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Continental News

Kenya election result fraudulent - Odinga

Raila Odinga, who came second in Kenya's presidential election, has gone to court to challenge the result, describing it as "fraudulent". In a scathing 70-page legal argument, he alleges there

the commission's final result was in line with its own projection.

However, four of the seven electoral commissioners refused to endorse the outcome, alleging that the way the final results were tallied was "opaque". The seven judges at the Supreme Court will have 14 days to make a

Boundaries Commission (IEBC), Wafula Chebukati, "rogue", adding that he was involved in the plan to "secure a fraudulent result". The plan was carried out with Mr Ruto's knowledge, it alleges, but the petition does not provide any evidence to back this up.

Mr Odinga raises questions about the tallying process and says that not all the constituency results were announced before the final result was declared.

He also says there is evidence that the results from some polling stations were altered in his opponent's favour before they were displayed on the IEBC's web portal. And he suggests that the voter turnout figure was manipulated so Mr Ruto did not have to go into a second-round run-off. Speaking after handing the petition over to the Supreme Court, Mr Odinga said "corruption cartels" were undermining democracy, but did not specify who he meant. This was the fifth time that the 77 year old had run for president. Previously he had been the opposition candidate, but this time he was backed by outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta.

For the third time in a row

he has gone to court to get an outcome overturned.

In 2017, the veteran politician successfully challenged the result of that year's presidential election, which he lost to Mr Kenyatta, and the Supreme Court ordered a re-run. The case highlighted logistical issues in the way the results were collated. However, in 2013 his challenge was dismissed.

This time the IEBC tried to make the results process as transparent as possible by publishing the polling station tallies as soon as they were available. The independent Elections Observation Group did its own tally and said its estimates were consistent with what the electoral commission published.

A week ago, there were chaotic scenes at the

national tallying centre moments before the final result of the 9 August poll was about to be read out. Some of Mr Odinga's political allies stormed the stage and scuffles broke out. Two electoral commissioners were injured and four others left the compound to hold a press conference to denounce the outcome.

Nevertheless, Mr Chebukati proceeded with the announcement and handed Mr Ruto the certificate confirming that he was the winner.

The election commission head said he had defied threats to perform his duty of announcing results according to the will of the people, while Mr Ruto hailed him as a "hero". Last week, Mr Ruto said he would respect the court process, which is part of the country's electoral law.

"I'm a democrat. I believe in the rule of law. I respect our institutions," he told journalists. BBC



Supporters of Raila Odinga gathered outside the court ahead of the legal petition being filed

was a pre-planned effort to alter the outcome.

According to the electoral commission, Mr Odinga took 48.8% of the vote, losing to William Ruto's 50.5%.

An independent monitoring organisation said

ruling. Mr Odinga's legal petition, one of more than five handed over, described the alleged attempt to alter the final result as "premeditated, unlawful and criminal".

It also calls the chairperson of the Independent Electoral and

Somali PM vows action after deadly hotel siege

Somali security forces have said they rescued 106 people who were trapped inside a hotel that had been stormed by militants on Friday night. Twenty-one people are confirmed to have died in the 30-hour ordeal, the health ministry said. The fight to retake the hotel ended overnight, officials said. The assailants used explosives to gain entry to Mogadishu's Hayat Hotel before violently taking control.

Islamist militant group al-Shabab has taken responsibility for the attack.

"I would like to inform all Somalis that the operation at the hotel was concluded at midnight," police Commander Abdi Hassan Mohammed Hijra told journalists in a briefing that took place close to the site of the attack. "It is shocking that innocent people lost their lives here... The security forces were engaged in rescuing the people one by one and in groups." The death toll could rise as there is the

possibility that family members collected the bodies of relatives before an official count was made, Health Minister Ali Haji Adan said. He added that 117 people were injured, with 15 of them being in a critical condition. The hotel has been largely destroyed following intense fighting between the militants and security forces throughout Friday night and Saturday, with videos showing explosions and smoke billowing

from the building's rooftop.

"It has been terrible, really terrifying living next door to the gunfire, the explosions. It was one of the most horrible things I have ever seen in Mogadishu," Abdisalam Guled, a former deputy director of Somalia's national intelligence agency, told the BBC. A police officer told Reuters that two car bombs had been used to gain access to the hotel on Friday evening - targeting its front barrier



Local residents came past the site of the hotel to see the destruction for themselves

Twelve die in Uganda from suspected alcohol poisoning



Police in north-western Uganda are investigating the deaths of a dozen people who are suspected to have consumed a locally manufactured gin. The deaths are said to have been registered between Saturday and Sunday in Madi-Okollo district.

Several others, including one trader who was selling the gin known as City 5 Pineapple Flavoured Gin, have been hospitalised with suspected poisoning.

It is not clear what the ingredients in the drink are,

but "demineralised water, extra neutral alcohol and pineapple flavour" are listed on the bottle. A regional police spokesperson said that samples of the gin have been collected and will be submitted to the government chemist to conduct tests. Four suspects have been arrested, and the cottage factory where the gin was being manufactured closed, as investigations continue. Deaths from adulterated alcohol are common in Uganda. In 2010, at least 80 people died in south-western Uganda after drinking alcohol laced with methanol, according to authorities. BBC

and gate. After the initial attack, a website affiliated to al-Shabab said a group of militants were "carrying out random shootings" after having "forcibly entered" the hotel - described as a popular location for employees of the federal government to meet. Security forces struggled

to gain access to the upper floors of the hotel for hours because the gunmen, who were holding an unknown number of people hostage, had reportedly bombed out the stairs needed for access.

An affiliate of al-Qaeda, al-Shabab has engaged in a long-running conflict with the federal government. BBC

EDITORIAL

No disrespect to Representative Solomon George

OUR FRIEND Representative Solomon George of Montserrado County District #7 is unhappy about a nickname ascribed to him in our last editorial for which he called this paper and expressed so. Sorry; we did not in any manner or shape intend to disrespect the Montserrado lawmaker.

AND IF Rep. George felt insulted or disrespected for the nickname ascribed to him in that editorial, we use this medium to publicly apologize.

NOTWITHSTANDING, WE vehemently maintain our opposition to his recent call for President George Manneh Weah to ban student politics at the University of Liberia or in schools across the country. We think the call by Rep. Gorge is not only preposterous but highly disgraceful and disappointing. It is an ill-advice to the President from a blind loyalist that does not see beyond his nose.

FOR THE ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) lawmaker to question whether the campus-based Vanguard Student Unification Party (SUP) at the University of Liberia is a political party clearly demonstrates that he is power-possessed and speaks like someone, who has never entered the classroom.

WE WONDER what fear does Rep. George have for which he wants student politics banned in the country. Isn't he aware that this one of many extra-curriculum activities that allow students to demonstrate their potentials and talents for future responsibility?

WE REITERATE that the recent July 26 Independence Day violence before the Embassy of the United States near Monrovia was master-minded and executed by the CDC-Council of Patriots, not members of SUP. Instead, the victims were students of the University of Liberia.

THE ONLY wrong they did for which they were brutalized was to peacefully call on the government to address the excruciating hardship in the country that has made the learning environment unconducive for them.

THE RAMPANT human rights abuses, mysterious deaths and arbitrary killings by state security forces under the Weah administration are not the works of students, including massive corruption and flagrant constitutional breaches that Liberians and the international community continue to lament on.

ON THE contrary, it is innocent and peaceful students across the country, who are enduring the scorches of pillage and loot by public officials which denies them opportunities for a better future.

IT IS sad that the Montserrado District#7 lawmaker would ignore the plight of his constituents - the neglected people of the township of West Point and surroundings in the current county tour of the President, and rather called for a ban on student politics. How does this benefit his people directly?

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE should rather advocate for his district to benefit better schools, toilets and health facilities than focusing his energies on something that does not in any way interfere with his role as a lawmaker or the governance of the State. Students do not contest in national elections, but it is their right under the Constitution to express reservation about how the country is governed.

THE GOVERNMENT and its officials, including the likes of Rep. George seem to be terrified by reaction from the United States Government against unabated public corruption in the Weah administration that has led the American Treasury to designate three confidants of President Weah.

THE CDC lawmaker should rather advise the President to take steps against officials bent on tarnishing his government and the country's image than seeking to prey on suffering innocent students, who hardly find a decent daily meal because their parents are jobless, primarily due to the appalling economic situation prevailing in Liberia.

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COMMENTARY

By Abe Shinzō

US Strategic Ambiguity Over Taiwan Must End

TOKYO - Russia's invasion of Ukraine has reminded many people of the fraught relationship between China and Taiwan. But while there are three similarities between the situation in Ukraine and Taiwan, there are also significant differences.

The first similarity is that there is a very large military power gap between Taiwan and China, just as there was between Ukraine and Russia. Moreover, that gap is growing larger every year.

Second, neither Ukraine nor Taiwan has formal military allies. Both countries are forced to confront threats or attacks alone.

Third, because both Russia and China are permanent, veto-wielding members of the United Nations Security Council, the UN's mediation function cannot be relied upon for conflicts in which they are involved. This has been the case with the current Russian attack on Ukraine, and it would also be the case in any crisis over Taiwan.

But the situation surrounding Taiwan is even more uneasy. While Taiwan has no allies, it does have the Taiwan Relations Act, a 1979 US law requiring the United States to provide Taiwan with the military equipment and supplies "necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capacity." This law has functioned as a form of compensation for America's unwillingness to say explicitly that it will "defend Taiwan" should it be attacked. This arrangement should now change.

In response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine, the US stated early on that it would not deploy its troops in Ukraine's defense. But when it comes to Taiwan, the US has adopted a policy of strategic ambiguity. This is the second point of difference: it remains unclear whether the US would intervene by force in a crisis involving Taiwan.

Because the US prefers to leave undefined its position on how it would respond to an assault on Taiwan, China has (at least up to now) been discouraged from military adventurism. This is so because China's rulers must account for the possibility that the US would indeed intervene militarily. At the same time, US ambiguity has forced Taiwan to consider the possibility that the US will not intervene militarily, and this has deterred radical pro-independence groups on the island.

The US has maintained its Janus-faced policy for decades. But the third, most important difference between Ukraine and Taiwan suggests strongly that it is time for the US to reconsider its approach. Simply put, whereas Ukraine is an independent state beyond any doubt, Taiwan is not.

Russia's invasion is not only an armed

violation of Ukraine's territorial sovereignty, but also an attempt to overthrow the government of a sovereign state with missiles and shells. On this point, there is no controversy in the international community over the interpretation of international law and the UN Charter. While the extent to which countries participate in sanctions against Russia has differed, no country has claimed that Russia is not in serious violation of international law.

By contrast, China claims that Taiwan is "part of its own country," and the US and Japanese position is to respect this claim. Neither Japan nor the US has official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and most countries around the world do not recognize Taiwan as a sovereign state. Unlike in Ukraine, Chinese leaders could claim that any invasion of Taiwan that China launches is necessary to suppress anti-government activities in one of its own regions, and that such acts therefore would not violate international law.

When Russia annexed Crimea, the international community ultimately acquiesced, even though Russia had violated Ukrainian sovereignty. Given this precedent, it is not surprising that Chinese leaders may very well expect the world to be more tolerant should they, too, adopt the logic of "regional" - rather than national - subjugation.

This logic has made strategic ambiguity untenable. The policy of ambiguity worked extremely well as long as the US was strong enough to maintain it, and as long as China was far inferior to the US in military power. But those days are over. The US policy of ambiguity toward Taiwan is now fostering instability in the Indo-Pacific region, by encouraging China to underestimate US resolve, while making the government in Taipei unnecessarily anxious.

Given the change in circumstances since the policy of strategic ambiguity was adopted, the US should issue a statement that is not open to misinterpretation or multiple interpretations. The time has come for the US to make clear that it will defend Taiwan against any attempted Chinese invasion.

Whenever I met President Xi Jinping during my time as prime minister, I always made it a rule to convey clearly to him that he should not misjudge Japan's intention to defend the Senkaku Islands, and that Japan's intentions were unwavering. The human tragedy that has befallen Ukraine has taught us a bitter lesson. There must no longer be any room for doubt in our resolve concerning Taiwan, and in our determination to defend freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

Abe Shinzō was Prime Minister of Japan from 2006-07 and 2012-20.



by Peter Singer

Bystanders No More

MELBOURNE - In March 1964, the New York Times reported that 38 witnesses saw or heard a brutal, drawn-out, and ultimately fatal attack on a woman called Kitty Genovese, but none did anything to help her, or even summoned the police. The report was later shown to be erroneous, but the “bystander effect” is real. As many psychology experiments have shown, an individual is less likely to come to the aid of another if they can see that other people who could help are not doing so.

Last month, in the middle of the day on a busy street in the Italian town of Civitanova Marche, Alika Ogorchukwu, a Nigerian street vendor, was attacked and killed by a man using his bare hands. Although the police were called, and someone filmed the attack, no one intervened. Amid general outrage, an editorial in the Italian newspaper La Stampa took this as a sign that we are in “the twilight of civilization.”

If you had been there, would you have aided Ogorchukwu? Consider, before you answer, that to intervene would have involved some personal risk. The assailant was not using a weapon, but how could you know that he did not have one? And even without a weapon, he was evidently both enraged and strong.

Whatever you feel you would have done had you been present, a far bigger bystander effect is playing out right now. In this case, you can assist in saving the lives of others, without any danger to you. Moreover, some of those whom you may be able to save are Nigerians, which makes it possible to think of the assistance as a token of your opposition to the failure to help Ogorchukwu.

A report issued recently by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Program warns that between now and September, famine could affect 49 million people in 46 countries. The countries most at risk are Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. Civil strife is one major risk factor for famine in these countries, but the report also cites weather extremes, such as storms, flooding and drought, and rising food and energy prices stemming from the war in Ukraine.

And yet a disturbing trend has become evident: governments of affluent countries are giving less foreign aid. The most striking example is the United Kingdom, a country that gradually, with bipartisan agreement, worked its way up to the United Nations foreign-aid target of 0.7% of gross national income. That target was reached in 2013 and was met every year until 2020. In 2021, however, the UK’s foreign-aid budget was slashed to 0.5% of GNI, and it will most likely remain at that level in 2022.

As Mark Lowcock, a former permanent secretary of the UK Department for International Development, pointed out in a recent interview, his country, which used to be a world leader in making extreme poverty the clear priority of its aid program, is now placing less emphasis on helping the poorest and weakest countries. Aid to countries like Yemen, South Sudan, and Somalia has been cut, increasing the loss of life from humanitarian disasters. Instead, Lowcock says, aid is going to middle-income countries where its impact on people’s lives is not nearly as big as when it goes to those living below the World Bank’s extreme poverty line of \$1.90 per day.

There are two important ways in which you can avoid being a bystander to the avoidable deaths of millions of people in the coming months.

First, according to preliminary OECD figures, in 2021, only Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Germany, and Denmark have reached or exceeded the 0.7%-of-GNI target for foreign aid. The United States still lags near the bottom of the table of donor countries, giving only 0.18% of its GNI, while Australia, at 0.22%, is not much better. If you live in an affluent country that is not meeting the 0.7% target, contact your elected representatives and tell them that you are ashamed of your country’s failure to do its share to create a world in which everyone can meet their basic needs. Join with others to create a movement for more and better foreign aid.

Second, after you have done that, don’t just sit around waiting for your government to do the right thing. Do it yourself. If you are affluent enough to go to a café and order a cup of coffee there, you are probably spending more doing that than nearly one in ten people on this planet have to live on for an entire day.

If you don’t know how to get the best value for what you are able to give, help is available online. Go to www.thelifeyoucansave.org or www.givewell.org, and select one of the charities listed there. All have been independently assessed as being highly effective and offering excellent value for money. Then you won’t be a bystander anymore, and Ogorchukwu will not have died in vain.



LIBERIA
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CORPORATION

VACANCY

Post Title : Product and Distribution Analyst
Organization Unit : Finance
Hours of Work : Full time (48 hours per week)
Status of Post : Regular based on satisfactory performances/probation Reports To : Senior Financial Analyst
Location : LTC Headquarters and other locations as may be required

Job Summary

The Product and Distribution analyst is responsible for planning and executing the movement of goods from one location to another. He/she shall work with a variety of companies, including manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, etc., to ensure that products get where they need to be as quickly and efficiently as possible. The P&D Analyst will also perform market research and analyse market data, identifying consumer behaviours and trends. The P&D Analyst will make recommendations and provide launch strategies based on his/her analyses to increase firm profitability while monitoring product performance and recommend alterations to meet sales forecasts.

The P&D Analyst will work with relevant staff or managers in implementing product distribution strategies in the assigned locations to obtain profits. He/she will maintain complete knowledge about carriers and target customers in assigned locations. The P&D Analyst should be able to analyse and provide new distribution options to meet the corporation’s goals.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Creating reports that monitor product sales by locations or territory, including forecasting future trends based on current data
2. Compiling and analyzing data to identify consumer buying patterns and preferences
3. Working with marketing teams to develop strategies for promoting products within specific location or countries
4. Reviewing market data to identify opportunities for growth in different markets, such as new product lines or price changes
5. Identifying which locations are most successful at selling certain products
6. Calculating the cost of goods sold for each product based on sales figures, production costs, and other factors
7. Estimating future product demand based on consumer trends and preferences
8. Using computer software to track inventory levels in warehouses and monitor shipping schedules for incoming shipments of raw materials or finished goods
9. Developing and implementing sales strategies for individual customers or groups of customers
10. Performs market research and collects customer feedback
11. Evaluates products and forecasts performance
12. Provides recommendations on product launch strategies
13. Generates reports and presentations on results findings
14. Monitors product performance
15. Analyses market data, trends, and behaviours
16. the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer. Helps in the preparation of Accounting and Financial reports and ensures accurate accounting systems and record keeping.
17. Perform rate negotiation with providers and assist in cost reduction initiatives.
18. Maintain warehouse logistics and reduce wastages.
19. Maintain positive working relationships with relevant staff members and or managers, Customer Service Personnel's, Engineers, Finance team and Warehouse Management Team.
20. Develop and share best practices with other teams.
21. Analyse and generate monthly performance reports to Senior Financial Analyst and CFO.
22. Provide support to Distribution Managers or Entities when needed.
23. Maintain accounts of distributed products and sales.
24. Assist in budget preparation and expense management activities.
25. Assist in periodic audits and in development of disaster recovery plans.
26. Monitor and adjust store parameters to increase product sales.
27. Resolve inventory issues in a timely and accurate manner.
28. Ensure that stores maintain appropriate stock levels for sales.

Qualification and Experience

1. Bachelor's degree in business, finance or supply chain management, Economics or related field
2. Minimum of 5 years' experience in product analysis
3. Proficient in MS Office and database programs
4. Strong written and verbal communication skills
5. Excellent multitasking and problem-solving abilities
6. Exceptional time-management skills
7. Degree in accounting from a reputable University or College.
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The Audit and Compliance Analyst will work closely with Chief Financial Officer and senior management staff in various departments like Finance, Operations, Administration, Business Development and Finance. He/she shall be responsible for making sure the company is complying with both LTC Mobile SOPs and all financial regulations and laws of the Republic of Liberia, and sometimes are tasked with enforcing internally established guidelines.

The Audit and Compliance Analyst shall review business controls, policies, and procedures to ensure regulatory compliance of all financial operations of the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation. He/she is responsible for ensuring that LTC Mobile adheres to government regulations both domestically as well as globally, if applicable and avoids missteps that could result in hefty fines, legal ramifications, and reputation damage. The Audit and Compliance Analyst shall analyze and interpret data, identify areas of concern, and recognize when there is a problem. He/she determines compliance within regulations, policies, and procedures. Also, he/she shall be responsible to identify methods of resolution and options for corrective action.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.

Protect the corporate's assets, enforcing compliance with internal regulations, recommending improvements to LTC Mobile's internal control structure, and ensuring compliance with legal and government regulations.

2.

Examining the corporation accounts and financial control systems and gauging levels of financial risk within organizations.

3.

Checking that financial reports and records are accurate and reliable and ensuring that all corporation assets are protected.

4.

Design and document all audit plans and prepare all reports according to establish procedures and monitor all corrective actions according to industry standards and analyze all audit results and implement all necessary actions to resolve all compliance issues and interpret all complex regulations to ensure adherence to same in organization.

5.

Design and approve all quality procedures for organization and monitor all compliance procedures and escalate discrepancies to management. And Conduct periodic internal reviews or audits to ensure that compliance procedures are followed.

6.

Conduct or direct the internal investigation of compliance issues and assess product, compliance, or operational risks and develop risk management strategies.

7.

Identify compliance issues that require follow-up or investigation

8.

Disseminate written policies and procedures related to compliance activities.

9.

Maintain documentation of compliance activities, such as complaints received or investigation outcomes.

10.

Consult with corporate attorneys as necessary to address difficult legal compliance issues and collaborate with human resources departments to ensure the implementation of consistent disciplinary action strategies in cases of compliance standard violations.

11.

Report violations of compliance or regulatory standards to duly authorized enforcement agencies as appropriate or required.

12.

Keep informed regarding pending industry changes, trends, and best practices and assess the potential impact of these changes on organization's products.

13.

Design or implement improvements in communication, monitoring, or enforcement of compliance standards and verify that all government and internal and regulatory policies and procedures have been documented, implemented, and communicated

14.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualification and Experience

1.

Bachelor's Degree in accounting from a reputable University or College in Commerce, Finance, Economics, or a similar discipline

2.

At least 5 years' experience in either external or internal audit, compliance, or risk management.

3.

Must have audit experiences and financial reporting and capable of working under pressure.

4.

Must have excellent knowledge in the Microsoft office suits with fluency in Excel and must exhibit a degree of Competence and Confidentiality.

Required Skills/Abilities

1.

Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.

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The main role of the Billing and finance analyst from the finance perspective is to pull over data to identify opportunities or evaluate outcomes for business decisions or investment recommendations.

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Analyze and interpret all contractual requirements and evaluate all contracts associate with projects.

3.

Supervise all project plans and implement it effectively and perform review on all actual and planned resources and report discrepancies to Senior Financial Analyst and or the CFO.

4.

Prepare monthly Equivalent annual cost (EAC) - the annual cost of owning, operating, and maintaining an asset over its entire life to accounting and analyse profitability and timeframe of all projects

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8.

Analyzing all billing procedures and identifying opportunities for improvement.

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10.

Preparing, issuing, and sending invoices.

11.

Reviewing invoices to ensure billing accuracy.

12.

Reviewing sales sheets to ensure the billing of all sales.

13.

Reconciling invoices with balance sheet reports and resolving any discrepancies.

14.

Communicating with clients and other departments, resolving issues, and providing clarifications.

15.

Ensuring clients' billing accounts are set up correctly and according to their requirements.

16.

Maintaining updated records of accounts receivable.

17.

Preparing reports and meeting billing deadlines.

18.

Perform other tasks as may be required

Qualification and Experience/ Required Skills/Abilities

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Degree in accounting, finance, or a related field.

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VACANCY

Post Title

: Power and Utility Manager

Organization Unit

: Operation

Hours of Work

: Full time (48 hours per week)

Status of Post

: Regular based on satisfactory performances/probation Reports

Reports To

: Director of Operations

Location

: LTC Headquarters and other locations as may be required

Job Summary

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.

Planning coordinating and supervising the activities of the utility Department.

2.

Prepare work schedule and plans for the engineers, supervisors, technicians, and other staff of the utility department.

3.

Manage the maintenance of the entire power system.

4.

Ensure that maintenance programs for generators, air conditions and other utilities are developed and oversee repair responsibilities.

5.

Main accurate record of spare parts, materials, supplies, and other items stored for utility purposes.

6.

Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annually reports on utility activities and submit to the Director of Operations.

7.

Prepare annual budget for the power and utility section and submit to the Director of Operations for management' consideration.

8.

Knowledge of Solar Power System.

9.

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15.

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To have a flexible approach to work

Qualification and Experience

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2.

Master in similar field would be an asset.

3.

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5.

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6.

Work with both heavy and light duty generators.

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.

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2.

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5.

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APM Terminals Liberia supports YMCA Annual Children Vacation Sports Program

APM Terminals Liberia has provided support to the 2022 Edition of the Annual Children Vacation Sports Program of the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA).

The company in line with



its CSR Policy of supporting youth groups to discover and nurture their potential donated 30 sets (360 Pieces) of basketball jerseys for 30 teams participating in the

sports program.

Under the theme “Giving Youth the Voice and Space for Radical Transformation”, this year’s YMCA children’s vacation sports program brought together 415 enrolled students ranging from ages 6-19 years.

transform their generation and beyond.

Employees of APM Terminals Liberia who were once prodigies of the YMCA program were showcased as examples to encourage participants of the program.

The donation forms part of a larger commitment by the company to support social initiatives geared at youth empowerment and nurturing.

APM Terminal Liberia’s CSR programs focus on education, skills training, youth development, and community sanitation.

Last year the company provided sponsorship to the National County Meet Sports festival and has as well instituted a scholarship scheme that has so far paid fees and provided school logistics to over 150 student Districts 13 and 14.

The company says it is committed to meeting its business objectives which will positively impact the Liberian economy and society and will continue to support initiatives that empower the youth of Liberia.

President Weah Declares Wednesday as National Flag Day

President George Manneh Weah has by Proclamation declared Wednesday, August 24, 2022, as National Flag Day and is to be observed throughout the country as a National Holiday.

The Proclamation is in consonance with an Act approved on October 25, 1915, by the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia declaring the 24th day of August of each year as “National Flag Day” to be observed as a National Holiday.

According to a Foreign Ministry release, the Day is commemorated annually by citizens of the Republic in testimony of their allegiance and loyalty to the National Ensign which is an embodiment of the nation’s existence as a sovereign entity and to encourage national pride and patriotism.

The Proclamation further orders citizens and foreign residents within the borders of Liberia to give prominence to the observance of the event throughout the Republic by flying the National Flag from each dwelling and public building.

The Proclamation also orders that Government offices as well as public and business houses remain closed

during the observance.

The Proclamation recalls that the National Flag was designed and produced by a committee of ladies led by Mrs. Susannah Lewis who were talented and visionary citizens of the Republic at the time.The release noted that the making of the National Flag of the Republic of Liberia was a historic event of great significance for Liberia as Africa’s Pacesetter in the struggle for self-determination and inspiration to future African States.The release recounted that the National Ensign of the Republic of Liberia is visible evidence of the country’s sovereignty and independence as well as a

symbol of pride and dignity within the comity of nations.

The Liberian Flag consists of six red stripes and five alternating white stripes, totaling eleven stripes, each representing one of the eleven signers of the Declaration of Independence of Liberia; the blue field, in the upper left corner of a rectangular form with a single white star in the center of the blue field, depicting Liberia as the then only independent state on the continent of Africa; the color red symbolizes the blood of those who died in the struggle for independence; the color white indicates the purity of mind of all our fore bearers toward each other; and the Blue for the dark continent of Africa



Liberia’s digitalization genius who started life as a refugee

Entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of most Liberians, many of them operating one business or another. It is commonplace to find children helping their parents in various businesses when they finish their daily school shift. (Most schools run on two shifts, a morning shift, and an afternoon shift in order to allow more children to attend school.) By 15 years of age, many children are engaged in income generating activities to augment family incomes.

But for Maweyata Sow, 35, the story was different. His father, a businessman, forbade him from hanging out in the market pushing him to pursue education instead.

“My dad likes education and banned me from hanging out in

for a B.Sc. Information Technology in 2015. While his father had envisioned that he would become a doctor, Maweyata dreamed of becoming an accountant before finding his true north.

“I came to realize that I liked electronics from the beginning. I remember visiting my aunt as a child and driven by curiosity, I opened her television set in a bid to understand how it worked,” he said.

Since graduating from university, he has worked on various assignments involving management of data, creating databases and digital systems for various organizations in the development sector. His desire to work in development stemmed from interacting and teaching staff of the UN Mission in Liberia



the market. He wanted me to go where he had never been; he wanted me to make the most of education,” said Maweyata.

After completing his primary schooling, his family was forced to flee the war to neighboring Guinea in 2003. While there he was able to join and complete high school at the then Conakry Refugee School, with support from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

Upon return to Liberia in 2008, he took to his passion repairing computers and other IT equipment. But rather than have him peddling his skills and other wares, his father sent him to college to study computer hardware and networking, and software engineering. These diploma certificates enabled him to land jobs with various companies in Togo and Guinea in the money transfer sector. He also managed a travel agency and a driving school in Conakry, Guinea.

Dissatisfied with this outcome, his father summoned him back to Liberia in 2012 to continue studying, enrolling him

(UNMIL) how to use computers.

“I really liked their contribution to humanity, but I was just a computer guy who did not know much about development. However, I have an inbuilt tendency to learn new things, therefore, I have been able to help Liberia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and DRC develop health information databases and management systems,” he said.

Maweyata is the brains behind the digitalization of the Liberian Police Crime Management Information System and the Judiciary Case Management Information System, which are expected to improve security and access to justice in the country. The digitalization of the Police, the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice are supported by UNDP.

The crime system allows the police to update and track in real time crimes committed and appropriately deploy officers to promptly investigate. The court system enables court clerks in the whole country to promptly log cases and track their progress, enabling members of the public

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Senate cites LEC

By Ethel A Tweh

The Plenary of the Liberian Senate has cited the authorities of the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC)

happenings at the Corporation with regards to the expiration of the Management Services Contract of the ESBI since 20 July 2022.

Montserrado County

departure of all ESBI team members from the country without any report presented to the Liberian Senate in order to know the current status of the LEC and why those members left the company.

He told the Plenary that the team members were paid US\$22.7 million of public monies in five years for management service contract fees. In his communication, Dillon noted that they were also given US\$14.7 million under the Millennium Challenge Compact headed by Mr. Monie R. Capitan as Head of the Compact and US\$8 million under the World Bank LESSAP Project.

The amounts are accordingly supposed to fill in areas that the Bank project through LEC could not cover under the first two projects, LACEEP and LACEEP-AF in Margibi, Montserrado, Bomi and Grand Cape Mount Counties.

Senator Abraham Darius Dillon wrote the plenary of the Senate, saying the



to appear on Thursday, 25 August 2022. The LEC will appear and explain

Methodist Bishop warns against power struggle, divisiveness

By Ramsey N. Singbeh, Jr. in Margibi

The Resident Bishop of the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Samuel Jerome Quire, Jr. has seriously warned against power struggle and divisiveness in the church.

According to the Bishop, some leaders and individuals of the United Methodist Church are struggling for power and also trying to divide the church in order to have control over a segment of the denomination.

Bishop Quire spoke at the St Thomas United Methodist Church under the Weala District Conference in Mandina Community, Kakata, Margibi County on Sunday, August 21, 2022 when he graced the occasion marking the climax of the 10th Annual Conference of the United Methodist School Principal Association (UMSPA).

"We don't want confusion in our church and today, the issue of power and the issue of control is in the church. People want to control certain places in the church and so they create all kinds of situation and that is not good for the church and I will keep on saying that as your

bishop that I will keep the peace and the sanity of the church. This church belongs to everybody. It is not for one group of people", he emphasized.

Bishop Quire continued that everybody should be a part of the United Methodist Church and the church is not supposed to marginalize any group of people.

He it is no time for divide and rule or Congo and Country People's sentiment in the church.

However, he noted that there are still some people who want to carry on that old mentality, which is

unhealthy for the church and country at large, adding that there can be no development in the midst of division or confusion.

The Methodist Bishop preached on the theme, "Maintaining the unity of family", urging United Methodists to continue to hold together for the betterment of the church and Liberia.

He indicated that once the unity of the church is kept, no one will conspire against or undermine another person in the church but to cultivate the mind of being a brother's keeper. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**



Bishop Samuel Jerome Quire, Jr.

Families demand justice

- in vessel tragedy

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Grief-stricken families of the vessel Niko Ivanka that sunk last year off the coast of Margibi County are demanding Justice for relatives who died in the incident, one year after.

Mary Sackie Joe is widow of late Police Officer Abraham T. Joe, and Bernice V. B. Kollie is widow of the late Massay Kollie, who was an employee of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Liberia Office.

The widows have vowed they will not rest until justice is served.

The sinking of the Niko Ivanka claimed seven lives and left several others injured, who were later rescued.

The ill-fated vessel, which was carrying 21 persons, including seven staff of WAEC to

say he was a troublemaker or did not do his job well. Was this intentional? We leave it with God. God will fight our battle," adds Mrs. Kollie, widow of the deceased Massay Kollie, who was an employee of WAEC Liberia.

They spoke recently at the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (EJS) Ministerial Complex in Congo Town, where WAEC Liberia held a memorial service for seven different groups of bereaved families.

According to them, the government failed to dispense justice for their loved ones, who died, while servicing the country.

Meanwhile, at the time of the tragedy, Liberia Maritime Authority Commissioner General Lenn Eugene Nagbe, consoled the bereaved families and promised that government was going to investigate and render justice to



Family members at the memorial service

Harper, Maryland county, capsized on Saturday, July 17, 2021 in Liberian waters.

Those who lost their lives were: Morris B. Kellen, Akesseh G. Dolo, Stephen M. Kollie, Johnson Wuelueh, Sr., James D. Konneh, Massay Kollie, and Police Officer Abraham Joe.

The vessel departed the Free Port of Monrovia, headed for Maryland county and adjacent counties in Southeast Liberia to administer WAEC tests to 6th & 9th graders and to introduce a new set of tests for 3rd graders, when it sunk near Margibi.

"I am not angry that my husband died; that was God's will. I am angry at the way the aftermath of the boat wreck was handled," laments Madam Joe, widow of the late Officer Abraham Joe.

"My husband was my backbone and he cared so much about his family. He worked for WAEC and at no time did anyone

those affected by the tragedy.

George McCay, owner of the vessel, and two Chinese nationals, Alex Tou, Azaan Dahi, Zhong Qixiang commonly known as Jack, and Wesley C.G Moore were arrested and charged for the unauthorized sail of the vessel from the Free Port of Monrovia, but the government, through state prosecutors are reportedly reneging on proceeding with the matter.

In remarks at the memorial service, Dale Gbotoe, head of WAEC-Liberia, assured the bereaved families that his office remains open to listen to them and render help where and when necessary.

He called on the Ministry of Education to deliver alleged promises made in order to ensure children of the deceased have opportunities to enroll in universities across the country.

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Français

LIMOGEAGE DE PROCHES DU PRESIDENT LIBERIEN : George Weah Avait-Il Le Choix ?

Accusés de corruption dans un récent rapport établi par les USA, trois proches collaborateurs du président libérien, George Weah, ont été lâchés par ce dernier. Après avoir été épinglés par le Trésor américain, ces trois hauts fonctionnaires ont été sanctionnés le 15 août dernier. A Nathaniel McGill, chef de cabinet du président de la République, Sayma Syrenius Cephus, Procureur général et Bill Twehway, PDG de l'Autorité portuaire nationale, il est reproché d'avoir « sapé les institutions démocratiques au Libéria, pour des intérêts personnels ». Son sang n'a certainement fait qu'un tour quand George Weah a appris ces « graves » allégations, qui a aussitôt suspendu avec « effet immédiat » les personnalités mises en cause. Avant de les remplacer par leurs adjoints respectifs, le temps de mener une enquête. Si la réaction présidentielle paraît autant hâtive qu'émotionnelle, elle ne manque pas moins de justesse et de légitimité. Pour son image et

sa crédibilité, le premier ancien footballeur professionnel à devenir chef d'Etat, aurait été très mal inspiré et aurait pris d'énormes risques en continuant à s'afficher avec ces proches dont on peut, à présent, être quasi sûr qu'ils ne partageraient que sur le bout des lèvres, la croisade anticorruption du Grand chef, qui fut, du reste, sa principale promesse de campagne. Pour un acte hautement symbolique et responsable,

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Fin du programme de lecture au primaire et à la maternelle

L'ambassadeur des États-Unis au Libéria, Michael McCarthy, en compagnie avec des responsables du Ministère libérien de l'Éducation et autres parties prenantes, a procédé à la clôture du programme de lecture qui avait été lancé il y a cinq ans et qui a considérablement amélioré les compétences en lecture notamment des élèves du primaire et de la maternelle dans six comtés du pays.



Le programme USAID Read Liberia a été lancé en 2017 et a permis au gouvernement du Libéria d'atteindre plus de 180 000 élèves des 1ère et 2ème années dans 640 écoles primaires publiques avec un enseignement amélioré de la lecture dans six comtés, dont Lofa, Bong, Grand Bassa, Nimba, Margibi, et Montserrado. Plus de 5 000 élèves de la maternelle ont aussi bénéficié d'une amélioration des compétences en lecture et du vocabulaire, tandis que plus de 4 500 enseignants ont été formés à

l'utilisation de la méthodologie de lecture au niveau élémentaire, et 391 418 kits d'enseignement et d'apprentissage ont été distribués. Le programme a en outre amélioré les compétences dans le vocabulaire oral d'environ 2 700 élèves de la maternelle issus de 60 écoles maternelles publiques. Grace au programme, environ 57 000 élèves des 1ère et 2ème années sont capables de lire des textes de niveau scolaire avec aisance et compréhension.

Les élèves qui ont bénéficié du programme Read Liberia peuvent désormais lire correctement par minute près de deux fois plus de mots qu'avant le lancement du programme. L'on a assisté à une augmentation spectaculaire de 13 à 35 % du nombre des élèves de 2e année qui ont atteint la norme nationale de lecture correcte de 35 mots par minute.

S'exprimant lors de la cérémonie de clôture, l'ambassadeur McCarthy a affirmé que les États-Unis

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Éditorial

Le Représentant Solomon George a déçu

Le représentant du district n ° 7 du comté de Montserrado Solomon "Jah Rude" George conseille au président George Manneh Weah d'interdire le syndicalisme à l'Université du Libéria et dans toutes les écoles du pays. Ce conseil est non seulement absurde, mais aussi très honteux et décevant. C'est le plus mauvais conseil qu'un loyaliste aveugle qui ne voit pas au-delà de son nez donne au président.

Le simple fait que le député de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) se demande l'importance du Parti de l'unification des étudiants (SUP) de l'Université du Libéria démontre clairement qu'il est possédé par le pouvoir et que la raison l'a quitté. Il parle comme quelqu'un qui n'a jamais été à l'école.

Que craint le représentant George pour vouloir l'interdiction et la suppression pure et simple des mouvements syndicaux estudiantins dans le pays, qui, pourtant font partie des activités universitaires qui permettent aux étudiants de démontrer leur potentiel et leurs talents pour une responsabilité future.

Pour mémoire, les récentes violences du jour de l'indépendance du 26 juillet devant l'ambassade des États-Unis près de Monrovia ont été orchestrées et exécutées par le CDC-Council of Patriots, et non par des membres du SUP. Les victimes, c'étaient les étudiants de l'Université du Libéria.

Le seul tort qu'ils ont fait et pour lequel ils ont été brutalisés a été d'appeler pacifiquement le gouvernement à s'attaquer aux difficultés atroces dans le pays qui ont rendu l'environnement d'apprentissage peu propice pour eux.

Les violations généralisées des droits de l'homme, les morts mystérieuses et les assassinats arbitraires dont se rendent coupables les forces de sécurité de l'État sous l'administration Weah ne sont pas l'œuvre des étudiants. Ils ne sont pas non plus auteurs de la corruption massive qui a gangrené la société et des violations constitutionnelles flagrantes que les Libériens et la communauté internationale continuent de déplorer.

Au contraire, ce sont des étudiants innocents et pacifiques qui endurent à travers le pays les brûlures du pillage des derniers publics par ce régime qui les prive aussi d'opportunités pour un avenir meilleur.

C'est triste que le législateur du district n ° 7 de Montserrado ignore le sort de ses électeurs - les personnes négligées du canton de West Point et des environs lors de la tournée actuelle du président dans le comté et ne parle plutôt que de l'interdiction des mouvements syndicaux estudiantins. Comment cela profite-t-il directement à son peuple ?

Le représentant « Jah Rude » devrait défendre son district auprès du président plutôt que de se concentrer sur quelque chose qui n'interfère en aucune façon avec la gouvernance de l'État.

Le gouvernement et ses responsables, y compris des gens comme le représentant George, semblent terrifiés par la réaction du gouvernement des États-Unis contre la corruption publique qui a été institutionnalisée par l'administration Weah.

Le législateur du CDC devrait plutôt conseiller au président de prendre des mesures contre les responsables déterminés à ternir son gouvernement et l'image du pays plutôt que de chercher à s'attaquer à des étudiants innocents souffrants, qui peuvent difficilement se permettre un repas décent parce que leurs parents sont au chômage, principalement en raison de la situation économique épouvantable.

Français

LIMOGEAGE DE PROCHES DU PRESIDENT

ç’en est un. Par cet acte, le seul joueur africain sacré « Ballon d’or » international, veut montrer à ses concitoyens qu’il reste attaché à sa promesse. Mais au-delà, il donne des gages aux USA à la base de la création du Libéria par des esclaves afro-américains, lequel pays entretient des relations étroites avec le pays de l’Oncle Sam.

George Weah devrait se résoudre enfin à engager des réformes structurelles

Cela dit, le président Weah avait-il d’autre choix ? Rien n’est moins sûr. Sans doute sa marge de manœuvre était-elle trop étroite voire réduite à néant. On peut d’autant plus le penser qu’il aura fallu que son précieux et incontournable partenaire américain fasse éclater l’affaire au grand jour pour qu’il juge nécessaire de trancher dans le vif. George Weah aurait-il eu la même réaction si seulement des enquêtes nationales avaient abouti aux mêmes conclusions ? Ce n’est pas évident. Mais on peut par ailleurs penser que la décision du dirigeant libérien pourrait être liée à un autre enjeu, et ce, de taille. Car, c’est connu, ces sanctions interviennent un mois seulement après l’invitation adressée au président libérien, à se rendre à Washington, pour un sommet des chefs d’Etat africains au cours duquel la lutte contre la corruption

devrait être abordée. Dans cette perspective, il serait malséant et maladroit que son pays chouchou de l’Amérique, foule le sol américain avec ses grands sabots de pays corrompu. Autant dire que ces trois personnages étaient vraiment mal barrés. Leur situation est plus rendue complexe par le contexte. Cela étant dit, le tout n’est pas de mener des actions d’éclat. Ces hauts commis de l’Etat ont été sanctionnés, c’est tant mieux. Cela participe d’une action de salubrité publique. Mais il faut aller au-delà. Comme le préconise son opposition, George Weah devrait se résoudre enfin - et ce n’est pas trop tard, même s’il est à son second et en principe dernier mandat constitutionnel, selon la Loi fondamentale - à engager des réformes structurelles en vue de donner plus d’efficacité à la lutte contre le fléau de la corruption. D’autant que, selon toute apparence, le mal est endémique. Si ancré dans ce pays qu’on en vient à s’interroger, et cela à la décharge du président, si deux mandats suffisent à inverser la malheureuse tendance. Sans doute faudra-t-il donner le temps au temps, pour voir le pays de William Tolbert, faire un prodigieux bond en avant. Mais encore faut-il une volonté politique à toute épreuve, d’enrayer le fléau où à défaut, de l’amoin drir considérablement.

Fin du programme de lecture

partageaient la vision du Libéria selon laquelle investir dans une éducation de qualité est un puissant moteur de développement et l'un des instruments les plus puissants pour réduire la pauvreté et améliorer la santé, l'égalité des sexes, la paix et la stabilité. « Le gouvernement américain continuera d'investir dans l'éducation des jeunes Libériens, en particulier au niveau primaire. Parce que la recherche montre que des investissements de qualité à ce niveau ont des effets multiplicateurs importants tout au long de la vie des enfants », a déclaré l'ambassadeur McCarthy.

Pour sa part, James Massaquoi, ministre adjoint de l’Éducation chargé des affaires fiscales, a remercié le gouvernement américain pour avoir soutenu le programme qui a eu un impact positif sur le processus d’apprentissage des enfants du Libéria. Il a appelé les parents d’élèves à s’impliquer davantage et activement dans l’éducation de leurs enfants en jouant un

rôle plutôt actif que passif.

Utilisant des recherches menées par l'USAID et ses partenaires, le programme a été conçu pour aider le gouvernement libérien à remplir son engagement d'améliorer l'enseignement de la lecture au niveau primaire, de fournir du matériel didactique approprié et améliorer l'enseignement de la lecture en classe.

Pour soutenir davantage le ministère de l'Éducation, Read Liberia a travaillé avec le ministère sur la révision du matériel didactique existant et le développement d'un nouveau matériel didactique mieux adapté. Il s'agit des guides pédagogiques pour les enseignants, des livres d'activités pour les élèves, des livres de lecture contenant des histoires pour enfants, des livres supplémentaires pour la maternelle et les classes de 1ère et 2ème années. Plus de 15 395 manuels et autres matériels didactiques ont été distribués aux enseignants et aux élèves. L'activité a engagé 635 associations de parents d'élèves pour soutenir les activités de

COMMENTAIRE

Par Shinzo Abe

L’ambiguïté stratégique américaine autour de Taïwan doit cesser

TOKYO - L’invasion de l’Ukraine par la Russie en conduit beaucoup à songer à la précarité de la relation entre la Chine et Taïwan. La situation de l’Ukraine et celle de Taïwan présentent trois similitudes, d’importantes différences intervenant par ailleurs.

Une première analogie réside dans l’écart considérable de puissance militaire entre Taïwan et la Chine, comme entre l’Ukraine et la Russie. Cet écart ne cesse par ailleurs de se creuser année après année.

Deuxièmement, ni l’Ukraine, ni Taïwan ne disposent d’alliés militaires officiels. Les deux pays doivent faire face seuls aux menaces et aux attaques.

Troisièmement, la Russie et la Chine étant membres permanents et disposant d’un droit de veto au Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies, la fonction de médiation de l’ONU ne peut ici intervenir dans les conflits qui les impliquent. On l’observe concernant l’actuelle agression de l’Ukraine par la Russie, et ce serait également le cas dans l’éventualité d’une crise autour de Taïwan.

Dans le cas de Taïwan , la situation est toutefois encore plus délicate. Si Taïwan ne dispose pas d’alliés, elle entend compter sur le Taiwan Relations Act, une loi américaine de 1979 en vertu de laquelle les États-Unis fournissent à l’État insulaire les équipements et approvisionnements militaires « nécessaires pour permettre à Taïwan de conserver une capacité d’autodéfense suffisante ». Cette loi constitue une forme de compensation de la réticence de l’Amérique à affirmer qu’elle « défendra Taïwan » si celle-ci est attaquée. Il est temps que ce fonctionnement change.

En réponse à l’agression de la Russie contre l’Ukraine, les États-Unis ont rapidement déclaré qu’ils n’enverraient pas de troupes défendre le régime de Kiev. En revanche, dans le cas de Taïwan, les États-Unis appliquent une politique d’ambiguïté stratégique. C’est ici qu’apparaît une deuxième différence : la réponse n’est pas claire à la question de savoir si les États-Unis interviendraient par la force en cas de crise impliquant Taïwan.

Les États-Unis préférant maintenir indéterminée leur position sur la manière dont ils répondraient à une agression contre Taïwan, la Chine se trouve (jusqu’à présent) dissuadée de s’y aventurer militairement. Les dirigeants chinois doivent en effet tenir compte de la possibilité d’une intervention militaire américaine. Dans le même temps, l’ambiguïté des États-Unis contraint Taïwan à envisager l’éventualité qu’ils n’interviennent pas militairement, ce qui dissuade ici les groupes radicaux pro-indépendance sur l’île.

Les États-Unis maintiennent ce visage de Janus depuis plusieurs décennies. Seulement voilà, la troisième et plus importante différence entre l’Ukraine et Taïwan suggère vivement la nécessité pour l’Amérique de reconsidérer aujourd’hui son approche : si l’Ukraine est un État irréfutablement indépendant, ce n’est pas le cas de Taïwan.

L’invasion russe constitue non seulement une violation armée de la souveraineté territoriale de l’Ukraine, mais également une tentative de renversement du gouvernement d’un État souverain au moyen de missiles et d’obus. Sur ce point, aucune controverse n’existe au sein de la communauté internationale quant à l’interprétation du droit international et de la Charte des Nations Unies. Bien que la mesure dans laquelle les pays participent aux sanctions contre la Russie diffère, aucun État n’a osé affirmer que Moscou n’agissait pas en violation sérieuse du droit international.

Par opposition, la Chine affirme que Taïwan « fait partie de son propre territoire », et les positions américaine et japonaise consistent à tolérer cette affirmation. Ni le Japon, ni les États-Unis n’échangent diplomatiquement officiellement avec Taïwan, et la plupart des pays du monde ne reconnaissent pas l’île comme un État souverain. Différence avec l’Ukraine, les dirigeants chinois pourraient qualifier une invasion de Taïwan par la Chine comme nécessaire pour faire cesser des activités antigouvernementales dans l’une de ses propres régions, et présenter par conséquent cette invasion comme n’enfreignant pas le droit international.

Lorsque la Russie a annexé la Crimée, la communauté internationale a fini par acquiescer, malgré la violation de la souveraineté ukrainienne par Moscou. Compte tenu de ce précédent, il ne serait pas surprenant que les dirigeants chinois s’attendent à une tolérance internationale comparable s’ils venaient eux aussi à adopter une logique de domination « régionale » et pas seulement nationale.

Cette logique rend intenable l’ambivalence stratégique. La politique de l’ambiguïté fonctionnait parfaitement tant que les États-Unis étaient suffisamment puissants pour l’appliquer, et tant que la Chine demeurait largement inférieure à l’Amérique en termes de puissance militaire. Cette époque est révolue. La politique américaine d’ambivalence concernant Taïwan alimente aujourd’hui l’instabilité dans la région indopacifique, en conduisant la Chine à sous-estimer la détermination américaine, tout en rendant inutilement inquiet le gouvernement de Taipei.

Compte tenu de l’évolution des circonstances depuis l’adoption de cette politique d’ambiguïté stratégique, il est nécessaire que les États-Unis formulent une déclaration qui n’autorise ni mauvaise interprétation, ni interprétations multiples. L’heure est venue pour l’Amérique de faire clairement savoir qu’elle défendra Taïwan contre toute tentative chinoise d’invasion.

Lorsque j’étais Premier ministre, durant chacune de mes rencontres avec le président Xi Jinping, j’avais pour règle de toujours lui faire clairement comprendre qu’il ne devait pas sous-estimer la volonté du Japon de défendre les îles Senkaku, et que la détermination japonaise sur ce point était inébranlable. La tragédie humaine qui frappe l’Ukraine nous enseigne une douloureuse leçon. Il ne doit plus exister la moindre possibilité de douter de notre détermination vis-à-vis de Taïwan, ainsi que de notre volonté de défendre la liberté, la démocratie, les droits de l’homme et l’État de droit.

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LIBERIANS DEBATE

TOPIC: Teenage pregnancy

By Naneka Hoffman

Teenage pregnancy is on the rise across Liberia, affecting girls in school. As a result, most female students drop out of school, reducing enrolment among girl children.

In a recent random interview with some residents of Sanoyea District, in Bong County, The NEW DAWN asked what should be done to curtail the problem that is impeding the educational sojourn of our girls, which could deny them of a better future.



Younger Forkpah

“As for me, the thing we can do is to advise them and give them family planning medicine because this time children, when you advise them, some of them don’t hear people. When you advise them that having early sex as teenagers leads to early pregnancy, they will not hear us, as long sex business gets in their head. And when we are taking them for family planning, they shouldn’t take five years pills or implants because the five years is not good for young person. It’s only good for people who born plenty children. And I think some of them that are educated should go by their menstrual

cycle. It will help them, because some people say when you give family planning to young people who haven’t born yet, it can affect them and stop them from having children. And some of us are not educated about family planning here in Sanoyea District, Bong county. In Sanoyea District here most of the young people that are carrying pregnancies are teenagers; it is giving us hard time. So, people who are educated in science can advise the young people to go by their menstrual cycle. I think that is one of the ways to stop the rate of teenage pregnancy. But it’s very difficult for us here.”



Augustine Saah

“The issue of teenage pregnancy, to have it stopped will be a little bit difficult, because our children this time don’t want to be under control. Some of them leave their parents’ house because they don’t want to be under parental care and secondly, because some parents don’t have the

financial means to take care of their children. So, most of the children have become breadwinners for the family. And because of that, some parents no longer bear. Some of them decided to use violence to take them from the street and it will not help us as parents. We parents need to stand strong to talk to our children to go back to school and have some vocational training as well as educating them on the effects of teenage pregnancy. We just have to continue to talk to them and see how best we can get them under control.”

“I think to stop the rate of teenage pregnancy, there should be a lot of training awareness on family planning,

] mainly on the radio for teenagers. I think it will help to minimize it.”



Bill Sylvester Russ

“The first thing is that our children are not willing to go to school to be educated, because when you are educated and know the effect of you being pregnant at an early age than you will know how to prevent yourselves. But the children that are in school now when the team from the health sector go to schools, telling the girls children about birth control - the good and bad sides to prevent them from teenage pregnancy, they aren’t willing to take the medicine whenever we tell them. The children will say family planning medicine can give them infection so, whenever they go around and get the first and second pregnancies, they will not stop. When you try to talk to them as parents, still they don’t want to be educated from home. They are hiding these days. So, what can be done for the girl children, we need to bring them closer as parents. I think there should be some awareness in communities to tell them the good and bad sides of teenage pregnancy, maybe they



Rashida Vukuyambasu

will listen. I have my own children and then my daughter has her own, for that reason I am unable to finish my education and I have to take care of my children and my daughter’s children so, it is the poverty race we’re in. And it’s bringing poverty on us, and we are just growing inside. So, the government needs to stand strong. The wave of teenage pregnancies in Sanoyea District, more of them are not educated, and because they are not educated to do something, it is on the increase. We have from 14 to 15 years old getting pregnant. I think there should be more teenage awareness in school and on the radio.”



Delicious Asilton

themselves. So, we have to create more awareness because it is out of ignorance, they do this. We have to educate them and parents to understand that it is not good. Secondly, the Ministry of Health needs to carry out awareness in schools; do advertisement in newspapers and conduct training on family planning to educate our teenagers to avoid teenage pregnancy.”

“For me, when it comes to teenage pregnancy around the country especially, in the rural areas - Sanoyea District where I work, we need to create more awareness on family planning, because the reason teenage pregnancy is on high increase is that most parents are very poor and low economic system where in a community, you will see that parents don’t have the finance to support their children. So, in that situation, they would send their teenagers out to find men so that they will be able to sustain

CPP unveils new framework document

The Alternative National Congress (ANC) and the Liberty Party have approved a revised Framework Document of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), unanimously endorsing Mr. Alexander B.



Cummings, Political Leader of the ANC as Standard Bearer of the revised CPP. Liberty Party embattled chairman Musa H. Bility, has been named Chairman of the CPP. This followed the fallout

of the Unity Party and the All-Liberian Party, two other constituent parties of the Collaboration. Both the UP and the ALP took Mr. Cummings to court after they accused him of tampering with the original CPP Framework Document,

and the LP today, August 23, in a special program scheduled at the headquarters of the Liberty Party on 19 Street Sinkor, Monrovia.

Partisans of the Alternative National Congress and the Liberty Party have reaffirmed their unwavering support and commitment to the revised Framework Document, as the common rallying point for all Liberians desirous of real change in the country.

At the same time, both Standard Bearer Alexander Cummings and Chairman Musa Bility have expressed gratitude to the special joint committee of the two parties, headed by Attorney Lafayette Gould for the new revised Framework Document that has reportedly been accepted, approved and endorsed by the leadership and partisans.

The two officials expressed confidence and assurance that the new revised Framework Document provides rooms and allows accommodation for other interested opposition political parties, politicians and Liberians to consider it as the best platform to rally and vote out President George Weah in the 2023 General and Presidential elections. Editing by Jonathan Browne

but he denied. State prosecutors eventually dropped the case because of lack of evidence. Meanwhile, the revised Framework Document will formally be presented to partisans of both the ANC

Liberia is on irreversible progress

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh President George Weah says Liberia is now on a path of ‘irreversible progress’ and will never again return to its dark past.

He says government is committed to working in the best interests of its people, as its quest is to preserve the peace and keep moving the country forward.

Speaking Sunday, August 21, 2021 during a thanksgiving service held at the Monrovia Open Bible Standard Church on Old Road to climax his tour of all 15 counties that started last February with Montserrado \county as the last, President Weah said Liberia will return to the comity of nations as a respectable state in terms of development, but noted that while the country has come a long way, there is still a long way ahead.

He described the tour of Montserrado as a memorable opportunity to engage citizens on issues that confront them on a daily basis, and reassured his government’s commitment to addressing citizens’ needs, including living conditions.

He reiterated his call for peace and love for one another, despite the increasing political tension

in the country and fight for power.

Mr. Weah stressed that it is only through peace that development can be achieved, urging young people not to engage in violence, but to embrace education seriously, as it is the preparatory stage to become better citizens.

He lauded First Lady Clar Weah, Vice President Jewel Howard-Taylor, the Liberian Legislature, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the entire national security apparatus, for ensuring a successful county tour.

In his sermon, the Senior Pastor of the church, Rev. Philip Chea, said: “The

sustenance of peace and victory over diseases are enough reasons for Liberians to remain grateful to God.”

Rev. Chea said many Liberians were gripped by fear when the UN Peacekeepers ended their mission in Liberia, without realizing that God is the chief protector of peace.

He urged President Weah to continue his developmental initiatives and focus on steering the affairs of the State in God’s love, while urging Liberians to join in the rebuilding process of the country irrespective of political and social differences.

President Weah began his nationwide tour in February



US nails another Liberian

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after this case was brought. The decision also expressly recognizes that even though this was one of worst single episodes of the Liberian Civil Wars, Thomas has never been criminally prosecuted for leading the attack.

Following the Court’s decision, the CJA said despite recommendations from Liberia’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) over a decade ago calling for an investigation, Liberia has taken no steps to hold a single perpetrator of the Massacre accountable.

What is now left to be seen is how the US court intends to get Liberian authorities to collaborate with it in ensuring that the amount it has awarded to the four victims is paid.

But with the milestone decision made by the U.S. Court, the CJA has suggested that Liberia has an opportunity to see that Col. Thomas is prosecuted for his crimes, urging Liberia to act and ensure the defendant is fully brought to justice for his actions.

He survivors, represented by CJA and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP with support from the Global Justice and Research Project,

submitted nearly 2,000 pages of evidence.

They had argued that Col. Thomas commanded an elite special forces unit in the massacre of 600 civilians in a Red Cross shelter at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Monrovia, Liberia during the country’s first civil war in July 1990.

Liberia’s brutal civil conflict is estimated to have left over 200,000 victims dead, destroyed properties worth millions of dollars, displayed many others and sent some into exile.

Two successive civil wars in the West African state also immensely broke down almost every system, infrastructure and affected human capital development for decades.

The scars of the civil wars are still fresh nearly two decades after a ceasefire agreement was signed in Accra, Ghana, and three peaceful elections held here subsequently.

War - affected youth remain at the disadvantaged level of society to date in Liberia, with a lot of them who were never properly rehabilitated, still finding comfort in illicit drug abuse and other acts of criminality.

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to know exactly at what stage their matters are.

“In both cases, I worked with the officials to understand their needs, then developed a custom-made information management system for each using existing open-source technologies,” he said.

Maweyata says the systems are one of a kind in Africa with scope for expansion to include more categories of information e.g., traffic data for the police crime information system.

There is also scope for interoperability that would link the police system to that of the

Judiciary to strengthen collaboration between the two institutions such that when there is a change in court venue for a case, for example, the police are duly informed through their system, and therefore take detainees to the right place.

“The digitization of these institutions will also reduce corruption and increase accountability because all records and evidence will be intact once digitized and saved online, discouraging anyone from deleting or tampering with them,” he says.

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2021, holding 88 town hall meetings in all fifteen counties that has climaxed with the tour of all 17 districts in Montserrado County.

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development requests, including electricity, construction of town halls, administrative markets, recreational facilities, youth and women empowerment, which topped the agenda. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**



US nails another Liberian war actor



A U.S. Court has ordered Col. Moses Thomas, a former Liberian soldier who supervised the massacre of unarmed civilians at the Lutheran Church in the 1990s, to pay US\$84m to four unanimous survivors.

The Court in Pennsylvania orders that each of the survivors be paid US\$6 million in compensatory damages and US\$15 million in punitive damages. The United States - based Center for Justice and

Accountability (CJA) says the case was brought in 2018 by four survivors of the massacre - Jane W, John X, John Y, and John Z - against Moses Thomas, a former commander of the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL). The magistrate judge in determining this award last week, made clear the egregiousness and brutality of the Massacre.

The court's ruling on damages follows a September 2021 decision holding Col. Thomas

responsible for the war crimes, crimes against humanity, extrajudicial killing, attempted extrajudicial killing, and torture that took place during the Massacre.

The Lutheran Church Massacre is one of the deadliest attacks on civilians during the Liberian Civil Wars from 1989 to 2003.

Now imprisoned former President Charles Ghankay Taylor's rebel forces were fighting government troops at the time of the Massacre in the outskirts of Monrovia.

The killings were blamed on the army of slain President Samuel Doe.

Col. Thomas, formerly a resident of Pennsylvania, has now returned to Liberia, according to the CJA.

The U.S. Court's decision emphasized the importance of ensuring that the United States is not a safe haven for torturers and death squad leaders. It also pointed out that Col. Thomas had lived freely in the U.S. for approximately 19 years before fleeing back to Liberia less than two years

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