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Continental News

Sudan frees ex-officials in effort to end political impasse

Sudanese authorities released two outspoken former government officials from jail, lawyers said Wednesday, part of trust-building measures amid efforts to end the country's political impasse.

Sudan has been plunged into turmoil since an October military coup upended its short-lived transition to democracy after three decades of repressive rule by former strongman Omar al-Bashir. Al-Bashir and his Islamist-backed government were removed in a popular uprising in April 2019.

Khalid Omar, a former minister of Cabinet Affairs, was released late Tuesday, and Mohammed al-Faki Suleiman, a former member of the ruling Sovereign Council, walked free from a prison in the capital of Khartoum on Wednesday, their defense team said.

The Criminal Court in northern Khartoum rejected the prosecutors' request to renew their detention pending investigation into an array of vague charges, including betrayal of public



A pro-democracy protester flashes the victory sign as thousands take to the streets to condemn a takeover by military officials

trust, according to their lawyers. The court cited insufficient evidence to keep them in custody, they said.

Both Omar and Suliman had been detained along with dozens of other officials during the October 25 coup and were released a month later as part of a deal between the military and Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok. The premier resigned in January after failing to bridge the gap between the generals and the protest movement.

The two men were rearrested in February amid a crackdown by

the generals on anti-coup groups. Dozens of activists were also detained amid relentless protests against the military's takeover.

The crackdown on protesters killed more than 90 people, mostly young men, and injured thousands, according to a Sudanese medical group.

Suliman was also deputy head of a government-run agency tasked with dismantling the legacy of al-Bashir's regime. The agency is known as The Committee to

Dismantle the Regime of June 30, 1989 – a reference to the Islamist-backed coup that brought al-Bashir to power. It was created after the uprising and for two years worked to purge al-Bashir's loyalists from government institutions.

The generals, including coup leader General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, have long criticized the agency. It was dismantled after the October coup, and the generals appointed another committee to review its decisions. Many of the agency's decisions were

reversed, measures seen by critics of the military as a way to enable Islamists allied with the generals.

Other detained members of the agency, including Wagdy Saleh, Taha Osman and Babiker Faisal, were also released Wednesday, their defense team said.

"After a detention that lasted 78 days, we return to the streets. ...We won't forget that these streets have brought us to the positions of responsibility," Saleh said in a tweet, referring to the popular uprising.

Earlier this month, authorities freed over two dozen activists who were detained in recent weeks over the anti-coup protests. VOA

Nigeria's Kaduna train attack: New photos bring relief and pain



Train travel is pricier but passengers wanting to avoid the dangerous Abuja-to-Kaduna highway had little choice

Photos have been released of 62 people allegedly being held hostage in Nigeria after a brazen attack by gunmen on a high-speed train last month.

It is not clear when the pictures, which surfaced on social media on Tuesday showing the captives divided into four groups, were taken.

Families of some of those missing after the attack told the BBC they recognised their relatives amongst the hostages.

They give the first indication of how many people are being held.

"I feel such emotion. I cried a lot when I saw the pictures," someone whose brother and sister-in-law are among the hostages told the BBC. He asked not to be identified and said it was a traumatising time for the family. Gunmen mined

groups in Africa frequently turn to logging as a source of funding.

"Conflicts and deforestation represent one of the great threats to social development in Africa," he said. "Illegal logging is one of

the vital rail link between the capital, Abuja, and the northern city of Kaduna on the evening of 28 March, forcing the train carrying 362 passengers to stop.

At least nine passengers died during the attack and some 168 people were reported missing afterwards by the state rail company.

But it has never been clear whether all of them were kidnapped or if some had managed to return home without telling the authorities.

Although the photos have not been independently verified, they provide the first indication of how many people may have been kidnapped in the attack. Earlier, two proof-of-life videos were released - one showed a bank executive, flanked by armed men in fatigues. He has subsequently been freed. BBC

the ways to get quickly, money. As the forest has become the source for rebels to buy weapons. They always cut the trees from the forest."

Edou added that anywhere there is a conflict, very high rates of deforestation emerge too. VOA

Advocates warn of environmental destruction in Ethiopia's Tigray

British Environmental group warns the war in Ethiopia's Tigray region is driving deforestation. It says blockades limiting fuel and aid to the region have forced Tigrayans to chop down trees, worsening food shortages in a region the U.N. says is already at risk of famine.

Tigray has been under a de facto humanitarian blockade for more than nine months now, with Ethiopian government forces and rebels

accusing each other of preventing aid from reaching the war-torn region.

The U.N. says one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world is taking place inside Tigray, with an acute lack of food. Ordinary Tigrayans are said to be desperate to find resources for day-to-day living.

A report by the U.K.-based nonprofit group the Conflict and Environment Observatory says the war and lack of aid in Tigray is having a serious impact on the environment that could cause problems for Tigrayans for

decades.

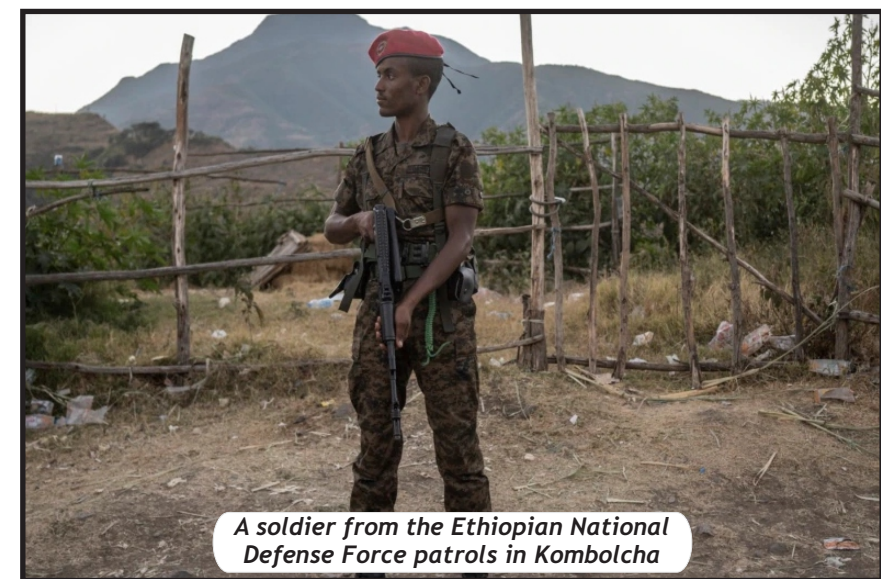
By analyzing satellite images in Tigray, the report concludes "conflict driven-deforestation" is happening at an alarming rate.

Trees play a major role in conserving soil and water to produce food. Aid agencies have warned that parts of Tigray are already close to famine.

Henrike Schulte, the author of the report and a conservation scientist at the Zoological Society of London, said conflict-driven deforestation usually happens for two reasons.

"One is the breakdown of environmental governance," she said. "For instance, if in a war zone, protected areas are no longer protected and people can move in and remove vegetation... deforestation can also occur because of increased demand for foreign resources."

Raphael Edou, the Africa program manager at The Environmental Investigation Agency, a Washington-based non-profit group, said rebel



A soldier from the Ethiopian National Defense Force patrols in Kombolcha

EDITORIAL

Weah’s solar light politics

WHILE OVER A million Monrovia residents are without electricity and pipe borne water, rendering them vulnerable to criminals and other deviants, President George Manneh Weah seems busy with early campaign ahead of 2023 elections, erecting solar panel lights with campaign slogan “Weah 2023” in few communities here and there, much to the fury of critics.

MANY BELIEVE THE action clearly demonstrates President Weah’s obsession with winning a second term in office than addressing long-existing managerial and technical lapses at the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) that is creating serious insecurity issues across the capital and its suburbs.

BESIDES, THE “WEAH 2023” solar panel activity is nothing but pre-campaigning which is in breach of the election law of Liberia. Those leading this campaign on behalf of the President should be called to book by the National Elections Commission to desist immediately.

RATHER THAN TOUTING his personal horn, President Weah should direct his attention to most important issue of ensuring that the Liberia Electricity Corporation execute its statutory function of delivering electricity to the more than 2 million population of Monrovia and rest of the country. Liberia runs an 88-Megawatt hydropower Plant but distribution of electricity across the country remains a serious challenge for the government.

THE LEC HAS been found wanting in every capacity, ranging from poor managerial skills, theft, bribery, compromise, ineptitude and inefficiency, among others. This is a serious embarrassment not only for the government, but the entire country.

DOES PRESIDENT WEAH realize that international partners, including the United States, European Union, Japan and others that contributed to purchasing a new turbine for the Mount Coffee Hydro Plant are regrettably disappointed in our inability to properly manage the facility?

SINCE ITS INSTALLATION and subsequent inauguration under the previous administration up to the present government, the LEC has been unable to efficiently distribute power, which has crippled the economy.

IN JANUARY, SENATE President Pro-Tempore Albert Chie revealed here that the Government of Liberia was indebted to the West African Power Pool from neighboring Ivory Coast, totaling US\$9m and added that due to the debt, Ivory Coast is reneging to send power to Liberia.

WE BELIEVE THESE are urgent issues that the Weah administration should address, instead of politicizing a crucial service like electricity. Supporters and sympathizers of the President who think the solar light politics is the way to proceed, are doing him and the Liberian people a serious disservice.

THIS IS UNSUSTAINABLE and President Weah knows very well, but he tries to take Liberians for granted by prioritizing his personal quest to get re-elected than the people. Immediately after taken office in 2018 amid high expectations from Liberians, Mr. Weah rather embarked on reconstructing his private residence in Sinkor, Monrovia and constructing 10 additional duplexes opposite Baptist Seminary along the Robertsfield Highway in Paynesville. Many had thought that he would have hit the ground running with his economic plan for the country.

WITH BARELY ONE year to ending his first term, the President should be seen exerting sincere effort in solving the electricity problem that is crippling the economy and the entire country instead of prioritizing his personal interest at the expense of the people he leads.

COMMENTARY

By Josep Borrell and
Werner Hoyer

Decarbonization Is Now a Strategic Imperative

BRUSSELS - Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has forced the European Union to accelerate the pace of our energy and climate policy. Since the Kremlin has increasingly used energy as a tool for political influence, we must deprive it of its leverage by radically reducing our dependence on fossil-fuel imports from Russia.

The geopolitical rationale for doing so overlaps with the imperative to tackle climate change. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s latest report on mitigation underscores the urgency of that task. Total greenhouse-gas emissions must peak by 2025 if we are to avoid a catastrophic increase in global temperatures. Moreover, the economy-wide shift to clean energy must be managed carefully to account for the inevitable social and economic consequences; it must be a “just transition.”

The EU and the European Investment Bank have a vital role to play in this transition. Investments in renewables, energy efficiency, and innovative technologies such as green hydrogen are important tools for dealing with Russia’s aggression and helping to save the planet from dependence on fossil fuels. Every euro we spend on the energy transition at home is a euro we keep out of the hands of an authoritarian power that wages aggressive war. Every euro we spend on clean energy enhances our freedom to make our own decisions. Every euro we spend helping our international partners accelerate their own decarbonization strategies is an investment in resilience and in the fight against climate change.

Since Russia’s invasion on February 24, the EU has been accelerating its energy transition plans to help end Europe’s reliance on Russian fossil-fuel imports as soon as possible. Although this will not happen overnight, the incentives to do so are now greater than ever. We can achieve energy independence by improving efficiency, diversifying supplies, and ramping up renewables. This process requires a mobilization at all levels - from supranational bodies down to households and individuals.

There are two important caveats to consider. First, the search for alternative suppliers of natural gas - critical as it is in the short term - must not lock us into a new long-term dependence that requires heavy investments in fossil-fuel infrastructure. That would be costly, catastrophic for the planet, and ultimately unnecessary, given the more climate-conscious options that are available.

Second, we must not trade one bottleneck for another by swapping our over-dependence on fossil fuels for over-dependency on raw materials needed for the green transition. These resources are heavily concentrated in just a handful of countries,

not all of which hold the same values and interests as the EU. Strengthening the EU’s strategic autonomy and resilience must remain a key objective of the transition.

Europe cannot do this alone. Winning the battle against climate change and standing up to Russian aggression are global challenges that demand a global response. Russian President Vladimir Putin’s war has strengthened the strategic rationale for all countries to reduce their fossil-fuel imports and invest more in climate-friendly energy solutions.

That is why the EU is actively engaged in climate diplomacy. We want to encourage others to raise their climate ambitions, and we have committed considerable resources to working with partner countries so that they, too, can move to a resilient net-zero-emissions economy. Through the European Green Deal and the EU’s new Global Gateway initiative, EU institutions and member states are mobilizing up to €300 billion (\$325 billion) of investment in green and digital infrastructure to address the climate, biodiversity, and energy crises.

Moreover, the EIB has pledged to support €1 trillion of investment in climate action and environmental sustainability by 2030. Through its new development arm, EIB Global, the bank is working with partners around the world to mobilize finance for energy efficiency, renewables, and electricity grid projects.

Working as part of the EU’s joint effort under Team Europe, the EIB’s support for a clean-energy future ranges from investing in solar power in Senegal to financing more energy-efficient kindergartens in Armenia. The bank has also helped forge a Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa; provided backing for the India-based International Solar Alliance, which supports solar power development across 105 tropical countries; and signed on to an integrated water management and flood prevention scheme in Argentina.

The EU stands ready to support the global community in ending its dependency on fossil fuels. Russia’s war on Ukraine is not a reason to delay investments in climate action. On the contrary, more green investment will give us more strategic autonomy. Decarbonization has become a geopolitical imperative. We call on our global partners in government and across international financial institutions to join us in accelerating finance for clean energy. By pursuing climate neutrality, we can also achieve energy security.

Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, is Vice President of the European Commission for a Stronger Europe in the World. Werner Hoyer is President of the European Investment Bank.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM, A. D. 2021.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE AFRICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIBERIA
LIMITED (AICOL).

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
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ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS.

COURT'S SEAL:

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 12TH
DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

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

PETITIONER'S PETITION

AND NOW COMES THE PETITIONER, Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) praying Court's Decree
for Compulsory Liquidation of African Insurance Company of Liberia Limited (AICOL).

Petitioner is the Institution of the Government of Liberia established under the Central Bank of
Liberia Act of 1999 which functions are to license, regulate and supervise the activities of Financial
Institutions operating in Liberia and to suspend, revoke the license of said financial institutions
operation in Liberia (Amended and Restatement of the Act of establishing the Central Bank of
Liberia 1999, Part II, Section 4.6) and to liquidate and de-list same. Petitioner, under said CBL
Act is authorized to administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 (Ibid, Part 4.5) which
includes banking and non-banking financial institutions such as insurance companies.

Petitioner says that AICOL was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out
non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it
under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector.
On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized AICOL due to its failure to meet the minimum capital
requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with
Section 11.3 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved AICOL's board and senior management and appointed a
provisional administrator (PA) on the day of seizure, in keeping with Section 10.10 (1) of the
Insurance Act, in order to protect the interest of policyholders, customers, and the entire public.
The PA was mandated to take all necessary action in preserving the business and assets of the
company, protect the interest of the policyholders, and commence a compulsory liquidation
proceeding.

Following the appointment of the PA, the owners and shareholders made several requests asking
Petitioner for enlargement of time to delay the commencement of the compulsory liquidation for
the purpose of allowing them to inject additional capital into the company. As a reasonable and
magnanimous regulator, the CBL granted these requests and extended the time thereby providing
a lifeline to the company but the shareholders were unable to resuscitate the company. Due to their
inability to resuscitate and reorganize the company into a profitable and financially viable
enterprise, the Petitioner instituted an audit which showed that there were no good assets to attract
potential investors to support the company's insolvency. Hence this Petition.

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IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
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Petitioner says that FDUIS was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out
non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it
under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector.
On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized FDUIS due to its failure to meet the minimum capital
requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with
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Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved FDUIS' board and senior management and appointed a
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INC. (FDUIS)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace, for and
in County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, at my Office in the City of Monrovia, County and
Republic aforesaid, R. Esther H. Barclay, Counselor-At-Law, ONE OF COUNSELS for Petitioner in the
above entitled cause of action and made Oath according to law that all and singular the allegations
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are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that as to those other matters of
information, she verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, at my office in
the City of Monrovia Montserrado County, R. L., this
31ST day of December, A.D. 2021.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

R. Esther H. Barclay
Counselor-At-Law and
One of Counsel for Petitioner..... DEPOSITION

\$5.00 Revenue stamps attached.

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IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF GLOBAL TRUST ASSURANCE COMPANY (GTAC)

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Act is authorized to administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 (Ibid, Part 4.5) which
includes banking and non-banking financial institutions such as insurance companies.

Petitioner says that GTAC was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out
non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it
under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector.
On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized GTAC due to GTAC's failure to meet the minimum capital
requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with
Section 11.3 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved GTAC's board and senior management and appointed a
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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM, A. D. 2021.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF CAPITAL EXPRESS ASSURANCE COMPANY (CEAC)

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WRIT OF SUMMONS

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; TO: THE SHERIFF FOR MONTERRADO 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 MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM A.D. 2021, ON THE THIRD
MONDAY IN DECEMBER, A.D. 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M., TO ANSWER TO THE
COMPLAINT/PETITION/ OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITIONER(S); THAT UPON
HIS/HER/THEIR FAILURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM/HER/THEM.

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 22ND
DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON THE BACK OF THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS WRIT
OF SUMMONS ON/OR BEFORE THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 2022, AS TO THE MANNER/FORM OF
ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 12TH
DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

COURT'S SEAL:

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

PETITIONER'S PETITION

AND NOW COMES THE PETITIONER, Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) praying Court's Decree
for Compulsory Liquidation of Capital Express Assurance Company (CEAC).

Petitioner is the Institution of the Government of Liberia established under the Central Bank of
Liberia Act of 1999 which functions are to license, regulate and supervise the activities of Financial
Institutions operating in Liberia and to suspend, revoke the license of said financial institutions
operation in Liberia (Amended and Restatement of the Act of establishing the Central Bank of
Liberia 1999, Part II, Section 4.6) and to liquidate and de-list same. Petitioner, under said CBL
Act is authorized to administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 (Ibid, Part 4.5) which
includes banking and non-banking financial institutions such as insurance companies.

Petitioner says that CEAC was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out
non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it
under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector.
On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized CEAC due to its failure to meet the minimum capital
requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with
Section 11.3 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved CEAC's board and senior management and appointed a
provisional administrator (PA) on the day of seizure, in keeping with Section 10.10 (1) of the
Insurance Act, in order to protect the interest of policyholders, customers, and the entire public.
The PA was mandated to take all necessary action in preserving the business and assets of the
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IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL) PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE GLOBAL TRUST ASSURANCE COMPANY (GTAC)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT

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in County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, at my Office in the City of Monrovia, County and
Republic aforesaid, R, Esther H. Barclay, Counselor-At-Law, ONE OF COUNSELS for Petitioner in the
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of law and facts as are set forth and contained in the foregoing and annexed PETITIONER'S PETITION
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information, she verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, at my office in
the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, R. L., this
31ST day of December A.D. 2021.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

R. Esther H. Barclay
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\$5.00 Revenue Stamps attached.

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Monrovia, Houston sign Sister City Agreement

By Lewis S. Teh

Atwo-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Monrovia City Corporation and Houston City in the United States to start a fresh



we were excited about the increasing trade between Liberia and Georgia. Today, we are looking for an opportunity to establish this relationship between Monrovia and Houston; this has been the reason for our coming”, Ms. Blandford said. For her part, representing

partnership agreement. The signing ceremony took place Thursday, 28 April 2022 at the MCC when the Monrovia city government hosted delegates from the United States, representing the Houston Atlanta Trade Mission. Giving the purpose of the mission here, the head of delegates and Honorary Consul General for Liberia in the State of Georgia, Ms. Cynthia L. Blandford, said, they are in Liberia to form a partnership agreement with business associations, and other Institutions to foster growth and development. According to her, she is overly excited about the signing of the MOU, noting that it means a lot for the city of Houston and Monrovia. “The purpose of this visit is to established relationship with the Liberia business association, we concluded another MOU with the National Port Authority where

the mayor of Houston a member of the Houston city council Dr. Carolyn Evans Shabazz said it was an honor for her to have represented the mayor of Houston to execute the duties given her. Reading a brief statement, Dr. Shabazz said Houston and Monrovia signed the MOU for the purpose of strengthening working relationship and increase trade in both cities that will develop ideas and promote mutual exchange. “This is desire to understand and exploring credentials and collaborate with across various field including agriculture, energy, education public works, trade, and cultural exchanges to the benefits of both citizens” She said both parties agree to consider opportunities and explore proper corporation, adding therefore, let's it be known that the city of Houston and the city of Monrovia have mutually

involved their interest to examine opportunities and build stronger ties that will last for two years. Monrovia City Mayor Jefferson T. Koijee extended heartfelt gratitude to the U.S. delegation for taking up time to travel to Liberia. “We want to specifically thank our friends from the United States, we hope that the signing of this MOU will bring great progress to our city and the country at large”, said Mayor Koijee. He thanked his counterpart of Houston for the collaboration, noting, “I'm not surprised to see this happening; during my recent visit to the United States, I had a discussion with the mayor of Houston, and he promised that our two cities will get into an agreement and today this is happening.” Koijee praised the city of Houston for having a deep sense of diversity. He said the city hosts people of diverse background, and it's most likely that Monrovia will be no different from Houston. According to Mayor, the agreement will provide both cities the opportunity to promote a strong working relationship and exchange information and expertise in the areas of marketing, operation, training, and infrastructure development, among others. Recently, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed to renew a long-standing partnership agreement between the National Port Authority (NPA) and the Georgia Port Authority (GPA). The signing ceremony took place Tuesday, 26 April 2022 in Monrovia when the NPA hosted delegates from the United States, representing the Houston Atlanta Trade Mission. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Over 1,000 migrants from Burkina Faso enter Liberia



Flashback Ivorian refugee in Liberia

By Thomas Domah/ Nimba County

About 1,200 Burkinabes have entered Liberia thru Nimba County, allegedly for farming purposes. The migrants arrived recently in Kpablee administrative district#6, in Nimba. Sources on the ground told the New Dawn that they entered the country via Ivory Coast as farming cooperatives to work with local farmers here. Already, there are more than 5,000 Burkinabes in Nimba

involved in farming activities with the locals. However, some citizens joined few of the migrants and reportedly attacked some Liberia Immigration Service personnel, who have gone to inquire why the presence of huge number of Burkinabes on Liberian soil. Nimba County authorities are yet to take any action or speak to the press about the presence of the Burkinabes that are currently in Kpablee administrative district. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Agricultural sector there. He continued that Mr. Williams works in Pleebo and Karluway districts, while Mr. Koffa works in Harper and Barrobo, respectively. The County Agriculture Coordinator lamented that both men are doing additional two persons' works in their respective districts of assignment. “So again, they are just two including me, that are doing all of the Agricultural works in the county and Maryland County should have had six extension staffs in the county. However, we are trying to make sure to visit our farmers in order to provide them necessary information from the ministry”, he explained. According to him, the county currently has two active projects from the Ministry of Agriculture; namely, the RE-TRIP project and the STAR project. He noted that the RE-TRIP project's primary focus is to work with rubber producers, while the STAR project is for oil palm producers. Besides, the CAC added that there is another project coming up which will be implemented by the ministry's extension team that won't involve people from headquarters in Monrovia. He stressed that it is a smallholders Agriculture Food and Nutrition project to be implemented by the local team in the county to rehabilitate 50-75 hectares of lowland. Mr. Natt added that rehabilitation of 25 hectares will be done in Pleebo, electoral district#2 and 50 hectares will be done in Harper, electoral district#1, respectively. He because of the importance of lowland rice production, they encouraged some investors that were given 2000 hectares of land by the people Barrobo, electoral district#3 to cultivate lowland while there is additional 7000 hectares agreement already signed by the people through the help of local authorities. “So again, we are doing everything to produce rice that will reduce our level of importation because we have noticed over the time that whenever the road leading to the southeast get spoiled, the price of rice increases, so what we are doing now is to make our county self-sufficient in food. As you may be aware, we sometimes buy rice for LRD3,500 and LRD5,000 whenever the road gets spoiled, so by this, we can change the system.” The MOA Coordinator disclosed that to fulfil such dream, the ministry has provided two giant-size machines with the capacity to process 2.2 tons of rice per hour, which is 18 tons in 8 hours, because the mill is built to run just eight hours a day. “So, the mill is currently situated in Chinee farm but again, to have that mill felt, we need to go beyond what we are doing now”, he cautioned. He also revealed the besides rice production, the county is also involved with cassava and fish production, sponsored by the European Union in five counties, and noted that Agriculture sub-office in Maryland is working closely with local farmers through medium-scale empowerment program, providing them seeds, tools, chemicals and training. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Maryland Agriculture Coordinator seeks manpower

The County Agriculture Coordinator for Maryland County Christian NeckieNatt has decried lack of manpower for the Ministry of Agriculture's suboffice in Maryland. He made the disclosure during a one-day mobilization meeting with farmers held recently at the Pleebo City Hall in Pleebo district. Mr. Natt lamented that the county is unfortunate to have just three extension staff, instead of six. He said due to the shortage of manpower, each of the extension staff works in two districts. He named Mr. Domo William and Peter Koffa as the only two extension personnel working with him in the county, which he noted, poses serious hindrance to the



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LTA, LITSU launch "ICT For Her" initiative

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) in partnership with the Liberia Information Technology Students Union (LITSU) has formally launched a



mentorship program named and styled "ICT For Her."

The program is aimed at creating a space where mentees can tap into knowledge, skills and experience of Liberian women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to advance and pursue careers.

The program was launched Thursday, 28 April 2022 as Liberia joined the world in the celebration of International Girls Information Communication Day (ICT).

LITSU which is the mother of all Information and Technology Students in the Republic of Liberia, in collaboration with the LTA and the University of Liberia Department of Computer and

Information Sciences (DCIS), celebrated the International Girls in ICT Day on Thursday.

The program was graced by the Deputy Mission Director of the United States Embassy near Monrovia, Mr. Joel F. Maybury, Accountability Lab Liberia

established by International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The day is observed to celebrate girls, young women and encourages them to pursue studies and careers in the technology sector.

LITSU is the only certified national organization for ICT students that are engaged in technology which provides ICT awareness, ICT literacy training, solicit internships and scholarships for deserving students.

Giving the overview of the program, the president of LITSU Ms. Josephine L. P. Koryon said the celebration of International Girls ICT Day seeks to create a safe and diversified environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women in STEM to pursue their studies and careers in the growing field of Information and Communication Technology.

She said it also seeks to remove the existing perception that ICT is a male field.

According to the young female digital advocate, girls will be mentored by high-profile female IT professionals across all sectors in Liberia and get access to these mentors for their feature career guide.

"Our objective is to encourage girls and young women to pursue STEM education, Inspire girls and young women to work in STEM careers," said Ms. Koryon.

She continued that they seek to provide a platform for females to explore their abilities in computer science, engage the community and promote collaboration through partnerships.

Country Director, Mr. Lawrence Yealue, and Mr. FoldestinePaye, immediate past president, LITSU, among others.

Participants at the day-long program, particularly mentees, were dressed in white shirts, while mentors were dressed in Blue shirts.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Girls access and safety in ICT." the celebration brought together several ICTs students from various Universities and high schools including, the University of Liberia(UL), United Methodist University (UMU), Starz University and Bluecrest University.

International Girls Information Communication and Technology Day was

Stakeholders Review and Validate the Liberia Corrections Service Act

UNDP Liberia through the Rule of Law Joint Programme supports the Bureau of Corrections and Rehabilitation (BCR) of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to hold a two-day review and validation of Liberia's Corrections Service Act.

The BCR which has a constitutional mandate to create, preserve and administer correctional institutions, is seeking an autonomy status.

The draft Act will establish a semi-autonomous prison service called the National Corrections and Rehabilitation Service and will enable the entity to raise its own funds.

When passed by the Legislature, it will place the current Bureau of Corrections and Rehabilitation (BCR) on a similar footing as other

agencies within the Ministry of Justice, such as the Liberian National Police (LNP).

The technical working session held 21-22 April 2022, brought together key stakeholders in the area of law and criminal justice to discuss and provide feedback

on relevant amendments, codifications and standards within the law.

During the event held in Buchanan Grand Bassa County, Ms. Marzu Stubblefield - Quaye of UNDP Rule of Law Joint Programme emphasized the importance of validating the document and making inputs to



Substance and drug abuse, a major challenge in Liberia



Substance and drug abuse in Liberia is a major contributing factor to the destruction of many children, young men and women. Eventually, this is leading to an increase in criminal activities because these youth who are mostly unemployed, are engaged with criminal activities to support their hobbies.

The trigger down effect is on the guilt-free population that suffers the most from varying unlawful acts exhibited by substance abusers including the smashing of personal belongings, scams, theft, etc.

According to the Liberian Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA), there are approximately 355 ghettos in Montserrado County alone. Of the 355, 88 new ghettos were added in 2022. It is recorded that 60% of the ghettos are permanent and 40% are make-shifts.

From observation, there is an increase in the number of ghettos during the dry season because most of the drug addicted people use wetlands to establish temporary ghettos.

In the midst of these circumstances, using youth as a tool to create awareness against substance abuse in Liberia and creating a robust psychosocial rehabilitation program is cardinal.

Consequently, 11 organizations tagged 'Collaboration of Emerging Youth Organizations' are fighting substance abuse among youth in Liberia. The organizations are led by Adam M. Kyne of the A.M. Kyne collegiate Resource Center.

From March 21 to April 13, 2020, a two-week intensive training for 115 members of the collaborating organizations took place at the A.M. Kyne Collegiate Resource Center. The

training focused on topics such as the science of addiction, Brain Basics, Cognitive Circle, Substance Abuse Addiction, Stages of change in dual Recovery, counselling, effective communication, brain contemplation, Relapse, Direct social work practice, among others.

Upon completion of the training, the collaboration has been engaged in field awareness in ghettos in Monrovia, and identifying with drug/substance abusers. On April 17, 2022, the collaboration donated five 50ft canopies to shelter disadvantaged drug/substance abusers who live on the third floor of an abandoned building on Center Street in Monrovia.

An eight week outreach is expected to roll out in May with the sole intent of providing awareness, counseling and feeding to ghetto dwellers.

One of whom is more particular about the collaboration is Sunnie Antonio MarcarJr, Executive Director of Leading Youths to Foster Transformation in Africa (LYFT Africa) whose organization has the highest representation. Volunteers from LYFT Africa include Francis M. Sayon, Jr., Momodu Gray, Jayah B.D Konuwah III, Annita S. Morlue, Aaron H. Peters, Princess David, Abu S. Kaba, Urias G. Tarpeh, Lee K.B. Jackson, Patrick M. Kpaka, Charles S. Ricks, Sr, and Luisene A.K. Scott.

These volunteers are very passionate about the transformation of their peers and have assiduously worked over time to form part of the EC and awareness process.

The organizations are supported by at least three well trained and professional medical practitioners who provide detoxification and counselling for drug abusers who are willing to change.

the law.

The Mayor of Buchanan City Moses D. Haynes and the Acting Assistant Minister of the Bureau of Corrections, Sainleseh Kwaidah County encouraged the participants to give a critical eye to amending

and finalizing the Act.

UNDP through the Joint UN Rule of Law Programme provides technical support to rule of law institutions to strengthen their capacity through policy and legislative reforms.

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Shiekh Kouyateh veut que la communauté internationale sanctionne Weah et ses officiels

Shiekh Al-Moustapha Kouyateh exhorte la communauté internationale à sanctionner immédiatement le président George Manneh Weah et ses responsables pour corruption présumée, violation des droits de l'homme et abus de pouvoir de l'État.

Un ancien membre de la majorité au pouvoir, M. Shiekh Al-Moustapha Kouyateh accuse le président Weah d'être le principal artisan de la corruption au Libéria.

Selon M. Kouyateh, le

président et ses fonctionnaires continuent de voler le pays, infligeant ainsi de la souffrance et des difficultés au peuple libérien. « Il faut donc qu'ils paient, car cela est contraire aux engagements qu'il a pris concernant la lutte contre la corruption ».

Animant un point de presse le mardi 26 avril 2022 à son bureau à Monrovia, M. Kouyateh a déclaré que depuis que le président Weah et ses responsables ont pris le pouvoir, ils ont acquis une richesse inexplicable au détriment des citoyens ordinaires, une

situation qui, selon lui, a amené les Libériens à s'engloutir dans un désespoir total.

Le politicien libérien, qui s'est séparé du Congrès pour le changement démocratique du président Weah il y a deux ans, a affirmé que personne ne semble prêter attention à la lutte contre la corruption parce que le président, qui devrait être au devant de la lutte, est lui-même très corrompu.

« Le président Weah, malheureusement, est devenu le principal artisan de la corruption au Libéria. Cependant, lorsque le président Weah était législateur dans le comté de Montserrado et qu'il était confronté à un problème de soutien financier pour ces enfants, il a affirmé qu'il ne pouvait se permettre de payer 160 USD puisqu'il avait deux autres enfants à entretenir et que son salaire n'était pas suffisant pour subvenir à ses besoins et à ceux de sa famille. Depuis qu'il a fait cette déclaration et en regardant ce qu'il a acquis du

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Monrovia : L'ambassadeur Mahamadou Zongo et les autorités libériennes échangent sur la situation des Burkinabè

De plus en plus de Burkinabè s'installent au Libéria ces dernières années en vue d'y mener des activités diverses. Cependant, bon nombre d'entre eux ne disposent pas de documents ou méconnaissent les règles d'établissement dans un pays. C'est dans l'optique d'avoir de plus amples informations sur la situation de ces Burkinabè, leurs domaines d'activités, leurs relations avec les populations hôtes, etc. que l'ambassadeur du Burkina Faso près le Libéria avec résidence à Abidjan, effectue une visite de travail en terre libérienne.

Même si on est dans l'espace de la CEDEAO, il y a des règles d'établissement dans les pays. Ensuite il s'agissait de voir les difficultés auxquelles les Burkinabè seront confrontés pour qu'ensemble on puisse les régler », a indiqué Mahamadou Zongo.

La présence des Burkinabè au Libéria ne suscite aucun problème particulier selon les autorités. Toutefois le manque de documents d'identité et autres actes administratifs constitue souvent des insuffisances en leur

sein. Une situation que les autorités libériennes entendent corriger. « Il n'y a pas de problème particulier en dehors de la documentation, parce que vivre dans un pays étranger nécessite de la documentation. Leur présence est la bienvenue surtout qu'ils appartiennent à l'espace CEDEAO qui prône la libre circulation. Depuis qu'ils sont là, ils n'ont causé de véritables

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Panneaux solaires Weah 2023

Alors que plus d'un million d'habitants sont privés d'électricité et d'eau courante à Monrovia, le président George Manneh Weah semble occupé par une campagne précoce en vue des élections de 2023, érigeant des panneaux solaires intitulés "Weah 2023" dans quelques communautés, au grand dam du peuple qui a l'air furieux.

Beaucoup pensent que cette action démontre clairement l'obsession du président Weah de remporter un second mandat et son manque d'intérêt pour l'amélioration des services de la Compagnie Libérienne d'Electricité (LEC) qui crée de graves problèmes d'insécurité dans la capitale et sa banlieue.

En outre, les panneaux solaires "Weah 2023" ne sont rien d'autre qu'une campagne en violation de la loi électorale du Libéria. La Commission électorale nationale devrait sommer ceux qui mènent cette campagne au nom du Président d'arrêter immédiatement.

Au lieu de vanter personnellement ses mérites, le président Weah devrait se pencher sur la question la plus importante, à savoir faire en sorte que la Compagnie Libérienne d'Electricité exécute sa fonction statutaire, c'est-à-dire fournir de l'électricité aux habitants du pays. Le Libéria exploite une centrale hydroélectrique de 88 mégawatts, mais la distribution d'électricité à travers le pays reste un défi sérieux pour le gouvernement.

La LEC s'est montrée impuissante à tous les niveaux. Elle est gangrenée par la corruption, l'incompétence, l'inefficacité, entre autres. Elle est devenue une honte nationale aussi bien pour le gouvernement que pour le pays tout entier.

Le président Weah se rend-il compte que les partenaires internationaux, dont les États-Unis, l'Union européenne, le Japon et d'autres, qui ont contribué à l'achat d'une nouvelle turbine pour la centrale hydroélectrique de Mount Coffee, sont malheureusement déçus de notre incapacité à gérer correctement l'équipement?

La LEC, depuis l'inauguration du nouveau barrage, n'a pas été en mesure de distribuer efficacement l'électricité, ce qui a paralysé l'économie.

En janvier, le président du Sénat Albert Chie a révélé ici que le gouvernement du Libéria devait un total de 9 millions de dollars américains au pool énergétique ouest-africain de la Côte d'Ivoire voisine. Il a ajouté qu'en raison de la dette, la Côte d'Ivoire avait cessé d'envoyer de l'électricité au Libéria.

Nous pensons que ce sont là des problèmes urgents auxquels l'administration Weah devrait s'attaquer, au lieu de politiser un service crucial comme l'électricité. Les partisans et les supporters du président qui pensent que planter des poteaux électriques solaires est la solution, ne font pas du bien au peuple libérien.

Ce n'est pas une mesure durable, et le président Weah le sait très bien, mais il essaie de tenir les Libériens pour acquis en donnant la priorité à des intérêts personnels dont son élection, au lieu de penser au peuple. Immédiatement après sa prise de fonction en 2018, en dépit des attentes élevées des Libériens, M. Weah s'est lancé dans la reconstruction de sa résidence privée à Sinkor, Monrovia, et a procédé à la construction de 10 duplex supplémentaires en face du séminaire baptiste le long de l'autoroute Robertsfield à Paynesville. Beaucoup pensaient qu'il aurait lancé son plan économique pour le pays.

À un an à peine de la fin de son premier mandat, le président devrait faire des efforts sincères pour résoudre le problème de l'électricité qui paralyse l'économie et l'ensemble du pays, au lieu de donner la priorité à son intérêt personnel au détriment des personnes qu'il dirige.

Français

Shiekh Kouyateh veut

peuple libérien en tant que président, cela montre qu’il est corrompu et doit être sanctionné », a souligné M. Kuoyateh.

Selon lui, M. Weah avait moins de 50 000 dollars américains sur son compte bancaire lors de l’élection présidentielle de 2017, mais il a érigé des duplex en moins d’un an après son entrée en fonction et vit et rêve maintenant dans le luxe, alors que la majorité des Libériens s’enfoncent dans une pauvreté abjecte.

Il a poursuivi en disant que plusieurs membres du gouvernement ont été accusés de corruption mais il n’ont pas été inquiétés parce que le président Weah lui-même est également corrompu.

« Le Libéria a été classé parmi les nations les moins performantes dans la lutte contre la corruption dans l’indice de perception de la corruption (IPC) de Transparency International pour 2021. Le Libéria a également été classé 136e sur 180 nations avec un score de 29. Nous voulons que le président prenne des mesures contre la corruption. Et comme il ne veut pas le faire, nous voulons que la communauté internationale le sanctionne, lui et ses fonctionnaires. Ils nuisent à notre pays. Il y a un besoin de transparence.

Monrovia : L’ambassadeur Mahamadou Zongo

problèmes aux Libériens », a expliqué Verney Sirleaf, ministre l’Intérieur libérien.

Pour résorber les difficultés liées à la documentation, les autorités ont procédé au recensement des compatriotes en vue de constituer des bases de données sur les présence et leurs activités. Elles comptent mettre la présence de l’ambassadeur en vue de faire de l’opération un succès.

Le Burkina Faso et la Guinée demandent à la Cédéao plus de temps pour organiser leur transition

Le 25 avril, l’ultimatum fixé par la Cédéao au Burkina Faso et à la Guinée pour fixer des chronogrammes de transition a expiré. Mais Ouagadougou et Conakry demandent un peu plus de temps pour, officiellement, poursuivre leurs consultations.

Les militaires au pouvoir en Guinée et au Burkina Faso avaient jusqu’au lundi 25 avril pour présenter à la Cédéao (Communauté économique des États de l’Afrique de l’Ouest) un calendrier « raisonnable » pour rendre le pouvoir aux civils, sous peine de voir la Communauté resserrer ses sanctions. Le délai n’a pas été tenu.

Le Burkina Faso a été le premier à réagir, dès le 22 avril, selon un communiqué rendu public ce mercredi 27 avril par la Commission de l’organisation ouest-africaine. Le pays demande « un délai supplémentaire par rapport à la date butoir afin de poursuivre les consultations sur diverses questions » en suspens.

La Guinée, elle, a envoyé son ministre des Affaires étrangères, le docteur Morissanda Kouyaté, à Accra, au Ghana, le dernier jour de l’ultimatum, pour discuter et négocier avec Nana Akufo Ado, le président en exercice de la Conférence des chefs d’État de la Cédéao. Son objectif : obtenir, là aussi, plus de temps

COMMENTAIRE

Décarboner nos économies est désormais un impératif stratégique

Par Josep Borrell et Werner Hoyer

B RUXELLES - L’invasion de l’Ukraine par la Russie contraint l’Union européenne à accélérer sa politique énergétique et climatique. Le Kremlin se sert de plus en plus souvent de l’énergie pour peser politiquement. Il faut donc que nous le privions de ce moyen d’influence en réduisant drastiquement notre dépendance vis-à-vis des combustibles fossiles provenant de Russie.

Les motivations géopolitiques qui guident ce choix rejoignent la nécessité impérieuse de lutter contre le changement climatique. Le dernier rapport du Groupe d’experts intergouvernemental sur l’évolution du climat, qui porte sur les mesures d’atténuation, souligne l’urgence d’une telle réorientation. Les émissions mondiales de gaz à effet de serre doivent cesser d’augmenter au plus tard en 2025 si nous voulons éviter une élévation catastrophique des températures. La transition de l’ensemble de l’économie vers les énergies propres doit, en outre, prendre en compte ses inévitables conséquences socio-économiques; il faut que ce soit une « transition juste ».

L’UE et la Banque européenne d’investissement (BEI) ont un rôle essentiel à jouer à cet égard. Les investissements dans les énergies renouvelables, l’efficacité énergétique et les technologies innovantes, telles que l’hydrogène vert, aident à faire face à l’agression russe, tout en contribuant à sauver la planète de sa dépendance vis-à-vis des énergies fossiles. Chaque euro dépensé en faveur de la transition énergétique dans l’Union est un euro qui ne tombera pas dans l’escarcelle d’un pouvoir autoritaire menant une guerre agressive. Chaque euro que nous dépensons dans des énergies propres nous rend plus libres de prendre nos propres décisions. Chaque euro que nous dépensons pour aider nos partenaires internationaux à accélérer leur stratégie de décarbonation est un euro investi dans la résilience et la lutte contre le changement climatique.

Depuis l’invasion russe du 24 février, l’UE accélère sa transition énergétique, dans le but d’aider l’Europe à mettre un terme au plus vite à sa dépendance à l’égard des combustibles fossiles russes. Cela ne se fera pas du jour au lendemain, mais jamais les incitations à agir de la sorte n’auront été aussi grandes. Il est possible de parvenir à l’indépendance énergétique en améliorant l’efficacité, en diversifiant nos sources d’approvisionnement et en faisant monter en puissance les énergies renouvelables. Un tel processus nécessite une mobilisation à tous les niveaux, depuis les instances supranationales jusqu’aux ménages et aux particuliers.

Deux écueils importants doivent être pris en compte. Premièrement, la quête de fournisseurs de remplacement pour notre approvisionnement en gaz naturel, aussi importante soit-elle à court terme, ne doit pas nous enfermer dans une nouvelle dépendance à long terme du fait de lourds investissements dans des infrastructures liées aux combustibles fossiles. Ce serait à la fois coûteux, catastrophique pour la planète et, en définitive, inutile, compte tenu des options plus saines des questions climatiques dont nous disposons.

Deuxièmement, nous ne devons pas remplacer un goulet d’étranglement par un autre en troquant notre dépendance excessive vis-à-vis des énergies fossiles contre une dépendance excessive à l’égard des matières premières nécessaires à la

transition écologique. Ces ressources sont elles aussi fortement concentrées dans une poignée de pays dont tous ne partagent pas les valeurs et les intérêts de l’UE. Le renforcement de l’autonomie stratégique et de la résilience de l’UE doit demeurer un objectif majeur de la transition.

L’Europe ne peut faire cavalier seul. Remporter la victoire contre le changement climatique et faire pièce à l’agression russe sont des défis de nature internationale qui exigent une réaction internationale. La guerre menée par le président russe Vladimir Poutine a eu pour effet de renforcer la motivation stratégique de tous les pays à réduire leurs importations de combustibles fossiles et à investir davantage dans des énergies respectueuses du climat.

C’est pourquoi la diplomatie climatique est au cœur de l’action extérieure de l’UE. Nous entendons encourager d’autres pays à relever leurs ambitions en matière de climat et consacrons des ressources importantes pour aider nos partenaires à se doter eux aussi d’une économie résiliente et neutre vis-à-vis du climat. Par l’intermédiaire du pacte vert pour l’Europe et de la nouvelle initiative « Global Gateway » de l’UE, les institutions et les États membres de l’UE mobilisent jusqu’à € 300 milliards (\$ 325 milliards) d’investissements dans des infrastructures vertes et numériques pour faire face aux crises en matière de climat, de biodiversité et d’énergie.

Qui plus est, la BEI a promis d’investir € 1 000 milliards dans l’action pour le climat et la viabilité environnementale d’ici à 2030. Par le truchement de sa nouvelle branche spécialisée dans le développement, BEI Monde, la banque s’emploie avec ses partenaires du monde entier à mobiliser des fonds en faveur de projets liés à l’efficacité énergétique, aux énergies renouvelables et aux réseaux électriques.

La contribution apportée par la BEI à un avenir énergétique propre s’inscrit dans le cadre de l’effort commun de l’UE au sein de l’« Equipe Europe ». Il se décline en de nombreuses actions allant d’investissements dans l’énergie solaire au Sénégal au financement de crèches à faible consommation d’énergie en Arménie. La banque a aussi aidé à forger un « partenariat pour une transition énergétique juste » avec l’Afrique du Sud, fourni un appui à l’Alliance solaire internationale, basée en Inde, qui soutient le développement de l’énergie solaire dans 105 pays tropicaux, ou encore signé un programme intégré de gestion de l’eau et de prévention des inondations en Argentine.

L’UE est décidée à aider la communauté mondiale à mettre un terme à sa dépendance à l’égard des énergies fossiles. La guerre menée par la Russie contre l’Ukraine ne saurait retarder notre action pour le climat. Au contraire, l’augmentation des investissements verts nous confèrera une plus grande autonomie stratégique. La décarbonation de notre économie est désormais devenue un impératif géopolitique. Nous appelons nos partenaires des gouvernements du monde entier et des institutions financières internationales à se joindre à nous pour accélérer le financement des énergies propres. En visant la neutralité climatique, nous renforçons aussi la sécurité énergétique.

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An Appeal to Liberian Common Sense

Ansu O. Dualu

“What an old man can see sitting down, a boy cannot imagine even if he climbs to the top of the tallest tree”, my grandfather will whisper to me in our native Gola as he swings in his hammock, forked between two kola nut trees in our home village, Kamay Town in Rural Montserrado. “The forest holds many secrets, but it only reveals them to those with the discipline and commitment to earn its trust”, he continues. The memories of my ears ringing from the echoing drumbeats of the harvest festivities as we kids looked on in awe as the ceremonial mask dancers transformed into Yhay-fieh and Gbae-tu, mesmerizing the crowd with their magical renditions, bellowing fires from their mouths and heads, spinning the dust as if to awaken the ancestors! The women sing and dance in one accord in celebration of a successful harvest. There is still that nostalgic feeling from my childhood where common sense was so common! Oh, how I long for those days when Liberia had meaning and common sense, respect for established norms and immediate punishment for offenders who dared to challenge the ancestral spirits. Society was maintained in a structured and constitutionally balanced way to serve all and not just a select few. Where have our senses gone?

There is now a total disintegration of the family unit and all we held dear, a disregard of the teachings of the elders; we have sidelined every custom and tradition that held our society together! Liberians have allowed unsolicited, defiled outside influence to distort everything that is sacred - our entire society has fallen apart. Nothing of value carries any weight including the most important of them all: THE RULE OF LAW! Liberia has become a lawless society mainly because we continue to give power to vagrants and kleptocrats.

We shun upright and accomplished men but give positions of trust to criminals and murderers. Virtues such as integrity, loyalty, diligence, chastity, prudence, fidelity, etcetera are no longer encouraged but rather these traits have become abstract concepts far from the appreciative understanding of nearly all in the country! The clergy is no exception. In fact, so-called “Men of God” are more egregious than most!

The population spends its productive hours in quasi churches/mosques waiting for miracles from vain men masquerading as pastors/imams! Our entire society has been turned on its head because criminal politicians are placed in positions of trust by mostly gullible voters who sell their votes for rice but remain hungry when these greedy politicians are “dishing up” the country’s resources! Where is our common sense?

- The all-powerful president continuously circumvents the constitution, lies and steals from you, tells judges how to rule, destroys the very fabric of the country and yet you wallow in your slumber. Where’s your common sense?
- The Speaker of the Liberian House of Representative refuses to release a document that the entire house voted on and approved for the establishment of a War and Economic Crimes Court to remedy some of the injustices in the country and yet you are silent while this walking contradiction singlehandedly hijacked an entire country! Where’s your anger?

- Women and kids are raped every day; our young people are killed at high noon and denied the necessities of life without any redress and yet you claim to be Christians and Muslims. Where are your religious principles?

- Incompetence is now misconstrued as leadership, 95% of you are unemployed, airport and seaports are barely operational with a total collapsed of nearly every governmental institution, yet you sit feeling sorry for yourselves. Where’s your Ellen Johnson Sirleaf thunderous fist pump?

- The legislature and the entire government rob and keep you in bone-crushing poverty, and yet you sit shivering under your leaky tin roof shack and claiming to

“leave it to God” while your children die from hunger and disease. News flash: God will not descent from the Heavens in all His glory to come solve your problems after He has given you dominion (God-like powers) over all things on earth. Where is your God-given vengeance?

Know that everything rises and falls on leadership, especially presidential leadership in a unitary state such as ours - national command is not a child’s plaything. One cannot make a babbling idiot your king and expect the fruits of leadership. Liberians must open their eyes and employ their God-given common sense if they want any future separate from what we currently have.

People cannot make crucial national decisions entirely based on feelings, religion, tribe and “liquor table” affiliations. Granting someone the authority to execute in your name must be weighed with full consideration of the totality of the issues to include the person’s capacity to deliver that which society seeks; his past experiences and whether or not s/he has a proven track record of delivering at a high level, have they shown that they understand the essence of leadership and how to employ those tenets to get the desired results, what is this person’s socio-economic standing in society and whether or not he gained that standing in observance of the highest, integrity standards? Use your common sense to gauge who you give power - it is a matter of life and death!

Your poverty-stricken lot in this life will not change until you come to a full realization that for society to work and bear the fruits of development, i.e., clean water, adequate sanitation, quality healthcare, proper shelter and stable family units, national infrastructure, etc., it must be guided by certain strict standards with the rule of law being the center piece! None of this is possible unless the people aggressively force the issue using every political means available to them. Stand on Article I of the Liberian Constitution as your guarantor. There is no other way.

Common sense compels you to do things in a rational way if the intent is to get rational outcomes. But understand this one cardinal issue: logical outcomes do not usually come about simply because it is a part of a leader’s job responsibilities, or simply because you wished it so - such outcomes are forced by the pressure and will of the people. There is a greater duty after voting; the people cannot negate this responsibility and still expect the change they desire. It doesn’t work that way. Every developed country had to force the issue; we too must do likewise if we also want the results others are getting.

The people must bring to bear unrelenting pressure on officials to actualize a national vision that serves all. Liberians, especially those over the age of 21, must get involved wholeheartedly with a national purpose and put on the full armor of political agitation to drive the growth and developmental agenda of the society. Put everything on the line to see this come to fruition, yes, including your lives and the lives of all those who stand in your way of a higher standard of living for you and your children. This must be non-negotiable! Dynamically confront and neutralize those who try to undercut the people’s agenda.

The people must ALWAYS ensure that their leaders fear them; always making that angst real, present and uncompromising. This dread must be routinely manifested in removals and barring from political office, forfeiture of properties, imprisonments with hard labor, and judicial executions if this is what is required to build the society that serves all. Anything short of this, you will continue to experience the outcomes you presently see in Liberia: a lawless society, uncontrollable and celebrated corruption, pillaging of a nation, innocent murders, child rape, countless injustices from government officials with full impunity! Why haven’t the people gotten angry? Where is your common sense?

Re-center your national aspirations and create a balanced leadership structure that serves all - society should not be about one person who controls our collective resources and occasionally drops crumbs and behaves as though he’s doing the people a favor. The people must end this wickedness by whatever constitutional means available to them.

Push for equitability in the system and ensure the lion’s share of our resources do not continue to go to multi-national corporations that circumvent our corrupt system to avoid paying taxes and get our raw materials on the cheap, corrupt officials who facilitate this theft and their family members who are the direct beneficiaries of all this looting that disadvantages over 95% of the country! The people must pay attention, use their common sense or forever remain in their current deplorable state. Common sense can only benefit you if you use it in a united, but wholesome way. Never make your push about an individual, but rather for our collective wellbeing.

Moreover, remember no government official gives you anything that is not already yours - you’re given a penny for every thousand he steals from you not because he wants to help you but simply to keep you pacified so he can continue his stealing in peace and without hindrance. To gauge this, compare their lives before and their lives after taking political office. The better their lives (the more they steal from you) the poorer you become. There is a direct correlation between their theft and your socio-economic condition.

Embrace your compatriots in the diaspora without limitations and rediscover our customs and traditions and have a higher degree of reverence of who we are - let’s realigned the constitution to common sense and see the laws truly enforced without fear or favor. We must revert to who we truly are and lay a new societal foundation where common sense becomes common again.

Know that you live in a very rich country and none of you should be living like “zogots” (vulnerable without hope) in one of the most blessed places on earth! Seize the moment and demand what is truly yours: life, true freedom and your God-given rights to be happy, self-actualize and totally dominate all forty-three thousand square miles of our territory, from the skies above to our waters and everything under our feet! You have a fundamental right to be secured in all your glory in your own country, and if your leadership cannot provide that security, you’re under constitutional mandate to immediately replaced such government. You must categorically refuse to be only servants in your own country. We must selfishly guard what is ours and let it benefit us in a way that brings us the joys in this life, not the one after.

Your kleptocratic leaders have led you to believe that living on less than two dollars per day is normal in The Digital Age, and you have been convinced that that is the best they can do! You’ve been lied to. You live in a country that is one of the richest in the world, yet we die from basic illness, have almost no electricity and can barely eat a full square meal per day! Imagine in all this darkness and chaos, each of Liberia’s five million citizens “light a candle” and shine a spotlight with the combined illumination of us all. We could literally light up the country and eradicate all that is keeping us from developing. Given the resources our country has been endowed with and with the right leader, strict adherence to a modern constitution, aggressive enforcement of the laws and proper planning, the average Liberian could be living on nothing less than US\$30,000 per year in 25 years! This income will continue to rise as we solidify our government institutions that guide the process.

All we must do now is to forcefully demand what is rightfully ours with all our might, and without equivocation. Always keep this in mind however, all powers to bring about the change we need is vested in us! Exercise those power at your will and pleasure, use your collective common sense and see Liberia transformed right before your very eyes. Ensure common sense always guides your decisions and not superficial, political emotions.

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Court dismisses NEC chair's indictment

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Criminal Court “C” in Monrovia has dismissed an indictment drawn against National Elections Commission (NEC) chair Madam

Conduct for Public Officials, predicate offense to money laundering (insider trading and market manipulation). She was indicted after the Liberia Anti - Corruption Commission (LACC) investigated media reports last year alleging that Madam Brown - Lansannah

that the LACC also lacked legal capacity to take unto itself the function of the Ombudsman. Judge Carey dismissed without prejudice, every indictment against Madam Brown - Lansannah and also ordered that her criminal appearance bond be returned to her. The judge explained that insider trading, though listed as a predicate offense, is not a crime under the laws of Liberia because it is not defined by any statute here. He furthered that the Code of Conduct Act in clear language provides that the Ombudsman shall receive and investigate all complaints and not the Liberia Anti - Corruption Commission, as relied on by the prosecution lawyers. Judge Carey at the same time quoted Section 12.2 of the Code of Conduct which states that “the office of an Ombudsman shall receive and investigate all complaints, in respect to the adherence to the Code of Conduct.” He continued that “where there is a determination of guilt and violation of the Code by private and public officials and employees of government, it shall be submitted by the Ombudsman to the LACC for prosecution.”



Davidetta Brown - Lansannah, and ordered her discharged from further answering in the proceedings. On 2 December 2021, the NEC boss was indicted by the grand jury for Montserrado County for violation of the Code of

had rented 22 pieces of facial recognition thermometers for US\$182,000 and used them in four counties to conduct by - elections. But Criminal Court “C” Judge T. Ciapha Carey ruled Thursday, 28 April 2022 that the court lacked jurisdiction over the subject matter of the case and

Ex-Chief Justice Dropped From Witness List

State prosecutors in the ongoing Criminal and forgery trial of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) political leader Mr. Alexander B. Cummings and two others have dropped former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott from their list of 34 witnesses subpoenaed last week. The two other defendants are ANC's National Chairman Daniel Naateeh and Secretary General Counselor Aloysius Toe. Cllr. Scott was among 34 witnesses listed by the state including former Vice President Joseph Boakai whose appearance is still on holdsubpoenaed to appear and testify in the ongoing forgery and Criminal conspiracy trial. The three accused ANC officials have vehemently rejected the charges and termed them as bogus and politically motivated as part of conspiracies between the All Liberian Party of Benoni Urey and the ruling CDC to thwart Mr. Cummings Presidential bid in 2023. Meanwhile, the Monrovia City Court Magistrate Jomah Jallah

has granted defense lawyers' request to postpone hearing into the forgery trial of National Alternative Congress (ANC) political leader Alexander Cummings and two others by one week. The ruling is intended to enable state prosecutors retrieve the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) "original" framework document from the National Elections Commission (NEC). State prosecutors want the Political Officer of the National Elections Commission (NEC) Mr. Ignatius Wesseh to reappear and

return the original CPP framework document filed with the NEC before its fourth witness, Mohammed Ali can testify. Mr. Wesseh testified and was discharged by the Monrovia City Court on April 27. Defense Lawyers of the Alternative National Congress vehemently rejected the request for postponement and described, the recalled of Mr. Wesseh as unlawful, and part of the continuous gimmicks by the state to baffle and delay the trial.



Rep. Youngquoi rehabilitates roads

By Thomas Domah/ Nimba County

Nimba County District # 8 Representative Larry Youngquoi, has embarked on rehabilitation of several roads in his district. Representative Youngquoi said the intervention is to help citizens have access to farm-to-market roads across his district, including health facilities. The vocal Nimba lawmaker noted that since LAMCO left Liberia as a result of the outbreak of civil war in 1989 and Arcelor Mittal subsequently took over, extracting iron ore, the

company has reneged on making any intervention on the roads from CMC Junction towards St. John River in district#8. Fuster Quoi, Chief of Office Staff for Representative Youngquoi said, the rehabilitation of the various roads would help to bring continuous development to the people. Citizens of the district expressed joy and danced with their lawmaker as he brought yellow machines to work on the roads. For his part, Mehnpeh-Mahn district commissioner Saye Gondah, thanked Representative Youngquoi, who villagers described as their god, and pledged to join hands with the lawmaker to get the work done. Editing by Jonathan Browne

Minister Ziankahn stresses gender equality

The Minister of National Defense, Maj/Gen. Daniel D. Ziankahn, Jr., (Rtd), says the Ministry of National Defense will continue to be supportive of its newly created Department of Gender & Social Inclusion, saying the issue of gender equality is paramount. Speaking at his Barclay Training Center Officer, Thursday, 28 April 2022 when the United Nations Women Representative to Liberia, Madam Comfort Lamptey paid him a courtesy visit, Minister Ziankahn said the Ministry will give all the support the department needs to carry out its functions and responsibility. “The Ministry of National Defense and the Armed Forces of Liberia consider

the issue of gender as a global phenomenon, and as such, we will continue to do all we can to give it the necessary attention it deserves,” the release said. Commenting on the recruitment of more females into the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL), the Defense Boss said that the AFL will however, maintain the standards for enlistment into the AFL be it male or female. He encouraged females wanting to join the AFL to see the appointment of the first Female Deputy Chief, Brigadier General Geraldine J. George-Johnson by President George Manneh Weah as an example to emulate. For her part, Madam Lamptey thanked the Minister for establishing the Department of Gender and Social Inclusion at the Ministry of National Defense with the primary objective of mainstreaming gender within the Ministry and the AFL programs.

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Gbarpolu Elders Called On ANC Political Leader



Group pictures of Gbarpolu elders

A delegation of opinion leaders, from Gbarpolu County, Thursday, April 28 paid a courtesy call on the Political Leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC), Mr. Alexander Cummings in Monrovia.

The group accompanied by Gbarpolu County Senator Daniel Naatehn discussed issues of critical concerns and

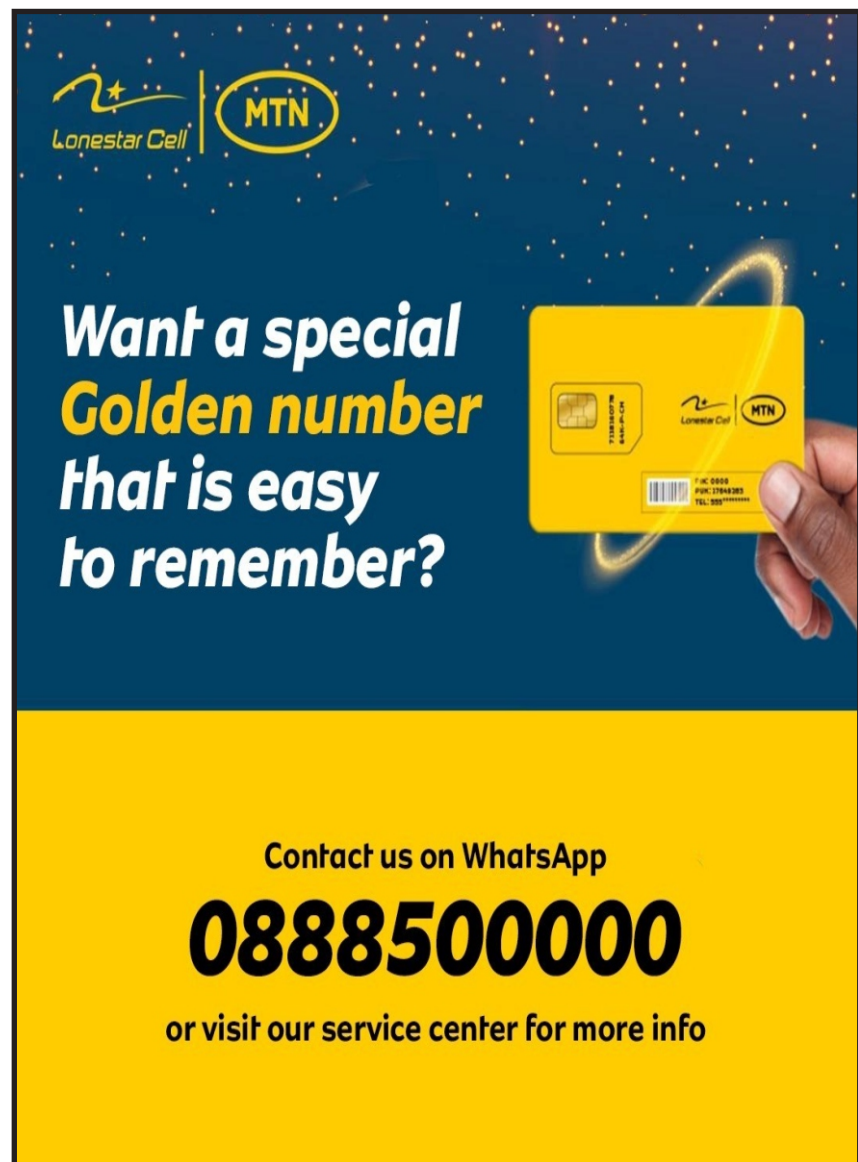
needs of Gbarpolu County including the inaccessibility of several areas by motor vehicle.

The five members' delegation of elders later extended warmth hands of traditional corporation, and support to the ANC Political Leader on behalf of the people of Gbarpolu County.

The ANC Political Leader expressed gratitude to the delegation for the visit and

assured them of the ANC continuous engagement with the people of Gbarpolu through its officials in addressing some of their basic concerns.

Earlier, Gbarpolu County Senator Naatehn who is also ANC National Chairman, spoke of the immense influence and significant role played by the five members of elders which included two women in coordinating the affairs of the district, since his election at the Liberian Senate.



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