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# Red Sea soul: Revolutionary Cries for recognition in Sudan Stay Abroad Criticized

oureddine Atta Al-Mawla Jabar's new album, Beja Power!, has been dubbed a soundtrack of Sudan's recent revolution.

But the musician, better known by his stage name Noori, does not want his reflect my culture and to let people know about us and about our plight," the 47-year-old told me as he sat on the west bank of the River Nile in Omdurman, the twin city of Khartoum, Sudan's capital.

As he spoke, he clutched what



electrifying sound just to be a matter of historical record of the time in 2019 when longtime President Omar al-Bashir was ousted after mass protests.

For him the international release of the album by New York-based Ostinato Records is a continuation of his Muslim nomadic community's resistance against successive regimes in Sudan.

The Beja people come from eastern Sudan, living between the mountains and the Red Sea coast, an area which is rich in gold and other resources but with little to show for it.

"Through music, I'd like to

many see as the secret of his success - his electric "tamboguitar".

It is a hybrid instrument - his invention - combining the neck of an guitar with a traditional fourstringed tambour.

Noori started his musical career in Port Sudan, the capital of Red Sea state, at the age of 18 in the early years of Bashir's rule.

It was a time when the Beja people felt neglected - and like many other communities in the country - squashed by the Islamist government.

Its attitude was summed up by Bashir after the secession of the mainly Christian and animist area of South Sudan in 2011.

He told a rally that without the south, Sudan could now be a country with one identity -Arab - and one religion - Islam.

"We were told that we don't want music and songs in non-Arabic language. At some of the festivals, they used to tell us that our language wasn't understandable."

The Red Sea region, like elsewhere in Sudan, has had some armed opposition groups - and there have also been deadly clashes with communities living in Kassala state to the south, violence some suspect of being orchestrated to stop a united opposition.

"I also play a role in stopping the tribal conflict that's been going on in eastern Sudan, by playing my music," said Noori.

The main point of contention for Beja community leaders is that they want a say over how their state is run - something, they say, the short-lived post-Bashir transitional government ignored as did the junta that took power just over a year ago.

Before the coup, the Beja began organising crippling protests at the busy port in Port Sudan, from where the country's oil is exported, to drive home their demands.

They are also angry about a plan to build a new port, in partnership with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) 200km (125 miles) north of Port Sudan which would see Beja people moved from their land. BBC

President George Weah's long absence from the country has raised eyebrows and prompted criticism, leading one opposition figure to ask if the West African nation is running on "autopilot."

Weah went abroad at the end of October for a string of political gatherings in numerous countries - and to watch his footballer son represent the United States at Monrovian Momo Fully. the World Cup in Qatar.

Since then, the president – himself a former football star –

ONROVIA - Liberian in Qatar - where he is a "guest of honor" - while Liberians struggle have not gone down well with many compatriots venting their anger on social media.

"This one here has passed the limit now... who [has] he left us with?" 23-year-old Abraham Kaneh told AFP in the capital Monrovia.

"He's not going to do the work of the Liberian people. He went to do the work of his own son. He did not go on our plea, he's gone to see other friends," said fellow

Well-known media personality Henry Costa joked online that the president would extend his has not been seen in his absence to January if his son homeland where people are Timothy scored against England



battling soaring prices and last month. shortages of basic goods.

of top-flight diplomacy, or the enduring love of the beautiful wonder.

Weah has shared pictures son in Qatar on Twitter, stages.

But images of Weah activities. VOA

New York-born Timothy Weah is Even those with an one of many people to hold US and understanding of the demands Liberian nationality, with the countries maintaining close ties dating back to Americans' role in game, are beginning to the creation of the West African state in the 19th century.

Plenty of football-loving and video of himself with his Liberians follow the younger Weah's performances for his speaking of being a "proud French club Lille, but for daddy" as the US national team opposition politician Lewis Browne qualified for the knockout that does not justify the president's globe-trotting

### **Cyril Ramaphosa: South African** leader leaves future in ANC hands outh African President of the National Working On Monday, the ANC's larger Cyril Ramaphosa has Committee had given him decision-making body, the

said his fate is in his permission not to attend "so that National Executive party's hands, in his first they're free to express Committee (NEC), will also be

comments since an official report on a scandal over money stolen from his farm.

Opponents have called for his resignation after a panel of legal experts concluded he may have broken the law.

On Saturday, Mr Ramaphosa's spokesman suggested he would fight on.

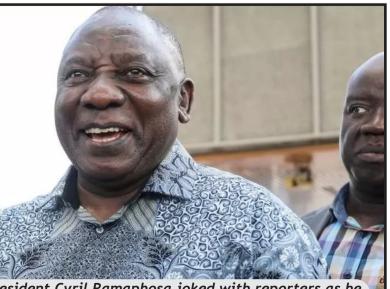
The president has now said the party top brass should decide his next move.

The leaders of the governing Africa National Congress (ANC) are currently meeting in Johannesburg to discuss the findings of the report.

Speaking outside the venue for the meeting, the president said that his fellow members themselves as openly and as thoroughly as possible without any form of fear or favour".

meeting.

"It is up to the National Executive Committee, which I



President Cyril Ramaphosa joked with reporters as he spoke outside the meeting of his party's top brass

enjoying himself in the stands

am accountable to, to take whatever decision," Mr Ramaphosa told journalists.

The scandal erupted in June, when a former South African spy boss, Arthur Fraser, filed a complaint with police accusing the president of hiding a theft of \$4m (£3.25m) in cash from his Phala Phala game farm in 2020.

Mr Ramaphosa admitted that money had been stolen, but said it was \$580,000, not \$4m.

The president said the \$580,000 had come from the sale of buffalo, but the panel, headed by a former chief

justice, said it had "substantial doubt" about whether a sale took place.

The panel's findings have been handed to parliament, which is set to examine them and decide whether or not to launch impeachment proceedings against the president.

On Saturday, Mr Ramaphosa's spokesman Vincent Magwenya said the president was "not resigning based on a flawed report, neither is he stepping aside".

"It may be in the long-term interest and sustainability of our constitutional democracy, well beyond the Ramaphosa presidency, that such a clearly flawed report is challenged," he added. BBC

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### EDITORIAL The almighty Special **Presidential Committee**

**FROM HIS COMFORT** zone vacationing in Doha, Qatar, President George Manneh Weah constituted a special presidential committee on Tuesday, 29 November to work with an ad-hoc committee that is to be established by the Executive Chairman of world's steel giant, ArcelorMittal, Mr. Lakshmi Mittal, to resolve all outstanding issues relating to a Revised Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) between the Government of Liberia and the iron ore mining company.

MEMBERS OF THE three-man committee include the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Dean of the Liberian Cabinet, Amb. Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, Sr., Chairman; Emanuel L. Shaw II, Advisor to the President, Member; and Cllr. Archibald Bernard, Legal Advisor to the President, Member, and Secretary to the Committee.

AML IS SEEKING additional nine years under the revised MDA (besides its 25 years concession with the government) to invest more in the mining sector.

HOWEVER, OUR ATTENTION is keenly drawn to what seems clearly to be sweeping absolute power ascribed to the Committee by the President to execute such a delicate subject like a concession agreement, in which the interest of the State and its people is at stake, and for which its ratification by the Legislature was suspended.

**RESIDENTS IN THE** operational areas of ArcelorMittal Liberia, particularly Nimba county had complained of the company's failure to implement social development obligations under the agreement, including roads, health facilities, housing and schools, among others.

BUT IN HIS letter addressed to committee chairman minister Kemayah, President Weah mandates the Committee to meet with and engage any and all relevant authorities of the Government of Liberia and ArcelorMittal, and any other stakeholders, either individually or collectively, whenever and wherever deemed appropriate in its sole discretion, to ensure the finalization and implementation of the MDA within a reasonable time frame, and report back to his Office with findings, recommendations, and advice.

MR. WEAH'S INSTRUCTIONS for the Committee "to meet with and engage any and all relevant authorities of the Government of Liberia and ArcelorMittal, and any other stakeholders, either individually or collectively, whenever and wherever deemed appropriate in the Committee sole discretion", relegates the important roles of all other functionaries of the State, making the almighty Special Presidential Committee a referee and judge at the same time.

ASCRIBING SUCH POWER in a government that has a history replete with officials soliciting and receiving bribes from investors to sign and approve concession agreements, it is highly unthinkable that thorough scrutiny and due diligence would be observed in the current MDA with ArcelorMittal Liberia.

**OUR MEMORY IS** still fresh from the original agreement signed between the government of former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and AML in 2006, when lawmakers on Capitol Hill received unspecified amount of cash and a twin-cabin pick-up each to affix their signatures in ratifying the agreement that is being revised today.

### OMMEN By Raghuram G. Rajan **Deglobalization Is** Climate 1

HICAGO - The deliberations at this year's deglobalized world. Higher temperatures and realize the urgency of combating climate change, technologies can help, but these will require they are unlikely to reach a comprehensive innovation, investment, and financing. Many collective agreement to address it. But there is still developing countries outside major regional blocs a way for the world to improve the chances of more will be shut out from such flows. And even the most effective action in the future: hit the brakes on heroic efforts at adaptation will not preserve deglobalization. Otherwise, the possibilities for agriculture's viability in the tropics. Many farmers climate action will be set back by the shrinkage of cross-border trade and investment flows, and by the accompanying rise of increasingly isolated regional The surest way for developing countries to create trading blocs.

combination of old-fashioned protectionism, newfangled "friend-shoring" (limiting trade to thereby limiting adaptation. Meanwhile, isolation countries with shared values), and geo-strategically motivated bans and sanctions. To see why this trend will frustrate global responses to climate change, consider the three categories of climate action: mitigation (emissions reduction), adaptation, and migration to better conditions. The sequence here is higher energy costs are currently affecting all of important, because the challenges implied by each Europe, but not North America. category will become more difficult if less is done in mitigation, we will need more adaptation, and if we greater resilience. Ideally, a supply chain would have do too little on adaptation, we will see more climate multiple suppliers across different regions and refugees fleeing their increasingly uninhabitable continents in every segment, enabling it to shift homelands.

when they both suspect that the other's top priority malevolent supplier. is to secure an economic, and hence strategic, advantage?

Agreements will be easier to reach and enforce in a world that has not fragmented economically. When there is ongoing bilateral trade and investment, both China and the US will have more reasons and occasions to talk to each other, and there will be more chips (literally!) with which to barter - a openness, including the free movement of businesspeople, tourists, and officials, will also make it easier to monitor climate action, whereas further isolation will only breed more suspicion, hamper such efforts. misinformation, and mutual incomprehension.

investment, and innovation needed to replace countries have a legitimate security interest in climate-friendly ones. Consider battery production, sensitive sectors, we must prevent these policies which is necessary to store power from renewable from degenerating into isolationism. energy sources. The key inputs for batteries -

United Nations Climate Change Conference changing weather patterns will make traditional ullet (COP27) suggest that while policymakers agriculture unviable in many places. New crops and will have to look for new livelihoods.

new jobs is to export, tapping into the dependable demand in more highly developed (and less heat-Deglobalization is being accelerated through a affected) countries. Yet rising protectionist barriers in more developed regions will impede such growth, will not necessarily give developed countries the security they seek. While possibly diminishing some political risks, confining supply chains within one's own country or region will increase their exposure to climate catastrophes and other risks. Just look at how

the category preceding it. If we do too little on Global diversification, by contrast, would bring quickly from a climate-hit supplier to a supplier elsewhere. Similarly, in the case of commodities, the New international agreements are needed to best insurance is a well-connected, freely accessible manage each of these problems. But rising global market where disruptions can be smoothed geopolitical rivalries will make mitigation over, and where no producer has undue leverage. The agreements more difficult. How can China and the more local or regional the market, the more United States agree to meaningful emission cuts adversely it will be affected by severe weather or a

> If mitigation and adaptation fail, people in badly affected areas will be forced to migrate. Those in less-affected regions should not myopically assume that they can continue to live comfortably behind border walls. Not only will the humanitarian tragedy occurring outside be hard to ignore, but desperate climate refugees will scale or break down any wall.

technology transfer here in exchange for an It would be far better to forge new global agreements emissions commitment there, for example. Mutual to direct climate refugees toward the countries that can absorb them, and to provide potential migrants with the job and language training they need to be productive on arrival. Deglobalization will only

Globalization may have fallen out of favor in recent Deglobalization will also hinder the production, years, but preserving it is imperative. Even if carbon-intensive production processes with restricting trade and investment in strategic and

lithium, nickel, and cobalt - are projected to be in At a minimum, the international community should

WE MAY NOT get to know anytime soon, what envelopes are being prepared for members of the so-called Special Presidential Committee under the chairmanship of Minister Dee-Maxwell Kemayah, who is yet to account how Liberian Diplomatic Passport under his watch got in the hands of a criminal being investigated by the FBI of the United States. However, when the Executive branch of government ascribes such sweeping powers unto itself in a concession agreement, relegating the views and concerns of the people, who directly suffer the misdoings of corrupt investors, it is but fair to raise red flag immediately, for public alert, which is a prime function of the media.



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of these resources are mined in unstable or conflictin China and Russia.

Yes, some supply chains could be altered over time to pass through friendly countries. But businesses will struggle to determine who counts as a "friend" and who will remain so over the duration of a thirtyyear investment. It was not so long ago that a US president raged even at Canada. Moreover, in the short run, reshuffling supply chains would severely

limit production capacity and increase costs, reducing the world's chances of keeping global average temperatures below critical thresholds within the narrowing timeframe that we have left.

Adaptation to climate change will also be harder in a **Behind (Penguin, 2020).** 

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short supply within the decade, as are the rare negotiate a Geneva Convention-style pact to create earths used for electrodes. Global battery safe spheres of continued global interaction that are production will suffer if manufacturers have to protected from sanctions and bans in most "friend-shore" these commodities. After all, most circumstances. These should include trade in food, energy, medicines, and other essential goods, such as ridden countries, like the Democratic Republic of those needed for climate mitigation and adaptation. the Congo, and much of the existing refining is done We should set stringent conditions for denying countries access to the global payment infrastructure and for applying secondary sanctions (sanctions against sanction breakers).

> Even if we cannot currently agree on a global climate action plan, we still must preserve the basis for cooperation. There can be no effective climate action without continued globalization.

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### The Economics of **Mainstreaming Climate Action**

ARIS - The outcome of this year's United Nations Climate Change Conference COP27, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt - is a true disappointment. In the run-up to the 2021 conference in Glasgow, 24 countries analyzed by the Climate Action Tracker, including major emitters like China, India, the European Union, and the United States, submitted or proposed stronger emissions-reduction targets. Despite the growing urgency of climate action, only five countries analyzed by the CAT stepped up their ambitions this year. Even Egypt, the host country, failed to strengthen its commitments.

Equally distressing is the divide between a fringe of climate militants - many of whom are relying on increasingly radical actions - and the vast majority of ordinary citizens, most of whom are concerned about their decreasing purchasing power. Europe, especially, is facing energy shortages, rising fossil-fuel prices, inflation, and a looming recession - all of which might make it lose sight of its climate ambitions.

Still, there is growing evidence that people are taking climate change more seriously than ever. This year's extreme weather events have served as an eye-opener, even in the affluent West, by demonstrating that global warming is not some slow process that will materialize in the distant future. Climate change has become an imminent threat that policymakers cannot ignore when assessing the outlook for growth, jobs, inflation, and public finances. To paraphrase Clemenceau, the French statesman who famously quipped that war is too serious a matter to be left to the military: climate has become too serious to be left to the activists.

More broadly, capitalism has become a pitched battle between brown (fossil-fuel) and green (clean, renewable) industries. Because the necessary investment is so large, a carmaker cannot hedge its bets by investing in both electric and traditional internalcombustion-engine (ICE) vehicles. It must choose which side it is on and then throw all its forces into the effort. Whatever the outcome, some will win big, some will lose big, and there will be collateral damage.

The mainstreaming of climate action raises many new and still debated questions. Emission cuts over the next ten years are largely expected to result from substituting capital to replace fossil fuels: hydroelectric dams, nuclear power plants, and wind and solar farms all have low operating costs, but their up-front capital costs are high.

The transition to a low carbon economy thus brings new risks. Though ramping up investment to expand a capital stock usually pays off through higher productivity, and therefore higher output, the opposite could happen in this case. If some capital (such as fossil-fuel-powered plants) is discarded prematurely, even more capital will be needed to deliver the same quantity of electricity. Yes, the transition eventually will deliver additional benefits in the form of lower fossil-fuel imports and operating costs. But these will appear only later. In the first stage, more investment will be needed to make up for the fact that productive capacity will shrink or level off. The same mechanism applies to the substitution of electric vehicles for conventional ones: as old factories are dismantled, more capital will be needed to produce EVs, the electricity they consume, and the charging infrastructure they require. Likewise, renovating buildings to improve efficiency means that the same housing service will be provided but at a higher capital cost (and a lower operating cost thereafter).

There is nothing wrong with providing a service at near-zero marginal cost. That is the essence of the digital economy, and recent technological advances increasingly suggest that a world of widely available electricity from renewable sources is not out of reach. It is entirely possible that future generations will look at energy from oil and gas the same way we look at energy from coal: as outdated, dirty, inefficient, and obsolete.

At a horizon of 5-10 years, however, things look quite different. The necessary build-up of the capital stock will likely translate into higher demand set against a lower or unchanged supply, and factoring in reallocation costs will worsen the corresponding imbalance further. Some skills will lose value, for example, among workers employed in the ICE car industry. Newly required skills, such as those of specialized construction

OPINION **Killing Twitter** 

AMBRIDGE - In April 2022, the world's richest person, Elon Musk, asked, "Is Twitter dying?" Five days later, he launched an apparently whimsical bid to buy • the social-media platform. It took months of legal wrangling to complete the deal, but on October 27, Musk honored his \$44 billion offer, acquiring a new toy: free speech.

Financially, Musk's acquisition of Twitter was an odd move. Despite its user base of some 200 million - including politicians, journalists, and celebrities - Twitter has not turned a profit in eight of the last ten years. And not only did Musk sink a substantial chunk of his personal wealth into the purchase; he also borrowed \$13 billion from a consortium of lenders - loans that will cost \$9 billion in interest payments over the next 7-8 years.

According to Musk, money was never the point. He is seeking to "help humanity," by investing in a public good: the world's digital town square. In fact, Musk has now gained considerable influence over that square. By taking Twitter private, its CEO - or Chief Twit, as Musk has called himself - has ensured that he can do as he pleases, with no shareholders to whom he must answer.

Musk's brand is crisis. But Twitter's financial woes - particularly the specter of its possible bankruptcy - give him the pretext he needs to behave as harshly and erratically as he pleases, a tactic that he previously used at two of his other companies, Tesla and SpaceX.

Musk is to business what Donald Trump is to politics. His performance-art leadership entails sleeping at the office, bringing his two-year-old son to a tense board meeting, and walking into company headquarters carrying a sink. These bull-in-a-china-shop eccentricities appear to be designed to distract from more egregious acts, such as reinstating a slew of banned accounts (including Trump's) and laying off roughly half of Twitter's workforce. New owners often fire their detractors; unlike Musk, few brag about it.

Musk's antics have sparked a debate about organizational best practices. His cult following of Musketeers, Muskrats, and Muskies - who hail him as a visionary genius seem convinced that tough leadership can be essential to revive a wilting company. His critics lament the return of "bad boss" culture after decades of progress.

Economic theory seems to back the latter camp. In Exit, Voice, and Loyalty, his classic study of institutional decline, political economist Albert O. Hirschman proposed that rising dissatisfaction within an organization confronts agents with a choice: exercise their power by leaving, or by remaining and trying to tackle the sources of decline. Which option an employee chooses depends significantly on loyalty.

At Musk's Twitter, loyalty appears to be in short supply, with workers, users, and advertisers flocking to the exits. After Musk issued an ultimatum to Twitter's remaining staff - commit to be "extremely hard core" and work "long hours at high intensity" or take three months of severance pay - 1,200 employees left, with many now being actively pursued by other tech companies.

Twitter has been losing its most active users, or "heavy tweeters," for a while now. But this trend has now gone into overdrive, with an estimated 1.3 million users including many whose careers have benefited significantly from the platform - fleeing within a week of Musk's takeover.

Advertising revenue - the source of 90% of Twitter's revenue - has been declining steeply as well, driven by fears that Musk's laissez-faire approach to content moderation poses a risk to firms' reputations. Already, civil-rights groups have called for a global advertising boycott, and major advertisers - including the Carlsberg Group, Balenciaga, Chipotle Mexican Grill, General Mills, General Motors, Macy's, REI, United Airlines, and the Volkswagen Group - have pulled back from the platform. The Omnicom Media Group - which represents companies like PepsiCo. and McDonald's has advised clients to pause their Twitter advertising.

workers, will be in short supply (or available, but in the wrong place).

Further complicating the outlook is the lack of credibility in climate policymaking. Many governments have pledged to reach carbon neutrality by mid-century, but their actions do not vet align with this objective. In the absence of stronger carrots or sticks, energy producers, unlike carmakers, can and still do hedge their bets. The result, according to the International Energy Agency, is that overall energy investment is critically insufficient to meet future demand.

Taken together, these developments threaten to create a stagflation environment where brown energy is scarce and green energy is still in short supply. Coping with such imbalances will be an ongoing challenge for governments and central banks. Policymakers can no longer afford to overlook these issues, nor can they rely on fairy tales about what the energy transition entails. To convince citizens, they will have to define and implement a realistic agenda for managing the costs and complexities of the transformation.

Fortunately, there is much that policymakers can do to contain the harmful economic fallout from sweeping sectoral changes. There is no avoiding the temporary investment effort that the transition requires. But with an economically sound, credible, and fair strategy that makes sensible use of public funds, governments can lower costs substantially.

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As the philosopher Michael Sandel has argued, there are some things that should not be for sale. Free speech is one of them. Whatever premium Musk paid for Twitter, his obsession with maximizing efficiency and wealth blinds him to Twitter's fundamental achievement: a genuine global conversation, warts and all. Musk fails to see that it's the people, not the pavement, that make the town square, and that his "free-speech absolutism" is replacing townspeople with tourists and trolls.

Engineers familiar with the situation have warned that Twitter may be too shortstaffed to continue operating the platform effectively; already, cracks are beginning to appear, such as a return to manual retweets, "ghostly" follower counts, and errors loading replies. The writer Stephen King has joked that the Trump-supporting brand MyPillow will soon be the platform's only advertiser. And media speculate that a mass exodus of liberal and leftist users could turn Twitter into another failed far-right forum like Parler or Trump's own Truth Social.

Even if he manages to make the platform profitable, Musk seems determined to send the conversational commons to the gallows. To answer Musk's question, yes, Twitter may be dying. And he is writing its epitaph.

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### **ARTICLE Liberians have the right to know much Weah spends on foreign trips**

iberians have been shocked by the news that President George Weah has requested additional 25 days to attend some important events to which he has been invited and has been asking President Weah to disclose how much he is spending on his trip abroad if indeed he truly sticks to his transparency promise to Liberians at the inception of his administration.

According to Liberia's 2022 budget, Weah will spend US\$1.6 million on his foreign travels this year. However, the President has already reached the number of total foreign trips made in the whole of 2022 and is likely to make more international trips before the year ends.

Currently, President Weah is on a 48-day international trip. Mr.

Weah spent at least 30 days outside of Liberia last November alone. Weah's travel destinations within this period include; Morocco, Egypt, France, Qatar, and Monaco. On 13 December, President Weah will be attending the United States-Africa Leaders Summit at the invitation of the President of the United States of America Joe Biden.

It would be recalled that President Weah came back to the country on 26th September 2022 after 8 days in New York,

the USA to participate in the 77th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA77). Mr. Weah was accompanied by Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Samuel Tweah, Minister of Finance; Maritime Commissioner Lenn Eugene Nagbe; Wilhelmina S. Jallah, Minister of Health; Daniel Dee Ziankahn, Minister of National Defense; Ansu Dao Sonii, Minister of Education; Williametta Saydee Tarr, Minister of Gender; Dester Zeogar Wilson, Minister of Youth & Sports, Mawine G. Diggs, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Ledgerhood Rennie, Minister of Information; J. Fonati Koffa, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senator Zoe Emmanuel Pennue of Grand Gedeh County; Representative Frank Saah Foko of District #9 Montserrado County, Nyemadi D. Pearson, the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia; Comfort Sawyer, Deputy Minister for administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Trokon Kpui, Minister of State without Portfolio; Sekou Kalasco Damaro, Presidential Aide; Nora Finda Bundoo, Chief of Protocol, Executive Mansion; Jefferson T. Koijee; Mayor Monrovia; Pepci Yeke, Executive Director, Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment; among others.

any information they think they must have. So, the Presidency should provide a categorical answer to the question of Weah's travel expenses abroad. This is a democracy and in a democracy, there can be no opaqueness, everything must be clear and open.

If the money with which the President spent himself abroad did not come from his purse, then he is under obligation to disclose to Liberians how much he spent from our money on his foreign travels. Liberians want to know how much he has spent except if the money came directly from his pocket. If it was from the purse of the Republic of Liberia, then he is under obligation to disclose the cost of travel to Liberians.

President Weah should know that whenever you are presiding over a set of people, irrespective of how large or little they are,

> there is nothing as good as having very prudent housekeeping. That will add value to your credibility and transparency as regards the leadership role you are playing over such people. With the 'Hope for Change' mantra, we expect things to be done differently and more transparently. We expect more openness in governance.

Truth be told, President Weah is globetrotting for minor engagements, and abandoning Liberia and its citizens has no economic benefits for

his numerous foreign travels. These trips must stop as they are not exigent and are aimed at squandering taxpayers' resources and for the President to find a phantom alibi for his monumental incompetence and rudderless political leadership style.

It is perplexing that the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) government prefers that civil servants remain unpaid while millions are spent on frivolous foreign trips by the President. It is reprehensible that the President can be junketing to many countries of the world during severe economic, educational, energy, and security crises in Liberia.



Liberians have the right to know how much taxpayer money their president spent abroad. According to the Liberian Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, signed into law on September 16, 2010, every Liberian has a right to know from any public office holder Liberia's currency is bleeding, and Liberians are bleeding due to increasing rice, fuel, and other commodities prices, Epileptic power supply does not help matters. Weah should show leadership and not desert the people when his attention and presence are needed the most. Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has not left the country since the invasion by Russia in February 2022. The 44-year-old comedian-turned-politician has gallantly been leading the troops from the front against Russian forces. That is leadership. What we have in Liberians is however a contrast. President Weah must know that Liberians need him back home to fix the country and for the presidency to be transparent about the president's foreign trips. I rest my case.

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#### MORE HEADLINE NEWS **MORE HEADLINE NEWS** Weah nominee vows to get ALCOP leader vows to Liberia on UN Security Council

By Ethel A. Tweh

iberia's Ambassadordesignate to the United Nations Sarah organs with non-resident concurrent accreditation to Brazil and Cuba.

The nominee has served as Assistant Minister and Special



S. Fyneah has vowed to lobby for Liberia to become a member of the United Nations Security Council if she is confirmed by the Liberian Senate.

"Like my predecessors, I come to this very important job to defend Liberia's value and articulate its interest," she said recently when she appeared before the Senate Statutory Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Madam Fyneah was appointed recently by President George Manneh Weah as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations and all its

Assistant to three Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and also served on foreign service assignments to Freetown, Sierra Leone, Doha, Qatar. and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The nominee also served as Deputy Chief of Mission at Liberia's Embassy in Washington DC, United States of America.

The nominee also headed the mission in Ethiopia as Charge'd' Affaires, with nonresident accreditation to Kenya, Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania.

She said when confirmed, she will advise on issues of concern, work closely with other member states in demonstration of Liberia's beliefs in the values and principles of which the United Nations was established.

Ambassador-designate Fyneah further said, she stands ready to increase the country's visibility at the UN through increased participation in UN Peacekeeping activities so as to generate income for the country and individuals.

The nominee said she will also work to increase representation in UN bodies by advocating employment for Liberians.

She promised to forge alliances and lobby for investment opportunities in support of President Weah's Government's Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development.

"If I am fortunate to be confirmed, I stand ready to consult, advise and lobby in support of a successful mission," Madam Fyneah noted.

She pointed to the role of the United Nations to collectively build a better world by addressing and responding to shared values that promote human rights, food security, advance peace and security.

She also spoke of mitigating climate crisis among many others, saying it cannot be done alone. She noted that forging strong partnership with regional and sub-regional organizations is key to addressing and responding to these interconnected global challenges.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

## champion cause of justice

says he has accepted his party's affordable housing for all. call to run the Liberian presidency justice, law, and order.

"I am being called upon to test Liberia's political terrain; a steps and giving priority to the territory that is not strange to us. We rely on your ... support as we accept this challenge to lead the effort for positive changes in Liberia," Mr. Kamara said at ALCOP National Convention in Gbarnga, Bong County on Saturday, 3 December 2022.

static to remain in one position forever. Disappointment is not hopelessness. As a human society Adam & Eve came from heaven,

Il Liberia Coalition Party Kamara promised to give priority (ALCOP) Standard Bearer to the rule of law, quality Ar. Lusinee F. Kamara, Sr. education, security for all, and

He also promised a good road to establish a government that and many other development can champion the cause of actions, saying Liberia will be a pride again.

"If we insist on taking the right rule of law, Liberia will become stronger and prosperous once again," said Mr. Kamara.

He said he is under no illusion to paint a rosy picture of the problems at hand.

He noted that there may be setbacks to be overcome when "I believe Liberians are not Liberians are steadfast and believe in his objectives.

"As believers, we know since



change our conditions," he said.

The ALCOP standard bearer when policies are put in place to tolerant in selling ALCOP's vision. help Liberians transform their lives.

He said Liberia will become great when those policies are punished without fear or favor.

ALCOP standard bearer, Mr. said Mr. Kamara.

we must develop a vision to the struggle for success is the order," he argued.

He called on his supporters to said Liberia will become great be patient, persistent, and

"So today, let me say that we have more work to do to get our objectives of taking state power to help every Liberian who needs implemented, right conduct is a job and better living standard; rewarded, and wrong ones are who needs assistance to get out of poverty; for every farmer who In his acceptance speech as needs farm-to-market roads,"

### MGCSP graduates 40 social wor

#### By Kruah Thompson

he Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection (MGCSP) has trained and graduated 40 social workers,

to promote the development, empowerment, and protection Social Work Board and Mother of women, girls, and children, as well as the welfare and integration of persons living with disabilities.

paraprofessionals from the sector.

They include the National Pattern College of Health Sciences, for quality psychosocial and case management service delivery The 40 social workers and across the country in the

supervisors, and caseworkers.

The graduates are trained to provide effective and quality psychosocial interventions to sexual gender-based violence (SGBV) victims/survivors in the country.

The graduation followed the development of a five-year standardized psychosocial manual to offer short-term training for social workers here.

The training was held at St. Theresa Convene on Randall Street over the weekend.

It strongly aligns with the mandate of the MGCSP

Ministry were trained to foster partnership and collaboration with key organizations and training institutions.

The training will buttress the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on health, specifically Goals 5, 10, and 16



on promoting equality, peace, and justice.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, the Minister of Gander Williametta Pio Saydee Tarr expressed hope that what was learned during the training will be applied in the communities.

She expressed gladness to celebrate with the graduates for their major achievement.

Minister Tarr thanked the graduates for the bold step taken, saying she hoped that they will deliver humanely to the fight against SGBV in several parts of the country.

For her part, the president of the graduating class Winifred G. B. Sipor thanked the Ministry of Gander and its supporting SGBV victims.

partners for the knowledge provided over the past four weeks.

Sipor lauded the partners and assured the MGCSP that all of what was taught will be put to practice daily at their various institutions.

The training aims to create an opportunity for the trainees to engage with policymakers and gatekeepers to educate them and raise awareness about the policy gaps in service delivery to SGBV victims.

It also aims to exchange ideas to improve the capacities of relevant actors to effectively serve the vulnerable social groups in Liberia, specifically

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#### **MORE HEADLINE NEWS MORE HEADLINE NEWS ECOWAS Commission holds special** retreat conflict prevention framework

he ECOWAS Commission, through its Directorate of Political

the retreat will afford the opportunity to identify persistent and emerging security threats in the region,



retreat for focal point Directorates working with the ECOWAS Conflict **Prevention Framework** (ECPF) from 7th - 9th of December, 2022 in Lagos, Nigeria.

The retreat, which is financially supported by the Royal Danish Government, is meant among others, to increase the synergy between the focal point Directorates towards strengthening conflict prevention in the West African region.

Apart from strengthening inter-directorate collaboration and joint programming on the ECPF,

Affairs, will hold a special analyse same and map out strategies to improving existing peace-building practices.

They will also review the level of implementation of the ECPF Plans of Action (PoA), document the milestones reached and safeguard the achievements attained, while taking note of challenges as well as lessons learnt from the previous PoA.

Besides, the Three-Day activity will feature a brainstorm on strategies to improve the implementation of the ECPF by ECOWAS and regional stakeholders including the identification of new priority areas, partnerships and funding

mechanisms for the new PoA.

The ECOWAS region still faces persistent and emerging security threats to the attainment of sustainable peace, security and economic development. The resurgence of a number of coup d'États is symptomatic of a state of affairs characterized by dwindling economies, disregard for the rule of law, insecurity, increased poverty, corruption, human rights violation, exclusion, and bad governance among others.

The retreat will be an opportunity for ECOWAS staff to find innovative ways to tackle emerging issues as well as sharing best practices in engaging with new development partners including private sector.

ECPF was adopted in 2008 to provide a framework for identifying, designing and implementing programmes and activities for operational and structural conflict prevention in ECOWAS Member States.

Its components include: Early Warning, Preventive Diplomacy, Democracy and Political Governance, Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Media, Natural Resource Governance, Cross-border Initiatives, Security Governance, Practical Disarmament, Women, Peace and Security, Youth Empowerment, ECOWAS Standby Force, Humanitarian Assistance, Peace Education and the Enabling Mechanism.

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#### day.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Ministry said the Government of Liberia over the last five years has continuously worked with the importers of rice to ensure that the price of rice remains affordable for the Liberian people and available on the local market.

challenges faced with the sourcing of the commodity, the

President, H.E. Dr. George M. Weah constituted a Rice Stabilization Taskforce," the release said.

It noted that the Taskforce had the mandate to assess the sustainability of current interventions, explore all options necessary to keep rice affordable

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### **Prices of rice**

and available on the Liberian market.

"We, therefore, encourage businesses to continue to carry out the unrestricted sale of rice, void of price hiking and profiteering at the expense of the ordinary people," the Ministry cautioned.

The Ministry noted that "As a result of current global through its inspectorate, it will ensure straight

compliance with this decision and calls on the public to report anyone found selling above the government regulated price.

"The Government of Liberia remains committed to its Pro-Poor Agenda by ensuring rice and other essential commodities remain available and and propose new measures affordable," the release concluded.

hear me clearly. I dare him. There is a reason [why] they are afraid of me, and on that day, we will assemble peacefully," Amb. Brown said during a press conference Thursday, 1 December 2022 in Sinkor.

The comments by Amb. Brown come against accusations levied by Monrovia Mayor Jefferson Koijee that the opposition official is planning a chaos in reference to a planned December 17 political rally by the opposition.

"Tell that little boy, there will be a rally, a peaceful rally on December 17 and he has no capacity to threaten anyone or disrupt it. I dare him," he said further.

Amb. Brown, who once served as Liberia's Permanent Ambassador to the United Nations, is now the chairperson for Team Alexander B. Cummings presidential campaign.

of incumbent President George Manneh Weah and the CDC regime, and he is seeking the nation's highest office at the pools due in the 2023 presidential Brown warned. and legislative elections.

rown resolved saying gone are the days when the latter and his likes used those tactics to cause conflict in the country.

According to Koijee, Liberians are not prepared anymore to go back to the dark days of conflict that brought untold suffering upon the citizens.

He alleged that the CDC maintained the peace of this country for 12 years while it was in the opposition.

He therefore called on Mr. Cummings' party, the Alternative National Congress (ANC) to also maintain the peace.

But responding to Mr. Koijee's statement, Amb. Brown explained that the planned rally will be very peaceful.

He also warned the CDC regime that what its supporters did to peaceful students from the University of Liberia will not happen this time.

"Tell little Koijee that the Cummings is a consistent critic foolishness they did on July 26 against peaceful students to move others to go assault young Liberians that were protesting, not this time, not this rally," Amb.

"You can call it all kinds of During a press conference held names, but we will move across

Weah insulting Liberians' intelligence

--Lewis Brown alleges By Lincoln G. Peters ormer Information Minister Amb. Lewis Brown has accused

President George Manneh Weah of allegedly insulting the intelligence of Liberian people continuously.

opponents and other Liberians," said Amb. Brown.

He claimed that President Weah has invited indiscipline in his administration through his alleged bad example, deceit, and waste of the country's resources.

Cummings' presidential bid argued that President Weah is unfit to lead because he was never a leader and will never be a leader.

He noted that President Weah's one term as president is a must.

"President Weah is living in his bobbles of pretence ranging from Pastor to Musician, doing everything except being president of the Amb. Brown who supports country, the duty he was opposition Alexander B. elected for," said Amb. Brown. "Slums are more economically depressed and challenged under this administration," Amb. Brown added.

Speaking at the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) headquarters over the weekend, Amb. Brown alleged that President Weah continues to tell lies and deception and live a life of a celebrity at the expense of the ordinary people.

He said President Weah and his officials are using money to the detriment of the suffering Liberia people who go to bed on empty stomachs.

"The Weah administration is more corrupt, more abusive of power, and increasingly desperate to lead by the threat of violence, fear, and intimidation of perceived



the CDC headquarters in Congo Town, Mr. Koijee accused Amb. Brown of planning a chaos.

The Monrovia City Mayor told reporters his informers told him that Ambassador Brown allegedly held a secret meeting on the very day of the press conference to plan for a protest due on 17 December.

Koijee said the protest is allegedly planned under the caption "The Suffering Must End."

He alleged that the gathering allegedly meant to undermine the country's peace.

Koijee warned Amb. Brown,

Wednesday, 30 November 2022 at the streets of Monrovia and gather outside the Samuel K. Doe Sports Complex and speak loudly and clearly for Koijee and others to hear because they have been deaf too long," Amb. Brown continued.

He detailed that on 17 December 2022, they will hold a peaceful rally to call the attention of the government to the high cost of living and alarming poverty in the country. Amb Brown said the rally is organized under the caption "We Tired Suffering" because it's will not be peaceful and is unfair to see what people are living through every day.

"I don't need little Koijee to Based on these allegations, tell me how to organize a peaceful rally.

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### Français L'opposant Cummings s'indigne contre l'absence prolongée du président Weah

du pays.

ans précèdent et 30 novembre 2022 lors d'une préoccupante, c'est émission sur une radio locale, le en ces termes que leader de l'opposition a qualifié l'opposant M. Alexander B. de lamentables les performances Cummings, leader politique du président et de ses de la Coalition des partis fonctionnaires, lesquelles politiques de l'opposition performances, aggravées par un (CPP), a qualifié l'absence niveau élevé de vols et de prolongée du Chef de l'Etat dépenses inutiles, sont, selon lui, la cause directe de l'extrême

Cummings.

Peu importe la piété des paroles et des vœux, cela ne peut transformer le Libéria, il faut plutôt un travail acharné, des sacrifices et le respect de la légalité pour procéder à un changement positif réel.

Le leader de la CPP a réaffirmé son engagement à faire respecter les principes de la bonne gouvernance, s'engageant à changer l'environnement économique intolérable du pays et à combattre agressivement la corruption, quelles que soient les personnes impliquées.

« Si je suis élu », promet-il, « mon gouvernement veillera à ce que les fonctionnaires, les enseignants, les agents de sécurité et les agents de la santé recoivent des salaires meilleurs. Les lois et les réglementations sur le commerce et les importations seront simplifiées de sorte à détecter facilement tout acte frauduleux ».

M. Cummings a aussi promis d'investir massivement dans l'agriculture, de supprimer toutes les restrictions et barrières, de promouvoir le libre marché et d'adopter des lois flexibles pour encourager davantage de Libériens à s'impliquer dans l'importation de riz. Il a insisté que la rareté et la hausse du prix du riz sur le marché sont dues au fait que le

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### Le président Weah n'est en rien responsable de la misère que nous vivons tous aujourd'hui !

Éditorial

es Libériens sont sidérés par la longue absence du président George Weah, qui, depuis près de deux mois est en visite à l'étranger, sur fond de graves malversations économiques qui ont paralysé économiquement l'administration, au point de n'être capable de payer les salaires des fonctionnaires.

Ils sont particulièrement dégoûtés par le fait que le président abandonne la gouvernance du pays pour aller voir son fils, Timothy Weah, jouer pour les États-Unis à la Coupe du monde 2022 à Doha, au Qatar, tandis que la misère fait ravage dans le pays et les pénuries des produits de première nécessité se succèdent.

Mais sincèrement, pourquoi pleurent-ils, ces Libériens ? M. Weah vit simplement le genre de vie que Dieu lui a accordé en tant qu'ancienne icône mondiale du football, qui a fait la fierté du monde entier et en particulier du Libéria, sa patrie.

Cette bénédiction a été transférée à son fils, Timothy, qui ne joue pas seulement pour la plus grande puissance du monde, les États-Unis, mais le fait lors de la plus haute fête de football au monde, la Coupe du monde. Son père, le président Weah, n'a jamais participé à une Coupe du monde malgré la renommée mondiale qu'il a acquise en tant que meilleur footballeur. Mais il est un père fier aujourd'hui, comme n'importe quel père le serait, car son fils Timothy joue dans le stade de la Coupe du monde où il n'a jamais eu l'opportunité de fouler les pieds. C'est une réalisation remarguable dans sa carrière professionnelle ! Et personne ne devrait tenter de lui enlever.

Jetons un coup d'œil sur la vie de la célébrité que nous avons aujourd'hui en tant que président, qui est devenue célèbre après des débuts très modestes dans la communauté des bidonvilles de Gibraltar à Clara Town, Bushrod Island, Monrovia. Il a embrassé le football comme une carrière de toute une vie à un âge tendre et a finalement réussi à aller à l'étranger pour jouer au football professionnel, tout en restant fidèle à la Nation's Pride, Lone Star (l'équipe nationale), qu'il a dirigée à travers plusieurs compétitions continentales.

Il a pris sa retraite de footballeur et il est venu au Libéria pour faire la politique en 2005. Les Libériens, particulièrement les jeunes, l'ont tout de suite embrassé, le considérant comme l'un d'eux, étant né et ayant vécu pour longtemps dans un bidonville avant d'acquérir une renommée mondiale en tant qu'icône mondiale du football. Ils ont ainsi jeté leur poids derrière lui pour qu'il soit président. Il l'est finalement devenu aux termes du second tour de la présidentielle de 2017, après deux tentatives infructueuses.

Sans doute, ils ont cru avoir pris une décision très sage étant donné les succès flamboyants qu'il a accumulés sur le terrain de jeu qui, pour eux, devraient se traduire dans la gestion des affaires de l'Etat avec ses multitudes de problèmes qui datent de jadis.

Sans réserve aucune, ils ont tous pris cette décision. Hélas ! Grand hélas ! Aujourd'hui, ils sont rattrapés par la dure réalité, avec les multiples défis qui affligent la nation. Les secteurs de la santé et de l'éducation laissent à désirer, tandis que l'incompétence flagrante et la corruption endémique ont l'air d'avoir été institutionnalisées et normalisées. Ils s'entendaient à ce que le président Weah résolût les problèmes économigues aggravés du pays et améliorât le niveau de vie de la population. Mais en vain.



Président George Weah est à la base des pires conditions souffrance du peuple libérien, ainsi exhorte-t-il les Libériens à exiger de leur président qu'il fasse le travail pour lequel il est payé, au lieu de passer tout son temps à l'étranger.

Pour lui, l'absence du souffrance et de la pauvreté au Libéria.

« La corruption a érodé tous les économiques et de la tissus de la société libérienne et sape toute tentative d'attirer les investissements étrangers directs indispensables pour créer des emplois, en particulier pour des milliers de jeunes chômeurs. Pendant ce temps, le président Weah reste hors de son pays et les S'exprimant le mercredi masses souffrent », déplore M.

### Le Grand Gedeh Community College acquière le statut d'université

a Chambre des concernées associées au GGCC l'enseignement supérieur, représentants a voté ∎à l'unanimité portant création du Grand l'enseignement supérieur. Gedeh County Community universitaire.

(personnel administratif, conseil d'administration), les étudiants, l'abrogation de la loi de 2011 les diplômés et la Commission de l'institution d'études

Le comté de Grand Gedeh, College (GGCC), lui stratégiquement situé dans la conférant ainsi une charte région du sud-est du Libéria, compte environ 40 000 élèves La décision qui fait suite à répartis dans 200 écoles, 5 200

d'où la nécessité, selon le comité, de donner à supérieures, qui est le seul établissement public d'enseignement supérieur du comté, le statut d'université.

Il s'agit, selon le comité. d'une manière de renforcer et

l'enseignement supérieur dans

un rapport du Comité mixte d'entre eux étant répartis dans 21 de décentraliser de l'éducation, de la magistrature et des voies et moyens a été prise par l'assemblée plénière le jeudi 1er décembre 2022 lors de sa 11e séance du 3e trimestre de la 5e session.

Selon le comité, dès réception du projet de loi présenté par le représentant George Boley, le Comité de l'éducation et de l'administration publique a convogué plusieurs réunions pour discuter des avantages et des valeurs d'accorder au collège une charte universitaire.

Les réunions et les consultations ont eu lieu avec les parties prenantes

lycées et collèges.

Chaque année, près d'un les comtés. millier de lycéens sont admis à



A qui la faute ? En tout ça ne peut être la faute de l'ancienne icône du football, car la décision de l'élire président est venue du peuple. D'ailleurs, il ne leur a rien promis. Il faut qu'ils assument donc leur responsabilité, car ce qui arrive aujourd'hui est le résultat de leur décision en tant que citoyens libériens.

Nous voici avec un président qui place sa famille au-dessus de l'intérêt du pays. C'est donc aux Libériens de faire preuve de courage pour demander au président Weah de choisir entre sa famille et la nation. Ils en ont le pouvoir. Ils peuvent le faire dans les urnes l'année prochaine. C'est à eux de choisir celui à qui ils veulent confier leur destin. Par conséquent, il ne sert à rien de pleurer partout à cause d'une situation qu'ils ont eux-mêmes créée dans l'euphorie totale.

Pourquoi accuser le président Weah de nos propres erreurs et nos mauvais choix ? Nous devrions avoir honte de nous-mêmes pour avoir tenu un homme responsable d'une situation à laquelle nous avons clairement une solution.

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### t'rança L'opposant Cummings s'indigne

Libéria importe toujours ses toxicomanes. aliments de base et soit pas d'existence ».

L'opposant a également d'insertion des jeunes d'intégrité.

Sur le plan politique, la CPP, autosuffisant en matière de selon lui, fait des progrès production alimentaire pour significatifs dans la mobilisation nourrir son peuple, « ce qui est des militants et des ressources honteux, après 175 ans depuis le départ du Parti de l'unité et du Parti libérien.

Le chef de la CPP a mis un promis la réhabilitation des accent sur la nécessité de la jeunes défavorisés à travers un crédibilité et la fiabilité du soutien financier à l'intention système biométrique et du des organisations et des recensement de 2022 qui doit institutions de réhabilitation et être mené avec un haut degré

### MENTAIRE La démondialisation est une **ace contre le c**

HICAGO - Les débats qui ont agité cette année la climatique (COP27) suggèrent que si les responsables politiques ont compris l'urgence du combat, il est peu probable qu'ils parviennent à un accord global qui permette de le mener. Pourtant, le monde dispose encore d'une carte pour améliorer les chances d'une action plus efficace à l'avenir : appuyer sur le frein de la démondialisation. Sans quoi les opportunités d'action contre les changements climatiques seront différées par la diminution des échanges et des flux d'investissement transnationaux et par le risque qui s'ensuit de l'établissement de blocs régionaux d'échanges de plus en plus isolés les uns des autres.

La démondialisation s'accélère, en raison d'une combinaison de facteurs : protectionnisme à l'ancienne, rapatriement des activités manufacturières vers des pays amis (le friend-shoring, qui limite les échanges aux partenaires dont on partage les valeurs), interdictions et sanctions obéissant à des motifs géostratégiques. Pour comprendre pourquoi cette tendance obérera les réactions aux changements climatiques, il suffit de considérer les trois catégories d'action dans lesquelles celles-ci s'inscrivent nécessairement : atténuation (réduction des émissions), adaptation et migration en guête de meilleures conditions de vie. La séguence est importante, car les difficultés rencontrées dans chaque catégorie s'aggraveront encore si l'action dans la catégorie précédente est entravée. Si l'on n'en fait pas assez en matière d'atténuation, il faudra en faire plus en matière d'adaptation, et si nous ne parvenons pas à nous adapter, nous verrons un nombre croissant de réfugiés climatiques fuir leur terre natale, devenue de plus en plus inhospitalière.

Pour gérer chacun de ces problèmes, de nouveaux accords internationaux sont indispensables. Or la montée des rivalités géopolitiques rendra plus difficiles les accords sur l'atténuation. Comment la Chine et les États-Unis pourraient-ils convenir de réductions significatives de leurs émissions s'ils se suspectent mutuellement de n'avoir pour priorité que la sécurisation d'un avantage économique, par conséquent stratégique.

Des accords seront plus faciles à conclure et à faire respecter dans un monde qui ne se sera pas fragmenté sur le plan économique. Tant qu'il y aura des investissements et des échanges bilatéraux, la Chine comme les Etats-Unis auront des raisons et des occasions de se parler, et il y aura d'autant plus de jetons (et de puces électroniques !) à échanger dans la partie : un transfert de technologies, ici, pour un engagement, là, à réduire ses émissions, par exemple. L'ouverture à l'autre, qui comprend la libre circulation des entrepreneurs, des touristes et des représentants officiels, facilitera également le contrôle de l'action climatique, tandis que l'isolement ne fera qu'alimenter la suspicion, la désinformation et l'incompréhension mutuelle.

La démondialisation entravera aussi les productions, les investissements et les innovations nécessaires au le travail et la formation linguistique dont ils ont besoin pou gourmands en carbone, par une nouvelle organisation, plus respectueuse du climat. Il n'est qu'à prendre l'exemple de la production de batteries, qui sont nécessaires pour stocker les sources d'énergies renouvelables. Les principaux composants de ces batteries - lithium, nickel et cobalt - se raréfieront, prévoit-on, au cours de la prochaine décennie, tout comme les terres rares utilisées pour les électrodes. Si les fabricants doivent se fournir pour ces matières mondiale de batteries en souffrira. Car ces ressources sont pour l'essentiel extraites du sous-sol de pays souffrant d'instabilité ou engagés dans des conflits, comme la République démocratique du Congo, et une grande part des opérations de raffinage sont aujourd'hui réalisées en Chine et en Russie.

longtemps, le président des États-Unis déversait sa colère Conférence des Nations unies sur le changement contre le Canada ! Sans compter qu'à court terme. la réorganisation des chaînes d'approvisionnement limiterait gravement les capacités de production et augmenterait les coûts, réduisant les perspectives de maintenir les températures mondiales moyennes sous les seuils critiques dans le temps de plus en plus court qui nous est imparti.

> Dans un monde « démondialisé », l'adaptation aux changements climatiques sera aussi plus difficile. Des températures plus élevées et des types météorologiques bouleversés rendront en maints endroits impossible l'agriculture traditionnelle. De nouvelles cultures, de nouvelles technologies peuvent être d'une aide précieuse, mais elles n'adviendront pas sans innovations, sans investissements, sans financements. Nombre de pays en développement, qui se tiennent en dehors des grands blocs, seront fermés à ces flux. Et même les efforts d'adaptation les plus héroïques ne parviendront pas à préserver la viabilité de l'agriculture sous les tropiques. De nombreux agriculteurs devront chercher de nouveaux moyens de subsistance.

> Pour les pays en développement, les exportations constituent le moyen le plus sûr de créer des emplois, en répondant à la demande solvable des pays hautement développés (et moins touchés par les vagues de chaleur). Mais la hausse des barrières protectionnistes dans les régions plus développées obérera cette croissance, limitant par conséquent les possibilités d'adaptation. Dans le même temps, l'isolement ne conférera pas nécessairement aux pays développés la sécurité qu'ils recherchent. Le confinement des chaînes d'approvisionnement au sein d'un pays ou d'une région peut diminuer certains risques politiques, mais augmentera l'exposition de la zone aux catastrophes climatiques et à d'autres risques. Il suffit de regarder combien l'Europe dans sa totalité est aujourd'hui touchée par la hausse des coûts de l'énergie, quand l'Amérique du Nord ne l'est pas.

> La diversification mondiale, en revanche, apporterait une plus grande résilience. Idéalement, une chaîne d'approvisionnement aurait sur chaque segment de multiples fournisseurs, dans différentes régions et sur différents continents, ce qui autoriserait des adaptations rapides dans les cas où l'un de ces fournisseurs serait quelque part victime de la crise climatique. Il en va de même pour les matières premières : la meilleure garantie est un marché mondial bien desservi et librement accessible, où les perturbations peuvent être atténuées et où aucun producteur ne dispose d'un avantage illégitime. Plus un marché sera régional ou local, plus il risquera de pâtir de la dégradation des conditions météorologiques ou de la malveillance d'un fournisseur.

> Si l'atténuation et l'adaptation échouent, les gens dans les zones les plus gravement touchées seront contraints de migrer. Les habitants des régions moins affectées devraient se garder de croire qu'ils pourront continuer, derrière les murs bâtis à leurs frontières, de mener une vie confortable. Non seulement la tragédie humanitaire qui se déroulera à l'extérieur sera difficile à ignorer, mais les réfugiés climatiques, désespérés, parviendront à franchir ou à détruire n'importe quel mur.

Il serait de loin préférable de conclure de nouveaux accords mondiaux pour orienter les réfugiés climatiques vers des pays capables de les recevoir et de fournir aux migrants potentiels

### Coupe du monde de football : Timothy Weah, un « fils de » qui se fait un prénom avec les Etats-Unis

son père quand on est XavietIniesta. footballeur et qu'il a gagné un Ballon d'or ? L'attaquant regarder tous mes joueurs américain Timothy Weah a favoris sur le terrain, c'était un trouvé la solution en marquant rêve qui se réalisait », a-t-il un but en Coupe du monde, ce raconté à l'AFP à Doha, peu que son illustre père George n'a avant le début du tournoi. « jamais eu l'occasion de réussir. Alors me retrouver aujourd'hui Mardi 29 novembre, après le match gagné par les Américains face à l'Iran (1-0), on a vu dans parfois, dans notre situation, on les couloirs du stade Al-Thumama le fils tomber dans chanceux. Etre ici, c'est un les bras du père, actuel sentiment incroyable », avait-il président du Liberia, présent ajouté. au Qatar pour le Mondial.

qualifier le Liberia pour la pas 24 ans », a-t-il ainsi jugé. Coupe du monde.

Ligue 1. Cela lui a permis de ajouté. débuter le Mondial dans la peau USA » et de marquer le premier but de son équipe au Qatar, lors du match nul 1-1 face au pays de Galles.

e jeune attaquant de famille et d'avoir pu aider 22 ans a réussi à l'équipe », avait-il alors ∎marquer lors du déclaré.Ilyadouzeans,«Tim» Mondial, ce que son père Weah était un enfant de 10 ans, George Weah, Ballon d'or, n'a invité avec son père à assister à jamais eu l'occasion de réussir. la finale du Mondial 2010 et au Comment faire mieux que couronnement de l'Espagne de

« Simplement voir ça, dans cette position, c'est fou, quasiment irréel. J'imagine que ne réalise pas à quel point on est

Mais alors que, pour une fois, La jeune équipe des Etats- il est déjà monté plus haut que Unis, au sein de laquelle son père, l'attaquant américain Timothy Weah est titulaire a l'ambition d'aller encore plus depuis le début du tournoi, haut aux côtés de la dynamique venait de se qualifier pour les sélection US qui, malgré son huitièmes de finale du tournoi, manque d'expérience, ne où elle affrontera samedi les s'imagine pas battue d'avance Pays-Bas. Immense attaquant, face aux Néerlandais. « Je notamment à l'AC Milan et au pense que dans le football Paris Saint-Germain, George actuel, l'âge n'est qu'un Weah a gagné le Ballon d'or chiffre. Certains des meilleurs 1995 mais n'a jamais pu joueurs du monde n'ont même

« Même si nous sommes Né et formé à New York jeunes, nous ne sommes pas du jusqu'à son départ en Europe tout un groupe immature. Nous peu avant ses 15 ans, Timothy sommes un groupe de gars qui Weah a de son côté toujours savent ce qu'ils veulent. évolué avec les Etats-Unis, Individuellement, nous avons depuis la sélection U15. A 22 chacun nos expériences et ans, il a réussi son début de quand on se retrouve, chacun saison avec Lille et apparaît de apporte son propre niveau de plus en plus régulièrement en maturité à l'équipe », a-t-il Cette maturité, il en a d'un titulaire avec la « Team encore fait preuve après le match contre l'Iran, en rendant hommage sur Instagram à la « Team Melli ». « Ça a toujours été plus que du football pour moi et je voulais juste saluer cette « C'est une superbe équipe merveilleuse, qui a sensation. Je pense que mon montré tant de fierté et père vit ce moment à travers d'amour pour son pays et son

Aller encore plus haut

moi. Je suis très heureux peuple. d'avoir marqué ce but pour ma

dvertise with us!

Avec le temps, certaines chaînes d'approvisionnement s'appauvriront de n'emprunter que des voies amies. Mais les entreprises auront bien du mal à déterminer qui elles doivent considérer comme « amis » et qui le restera tout au long des trente années sur lesquelles un investissement peut s'échelonner. Il n'y a pas si

remplacement des processus actuels de production, être productifs à leur arrivée. La démondialisation ne fera qu'entraver ces efforts.

> Certes, la mondialisation, depuis quelques années, est mal perçue, mais il est indispensable de la préserver. Même si les pays ont légitimement intérêt, pour garantir leur sécurité, à restreindre les échanges et les investissements dans certains secteurs stratégiques et sensibles, nous devons empêcher que de telles mesures ne se dévoient dans l'isolationnisme.

premières auprès des seuls pays amis, la production La communauté internationale devrait au minimum négocier un pacte inspiré de la Convention de Genève afin de créer des zones où les interactions mondiales pourraient se poursuivre en sécurité et seraient protégées, dans la plupart des circonstances, des sanctions et des interdictions. Les échanges de nourriture, d'énergie, de médicaments et d'autres biens essentiels, comme ceux que requièrent l'atténuation des changements climatiques et l'adaptation à leurs conséquences, devraient être concernés. Nous devrions poser des conditions rigoureuses à l'interdiction d'un pays aux infrastructures mondiales de paiement et à la mise en œuvre de sanctions secondaires (celles qui sont prises à l'encontre des pays ne respectant pas les sanctions).

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# **ARTICLE Liberia Greatest Enemies**By Hun-Bu Tulay

### "VOLATILIA AD SIBI SIMILIA CONVENIUNT"

n 1975, the late President Tolbert held a cabinet meeting and for the first time, he invited the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia. The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of a country is not a member of the cabinet and does not attend cabinet meetings, so it was outrageous to see him at the meeting. Also, in attendance were the leadership of Legislature (Speaker, Deputy Speaker, President Pro-Tempore, and the chairmen of the executive and defense of both houses. In the president's opening remarks, he said that he was declaring war on the country's three enemies. We assumed at this point; the president stopped for a few seconds for this to sink in the minds of those at the meeting. Those at the meeting were looking at each other and most of them thought about the country's neighbors (Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Ivory Coast). After those few seconds, the President continued and said the country's three enemies were Poverty, Disease, and Illiteracy. He said that he was going to use all the resources to fight these enemies. It is now 47 years, and these enemies are still around. Are these the real enemies of the country? Our answer to this question is a Big NO.

The country really has only two enemies, not three. These two enemies are GREED AND ENVY. Before we continue, we are going to define each for you to be able to follow the discussion. Greed is defined as an uncontrolled longing for increase in the acquisition or use of material gain, or social value, such as status, or power. It has been identified as undesirable throughout known human history, because it creates behavioral conflict between personal and social goals. It makes a person look for more to be happy, and therefore it is one of the SEVEN SINS in the Bible for it is a self-goal to be happy. It is the desire for money, fame, or authority. It has only one main goal and that is to seek happiness and satisfaction, but the happiness greed gives are only temporary. This is one of the negative human vices and is related to jealousy, selfishness, and fear.

Envy on the other hand is defined as a painful or resentful awareness of the advantage enjoyed by another, joined with a desire to possess the same advantage. It is characterized by an insatiable desire like greed and lust. It can be described as a sad or resentful covetous towards the traits or possession of someone else.

Both greed and envy are listed as two of the SEVEN SINS in the Bible. These two human vices have destroyed countries and will continue to do so until humans become intelligent enough to realize this. These two vices are the root causes of social injustice, corruption, violence, dishonesty, ritualistic killings, sexual abuses, and economic imbalance. If these vices are systematically cultivated in a country, the inevitable result is nothing less than the collapse of human intelligence. Leaders driven by these vices lose the power of seeing things as they really are. And if the whole nation becomes infested by these vices, the people become increasingly incapable of solving their most elementary problems of everyday existence. They make leaders live upon ideas that conflict with the laws governing the country and the universe. Whenever a nation reaches this stage, conflict happens. Therefore, for some of us, the April 12, 1980, coup d'état was not surprising. Even on December 24, 1989, civil conflict was never a surprise. All leaders after the April 12, 1980, coup d'état, including the current leaders, have been infested by these two vices.

Nobody should have the view that conflicts are irrational catastrophes. They happen when wrong ways of thinking and living bring about intolerable situations. These wrong ways of thinking and living are controlled by these vices (greed and envy). Are we close to conflict now? Your answer is as good as mine. Just look around you today and see what is happening with your resources and how they are managed by our leaders. You have heard statements such as "you killed my pa. you killed my ma, I will vote for you" or ''you know book, you do not know book, I will vote you", or "I will lay aside the Act that created the Bank and do what the President says," or "sanction or no sanction, we will vote for you" or even "if you take our money and build houses for you and your families, and the houses are here that is developing the country." These statements are made by leaders and people who live in falsehood. Bishop Bennie Warner once said, "The problem with Liberia is Liberians." We now believe he was correct. We, the voters, are the problem in Parties (Liberia Action Party-LAP, Liberia People Party-LPP, Liberia Unification Party-LUP, National Democratic Party of Liberia- NDPL, True Wing Party-TWP, Unity Party-UP, and United People's Party-UPP) has been formed. The Alliance is thankful to the Almighty God for His Grace and Blessing to have made it possible for us to reach this day and for the Liberian Nation to still exist". This speech can be found online). The overall objective was to ensure that Taylor, the WAR LORD, was not elected as a Democratic President of the country. And to achieve this overall objective, the Alliance needed a FORMIDABLE CANDIDATE to challenge Charles MacArthur Ghankay Taylor in the 1997 General and Presidential Elections.

The Alliance had NO Roadmap or Strategic Platform for the reconstruction of the county after the Civil Crisis that destroyed all the basic infrastructures that provided the basic social services (Health Care, Education, Transportation, Telecommunication, Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, etc.), Rule of Law, Judiciary, Security, etc. There was nothing that the seven parties jointly subscribed to; each party in the Alliance had its own vision, mission and platform that were different from the other parties'. This was sad because these seven political parties in the Alliance had all the best brains of the country. For me this was a fundamental error. NPP realized that because this shared vision, which was reflected in a platform that articulated a clear program for reconstructing the country, was lacking, it would be easier to break up the Alliance. On the day of the elections to select that formidable candidate for the Alliance, a NPP representative visited the Alliance at the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Conference Center in Virginia, where the election was to be held, and with CASH Inducement, influenced the election of a less formidable candidate (Cletus Wortorson). It was not that Wortorson was a weak candidate, he was just not known at the time on the Liberia Political landscape. He was a geophysicist, and he was known as such. But the strongest candidates in the Alliance were Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Togba Nah Tipoteh; the NPP made sure neither of them was elected to represent the Alliance's Ticket. Sirleaf or Tipoteh as a candidate against Taylor, the probability of the NPP or the Alliance winning would have been 50%-50%.

The CPP, like the Alliance before it, has made the same mistakes (NO ROAD MAP/PLATFORM). There has been obvious evidence of the influence of money and Greed for power in the disintegration of the CPP. Remember that CDC formed a coalition with the NPP and those actors that destroyed the Seven Political Alliance are now active members of the CDC. So, it was easy for them to use the same playbook to break up the CPP. Like the Alliance before it, the CPP Members are highly educated, but most of these members are susceptible to the same temptations that doomed the Seven Political Alliance self-interest supersedes national Interest.

We can say all of this because we had the opportunity to sit and discuss the national interest of this country with some of the great political minds of Liberia. One of such persons was Dr. Edward Beyan Kesselly, the founder of the Unity Party. We became close when I was President of the "the Lofa University Students Association (LUSA)".

Sometime during the Interim Government headed by the late Dr. Amos C. Sawyer, a former employee of the Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism died, and the funeral was held in Millsburg. I believe, the deceased once served the Ministry as Special Assistant to many of the Ministers including Dr. Kesselly, when he served that Ministry as minister. I attended the funeral because churches in the Congo Settlement are small and the church was already full by the time I arrived. I saw some friends of mine and stood with them outside the church. Later Dr. Kesselly arrived, he was the Minister of Defense of the Interim Government. Upon seeing me, he walked to the group, greeted us, and asked me to follow him. His bodyguards wanted to follow but he told them not to and we walked to a nearby old Cotton Tree. We discussed Liberia's future and the election. I asked him, "how, would the Monrovia Group hold an election when NPFL controlled 70% of the land area of the country"? He said to me, "My idea of an election is not the ordinary election. We as stakeholders will meet and develop a ROAD MAP/Economic Infrastructure Plan to restore the country's postwar infrastructure, like that of the United States of America Economic Recovery Act signed by President Harry Truman in 1948, which became known as the Marshall Plan. The US plan was proposed by George Marshall, who was then Secretary of State of the United States of America. After it was passed by the Congress, it was named after him.

this country. The Constitution gives us the power to vote in visionary leaders every six or nine years, but we prefer to vote for corrupt, crooks, irresponsible, avaricious, and envious leaders because we want short term benefits like rice and ten US Dollars.

Do we have leaders in Liberia who can change the situation for the better? We believe we can. Our forefathers had the opportunity to elect such leaders. The opportunity came for them to elect such a leader in 1885, that is 172 years ago, and the second opportunity came in 1952, that is 60 years ago, but they denied two of the greatest sons of the land the presidencies in persons of Edward Wilmot Blyden and Deedwho Weeden Twe. The mistakes made in the 1885 and 1952 elections got us where we are today (underdeveloped) and lost 40% of the land area of the country.

All the troubles of this land, even the collapse of the Seven Policia Alliance in 1997 and the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), can be attributed to these two human vices that have infested our political leaders in this nation. The CPP was not the first political grouping formed in Liberia that collapsed because of greed and envy. The first was the Alliance of Political parties which was composed of seven political parties.

You all remember in 1997 a Political Alliance was formed with the intent to challenge the National Patriotic Party founded by Charles MacArthur Ghankay Taylor. In a speech delivered in the hall of the Centennial Pavilion on January 3, 1997at 1100 hours, the Theme was "ANEW YEAR-1997". In the Alliance's opening statement, the representative said, "1996 has come and gone, ushering in new year; the Alliance of Seven Political

The Marshall Plan was an Economic Assistance to restore the Economic Infrastructure of Post WWII Europe. Dr. Kesselly said, "We, the stakeholders will identify, one among us, one person who we believe has the capacity to best sell our plan to the International Community and that person will be head of government, the rest of us would serve either as Ministers, advisors, etc."

After my discussion with Dr. Kesselly, when I returned home that night, I thought about what he told me. I said to myself this man is a true son of the soil. He is not selfcentered or greedy for power. Unfortunately, he died two months after this discussion with me. Maybe, if he were still alive in 1997, things would have been different. Just think about Dr. Kesselly, Dr. E. Z. B. Liberty, Dr. Patrick Sayon, Dr. Mary Antoinette Grimes Brown-Sherman, Cllr. Henry Boima Fahnbulleh, Sr., Dr. E. Romeo Horton, Dr. Flomo Y. Stevens, Cllr. J. Rudolph Grimes and Dr. Benjamin Dennis in the same room to develop the Road Map for Liberia post war Liberia. And after developing the ROADMAP, they would have hopefully selected one among them to sell this plan to the International Community. Who would you think they would have selected? Your answer is as good as mine.

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Prices of rice to skyrocket rices of rice and other fertilizer shortage on the subsidies on rice imports world market because of the amidst huge demands from Russia-Ukraine war.

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The fear comes amidst an announcement from the Food acknowledged that and Agriculture Organization increasing the price of the (FAO) that there is going to be commodity at this time is a rice shortage on the global market beginning next year.

food products are the New Dawn Sunday that rice at a higher level locally. expected to skyrocket the increase is also due to importers.

> One official political risk, but it was better to have it available than to have a scarcity at

Government sources told strategic means of producing

Meanwhile, according to the beginning next year due to government's withdrawal of release, the decision followed extensive consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including major rice importers and the Liberia Marketing Association coupled with recommendations from the Rice Stabilization Taskforce.

> It explained that the decision was reached to adjust the price of rice to increase the importation volume, increase the availability of the commodity on the market, eliminate unauthorized price hikes and deter black market sales.

It's the fourth time the government is increasing the price of rice in the face of the rising exchange rate, and a controversial salary harmonization that negatively affects civil servants' little earnings.

Regulatory authorities are mostly not in charge of prices for essential commodities and transport fares are largely decided by commercial vehicle operators, making life difficult for the vast majority of the population.

In the wake of these constraints, the opposition, mainly the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) of Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, is planning a protest which is due 17 December.

Cummings, the 2023 presidential hopeful, is a consistent critic of incumbent President George Manneh Weah and the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) regime.

Team Cummings' Campaign chair Amb. Lewis Brown said the rally is organized under the caption "We Tired Suffering" because it's unfair to see what people are living through every

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Scores of community



By Jonathan Browne

Cephus, designated by along with two other ex-officials for significant ongoing public corruption, may not exonerate himself any time soon, as new allegation emerges, linking him to a US\$35,000 deal.

Efforts to contact the former Solicitor general proved futile as his both numbers Lonestar MTN and Orange numbers were off. He could also not be reached on WhatApps. This paper learned

Center for Justice and ormer Solicitor General Accountability (CJA), and Cllr. Sayma Syrenius Monrovia-based Global Justice Research Project (GJRP), the United States Government approached the former Solicitor General and allegedly offered him US\$35,000 to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding from the Ministry of Justice in Monrovia that would allow Finish Police to conduct investigation in Liberia against Gibril Massaguoi during the trial in Finland.

> Besides said transaction, the Global Justice Research Project was busy in Monrovia recruiting false prosecutor witnesses to testify against Mr. Massaquoi.



that the former Solicitor General Syrenius Cephus is said to be currently out of the country.

However, the deal led to a mutual understanding and cooperation pact the former SG signed with Finish Judicial authorities on December 13, 2019, to allow Finish Police Investigators into Liberia to conduct witness, victim and specialists interviews, collect evidence and carry out onsite investigation during the trial of former Sierra Leonean war crimes indictee Gibril Massaquoi.

subsequently acquitted of all in Liberia. charges after war crimes trial in Finland failed to produce sufficient evidence in court.

However, the deal surrounding Bility. the ex-SG involved three war crimes campaign groups with allegedly gathering paid carrying the public face of Liberian Civil War.

Document obtained by The New Dawn shows that the MOU in question was signed by former SG Cephus and Finish national Thomas Elgren, on behalf of Finish judicial authority.

Finish judges came to Liberia in February 2021 and conducted series of investigations outside Monrovia, interviewing several purported witnesses, who claimed to be victims of alleged atrocities committed by Mr. Massaquoi, because the three suspicious war crimes campaigners (CM, CJA and GJRP) had claimed the former Mr. Massaquoi was senior RUF rebel's official fought

> The CM is headed by Mr. Alain Werner, while the GJRP, based in Monrovia, is headed by Hassan

They have been accused of



The news also comes as the hand. Liberian government announced an increase in the important in the coming whole sale and retail of rice months," the source said here on the local market.

over the weekend announced an increased in the price of a decision to increase the 25kg bag of rice to US\$17.00 or price of rice, Liberia's its Liberian dollar equivalent staple, the official also for wholesale and set the retail mentioned the Russiaprice at US\$17.50 or its Ukraine war as one of the Liberian dollar equivalent.

A Commerce Ministry prices on the global market. release dated 2 December 2022 says the new prices take the biggest producers of effect on 3 December.

public that the current stock of production leading to rice in the country can shortage food products such sufficiently serve the market as rice. up to the arrival of subsequent scheduled vessels," the Liberia need to be prepared Commerce Ministry said.

By Lincoln G. Peters

"Availability is more adding "Price will not be an The Government of Liberia issue if rice is not available."

> Defending government's major factors affecting food

Russia and Ukraine are fertilizers, and the ongoing "We want to assure the war had prevented its

This means countries like for higher prices and find

nops wite over argument

What appears to be the later arrested him.

Sanniquellie, Nimba County says a man only identified as Saye has fatally chopped his partner multiple times following quarrels between them.

According to a report, the incident occurred late Saturday evening in the New Barracks Community in Sanniquellie City, Nimba County.

Police are still investigating why the suspect allegedly carry out the act.

Meanwhile, the Liberia National Police said it has responded to the scene, and the suspect has been arrested and taken to Gbarnga City, Bong County while investigation continues.

what had unfolded.

neport from victim's lifeless body was

absconded the scene, but

seen on the scene as dwellers gathered on the residents rushed there to see scene to have a glance of the victim in a pool of blood. --The man had earlier *Edited by Winston W. Parley* 

how Switzerland-based Civitas Maxima (CM), California-based

dubious activities that have been witnesses to testify against individuals accused of committing seeking justice for victims of the atrocities during the Liberian civil conflict, including Mrs. Agnes Unimpeachable sources detail Reeves Taylor, Moses Wright, Alieu Koshia, Varfley Dolleh, and Martina Johnson, among others.





## Brown resolved for December 17 protest



By Lincoln G. Peters confere

ormer Information Minister Amb. Lewis G. Brown appears resolute in leading a planned protest here on December 17, despite attempts by the Government of Liberia stop such gathering.

Ambassador Brown, who heads Team Cummings, the campaign team of the leader of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, told a news conference in Monrovia last week that the CPP had since paid an initial cast of US\$2,000 against a total fee of US\$3,500 to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, after it wrote Minister D. Zoegar Wilson, requesting for permit, that was granted, to peacefully assemble at the Samuel Kenyon Doe Sports Complex in Paynesville on Dember 17, 2022 to protest against ills of the Weah administration, characterized untold sufferings on the Liberian people.

He displayed official receipt from Minister Wilson, granting said permit to allow the scheduled protest to be held.

However, it appears that despite said approval, the government is having a second thought, and seems hesitant or unwilling to allow the protest go ahead as planned, for obvious political reasons

Ambassador Brown and Monrovia City Mayor, Mayor Jefferson Koijee, recently elected as secretary general of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change, are going back and forth on whether or not, to have the protest as announced.

Mayor Koijee has alarmed that the scheduled protest is an attempt by the opposition to cause chaos and so it should be annulled or scratched by the government.

"Write it and report it, let him

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