Guterres's appeal was compelling, and the acutely relevant to our shared global UN estimated that warring parties in 11 countries had heeded it by early April last year. But the UN Security Council took more To build peace, leaders need to foster hope than three months to pass a resolution endorsing Guterres's appeal. And too many conflicts continued unabated throughout

and build a more resilient world that can The toll on human life, particularly among unarmed civilians, has been devastating. By mid-2020, violent conflicts had contributed to a rise in the number of forcibly displaced 19 has reminded us all how precious, people, to nearly 80 million. And by the end fragile, and intertwined life can be. Each of the year, almost 100 million people faced person's existence on this planet is severe food insecurity as a result of conflict -

As we begin to map a post-pandemic failure, especially by the Security Council's recovery, recognizing our shared destiny five permanent members. But we must makes it critical that we draw inspiration understand the Council's near-paralysis in from the legacy of previous successful the wider context of the many global leadership failures laid bare by COVID-19. These include insufficient coordination and In this regard, there is no better model than information-sharing to contain the pandemic, inadequate collaboration by the G20 to protect the global economy, a dearth particularly evil system of racial oppression of financial assistance to support the Global and became the greatest peacemaker of his South, and the moral catastrophe of "vaccine

freedom, and built a resilient, multiracial Contemplating this litany of challenges and democracy in South Africa that endures to disappointments, it is easy to be overwhelmed by pessimism. But resigning ourselves to failure is not only an indulgence Mandela's abiding humility and his iron faith of the world's privileged, who do not have to endure the pain and loss of war, but also a betrayal of its victims. Hope persists, and so

wider international fight against we will recover from the pandemic in a way that affirms the words of my compatriot, the great writer and Nobel laureate Gabriel This affirmation of our common humanity García Márquez: "Neither floods nor plagues, lay at the heart of Mandela's decision to famines nor cataclysms, nor even the eternal found The Elders, the group of independent wars of century upon century, have been able global leaders of which I am a member. In his to subdue the persistent advantage of life speech at the organization's launch in over death." In that spirit, we must then get Johannesburg in July 2007, Mandela on with the life-affirming task of building peace.

agreement where there is conflict, and Juan Manuel Santos, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is a former president of Colombia (2010-18), a visiting professor Today more than ever, we must recommit to at the Department of International Development at the University of Oxford,

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

LIBERIA

Public Financial Management Reforms for Institutional Strengthening Project

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: <u>D5060 -LR</u>

Assignment Title: Individual National Consultant to Develop the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Planning and Budgeting Manual for Government of Liberia

Reference No.: LR-MFDP-197171-CS-INDV

Assignment Level: Recruitment of a National Consultant

The Government of Liberia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Public Financial Management Reforms for Institutional Strengthening Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for recruiting a national consultant to develop the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Planning and Budgeting Manual for the Government of Liberia.

Objective of the Assignment:

The objective of this assignment is to develop a user-friendly, step-by-step MTEF Planning and Budgeting Manual which will be used to guide the National Planning and Budgeting Processes. This shall be done through desk review and broader consultation with key stakeholders, identifying gaps and ambiguities in the existing MTEF Manual and correcting the same. The consultant shall, in close consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, execute his/her duties and responsibilities herein as stipulated.

Scope of Assignment:

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

The consultant shall use a consultative and participatory approach to revise and update the MTEF Planning and Budgeting Manual and shall carry out the following functions:

- Review the existing MTEF Budgeting Manual and any other literature which are deemed relevant for the assignment;
- Map out relevant stakeholders and hold consultations with them during the course of the assignment;
- Revised and update the National MTEF Manual for Planning and Budgeting;
- Circulate draft document and conduct stakeholders' engagement workshops for review, discussions and inputs to the draft updated manual;
- Conduct technical review meeting involving key stakeholders;
- Conduct final validation workshop on the manual with all stakeholders and incorporate relevant feedbacks from the workshop;
- Prepare a capacity building plan for the conduct of in-depth training on the use of each section or chapter of the manual and various tools;
- Work closely with the appointed focal persons of the Government of Liberia as part of knowledge transfer in the form of training of trainers;
- The manual shall include sample tools and templates for project development and appraisal, monitoring, and evaluation, reporting, and for the conduct of recurrent cost analysis. The manual shall also include separate sessions on gender mainstreaming and climate change adaptation in planning and budgeting respectively.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) now invites eligible individuals/Nationals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- At least, a Master's Degree in Economics or Social Sciences
- Studies/training in public finance, planning and budgeting.
 - At least five (5) years of demonstrable progressive professional experience in organizational development, MTEF implementation and application of methodologies for public financial management, preferably with African experience in this field,
- Extensive experience in research and policy analysis, resultsbased management, including development of performance indicators in the context of developing countries,
- Experience in undertaking interactive and participatory discussions on development of operational manual in developing countries.
- In-depth knowledge of and experience in developing institutional policies, training manuals, training facilitation,
 Demonstrated experience in MTEE planning and budgeting in
- Demonstrated experience in MTEF planning and budgeting in developing countries, experience of working in Africa will be an advantage,
- Good computer skills Windows, MS Office applications, and other software.

Duration of Assignment: The assignment is for 2 months

Expected Deliverables:

The consultant shall deliver the following as performance indicators for the execution of the assignment:

- Prepare and submit an inception report within two (2) weeks after signing of the contract. The inception report should include a detailed work plan with timeline, methodology, and frequency of reporting:
- Submit a draft revised MTEF Planning and Budgeting Manual;
- Conduct a validation of the draft document with relevant stakeholders in the MTEF planning and budgeting process and incorporate all valuable comments emanating from the validation exercise in the final report;
- Submit final revised MTEF Planning and Budgeting Manual.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November, 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Approved Selection Methods for Individual Consultants set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 1700 hour on 25th April, 2022

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A Pictorial of the Official Take-off of the Civic and Voter Education (CVE), campaign leading to the conduct of the 10 May 2022, Lofa County Senatorial By-election, done simultaneously in Kolahun, and Voinjama Cities, by the CVE Section of NEC.

Date: Saturday, 9 April 2022.



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Women Group Pledges Support To Cummings Sen. Lawrence wants

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27-women member delegation representing the Successful Women Organization of Liberia, Thursday, April 7, paid a courtesy call on the Political Leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC), Mr. Alexander Cummings, at his office in Monrovia.

The group is a faith based organization comprising prayer and business women, community leaders and

general and Presidential elections.

Madam Wleh spoke of the need for genuine change through a good and competent national leadership that would restore the lost hope of Liberians for a better and prosperous nation. In general discussions, the women spoke of the difficult and harsh economic conditions they have to endure in supporting appreciation to the women group for the visit and assured them of the ANC's and his strong commitment to supporting women empowerment, as well as protection of women's right against sexual based violence including rape.

Mr. Cummings said it is unacceptable that in the abundance of wealth and natural resources, the vast majority of Liberians are living in abject poverty due to gross



students of Montserrado and Margibi Counties, with a membership of over 600.

The President of Successful Women Organization of Liberia, Madam Ophelia Wleh rekindled the ANC Political Leader, Mr. Cummings with hope of success for his their families and sending their children to school. Worst of all, they lamented about that marginalization of women and violence against women, are becoming too unbearable in Liberia.

In response, Mr. Cummings expressed thanks and mismanagement by the national Leadership.

The meeting was climaxed with special prayers offered by the women to protect and strengthen the ANC Political Leader's resolve in his quest for the Presidency come 2023.

By Lincoln G. Peters

pposition Unity Party (UP) Montserrado County Electoral District #13 Representative aspirant Ms. Cornelia Kruah-Togba has officially launched the District 13 Drug Awareness & Resistance Education (DARE) Movement which is aimed at raising awareness on drugs and substance abuse and to protect Liberia's future generation against drug abuse.

The official launching of the DARE movement was held at the New Georgia Nigerian Shop Football field and brought together hundreds of residents of District #13.

The program was also graced by former Liberian Vice President and current standard bearer of the former ruling Unity Party, Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai, All Liberian Party (ALP) political leader Mr. Benoni Urey, Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon, Unity Party Chairman Amin Modad and Mr. Mo Ali, Secretary General of UP.

The launching was followed by kickball and football tournaments among 38 communities from April 9-30, 2022.

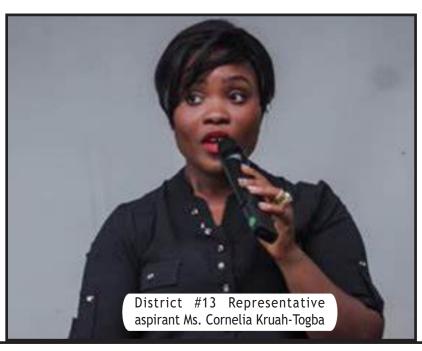
The program aims to inform residents of the district, especially young people, about the danger and risk of consuming illicit drugs and other harmful substances.

Giving an overview of the program, Ms. Kruah-Togba said District #13 is highly affected with drug abuse.

"This movement's intent is not just to bring young people together, but to keep us around and help create awareness for all of us concerning this national nightmare," Madam Kruah - Togba said.

She said the wild spread of drugs in the district and in Montserrado County can be reduced, but it has to start with a little step.

"We will visit high schools, communities to continue this



emergency session

-Over increase of rice price and others



By Ethel A Tweh

rand Bassa County Senator Nyonblee Kangar - Lawrence is calling on the Legislature to immediately return from Easter and constituency break and hold an emergency session to ensure that the increase in the prices of rice and other commodities are dealt with.

She took to social media recently saying that the Liberian government through the Minister of Commerce has denied that there's a shortage of rice in the country, and also challenged citizens to present receipts showing increase in the price of rice by vendors.

"This morning, I was informed by my mother that she had gone to all the stores to purchase rice in Grand Bassa and can't find a bag to purchase, and asked me to take some rice from Monrovia," Madam Karnga - Lawrence wrote.

"I was already [en route] to Bassa and stopped by a store in ELWA, a block from where the President of Liberia lives, and bought two bags for fifty five United States dollars ...," she added.

Madam Karnga - Lawrence who chairs the Rules, Order and Administration at the Liberian Senate, said the price of rice has now doubled in less than one month.

She urged the Government of Liberia to immediately make this a priority and ensure that rice is supplied to the market and sold at the approved price of \$13.50.

Senator Karnga - Lawrence also indicated that the price of a bag of cement has also jumped from \$8.00 to \$10 with no justification, and gas and fuel prices have doubled as well.

Meanwhile, President George Manneh Weah recently took a tour of various rice warehouses in Monrovia. During his tour, he warned against increasing the price of rice on the market, contrary to the government's approved price of \$13.00. President Weah emphasized that "the price must be the price."

"Rice is our staple food, and we will not tolerate people selling it at an exorbitant price," the president warned.

President Weah assured Liberians that the government will increase its monitoring mechanism to deter would-be violators, saying business people are in the constant habit of profiteering.

"We will enforce the law to ensure that we deter those trying to blow up the price," President Weah stated.

The looming global food crisis

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normal business, they are not safe. Drugs addiction, substance abuse [are] killing our country and damaging our society," he said.

Senator Dillon said he wishes that Montserrado Senator Saah Joseph can put aside politics and join the initiative instituted by Ms. Kruah-Togba to raise awareness about drugs and substance abuse among the youths and residents of District #13.

Also speaking, All Liberian Party political leader Mr. Benoni Urey pledged his commitment to the initiative, promising that he will make sure the dream is achieved.

He said Liberia is losing its youthful population on a daily basis, saying the country's hope is going down the drain because of this same drug and substance abuse that the government is taking lightly.

awareness and inform the people about the risk of drugs and how young people are damaged from it," Ms. Kruah-Togba noted.

According to her, most of the disadvantaged youths had turned into car loaders and usually begged for five or ten dollars, while some even engaged in stealing to support their habit.

Making a remark at the program, Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon said zogoes at first used to be a small group of people, but today, they have grown and are now in every community and home.

According to Senator Dillon, because of the use of drugs, crime rate across the Country has increased, adding that Liberia is almost no longer safe even during

"People go to crusade and their

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he Monrovia City Government has with immediate effect suspended Col. Thomas Garwo, the Director of that on Saturday, 9 April 2022, Col. Garwo reportedly blocked the entrance leading to a public garage situated on the Congo Town Back Road,



Monrovia City Police, for actions inconsistent with professional ethics and his alleged disrespect for the rule of law.

Mr. King Prince Andrew, Director General for Internal Operations at the Monrovia suburb of Monrovia.

Mr. Andrew said the incident did not just pose an unnecessary embarrassment to the public, but also to the government, especially officials of government and private owners whose vehicles were kept in the their movement.

He said Col. Garwo's action came at a time the Monrovia City Government was mourning over the irreparable loss of the Deputy Director for Operations of the Monrovia City Police, Col. Simeon B. Mayson, whose funeral the management was commemorating.

He noted that they expect Col. Garwo to exhibit and demonstrate ethical standards at all levels of the city's security and show greater respect for the rule of law.

"Col. G. Thomas Garwo is being urged to report to the **Professional Standards Section** of the Monrovia City Police and turn over with immediate effect all properties of the Monrovia City Government within his possession including the vehicle used to block the entrance leading to the garage," Director Andrew noted.

He continued that while undergoing investigation, Col. Jimmy Wilson, Deputy Director for Administration, will act and manage the affairs of the Monrovia City Police.

MCC suspends City Police Director Garwo By Lincoln G. Peters City Government explained garage thereby preventing City Government explained garage thereby preventing City Government explained garage thereby preventing



By Bridgett Milton rand Kru County District #2 Representative and Deputy House Speaker Cllr. J. Fonati Koffa over the weekend broke ground for the construction of additional two schools in Grand Kru County, which will total the number of school projects to six.

The school is located in Kayken Community, on the outskirts of Barclayville, with the cost of construction of the two schools put at US\$70,000.

The two buildings known as the Thomas K.S. Seedee Elementary School will comprise the main building and an annex.

One building will contain classes from 1st grade through 6th grade, while the other building will contain the preschool or nursery division.

The Kayken school, if completed, will have the largest pre-school or nursery section in Grand Kru County.

During the groundbreaking program, witnessed by students, youth, women, elders and local administration, the Deputy Speaker said the constructions of schools across District #2, Grand Kru County, is meant to

transform children by helping them to have better lives and health and increased income opportunities.

Cllr. Koffa added that it will help to make citizens and residents of Grand Kru County develop skills and daily living, as well as develop judgment and reasoning, and become more emplovable.

Besides the pending construction of the Thomas K.S. Seedee Elementary School, Cllr. Koffa has constructed and furnished the John Fannoh Karpeh School in Cheemgbetee, Dorboh Statutory District and the George Tugbeh Worjloh School in Sasstown, Jroa Statutory District.

At the same time, the Deputy Speaker has also broken grounds for the construction of a town hall in Tarken and is expected to launch the second phase of the construction of 10 handpumps.

The first 10 handpumps, at the cost of US\$32,500, were constructed in 10 communities. Barclayville District: Feloken, Small Suehn, Big Suehn, Topoh and Fleneken. Others are in the Dorboh District: Nyankunkpo, Barforwin, Newtown, Jarkakpo as well as in Jroa (Sasstown) District: Cartah.

CDC Gov't complete disappointment to Liberia

-DPPL Rev. Kaimu

By Lewis S Teh

pposition Democratic People Party of Liberia (DPPL) has lashed out at the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) - led government, branding it as a disappointment to the people of Liberia.

During a press conference over the weekend in Monrovia, DPPL political leader Rev. David Kaimu accused the ruling CDC of allegedly inflicting massive suffering on the Liberian people under President George Manneh Weah, adding that the government is a complete disappointment to Liberians.

"The DPPL is deeply concerned that in five years of President Weah's government, nothing concrete has been done to address the massive suffering of the people, and to do things that will satisfy the desires of the common people, including citizens who [are] victimized by the civil war," he alleged.

Rev. Kaimu said individuals who committed economic crimes including those who murdered innocent people are still walking free here.

According to him, the DPPL is calling on President Weah

and his government to do what is necessary by setting up the war and economic crimes court in Liberia.

"We in the DPPL lend our fullest support to the United States Congress Resolution 907 which reaffirms commitment to support progress towards transparency, accountability ... and other tenets of good governance in Liberia," said Rev. Kaimu.

He urged President Weah and his CDC - led government to write two separate letters to the United Nations Secretary General and the United States Congress expressing Liberia's readiness to fully implement recommendations contained the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

(TRC) report.

Meanwhile, Rev. Kaimu said the DPPL is concerned that some Liberians in the country and the diaspora continue to live on falsehoods about other citizens just to get asylum opportunities in the United States and other countries.

He made specific reference to Mr. Hassan Seku Bility from the Global Justice Research Project, claiming that Bility is in the constant habit of telling falsehoods against some Liberians and using fake witnesses to indict other Liberian citizens.

He also urged the government here to launch an investigation into the group that is led by Mr. Bility and hold it accountable for what it is writing about Liberia and its citizens.



Civil and Voter Education (CVE), campaign for the conduct of the 10 May 2022, Lofa County Senatorial By-election in the County.

The launch, under the auspices of the CVE Section of the NEC, took place simultaneously at the two local Magisterial Offices in Voinjama and Kolahun cities, respectively.

The launch commenced with a parade through the principle streets of Voinjama and Koluhun,

In a related development. NEC has climaxed the burning process of ballot papers and

he National Elections other electoral materials used Commission (NEC), on during the 2020 Special Senatorial Saturday launched the Elections, National Referendum and two representative's byelections from its Central Warehouse on tomorrow, Saturday, 9 April 2022. The materials were moved to its local magisterial office in Bensonville city for burning.

> The burning is in line with section 4.16 of the new elections law. Its states, "the Commission shall preserve all writs issued for election and all ballots cast and register of voters cast in an election until the validity of such election and its result can no longer be disputed. The ballot papers may then be destroyed".

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H'rançais II s'appelait Amos Claudius Sawyer.

e président du premier gouvernent ∎intérimaire du pays, décédé le 16 février à Baltimore (États-Unis), sera inhumé ce 2 avril à Monrovia. L'ancien Premier ministre guinéen, Kabiné Komara, lui rend hommage.

Le Liberia et l'Afrique porteront en terre ce 2 avril 2022 à Monrovia un des fils les plus remarquables de notre continent. Je veux nommer

mon frère et ami Dr Amos Sawyer, ancien président du gouvernement intérimaire du Liberia durant la période 1990-1993. Il eut la lourde responsabilité de diriger cet exécutif intérimaire d'union nationale après l'assassinat de Samuel Doe dans des conditions atroces, qu'il ne sied plus de rappeler.

Sa vision, son charisme et surtout son abnégation ont permis à son pays de faire

l'économie de tant d'autres tragédies. Cet homme d'État hors pair, affable, presque effacé, n'est malheureusement pas très connu en Afrique francophone. C'est pourquoi je me fais le devoir de lui dédier cette tribune, afin de vulgariser un tant soit peu le rôle essentiel qu'il a joué pendant toute sa vie pour la promotion de la paix, de la justice et de la bonne gouvernance au Liberia et en

Imperturbable et vertueux Notre première rencontre remonte à seulement dix ans. C'était à Bissau, lorsque lui et moi avions été choisis par la Communauté des États d'Afrique de l'Ouest (Cedeao) pour superviser l'élection présidentielle de ce pays coutumier des contestations électorales suivies parfois de soubresauts sanglants. Dr Sawyer était le chef de la mission et moi le viceprésident. C'était la toute première fois que j'exerçais

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Guinée : le président déchu Alpha Condé de retour à Conakry

séjour médical d'Alpha Condé (notre photo d'illustration). qui ne devait pas dépasser trente jours, a finalement duré presque trois mois, au point que certains Guinéens commençaient à se demander si l'homme allait vraiment revenir.

Président pendant onze ans avant d'être renversé par un putsch le 5 septembre dernier, Alpha Condé est rentré en Guinée vendredi 8 avril après un séjour aux Émirats arabes unis pour y être soigné, a annoncé la junte au pouvoir à Conakry.

Sans tambour ni trompette, écrit notre correspondant à Conakry, Mouctar Bah. Alpha Condé a atterri vendredi en fin d'après-midi sur l'aéroport de Conakry en toute discrétion. Selon les autorités aéroportuaires guinéennes, l'ancien président se trouvait à bord d'un vol spécial affrété par ses hôtes émiratiens. D'après les sources sécuritaires guinéennes, il a ensuite pu rejoindre le domicile de son épouse, situé dans le quartier de l'Andrea, dans la proche banlieue de la capitale guinéenne.

Son retour au pays a fait l'objet de tractations au plus

haut niveau entre Conakry et Abou Dhabi car, selon une source diplomatique guinéenne, le président déchu ne souhaitait pas retourner en Guinée au terme de son séjour médical. Il s'est finalement plié à la décision des autorités émiratiennes qui lui ont signifié, selon les mêmes sources, la fin de son séjour.

Dans son communiqué, le chef de la junte guinéenne Mamadi Doumbouya a remercié les Emirats arabes unis pour la grande attention dont l'ancien président Alpha Condé a bénéficié. Mamadi Doumbouya précise également Quelles réactions?

que l'intégrité physique et la dignité de l'ancien président seront respectées conformément à son rang et à son statut.

Un séjour médical de trois

Le séjour médical d'Alpha Condé, qui ne devait pas dépasser trente jours, a finalement duré presque trois mois, au point que certains Guinéens commencaient à se demander si l'homme allait vraiment revenir. Dans quelles conditions s'est fait ce retour?



Éditorial

Il faut combattre la toxicomanie avant de procéder à l'autonomisation des jeunes

Le manque de volonté politique du gouvernement libérien

dans la lutte contre la toxicomanie qui détruit des milliers de jeunes Libériens contredit clairement l'amour déclaré du président George Manneh Weah pour les jeunes du Libéria.

Le président Weah ne cesse de dire que les jeunes lui tiennent à son cœur, non seulement parce qu'ils représentent l'avenir du Libéria qu'il s'est engagé à améliorer, mais aussi parce que les jeunes du pays ont une confiance explicite en lui pour transformer l'État.

Lors du lancement du programme d'autonomisation des jeunes parrainé par l'USAID à l'hôtel de ville de Monrovia le jeudi 31 mars 2022, M. Weah a déclaré que la jeunesse du Libéria a une place spéciale dans son cœur.

Mais l'amour exprimé par le président pour la jeunesse du Libéria et la réalité sur le terrain sont totalement en contradiction, car des milliers de jeunes, voire des dizaines de milliers, perdent leur vie à cause des stupéfiants à travers le pays.

Le problème de la toxicomanie est devenu tellement endémique dans notre société qu'on vend des substances dans les cours d'école! Imaginez-vous, les lieux d'apprentissage qui devraient être des lieux de transformation, deviennent peu à peu un vivier de jeunes toxicomanes.

Il ne suffit pas de tenir des discours politiques. Que cela signale nos consciences en tant que Libériens, en particulier en tant que dirigeants nationaux. Par pure négligence, nous sommes en train d'élever une génération de jeunes qui n'aura pas la capacité d'assumer des responsabilités futures, compte tenu de leurs habitudes sociales actuelles.

Toutes les communautés sont infestées de ghettos où l'on vent des drogues dangereuses, et même certains de nos agents de sécurité s'y rendent pour en consommer sans aucune considération pour leur devoir de protéger les vies et les biens.

Le président Weah démontrerait vraiment son amour pour les jeunes s'il habilitait l'Agence libérienne de lutte contre la drogue, la police et d'autres appareils de sécurité nationale, de sorte à éliminer les ghettos dans les communautés et sauver nos jeunes de l'autodestruction.

« Mon gouvernement semble être décidé quant à donner à tous les jeunes la possibilité de développer leur potentiel afin qu'ils puissent être compétitifs, en créant un environnement propice dans un monde en constante évolution. À vous, notre jeune génération, je promets de vous préparer et de vous responsabiliser afin que vous puissiez prendre la place qui vous revient au Libéria », a déclaré le président.

Mais pour que le projet d'autonomisation qui est conçu pour bénéficier directement à 21 000 jeunes dans les comtés de Montserrado, Grand Bassa et Lofa pendant cinq ans ait un impact significatif, il faut y inclure un programme de réhabilitation pour transformer les bénéficiaires en citoyens productifs après l'exercice.

r'rançais

une telle mission.

Je fus littéralement conquis par le grand sens politique avec lequel il arrivait à atténuer les ardeurs des envoyés des différentes organisations multilatérales et bilatérales (lusophone, francophone, américaine, européenne et autres) qui se comportaient en infaillibles connaisseurs des réalités bissauguinéennes, alors que beaucoup n'avaient que leur propre agenda. Il me prenait souvent en aparté pour me faire découvrir les tentatives de manipulations, et m'exhortait à ce que nous n'ayons à l'esprit que le seul intérêt du pays.

Derrière sa mine bon enfant et son sourire qui arrondissait son visage, se cachait la carrure d'un homme imperturbable et vertueux à tous égards. Ainsi, à son initiative, nous eûmes une réunion cruciale avec José Ramos-Horta, ancien président du Timor oriental et prix Nobel de la paix, alors chef du Bureau intégré des Nations unies en Guinée-Bissau. L'objectif était de ramener d'abord les intervenants extérieurs à faire preuve de retenue, puis les ténors des partis politiques à la décence dans leurs propos et gestes. Résultat : le premier tour se termina le 13 avril 2014, et nous fûmes invités à revenir pour superviser le deuxième tour de l'élection, qui déboucha le 28 mai 2014, sur l'élection du président José Mario Vas.

Sortie de crise Depuis, une relation assidue s'est établie entre nous. Nous avons eu par la suite la très délicate mission de superviser l'élection présidentielle du Togo en avril 2015. Moi, président de la mission de l'Union africaine (UA) et lui, de celle de la Cedeao. Bien qu'il soit de cinq ans mon aîné, il me laissait la délicate mission de coordonner les initiatives au nom de toutes les missions, au motif que nous étions en pays francophone. Il y avait alors au Togo une profonde méfiance entre le pouvoir et l'opposition, convaincue que le gouvernement avait mis en place des stratagèmes pour « voler » leur victoire. Jusqu'à la veille des élections, les partis d'opposition exigeaient des changements profonds dans le système de centralisation des votes afin que cela soit remonté au niveau de la Commission nationale indépendante.

Avec beaucoup

d'entregent, nous avons réuni l'ensemble des protagonistes autour d'une même table pour trouver une sortie de crise et se rendre aux élections le lendemain matin à 7 h. La réunion commença à 22 h sous ma présidence, avec à ma droite le président Amos Sawyer. Vers 3 h du matin, sans solution en vue, nous nous acheminons vers un échec aux conséquences incalculables pour le Togo. Sawyer me conseilla alors une salvatrice pause, suivie de coups de fils et de divers conciliabules. Finalement, à 4 h 30 du matin, nous sommes parvenus à un accord que nous nous efforçâmes de mettre immédiatement sur papier et de la faire signer par les parties en présence. C'est ainsi que le Togo a pu pacifiquement voter le 15 avril 2015.

Dans l'arène de la bonne gouvernance

Amos Sawyer était aussi connu par son courage et sa détermination. Après de brillantes études en sciences politiques à la Northwestern University de Chicago. sanctionnées par un doctorat, il n'hésita pas retourner dans son pays en 1971 pour enseigner les sciences politiques à l'université de Monrovia, mais aussi pour animer des cercles pour la vraie citoyenneté.

Premier Libérien à oser se présenter comme candidat à la mairie de Monrovia, en 1979, contre un candidat issu de la puissante aristocratie des Afroaméricains, il fonda en 1983 le Parti du peuple libérien (LPP). Il n'hésitait pas à descendre dans l'arène des idées par de publications riches sur la paix et la bonne gouvernance dans son pays et en Afrique.

L'un de ses livres les plus célèbres, intitulé The Emergence of Autocracy in Liberia: Tragedy and Challenge (1992), alertait ses compatriotes sur la gestion patrimoniale du pouvoir comme source de comportements dictatoriaux. C'est ce courage et ce charisme qui lui valurent d'être choisi comme président du premier gouvernement intérimaire, lors de l'historique réunion organisée à Banjul, en novembre 1990, par la Cedeao pour stopper la descente aux enfers de son pays.

Par la suite, lorsque Ellen Johnson Sirleaf fût élue présidente du Liberia, Amos Claudius Sawyer dirigea la « Good Governance Commission », dans ce pays loin d'être un champion en la matière. Dans ce rôle, il ne connut aucun repos: il enchaînait conférences, ateliers, rencontres avec gouvernants et gouvernés, le tout supporté par de très riches publications qu'il s'imposait de superviser lui-même.

Faire la paix après la pandémie

OGOTÁ - Dans une formule lapidaire de son ouvrage Le Paradis perdu, le poète anglais John Milton énonce une vérité fondamentale sur les efforts visant à mettre fin à un conflit violent en vue d'établir une paix durable:

« Qui vainc par la force, Ne vainc son ennemi qu'à moitié. »

Cette idée a joué un rôle central pour trouver un moyen de mettre fin à la longue et coûteuse guerre civile en Colombie. En outre, elle est parfaitement transposable dans le champ des défis mondiaux communs que nous traversons actuellement.

Pour établir la paix, les dirigeants doivent encourager l'espoir et ancrer les politiques dans l'empathie, dans la solidarité et dans une vision à long terme du bien commun. C'est précisément l'approche que nous devons adopter à présent pour surmonter la pandémie de COVID-19 et pour construire un monde plus résilient, capable de mieux résister aux chocs et aux crises à venir.

L'expérience collective de l'humanité durant la COVID-19 nous rappelle à quel point nos vies peuvent être précieuses, fragiles et étroitement liées les unes aux autres. L'existence de chaque personne sur cette planète est inextricablement liée à celle de nos frères, de nos sœurs et de nos voisins, ainsi qu'à celle de nos ancêtres et des générations futures. À l'heure où nous commençons à planifier une relance post-pandémie, notre capacité à reconnaître notre destin commun nous intime de nous inspirer de l'héritage des réussites des dirigeants qui nous ont précédé.

À cet égard, il n'y a pas de meilleur modèle que Nelson Mandela, un homme au courage et à la détermination sans faille, qui a défié un système particulièrement néfaste de l'oppression raciale et qui est devenu le plus grand conciliateur de sa génération. Mandela a enduré près de trois décennies d'emprisonnement, a conduit son peuple vers la liberté et a construit en Afrique du Sud une démocratie résiliente et multiraciale qui a perduré jusqu'à ce jour.

L'humilité inébranlable de Mandela et sa foi inflexible en la démocratie ont contribué à jeter les bases de l'Afrique du Sud moderne. Ces qualités ont également trouvé un écho à l'échelle mondiale, en ce que Mandela a toujours placé la lutte pour la libération du Congrès national africain dans le contexte de la lutte internationale plus large contre le colonialisme, le racisme et la discrimination.

Cette affirmation de notre humanité commune est au cœur de la décision de Mandela de fonder « The Elders », le groupe de dirigeants mondiaux indépendants auquel j'appartiens. Dans son discours lors du lancement de l'organisation à Johannesburg en juillet 2007, Mandela a chargé le groupe d'un mandat spécifique : « Défendre le courage face à la peur, encourager la concorde face au conflit et inspirer l'espoir face au désespoir. »

Aujourd'hui plus que jamais, nous devons renouveler cette approche face à la pandémie, ainsi que face à des menaces existentielles encore plus graves comme le changement climatique et les armes nucléaires. Il est urgent que les dirigeants mondiaux reconnaissent explicitement l'importance de la solidarité, ainsi que leur devoir d'agir de manière décisive pour défendre et rajeunir le multilatéralisme.

Cette ambition et ce sens de l'espoir sont essentiels. Un exemple frappant de son absence est la réaction collective décevante à l'appel lancé en mars 2020 par le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies António Guterres en faveur d'un « cessez-lefeu mondial » en réponse à la COVID-19. Il est vrai que l'appel de Guterres fut convaincant et l'ONU a estimé que les parties belligérantes de 11 pays en ont tenu compte au début du mois d'avril de l'année passée. Mais le Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU a mis plus de trois mois à adopter une résolution approuvant l'appel de Guterres. Et trop de conflits se sont poursuivis sans relâche tout au long de l'année 2020 et font encore rage aujourd'hui.

Le nombre de morts, en particulier parmi les civils non armés, a été dévastateur. À la mi-2020, les conflits violents ont contribué à une augmentation du nombre de personnes déplacées de force, qui s'élève à près de 80 millions. Et à la fin de l'année, près de 100 millions de personnes ont subi une grave insécurité alimentaire à la suite d'un conflit, contre 77 millions en 2019.

C'est une mise en cause sérieuse de notre échec collectif, en particulier de celui des cinq membres permanents du Conseil de sécurité. Mais nous devons comprendre la quasi-paralysie du Conseil dans le contexte plus large des nombreux échecs mondiaux de leadership que la COVID-19 a révélés. Il s'agit notamment d'une coordination et d'un partage insuffisants d'informations en vue de contenir la pandémie, d'une collaboration inadaptée du G20 pour protéger l'économie mondiale, d'une pénurie d'aide financière pour soutenir la moitié Sud de la planète et de la catastrophe morale de « l'apartheid vaccinal ».

Face à cette litanie de défis et de déceptions, il est facile de se laisser gagner par le pessimisme. Mais se résigner à l'échec n'est pas seulement un aveu de complaisance des privilégiés du monde qui n'ont pas à supporter la douleur et les pertes de la guerre, mais également une trahison envers ses victimes. L'espoir persiste - tout comme notre détermination doit également persister.

Quant à moi, j'espère et je suis déterminé à ce que nous nous relevions de la pandémie de manière à affirmer les paroles de mon compatriote, le grand écrivain et prix Nobel Gabriel García Márquez : « Ni les inondations, ni les fléaux, ni les famines, ni les cataclysmes, ni même les guerres éternelles de siècle en siècle n'ont pu surpasser l'avantage tenace de la vie sur la mort. » Dans le même esprit, nous devons alors persister dans cette tâche porteuse de vie qui consiste à faire la paix.

Juan Manuel Santos, prix Nobel de la paix, ancien président de la Colombie (2010-18), professeur invité au Département du développement international de l'Université d'Oxford et membre du groupe « The Elders » (Les Anciens).

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTSERRADO MONTSERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM, A. D. 2022.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY......RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE IN RE: Nelson Philip Charles Taylor of Congo Town, Monrovia, Republic of Liberia.....

VERSUS Anfree N. Bartuah Taylor; also of Congo Town, Monrovia,

DIVORCE FOR INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER

ACTION:

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WRIT OF SUMMONS

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; TO: THE SHERIFF FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, OR HIS\HER DEPUTY: GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S)/RESPON-DENT(S) IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL ALW COURT FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM A.D. 2022, ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN MARCH, A.D. 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M., TO ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT/PETITION/ OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITONER(S); THAT UPON

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDENT(S)\RESPONDENT(S) TO FILE HIS\HER\THEIR FORMAL APPEARANCE AND \OR ANSWER IN MY OFFICE ON\OR BEFORE THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2022

HIS/HER/THEIR FAILURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM/HER/THEM.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON THE BACK OF THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS ON/OR BEFORE THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 2022, AS TO THE MANNER/FORM OF ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS.

COURT'S SEAL:

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2022.

Victor G. Gailor ASSISTANT CLERK, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

REPUBLIUC OF LIBERIA) IN THE CIVIL LAW COURT, THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTSERRADO COUNTY) MONTSERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM, A. D. 2021.

<u>BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNDEY PEABODY......RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE</u>

Nelson Philip Charles Taylor of Congo Town, Monrovia,PLAINTIFF Republic of Liberia.....

ACTION OF DIVORCE INCOMPATIBILITY OF **TEMPER**

Anfree N. Bartuah-Taylor also of Congo Town, Monrovia, Republic of Liberia......DEFENDANT)

VERSUS

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

AND NOW COMES PLAINTIFF, in the above entitled Cause of Action and Complains of the Defendant in the following manner and form as showeth to wit:

- That the Plaintiff and the Defendant were joined together in the bond of Holy Matrimony on the $11^{\rm th}$ day of May, A. D. 2019 at the St. Peter Lutheran Church on ${f 14}^{
 m th}$ Street in Sinkor in the City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia.
- That they (Plaintiff and Defendant) lived together in tolerable peace and happiness as husband and wife until sometime in July, 2020 when the Defendant became unmindful of her marital vows and covenants; and without any justification or excuse, became extremely quarrelsome and pugnacious to the extent that the Plaintiff can no longer continue this relationship and has therefore decided, after some somber reflection, to institute this Action of Divorce to end this marriage.
- That the Plaintiff has done everything humanly possible for his wife to change her unacceptable behavior and attitude towards him as her husband in an attempt to save their marriage to no avail and has painfully realized that it would be in the best interest of both Plaintiff and Defendant to annul and dissolve this marriage.
- That the Plaintiff has kept his marital vows inviolate and has faithfully lived up to his side of their marital contract.
- 5. That should this marital bond continue, Plaintiff's life will be extremely uncomfortable as Defendant has proven her flagrant and total disregard for

their marriage WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTAMCES, Plaintiff has instituted this suit and prays judgment against the Defendant, annulling and dissolving the Contract of Holy Matrimony which now subsists between the Plaintiff and the Defendant; and declare them two separate and

distinct persons, both in law and in equity, as though no such Contract ever existed between them. Plaintiff further prays Your Honor and this Honorable Court to grant unto Plaintiff such other and further relief(s) as justice and justice and equity demand within the pale of the law; and so prays

Respectfully Submitted, Plaintiff by and thru His Legal Counsel: Century Law Offices

Ashmun & Mechlin Streets Monrovia, Liberia

Lavela Koboi Johnson, Sr.
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW/SR. PARTNER

aulo Willie D. Barclay COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW

Dated this 14 day of February, A. D. 2022

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR AND MONTSERRADO COUNTY) MONTSERRADO COUNTY

Nelson Philip Charles Taylor of Congo Town, Monrovia, Republic of Liberia......PLAINTIFF

ACTION OF DIVORCE FOR) INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER

Anfree N. Bartuah-Taylor also of Congo Town, Monrovia,

Republic of Liberia......DEFENDANT)

PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFROE ME. a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace for and in Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia at my Office in the City of Monrovia, Willie D. Barclay, Jr., Counsellor-At-Law and one of counsels for the Plaintiff in the above entitled Cause of Action, and made OATH according to law that all and singular the averments of both law and facts as set forth and contained in the annexed Complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief and as to those matters of information he verily believes them to be true and correct.

> SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 2022 WILL S

> > JUSTICEOF THE PEACE MONTSERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

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Poland stands

the 30th Economic Forum in Karpacz. The Forum in Karpacz is the largest economic conference in Central and Eastern Europe, the aim of which is to promote the debate on the development of political and economic cooperation between EU Member States and non-EU countries. The Vice President took part in two discussion panels: "Challenges of the post-COVID-19 era" and "Time for women to leadtowards a world led by women". On the sidelines of the Forum, Vice President Howard-Taylor held talks with the

Chairman of the Economic Forum, Mr. Zygmunt Berdychowski, concerning cooperation with the Government of Liberia in the development of the private sector, in particular in the fields of energy, telecommunications, production and agriculture. Her Excellency J. Howard-Taylor stressed that Liberia is open to economic cooperation and that the government expects friendlier relations between Liberia and the countries of the European Union in terms of political and economic cooperation.

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appears to have already hit Liberia in the wake of growing scarcity of the nation's staple rice on the local market despite the government here dismissing reports of shortage.

For more than a week, retailers have been scrambling at distribution centers in Monrovia for supplies that are not available or are being hoarded for eventual hike in price.

Rice is dubbed as a political commodity in Liberia and its shortage led to the infamous "1979 Rice Riot" that turned bloody in the streets of Monrovia and subsequently led to the overthrow of President Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr. on April 12, 1980, by the military.

A 25-kilogram bag of rice is sold in Monrovia for between US\$13 and \$14 dollars, but importers are rationing sales with local retailers.

Marketers are particularly complaining of discrimination characterized by running battles between police protesters in the commercial district of Bushrod Island.

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, several market women involved in the retail sale of rice expressed their frustrations about the scarcity, issuing threats.

One marketer, Hawa Pawoo revealed that a 25-kg bag of rice is being sold for US\$20 or an equivalent of 3,000 Liberian

Another marketer, Sadia Guha, a widow, lamented that in the face of rice price rising to 3,000 LD, it has become worrisome in feeding her four children.

The Ministry of Commerce late Tuesday, April 5, 2022, said it had observed that retail businesses are consistently increasing the retail price of a bag of rice on the market despite the official wholesale price remaining at US\$13.00 per bag.

ACTION OF DEBT

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT OF LIBERIA, MONTSERRADO COUNTY) SITTING IN ITS JULY TERM, A. D. 2021,

BEFORE HER HONOR: EVA MAPPY MORGAN......CHIEF JUDGE BEFORE HIS HONOR: CHAN CHAN PAEGAR......ASSOCIATE JUDGE BEFORE HIS HONOR: OTHELLO S. PAYMAN, I.....ASSOCIATE JUDGE

Guaranty Trust Bank (Liberia) Limited by and thru its Managing

VERSUS

Baba Frozen Food, Inc. represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Tanuj Pandya also of the City of Monrovia, Liberia lST DEFENDANT

AND

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs in the above cause of action prays court to hold the herein named Defendants liable to Plaintiff, and for reasons showeth the following to wit:

- 1. That Plaintiff, Guaranty Trust Bank Liberia Limited, is a financial institution organized and existing under the Laws of the Republic of Liberia who by resolution its Board of Directors was authorized to institute legal action against the delinquent customers of the bank. Attached are copies of the bank's Articles of Incorporation, Certificate of Business Registration and Board Resolution marked as Exhibit P/1 in bulk.
- That the 1st Defendant, Baba Frozen Food Inc. is a business entity operating under the laws of the Republic of Liberia and the 2ND Defendant, Tanuj Pandya, is its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who arranged for several loan facilities at various dates amounting to ----- on agreed terms and conditions and executed several instruments including a Personal Guarantee from 2nd Defendant to secure the loan. Attached as **Exhibit P/2** in bulk are the loan agreements and collateral instruments.
- 3. That the Defendants have defaulted on the payment of the loans secured from the Plaintiff, overdrawn balance of U\$\$3,752.62 on its account No. 0102422/002/0001/000 despite repeated demands and now Plaintiff's lawyer fees of US\$8,443.59 for the institution of this debt action that brings the total indebtedness of the Defendants to US\$177,315.46. Attached as **Exhibit P/3** in bulk are the statements of account, demand letter and debt collection agreement.

WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, Plaintiff prays your honor to render judgment against the defendants as follows:

- That the Defendants are liable to the Plaintiff in the sum of US\$177,315.46(One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen United States Dollars and Forty Cents); plus legal interest of 6% per annum,
- 2. Rule all costs and expenses of this proceedings against the Defendants and grant unto the Plaintiff any and all relief equitable and just under the given circumstance.

Respectfully submitted, the Plaintiff by and thru its legal counsel the Lex Group Liberia LLC, Opposite Dominion Christian Fellowship Center Congo Town, Montserrado County, Liberia

Betty Lamin-Blamo COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW

J. Daku Mulbah COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW

Dated this 29th day of July A.D. 2021.

G<u>oL</u> to pay US12 Million to rice importers

he Government of Liberia is preparing a supplementary budget to include US\$12 million in payment to rice importers to prevent an increase in the retail price of the country's staple here-this paper has learned.

The move follows importers' demand for an increment in the retail price of the commodity from US13.50 to US16.00 for a 25kg bag of rice on the local market due to rising cost of importation.

The US12 million, which would be in the form of subsidy, provided to importers is geared towards ensuring that the extra cost of importers are covered with no extra charge pushed on consumers.

The government's

Retailers last week accused importers of rationing sales. They also complained of discrimination characterized by running battles between marketers and police in the commercial district of Bushrod Island.

Rice is dubbed as a political commodity in Liberia and its shortage led to the infamous "1979 Rice Riot" that turned bloody in the streets of Monrovia and subsequently led to the overthrow of President Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr. on April 12, 1980, by the military.

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, several market women involved in the retail sale of rice expressed their frustrations about the scarcity, issuing threats.

One marketer, Hawa Pawoo reveals that a 25-kg bag of rice is being sold for US\$20 or an equivalent of 3,000 Liberian Dollars.

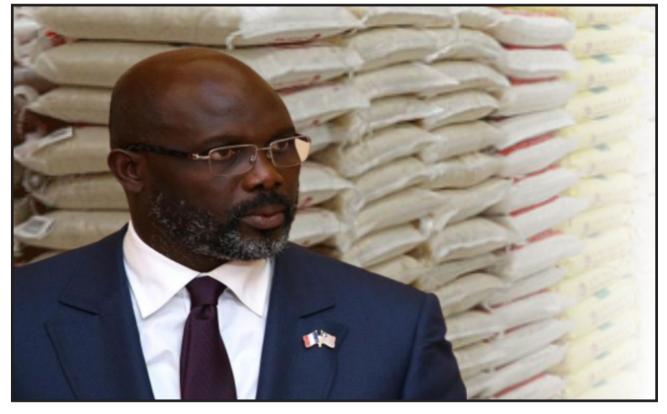
they will not be spectators in their own economy.

A day after the riot, President George Weah visited the Freeport of Monrovia where he toured several warehouses of rice importers to ascertain the situation.

His tour also came after the Commerce Ministry issued a statement late Tuesday, April 5, 2022, acknowledging that it has observed that RETAIL BUSINESSES are consistently increasing the retail price of a bag of rice on the market despite official wholesale price remaining at US\$13.00 per

"The Ministry of Commerce and Industry wants to make it crystal clear that the approved Government of Liberia's retail price for a bag of rice is USD\$13.50 and not to exceed USD \$14.00." the statement said at the time.

However, with the planned payment of US12 Million to rice



move also comes at a time retailers have been scrambling at distribution centers in Monrovia for supplies that are not available or are being hoarded for eventual hike

Madam Pawoo calls on the government to intervene and stop the hike in the rice price so that she continues her trade, reminding President George Weah had promised Liberians that under his administration,

importers to cover the extra import cost, it remains to be seen if this will bring to an end to panic buying and hoarding of the commodity.-Writes Othello B. Garblah

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national identity number which entitles the holder benefit from social welfare and medical care and many other privileges on a par with Polish citizens."

The statement explained that not only did immense assistance come from the Polish government, but also ordinary Polish citizens contributed in a tremendous bottom-up response. Individuals, families, neighborhoods and local communities started helping on their

"It is worth mentioning that Polish citizens created special assistance platforms dedicated exclusively to assisting

own."

Poland stands with Ukraine

African nationals. The support offered includes, for instance, finding accommodation, translation services and free of charge legal assistance for those wishing to remain in Poland." It added.

Apart from the humanitarian assistance Poland continues to solidarity with Ukraine, becoming a humanitarian hub coordinating humanitarian assistance flowing via Poland to besieged Ukraine from over 30 countries worldwide.

"The Polish government has launched a robust and comprehensive system for provision of humanitarian assistance not only in Poland but also in Ukraine. Humanitarian convovs leave Poland for Ukraine on a daily basis transporting

medicine, food, clothing and

other necessities financed by the Polish government, NGOs and individuals. Poland has contributed 500 000 CHF for humanitarian actions conducted by the International Committee of the Red Cross. All assistance sent to Ukraine is coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the Office of the Prime Minister."

Excerpts of the statement particularly on Poland and

"Although Poland has no strong historical and political ties with Liberia, as it never colonized any African nation, on a bilateral level, it has maintained friendly diplomatic relations with Liberia for many decades. Last year, the Polish government supported Liberia through its development

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he Political Leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC), Mr. Alexander Cummings, has reassured hundreds of supporters that he will be vindicated from the state- sponsored criminal trial against him. He insisted that the charges are based on falsehoods and lies.

Cummings' statement was in response to questions from supporters during exchanges at a community engagement on Friday, April 8, in Samuel Dahn Community, District 6, Montserrado County.

District #6, including GSA area and the Samuel Dahn Community, has an estimated 26,000 registered voters, according to reports.

Mr. Cummings said the criminal trial relative to the **Collaborating Political Parties** (CPP) framework document is part of plots and schemes being masterminded by the government and cronies to frustrate his agenda for genuine change in Liberia.

Questions directed at him and how an ANC Presidency would deal with the issues, ranged from deplorable community roads, lack of employment opportunities and investment, the deteriorating economic situation which has rendered parents as indigents, to alarming drugs abuse and poor health care delivery system in Liberia.

Responding, Mr. Cummings blamed the deteriorating economic conditions to gross mismanagement and ineffectiveness of the national leadership and said also part of the blame is the poor choices of Liberians that often lead to electing the wrong people into power.

The ANC Political Leader spoke of the enormous God-given wealth and resources in Liberia and said it is unacceptable for the vast majority of Liberians to be living in abject poverty, while a few live comfortably.

On the issue of the alarming drugs abuse, Mr. Cummings spoke of the need for youth empowerment through job creation and vocational training, while at the same evoking the law to deal drastically with persons engaged in the smuggling of illicit drugs in the country.

The ANC Political Leader said Liberians need to change centuries' way of doing things and wake up to realities to change Liberia, to make it better and prosperous, "We have to elect people who are not corrupt and with vision to change the poor state of affairs."

Mr. Cummings reaffirmed the ANC's strong commitment to genuine change that will empower women and youths, lift Liberians out of poverty, and improve the living conditions of vast majority.

cooperation program "Polish

The project was focused on improving vocational education in Liberia. The Embassy of Poland equipped a computer lab at the Don Bosco Technical School in the capital of Liberia. The school provides education for students at all levels (grades 1 to 12). The uniqueness of the school compared to other institutions lies in the fact that all its students, in addition to learning the subjects provided in the curriculum, also benefit from classes that include learning technical skills, such as tailoring, technical drawing, embroidery, computer skills, etc. The school is attended by children and young people with different financial and social status, which promotes the principle of equal opportunities. Currently, 570 students study there. The project activities included the purchase of desktops with monitors, adapted to conduct training and use of professional programs for calculations and technical drawings. Computer desks and UPS units were also purchased to ensure continuity of work.

In recent years Poland and Liberia have witnessed a surge of mutual interest with a high level visit and are looking forward to many more in the near future. In September 2021, the Vice President Jewel Howard-Taylor visited Poland to take part in

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Poland stands with Ukraine



Polish Government says it remains firm in its position in standing with the people of Ukraine in the ongoing Russian Federation military attack against that peaceful nation-Ukraine.

Poland, a next door neighbor of Ukraine, immediately opened its boarders and extended helping hand to over 2 million people fleeing that country from the Russian invasion.

In a statement issued over the weekend by the Polish Embassy in Abuja, the Polish Government who described the ongoing Russian aggression as unprecedented an unprovoked, adding that the military invasion is unjustified, said although most refugees are Ukrainians, thousands of third country nationals were welcomed and provided shelter in Poland.

"Polish authorities let in

everyone irrespective of nationality, race or creed. Many of those who crossed the Ukrainian-Polish border were African nationals, including Liberians," the statement said.

The statement said "the government of Poland went to great lengths and undertook every effort to ensure all refugees received meaningful, effective and comprehensive assistance. Meals were distributed at border crossings, transport was provided to receptive points where further assistance and help were provided by local government authorities. Moreover, country legislation was amended to cater for the needs of refugees and facilitate the provision of assistance. All refugees are guaranteed free of charge medical care. Poland accepts and helps terminally ill refugees, the physically challenged and orphans. Ukrainian children are given the opportunity to resume learning in Polish primary and secondary schools. All Ukrainian citizens can apply for a Polish

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