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Continental News

Reporting Under Attack in South Sudan, Sudan

Journalists in both Sudan and South Sudan say threats, intimidation and arbitrary arrests are part of everyday life, limiting their ability to inform the public.

South Sudan ranks 128th and Sudan ranks 151st out of 180 countries in Reporters Without Borders' annual World Press Freedom Index, released Tuesday to coincide with the United Nations' annual recognition of World Press Freedom Day. The bigger the number, the worse the environment for news media.

Irene Ayaa of the Association for Media Development in South Sudan says government censorship in her country is widespread.

"Last month, we registered four articles removed from newspapers," she said.

Between January and March alone, security personnel removed dozens of articles from the Juba Monitor, Anna Namiriano, editor-in-chief of an English-language daily, told South Sudan in Focus. "They removed stories and we left the space blank. They say why we are not listening to them,



Sudanese journalists protest in Khartoum, Sudan, on November 16, 2021. The placard in the middle reads: "Free press will remain

so on 17th of March, they suspended the newspaper." In February, a handful of journalists were briefly detained for covering a press conference by opposition lawmakers in parliament. A Juba Monitor newspaper article about the incident was removed by security agents at the printing plant.

"We don't have freedom of the press in the country," Namiriano said. "The solution is let us do our work as media houses. We have the code of conduct, we have the media law to guide us, and removal of stories is really very

bad."

South Sudan's information minister, Michael Makuei, insists press freedom is alive and well in his country.

"South Sudan is the only place where journalists are free, where they enjoy absolute freedom according to the law. I say, 'according to the law,' because there is nothing absolute in this world," Makuei told South Sudan in Focus.

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights refutes that assertion. In a report issued last October, it

said the government is harassing activists, journalists and their families, limiting their activities and targeting their work and finances. South Sudan is one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a journalist, according to the commission. SEE ALSO:

UN Rights Commission Condemns South Sudan Security Crackdown

"South Sudan has a lot of work to do to establish and solidify the institutions that are critical to a well-functioning democratic state," David Renz, charge d'affaires for the U.S.

Embassy in South Sudan, said in a statement Tuesday, adding that the U.S. remains deeply concerned about the state of press freedom in South Sudan.

"We have seen some of the local radio stations shut down over very trivial matters," Renz said. "And we also are aware that journalists of radio and television and even social media are self-censored" and wary of local and national governments' actions "to penalize journalists who say things the government would prefer that they not say." In Sudan, journalists in the capital city of Khartoum say harassment and threats have increased since the October 25 military takeover. VOA

Pastor charges \$700 fee to 'take people to heaven'



Pastor Ade Abraham says God showed him the location

An evangelist is in trouble after telling people he knows of a gate leading to heaven from south-western Nigeria that he can show them - for a fee.

Pastor Ade Abraham was reported to police by one of his followers, who said the pastor had charged him 310,000 naira (\$750; £600) to see the supposed site in Araromi-Ugbeshi town, Ekiti state.

The cleric admitted to the BBC that he had made the statement about heaven's gate, saying it was "the God he serves" who revealed it to him to try the faith of his church members, but says he has not received any payment.

The Christian Association of Nigeria has released a statement disowning Pastor Ade Abraham, and Ekiti state

police have collected written statements from members of his church and launched an investigation.

Pastor Ade Abraham's church was originally based in Kogi state then Kaduna state, before moving southwards with his followers to a camp he built in Ekiti state. The parishioner who reported him to police has since moved back home to Kaduna state but his wife refused to join him, saying the "rapture" was coming soon.

But the couple, who do not wish to be named, told the BBC they speak to each other on the phone every day.

Pastor Ade, also known as Noah Abraham, recently went viral with a video in which he asked worshippers to tell their relatives living overseas to contribute money to his church.

Extremist Rebels Launch Deadly Attack in Northeast Nigeria

Islamic extremist rebels have killed at least seven people in an attack in northeast Borno state in Nigeria, witnesses told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The rebels attacked Kautukari village in the Chibok area of Borno on Tuesday evening, said residents. The attack happened at the same time that U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was in the state to meet with

survivors of jihadi violence.

The Chibok area is 115 kilometers (71 miles) away from Maiduguri, the state capital, where Guterres met with former militants being reintegrated into society and thousands of people displaced by the insurgency.

"They came in large number with superior firepower (and) took over the community," said Hassan Chibok, a community leader. Troops from a nearby military base were deployed to repel the attack but "the damage

had been done," Chibok said, adding that "casualties are up to 10."

Another resident Yana Galang said at least seven people were killed in the latest violence before the Nigerian military intervened.

Nigerian police did not immediately respond to a request for confirmation of the attack.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country with 206 million people, continues to grapple with a 10-year-old insurgency in the northeast by Islamic extremist rebels of Boko Haram and its offshoot, the Islamic State West Africa Province. The extremists are fighting to establish Shariah law and to stop Western education.

More than 35,000 people have died and millions have been displaced by the extremist violence, according to the U.N. Development Program.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari said earlier this week that the war against the extremists is "approaching its conclusion,"



A screengrab taken Aug. 24, 2014, from a video released by the Nigerian Islamist extremist group Boko Haram and obtained by AFP shows alleged members of the group during fighting at an undisclosed location.

to the Lake Chad region, the stronghold of the Islamic State-linked group, ISWAP.

"Things are getting worse" in Kautukari village in Chibok and adjoining areas closer to the forest, said community leader Chibok, saying the extremists' presence near the forest is a contributing factor. VOA

EDITORIAL

Grand Mufti Sumaworo’s warning deserves attention

RECENTLY, THE GRAND Mufti of Liberia Sheikh Abubakar Sumaworo warned the Weah administration not to allow jihadists mainly from Shia Muslims to establish mosque or school in Liberia.

“WE ARE HEARING that the jihad regime is about to spread in some parts of Africa, and with the information we gathered so far is that wherever they reach, they can establish the jihad war, school, including Mosque and these could subsequently lead to terrorism”, the Muslim Cleric further cautioned.

ACCORDING TO HIM, jihadists are a sect of Muslims, who travel from one country to another, causing confusion among other Muslims, and added that they are often linked to terrorist groups hence, the Government of Liberia should not allow them into the country to establish mosque or school.

IF THE WEAH administration has been paying deaf ears to warnings coming from the public, it should take this one with full attention. The warning by the Grand Mufti should be treated with all seriousness it deserves, because jihadist activities in West Africa are widespread and devastating with huge human costs.

FROM NIGERIA, MALI, Burkina Faso to next door neighbor Ivory Coast, jihadist groups have rained and continue to rain terror on unarmed civilians with unimaginable consequences.

RECENTLY, THE AUTHORITIES here deported two staff of the Turkish Light International School in Monrovia for alleged terroristic activities, which left the population panicking.

GRAND MUFTI SUMAWORO is a serious cleric that commands huge followers in the country. He would not have sounded the caution to the government if he had not sensed something. Government should take cue and be on the alert.

LIBERIA WITH POROUS borders is vulnerable to unsuspected activities. Often, reports of illegal migrants from Burkina Faso crossing into the country allegedly for farming purposes have saturated the media here.

WITH MUSLIMS REPEATED request to government to legislate end of the Holy Month of Ramanda as public holiday, it is possible that jihadists could exploit the situation to cry suppression and attract sympathy from outside.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD put its security forces on full alert in the wake of the warning and previous action at the Turkish Light International School, because where there is smoke, fire could likely follow.

COMMENTARY

By Graça Machel, Helen Clark, Mary Robinson, Ban Ki-moon, and Gordon Brown

The World Needs a Breakthrough Year

LONDON - This year must mark a global turning point. Whereas international cooperation often failed in 2020, we now have an opportunity - and the responsibility - to usher in a new era in which a healthier, greener, safer, and fairer world is possible.

The great truth that has emerged from the coronavirus pandemic is that no one, anywhere, is safe from COVID-19 until everyone, everywhere, is safe. The first step, which will pay for itself many times over, is to ensure mass vaccination in every affected country. Support from the G7 and G20 that will make vaccines readily accessible to low- and middle-income countries is not an act of charity; it is in every country’s strategic interest. Indeed, the International Monetary Fund believes that such support would be the best public investment ever made.

At the G7 summit this week in Cornwall, member states and their invitees should lead the way by guaranteeing to pay 67% of required funding for the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator this year and next. This is based on a fair-share financing approach and a financial burden-sharing formula proposed by the governments of Norway and South Africa, and reflects a realistic assessment of countries’ ability to pay.

The G7 should also lead the way in support of dose sharing and voluntary licensing agreements, potentially including temporary patent waivers that would allow the knowledge and technology transfer needed to manufacture vaccines on every continent.

Moreover, the world’s multilateral and regional financial institutions should be asked to release new resources for low- and middle-income countries to strengthen their health systems’ capacity. And they should also support implementation of the detailed recommendations of the recent report to the World Health Organization by the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response.

Global economic policy alignment will be crucial in rebuilding the world economy in the pandemic’s wake. We were fortunate that, over the past year, in the initial COVID-19 recovery phase, most countries followed similar policies, resulting in an acceptable level of alignment. What we need now is an agreed global growth plan with coordinated monetary and fiscal interventions to prevent an uneven and unbalanced recovery - and ensure a more inclusive, equitable, and greener future. For example, the IMF’s proposals for a synchronized push on infrastructure, including green infrastructure, across all continents would, if adopted by the G7 and G20, raise global economic output by a projected \$2 trillion by 2025.

The G20 and G7 must also address the growing divergence caused by differences in health outcomes and uncoordinated macroeconomic policy approaches. While most advanced economies can look forward to strong growth and widely available vaccines, much of the emerging and developing world must face the new waves and new variants of the virus with depleted economic and social buffers. Following a slow recovery in global trade and foreign direct investment, many countries face rising debt and falling tax revenues, as well as declining aid flows.

With up to 150 million more people forced into poverty by COVID-19, and with widespread cuts in health-care and education budgets, the pandemic may have delayed progress toward the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by up to

five years, with girls and women suffering most. We call on the G7 to extend their initiative on girls’ education and to support the UNICEF plan for digital connectivity that ensures the inclusion of all young people.

The G7 and G20 can help to bridge the financing gaps faced by vulnerable countries and act to restore a viable path toward the SDGs. This will require the multilateral development banks to deploy more finance, more efficiently, optimizing their balance sheets and reviewing their capital adequacy framework, as already requested by the G20, and consider replenishments. In this respect, we need to examine new guarantee-based instruments to crowd in private-sector finance for health, education, and social safety nets, and we need to make progress on international agreements to curtail tax avoidance such as the global minimum rate recently backed by G7 finance ministers.

In addition, we must redouble our efforts to ensure debt sustainability for low- and middle-income countries. That means extending the G20’s Debt Service Suspension Initiative and encouraging broader participation by private creditors, and possibly by non-G20 official creditors, in the new Common Framework for Debt Treatments. Success will depend on greater transparency on the part of both debtors and creditors.

This year is also vital for progress toward reaching net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050. In advance of the United Nations climate summit (COP26) in Glasgow this November, the G7 and G20 countries must announce bold national commitments. They must require companies to disclose their carbon footprints, deliver on the proposed fund for mitigation and adaptation in low- and lower-middle-income countries, and ensure that their economic recovery plans boost renewables and green infrastructure.

This is not a task for national governments alone. Firms, cities, and multilateral institutions all must be at the center of efforts to achieve net-zero emissions by mid-century. And, as with the post-pandemic global recovery, the coordinated efforts we need must be set firmly in place this year.

This commentary is signed by: María Elena Agüero - Secretary-General of Club de Madrid; Bertie Ahern Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland (1997-2008); Philippe Aghion - Professor of Economics, Collège de France and the London School of Economics; Shamshad Akhtar - 14th Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan, former vice president of the World Bank for the Middle-East and North Africa and member of GWL Voices; Farida Allaghi - former Ambassador of Libya to EU; Amat Alsoswa - Yemen’s first female ambassador and minister, member of GWL Voices, former assistant secretary-general, assistant administrator, and director of UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Arab States; Abdulaziz Altwaijri - former Director General of ISESCO; Rosalia Arteaga - President of Ecuador 1997; Shaukat Aziz - Prime Minister of Pakistan (2004-07); Jean Badershneider - Vice President of Exxon Mobile 2000-13 and CEO and Founding Board Member Global Fund to End Modern Slavery; Jan Peter Balkenende - Prime Minister of The Netherlands (2002-10); Joyce Banda - President of Malawi (2012-14); Ajay Banga - Executive Chairman of Mastercard; Kaushik Basu - President of the International Economic Association and Chief Economist of the World Bank (2012-16); Oliver Bäte - CEO of Allianz Group; Marek Belka - Prime Minister of Poland 2004-05 and President of the National Bank of Poland 2010-16; Carol Bellamy - Chair of ECPAT International, former chair of the board of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience.

O-PED

By Diane Coyle

Leveling Up Is Hard to Do

CAMBRIDGE - One of the economic challenges facing all Western governments in these uniquely testing times is how to redress geographic inequalities that have emerged over several decades. Tackling this problem will require policymakers to adjust their perspective and adopt a much more holistic approach to economic development.

In the United Kingdom, regional inequality has given rise to its own vocabulary: the “red wall” of longtime Labour but now Conservative electoral constituencies in England’s former industrial heartlands, and the imperative of “leveling up” the country to bring about a more equitable economic balance between the struggling north and the richer south. But many governments face the same challenge of restoring prosperity to rural communities and small towns that have not shared in the economic boom enjoyed by large urban areas.

The pandemic-induced trend of working from home might temper these underlying economic dynamics, but it is unlikely to reverse them. The most productive businesses in today’s services-oriented Western economies are those best able to attract highly skilled employees, and that rely on “tacit” knowledge, or know-how - insights that are impossible to write down in detail.

This type of expertise tends to cluster together, because knowledge workers thrive on the presence of other similar people with whom to share ideas, and they also like environments with abundant cultural amenities. This has produced today’s well-known clusters in technology, the creative sector, finance, and professional services. Platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams have kept such know-how businesses going through the pandemic, but they are an imperfect substitute for exchanging ideas in person: nobody schedules a Zoom meeting to share a serendipitous idea that came to mind while they were making coffee.

If this “superstar” clustering resumes as the pandemic fades, the momentum toward ever-increasing geographic inequality could become inexorable. We might then have to learn to live with large differences in economic outcomes and even life expectancy across the space of a few miles.

There is no shortage of policy ideas to halt or reverse this uneven trend. Infrastructure investment tops the list, and is needed anyway after decades of failure to maintain or enhance assets that are essential enablers of productivity and growth. But many infrastructure projects - some involving new bridges or expansion of broadband - have not had the hoped-for impact on the places they were intended to help. Such investments on their own will be insufficient. Economically disadvantaged areas need other kinds of public and private investment, including in skills, new technology adoption by businesses of all kinds, health, education, and other key social infrastructure.

But even this wish list of desirable policies will not be enough to trigger a virtuous cycle of growth in “left-behind” places in the absence of better coordination of government policies, public spending, and private investment decisions. An economy is like an orchestra: it will not perform if some sections - the woodwinds, say, or the strings - are missing. In unproductive areas, policymakers need to fix the economy’s entire underlying structure by lining up all its parts.

Policymakers must therefore break with the conventional pattern of clever analysts devising a strategy and handing it over to others to implement. Public-interest technology, sometimes referred to as “govtech,” demonstrates the integrated approach that will be needed. As recent books focusing on the United States and the UK make clear, digitizing public services to make them more efficient opens a path to redesigning the processes involved, rather than simply replacing paper with bytes.


The key change in perspective needed to deliver better outcomes more cheaply and efficiently is to design policies from the viewpoint of users and administrators, rather than that of the policy analyst. An abundance of evidence from the US and the UK shows that talking to the people involved reveals vital information. In many cases, the barriers to a government service’s uptake or success may lie in a completely different policy domain, whose analysts would otherwise never imagine that their contribution could be useful. For example, the lack of a bus service or after-school childcare may affect an unemployed person’s ability to take part in a training program. The powerful logic of designing a digital process uncovers the analog landscape through which people are forced to navigate.

Of course, better bus services are not the solution to the leveling-up challenge (although in some countries they may prove surprisingly important). But recognizing the need for a holistic approach to regional development is essential to address the problem. The real breakthrough will come from making such collaboration happen.

Digitalization has been transforming how businesses operate since the 1990s. It can do the same for government policies, so that they better serve all citizens, no matter where they live.

Diane Coyle, Professor of Public Policy at the University of Cambridge, is the author, most recently, of Markets, State, and People: Economics for Public Policy.

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OBITUARY NOTICE

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LATE
DR. WALTER T. GWENIGALE
FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH, DIRECTOR OF PHEBE
MEDICAL CENTER

- With profound sorrow for our loss coupled with great pride in his lifetime of outstanding achievements and national service, the Gwenigale family announces the transition in his 87th year, of Dr. Walter T. Gwenigale. This sad event occurred on the morning of April 22, 2022, at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia, following a brief illness.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Thursday, May 12th

2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service at the St. Peter Lutheran Church on 13th Street, Sinkor, Monrovia.

Friday, May 13th

8:00 a.m. Removal from the Good Shepherd Funeral Parlor, on Cheeseman Avenue in Fiamah, Monrovia.

11:00 a.m. The cortege will arrive in Kpotroma, the birthplace of Dr. Gwenigale in Sanoyea District, Bong County for 3 hours of viewing, a brief thanksgiving service and celebration by family, elders, and other residents.

2:00 p.m. Departure for Phebe Lutheran Hospital, Gbarnga, Bong County where final burial rites will take place

6:00 p.m. Wake keeping at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Phebe

Saturday, May 14th

10:00 a.m. Celebration of Life service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Phebe.

12:00 p.m. Interment at the Circle of Love in front of the Phebe Hospital Repast venue(s) will be announced

Those wishing to pay tributes at these memorial services should register at the following contact number before the services begin +231 55 543 3158. Others who wish to have their tributes published in the family souvenir program should forward their tributes and any relevant photos to the following address: no later than Friday, May 6, 2022, at 12 noon cgwenigale@yahoo.com. In consideration of time for duration of the services and for printing of programs, all are asked to adhere to the dates and times and also to be brief.

The Gwenigale family requests that in lieu of wreaths, donations may be made to the Walter Gwenigale Memorial Foundation, details of which will be announced in due course.

The family highly appreciates the condolences we have received from family, friends, Dr. Gwenigale’s professional colleagues in Liberia and abroad and officials of government. May God comfort and continue to bless us all.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)
MONTERRADO COUNTY)

IN THE CIVIL LAW COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM, A.D. 2022.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT/ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE

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

VERSUS

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

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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 THE AFRICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIBERIA
LIMITED (AICOL).

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
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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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LIMITED (AICOL)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT

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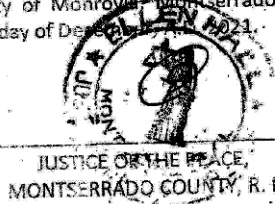
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INC. (FDUIS)

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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 GLOBAL TRUST ASSURANCE COMPANY (GTAC)

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WRIT OF SUMMONS

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GREETINGS:

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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 Global Trust Assurance Company (GTAC).

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.

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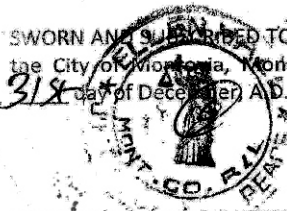
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Govt, declares May Red Cross, Red Crescent month

The Liberian Government has issued a proclamation declaring the Month of May as Red Cross Red Crescent Month to be celebrated under the global theme: Believing in the power of KINDNESS.

A press release issued by the Liberia National Red Cross says the Government in its proclamation requested and called on everyone in Liberia to observe the Month

The Red Cross said it needs more than ever to ground itself and return to the root and meaning of its founding humanitarian principle, "Humanity" and this year it would celebrate every act of kindness, whether small or big, that can make a huge difference in people's lives.

The Liberian Red Cross has organized several activities including community services and the

On 8 May, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement will celebrate the dedication, compassion, courage, and impact of millions of volunteers and countless others who offer help, care, and life-saving services to people in their communities.

In Liberia, the Liberian Red Cross staff and volunteers have been supporting communities by spreading health messages, providing



and fully participate in programs and activities planned by the Liberian Red Cross to make the occasion meaningful and rewarding.

The proclamation has described the work of the Red Cross as amazing, adding that the determination of the Red Cross to make sure communities have knowledge and means to protect themselves has been truly unparalleled and the staff and volunteers unstoppable.

distribution of relief materials to less fortunate groups as a means of demonstrating exceptional and unconditional kindness toward humanity.

Other planned activities include holding of youth career inspiration dialogue with schools, launching of Red Cross membership drive, and holding a formal program on Monday, 9 May in the William V.S. Tubman High School Auditorium.

relief assistance, conducting First aid training and carrying out emergency response, and offering Psychosocial Support to people affected by emergencies.

The Liberian Red Cross in a release said whether big or small, seen or unseen, every act of kindness matters, brings hope, and breeds more kindness. It emphasized that when all these small local actions multiply, the impact can be enormous.

Senator spent over LRD7M on tour

By Thomas Domah/
Nimba County

Nimba County Senator Jeremiah Koung has reportedly spent over 7 million Liberian Dollars on his nine days' tour of towns and cities in Nimba, rallying chiefs and elders to give



President Weah a second term in office.

According to Senator Koung, the tour was intended to identify with electorate who voted for him during the December 8, 2021 Special Senatorial Election.

The Senator, who won on the ticket of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) party of Warlord-turned politician Senator Prince Yormie Johnson, was seen breaking grounds and donating bags of cement and huge cash to chiefs and elders in rural Nimba.

He also held secret meetings with the chiefs and elders, including women groups, calling on them to re-elect President George

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'Stop raising

in this election to lie and some of them will even forget their women wing after the election.

She also frowned on voter trucking, saying she did not at any time get involved into voter trucking because she believes it's wrong.

"If you take people from Montserrado and carry them to Bong to vote for you, then you are not really elected by the people and you upset the vote in Bong County by getting somebody elected who the people do not want," Madam Howard - Taylor argued.

"I will always speak what I believe and I will stand by it. When that person stands up to speak and the people start to get angry, they will say your shut up, after all you people did not vote for me," she noted.

According to her, it's time that young people stop being used because being trucked and paid to vote is useless.

She said you will lost what you want at where you are living, and it will not change anything for the betterment of the country. For her part, the Establishment Coordinator of

ABIC Cllr. Chesson-Wureh thanked Vice President Howard - Taylor for the message and again cautioned the youth to decide their future and desist from conflict.

The Angie Brooks International Center organized the day-long conference with youth leaders from Civil Society Organizations and communities under the auspices of the flagship program, "Women Situation Room," aimed at mobilizing youth for peaceful election in Liberia.

The forum is being held under the theme "Sustainable and Inclusive Peace in Liberia through promoting women; leadership and participation in civic and political life and their strengthened role in conflict resolution."

It was held in partnership with ZOA-Liberia and with funding from the United Nation Peace building funds.

The discussion touched five thematic areas including, understanding the role of the youth in election, understanding the mandate of the youth wing in political parties in peaceful elections, and understanding the role of youth leaders in the

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Manneh for second term and incumbent Senator Johnson for third term, respectively.

PYJ, who was sanctioned by the United States Government for corruption, had earlier taken similar pre-campaign message to Nimba, rallying his kinsmen to re-elect him and President Weah.

Sources close to Koung confided in the New Dawn that during the nine days' tour, the senator spent over LRD7 million or an equivalent of US\$46,666.00.

However, some citizens of the county expressed disappointment in the senator and frustrations over the government for the current level of poverty and hardship not only in Nimba but the entire country.

Marketers, including business people and the public in general continue to express disappointment and frustrations in the Weah Administration for the dismal state of the economy characterized by massive corruption to an extent that new Liberian Dollar banknotes, totaling about LRD 4 billion that were printed and put in circulation some times last year are in the hands of officials of government, including lawmakers with ordinary citizens starving in grinding poverty.

Annie Johnson, a marketer at the Ganta General Market accused the government of hoarding the newly printed banknotes, waiting for elections to entice voters in getting re-elected.

Editing by Jonathan Browne

Français

La présidente de la NEC présente le règlement intérieur de la CPP au tribunal

La présidente de la Commission électorale nationale (NEC), Mme Davidetta Brown-Lansanah, a soumis au tribunal municipal de Monrovia le document-cadre de la Collaboration des partis politiques de l'opposition, un bloc d'opposition désintégrés.

La présidente de la NEC a comparu devant le tribunal le mercredi 4 mai 2022 conformément à la convocation du tribunal. Elle

a déclaré que c'est la copie exacte du document-cadre que la CPP a déposée à la commission électorale.

Le tribunal avait sommé Madame Brown - Lansanah lundi de comparaître avec la copie originale du document-cadre de la CPP. Sa convocation intervient dans le cadre du procès du leader politique de l'Alternative National Congress (ANC), M. Alexander B. Cummings, accusé de faux et usage de faux.

Cummings est actuellement poursuivi pour avoir

prétendument falsifié le document-cadre de la CPP et illégalement apposé la signature d'Urey sur une photocopie du dit document. Mais Cummings a toujours nié tout acte répréhensible.

L'ancien vice-président du Libéria et porte-drapeau du parti de l'unité (UP), Joseph Nyumah Boakai, et le secrétaire général du Parti de l'unité, M. Mo Ali, devraient maintenant témoigner après que le tribunal a suspendu temporairement leurs témoignages en attendant que le document ait été mis à disposition.

À des moments différents, Cummings et Boakai ont assuré la présidence tournante de la CPP.

Composé à l'origine de quatre partis d'opposition - UP, ANC, ALP et Liberty Party (LP) - la CPP s'est désintégrée. Elle n'est désormais composée que de l'ANC et d'une partie du LP.

Boakai et Cummings étaient deux rivaux intransigeants. Chacun voulait à tout prix être le candidat unique de la CPP à l'élection présidentielle. Il

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Guinée : poursuites judiciaires engagées contre Alpha Condé et 26 responsables pour crimes de sang

En Guinée, le procureur général a annoncé ce mercredi 4 mai des poursuites contre l'ex-président Alpha Condé et 26 anciens hauts responsables sous sa présidence. Ils sont notamment accusés d'assassinats, actes de torture et enlèvements.

Ces poursuites judiciaires visent essentiellement l'ex-président Alpha Condé, 13 anciens membres de son gouvernement et de hauts responsables administratifs et sécuritaires à des degrés divers, rapporte notre correspondant à Conakry, Mouctar Bah.

Parmi eux, l'ancien Premier ministre Ibrahima Kassory Fofana, les anciens ministres Dr Mohamed Diané, Alpha Ibrahima Kéira, Albert Damantang Camara, Ibrahima Kalil Kaba, Tibou Kamara et Kiridi Bangoura pour ne citer que les plus influents. Certains d'entre eux sont en prison pour des faits présumés de corruption, de détournement de deniers publics et blanchiment.

D'autres hauts responsables de l'appareil judiciaire et sécuritaire sont aussi visés par cette procédure, dont entre autres l'ancien président de la Cour constitutionnelle, Mohamed Lamine Bangoura, les anciens présidents du Parlement, Claude Kaury Kondiano et Amadou Damaro Camara, et le général Ansoumane Camara qui était directeur général de la police à l'époque.

Ces poursuites ont été lancées suite aux violences qui ont entouré en 2019 le projet d'un 3e mandat d'Alpha Condé, et notamment la répression, souvent brutale, des manifestations contre le référendum permettant de modifier la Constitution pour qu'Alpha Condé reste au pouvoir.

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Éditorial

Ne prenez pas la mise en garde du Grand Mufti à la légère

Récemment, le grand mufti du Libéria, le cheikh Abubakar Sumaworo, a mis en garde l'administration Weah contre l'autorisation des djihadistes, principalement des musulmans chiites, d'établir des mosquées et des écoles au Libéria.

«Nous entendons dire que le régime du jihad est sur le point de se répandre dans certaines parties de l'Afrique, et avec les informations que nous avons recueillies jusqu'à présent, c'est que partout où ils arrivent, ils peuvent établir la guerre du jihad, l'école, y compris des mosquées et ceux-ci pourraient par la suite conduire au terrorisme », a encore averti le religieux musulman.

Selon lui, les djihadistes sont une secte de musulmans, qui voyagent d'un pays à l'autre, semant la confusion parmi les autres musulmans. Il a ajouté qu'ils sont souvent liés à des groupes terroristes, par conséquent, le gouvernement du Libéria ne devrait pas les autoriser à entrer dans le pays pour établir des mosquée et des écoles.

Si l'administration Weah à toujours fait la sourde oreille aux avertissements du public, elle doit prendre celui-ci avec beaucoup de précaution. L'avertissement du Grand Mufti doit être traité avec tout le sérieux qu'il mérite, car les activités djihadistes en Afrique de l'Ouest sont généralisées et dévastatrices, avec des pertes énormes en vies humaines.

Du Nigeria au Mali en passant par le Burkina Faso et la Côte d'Ivoire voisine, des groupes djihadistes ont semé et continuent de semer la terreur sur des civils non armés avec des conséquences inimaginables.

Récemment, les autorités ici ont expulsé deux membres du personnel de la Turkish Light International School de Monrovia pour des activités terroristes présumées, ce qui a semé la panique au milieu de la population.

Le Grand Mufti Sumaworo est un religieux sérieux qui commande beaucoup de fidèles dans le pays. Il n'aurait pas averti le gouvernement s'il n'avait pas senti quelque chose. Le gouvernement devrait prendre cela au sérieux et être en alerte maximale.

Le Libéria dispose des frontières poreuses et moins sécurisées. Il est donc vulnérable aux activités terroristes . On parle souvent des immigrants Burkinabè illégaux qui entrent dans le pays prétendument pour faire l'agriculture.

Avec la demande répétée des musulmans au gouvernement de faire de la fin du mois sacré de Ramanda un jour férié, il est possible que les djihadistes exploitent la situation pour crier à la répression et attirer la sympathie de l'extérieur.

Le gouvernement devrait mettre ses forces de sécurité en alerte totale à la suite de l'avertissement et des actions précédentes à l'école internationale Turkish Light, car là où il y a de la fumée, il y a probablement un incendie.

Français

La présidente de la NEC présente le

s'en est suivie une allégation de falsification du document-cadre de la PPC, qui a intensifié la crise. Conséquence, l'UP et l'ALP se sont retirés séparément de la plus grande coalition de l'opposition.

Pendant qu'elle examinait le document soumis, l'accusation a remarqué une disparité dans la date de la lettre d'accompagnement et la notarisation du document. Le document portait une date de dépôt du 10 juillet 2020 et une date de notarisation du 14 juillet 2020.

Répondant à l'inquiétude du parquet, la présidente du NEC a affirmé avoir constaté une telle disparité dans la date mentionnée.

Mme Brown-Lansanah a déclaré qu'elle ne peut pas parler d'un instrument dont la Cour suprême est saisie. Elle répondait à une question de l'accusation, celle de savoir si la NEC, sur la base de son interaction avec les partis politiques, peut accepter des photocopies de partis politiques et d'alliances.

Guinée : poursuites judiciaires engagées contre

La crise avait entraîné des dizaines de morts, pour la plupart des civils. Le collectif FNDC, le Front national de défense de la Constitution, avait mené pendant des mois ce mouvement de colère. C'est lui qui a porté plainte contre Alpha Condé et 26 anciens hauts responsables, civils et militaires, de son régime. Des responsables aujourd'hui visés par le procureur.

Dans ce groupe de 27, certains sont déjà visés par des poursuites judiciaires, mais pour des faits présumés de détournements de fonds. Cette fois-ci, il s'agit de pénal, avec des accusations de meurtre, disparition forcée, torture, agression sexuelle, pillage,

De plus, l'accusation a remarqué que le document-cadre de la CPP présenté par la patronne de la NEC portait les signatures d'Aloysius Toe, secrétaire général du Congrès national alternatif en tant que secrétaire de la CPP, et du sénateur Daniel Naathan, en tant que président de la CPP, bien que Naathan n'ait jamais été président de cette Coalition.

Cependant, le document a été marqué par le tribunal et remis au parquet, à la demande de celui-ci.

Selon le tribunal, le document est une pièce à conviction et qu'il n'est destiné qu'au procès, après quoi il sera remis à la NEC.

De leur côté, les avocats de la défense se sont contentés de poser la question de savoir si le document présenté était bien l'original. Et quand Madame Brown - Lansanah a affirmé par l'affirmative, elle n'a posé aucune autre question.

Cependant, le sénateur Nathaan et Toe, qui sont tous deux en procès avec Cummings, s'en sont pris aux avocats de la défense pour ne s'être pas opposés à la requête de l'accusation.

enlèvement ou encore séquestration.

Le procureur Alphonse Charles Wright lance donc une enquête avec déjà des éléments de preuves, images, vidéos, qui lui ont été fournis par le FNDC. Il se base aussi sur des rapports d'ONG internationales comme Amnesty et Human Rights Watch.

Le magistrat revient sur le projet de 3e mandat d'Alpha Condé, en violation de la Constitution. Il évoque les propos belliqueux d'Alpha Condé et son entourage lors de meetings politiques, appelant explicitement ses populations à l'affrontement.

Il cite aussi l'impunité totale dont ont bénéficié les forces de sécurité pour mater dans le sang les manifestations.

COMMENTAIRE

2021, un tournant pour l'humanité

par Graça Machel, Helen Clark, Mary Robinson, Ban Ki-moon et Gordon Brown

LONDRES - Cette année constitue un tournant pour la planète. Même si la coopération internationale a souvent échoué en 2020, nous avons maintenant l'occasion - et la responsabilité - de faire que la nouvelle ère qui s'ouvre soit plus équitable et plus protectrice de la nature et des hommes partout dans le monde.

La pandémie de COVID-19 nous a appris que personne ne sera en sécurité tant que le monde entier ne le sera pas. La première étape, qui rapportera beaucoup plus qu'elle ne coûte, est de parvenir à une vaccination de masse dans tous les pays affectés. L'aide du G7 et du G20 pour vacciner aussi tôt que possible la population des pays à revenu faible et intermédiaire n'est en rien un acte de charité, car c'est dans l'intérêt de tous. Le FMI estime même que ce sera l'investissement public le plus rentable jamais réalisé.

Lors du sommet du G7 qui se tient ce week-end en Cornouailles, les Etats membres et leurs invités devraient ouvrir la voie et s'engager à fournir cette année et l'année prochaine 67 % du budget nécessaire au dispositif d'accélération d'accès aux outils de lutte contre le COVID-19 (ACT, Access to COVID-19 Tools). Ce pourcentage est basé sur le principe d'un financement équitable et sur une formule de partage de la charge financière proposés par la Norvège et l'Afrique du Sud qui prennent en compte la capacité de paiement réelle de chaque pays.

Le G7 devrait également montrer l'exemple en ce qui concerne le partage des doses de vaccin et les accords de licence volontaire qui pourraient inclure des dérogations temporaires aux brevets. Cela permettrait le transfert de savoir et de technologie nécessaires à la fabrication de vaccins sur tous les continents.

En outre, il faut demander aux institutions financières multilatérales et régionales de dégager de nouvelles ressources pour les pays à revenu faible ou intermédiaire afin de renforcer leur système de santé. Elles devraient également soutenir la mise en œuvre des recommandations détaillées du récent rapport du Groupe indépendant sur la préparation et la réponse aux pandémies commandé par l'OMS.

L'alignement des politiques économiques au niveau international sera crucial pour reconstruire l'économie mondiale dans le sillage de la pandémie. Par chance, au cours de l'année écoulée la plupart des pays ont adopté des politiques similaires dans la phase initiale de reprise économique face au COVID-19, ce qui a permis un niveau acceptable d'alignement. Il faut maintenant se mettre d'accord sur un plan de croissance mondial incluant des interventions monétaires et budgétaires coordonnées pour éviter une reprise inégale et déséquilibrée - et garantir un avenir plus inclusif, plus équitable et plus vert. Par exemple si le G7 et le G20 les adoptent, les propositions du FMI en faveur de mesures synchronisées d'amélioration des infrastructures sur tous les continents (notamment les infrastructures vertes) permettraient d'augmenter la production mondiale de 2000 milliards de dollars d'ici 2025.

Le G20 et le G7 doivent également s'attaquer aux divergences croissantes dues aux différences de résultats en matière de politique de santé et à l'absence de coordination des politiques macroéconomiques. La plupart des pays avancés peuvent espérer une croissance forte et des vaccins largement disponibles. Par contre, une grande partie des pays émergents et en développement doit faire face aux nouvelles vagues de la pandémie et aux nouveaux variants du virus, sans grands moyens pour amortir le choc économique et social de la crise. Après un lent redémarrage du commerce mondial et des investissements directs étrangers, de nombreux pays sont confrontés à une augmentation de la dette, à une baisse de leurs recettes fiscales et à une diminution de l'aide internationale.

Avec près de 150 millions de personnes qui ont basculé dans la pauvreté à cause du COVID-19 et la réduction des budgets consacrés à l'éducation et à la santé dans nombre de pays, la réalisation des Objectifs de développement durable initialement prévue pour 2030 pourrait prendre jusqu'à 5 ans de retard ; les femmes et les fillettes en seraient alors les premières victimes. Nous appelons le G7 à élargir son initiative en faveur de l'éducation des filles en soutenant le plan de l'UNICEF destiné à combler le fossé numérique au sein et entre les diverses populations.

Le G7 et le G20 peuvent contribuer à combler l'insuffisance de budget des pays vulnérables pour atteindre les Objectifs de développement durable. Les banques multilatérales de développement devront y consacrer plus de moyens, de manière plus efficace, en optimisant leurs bilans et en réexaminant leur dispositif d'adéquation des fonds propres comme l'a déjà demandé le G20, et envisager leur reconstitution. À cet égard, nous devons examiner de nouveaux instruments fondés sur des garanties afin d'attirer le financement du secteur privé dans les domaines de la santé, de l'éducation et de la protection sociale. Nous devons aussi progresser dans la mise en œuvre d'accords internationaux visant à réduire l'évasion fiscale, incluant notamment un taux minimal d'imposition mondial -mesure qui a reçu récemment le soutien des ministres des Finances du G7.

Par ailleurs, nous devons redoubler d'efforts pour assurer la solvabilité de la dette des pays à revenu faible et intermédiaire. Autrement dit, il faut étendre l'Initiative de suspension du service de la dette du G20 et encourager une participation plus large des créanciers privés, et même des créanciers officiels non membres du G20 dans le nouveau Cadre commun de traitement de la dette. Le succès dépendra d'une plus grande transparence tant de la part des débiteurs que des créanciers.

Cette année est également essentielle pour parvenir à des émissions nettes nulles de dioxyde de carbone à l'horizon 2050. Avant le sommet des Nations unies sur le climat (COP26) qui se tiendra à Glasgow en novembre, les pays du G7 et du G20 doivent annoncer des engagements nationaux audacieux. Ils doivent exiger des entreprises qu'elles divulguent leur empreinte carbone, mettre en place le fonds proposé pour aider les pays à revenu faible et moyen inférieur face au réchauffement climatique et veiller à ce que leurs plans de relance économique favorisent les énergies renouvelables et les infrastructures vertes.

Cette tâche n'est pas du ressort exclusif des Etats. Les entreprises, les villes et les institutions multilatérales ont un rôle essentiel à jouer pour parvenir à des émissions nettes nulles de dioxyde de carbone d'ici 2050. De même que pour la reprise mondiale post-pandémique, il faut mettre en place dès cette année les mesures coordonnées pour cela !

Traduit de l'anglais par Patrice Horovitz

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ActionAid, partners brainstorm over MAPUTO protocol deceleration

ActionAid Liberia is calling for the full implementation of the eradication of the female genital mutilation against women and girls across the country, terming the practice as evil and demonic and it should no longer be accepted in the society.



Making the disclosure at a day-long MAPUTO protocol dialogue in Monrovia, ActionAid Liberia Country Director Elizabeth Gbah Johnson said that there is a need for the full eradication of the female genital mutilation across the country in order to enable girls maintain their true feeling and potential.

ActionAdid Liberia along with its implementing partners converged at a local

hotel to brainstorm on the full MAPUTO protocol, aimed at securing a comprehensive sexual and reproductive right in Liberia.

The goal of the project is to ensure that women, youth and other marginalized groups can thrive in a healthy, safe, equitable and

Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Madam Alice Johnson Howard.

Madam Howard urged the Government to update the health system by making available qualified medical workers, electricity and ambulance to all healthcare centers in the country, adding that by doing so Liberia will achieve a lot in fighting sicknesses here.

Speaking on Liberia's position on the MAPUTO, she said Liberia is a signatory to the MAPUTO declaration and pregnant women are now allowed to attend school in Liberia from now onward.

Madam Howard indicated that it's significant to remove legal, regulatory and barriers limiting access to sexual reproductive health (SRH) communities program and service.

"Develop and implement legal and policy framework that prevents child marriage, and implement policies strategy and plan to reduce unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortion by developing legal framework strategic with program that deal with SGBV," she urged.

"We will make sure that this is taught to all people particularly, children, adolescents and youth both in and out of school with age appropriate and culturally sensitive," Madam she continued.

Monrovia Football Academy begins 3-day trials Saturday

By: Naneka Hoffman

Monrovia Football Academy kicks off a three-day trial this Saturday, May 7, from 9AM to 5 PM at BYC Field in PHP community, Monrovia.

Speaking in an exclusive interview on Wednesday, Co-Founder & Director of the Academy Sekou Degeorge Manubah said the trials are scheduled for May 7-14-21,

respectively.

He said while the first trial is at the BYC Field in Central Monrovia, the second trial is from 9am to 5Pm at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Paynesville and the last trial kicks off on May 21, at the Monrovia Football Academy Campus in Careysburg, Montserrado County the same time.

Mr. Manubah notes that the exercise is the recruitment process of young and talented players for the year 2022-2023, which is something that is normally done every year.

He says boys and girls between ages 7 and 14 are encouraged to come out for the trials, adding that entrance exams will be administered on each of the trial date.



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However, he suggested that the alleged integrity problem at the NEC can only be resolved with the setting up of five-member counterpart commissioners by the NEC in keeping with international best practices.

"The possibility of conducting peaceful and credible elections depends on the manner in which electoral management body will manage the election. It's imperative that the current integrity problem and operation of the election body be adequately addressed so as to enable the NEC to take the country to transparent elections in 2023", he added.Mr. Fromayan reiterated that the alleged integrity crisis at the NEC can be only be addressed with the establishment of five-member counterpart commissioners that should be comprised of representatives of the United Nations, ECOWAS, African Union, and the NEC, which he stressed must be urgently organized by the international community to validate all actions of the current NEC to ensure that the planning and conduct of the upcoming presidential and legislative elections are executed in accordance with international best practices. This, he said would help in the consolidation of Liberia's experiment with democracy.

He added that international experts should be assigned to monitor the data center in conjunction with NEC data team to ensure protection of a collective interest, noting that the data center should be

accessible to all political parties and independent candidates to erase existing doubt.

He further emphasized that to prevent a repeat of the fraud that was associated with the application of the optical mark recognition system drawn from the 2017 presidential and legislative elections, there's critical and compelling need to introduce biometric enrollment system during the 2023 presidential and legislative elections.

The NEC has scheduled senatorial by-election in Lofa for 10th May to fill vacant seat created by the criminal trial and conviction of Senator-elect Brownie Samukai and others for misappropriation of soldiers' money totaling over One Million United States Dollars, while serving as Minister of Defense during the Sirleaf administration.

But the Unity Party, which broke away from the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) was taken before the NEC by the embattled chairman of the Liberty Party Musa Hassan Bility, who petitioned the electoral commission not to qualify the UP to contest in elections because of existing CPP law that bars a constituent party from independently fielding a candidate in an election until after the 2023 polls.

The NEC upheld the petition, but the UP ran to the Supreme Court, where it is now as date for the pending by-election draws near. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Liberian prelate demands tougher actions against government officials

A renowned Liberian Prelate, Rev. Eric S. Gbogar, is calling on Church leaders here to take stronger measures against government officials that are constantly denigrating the body of Christ through frequent criticisms of Church leaders.

Speaking Sunday at the worship service of the Love Center Ministries International Church over the weekend, Rev. Gbogar indicated that the persistent criticisms by both ordinary citizens and government officials with nothing being done by the Church in Liberia has the propensity to undermine the existence of the Christian community in the country.He added that some of the top officials that insult the Christian community are the same people who are honored and gowned as Fathers and Mothers of the year in their respective Churches.

Rev. Gbogar recommended

that stringent measures be put in place by Church leaders in order to stop the increase of insults from people within and out of the government circle toward Church leaders across Liberia.

According to the clergymen, the lack of respect for religion is a major contributing factor to the under-development of the country.

"I will call on every one of you as Liberians to respect the Church in Liberia and the country's leadership. No one of you should be insulting leadership for political reasons, it's because of this our nation is under-developed," Rev. Gbogar noted.



Cummings hires foreign firm

The Political leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) Mr. Alexander B. Cummings has hired a British firm, Cherie Blair CBE QC to lead an independent and internationally- staffed forensic investigation into allegations of tampering with the CPP framework document.

Mr. Cummings and two other officials of the ANC are currently facing criminal charges at the Monrovia City Court for allegedly tampering with the collapsed Collaborating Political Parties or CPP framework document. The allegation Momo that he conspired to tamper with the CPP Framework Document before or after it was filed with the National Elections Commission (“NEC”) of Liberia.

He commissioned this independent investigation to provide an objective evaluation of the claims made by the ALP and the Government of Liberia. Throughout his corporate, philanthropic, and political career, at home and abroad and his recent political engagements in Liberia, Mr. Cummings has always been committed to high standards of integrity, honesty, probity, and transparency. These allegations are an attempt to question and undermine his values.

“This investigation is a response to concerns from friends and questions from partners and

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Mr. Cummings has instructed Mrs. Blair to “independently, objectively, and comprehensively investigate the CPP Framework Document tampering allegations and to report her findings without fear or favor”.

Alexander B. Cummings said: “My opposition to the corruption, incompetence, and mismanagement by the administration of President George Manneh Weah is well-known. My message of real change in the direction of the country and hope in a better future is gaining momentum, as Liberians hold his failing government to account. The trumped-up and false charges are politically motivated to smear my reputation and undermine my candidacy, at home and abroad. It is also a weaponization of the courts, a waste of public resources, and a gambit to have a failed President re-elected by weakening his most formidable challenger or denying my participation in the elections. We will not permit this to happen. Liberians are ready for change, and we are ready to provide the changed leadership, with the high standards of transparency and accountability Liberia desperately needs.”

Cherie Blair CBE, QC said: “We are privileged to engage in this important truth-finding exercise, to independently assess the veracity of the allegations and get to the bottom of this sensitive issue. We are aware of the serious nature of the claims on both sides, and the ramifications of our findings not just for Liberia’s opposition but for the country’s future.”

colleagues, but, above all, Mr. Cummings’ desire to be thoroughly scrutinized through public, private, and all forms of investigation to prove his innocence and highest moral standing. The findings of this investigation will therefore be transparently shared with the Liberian public and his international partners,” a press statement issued by the ANC said.

Mrs. Blair, a preeminent human rights lawyer, will lead a joint team comprising experienced experts from her international law firm, Omnia Strategy LLP, and renowned London-based investigations and intelligence firm, Alaco Limited.

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‘Stop raising unnecessary expectation’



VP Howard- Taylor

By Lincoln G. Peters

Liberia’s Vice President Madam Jewel Howard - Taylor has warned politicians here against unnecessarily raising the masses’ expectations through false campaign promises ahead of the 2023 presidential and legislative elections.

Speaking to a group of young people Thursday, 5 May 2022 at a day-long conference organized by the Angie Brooks International Center (ABIC), Vice President Howard - Taylor warned politicians against making campaign promises about things that are not within their capacity to implement when elected.

“We should have to say the truth when we are on the campaign so we do not raise unnecessary expectation. Let’s stop that because at the end all those promises they will make about constructing road [they] will not be done because it’s the government that can do that, not an individual lawmaker,” said Vice President Howard - Taylor.

She argued that it costs one million United States dollars to construct a mile of road and it’s something that nobody should fool people that they will do it when they are elected to public office. She said it’s only the government that can do such

a work.

According to VP Taylor, Liberians will have to decide or make the choice of the kind of leaders they need because true representation is important.

She told young people here that politicians will come with fake promises that they will build roads, construct clinics, and schools, among other things, when they know it’s not in their capacity to do so.

“One bag of rice cannot keep you for six years neither one month. People are taking decisions in other parts of the world like I watch in Ghana recently where citizens threaten to burn a car that had rice in it that was brought by [a] politician to be distributed,” VP Howard-Taylor explained.

She noted that young people have to decide what they want during electoral processes because when women wanted rape to be taken serious, they threatened to not vote and their demand was addressed.

“Therefore, I believe the same thing can happen if you demand that you need better school for your children, have computer and ICT training, drinking water not hand pump because we passed that,” she said.

She encouraged the young people to determine what they want and with that people will do it.

Madam Howard - Taylor reminded the young people that politicians are coming back again

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ANC Political Leader Mr. Cummings

was made by the All Liberian Party (“ALP”),

The National Elections Commission (NEC) presented to the court on Wednesday, 4 May 5, 2022 what it said was the original CPP framework document.

The document tampering allegations made by the All Liberian Party (ALP), forms the basis of ongoing criminal proceedings against Mr. Cummings and others in Liberia.

Mr. Cummings has vigorously denied the allegations made by the ALP and its political leader and Chairman, respectively Mr. Benoni W. Urey and Mr. Theodore

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Flomayan questions NEC's credibility



Former NEC Chair Mr. James Flomayan

By Lewis S. Teh

The Ex-chairperson of the National Elections Commission (NEC) James Flomayan has questioned the Commission's credibility to conduct free, fair and transparent elections in 2023.

Speaking recently in Monrovia, Mr. Flomayan claimed that the power from above is remotely controlling the electoral body, which he

said is responsible for the NEC's alleged inability to rule in the ongoing CPP framework document case that is currently at the Supreme Court of Liberia.

Mr. Flomayan continued that the manner and form in which the NEC is proceeding with electoral dispute involving the controversial CPP framework documents clearly indicates the Commission has presented itself as a part in the ongoing conflict.

"Once you enter into an agreement and one group decides to pull out due to whatever reason that should not be a problem", he argued. He said once the original framework document is brought forth, it will then be the court that will tell which party is saying the truth about signing or not signing, analogizing that people can get marry and yet divorce so, if one party decided to pull out of whatever negotiation, there's nothing wrong with it and at such, it shouldn't be a genuine concern of the NEC.

The former NEC boss further argued that with all of the facts available and the NEC's alleged refusal to take a decision, rather leaving its responsibility with the court to decide, definitely defines the Commission as being a party. "For me, Mr. Samukai should have been certificated long, because he followed both the Elections and the court laws and registered and subsequently won the election landslide yet, you wouldn't certificate him; these are problems."

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