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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022	L\$152.6364/US\$1.00	L\$154.4789/US\$1.00

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Agent: MAERSK LINE LIBERIA LTD
Consignee: TRH TRADING CORPORATION
Carrier: MAERSK LINE

Incoterms: FOB
Port of loading: Itajai
Country / date of BL: Brazil / 8/23/22
Means of Transport: CMA CGM RIO GRANDE
ETA: 9/22/22

Sailing date: 8/23/22
Port of discharge: Monrovia
Bill of lading: 220003235
Voy n°: 232N

Values:
FOB: \$14,100.00
Freight: \$1,649.00
Insurance: 75.00
Other:

220003235

HS Code	Weight	Country of Origin	FOB value declared	Package
0204420000	27,891.000 kg	Brazil	14100.00 USD	1350 CARTONS OF FROZEN PORK HIND...
Total	27,891.000			

CONTAINERS

Code	Size	Seal No.	Type
MNBU4070592	40R	265710/SIF2427	Refrigerated ISO containers

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Continental News

Somalia drought: Witnessing a two-year-old's death from hunger

After two days in a small Somali hospital, Abdiwali Abdi seemed to be groping his way towards some sort of recovery. The two-year-old still weighed just 4.6kg (10lb 2oz) - not much more than a healthy newborn. But he had the energy to moan now, and his mother, Hawa, sat beside him on the bed, in the border town of Dollow, breastfeeding her two-month-old daughter and making hopeful plans to return to their makeshift camp on the dusty outskirts.

"We don't have food to feed him, but our neighbours have been helping us," said Hawa, 22, watching her son closely. He'd been growing weaker for weeks, with a fever and diarrhoea, before they finally came to seek help. The district hospital in Dollow - a dusty little border town in south-western Somalia - has been quietly assisting children like Abdiwali for years. Funded by the UK government, and others, it has built up a network of community workers who provide basic medical support, not just in town, but deep into the contested countryside,

hundreds of thousands of lives [at stake] and people are dying now. We don't have enough resources to support them," said Abdulkadir Mohamed, from the Norwegian Refugee Council, watching more families arrive at one of the larger camps. At the hospital, nearly 100 women sat in the midday heat, nursing malnourished infants, waiting for them to be weighed and assessed.

"It's going to be really bad here. We're expecting things to get worse - we're expecting a formal declaration [of famine] very soon," said Pamela Wasonga, who runs the hospital's nutrition programme on behalf of an Irish charity, Trocaire.

The United Nations is warning that 6.7 million people will need food aid in Somalia in the coming months - about 40% of the population. Overnight, Abdiwali's condition deteriorated. Soon after nine the next morning, his temperature fell sharply, and two Somali doctors quickly wrapped him in a thermal blanket made of foil. Two beds away, an 18-month-old girl was getting the same, urgent treatment.

"We're really worried. These children cannot control their temperatures very well. That's why we never put on the [ceiling] fans in the stabilisation centres. If the child warms up, then the survival rate is higher," said Ms Mohammed, as a doctor rested a thermometer under Abdiwali's limp arm. BBC



Hawa, seen here holding her daughter Ubah and with her son Abdiwali lying on the bed

"It's encouraging," said Fatuma Mohammed, a senior nurse and administrator from Kenya, as she paced around the 17-bed stabilisation ward, with its 17 infants all wrestling with malnutrition, and with the various diseases that keep it company here on the dry, thorny plains of southern Somalia, as the country grapples with its worst drought in 40 years.

where the militant Islamist group al-Shabab controls many villages. But today, following a fifth failed rainy season, Dollow is being overwhelmed by a surge of new arrivals. Tens of thousands of families like Abdiwali's - their cattle dead and their farms parched - have gathered in crowded informal settlements, hoping to find food and safety. "We're talking about

International Concern Grows Over Ethiopia's Escalating Conflict

International concern is rising about an offensive by Ethiopian and Eritrean government forces in Ethiopia's Tigray region. Ethiopia's federal authorities on Monday said they will assume control of airports and other infrastructure in the region, while the Tigray regional government said it would respect an African Union call for an immediate cease-fire.

Ethiopian authorities said Monday their forces will take charge of the aviation, transport and communication infrastructure in the embattled Tigray region. The head of the Horn Institute for Strategic Studies, Hassan Khannenje, told VOA the government's goal is to

control the movement of the rebels and humanitarian services in the Tigray region. "Any limitations to the ability to transport and move around and communicate tends to heighten an existing situation such as the humanitarian situation is ongoing right now in

Ethiopia," Khannenje said. "In fact, humanitarian organizations are going to find it harder to reach in those areas, and communication is going to be limited in regards to assisting for help or humanitarian assistance. So, of course, that is going to make things worse for those who are already vulnerable." The government



Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat

Woman's body to be exhumed over Kenya cult claims

The family of a British woman, who say she died after joining a cult in Kenya, have won the right to exhume her body.

When Lutfunisa Kwandwalla died in 2020 at the house of a spiritual leader in Mombasa, officials blamed "natural causes" and no arrests were made. But her family believe she was murdered and have won a court bid for a post-mortem, in the hope of proving it.

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"It was an emotional moment as well as a moment of joy." Ms Kwandwalla, 44, was from Leicester in the UK and had arrived in Kenya as a tourist in August 2019 to visit members of her husband's family, her brother says. Following last week's ruling at a court in Mombasa, the Kenyan authorities must now exhume



moment as well as a moment of joy." Ms Kwandwalla, 44, was from Leicester in the UK and had arrived in Kenya as a tourist in August 2019 to visit members of her husband's family, her brother says. The family of a British woman, who say she died after joining a cult in Kenya, have won the right to exhume her body. When Lutfunisa Kwandwalla died in 2020 at the house of a spiritual leader in Mombasa, officials blamed "natural causes" and no arrests

Ms Kwandwalla's body and conduct a post-mortem to confirm the cause of her death. Nobody has been arrested in connection with the death and police records show that there are currently no active investigations. But Ms Kwandwalla's family told the BBC that the autopsy would be the first step in bringing them a sense of closure.

"The next stage to establish if it was foul play is to get to the body. BBC

defended its move to take over key facilities in the Tigray region, saying the move will protect the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity and speed up humanitarian aid to those who need assistance.

In a statement, the government blamed the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front for violating the five-month-old cease-fire in August and carrying out an offensive against government forces and allied militia groups.

On Saturday, the chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki, called for a new cease-fire and resumption of humanitarian services. The Tigray leadership said they are not to blame for the escalation of the conflict and are ready to respect a cease-fire. The TPLF also called for the withdrawal of Eritrean troops in the region and for the international community to press the Ethiopian

government to begin peace talks. This month's planned talks in South Africa failed to take off, and logistical challenges were blamed for the postponement. The Ethiopian government said Monday that it is committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict through the African Union-led talks. However, the government and TPLF have yet to agree on who should lead the reconciliation process.

Nasong'o Muliro teaches diplomacy and international relations at the Technical University in Kenya. He says mediation and political settlement take time but there is an immediate need to push for a cease-fire and provide urgent humanitarian support to the war victims. "We should not allow the idea of who should be a mediator to further delay the situation," Muliro said. "The humanitarian situation is firsthand in any peace process. Before we even jump to the mediator... VOA

EDITORIAL

Privileges to TRH Trading Corporation undermines trust

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, reasons provided by the Government of Liberia in granting business privileges to TRH Trading Corporation in whose warehouse cocaine valued US\$100 million was recently busted at Topoe Village along Japan Freeway is difficult to digest.

THE GOVERNMENT, THRU the Liberia Revenue Authority had publicly defended here that disparity in inspecting contents of containers brought at the Freeport of Monrovia that allowed a 40ft container imported by TRH Trading Corporation loaded with cocaine to leave the port without any check is part of Post Clearance Audit, a universal trade facilitation tool in customs that allows relatively compliant importers access to expeditious clearance subject to review subsequently.

HOWEVER, THAT CONTAINER was busted by Liberian security forces following tipoff from the Embassy of the United States near Monrovia after it had landed at TRH Trading Corporation's warehouse in Topoe Village.

LIBERIANS MAY NEVER get to know how many containers brought in the country with contrabands have passed unchecked at the Freeport of Monrovia to their concealed or unknown destinations at the detriment of the State.

WHILE INVESTIGATION INTO the final destination of the cocaine is still ongoing with several arrests already made by government, it is possible that Liberia could be one of the markets for the contraband, given the current inflow of dangerous drugs into communities across the country.

THANKS TO THE United States Government for closely working with Liberian authorities in destroying the consignment of cocaine recently at the BTC Military Barracks in Monrovia.

BUT THE GOVERNMENT of Liberia seems to be flip-flopping, as it has moved immediately to clear TRH Trading Corporation of any link to the drug syndicate even before the matter can go to court, though the bust occurred in its premises.

KEEN OBSERVERS, INCLUDING customs brokers here argue there is no way that TRH can prove its innocence when it is the direct recipient of the 40ft container that brought the drugs to Liberia and taken to its premises in Topoe Village.

THE FACT THAT warning by Global Maritime Tracking Solution that tracks shipments across the world that the container with the cocaine be subjected to physical inspection was ignored, says a lot about the depth of complacency authorities in the country display.

NOW WE CAN safely say that had it not been the tipoff from the Americans, the consignment of cocaine would have never seen daylight in Liberia because from every calculation, it was well conceived and accorded unhindered access into the country.

COMMENTARY

By Dambisa Moyo

Why Deglobalization Makes US Inflation Worse

NEW YORK - It is now widely accepted that deglobalization - the retrenchment of global trade, unwinding of capital flows, new barriers to migration, and declining influence of multilateral institutions - is well underway. But policymakers have yet to acknowledge its contribution to global inflation. To rein in surging price growth, the Federal Reserve and other central banks must adjust to the challenges of a rapidly deglobalizing world.

Globalization acted as a deflationary force by reducing labor and production costs. Likewise, the main features of deglobalization - higher tariffs and other trade barriers, together with a shift from global to regional trade flows - are known drivers of inflation. It is no surprise, then, that core goods inflation in the United States has increased sharply, from less than 2% at the start of 2021 to 6% in mid-2022.

I recently argued that US inflation is headed for a decline because the American economy is uniquely equipped to mitigate the impact of surging prices. But deglobalization will likely contribute to inflationary pressures by increasing companies' operating costs, thereby keeping US inflation higher than the 1-2% range recorded over most of the past decade and hovering near the Fed's 2% target rate.

For decades, US corporations have benefited tremendously from globalization's deflationary effects. Now, however, ongoing supply-chain constraints related to China's strict zero-COVID policy and Russia's war in Ukraine are expected to continue to raise the prices of food, fuel, and manufactured goods over the short and medium term.

More broadly, heightened geopolitical tensions threaten to make higher input costs a fixture of a deglobalizing world. While the cross-border movement of goods, capital, and people characterized the globalized economy of the past three decades, the growing Sino-American rivalry could be a harbinger of an era marked by a widening ideological divide and a balkanized global economy. Barriers to migration would make it harder for US companies to attract top global talent and drive up labor costs.

As interest rates rise and supply chains remain vulnerable, US companies are favoring resilience over low production costs, leading to massive capital repatriation. According to the Yale School of Management's tracker, more than 1,000 companies - many of them American - have voluntarily curtailed their Russian operations beyond what international sanctions require. In a deglobalizing

economy, more investment capital would flow back to the US, leading to a higher volume of dollars chasing US assets and putting more upward pressure on prices.

Finally, the notable absence of monetary-policy coordination - particularly among developed economies - may exacerbate global price increases. Unlike the coordinated monetary response to the 2008 global financial crisis, policymakers in the world's major economies seem to believe that every country must fend for itself in the fight against today's inflationary surge. While G7 leaders have pledged to monitor global inflation, they have not announced measures to combat soaring prices in a coordinated manner. On the contrary, the one recent coordinated policy action G7 countries undertook - sanctions against Russia - has arguably worsened inflationary pressures, by increasing supply-chain interruptions and spurring a spike in fuel prices.

The absence of global cooperation hurts many of the world's most vulnerable countries the most. When major central banks hike interest rates, they export inflation to smaller countries. Aggressive monetary tightening in the US has already led the dollar to rise against the pound, breach parity with the euro, and reach a 20-year high against the yen, propelling higher import-led inflation in countries whose currencies have weakened.

Tackling inflation in the US and globally requires a coordinated multilateral response. At a minimum, such a response would benefit the US by reducing its long-term exposure to rising import costs. Conversely, diplomatic fragmentation - a defining characteristic of our current age of deglobalization - increases the likelihood of tit-for-tat measures, which have led to the erection of multiple trade barriers in recent years, most notably between the US and China and between the United Kingdom and Europe.

Taken together, these trends herald a global environment that will continue to fuel higher US inflation, even if America is less vulnerable than other advanced economies. The Fed's current efforts to stamp out inflation by hiking interest rates and shrinking its balance sheet will reduce demand and thus help curb price growth. But policymakers must also devise measures that mitigate the impact of today's deglobalizing world.

Dambisa Moyo, an international economist, is the author of four New York Times bestselling books, including *Edge of Chaos: Why Democracy Is Failing to Deliver Economic Growth - and How to Fix It* (Basic Books, 2018).

O-PED

By Shang-Jin Wei

Is the Benefit of China's Zero-COVID Policy Worth the Cost?

NEW YORK - Before COVID-19 vaccines were developed and distributed, China's strict approach to controlling the virus resulted in fewer deaths and a much lower death rate per million people than in many other countries. But while these successes were impressive in late 2020 and early 2021, effective vaccines and treatments have become readily available since then, leading the World Health Organization to declare that the end of the pandemic is in sight.

Yet China has maintained its strict zero-COVID regime. While this containment strategy has saved many lives, it has also slowed the country's economy, exacerbated supply-chain disruptions, and kept millions under lockdown for months. Does the zero-COVID policy pass a cost-benefit test in 2022?

China's government and many investment banks had predicted that its economy would grow by roughly 5.5% in 2022, on the assumption that COVID-19 restrictions would be lifted. Instead, China's economy is now expected to grow closer to 3.3% this year. By reducing the growth rate by 2.2 percentage points, the zero-COVID policy will likely cost China \$384 billion in lost GDP.

Estimating the number of lives saved by the zero-COVID approach necessarily requires some assumptions of our own. According to the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, 244,489 Americans will have died from COVID-19 this year. Suppose the Chinese had the same vaccines, vaccination rates, public attitudes, and public-health policies as the United States: 1,051,300 Chinese would have died from COVID-19 this year - given the Chinese population is 4.3 times that of the US - rather than China's likely death toll of 6,968. Forgoing \$384 billion to save 1,051,300 lives means that the Chinese policy placed an average value of at least \$365,262 on every life saved.

A cost-benefit analysis requires assigning a monetary value to life. Governments have to do this in order to make informed policy decisions and to determine how to compensate victims of accidents and disasters. This calculation, known as the "value of a statistical life" (VSL) is often estimated from observing how much people are willing to pay to reduce a given risk. In the US, the VSL used by government agencies is around \$9 million.

So what is the value of a statistical Chinese life? One may gauge this by the ratio of per capita incomes in the two countries. The Chinese per capita income was \$12,359 in 2021, or \$19,338 when adjusted for purchasing power, compared to \$69,288 in the US. Hence, the Chinese VSL is \$1.3-2.1 million. By these numbers, the zero-COVID approach could easily pass the cost-benefit test, since the value of the lives it saved would be 3.6-5.8 times the value of the lost economic output.

Another approach to estimate the value of a statistical Chinese life is to look at the monetary compensation that China's own laws stipulate in cases of death due to traffic or industrial accidents. For the death of a person younger than 60, for example, the compensation would be 20 times the average annual disposable income in the victim's place of residency. For deaths of those older than 75, it would be five times the annual average income. Other components - including emotional distress, funeral costs, and support for children under 18 - may be generously assumed to be five times the average annual income.

Given that the average annual disposable income in China is about \$10,000, the life of a person younger than 60 would be valued at \$250,000, and the life of someone older than 75 would be \$100,000. Even if we take the highest of these estimates (\$250,000), it would still be 30% less than the minimum required to justify the cost of the strict zero-COVID approach.

For the policy to pass the test according to this VSL estimate, the number of deaths it prevented would have to be close to two million. That is not entirely implausible, given Chinese vaccines' lower effectiveness and the possibility of overwhelmed hospitals from a massive outbreak.

These calculations could be modified in many ways. In particular, the benefits may be supplemented by the savings from reduced COVID-related hospitalization, whereas the costs may be augmented by the stress and reduced well-being experienced by the Chinese from the frequent lockdowns and COVID testing. In any case, we cannot rule out the possibility that China's zero-COVID approach passes a cost-benefit test.

At the same time, China could take several actions to make the current containment policy less necessary. In particular, the Chinese do not have to emulate the Americans; instead, they can follow the examples of Singapore and Japan by adopting the most effective vaccines and ramping up the vaccination rates.

If China adopted Singapore and Japan's approach, I estimate that roughly 183,000 people would have died from the virus in 2022. While this number is still much greater than the number of deaths attributed to the flu in China in 2019, it is significantly smaller than what the country would experience if it adopted America's model. By leaving the zero-COVID measures behind, China could experience a strong rebound in economic growth without an unacceptably high number of COVID-19 deaths.

Shang-Jin Wei, a former chief economist at the Asian Development Bank, is Professor of Finance and Economics at Columbia Business School and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

OPINION

By Antara Haldar

Amazon's Satanic Mills

HANOI - With Britain suffering through its worst cost-of-living crisis in decades - owing to high inflation and soaring energy prices - hundreds of workers at an Amazon warehouse in Coventry this month demanded a wage hike. If the demand is not met, they say they will go on strike in November, just ahead of Black Friday and the holiday shopping season. As with other recent labor actions by US rail workers and British Royal Mail employees, the Amazon workers' move has kicked off a debate about who is to blame for the threatened disruption: the elves in the workshop or Father Christmas?

Amazon owes its success to a variety of factors, including a sophisticated data-driven approach. But its real genius lies in its logistics breakthroughs - including route optimization, fleet planning, and metadata management - that allow it to minimize "click-to-ship" time and provide customers with unprecedentedly fast and reliable on-time deliveries. Amazon Prime-branded planes and trucks shuttle packages around the world, operating like clockwork even through a pandemic that grounded much of the rest of the economy.

The mastermind behind the operation is a man named Jeff Wilke, who combined Taylorism (dividing production into narrow, closely monitored and measured repetitive tasks) and Fordism (assembly-line techniques) to create a warehouse model capable of processing more than a million units per day. With the help of robots and close surveillance, human "pickers" and "stowers" now process several times as much merchandise per hour as they once did.

But the system has become notorious for testing human employees' limits. Recent investigations have shown that much of the convenience that Amazon customers enjoy comes at the expense of Amazon's lowest-paid workers.

For example, last year the New York Times found working conditions at Amazon's New York "fulfillment center" to be utterly Dickensian. After passing through airport-style security gates, workers say they are subjected to hard physical labor, long shifts (10.5-12 hours), and a high incidence of injuries and accidents (double the rate of non-Amazon warehouses). Compounding the indignity, all are closely monitored by a dystopian surveillance system that punishes infractions like talking to co-workers or missing productivity targets (which are often as high as processing 30 packages per minute or requiring a minute in total to unshelve, box, and ship an item).

The threat of being fired - or what the company calls being "released" - looms large, and workers who seek recourse through human resources run into a Kafkaesque systems that specializes in stonewalling, especially when it comes to requesting disability leave or pay. Horror stories include Amazon drivers having to urinate into plastic bottles or defecate into plastic bags to stay on schedule. There have been reports of workers selling their wedding rings or relying on food stamps to make ends meet. In response to these accounts, the company has offered ham-handed corporate responses like "meditation rooms" that resemble large coffins.

No wonder unionization efforts at Amazon facilities have been growing. Despite the company's systematic efforts to suppress organizing, a union drive at an Amazon warehouse in Staten Island succeeded earlier this year, following a narrow loss for a similar effort in Alabama. In 2018, US Senator Bernie Sanders introduced the Stop Bad Employers by Zeroing Out Subsidies ("Stop BEZOS") Act, which would tax companies for 100% of the public government benefits they receive. And now, the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration has opened investigations into working conditions at Amazon.

These skirmishes have fatally undermined the narrative that Big Tech tells about itself. Amazon may be a logistics pioneer, but it is no less reliant on worker exploitation as the "satanic mills" of the First Industrial Revolution. According to Amazon's origin story, it all started with Jeff Bezos selling books from his garage and ringing a bell every time an order came in. Yet even in the early days, there was an incipient culture of overwork (employees were expected to put in at least 60 hours per week), rule-bending, hazardous workplace conditions (unpacked knives falling off conveyer belts), and Orwellian performance monitoring.

Amazon is now one of the world's biggest companies. But, as I've argued elsewhere, bigger is not always better. While some of its practices could be framed as innovative and adaptive when it was much smaller, today it systematically reduces employees to data points. Before stepping down as CEO last year, Bezos viewed employee churn as more of a feature than a bug of Amazon's model. To have an entrenched workforce, he reportedly said, was to "march to mediocrity." Hence, the company reports an employee turnover of roughly 150% per year - twice the industry average - meaning that its entire workforce is replaced every eight months.

This model is not only unethical and inhumane; it is also probably unsustainable. Studies show that happy workers are more productive. And, as an internal company memo warned earlier this year, "If we continue business as usual, Amazon will deplete the available labor supply in the US network by 2024."

With an estimated net worth of around \$140 billion, Bezos was the world's richest man from 2017 to 2021. He has clearly become as disconnected from the ordinary Amazon employee as the scale of his wealth would suggest. As one worker put it in 2020, "I'm sure Mr. Bezos couldn't do a full shift at [the New York City warehouse] as an undercover boss."

The Coventry workers who are demanding a cost-of-living adjustment would doubtless concur. Amazon's executives need to think hard about the human costs of their business model. If they need a quiet place to consider the issue, they can always try one of the meditation coffins.

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MARGIBI COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
 IN THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARGIBI COUNTY, R.L. SITTING IN ITS 22ND TERM A.D. 20 22
 BEFORE HER HONOR MADEA T. CHENOWETH, RESIDENT / ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE
 MR. JOHN K. NOTEE JUAH, SOLOMON E. JUAH AND MAGRET FALLAH OF DUOR TOWN LOWER MARGIBI COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
 PLAINTIFFS
 VERSUS
 FELECIA B. KING OF SATURDAY TOWN DUOR TOWN COMMUNITY, LOWER MARGIBI COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
 DEFENDANT
WRIT OF SUMMONS:

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO:
 ACTING SHERIFF OR HIS DEPUTY FOR MARGIBI COUNTY, R.L.
GREETINGS:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARGIBI COUNTY, R.L., SITTING IN ITS 22ND TERM, A.D. 20 22 TO MEET ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN MAY A.D. 20 22 SAME BEING THE 9TH DAY OF MAY A.D. 20 22 AT THE HOUR OF 11:00 'CLOCK IN THE MORNING TO ANSWER THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFFS COMPLAINT HERETO ATTACHED.
 YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY DEFENDANT HERE IN NAMED THAT SHE IS TO MAKE FORMAL APPEARANCE AND / OR FILE ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFFS COMPLAINT IN MY OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL A.D. 20 22 AND THAT UPON FAILURE TO FILE ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HER BY DEFAULT.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL RETURN THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS TO MY OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE SAID 21ST DAY OF APRIL A.D. 20 22
 WITH YOUR OFFICIAL RETURNS ENDORSED ON THE BACK THEREOF AS TO THE FORM AND MANNER OF SERVICE.
 AND FOR SO DOING THIS SHALL CONSTITUTE YOUR LEGAL AND SUFFICIENT AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WIRT OF SUMMONS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 20 22
 EDWARD N. BOARAI
 ACTING CLERK, 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT MARGIBI COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE THIRTEEN (13TH) JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 MARGIBI COUNTY) MARGIBI COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM
 A. D. A. D. 2022

BEFORE HER HONOR: MADEA T. CHENOWETH, RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE.
 Mr. John K., Notee Juah, Solomon E. Juah, And Magret Fallah of Duor Town Lower Margibi County, Republic of Liberia PLAINTIFFS
 Versus
 Felecia B. King of Saturday Town Duor Town Community, Lower Margibi County, Liberia.....DEFENDANT
 ACTION OF EJECTMENT

PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT
 AND NOW COME PLAINTIFFS in the above entitled cause of action complaint against the within-named Defendant due to the following legal and factual reasons showeth to wit:

1. That Plaintiffs say that they are the bonafide title holders and title owners of a parcel of land located, situated and being in Duan Town, Lower Margibi County, Republic of Liberia, and the aforesaid parcel of land was duly acquired by virtue of honorable purchase from the grantors as follows to wit:
2. That on February 28, 2013, upon duly acquiring Letters of Administration and Court's Decree of Sale from the from the 13th Judicial Circuit, sitting in its Probate Division, Kakata City, Margibi County and upon valuable consideration paid by Plaintiffs, the Administrators of the Intestate Estate of the late Yepo-Mah, Kweba Wea, and Bayo Yankor in persons of Stephen S. Gibson, Emmanuel Williams, Emmanuel Payne, David Kanga, William Gbar and Emmanuel Andrews conveyed One (1) acre of land to Plaintiffs and executed an Administrator Deed to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs say that the ADMINISTRATOR'S DEED that vested title in them was duly probated on the 8th day of May, A.D. 2019, and registered in volume 08-019 pages 182-184 in the records of Margibi County, Republic of Liberia. Attached hereto and in substantiation of the averment contained are the copies of the Administrator Deed that was issued to Plaintiffs and Letters of Administration marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit JN/1 in bulk forming cogent part of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
3. Plaintiffs say that their grantor's title deed is traceable to the Republic of Liberia in that the Republic of Liberia title holder in person of President Daniel B. Warner conveyed totaling eight hundred (800) acres. In substantiation of the averment contained herein attached thereto is a copy of Public Land Sale Deed to Plaintiffs' Grantors marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit JN/2 forming cogent part of the Plaintiffs' complaint.
4. That notwithstanding Plaintiffs titular rights over the subject premises, the Defendant, without consent and/or approval from the Plaintiffs, has illegally entered on Plaintiffs' property, sold and continues to sell Plaintiffs' property; the Defendants without any respect of the property rights of the Plaintiffs as provided for by law, has continued to maintain illegal occupancy and sale of the subject premises.
5. Plaintiffs say that the Defendants are always in the habit of engaging in criminal conveyances of lands in collaboration with unscrupulous surveyors and buyers thus completing the criminal empire in the sale of land.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray Your Honor and this Honorable Court to oust, evict, and eject the Defendants from Plaintiffs' property/premises as Defendants have no color of right to establish any genuine reason to form a belief that they are the true and legal owners of the subject premises. Plaintiffs further pray Your Honor to compel Defendants to pay damages of not less than Twenty Thousand United States Dollars (US\$20,000.00) to Plaintiffs for wrongful withholding of Plaintiffs' premises and further grant unto Plaintiffs any other relief that Your Honor will deem legal, fair, just, and equitable in the premises.

Respectfully submitted by
 PLAINTIFFS
 by and thru their Legal Counsel
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Dated this 5th day of April A.D. 2022

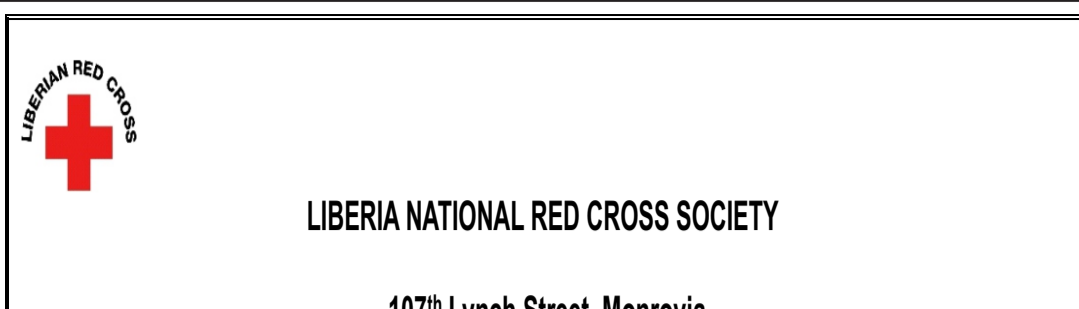
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
 MARGIBI COUNTY) FOR AND IN MARGIBI COUNTY, REPUBLIC
 OF LIBERIA
 Mr. John K., Notee Juah, Solomon E. Juah, And Magret Fallah of Duor Town Lower Margibi County, Republic of Liberia PLAINTIFFS
 Versus
 Felecia B. King of Saturday Town Duor Town Community, Lower Margibi County, Liberia.....DEFENDANT
 ACTION OF EJECTMENT
PLAINTIFFS' AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace for and in MARGIBI COUNTY, at my office in the City of KAKATA, Amara M. Sheriff, Esq., Counsellor-At-Law and one of counsels for PLAINTIFFS in the above entitled cause of action and have been duly sworn and made oath according to law, deposed that all and singular the allegation of law and fact as set forth and contained in the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief and as to those matters of information he verily believes to be true.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS 11TH DAY OF April A.D. 2022
 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, MARGIBI CO. R.L.

AMARA M. SHERIFF
 COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW & ONE OF COUNSELS FOR PLAINTIFFS
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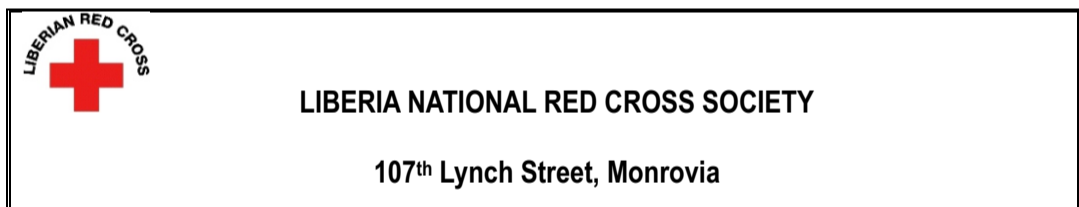
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The LNRCS, through the Project Building a Sustainable Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) for Community Resilience, supported by its partner the Swedish Red Cross, is seeking first aid kits compliant with international standards. LNRCS invites sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced bidders for the provision of mentioned materials, to the LNRCS Monrovia Office, DDP (Incoterms 2020, 107 Lynch Street Monrovia-Liberia).

Bid documents containing an invitation to bid, instruction to bidders, requirements, general & special conditions of the contract etc. for the service provider can be obtained until 26th Oct. 2022 at 16:00 from LNRCS Head Office, 107 Lynch Street in hard copy; In need of clarity, contact the below email address 8:00am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday: Lnr.cs.procurement@liberian-redcross.org.

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Bidders shall be a certified Solar System service providers with a minimum of 5 years of experience in providing this service.

Proposal documents containing facility inspection & assessment permission letter, instruction to bidders, requirements, general & special conditions of the contract etc. for the service provider can be obtained until Oct. 21, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM (Monday to Friday) at the LNRCS Office for a **NONE REFUNDABLE COST of (\$100.00) One Hundred United States Dollars**

Facility inspection & Load Assessment by interested participants will be done on schedule between Oct. 24 & 25, 2022 at 10:00AM (Site visit is a compulsory requirement for Bid submission)

Proposal, complete in all respects and in a sealed envelope must be received no later than Nov. 8, 2022 at 4:00PM at the LNRCS Office, 107 Lynch Street.

Address all questions to Lnr.cs.procurement@liberian-redcross.org no later than Oct. 27, 2022

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Families look to ECOWAS Court, US over missing men

By Lincoln G. Peters

Family members of the three missing men have threatened to drag the Liberian government to the regional court of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) for their relatives. They have also threatened to complain to the Liberian to the United

States Embassy that they have written to the ECOWAS Court complaining about the Liberian government regarding its role in dispensing justice. "We have written to the ECOWAS Court. We are taking this case to ECOWAS," said Mr. Blamo.

Mr. Ahoussouhe was accused of hiring the three men on Saturday, 15 October 2020 to travel to Bong Mines to do technical work for him at his diamond creek when all three of them went missing.

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"We have written to the ECOWAS about this and they have also written to the Government of Liberia about this case. We have submitted the relevant documents," he explained.

He added that they have gotten the United States government involved in the matter.

"We are in conversation with Mr. Allen White of the United States government, Department of Justice about this case. Currently, we are providing the evidence and other documents to him to be sent to America," Mr. Blamo noted.

He alleged that the Ministry of Justice has refused to make available to them the investigation and recommendation from the Independent Panel established by the government to present the report to the aggrieved family since its release on 1 June 2022.

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PUL Opens Book of Condolence for Fallen Journalist Atty. Philip Wesseh

The Press Union of Liberia (PUL) will on Friday, October 21, 2022, open a book of condolence for fallen Liberian journalist, lecturer, and Managing Editor of the Inquirer Newspaper Atty. Philip N. Wesseh, Alias "Gina".

The book of condolence will be opened at the Headquarters of the Press Union of Liberia on Clay Street beginning 10:30AM. The Union is therefore inviting all

at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center following period of illness.

with his over 30 years of enormous impact in the media and Academic landscapes, veteran journalist started his journalism career in 1981 at the Liberian Daily Observer until after the civil unrest he joined the Inquirer Newspaper until his demised.

The PUL in its release describe the death of Atty. Wesseh as a



Atty. Philip N. Wesseh

journalists, Civil Society, the government of Liberia, the Diplomatic Corps, family members, the Inquirer Newspaper, Friends, well-wishers, and Sympathizers including the general public to be a part of this ceremony in honor of the late icon and prolific writer Atty. Wesseh.

Veteran Journalist Wesseh died Wednesday, September 14, 2022,

great lost to the media community and has charged emerging journalists to emulate the practices of fallen veteran, noting that he will be missed

The Press Union ask that, all concern be at the Headquarters of the Union by 10:30 am on Friday, October 21, 2022 for the signing of the book of condolence for fallen veteran journalist Atty. Wesseh, Alias "Gina".

States Government for its alleged failure to present the report of the panel initiated by the Ministry of Justice here.

In October 2020, three young men, Robert Blamo, Jr., 29, Siafa Boimah, 33, and Blama allegedly went

The family petitioned the United States Embassy on Monday, 17 October 2022, a little over two years since their relatives went missing. A spokesperson of the aggrieved family, Mr. Robert Blamo, Sr. told



journalists outside the

UL, Princeton Theological Seminary begin major international conference

The University of Liberia and United States-based Princeton Theological Seminary, have jointly kicked off a three-day International Conference on the Afterlives of Slavery in the Trans-Atlantic World in Monrovia.

Held under the theme: "Colonization, Christianity, and Commerce: The Afterlives of Slavery in the Trans-Atlantic World," the conference is geared towards understanding the impact of the more than four hundred years of slavery on former slaves and the local population. The conference is convening at the EJS Ministerial Complex in Congo Town. It kicked off on Monday, October 17, and will climax on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. It is part of events commemorating Liberia's Bicentennial Celebration in observance of the arrival of free Black slaves in Liberia in 1822 to settle following the abolishing of slavery in the 1800s. Free Black slaves arrived here from the Americas and other parts of the world. Several Liberian and international historians, clergymen, and clergywomen are discussing Colonization,

Christianity, and Commerce at the conference which brings together local and foreign guests at the EJS Ministerial Complex in Congo Town.

Liberia's Minister of Information, Mr. Ledgerhood Rennie officially launched the conference on behalf of the Visitor of the University of Liberia and President of Liberia, George Manneh Weah.

In his opening statement, Prof. Dr. Julius Julukon Sarwolo Nelson, Jr., President of the University of Liberia (UL), said the conference is historical because it is a part of the Bicentennial Ceremony and the first of its kind in the existence of the University of Liberia.

"...[It] is expected, as it is seen today, to bring together UL's faculty, staff, and students, along with Liberians from all walks of life, senior policymakers, government officials, as well as dignitaries and academics from abroad, and the sub-region to deliberate on those fascinating topics that befit the occasion," said President Nelson.

Prof. Dr. William Ezra Allen, Chairman of the Afterlives of Slavery International Conference Planning Committee, University of Liberia, said the conference is being held to deliberate on the lives of people of African descent who, having been emancipated, relocated to



Former NPA employees

paid the balance." But since this administration came to power, we have visited all of the offices you can think about, but nothing." for his part, Eric Johnson, Co-Chair of the former employees, claimed when President George Weah took office, they decided to pay him a visit, but unfortunately, he said, the NPA passed behind them and went to Supreme Court with false documents. He continued that the next morning, they saw in a newspaper, ruling from the court stating that NPA has no money for them as former workers. "I was surprised when I saw the paper that morning, so I took my people and we went to NPA; they told us that we should go to court, but

when we got to the court, the court handed out their ruling to us", he added

While the news conference was in progress, the protesters held a banner that read: "National Port Authority (NPA) Just pay our ALICO pensions refund, according to the joint Audit report of 2010 September 18." Co-chair Johnson said as per the ruling given to them, there is no way two benches can sign a release, alleging that the ruling from the Supreme Court was signed by former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria M. Scott and former Chief Justice Francis Korkpor, Sr. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Africa. "Some returned to familiar surroundings, families, and acquaintances. Others encountered strangers with whom their only shared trait was skin color," said Dr. Allen. "Our deliberations over the next three days will explore the lives of this diverse group of [formerly] enslaved people and of those

indigenes they encountered," he added.

Prof. Afe Adogame, Chair, Afterlives of Slavery Conference Planning Committee, Princeton University, USA, said the timing of this conference is particularly important. He said it comes at a time Liberia is commemorating its 200 years of existence.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

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Former NPA employees demand US\$4.3m benefit

By Thompson Kruah

Former employees of the National Port Authority, who were sent on compulsory leave by management years ago, have taken the streets of Monrovia demanding compensation totaling US\$4.3 million and other benefits.

They received an initial payment of US\$1.5 million during the Sirleaf

"We went into an audit on September 18, 2010, with the National Port Authority and the port authority decided to give us clearance that they have US\$6.3m ALICO pensions refund benefits for us", says Josiah C. Clammy. Chairperson of the group.

Addressing a news conference over the week, Mr. Clammy noted that they worked for the Freeport of

allegedly collected those benefits and breach the contract with ALICO insurance policy without forwarding any communication to the company.

"They were eating the money, so when they retire us, we asked for our money, that is how they call us and said gentleman, let's do an audit to see how much we owe. we went through the audit and it unveiled that NPA has the amount of US\$6.3 million for us. But, when the audit was done and NPA saw the money was huge, the administration appealed to pay us within the next sixty-three years."

Chairman Clammy said that UNMIL at that time seeing insincerity from NPA, intervened in the matter, thereby refusing such offer on grounds that by sixty years, some of them might not be alive to receive the benefits.

He expressed disappointment in the NPA Management for treating fellow citizens in such form and manner.

Besides, Mr. Clammy said because of UNMIL's intervention, former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf at that time instructed the port to make available US\$1.5m with a promise that the next administration would have

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Rep. Kolubah wants game betting legislated

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Montserrado County District # 10 Representative, Yekeh Kolubah, said he will shortly introduce a bill in the Legislature to legalize sports betting in the country.

Representative Kolubah made the disclosure on Wednesday, 12 October when he was seen cutting tickets at one of Winners Incorporated, sales center in his district on the Old Road.

The opposition lawmaker, who is on annual break, was spotted placing his drill, ahead of the crucial UEFA Champions' League

parlors to gamble on televised soccer matches. Some say it is a good source of income and occupation, but others are not so sure.

In Liberia, sports betting has become a real job opportunity for young people, who converge daily at various betting parlors in Monrovia, including Winner's Incorporated, DOXXBET, and BETTOMAX Liberia, among others to watch soccer matches on flat-screen televisions via satellite, placing their bets and waiting for the results.

Few youths at a gaming center in Monrovia told The NEW DAWN



administration.

According to them, the demand was in response to an initial agreement with NPA Management based on a joint audit report of September 18, 2010, to pay them pensions refund thru ALICO worth US\$6.3 million.

Monrovia for more than 30 years and by administrative procedure, each time an employee takes a compulsory leave or retires from the port, he is entitled to benefits. However, he indicated that during all the time they took leave, the NPA

Prison Fellowship Liberia sponsors 1,500 children in school

Prison Fellowship Liberia has launched a project to provide scholarship to over 1,500 children of inmates throughout the country.

Code-named "Breaking the Circle/Promise Path," the project is sponsored by Prison Fellowship International and will include the provision of book bags, books and medical insurance for the beneficiaries

Giving an overview of the project, the Program Coordinator at Prison Fellowship Liberia, Reverend Karpee Parton, disclosed that the promise path project is a program initiated by Prison Fellowship International, but implemented in the country by Prison Fellowship Liberia. He said the PFL is a human rights organization that caters to inmates, their families, and victims of crimes.

Reverend Parton added that it is based on this background that the organization works with state actors to ensure that inmates' rights are observed, their needs and needs of crime victims are met.

He added that the PFL has also been providing education through scholarships to schools

of their choice and thousands of children have benefitted across the country in the last seven years.

Reverend Parton indicated that the program is intended to break the circle of crimes by ensuring that children of inmates go to school, rather than resolved to criminality.

"Most of the inmates are serving their long sentences in prisons," he said; adding: "as a result, so we have come in order to assist their children to have the means of attending school like other children in the society."

"If these children are not educated now, there is a possibility that they will grow up and return to criminal

activities like their loved ones or parents who are serving long jail terms."

Performing the formal launch of the project, the Financial Officer at Prison Fellowship Liberia, Reverend Edwin Johnson, thanked Prison Fellowship International for agreeing to sponsor thousands of children of inmates in Liberia.

He also commended Reverend Kollie for taking up the responsibility to advocate for the education of children of inmates in the country. The program was graced by representatives of the beneficiaries, school administrators, and district education officers, among others. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



Beneficiaries and staffers of Prison Fellowship Liberia

group stage round three matches.

According to him, the bill will seek to regulate gambling in Liberia by legalizing every aspect of the market, noting that would be nice for the country that is already struggling in poverty under the George Weah administration.

Thousands of unemployed youths across the country have gravitated to sports gambling, which has attracted several international sports betting companies to set up shops in Liberia.

They gather at these betting

that sports betting for them has become the only option, since in fact, they are jobless and without any source of income.

Winner's Incorporated marketing manager, Randall Kaybee, said sports betting is "transforming lives of Liberians" for just a few Liberian dollars per bet.

"As you just enter my office, you can see from this evidence. This is a ticket. Somebody bet 50 LRD and winning 233,275 Liberian dollars," said Kaybee. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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The Independent Investigation Panel was said to include the Liberia National Police (LNP), representatives of various security agencies, the Association of Female Lawyers of Liberia (AFELL), the Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR), and the Inter-religious Council. "We are disappointed in the government because they have refused to do the appropriate thing," Blamo lamented.

"The country has been handed down to a group of boys, that is why at the end today we don't have a government and country," he alleged. He claimed that Liberia has failed the aggrieved families, noting that it's a shame and pity that for two years the

government has allegedly not said anything, and justice has become a hide-and-seek game.

Another spokesman of the aggrieved family Elijah Wilson claimed that since the Ministry of Justice instituted the Independent Investigation panel to probe the incident, the families have not received the report.

"Instead of letting us know that we should go and get a copy of the report, Minister [Frank Musa] Dean was inviting the biological mothers and maternal siblings to provide specimens for DNA of the body ... to establish whether the body has any biological lineage to family members," *Wilson disclosed.*

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Éditorial

Pourquoi le gouvernement protège-t-il le groupe TRH/AJA en dépit de ses versions contradictoires

Il y a des particules de poussière dans l'air avec des récits contradictoires sur la récente saisie de drogue dans les locaux TRH Trading Corporation à Topoe Village, le long de l'autoroute japonaise à Monrovia. Le 1er octobre dernier, une opération conjointe de la sécurité libérienne a intercepté de la cocaïne

(FIA), le groupe AJA a choisi de contacter l'ambassade des États-Unis près de Monrovia, ce qui a déclenché l'opération de saisie, selon les premiers rapports des médias.

Dans un autre récit publié par un autre journal le vendredi 14 octobre, à la suite des publications dans ce journal sur de prétendues transactions fiscales louches de TRH, AJA Group a affirmé qu'on lui avait

morceaux de viande de porc congelée, a été dûment expédié à TRH Trading Corporation en tant que destinataire.

Dans l'une de ses réclamations, TRH a allégué que le verrou de son conteneur avait été endommagé, mais elle n'a formulé aucune plainte de ce type auprès des autorités libériennes jusqu'à ce que la drogue ait été découverte dans ses locaux.

"Certains privilèges lâches et non réglementés"

Le groupe TRH/AJA semble jouir de certains privilèges avec le gouvernement libérien en ce qui concerne ses relations commerciales. TRH/AJA est l'une des sociétés privilégiées dont les conteneurs sont dédouanés sur la base des factures et connaissements sans passer par la moindre inspection physique.

Ce quotidien a également appris qu'à cause de l'avantage injuste dont bénéficie le groupe AJA, d'autres entreprises se sont effondrées, tandis que certaines se débattent et trouvent d'autres moyens pour se diversifier.

TRH/AJA, dans la période la plus récente, a fait dédouaner deux conteneurs sans inspection. Ils utilisent simplement la facture et le connaissement. C'est de cette façon que la drogue est

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Parlons-en, Madame la présidente de la Cour Suprême

La nouvelle présidente de la Cour suprême du Libéria, Son Honneur, Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh, a promis lundi, lors de sa cérémonie officielle de prise de fonction de la rentrée judiciaire de la Cour suprême pour le mois d'octobre, de rendre fort le système judiciaire du pays.

La juge en chef Yuoh a également promis de ne prêter allégeance à aucune autorité, sauf au principe de droit. « Nous veillerons à ce que justice soit faite conformément à l'article 11 (a) et (b). Je prendrai ainsi la résolution non seulement de me pencher sur tous les dossiers relatifs aux droits de l'homme, mais aussi de rendre une décision en temps opportun et de manière appropriée pour chaque dossier », a-t-elle dit.

Certes nous applaudissons l'intention exprimée par la juge en chef, mais nous lui lançons le défi ouvert d'aller plus loin en démontrant par des actions pratiques qu'elle est vraiment prête à transformer le système judiciaire libérien.

Trop souvent, nous avons observé avec une grande déception, des responsables faire des discours alléchants lorsqu'ils entrent en fonction. Ils font aussi des promesses qu'ils n'ont pas l'intention de tenir et qu'ils ne tiennent jamais. Voilà ce qui est malheureux.

Nous espérons cependant que Son Honneur la juge en chef Yuoh, qui est la troisième femme à diriger la plus haute cour du pays, s'écartera de cette culture et fera exactement ce qu'elle a promis, pour imiter, comme elle l'a si bien promis, le bon exemple de l'ancien juge en chef du Royaume-Uni John Marshall en ne faisant aucun compromis vis-à-vis du droit. Nous espérons qu'elle ne prêterait pas d'allégeance à l'exécutif ou à la présidence ou à qui que ce soit. Elle n'aura pour guide que la loi écrite du Libéria et sa propre conscience.

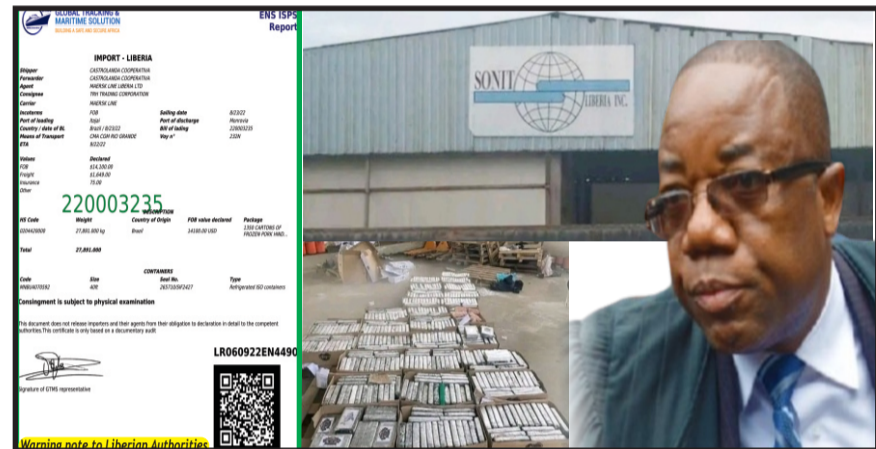
C'est le lieu de rappeler que le système judiciaire libérien a été pour longtemps pris pour cible par des critiques sur le plan international, des critiques qui font état d'actes de corruption, de compromis et de favoritisme à l'égard des plus riches. Les Rapports des États-Unis sur les droits de l'homme au Libéria n'ont cessé d'inculper le système judiciaire, ce qui ne donne pas une image positive du pays.

Les populations, dans leur grande majorité, ne bénéficient pas de justice équitable. Le système est tel que même les investisseurs ont peur de s'aventurer au Libéria pour y faire des affaires, ce, à cause de l'environnement peu propices aux affaires.

La justice sélective est un autre problème qui afflige le système judiciaire libérien. Pour des dossiers qui concernent les opposants, le gouvernement agit rapidement pour les juger sans perdre la moindre minute. Tandis que quand une personne proche du régime est soupçonnée d'un crime aussi odieux soit-il, le gouvernement traîne les pieds, comme c'est le cas des responsables mis en cause par des rapports d'audit et de l'affaire de passeport qui impliquait l'ancien directeur des passeports Andrew Wonploe. Le gouvernement a tellement joué avec ce dossier que les États-Unis ont dû intervenir pour sanctionner ce dernier. Pourtant, pour ce qui concernait le cas de l'ancien ministre de la Défense Brownie J. Samukai. Il n'a perdu aucun instant pour le juger et le condamner.

Le président George Weah avait promis dans son discours inaugural que sous son administration, les Libériens ne seraient plus des spectateurs de leur propre économie, mais en réalité, les entreprises appartenant à des Libériens sont étranglées. Vous qui faites de fausses promesses, il est dangereux de susciter des espoirs vains sachant que vous n'avez pas l'intention de traduire dans les faits ce que vous dites.

Par conséquent, nous appelons Son Honneur, la juge en chef Yuoh, à faire ce qu'elle a promis en respectant sa parole donnée pour restaurer la confiance du public dans le système judiciaire libérien malgré les tentations qui pourraient se présenter à elle ou les tentatives de divers secteurs d'influencer ses décisions.



d'une valeur marchande de 100 millions de dollars américains dans des locaux de la société TRH à Topoe Village.

Alors que les autorités libériennes commencent leur enquête sur la saisie, TRH et sa société mère AJA Group ont affirmé avoir été victimes. Selon certains médias, l'entreprise a dit que des inconnus les avaient approchés pour acheter les pattes de poulet dans ledit conteneur. Ces hommes auraient proposé 200 000 dollars américains.

Mais au lieu d'informer la Financial Intelligence Agency

proposé 1 million de dollars américains pour récupérer ledit conteneur.

Selon cette publication, l'AJA a informé l'ambassade des États-Unis et non les autorités libériennes.

L'envoi en question a été expédié par Castrolanda Cooperativa au Brésil et chargé au port d'Itajai le 23 août 2022, avant d'être acheminé vers Maersk Line Liberia Limited avec TRH Trading Company comme destinataire.

Le conteneur de 40 pieds pesant 27 891 000, avec le numéro de série 265710/SIF2427, un conteneur ISO réfrigéré contenant 1350

Récits d'horreur au procès du chef rebelle libérien Kunti Kamara à Paris

Au cinquième jour d'audience du procès pour complicité de crimes contre l'humanité, torture et actes de barbarie commis dans les années 1990 durant la guerre civile de Kunti Kamara, l'ancien chef rebelle libérien, les premiers témoins, venus du Liberia, ont commencé vendredi 14 octobre à livrer des témoignages insoutenables.

La plongée dans l'horreur a débuté vendredi matin. Quatre Libériens ont raconté à la barre les crimes de Kunti Kamara, tantôt donneur d'ordre, tantôt tueur, tantôt complice. À la barre, l'épouse et la fille de David Ndiminin ont témoigné et ont raconté que l'homme aurait été tué par l'Ulino, le groupe de Kunti Kamara. Et selon les témoignages, l'accusé et ses hommes auraient ouvert sa poitrine à la hache et mangé

son cœur. « J'ai tellement pleuré en apprenant ça. Je n'y ai pas cru, mais plusieurs témoins m'ont raconté », a déclaré Mary Ndiminin, sa veuve. La femme de 57 ans, à la voix ferme et énergique, a expliqué que l'Ulino avait découpé les bras, les jambes, les pieds de son époux avant

de les mettre dans une bassine.

Un mari qu'elle décrit comme tendre et aimant. Des sanglots dans la voix, elle a confié des moments de tendresse, où David et Mary « s'étaient promis de rester toujours ensemble ». « Quand on mangeait, on mettait le poisson dans la bouche de l'autre », a-t-elle racontée.



Français

Pourquoi le gouvernement protège-t-il le groupe

importée dans le pays.

Le groupe TRH / AJA bénéficie également d'autres privilèges spéciaux dans le cadre de ce régime en matière de taxation et de dédouanement auprès de l'Autorité portuaire nationale, ce que même les entreprises libériennes en difficulté se voient refuser ici.

Des documents dont a eu possession ce quotidien montrent que pour les mêmes produits, à savoir les œufs, TRH a payé beaucoup moins de frais de douane que ses concurrents.

Par exemple, le 27 janvier 2022, Supply West Africa Traders (SWAT) a importé un lot d'œufs d'une valeur estimée à 7 217,01 dollars américains. Le 1er avril 2022, Venus Corporation a importé une quantité similaire et a payé au total 8 270,84 USD de taxes. Le SWAT a payé en juin 10 880,91 dollars américains pour le même produit. Le 13 avril 2022, EID Supply Center a importé des œufs en quantité similaire et a été facturé 7 746,98 \$ US. Le 25 février 2022, TRH Trading Corporation a importé une quantité d'œufs similaire à celle des importateurs précédents, mais n'a payé que 2 012,55 \$ US de taxes. Dans la plupart des cas, les expéditions des groupes TRH/AJA ne passent pas par les mêmes processus de dédouanement que les autres importateurs.

La disparité L'Autorité fiscale libérienne (LRA), dans une communication repérée par ce quotidien lors d'une enquête, a défendu la disparité en disant que TRH participe au programme Compliant Trader (CTP).

Dans la communication signée par Kaihenneh Sengbeh, la LRA a déclaré que le contrôle a posteriori (PCA) est un outil universel de facilitation des échanges. Cela permet aux importateurs relativement conformes d'accéder à un dédouanement rapide sous réserve d'un examen après le dédouanement des marchandises.

La LRA a également affirmé que les résultats de l'examen établissent des questions purement techniques relatives à l'évaluation dans le cadre de l'Accord général sur les tarifs douaniers et le commerce (GATT) et que cela n'a rien à voir avec la fraude.

Le mardi 11 octobre, ce journal a été informé par des sources dignes de foi que la Financial Intelligence Agency a gelé les comptes de la TRH et de ses propriétaires dans le

cadre d'une enquête en cours pour fraude et blanchiment d'argent.

Une source du groupe AJA a également informé ce quotidien que le gel avait été levé mais que TRH avait été invité à effectuer un dépôt initial de 250 000 sur le compte transitoire de la Financial Intelligence Agency à la CBL en attendant l'audit fiscal. Encore une fois, cet article a été immédiatement démenti par d'autres médias poussant la version du groupe AJA concernant les pattes de poulet sur le trafic de drogue.

Le jeudi 13 octobre, un agent de TRH a appelé ce journal pour pousser le récit des pattes de poulet. Il a aussi confirmé que les comptes avaient été gelés. L'agent, qui fut officier supérieur de la police nationale libérienne, a déclaré par la suite que le gel avait été levé.

Des sources haut placées au sein de la Financial Intelligence Agency ont également confirmé que le gel avait été levé, mais que la TRH avait été invitée à verser les 250 000 USD à l'agence.

C'était après que M. Emmanuel Gee, un responsable de la Financial Intelligence, avait confirmé jeudi aux enquêteurs de New Dawn que les comptes de TRH Trading Corporation avaient été gelés après avoir soupçonné des actes de blanchiment d'argent et d'évasion fiscale.

M. Gee a dit à nos enquêteurs par téléphone : "Alors que nous menons d'autres enquêtes sur une éventuelle évasion fiscale, la Financial Intelligence a gelé les comptes des personnes impliquées, et le gouvernement du Libéria coopère à l'enquête".

Vendredi dernier, M. Emmanuel Gee a publié un communiqué de presse indiquant qu'aucune entreprise libérienne n'était liée ou associée à la dernière substance/expédition illicite trouvée dans un conteneur de TRH Trading/AJAGroup.

La Financial Intelligence a poursuivi en citant un communiqué du ministère de la Justice indiquant "une enquête en cours sur un stock de drogues illicites qui auraient été saisi dans le comté de Montserrado, au Libéria, par des responsables de la National Security Agency (NSA) et de la Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency (LDEA) qui ont poussé la FIA d'intensifier une enquête détaillée concernant l'application de la conformité fiscale parmi les sociétés opérant au Libéria » n'a aucun lien avec une société libérienne.

La Financial Intelligence Agency a en outre précisé qu'elle n'enquêtait pas sur la découverte de la drogue illicite, ce à quoi aucun rapport ne l'a

COMMENTAIRE

par Dambisa Moyo

Comment la démondialisation aggrave l'inflation aux USA

NEW-YORK - La démondialisation est en marche, c'est d'ailleurs une idée communément admise. Par démondialisation, on entend la diminution du commerce mondial, des flux de capitaux, de nouvelles entraves aux migrations et la diminution de l'influence des institutions multilatérales. Pourtant les dirigeants politiques ont quelques difficultés à reconnaître son rôle dans l'inflation mondiale. Pour s'attaquer à cette inflation, la Réserve fédérale américaine (Fed) et d'autres banques centrales doivent répondre au défi d'une démondialisation rapide.

Diminuant le coût de la main d'œuvre et de la production, la mondialisation était déflationniste. De la même manière, la démondialisation se caractérise par une hausse des taxes douanières et des autres barrières commerciales, ainsi que par un basculement du commerce mondial vers le commerce local. Ce sont là des facteurs inflationnistes. Il n'est pas étonnant qu'aux USA l'inflation sous-jacente ait fait un bond considérable, passant de moins de 2% début 2021 à 6% mi-2022.

J'ai dit récemment que l'inflation américaine était sur le point de diminuer parce que l'économie américaine peut atténuer mieux que toute autre l'impact de la flambée des prix. Mais la démondialisation contribuera probablement à l'inflation en augmentant le coût d'exploitation des entreprises. Le taux d'inflation américain devrait donc se maintenir au-dessus de l'intervalle de 1% à 2% de la majeure partie de la dernière décennie - un peu au-delà du taux cible de 2% de la Fed.

Pendant des décennies, les entreprises américaines ont énormément profité des effets déflationnistes de la mondialisation. Aujourd'hui cependant, les chaînes d'approvisionnement éprouvent des difficultés dues à la politique chinoise rigoureuse de zéro Covid et à la guerre en Ukraine. A court et moyen terme, on peut donc s'attendre encore à une hausse du prix de l'alimentation, du pétrole et des produits manufacturés.

Plus généralement, du fait de l'intensification des tensions géopolitiques, la hausse du coût des intrants pourrait devenir un élément incontournable de la démondialisation. L'économie mondialisée des trois dernières décennies se caractérisait par la libre circulation des biens, des capitaux et des personnes, mais la rivalité sino-américaine croissante pourrait être le signe avant-coureur d'une ère nouvelle marquée par un fossé idéologique grandissant et une économie mondiale balkanisée. Les barrières à la migration rendront alors plus difficile le recrutement des meilleurs talents mondiaux par les entreprises américaines, et feront grimper le coût de la main-d'œuvre.

Les taux d'intérêt étant à la hausse et les chaînes d'approvisionnement restant vulnérables, les entreprises américaines privilégient la résilience plutôt que les faibles coûts de production, ce qui entraîne un rapatriement massif de capitaux. Selon les relevés de l'Ecole de gestion de Yale, plus de 1

000 entreprises, dont beaucoup américaines, ont volontairement réduit leurs opérations en Russie au-delà de ce qui est exigé par les sanctions internationales. Dans une économie en voie de démondialisation, de plus en plus de capitaux libellés en dollar retourneront aux USA à la recherche d'actifs, d'où une pression supplémentaire à la hausse sur les prix.

Enfin, l'absence notable de coordination des politiques monétaires - en particulier entre les pays développés - pourrait accélérer la hausse des prix un peu partout sur la planète. Contrairement à la réponse monétaire coordonnée à la crise financière mondiale de 2008, les responsables politiques des principales puissances économiques semblent croire que chaque pays doit se débrouiller seul dans la lutte contre la poussée inflationniste. Les dirigeants du G7 se sont engagés à surveiller l'inflation au niveau mondial, mais ils n'ont pas annoncé de mesures pour combattre la hausse des prix de manière coordonnée. Au contraire, la seule action politique coordonnée récente des pays du G7 (les sanctions contre la Russie) a sans doute aggravé l'inflation en augmentant les perturbations dans des chaînes d'approvisionnement et en provoquant une flambée du prix du pétrole.

L'absence de coopération internationale nuit à beaucoup des pays les plus vulnérables de la planète. Lorsque les banques centrales des pays les plus puissants augmentent les taux d'intérêt, elles exportent l'inflation vers les pays plus faibles. Le resserrement monétaire agressif qui a lieu aux USA a déjà conduit le dollar à s'apprécier par rapport à la livre, à dépasser la parité avec l'euro et à atteindre son niveau le plus élevé depuis 20 ans par rapport au yen. C'est ainsi que l'inflation liée aux importations américaines touche les pays dont la monnaie s'est affaiblie.

S'attaquer à l'inflation aux USA et plus généralement dans le monde exige une réponse multilatérale bien coordonnée. Au strict minimum, il faudrait qu'elle bénéficie aux USA en réduisant leur exposition aux coûts de plus en plus élevés des importations. Inversement, la fragmentation diplomatique (une autre caractéristique de la démondialisation en cours) augmente la probabilité de mesures du style œil pour œil, dent pour dent qui se sont traduites depuis quelques années par la mise en place de multiples barrières commerciales, notamment entre les USA et la Chine et entre le Royaume-Uni et l'Europe.

Cette évolution est annonciatrice d'un environnement mondial qui va continuer à alimenter l'inflation aux USA, même si ces derniers y sont moins vulnérables que d'autres pays avancés. La politique actuelle de la Fed visant à réduire l'inflation en augmentant les taux d'intérêt et en réduisant son bilan va diminuer la demande et de ce fait contribuer à limiter la hausse des prix. Mais il revient aux responsables politiques d'élaborer des mesures pour amortir le choc de la démondialisation.

Traduit de l'anglais par Patrice Horovitz

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LIBERIANS DEBATE

Topic: Politics

By Naneka Hoffman

Opposition Leader Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, recently named an initial list of members of his campaign team for the 2023 Presidential Election, but political observers think the leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) and the CPP should include other individuals that they think would boost the campaign team for 2023 as compiled below.



Macclean Renner

“As for me, as a citizen of this nation, I think the former chairman for the Center for the Exchange of Intellectual Opinions (CEIO) Franklin Wesseh should be on the team. It will be a great team getting Franklin Wesseh and Togar Gateway McIntosh working together because both of them possess the intellectual ability.”



Saryo Kromah

“I think he should bring Julis Jessie and Moses Moses; those guys understand our body politics and they are all good guys with numbers and integrity. Remember that politics is about numbers, and integrity; it’s not about big names.”

“Let me commend Cummings for these few times, for being faster in restructuring his campaign team and adding names onboard but these are not strange names. I think Charles Roberts, Cooper Passaway and Emmanuel Farr, because these are the people that understand the problems of the masses. They work in along with the masses and they are able to go to the masses and convince them and the masses will



Robert T. Harrison

listen and they share the same pain the masses share.”

“I think those that should be on the team are Grand Bassa Senator Nyonblee Karnga, Senator Abraham Darius Dillion and former VP Joseph Boakia, because these are people with number and political integrity and they have their own followers and they stay long in Liberian politics. Remember that one person can’t win election alone in Liberia, so he should bring people like these guys who understand Liberian



Lawrence Nyemah

politics to get a strong team as an opposition comes 2023.”



Robertson F. Jallah

“I think those people that should be on the team

are former VP Joseph Boakia, Lewis Brown and Togar Gayewea McIntosh. This team will be a great team because those people are not visitors in Liberian politics; they will help to bring strategies onboard to build a good campaign team comes 2023.”

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GoL accused of leniency

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

The Government of Liberia has been accused of being too lenient in ongoing investigation surrounding the recent US\$100 million cocaine arrested and destroyed by officers of the Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency and the National Security Agency (NSA) at SONIT Liberia Inc. frozen food cold storage in Topoe Village Monrovia, earlier this month. The Government through the Ministry of Justice seems to be dragging its feet into the US\$100million drugs saga, as

Speaking to scores of citizens in Paynesville City outside Monrovia, Representative Kogar notes that the batch of cocaine valued US\$100M was such a colossal consignment whose investigation must be a national priority, and should not appear to end or lose steam at the burning of the substances. The cocaine weighing 520 kilograms was destroyed by the government recently but the Nimba lawmaker says investigation into apprehending all of the perpetrators has been weak. He further stressed that those charged with the

government should not adapt a low-key approach into the matter. The drugs, according to the NSA and LDEA, were transiting from North America (Brazil) to an unnamed destination through Liberia when they were busted and seized following tipoff from the United States Government. Out of a total of 520kgs cocaine, 518kgs were burnt while 2kgs have been kept by the authorities here as 'FOC' (Fruit of the Crime). At least five persons, including Portuguese Adulai Djibril, Brazilian Gustavo Henrique, Lebanese Issam Makki, Malam

Census applicants to protest

By Lincoln G. Peters

Several applicants seeking to serve as enumerators for the upcoming census have planned to stage a nationwide protest beginning today, Monday, 17 October 2022.

They have alleged that the Liberia Institute for Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) removed their names from the list of successful applicants.

The contending applicants also claimed to have passed the LISGIS aptitude test successfully.

Over the weekend, the aggrieved applicants staged a protest and set roadblocks.

The applicants have threatened to continue the protest in front of LISGIS offices to inquire from authorities as to what is responsible for the alleged removal of their names from the institution's successful candidates list.

The disenchanted people include applicants from Montserrado, Grand Bassa, and Nimba Counties, but many other protesters from other counties are expected to join.

entire census training sections slated for Monday, 17 October 2022.

Speaking to this paper Sunday at the King Peter Town High School, an applicant named John Mulbah said he and his colleagues had gathered to express their concern to the government and the international partners over the alleged corruption and irregularities at LISGIS.

According to him, when LISGIS opened the application process, they applied online and they were allegedly accepted to come and do the aptitude test which would have qualified them for the census process.

"We did the aptitude test and after the aptitude test, we expected ourselves to be eligible for the process, but in the [end], our supervisor received calls from LISGIS and they said that they need the result of the test to [make] the final list," he alleged.

He claimed that the final list included the names of people who didn't sit for the aptitude test along with the aggrieved protesters.

"Now we want to know what happened," he noted.



TRH Trading Corporation, a conglomeration of ABI Jaoudi, AJA Group holdings whose accounts were recently frozen by the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) for alleged tax evasion and later lifted with a fine on the company pending. Nimba County District#5 Representative Samuel Kogar says the Government of Liberia is lenient into the US\$100 million drugs saga, expressing doubt whether those actually involved the syndicate would ever be brought to justice in accordance with the Law of Liberia.

responsibility of pursuing the culprits, including the Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA), the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Ministry of Justice have been very slow. He said only stronger hands from the government will bring perpetrators to book, while pointing out that Liberia has repeatedly been designated by powerful countries' anti-drugs agencies and organizations, as one of the major transit points in Africa for illegal drugs destined for Europe and other parts of the world, so

Conte of Guinea Bissau, and a Liberian Oliver Zayzay were arrested as alleged suspects into the smuggling operations, while the TRH Trading Corporation Company was alleged liable for bringing in the container, as investigation continues. Meanwhile, Rep. Kogar, has vowed to push for the summoning of LDEA and NSA officials and authorities of the Ministry of Justice before the National Security Committee of the House of Representatives for inquiry. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



On Sunday, 16 October 2022, some LISGIS applicants at the King Peter Town area on Bushrod Island, District #15, protested demanding to be shortlisted. Earlier on Saturday, applicants from several centers in Paynesville including the First Baptist Church also protested expressing concerns as to why they were not shortlisted after allegedly passing the aptitude test.

Also speaking at the First Baptist Church in Paynesville, Ezekiel Morlue accused the leadership of LISGIS of allegedly replacing candidates' names with girlfriends and family members. According to him, there were 189 persons at the center that allegedly passed the aptitude test and were qualified by LISGIS, awaiting the training to be assigned.

In Grand Bassa County, hundreds of aggrieved applicants also staged a violent protest, setting roadblocks.

He explained that when the final list came out, it only had nine persons who did not even write the test.

They stalled normal working, business, and academic activities, due to LISGIS' alleged failure to select them.

He described it as frustrating and disappointing because they have invested time and resources.

The angry protesters were captured saying: "we are over two-hundred persons that were short-listed and we sat for the aptitude test for the upcoming census. But sadly, all of us that sat for the test in Compound #3, Grand Bassa County can't see our names."

"If you know you have people already to do the work, why did you put out an application?" Morlue lamented.

Several of them have threatened to put a stop to the

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Allocation Meeting, respectively.

The events are expected to galvanize national interests and improve political and institutional preparedness for Article 6 readiness activities here.

emission reduction projects undertaking in developing countries; non-Market based approaches such as applying taxes to discourage emissions or development aid.

Article 6 of the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) seeks to reduce impact of climate change by enabling society to be a part of the solution.

Days two and three of the meeting will highlight Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which is classified into three categories, namely; the International Transfer of Carbon Credits between countries (Internationally Transferred Mitigation); the Creation of Credits for

Meanwhile, President George Manneh Weah, the cabinet, members of the Diplomatic Corps, heads of International Institutions, academia, and students, among others are expected to attend the official start of the meeting today at the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Ministerial Complex in Congo Town. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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EPA kicks off NDCs conference today



EPA Executive Director, Professor Wilson K. Tarpeh

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh
Highlighting Climate Change, the Government of Liberia through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and partners kickstart five days high-level meeting today, 18 October on Nationally Determined Contribution implementation plans.

Speaking with reporters in Monrovia about the weeklong meeting, EPA Executive Director, Professor Wilson K. Tarpeh, said the meeting focuses on Liberia's revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and its implementation, including two

days' workshop on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and star allocation of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to address biodiversity, climate change and land desertification. Prof. Tarpeh recalled that last year, Liberia developed a Revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), the new climate change plan of the country for the next two year aimed at reducing greenhouse emission by 64 percent below the projected business as usual by 2030, on conditional and non-conditional basis.

The revised NDC was constructed from GHG mitigation targets across nine key sectors, including agriculture, forests, coastal zones, fisheries, health, transport, industry, energy, and waste as well as cross-cutting targets for urban green corridors.

They are impelled by growing interest among countries since the finalization of the Article 6 Rulebook in Glasgow (COP 26, 2021) to participate in Article 6 activities. Day one of the planned Ministerial Meeting will focus on the official launch of the NDC implementation plan and ministerial consultation on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, while raising awareness and securing political buy-in for implementation of Article 6 mechanisms in Liberia. Following the high-level ministerial meeting, the event will continue with four-day capacity-building activities to facilitate implementation of Article 6 readiness activities in Liberia that covers a one-day Pre COP27 Preparatory Meeting, and a one-day GEF 8 STAR

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