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### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL) is an Oil Palm Company operating in Southeastern Liberia. The Company has an exciting opportunity for Mechanic - Workshop to join our Sinoe County Team.

**Position:** Supervisor Electrical  
**Number needed:** Two (2)  
**Duty Station:** Sinoe County  
**Category:** Local  
**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2022

#### General Scope of Work/Duties:

Candidate must be a skilled Mechanic Electrical who has the ability to assemble, maintain, and repair Mill's machinery. You will be fully responsible for ensuring functionality and reliability of machines, engines, and mechanical systems.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- To ensure all works delegated by the Manager/ Assistant/ Engineer are properly done and timely.
- To prepare Schedule Preventive Maintenance according to engine specifications, lifetime of the machine and machine working hour.
- To prepare work plans in sunday/public holiday for maintenance/repairment which cannot be done in workdays to prevent any obstacle in the process of the mill operation.
- Create daily work plan for electromotor maintenance and installation before start processing for smooth plant operation.
- Coordinate employees of maintenance (Electrical Technician) to ensure all electrical maintenance run properly according to the targets, without obstacle the process activities.
- Request materials needed for repairment.
- Ensure all repairment tasks are done to support the entire operational implementation of the Mill according to the specified target.
- Monitoring and understanding machine performance limit, and take repairment step which can be performed.
- Monitor the condition of the engine and ensure all machines can operate properly and achieve its installed capacity
- Perform repairment beside the working plan has created based on report by Maintenance Engineer and Inform the result of repairment outside the work plan to the Maintenance Engineer.
- Planning, developing, training and empowering existing downline human resources to take on additional and higher responsibilities.
- Implement Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) in the work site and ensure compliance with Safety, HSE, PPE systems and procedures and to aim at Zero accident.
- Carry out supervision on work which performed by the electrical technician and any other task given by Management from time to time.
- Prepare and fill overtime form for overtime order for electrical worker and requested by electrical engineering

#### Education

High School or Diploma or preferable university degree. Technical Certificate is an advantage.

#### Experience/Competencies/Skills:

- Must have 4+ yrs. Experience in Electrical Maintenance in Mill Operation. Preferably working experience in Palm Mill
- Proven experience as Mechanic. Good Knowledge of maintenance practices
- Excellent knowledge of machinery, electrical and other systems and their components
- Ability to analyze technical faults and setup preventative measures
- Knowledge of use of diagnostics instruments
- Good knowledge of administering people
- Ability to follow established procedures and practices and read instruction
- A strong commitment to all health and safety guidelines
- Very good communication skills

#### How to Apply

Interested Candidates should address a cover-letter with CV & (2) two passport-size photos to:

*The Human Resources Department  
 Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc.  
 Butaw Main Office  
 Sinoe County*

#### Kindly note the followings:

- the information & application shall optionally be dropped at the GVL Butaw Main Office (HR Department)
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**Position:** Lathe Operator  
**Number needed:** One (1)  
**Duty Station:** Sinoe County  
**Category:** Local  
**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2022

#### General Scope of Work/Duties:

Candidate must be a skilled lathe machine operation who has the ability to operate, maintain to support Mill's operation. You will be fully responsible for ensuring functionality and reliability of lathe machines and mechanical systems.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform lathe machine unit request also preserve and maintain the lathe machine properly and correctly
- Meet with the Mechanical Supervisor or Maintenance Engineer to receive the list of daily tasks
- Prepare of working tools to conduct working as per the daily instructions
- Implement company's social & environmental policy
- Implement Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) in the work site
- Perform lathe machine unit request based on the schedule and the received order
- Implement daily lathe task and maintenance of workshop tools (lathe machine, scrap machine, drill machine, saw machine, grinding machine) program according to the specified schedule
- Assist the Mechanical Supervisor to work in Sunday/public holiday for maintenance/repairment which cannot be done in work days to prevent any obstacle in the process of the mill operation
- Keep all the inventory and tools in the workshop is clean and preserve that following to the manual book
- Inform Mechanical Supervisor if damage is found when the machine is parted or any repairment which the Fitter unable to perform
- Report repairment result which has been done
- Implement Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) in the work site and ensure compliance with Safety, HSE, PPE systems and procedures and to aim at Zero accident.
- Carry out other tasks which instructed by the Supervisor

#### Education

High School or ITI or equivalent.

#### Experience/Competencies/Skills:

- Must have 2+ yrs. Experience in similar area in Mill Operation. Preferably working experience in Palm Mill
- Proven experience of Workshop tools. Good Knowledge to use/operate Workshop tools
- Ability to check technical faults and setup preventative measures
- Knowledge of use of diagnostics instruments
- Ability to follow established procedures and practices and read instruction
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**Position:** Fitter-Mechanical  
**Number needed:** One (1)  
**Duty Station:** Sinoe County  
**Category:** Local  
**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2022

#### General Scope of Work/Duties:

Candidate must be a skilled mechanic operation who has the ability to operate, maintain, and repair Mill's machine. You will be fully responsible for ensuring functionality and reliability of machines, engines, and mechanical systems.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Repair machines in case of damage and routine maintenance according to the manual and instructions of Mechanical Supervisor.
- Prepare the working tools to repair the mechanical machine
- Always standby in case there is any repairment order from Processing Department
- Implement company's social & environmental policy
- Implement Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Management System in the work site
- Implement Schedule of Preventive Maintenance based on the machine maintenance manual book
- Carry out daily task program, maintenance and repairment to machines before start FFB processing
- Perform work in sunday/public holiday for repairment machine which can not be done in work days / during turn on process, its process not interfere continuity mill operation
- Maintain all inventory and tools hygiene in the workshop according to the manual book
- Inform Mechanical Supervisor if any other damage are found during the machine disassembled or any damage which unable to repair
- Record and report repairment result which has been done and record and report the outstanding work to Supervisor
- Confidentiality of department data and proceedings must be maintained at all times. Revealing such details to third party regardless of who they are is a serious offence.
- Implement Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) in the work site and ensure compliance with Safety, HSE, PPE systems and procedures and to aim at Zero accident.
- Carry out other tasks which instructed by the Supervisor.

#### Education

High School or ITI or equivalent.

#### Experience/Competencies/Skills:

- Must have 2+ yrs. Experience in similar area in Mill Operation. Preferably working experience in Palm Mill
- Proven experience as Mechanic. Good Knowledge of maintenance practices
- Ability to check technical faults and setup preventative measures
- Good knowledge of administering people
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**Number needed:** One (1)  
**Duty Station:** Sinoe County  
**Category:** Local  
**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2022

#### General Scope of Work/Duties:

Candidate must be a skilled Workshop Operation who has the ability to fabrication, maintain, and repair and overhaul Mill's machine. You will be fully responsible for ensuring functionality and reliability of machines, engines, and mechanical systems.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- To supervise and Implement all activity which related to Workshop Operation (Mechanical) to support the continuity operation of the plantation and mill.
- To ensure all works delegated by the Manager/ Assistant/ Engineer are properly done and timely.
- Prepare working plan to repairment, fabrication, preventive maintenance, overhaul for machine and allocated worker
- Calculate, Plan and Propose material needs for repairment activity which will be conducted
- To prepare work plans in sunday/public holiday for maintenance/repairment which cannot be done in workdays to prevent any obstacle in the process of the mill operation.
- Check directly to machine and other mill equipment have been conducted maintenance or repairment and ensure maintenance and repairment who implemented by Fitter/Helper/Mechanics or contractor already finished and vehicle/heavy equipment/machine could operated as normally
- Coordinate/carryout repairment machine and other mill equipment in accordance working plan or it's caused sudden damage base on report from Supervisor
- Ensure utilization of material is conducted by efficiently to get productivity of workshop employee as targeted
- Monitor and ensure schedule of preventive maintenance for machine and mill equipment are conducted as working hours of machine
- Ensure all repairment tasks are done to support the entire operational implementation of the Mill according to the specified target.
- Monitoring and understanding machine performance limit, and take repairment step which can be performed.
- Monitor the condition of the engine and ensure all machines can operate properly and achieve its installed capacity
- Perform repairment beside the working plan has created based on report by Maintenance Engineer and Inform the result of repairment outside the work plan to the Maintenance Engineer.
- Planning, developing, training and empowering existing downline human resources to take on additional and higher responsibilities.
- Implement Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) in the work site and ensure compliance with Safety, HSE, PPE systems and procedures and to aim at Zero accident.
- Carry out supervision on work which performed by the electrical technician and any other task given by Management from time to time.
- Prepare and fill overtime form for overtime order for electrical worker and requested by electrical engineering

#### Education

High School or Diploma or preferable university degree. Technical Certificate is an advantage.

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# EDITORIAL

## Choose the path of restitution and repentance

**SUSPENDED MINISTER** of State Nathaniel F. McGill is seeking God's intervention amidst the corruption charges brought against him, and two other officials of the Weah administration by the United States Treasury.

**THE U.S.** Department of Treasury on August 15, imposed specialized sanctions against Mr. McGill, Cllr. Sayma Syrenius Cephus, Solicitor General of Liberia, and Mr. Bill Twehway, National Port Authority Managing Director for ongoing corruption in Liberia and other criminal conduct.

**THE TRIO** maintains a posture of innocence, but McGill is more vocal and vehemently fighting back, seeking every opportunity to clear his name of charges brought against him by the Government of the United States. He had since written President George Manneh Weah, asking for an opportunity to tell his side of the story.

**BUT IN** an Aljazeera interview over the weekend, the designated and suspended Minister of State went a step further in an apparent desperation to present himself as a clean man saying, "I am awaiting God's intervention. My lawyers are working on it."

We hasten to interject here that experiences from the Holy Bible clearly indicate that God only intervenes when we sincerely express remorse and repent from our wrongs.

**IN THE** New Testament book of Luke 19:1-10, the corrupt tax collector Zacchaeus, who had been robbing the people, met the Lord Jesus Christ that changed his entire life. In fact, Jesus ate and slept at his house. But Zacchaeus returned all the money that he had earned thru corrupt means and truly asked for forgiveness from the bottom of his heart.

**IT WAS** then that God stepped in and gave him a new life, for "Old things have passed away and all things have become new." We cannot carry a posture of challenge and defense in our strength and expect God to intervene.

**MCGILL IS** on record of defending that even if he took public fund and built private properties across Liberia, it is right because those that may be affected by the diversion of such funds would be happy when they see his beautiful buildings.

**GOD IS** for both the strong and the weak. He is not a God of partiality. He listens to the cries of those who sincerely repent and ask for mercy. He comes to the rescue of the defenseless. He is the voice of the voiceless. And He is a God of Justice!

**MCGILL AND** the others who want God to intervene in the current predicament brought on themselves, should first be willing to let go; they should be willing to change and surrender totally like Zacchaeus, then God would look their way and give them a new life that they now dearly desire.

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# COMMENTARY

By Eddie Ndopu

## Human Rights Without Handicaps

**N**EW YORK - When the United Nations was built from the rubble of World War II, it would have been inconceivable for someone like me - a young, Black, gay wheelchair user - to be considered for a top job in the organization. So, it is a stunning testament to the distance humanity has come since 1945 that I will be among the candidates the UN will consider to succeed Michelle Bachelet when she leaves her post next month as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

If selected, I would be the highest-ranking international civil servant with a disability since the UN was founded. This would be a historic victory for the 1.3 billion disabled people who, according to the UN, comprise the world's largest minority group.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, signed in 2007, has helped to advance inclusion across the board. But to see someone in a wheelchair in a position of power is still highly unusual. In many parts of the world today, the face of ostracization is still that of a brown-skinned disabled kid.

I could easily have been that kid. But you could say my experience as a human-rights advocate began at the age of six, when - with tears streaming down my face - I told my mother, "I want to go to school."

Life for a kid in a wheelchair in Namibia, where I spent the first nine years of my life, is often extremely limited - as it is in much of the developing world. According to the UN, 90-98% of kids with disabilities in the Global South do not have the opportunity to go to school at all.

At the time, indeed, I was beating the odds just to be alive. As a two-year-old, I was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy, a deadly degenerative disease that attacks the nervous system. Doctors told my mother I would most likely not live to see my fifth birthday. I am now 31.

My mother, who wiped the tears from my eyes, was determined. She found a school willing to take me. On my first day, I was placed at the very back of the classroom. It was clear little was expected of me. I stunned the teacher by writing my own name - something most of the other kids could not do. A smile spread across her face. She saw that I could learn just like, or maybe sometimes faster, than the others.

That experience taught me to reach high, no matter the obstacles in my path. My candidacy to succeed Bachelet seeks to push the boundaries of possibility, not just for people with disabilities but for anyone who has ever felt devalued, underestimated, and marginalized.

If selected, I would be the youngest leader at the main leadership level. The UN often emphasizes the importance of engaging

young people, given our stake in the future. And yet we are an unrepresented demographic at the institution. Selecting a young leader for this position would give fresh impetus and authority to the work of the UN High Commissioner.

Attainment of human rights for all very often feels like an impossible pursuit, especially now, when everything feels impossible. But, as Nelson Mandela pointed out, it always seems impossible until it is done.

I had to remind myself of these words some time back, when I was still at Amnesty International and had the impossible mandate of bringing together two groups known to be distrustful of each other: business leaders and human-rights defenders. I persuaded them to listen to each other as part of a campaign to hold extractive industries to account for human-rights violations in Africa.

At a time when the world is increasingly fractured and it feels as though we have simply stopped listening to one another, I think the office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights is uniquely qualified to address the most pressing challenges of our day. For the first time since 2001, a majority of the world's population lives under non-democratic, rights-violating governments. We face heightened nationalism, an emerging economic crisis, and a global pandemic - a health crisis that too many governments have met by claiming emergency powers and adopting restrictions that often violate rights. And of course, the conflicts in Ukraine, the Sahel, Myanmar, and a host of other places create their own significant rights concerns.

The UN High Commissioner plays a crucial role in times like these, serving as a beacon for the principles of human rights and championing those who bravely speak out when they see violations around the world. As UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said, human rights underpin "the entire UN system. [They] are essential to addressing the broad causes and impacts of all complex crises, and to building sustainable, safe, and peaceful societies."

Should the Secretary-General select me for this role, my job will be to identify and expose rights violations tirelessly, no matter what powerful interests stand in the way, and to engage with civil-society advocates to make the UN's work more participatory and more relevant to driving change.

I am, admittedly, an outside-the-box candidate for this post - an impossible choice, some might say. But I believe, in these times especially, that fresh thinking, new energy, and an ability to see how to overcome seemingly impossible barriers is exactly what the world needs.

*Eddie Ndopu, a human-rights activist, is a Sustainable Development Goals advocate for the UN Secretary-General.*

# ON 2ND THOUGHTS



with Othello B. Garblah

## When things fall apart

I must confess on one or two occasions I have been down this road before, where I allowed my emotions to get the better of me-something I have regretted greatly.

Having said that, last week, social media pages were buzzed with podcasts from former Deputy Information Minister Eugene Fahngon detailing what he described as nepotism and corruption in the current George Weah administration.

Mr. Fahngon until his dismissal, served as deputy minister for information for nearly four years defending the administration deeds and propagating its agenda.

There was nothing negative about the Coalition for Democratic Change or CDC government in the eyes of Mr. Fahngon.

In fact, in one of his famous live videos filmed at the Zone 5 Police Depot in Congo Town, where Bomi County Senator Edwin Snowe had gone to secure the release of one of his staff or so, Fahngon informed his audience then that the Weah regime was a complete departure from previous regimes, that Snowe and his likes would have a rude awakening-that was until things fell apart.

Fahngon in his now famous podcast, did not only accuse the Weah regime of nepotism but also of corruption.

In his Facebook podcast, the former deputy minister alleges that President Weah is running a nepotistic government and he (Fahngon) would not be stupid to campaign for Weah's re-election in 2023.

He says nepotism is being practiced at the top hierarchy of the government pointing to the head of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) Emma Glasco whose husband is a senior consultant at the Liberia Maritime Authority.

Fahngon wonders how he is supposed to campaign for President Weah's second term bid when Janga Kowo is Comptroller General of Liberia, while his wife chairs the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC).

He also names Mr. Pepsi Yeke as head of the Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment, while his wife, Madam Camerna C. Yeke is deputy director at NASSCORP.

He maintains that he would never campaign for the President when Mr. Weah's stepson washes his vehicle with Champaign that costs US\$350 per bottle at a time most Liberians are hungry.

Fahngon continues that Madam Saifuah Gray is President of the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL) and her brother Molewuleh B. Gray, is head of the National Investment Commission, adding that he cannot campaign for the President's second term bid for an unnamed little girl to ride a car that costs US\$47,000.

He also accused Maritime Commissioner Eugene Nagbe of riding a US\$98,000 SUV vehicle, while his sister Obusore Diggs, heads the Liberia Telecommunication Authority (LTA).

Fahngon adds that Deputy Speaker Cllr. Fornati Koffa is a best friend of President, and his wife, Dr. Dama Yekeson-Koffa is deputy chief administrator of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital.

Interestingly, these individuals did not ascend to the positions mentioned herein by Fahngon overnight. They were well in these positions before his dismissal. But chose to keep quiet and continue to defend the very same administration as being better than previous regimes before it.

Now, he expects Liberians to see hi, as a whistle blower one who now speaks in their interest? Fahngon is not a whistle blower here. In fact, he is a beneficiary of the very same regime he is now bringing into disrepute and therefore cannot claim to be exposing its vices.

You know, often, people tend to become explosive out of deep-rooted hurt and disappointments. They then resort to going all out publicly revealing things that were either once said in private or in confidence when things fall apart.

The downside of this is that it makes the road to reconciliation much longer than it would have been when things had stay as they were.

Fahngon has only found it compelling to tell it all and paint a ghastly picture of the Weah regime as a way of getting back at it to win public sentiment, but he has for the years he worked in the same administration benefitted immensely as well.

But to the contrary, his outburst has become a double edge sword swinging making a victim of his own account as well as bringing his integrity into question-Why now?



### Specific Procurement Notice

## Request for Quotations Goods



Country: Liberia

Employer: Ministry of Finance and Development Planning

Name of Project: Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP-II)

Project ID: **P-LR-K00-014**

RFQ Reference No.: **IPFMRP-II/ LIPA/G/RFQ/1.2.2.2/2022AfDB**

Contract Title: **Procurement of Furniture, Office Supplies and Electronic for Liberia Institute of Public Administration**

Issued on: September 5, 2022

- The Republic of Liberia has received Financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP-II) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of Assorted Office Supplies.
- The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning through the Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project-II now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and delivery of Furniture, Office Supplies and Electronic to support the Liberia Institute of Public Administration as delineated below:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	UOM	Delivery
<b>LOT 1</b>				
1	Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 50.5 W=30.5	1	Pc	3-4 weeks
2	Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 20 W=18.5	1	Pc	3-4 weeks
3	Conference Table For Twenty seater	2	Pcs	3-4 weeks
4	Conference Table standard for ten seater	1	Pc	3-4 weeks
5	Conference Room Chairs	100	Pcs	3-4 weeks
6	Push to talk desktop microphone with a set of control system box	40	Pcs	3-4 weeks

<b>LOT2</b>				
1	Giant Overhead Projector	1	Pc	3-4 weeks
2	Mini portable wall corner mounted speaker	4	Pcs	3-4 weeks
3	Speaker Cable 1x100yrs	4	Rolls	3-4 weeks
4	CCTV Camera	4	Pcs	3-4 weeks
5	Electrical wire 2.5M2 double roll	2	Rolls	3-4 weeks
6	Electronic tape (33+)	2	Rolls	3-4 weeks
7	Junction cup	6	Pcs	3-4 weeks
8	Screws	4	Pks	3-4 weeks
9	Light bulb (60 watts)	20	Pcs	3-4 weeks
10	Chest freezer	1	Pc	3-4 weeks
11	Standing Air Conditioner	3	Pcs	3-4 weeks
12	Split Unit Air Conditioner	1	Pc	3-4 weeks
13	75" Smart Television with Stabilizer and Wall mounted stand	1	Pc	3-4 weeks

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive procurement Method using Request for Quotation (RFQ) procedures as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers -" July, 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Project Management Unit (PMU) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Annex, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Monrovia, Liberia; and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.
- The bidding document (RFQ) in English may be collected at no cost by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before September 19, 2022. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on September 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Mr. Vee-Musa Fofana, Acting Project Manager or Ms. Caroline Hoff Toe, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Annex, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Monrovia, Liberia; e-mail: [vfofana@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:vfofana@mfdp.gov.lr) and copy [ctoe@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:ctoe@mfdp.gov.lr) and inspect the bidding document during office hours 09h:00 to 17h:00 hours at the address given below. The request for quotation document in English will be published on the Executive Mansion website.
- Bidders are required to quote for all the items in the Schedule of Requirements. A partial quote will not be accepted.
- The address referred to above is:

Attn: Mr. Vee-Musa Fofana, Acting Project Manager  
Public Financial Management Reforms for Institutional Strengthening Project (PFMRISP)/Project Management Unit  
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# MORE HEADLINE NEWS

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## Health Ministry applauds Jeety's intervention at Redemption Hospital

The Ministry of Health through a communication dated 1 September 2022 has extended appreciation to Indian businessman and philanthropist Mr. Upit Singh

providing food and water for all of the patients at Redemption Hospital in New Kru Town on a daily basis for over two months now. "Your continuous humanitarian support to the

The Health Ministry explained that Redemption Hospital is the single largest government - run facility that renders free health services to all of its patients. "We are pleased with your timely generosity and would like to inform you that the feeding exercise is a blessing to the almost 80% patients who cannot afford even a bag of water during admission," the letter said.

"Thanks for your support as we strive to improve the health sector of our beloved country," the letter concluded. Beside his feeding program at the Redemption Hospital, Mr. Jeety and his Jeety Trading Corporation have been running a free hot cooked meals distribution exercise at the Monrovia Central Prison and the Kakata Central Prison, among others, for inmates.

He also continues to provide the same feeding services for underprivileged men and women, and young kids in various communities including Vai Town, Bushrod Island, and Center Street in Monrovia.



Sachdeva on behalf of the Redemption Hospital for his immense contribution to the hospital.

The Ministry cited Mr. Sachdeva (Mr. Jeety's) immense contribution in

people of Liberia and the Redemption Hospital further demonstrates your interest to support the development efforts in the health sector in Liberia," the letter addressed to Mr. Jeety said.

## Two Nigerians arrested over drug charges

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan

Two Nigerian nationals have been arrested by the Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA) with about 781 kilograms of narcotic substance.

Stanley Igbo, aged 42, and Nwachukwu Ghigzie, 47, were arrested on Friday, 2 September 2022 in Gbarnga, Bong County following a tipoff from an LDEA officer who "pretended to be a Buyer."

The drugs confiscated are heroin and cocaine, with a total market value of a little over 6.1 Million, according to the LDEA.

Bong County LDEA Commander Thomas Saye told a news conference following the arrest that the suspects have been pretending to sell auto-parts at the Gbarnga Administrative building's junction over the years.

"These guys have been selling drugs and pretending like their entire source of income is the sale of auto-parts," the Commander said.

"They only have small auto-parts but the main reason for their stay at the shop is the sale of these substances," Commander Saye added. According to him, they

planted one of their female intelligence officers with about L\$45,000 who went to the shop and acted like she wanted to buy some of the drugs for retail marketing.

He stated that when the officer got the full understanding about how the narcotic drugs are sold, she later alarmed the LDEA and the police who immediately went to the scene to carry on the arrest.

"Before our Intelligence Officer [could] even get the clear understanding about how these guys are transacting their businesses, it was so difficult," he said.

"At a certain point, he (the suspect) told her that he was not selling anything because he suspected that some security personnel were around. But talking from one point to another, he later decided to sell the items to her at which time we got the information," he said.

Asked whether there is information about others who may have been in business' connections with the suspects, Commander Saye said they cannot disclose their next target to the public.

But he said they remain committed to doing the right thing amid the fight against drug trafficking.



## Liberia, Japan Foreign Ministers hold bilateral talks in Tunisia

Liberia's Foreign Minister Amb. Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, Sr., and his Japanese counterpart Mr. Hayashi Yoshimasa, held bilateral talks in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia recently on the margins of the Japan-Africa Summit of Heads of State and Government.

The summit was held at the Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD - 8) in Tunis.

Liberia's Foreign Ministry release said Amb. Kemayah, on behalf of President George Manneh Weah and the country, extended greetings, best wishes and appreciation to the Government and People of Japan for TICAD-8.

Kemayah also extended appreciation for the USD30 billion investment package announced for Africa at the TICAD-8.

Minister Kemayah further thanked Japan for the many development assistance to Liberia, including the Japan Freeway.

He also thanked Japan for the

Government of Japan, which was received by Foreign Minister Yoshimasa of Japan for the Japanese Government's consideration.

The Bilateral Note contains areas for consideration by the Government of Japan in its Development Assistance to the Government and People of Liberia for the period 2022-2025.

That includes the rehabilitation and expansion of the Gabriel Tucker Bridge to Freeport Road corridor; complete renovation, equipping and furnishing of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center; and construction of market buildings.

It also includes the construction, equipping and furnishing of a new modern Ministry of Foreign Affairs Building; the construction of 15 mega conducive and enabling high school campuses across the fifteen counties of Liberia; and budget support for the conduct of the 2023 elections.

Additionally, the Note includes areas such as solar energy for critical public institutions; safe drinking water;



commitment to rehabilitate and expand the Gabriel Tucker Bridge to Freeport Road corridor; the construction of market buildings, including the Duala Market and the Liberian Japanese Friendship Maternity Hospital at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center.

He further applauded Japan for the ongoing Japan Rice Monetization Program; and the human capacity development initiatives and other critical bilateral aid programs facilitated through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Foreign Minister Kemayah mentioned that President Weah had planned to personally attend the TICAD-8 but could not be present due to unavoidable national engagement.

He highlighted and presented a Bilateral Note from the Government of Liberia to the

infrastructure development and vital human-capacity building opportunities for sustainable productive engagement of the women and youth of Liberia.

Foreign Minister Kemayah called for the reopening of the Embassy of Japan in Monrovia; the granting of visa waivers for citizens and officials of both countries; and the establishment of a Japan-Liberia Joint Commission.

He called for the holding of a Technical Roundtable Meeting of high-level public and private sector officials from both Liberia and Japan to consider further cooperation in the areas of trade and investment, agriculture and food security, health and education, road development/transportation infrastructure, youth and women empowerment, energy and information communication technology (ICT).



## Ministry of Finance and Development Planning

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### REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS: #: IPFMRP-II/LIPA/G/RFQ/1.2.2.2/2022

September 5, 2022

1. The Republic of Liberia has received Financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP-II) for support to Liberia Institute of Public Administration and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Quotation is issued. This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the Open National Competitive method contained in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July, 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and the procedures described herein.

2. **Preparation of Quotations:** You are requested to quote for the item by completing, signing and returning:

- the List of Goods and Price Schedule;
- the List of Goods and Delivery Schedule

3. **Documents Evidencing Eligibility:** You are requested to submit copies of the following documents as evidence of your eligibility.

- a) Current Business Registration Certificate
- b) Valid Tax Clearance
- c) PPCC Vendor Registration

The standard forms in this RFQ may be retyped for completion but the Bidder is responsible for their accurate reproduction.

4. **Validity of Quotations:** The quotation validity required is 60 days.

5. **Sealing and marking of Quotations:** Quotations should be placed in a single sealed envelope, clearly marked with the Reference above, the name of the Bidder and the Implementing Agency.

6. **Submission of Quotations:** Quotations should be submitted to the address below:

The Acting Project Manager

**Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project (IPFMRP-II)**

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Ministry of Finance and Development Planning

Corner of Broad and Mechlin Streets

Monrovia, Liberia

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CC: [ctoe@mfdp.gov.lr](mailto:ctoe@mfdp.gov.lr)

7. The quotation shall be in English language,

8. The deadline for receipt of your quotation is September 19, 2022 at **2:00 p. m.**

9. **Supplier** must quote for all the items in the lot. A partial quote will not be accepted. If a quotation shows items listed but not priced, their prices shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other items. An item not listed in the quotation shall be assumed to be not included in the quotation. **Bidders can quote for any one or both lots.**

10. **Evaluation.** All quotations shall be evaluated **lot basis** based on compliance to specifications/system requirements, qualification and experience and project delivery period and price. The Purchaser shall **award the Contract on lot basis** to the Supplier whose offer has been determined to be the most advantageous quotation and is substantially responsive to the request for quotation, provided further that the Supplier is determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily as per the criteria below:

- Examine if the quotation conforms substantially to the statement of requirements and delivery schedule.
- Examine if the Supplier meets the qualification requirements as stated above.
- Ensuring the Supplier passed both the preliminary and detailed examination.
- Supplier should show evidence of delivering on at least two similar contracts in nature and complexity of equal or higher monetary threshold to reputable institutions within the last four years. The supplier should provide evidence of contract delivery including awards letters or Local Purchase Orders, confirmation of successful delivery and information for any due diligence follow-up.
- Verify any arithmetical errors. For example, if the quotation in figures is different from the quotation in words, the amount in words will prevail. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected;

11. **Prices.** Prices shall be in United States Dollars (USD). Prices quoted in currencies other than United States Dollars (USD) will be evaluated after converting the currency into USD at the exchange rate prevailing at the Central Bank of Liberia on the date of the deadline of **quotation** submission, or from OANDA Exchange Rates Services at [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

12. **Delivery Schedule.** The item(s) shall be delivered within three to four weeks after award of contract.

12. **Warranty.** Items offered should be covered by at least 12 months' warranty from the date of delivery to the Purchaser. Goods offered shall be new, unused and based on the manufacturer's current and most recent model.

13. **Payment.** Payment shall be made within 30 days against submission of Invoice and supporting documents following delivery of the Goods.

Yours sincerely,

Vee-Musa Fofana

**Acting Project Coordinator**

### QUOTATION LETTER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RFQ Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: PMU Project Manager:

Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project

Having examined the documents regarding the Request for Quotations, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to supply and deliver *[description of goods and services]* in conformity with the said Request for Quotations for the sum of *[total bid amount in words and figures]* or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of Quotation.

We confirm that we are eligible to participate in public procurement and meet the eligibility criteria specified in the Request for Quotations.

The validity period of our quotation is: \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks/months.

We confirm that the prices quoted in the List of Goods and Price Schedule are fixed and firm for the duration of the validity period and will not be subject to revision or variation.

The delivery period offered is: \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks/months from date of Purchase Order.

The warranty period offered is \_\_\_\_\_ months.

#### Quotation authorised by:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(dd/mm/yy)

Authorised for and on behalf of:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Appendix 1

#### List of Goods Delivery, Installation and Price Schedule

**Bidders are required to include as part of their price materials and all inputs for installation in accordance with their proposed addition to the supply and delivery of the goods.**

**Price are to be offered for each lot separately for each item.**

Currency of Quotation: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 1	Description of Goods and installation date	Country of Origin
Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 50.5 W=30.5		
Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 20 W=18.5		
Conference Table For Twenty seater		
Conference Table standard for ten seater		
Conference Room Chairs		
Push to talk desktop microphone with a set of control system box		
<b>Total</b>		

#### Quotation authorised by:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(dd/mm/yy)

Authorised for and on behalf of:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 2	Description of Goods	Country of Origin	Delivery and installation Date	Quantity and physical unit	Unit price	Total Price
	Giant Overhead Projector					
	Mini portable wall corner mounted speaker					
	Speaker Cable 1x100yrs					
	CCTV Camera		√			
	Electrical wire 2.5M2 double roll					
	Electronic tape (33+)					
	Junction cup					
	Screws					
	Light bulb (60 watts)					
	Chest freezer					
	Standing Air Conditioner		√			
	Split Unit Air Conditioner		√			
	75'' Smart Television with Stabilizer and Wall mounted stand		√			
	<b>Total</b>					

**Quotation authorised by:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(dd/mm/yy)  
 Authorised for and on behalf of:  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix 2**

**List of Goods and Delivery Schedule**

No	Description of Goods	Quantity	Physical unit	Final Destination (Project Site)	Delivery Date	Bidder's offered Delivery date
<b>LOT 1</b>						
1	Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 50.5 W=30.5	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
2	Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 20 W=18.5	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
3	Conference Table For Twenty seater	2	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
4	Conference Table standard for ten seater	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
5	Conference Room Chairs	100	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
6	Push to talk desktop microphone with a set of control system box	40	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
<b>LOT 2</b>						
1	Giant Overhead Projector	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
2	Mini portable wall corner mounted speaker	4	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
3	Speaker Cable 1x100yrs	4	Rolls	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
4	CCTV Camera	4	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
5	Electrical wire 2.5M2 double roll	2	Rolls	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
6	Electronic tape (33+)	2	Rolls	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
7	Junction cup	6	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
8	Screws	4	Pks	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
9	Light bulb (60 watts)	20	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
10	Chest freezer	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
11	Standing Air Conditioner	3	Pcs	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
12	Split Unit Air Conditioner	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	
13	75'' Smart Television with Stabilizer and Wall mounted stand	1	Pc	LIPA New Office Doema Town, RIA Highway	Three Weeks after contract award	

**Appendix 3**

**APPENDIX I: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

	Description	Qty	Supplier's Offered/Statement of Compliance
<b>LOT1</b>			
1	Carpet/Rug fries Size: L= 50.5,W=30.5	1pc	
2	Carpet/Rug fries, Size: L= 20,W=18.5		
3	Conference Table For Twenty seater 2 set conference table 130*500 with metal stands	2sets	
4	Conference Table standard for ten seater 1 meeting table 100*200 with metal stands	1pc	
5	Conference Room Chairs (Mesh Finish With armrest Visitor arm chair with two handles and head back and metal leg	100pcs	
6	Push to talk desktop microphone with a set of control system box Dynamic capsule Frequency response: 40Hz to 16KHz Sensitivity: 43DB Impedance:200Ω	40pcs	
<b>LOT2</b>			
1	Speaker: Mini portable wall corner mounted speaker Sanus Wireless speaker wall mounted with tilt adjustment	4pcs	
2	Speaker Cable 1x100yrs	4rolls	
3	CCTV Camera: 4 channel security system, wired surveillance 1080 camera with DVR 1TB, HDD, Night vision	4pcs	
4	Electrical wire 2.5M2 double roll (#12 single 1x100 yards)	2rolls	
5	Electronic tape (33+)	2rolls	
6	Junction cup	6pcs	
7	Screws (assorted)	4pks	
8	Light bulb (60 watts)	20pcs	
9	Chest freezer (478H 420 liters with fast freezing technology)	1pc	
10	Standing Air Conditioner (18000 BTU) set and installation and bracket for outdoor unit	3pcs	
11	Split Unit Air Conditioner(9000 BTU) set and installation and bracket for outdoor unit	1pc	
12	75'' 4k HDR Smart Television with Stabilizer and Wall mounted stand	1pc	
13	<b>Giant Overhead Projector</b> White Brightness: 3,700 ANSI Lumens Color Brightness: 3,700 ANSI Lumens Resolution: 1024x768 (up to WXGA) Aspect Ratio: 4:3 (WXGA) Dynamic Contrast: 16,000:1 Dynamic Iris: Yes Display Type: 0.55" 3LCD Chips Color Processing: 10-bit Video Modes: 720p, 1080i, 1080p/60, 1080p/24, 1080p/30, 1080p/50, 576i, 576p, 480p, 480i Data Modes: MAX 1920x1080 Lamp Type: 210W UHE bulb Lamp Life: 6,000 hours / 12,000 hours (Eco) Lamp Model: ELPLP97 / V13H010L97 Included Lens: Fixed focal length, manual focus  Throw Distance: 3.2' - 36.9' Image Size: 30.01" - 349.9" Optional wireless connectivity Hassle-free setup	1pc	

# Français

## Le pouvoir minimise les sanctions américaines et se veut optimiste qu'à sa réélection

La vice-présidente libérienne Jewel Howard-Taylor se dit confiante que les sanctions prises par le gouvernement américain contre trois hauts dignitaires du régime du président George Manneh Weah n'auront aucun impact sur la réélection de celui-ci en 2023 pour un second mandat.

Le président Weah et la vice-présidente Howard-Taylor, l'ex-épouse de l'ancien président emprisonné Charles Ghankay Taylor, ont été élus sur la liste de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) en 2017, succédant au régime du Parti de l'unité en 2018.

En matière de sanctions, Madame Taylor s'y connaît, car son ex-mari et des dizaines de membres de son cabinet ont tous été frappés par deux sanctions sous son régime.

Le pouvoir du CDC cherche à obtenir un deuxième mandat de six ans face à une opposition qui, avec les sanctions annoncées par le gouvernement américain le mois dernier, semble avoir eu

gain de cause après avoir dénoncé pendant des années la corruption et la mauvaise gestion de l'administration Weah.

Madame Howard-Taylor a fait valoir que les sanctions n'affecteront en rien la réélection du président Weah d'autant plus que ni le président, ni elle, n'ont été mentionnés. D'où sa décision de faire campagne pour le soutien du peuple libérien à sa réélection.

La vice-présidente Howard-Taylor s'est félicitée du fait que ni son nom, ni le nom du

président Weah n'aient été mentionnés dans le rapport du département du Trésor des États-Unis qui lie les trois hauts responsables libériens à la corruption.

"Dieu merci, mon nom n'est pas là, Dieu merci, le nom du président Weah n'y est pas", a déclaré la vice-présidente Howard-Taylor.

"Nous maintenons toujours la confiance du peuple libérien, et nous devons faire de notre mieux pour rendre le

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## Affaire de viol au Village SOS : M. Augustine Allieu est blanchi

Après des mois d'enquête minutieuse de la Section de la protection des femmes et des enfants de la Police nationale du Libéria (LNP) sur les allégations de viol à SOS Children's Village au Libéria, deux des accusés, dont l'ancien directeur de pays, Augustine Allieu, ont été disculpés, tandis que le troisième est détenu, en attendant son procès pour viol statutaire.

L'affaire en question impliquait M. Allieu et deux

autres membres du personnel du programme SOS Children's Village à Grand Bassa County.

L'enquête a abouti à la réalisation d'un test de paternité sur le bébé mis au monde par la victime pour établir la propriété de l'enfant. Mais le suspect Allieu et un autre accusé ont été disculpés.

Le troisième accusé a été arrêté et inculpé de viol au premier degré pour avoir eu des rapports sexuels avec une mineure.

En avril de cette année, l'ancien patron du Village SOS a

été accusé de contacts sexuels inappropriés avec une mineure alors qu'il était celui qui avait précédemment signalé l'affaire en novembre 2021 à la Police Nationale du Libéria sur les instructions du bureau régional de l'organisation à Dakar, au Sénégal.

Dès le début des enquêtes, tous les accusés ont été invités à se présenter à la section de protection des femmes et des enfants de la LNP à différents moments. Ils ont tous été tenus de faire des déclarations et de répondre aux questions des enquêteurs et ont été remis à leurs avocats car aucune cause probable n'a été établie pour les maintenir en garde à vue ou pour les inculper.

Près de trois mois après le début de l'enquête contre M. Allieu, ses avocats ont demandé à plusieurs reprises à la LNP si l'affirmation de la jeune fille selon laquelle M. Allieu avait eu des relations sexuelles avec elle le 3 octobre 2021 était constante. La LNP a déclaré qu'elle était cohérente avec la date du 3

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## Éditorial

### L'action du gouvernement laisse place aux soupçons

L'exécutif demande au pouvoir législatif de voter une loi qui met fin au service de tous les magistrats électoraux du pays pour les remplacer par d'autres. Ce projet de loi crée de la place pour la suspicion et le mécontentement.

Le mardi 9 août 2022, le président George Manneh Weah a demandé aux législateurs d'interrompre les pauses parlementaires pour discuter des questions nationales critiques pendant la période de 30 jours, à compter du 15 août 2022.

Entre autres, les questions comprenaient une demande aux législateurs d'adopter l'amendement de la nouvelle loi électorale qui appelle à la révocation immédiate et à la retraite de tous les magistrats électoraux à travers le pays.

Cela arrive à moins de 14 mois des prochaines élections présidentielle et législatives au cours desquelles le président George Weah briguera un second mandat. Nous nous demandons où le gouvernement veut en venir étant donné que récemment, un amendement de la loi créant la Commission libérienne de lutte contre la corruption (LACC) a littéralement procédé au démantèlement de l'ensemble de la direction de la Commission avant même que leur mandat n'expire.

L'expulsion de l'ensemble de la direction du LACC sous la direction du président Me Edwin Kla Martin est venue après qu'un audit mené par l'institution anti-corruption ait inculpé des chefs de plusieurs entités gouvernementales pour corruption.

Maintenant, il y a une autre poussée de l'exécutif, cette fois-ci pour remplacer tous les magistrats électoraux, alors que la nation se prépare pour les élections de 2023. Qui sont ces nouveaux magistrats que l'exécutif veut embarquer et quel est le motif ?

Déjà, le Dr Jeremiah Whapoe, leader politique de la Vision for Liberia Transformation (VOLT), met en garde contre le retour des jours sombres passés du pays. Il avertit que le projet de loi est un terreau fertile pour la corruption et la violence.

Il appelle le Sénat libérien à rejeter le projet de loi car il viserait à permettre au gouvernement de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) du président Weah de truquer les élections présidentielles et législatives de 2023, tout en rappelant que de tels actes de truquage lors des précédentes élections historiques au Libéria ont conduit à des guerres et conflits.

Nous aussi, nous nous grattons la tête pour comprendre la décision derrière la tentative actuelle de remplacer les magistrats qualifiés et expérimentés par de nouvelles personnes qui peuvent être triées sur le volet par intérêt politique pour présider ce qui est censé être un processus démocratique.

Nous nous joignons au chef de la VOLT et à tous les autres Libériens avec appréhension sur cette question critique pour appeler à la fois l'exécutif et le législatif à s'abstenir de modifier la loi électorale pour remplacer les magistrats à travers le pays avant des élections majeures. Nous pensons qu'agir d'une manière qui pourrait conduire à la méfiance et à la discorde pourrait être une recette pour une violence potentielle pendant et après les élections.



# Français

## Le pouvoir minimise les sanctions américaines

pays meilleur", a-t-elle déclaré lors d'un entretien avec un groupe de journalistes à Gbarnga.

Elle a soutenu que les États-Unis étaient clairs sur le fait qu'ils ne sanctionnaient pas le gouvernement du CDC.

« Donc, ce n'est pas notre souci et je ne veux pas en parler. La seule chose sur laquelle nous nous concentrons maintenant est de continuer à aider notre peuple et de nous améliorer là où c'est nécessaire », a-t-elle expliqué.

"Mais pour cette question de sanction, ce n'est pas Weah ou Jewel qui a été sanctionné", a-t-elle poursuivi.

Pour la vice-présidente Howard - Taylor, ce régime a fait de son mieux et fera plus si le peuple libérien lui accorde un second mandat.

Le 14 août 2022, le gouvernement des États-Unis a sanctionné le ministre McGill, solliciteur général du Libéria Cllr. Cephus et le directeur général de l'autorité portuaire nationale, M. Twehway, pour leur implication présumée dans la corruption publique au Libéria.

"Par leur corruption, ces responsables ont sapé la démocratie au Libéria pour leur propre bénéfice", a déclaré le sous-secrétaire au Trésor chargé du terrorisme et du renseignement financier, Brian E. Nelson, dans un communiqué.

Mais Jewel est optimiste. Ils gagneront toujours les élections présidentielles et législatives de 2023 quoi qu'il arrive.

Elle veut donc que les citoyens du comté de Bong et tous les Libériens soutiennent la candidature du président Weah.

## Affaire de viol au Village SOS

octobre et ne la changeait pas.

Avec la certitude de l'allégation de la victime présumée d'une interaction sexuelle avec M. Allieu le 3 octobre 2021, ses avocats ont présenté des preuves dans ses cartes d'embarquement pour un vol tôt le matin au départ du Libéria à la même date. Ils ont également fourni son reçu d'hôtel au Royal Ambassador Hotel à Unification Town dans le comté de Margibi pour la nuit du 2 octobre 2021.

Cependant, comme l'enquête n'avait pas pu établir pleinement un contact sexuel entre la victime et ses accusés, le ministre de la Justice a ordonné que puisque la victime était enceinte, un test de paternité devait être fait sur son bébé et les trois accusés après l'accouchement.

Après l'accouchement fin juillet 2022, les accusés ont reçu l'ordre de se présenter au centre médical JFK pour le prélèvement d'échantillons pour le test ADN le 9 août 2022. Les trois accusés se sont rendus au service de pathologie du JFK le jour convenu. Des échantillons d'écouvillons buccaux ont été prélevés sur chacun d'eux par le Dr Benedict B. Kolee, pathologiste en chef de la République du Libéria, qui a également effectué le test lui-même.

Les résultats des tests pour les trois accusés ont été envoyés au ministre de la Justice le mercredi 10 août 2022. Les résultats ont montré que l'un des accusés est le père biologique du bébé. Sur la base du résultat, M. Wayne McIntosh a été arrêté par des

agents de la police nationale libérienne le jeudi 11 août 2022.

M. McIntosh a été accusé de crime de viol au premier degré pour avoir eu des rapports sexuels avec une personne de moins de 18 ans et l'avoir mise enceinte. Il a été placé en détention provisoire à la prison centrale de Monrovia, en attendant son procès.

Considérant que l'enquête policière et le test ADN n'ont pu établir de lien sexuel entre la jeune fille et les deux autres accusés, M. Augustine Allieu et M. William Jaliebah ont été blanchis dans cette affaire.

S'exprimant lors du point de presse du ministère de l'Information le jeudi 1er septembre 2022, le sous-commissaire de police Sussie Telleh-Bility a annoncé que l'allégation d'inconduite sexuelle contre M. Augustine Allieu et M. William Jaliebah est sans fondement, recommandant ainsi leur exonération des accusations de viol.

Pendant ce temps, les allégations de viol non fondée contre des ressortissants étrangers au Libéria soulèvent des inquiétudes quant à savoir ce qui pourrait être le motif réel derrière l'histoire de la jeune fille et sur la façon dont elle est arrivée à une plainte aussi préjudiciable contre une personne qui a servi la communauté des OING à l'intérieur et à l'extérieur du Libéria au Catholic Relief Service, et diverses fonctions au sein de PLAN International.

D'autres observateurs ont utilisé l'affaire pour souligner une autre exonération d'un ressortissant senior et comment l'allégation de viol est utilisée comme une arme par des personnes pour cibler leurs.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Eddie Ndopu

## "Je dénoncerai inlassablement les violations des droits fondamentaux"

NEW-YORK - Quand l'ONU a été créée à l'issue de la Deuxième Guerre mondiale, il aurait été unimaginable d'envisager que quelqu'un comme moi - jeune, Noir, homosexuel et en fauteuil roulant - puisse occuper un poste important au sein de l'organisation. Or je serai parmi les candidats envisagés par l'ONU pour succéder à Michelle Bachelet le mois prochain, quand elle quittera son poste de Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme. C'est un symbole remarquable du chemin parcouru par l'humanité depuis 1945.

Si je suis choisi, je serai le fonctionnaire de plus haut rang en situation de handicap depuis la création de l'ONU. Ce serait une victoire historique pour les 1,3 milliards de personnes handicapées qui d'après l'ONU constituent le plus grand groupe minoritaire.

Signée en 2007, la Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées est un instrument important en faveur de l'inclusion. Néanmoins, il est encore très rare de voir une personne en fauteuil roulant occuper une position de pouvoir. Dans bien des endroits du monde, le rejet d'un gamin noir handicapé constitue la quintessence de l'exclusion.

J'aurais pu facilement être ce gamin. Cependant, mon expérience de militant des droits de l'homme a commencé à l'âge de six ans, lorsque le visage baigné de larmes, j'ai dit à ma mère : "Je veux aller à l'école."

En Namibie où j'ai passé les neuf premières années de ma vie, la vie d'un enfant en fauteuil roulant est souvent extrêmement limitée - comme dans une grande partie du monde en développement. Selon les Nations unies, 90 à 98 % des enfants handicapés des pays du Sud n'ont pas la moindre possibilité d'aller à l'école.

A l'époque, je me battais avec toute mon énergie pour simplement rester en vie. À l'âge de deux ans, on m'a diagnostiqué une atrophie musculaire spinale, une maladie dégénérative mortelle qui attaque le système nerveux. Les médecins ont dit à ma mère que je ne vivrais probablement pas jusqu'à mon cinquième anniversaire... j'ai 31 ans.

Ma mère qui essuyait les larmes de mes yeux était déterminée. Elle a trouvé une école qui a accepté de me prendre. Le premier jour, on m'a placé tout au fond de la classe. Il était clair qu'on n'attendait pas grand-chose de moi. J'ai stupéfié l'enseignante en écrivant mon nom, ce que la plupart des autres enfants ne savaient pas faire. Un grand sourire a éclairé son visage. Elle a vu que je pouvais apprendre comme les autres, peut-être même plus vite.

Cette expérience m'a appris à viser haut, quels que soient les obstacles. Ma candidature à la succession de Michelle Bachelet vise à repousser les limites du possible, non seulement pour les personnes handicapées, mais aussi pour tous ceux qui se sont un jour sentis dévalorisés, sous-estimés ou marginalisés.

Si je suis sélectionné, je serai le plus jeune dirigeant au niveau de la direction de l'ONU, une organisation qui souligne régulièrement

l'importance qu'il y a à impliquer les jeunes, car ils sont les premiers concernés par l'avenir. Pourtant, nous sommes largement sous-représentés dans l'institution. Le choix d'un jeune dirigeant à ce poste donnerait un nouvel élan et une nouvelle autorité au travail du Haut Commissaire des Nations unies.

Le respect des droits de l'homme pour tous semble une quête irréaliste - surtout aujourd'hui où tout semble impossible. Mais comme l'a dit Nelson Mandela, "Cela semble toujours impossible jusqu'à ce que cela soit fait".

Je me suis rappelé ces mots il y a quelque temps, lorsque travaillant à Amnesty International, on m'a confié la mission impossible de réunir deux groupes connus pour leur méfiance mutuelle : les chefs d'entreprise et les défenseurs des droits de l'homme. Je les ai persuadés de s'écouter les uns les autres dans le cadre d'une campagne visant à empêcher les industries extractives de fermer les yeux sur les violations des droits de l'homme en Afrique.

À une époque où le monde est de plus en plus fracturé et où l'on a l'impression que nous avons tout simplement cessé de nous écouter les uns les autres, le Haut-commissariat des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme est particulièrement qualifié pour relever les défis les plus pressants d'aujourd'hui. Pour la première fois depuis 2001, la majorité de la population de la planète vit sous des régimes non démocratiques qui ne respectent pas les droits fondamentaux. Nous sommes confrontés à un nationalisme exacerbé, à une crise économique émergente et à une pandémie mondiale - une crise sanitaire à laquelle trop de gouvernements ont répondu en revendiquant des pouvoirs exceptionnels et en restreignent certains droits fondamentaux. Par ailleurs, les conflits qui se déroulent en Ukraine, au Sahel, en Birmanie et dans bien d'autres endroits s'accompagnent de violations de ces droits.

Dans une période comme celle-ci, le Haut Commissaire aux droits de l'homme joue un rôle crucial en servant de phare pour leur défense et en soutenant ceux qui ont le courage d'élever la voix lorsqu'ils constatent leur violation. Comme l'a déclaré le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, Antonio Guterres, les droits de l'homme sous-tendent "l'ensemble du système des Nations Unies. ... Ils sont essentiels pour s'attaquer aux causes et aux conséquences de toutes les crises complexes, et pour construire des sociétés durables, sûres et pacifiques".

Si le Secrétaire général me choisit pour ce rôle, mon travail consistera à identifier et à dénoncer inlassablement les violations des droits, quels que soient les intérêts puissants qui s'y opposent, et à m'engager avec les défenseurs de la société civile pour rendre le travail de l'ONU plus participatif et plus pertinent pour susciter le changement.

Je suis sans doute un candidat atypique pour ce poste, un choix impossible diraient certains. Mais je crois que tout spécialement à notre époque, une nouvelle manière de penser, une nouvelle énergie et la capacité de voir comment surmonter des barrières apparemment impossibles à franchir, c'est exactement ce dont le monde a besoin.

Traduit de l'anglais par Patrice Horovitz

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## 12 Liberians to leave for study in China

By Lincoln G. Peters

China and Liberia over the weekend held a pre-departure ceremony for 12 Liberian recipients of the

Liberia.

The certificate was presented to the Minister of Education who then presented it to the Chinese Ambassador.

of Liberia in the future.

"I'm pleased to inform [you] that for the 2020-2023 period, the Chinese government will provide altogether 190 full scholarships to Liberian elites, many of whom are leaving for China soon," he noted.

The Chinese Ambassador disclosed that his Embassy also provides the Ambassador's scholarships to more than 100 students of excellence from University of Liberia, Tubman University and Cuttington University every year, which has helped the fostering of talents of Liberia.

Also remarking, Education Minister Prof. D. Ansu Sonii, and Yaba Thompson, Assistant Minister for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, expressed thanks and appreciation to the Chinese government for granting those young Liberians the opportunity to further their study.

"We like to appreciate the Chinese government again for this great opportunity provided to our country," they said.

In conclusion, Dr. Julius J. Sarwolo Nelson, Jr., President of the University of Liberia, thanked the Chinese government for the initiative he described as 'long time' relationship between the both countries.

"This has made tremendous contribution to the educational sector of Liberia. One of the Chinese contributions to the educational sector of Liberia is what we are seeing here today, the awarding of scholarships to Liberian and higher learning institutions," Dr. Nelson said.

**Edited by Winston W. Parley**



2022 - 2023 Chinese government scholarship.

The Chinese Government scholarship is in an effort to strengthen and develop the human capacity of young Liberians.

The Chinese government scholarship is expected to be awarded to 190 students, but at the ceremony there were 12 Liberian recipients.

The pre-departure ceremony was held in the conference room of the Chinese Embassy in Oldest Congo Town.

All of them are employees of the Government of Liberia working at various ministries.

The beneficiaries, in appreciation of the opportunity given to them, presented a certificate to the Chinese government through its Ambassador to

The ceremony was aimed at motivating the students to be law-abiding and to remain focused on their studies.

The program brought together the Minister of Education, the President of the University of Liberia and other key individuals who joined the ceremony via zoom.

Remarking at the ceremony, Chinese Ambassador to Liberia Ren Yisheng said the people-to-people exchanges are an important means of deepening the understanding and friendship between Liberia and China.

He wished all the new students a safe journey to China, success in their study and an important role to play in the national development

## WAEC-Liberia applauds 12th Graders for math passes

By Kruah Thompson

The Head of West African Examination Council Liberia Office, Dale Gbotoe, lauds Liberian 12th graders for good performance in Mathematics from the 2022 West African Senior School Certificate Exam or WASSCE.

He reveals that among four out of five countries that wrote the exam, Liberia came second in Mathematics with a total of 43,413 passes.

Mr. Gbotoe notes that this is very encouraging news for Liberians therefore, he encourages parents to motivate their children to do their best to change the narrative, instead of "us characterizing our educational system as messy."

In 2013, former President

statistics for the past five years 2018 - 2022 presented by the WAEC-Liberia Office over the weekend indicates there has been progressive improvement.

The performance report reveals high performance in English for the first time, and seventy-five percent (75%) candidates passed Biology, with the least performance in history.

Speaking at the Ministry of Information's weekly briefings on Capitol Hill, Mr. Gbotoe explained there are benchmarks that all candidates for the WASSCE must meet to be considered successful.

"There were four exams that were administered in 2022. For the Liberia National Exam, a total of 1,455 schools took the exam. Of that number, 1,060



WAEC-Liberia Head Mr. Dale Gbotoe

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf described the entire educational system in Liberia as a mess, and stressed the need for a complete overhaul, as the quality of education had declined far below acceptable standard.

Despite the former President's criticism, comparative performance

were from the private sector and the remaining from the public sector. With the total candidate choice of 21,319." He continues.

He says the Liberia primary school certificate exam registered 2,105 schools and 1,447 of them were private institutions. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

received acclamations from many quarters, including the UN. Specifically, on August 11, 2022, the UN High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR) "applauded Liberia's historic move breaking the gender barrier to conferring nationality. Gender discrimination in nationality laws remains a primary cause of statelessness among children, and this development speaks to Liberia's commitment to tackle this issue," said Gillian Triggs, the UN Refugee Agency's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection.

"In short, this law legally allows a child by a Liberian woman to take the citizenship of their mother and be a Liberian, irrespective of the citizenship or nationality of their biological father. This law makes more than 10,000 stateless children born by Liberian women to take the citizenship of their mother and now can call themselves

Liberian citizens," Eminent Wettee said.

This law reflects the current reality of Liberian citizens' definition as a direct result of the 14-year senseless civil war: "A person who is a negro, or of negro descent, born in Liberia, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof at birth; or a person born outside of the Republic of Liberia, whose father or mother (i) was born a citizen of Liberia; or (ii) was citizen of Liberia at the time of the birth of such person."

Eminent Wettee further stated that the Dual Citizenship Law allows citizenship by adoption, marriage, restores the Liberian citizenship of natural-born Liberians and their children who have citizenship or nationality of another country, gives voting and land ownership rights to Liberians with other citizenship or nationality and above makes "Once a Liberian, always a Liberian." a reality.

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## "New Dual Citizenship Law does not make natural-born

shall be eligible to hold the office of President or Vice-President, unless that person is: "A natural born Liberian citizen of not less than 35 years of age."

Currently, ALCOD is in consultation with the Commissioner General of Liberia Immigration Service (LIS), Colonel Robert W. Budy and Cllr. Deweh Gray, Deputy Minister of Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to develop an operational definition of the law as it relates to their respective offices or jurisdictions.

The ALCOD Eminent Chairman again extended thanks to Pres. Weah, Cllr. Archibald Bernard, Legal

Advisor to Pres. Weah, Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, for the passage of the law. The same to all Partners of ALCOD, sponsors, champions, and advocates of dual citizenship.

ALCOD, which includes the Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA), European Federation of Liberian Associations (EFLA), Liberian Advocacy for Change (LAFC), Federation of Liberia Communities in Australia (FOLICA), United Liberian Association of Ghana (ULAG), Liberian Association of Canada (LAC), and Conference of Liberian Organizations in

Southwestern United States of America (COLOSUS), represents over 500,000 Liberians living in the diaspora.

After lobbying for a dual citizenship since 2005 by diaspora Liberians and various organizations, on July 22, 2022, President George Weah signed into law the new dual citizenship act, which was sponsored by ALCOD. This bill was passed during the 5th Session of the 54th Legislature. It is entitled: "An Act to Amend And/Or Nullify Certain Provision of The Alien and Nationality Law Relating to Citizenship and Restoring the Citizenship Rights Lost As A Consequence of those Provisions".

The passage of the law

# Cummings goes gutter on Weah

**C**ollaborating Political Parties (CPP) standard bearer Mr. Alexander Cummings has cautioned Liberians ahead of the 2023 elections that President George Manneh Weah is a misfit and a disgrace, undeserving of a second term.

Cummings who also heads

population and displaced thousands of citizens into refugee camps.

Mr. Cummings' comments are in response to President Weah's recent letter accusing the CPP leader and other opposition leaders of a continuous fearmongering, seeking to prematurely cast aspersions on the sanctity of the electoral process.

have caused for over a century and still feel an uncanny entitlement to the Office I now occupy: I assumed leadership through a peaceful, democratic, free, and fair process in which the PEOPLE OF LIBERIA gave me an overwhelming mandate - an election that you participated in and received a dismal seven (7%) percent vote of rejection," President Weah told Mr. Cummings.

But Cummings fired back saying Weah's five years of leadership is characterized by rampant corruption and broken promises.

He said Weah's leadership reflects also on his dubious role in the civil war, claiming that the president has hurt more Liberians, especially the poor and destitute, rather [than] helping them.

The CPP political leader claimed that credible reports revealed that President Weah provided nearly US\$200,000.00 to rent fishing boats, purchase arms and ammunition and food supplies for the Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL) and the Liberia United for Reconciliation and Development (LURD).

He said these two warring factions fought imprisoned former President Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia in Sinoe County.

Cummings disputed the President's claim that he is non-violent and peaceful,

saying there is also credible proof that he supported and facilitated MODEL rebels' travels from Ivory Coast to Sinoe County to combat the NPFL during which countless Liberians were killed and thousands displaced in refugee camps.

The CPP Standard Bearer said Weah's visits to refugee camps in Ghana's Buduburam camps were to foster his long-held ambition for the presidency as was revealed by former President Charles Taylor, whose unconstitutional removal he supported.

"After fueling the Crisis, which led to massive refugees in Buduburam, were your visits to refugee camps really about the Liberian people or to paint yourself as savior, in furtherance of your political agenda," Cummings' letter to Weah said.

He added that it's unthinkable that the President or anyone who visited refugee shelters, deserves to be rewarded over other Liberians or in the case of the President to continue to rule, in spite of glaring evidence of his failed leadership and broken promises to the Liberian people.

Cummings said President Weah's plea to Liberians to ignore his current failures, and reflect on his kindness of yesteryears as the bases for his re-election, amounts to a child who has miserably failed, and asking the teacher to pass him.

"Asking the country to ignore your current failures and remember your kindness of yesteryears so that you can get undeservedly reelected is like a child asking the teacher to pass him, although his performance and grades do not allow it, only

because few years ago, he drew water for the teacher is absurd," Cummings said.

He said President Weah does not deserve another six years, due to his gross ineptitude and persistent violation of the sanctity of the Presidency.

Cummings said consistent U.S. Government reports of pervasive corruption and subsequent sanctions against three of President Weah's key officials has ruined the country's image and smeared the reputation of the presidency.

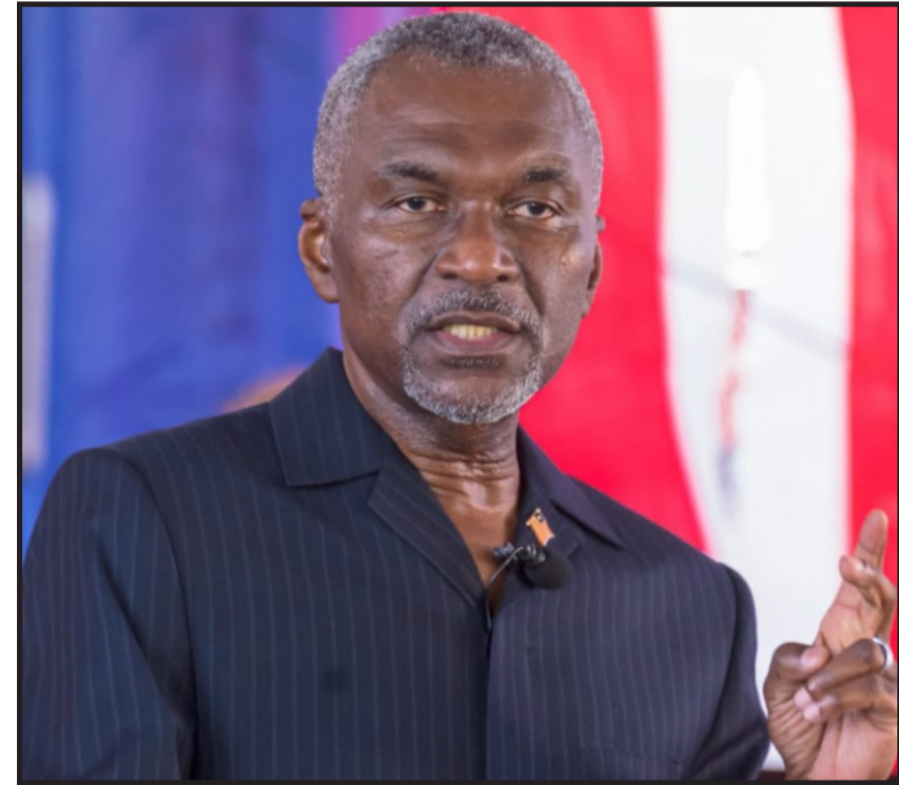
He said the President's five years administration is now branded as a cabal of thieves, which according to Mr. Cummings is hurtful and disturbing to all well-meaning Liberians, including the poor and destitute.

He said instead of the President taking tougher action against the sanctioned officials to dissuade the impression by implication and perception that he is derelict or complicit, the President's response is rather weak, inadequate and ineffective.

He argued that President Weah's response has implicated the presidency in the unacceptable perception of being corrupt.

According to Mr. Cummings, the President's constitutional appointing and dismissing power, does not require the right to due process, as all cabinet and public officials serve at his will and pleasure.

Cummings reminded Mr. Weah that the Presidency is among the most sacred and respected institutions, and that any acts diminishing its esteemed status amounts to disgracing the Liberian nation.



the opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) has accused President Weah of complicity and links with various armed groups in Liberia's 14 years brutal civil war.

The ex-business executive - turned-politician lamented that the war in which Mr. Weah allegedly had links with various armed groups, killed a quarter million of the

President Weah insisted that Cummings' reference to a bill voted on by the Liberian Senate to change elections magistrates did not emanate from the Executive Branch, nor does it have its support.

"Let me remind you and other members of Liberia's traditional elitist political class that, in spite of the political, economic, and humanitarian carnage you

# McGill turns to God for intervention

**U**S Treasury Department designated person suspended Minister of State Nathaniel F. McGill has turned his focus on God for intervention amidst the corruption charges brought against him, while maintaining his innocence claim.

"I am awaiting God's intervention. My lawyers are working on it," McGill told a group of Aljazeera journalists during an interview over the weekend.

The U.S. Department of Treasury on August 15, last month, imposed specialized sanctions against Mr. McGill, Cllr. Sayma Syrenius Cephus, Solicitor General of Liberia, and Mr. Bill Twehway, National Port Authority Managing Director. The trio were accused of acts of corruption and other criminal conduct.

McGill has since written President Weah to provide clarifications on the allegations of corruption brought against him by the

2022 report of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

In his interview with Aljazeera on Saturday September 3, McGill indicated that he is looking forward to any process that will give him the opportunity to state his case

and exonerate himself from the allegations to restore his character he has built over the years.

McGill who appeared relaxed during the entire interview was quick to point out that he did not blame the Americans for the imposition of sanction on him.



"You see, I don't blame the Americans. I don't think the Americans hate me, but I think somebody misled them. This is an investigation, someone told them the story.

"They never met me. I didn't have the opportunity to defend myself on these things. I just heard about everything on the news. So, it came as a surprise and I still maintain my innocence", he argued.

The suspended minister also argued that he has not been a target of the US Department of Treasury, and he sees no reason to believe that he has been. But pointed out that "Those who had the genuine reason to investigate corruption must have unfortunately been misled by others who did not have any evidence or facts to prove their allegation against me. So, we cannot say we are being targeted by the American government."

"If I say there is corruption, have I established that? What is my evidence? Yes, people may be corrupt but the laws in Liberia say you have to bring evidence against the individual. So, there are individuals that have been investigated or are

being investigated but I am not the Minister of Justice to lead the legal process to know who is guilty or not. The whole world, the whole of Africa, it is just difficult to say that nobody is corrupt, that will be an understatement", he stated.

"One thing you have to also know is that a lot of criminally minded people have used my name and position before to engage in corrupt practices, extortion of money from people, while some people make calls around purporting to be me and swindling money from unsuspecting characters who are not only stealing from the people but are bent on tarnishing my reputation. Just go on Facebook, it is all over the place, people are using fake identities, fake names as Hon. McGill to deceive people. Some of them were arrested before and turned over to the security agencies for prosecution", McGill explained, while indicating that he has been a victim of identity theft, a situation that caused serious embarrassment to him by unscrupulous individuals who used fake identities to extort money from unsuspecting people.

## “New Dual Citizenship Law does not make natural-born 2nd Class Citizen”

**-Says ALCOD's Eminent Chairman Emmanuel S. Wettee**



Flashback: ALCOD Eminent Chairman Emmanuel S. Wettee leaving the Capitol Building after one of his lobbies with legislators for the passage of the Dual Citizenship Law

The Eminent Chairman of the All-Liberian Conference on Dual Citizenship (ALCOD), Eminent Emmanuel S. Wettee, has come up to provide clarity on the new Dual Citizenship Law, saying it does not make natural born Liberians holding other citizenships lesser citizens than those without.

Eminent Wettee's clarification comes in the wake of critics spreading misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the law relating to natural-born

Liberian with a citizenship of another country holding appointive or elective offices.

“In Article 4 - the law said, ‘Limitation of a Liberian Citizen who holds the citizenship of another country.’ The law did not say limitation of a natural-born Liberian Citizen who holds the citizenship of another country or limitation of a naturalized Liberian citizen who holds the citizenship of another country. The law says a Liberian Citizen, who has citizenship of another country. That Liberian citizen could be a natural-born or a

naturalized Liberian,” the ALCOD Eminent Chairman argues.

However, according to him, some are interpreting “A Liberian citizen who holds the citizenship of another country...” to mean natural-born Liberians with citizenship of another country and not a naturalized Liberian with citizenship of another country.

Critics of the new law have argued that the law makes natural-born Liberians with citizenship of another country to be second-class citizens in Liberia.

But Eminent Wettee argues that the law did not mention natural-born or naturalized Liberian citizens. It says, “A Liberian citizen who holds the citizenship of another country and that person could be a natural-born or a naturalized Liberian.” It is only in Article 52 of the Liberian constitution that “natural” is used as an adjective to describe a Liberian.

Article 52: “No person

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