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Continental News

Biden says US is 'all in' on Africa's future

US President Joe Biden has announced billions of dollars in support and investment for Africa at a summit with the continent's heads of state. Biden said that the crises facing the world today needed African

access to the US market; the Power Africa initiative launched by President Obama to connect millions of African to the grid among others.

But the success of such programmes has been slow to realise. Africa only accounts for just over 1% of US foreign trade, which is dominated by petroleum imports from Nigeria and Angola.

In his address on Wednesday, the US president spoke about a \$500m investment to reduce transport costs at a key West African port in Benin. He also mentioned \$350m that would be spent on boosting the digital economy and said that \$15bn-worth of deals had been struck at the US-Africa Business Forum.

The US is also set to sign a memorandum with the African Continental Free Trade Area - one of the world's biggest free-trade areas - which Mr Biden said would "unlock new opportunities for trade and investment" between the US and Africa.

On the sidelines of the summit on Wednesday, Mr Biden separately met the six leaders of African nations which are holding elections in 2023 to press for free votes.

Before the end of the summit on Thursday, the US president is also expected to back the African Union's admission as a permanent member of the Group of 20 major economies. It is also likely that he will announce a trip to the continent in the new year. BBC



President Joe Biden (R) toasted the meeting at a summit dinner alongside Senegal's President Macky Sall

"The United States is all in on Africa's future," President Biden told the 49 African leaders attending the Washington DC meeting.

It is the first such gathering hosted by Washington for eight years.

The summit is seen as a US attempt to re-assert its influence in Africa to counter Chinese involvement.

It also comes after Donald Trump's four-year tenure in office, during which he alienated numerous African leaders with policy decisions and insulting comments.

Mr Biden struck a very different tone to his predecessor, speaking optimistically of improved links with Africa and telling the

leadership, ideas and innovations, and promised to build on the "vital" investments in Africa made by previous US administrations.

To that end, ahead of the three-day summit which ends on Thursday, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said the US would commit \$55bn (£44bn) to Africa over the next three years.

Discussions at the summit have focussed on building on already existing programmes, including Prosper Africa - a US government initiative "to increase two-way trade" between African nations and the US launched in 2018

the Clinton-era Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, Agoa, which provides African apparel manufacturers preferential

Congo Militias Take Fight to M23 Rebels

Casting his gaze far and wide from a hilltop in eastern Congo, warlord Janvier Karairi commands his forces in the battle against the feared M23 rebel group. The self-proclaimed lieutenant general leads a militia called the Patriotic Alliance for a Free and Independent Congo (APCLS), mostly made up of fighters from the Hunde ethnic group, in a coalition dedicated to thwarting the M23's advance.

The APCLS and other armed groups joined forces "to fight the aggressor," Karairi, 60, told AFP reporters in his operational headquarters, a thatched hut in the Kitshanga region of North Kivu province.

Sporting a commando uniform, Karairi has spent more than a quarter century in

the bush, including a spell fighting the M23 in 2012.

The Tutsi-led M23 is one of scores of armed groups active in the DRC's volatile east, many of them legacies of two brutal wars in the late 20th century. The M23

briefly occupied the provincial capital, Goma, that year before being beaten back in 2013.

It resumed fighting in late 2021, blaming the Congolese government for failing to honor a commitment to



Members of the Patriotic Alliance for a Free and Independent Congo militia patrol during a surveillance tour in Kitshanga

Eritrean troops murdered my uncle - WHO head

The head of the UN's public health body has accused Eritrean troops of killing his uncle in Ethiopia's war-torn Tigray region. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, of the World Health Organization, said he was told more than 50 other people were arbitrarily killed in the same village. "I was not in good shape," admitted the still visibly shaken Ethiopian, whose family hails from Tigray.

Eritrea has so far made no public comments on the accusation.

Speaking at Wednesday's WHO briefing in Geneva on the latest Covid-19 issues, Dr

the alleged attack or the location of the village. Dr Tedros also expressed hopes that a ceasefire agreement signed in November between the Ethiopian government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) "will hold and this madness will stop".

But Eritrean troops and forces from Ethiopia's neighbouring Amhara region were not party to the deal.

The conflict in Tigray erupted in late 2020 when Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed ordered a military offensive against local forces in the country's northern region.

He said he did so in response to



Dr Tedros still looked visibly shaken at Wednesday's briefing in the Swiss city of Geneva

Tedros said: "On Saturday, I was informed that my uncle was murdered by the Eritrean army.

"I spoke to my mother, and she was really devastated because he was the youngest from their family. And he was almost the same age [as me]," said the 57-year-old WHO director general. He provided no details about the timing of

an attack on a military base housing government troops.

The escalation came after months of feuding between Mr Abiy's government and leaders of Tigray's dominant political party.

The fighting devastated the populous country in the Horn of Africa, leaving thousands of people dead with 350,000 others living in famine conditions. BBC

integrate its fighters into the army. In recent months, the M23 has conquered part of Rutshuru territory near the borders with Uganda and Rwanda. Congo accuses neighboring Rwanda of backing the rebels, who now lie about 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Goma and have made gains farther west toward Masisi territory, Karairi's stronghold.

That prompted the battle-hardened militia leader to take up arms against his old foes again, with his movement controlling much of the area. "We continue to protect the population," Karairi said at his headquarters in between phone calls to his troops on the ground. A silence descends

every time he speaks.

Accompanying the veteran warrior was Heritier Ndagendange, who had just arrived from Goma with a heavy red bag that another militiaman carried on his head to present to the commander.

Ndagendange said it held ammunition he had brought from Goma after passing several checkpoints manned by the security forces on the road. "We are rebels, we are good at finding weapons. The government doesn't help us with anything in any case," Karairi said.

He said his hundreds of combatants are unpaid volunteers motivated by the same desire to fight. "Our country will pay us when we finish the job," he said. "VOA

EDITORIAL

CDC must name appointees in double standards

MONROVIA CITY MAYOR and secretary-general-elect, for the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Jefferson Kojjee, is angry. He vaguely claims that some presidential appointees of the government are playing double standard games, lying in bed with the opposition to work against the CDC-led government they serve.

KOIJEE MAINTAINS THAT government officials, particularly presidential appointees, who are engaged in double standards, need to be warned about their activities, and that hencefore, government ministries and agencies will be monitored to ensure they act accordingly.

THE WARNING FROM the CDC Chief Scribe is unwarranted, because by deductive reasoning, the opposition CPP officially wrote the government via the Ministry of Youth and Sports since November 16, 2022, and obtained permission long in advance, to peacefully rally on December 17, 2022, in front of the SKD Sports Complex in Paynesville prior to the ruling party's pronounced petitioning ceremony for President Weah.

MAYOR KOIJEE DID not reveal specific names, but the warning comes after the Ministry of Youth and Sports granted permission to the opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CDC) to stage a peaceful rally right in front of the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Paynesville on December 17, 2022, the same date and venue the ruling CDC has planned a petitioning ceremony for the re-election bid of President George Manneh Weah.

THE CDC WAS constrained to postpone its planned petitioning ceremony for President Weah's re-election to avoid confrontation with the opposition, which is no doubt, the wise thing to do as a governing Coalition.

BUT FOR THE Mayor to insinuate because of this that there are presidential appointees such as ministers, executive and managing directors, among others that are working for the opposition against the government without being specific, is an unsubstantiated, blanketed allegation. The warning is clear intimidation and threat from the ruling CDC that had previously summoned all government employees here to report at its headquarters in clear breach of the rights of those officials to hold diverse opinions regardless of serving in government.

WHILE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS are discretional, it does not mean that anyone President Weah appoints is automatically a member of the CDC. In other words, being a member of the ruling party should not be a pre-condition for any qualified Liberian to serve the Motherland, as Kojjee tries to imply.

THE MINISTRY OF Youth and Sports under Minister D. Zeogar Wilson, acted in line with law in granting the CPP permit to rally peacefully on December 17, and neither the Minister nor any of his deputies should be portrayed as working against the government's interest by responding to a law-abiding citizen or a law-abiding institution's request as guaranteed under the Constitution.

THE CDC SHOULD be reminded that it enjoyed similar rights to rally and protest during its days in opposition. Now that it has become the ruling party, it should not deny parties in opposition from exercising the very rights it benefited, while it sat on the other side of the political landscape.

THREATENING PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES for doing what is required by law clearly undermines the very Constitution that the CDC-led government took oath to defend and protect for the sake of peace, stability and harmonious co-existence irrespective of tribal, political or religious affiliation.



CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT Licensed Insurance Companies

The attention of the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) has been drawn to complaints about the operations of illegal insurers and insurance companies as well as brokerage firms in Liberia in violation of Section 2.1 Sub-section 1.0 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

The Insurance Act of 2013 mandates the CBL as the sole authority to license insurers, reinsurers, insurance brokers, insurance agents and loss adjusters.

Accordingly, the CBL hereby cautions individual(s) or institution(s) to not engage or do insurance business with any insurance company or insurance intermediary or brokerage firms other than the below listed, which are approved by the CBL in accordance with the Insurance Act of 2013.

The licensed insurance companies are:

1. Accident and Casualty Assurance Company (ACICO)
2. Activa Insurance Company (AIC)
3. American Underwriters Group International Insurance Company (AUG)
4. Atlantic Life and General Insurance Company (ALGIC)
5. Blue Cross Insurance Company (BCIO).
6. Insurance Company of Africa (ICA), and
7. Medicare Insurance Company (MIC). Others are:
8. Mutual Benefit Assurance Company (MBA)
9. Omega Insurance Company (OIC)
10. Palm Insurance Company (PIC)
11. Saar Insurance Company (SIC)
12. Secure Risk Insurance Company (SRIC)
13. SKY International Insurance Company (SIIC), and
14. SUNU Insurance Company

Other licensed insurance brokerage firms authorized by the CBL to do insurance business within the Republic of Liberia are:

1. ASK Gras Savoye Liberia Limited (ASK Savoye)
2. KEK Insurance Brokers Liberia Limited (KEK)
3. SAJONA Intermediaries (Insurance Advisor & Broker)
4. Trust Brokerage Liberia Limited Company (Trust LLC), and
5. MicroEnsure Life-Jar Incorporated (Life-Jar).

While the focus of the CBL is on the implementation of the mandate to achieve the insurance commission by 2026 in accordance with the Amended and Restated Act of the CBL 2020, the public is hereby encouraged to inform the CBL about anyone or company doing unlicensed insurance business within the Republic of Liberia.

The CBL wants to reassure the public of its commitment to the transformation of the insurance industry leveraging capacity building from the Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) of the U.S Treasury, West African Insurance Institute (WAIL), and the West Africa Insurance Companies Association (WAICA) and remains supportive of the collaboration with the Ministry of Transport as the implementer and enforcer of the Third-Party Car Insurance scheme.

Signed: The Central Bank of Liberia

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Lord, our pepo na know we suppose to grow what we eat?

Dear Father,

Wait ohhh, I heard de other day our Goworment say de rice price na go up and our village pepo were crying all over de place?

I wonder dey na know we suppose to grow what we eat? All de plenty land dem we geh in dis village dey na know da time to be making use of dem, den every time dey hear rice price go up den their blood pressure go up-lazy pepo.

My son, what is going on again and who are you calling lazy pepo.

Father, ehn da my pepo. All de plenty land we geh in dis village here with all de able body men and women here just walking up and down our village Bluffing Street doing nothing, den any time dey hear rice price go up den they want faint.

Hmm, you sure my son?

Father, de thing is plain and simple, not just rice alone, but food bisnay will be hard next year. De pepo who can make de fertilizer for food to grow are busy fighting war.

So, de kina food we suppose to be bringing here will na come like before. Da mean rice price will go up becus da 8-billion pepo will be running behind de small rice around here. So, our pepo moh stop crying and start thinking about growing our own food to feed ourselves in our village.

Bor ehn dey say yor Goworment can give de Lebanese pepo money to bring rice?

Father, de noise da na come up over da money bisnay sef, I don't think, dey will do it again oo. De Goworment moh just tell de pepo how much to sell it and make sure rice in de country.

Bor me, I say, de best solution is for our pepo to go back to de village and make farm instead of walking up and down begging every day. Period!

So, who should go back to de village na?

Father, everybody. You see, our village is too rich. We geh good soil, more rain and sum light. All de thing da other villages looking for to grow food right here in our village but da laziness killing us so.

You know, it good for dem to hear de truth. De time for Goworment to be giving what de book pepo called subsidies to Lebanese pepo is over. Leh dem use da money for our hospitals and roads.

Da time na for us to stop complaining about rice price. If we want de price to come down, we moh grow it for ourselves and stop depending on other pepo.

In fact, de Goworment say it na get free money to be giving to de Lebanese pepo baasa, baasa leh da. Leh dem bring de rice and sell it. It better for rice to be here in our village den for de Goworment and de pepo to be fighting whole day and no rice here.

Anyway, me I know na everybody will leh de thing I talk, bor me I na talk my own. We too lazy in our village. We depend on other pepo to do things for us too much. Da time na for us to do something for ourselves. Leh other pepo depend on us too na-what happen!

JUDICIAL BRANCH
SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE
MONROVIA, LIBERIA



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Invitation to Bid for **Computers**

DATE: December 16, 2022
IFB NO. JUD/NCB/004/2023

- The Judiciary Branch of Government anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2023 fiscal budget for the procurement of **Computers supply**. Therefore, the Judiciary wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable dealers for Computers supply, this invitation for bids follows the special procurement notice for this project which appears in two local dailies.
- The Judiciary now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of the goods described below. Bid submission begins on **December 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM daily**; and the final date of submission is **January 17, 2023 @ 1:30**.

Packages: Assorted Cartridges

IFB NO.	LOT:	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY
JUD/NCB/004/2023	Lot-1	Computers Supplies		US \$300.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act (PPC Act) published and approved September 16, 2010. Bidding is opened to all eligible and qualified bidders as defined in the PPCC guidelines.
- A complete set of bidding documents for the specified computer supplies may be obtained by qualified and eligible bidders from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice:
 - Through Inquiry from the Director of Procurement;
 - Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US\$50.00** for a set of bid documents for Computer supplies. Bidders are required to submit a bid security in the form of Bank Guarantee.
- Qualification requirements include the following:
 - Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry) with the code or another appropriated code.
 - Current Tax Clearance Certificate (LRA);
 - Certificate of Incorporation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
 - Financial Records of Performance for the past two (2) years with indication of at least two previous or current clients, with their Addresses and Telephone Numbers;
 - Availability of products at all times.
 - PPCC Vendor registry certificate
 - Proof ability to pre-finance. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
 - Include Business Activity Code.
 - Bidders should submit a signed and notarized listing of both the legal and beneficial owners of their businesses.
- Interested and eligible bidders may obtain additional information on the bidding process from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice Main Building, Fifth Floor Room # 501 or 505, from Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. thru 3:30 P. M.
- All Submissions must be signed and sealed in an envelope with one original and two duplicates place in one envelope, including other requested information
 - IFB NO. JUD/NCB/004/2023 - CONFIDENTIAL BID for the provision of Computers, to the Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2023

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MAIN BUILDING
FIFTH FLOOR RM. # 501
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

- All Submissions must be delivered to the Procurement Unit latest **January 17, 2023 @ 1:30 P. M.** Moreover, no electronic bids will be accepted and late bids will be rejected.
- A pre-bid opening meeting will be held on **January 11, 2023 @ 1:00 PM** in the office of the Director of Procurement in Room #501, to answer questions relevant to the bidding process, seven (7) days after which all further clarification requests would remain unanswered.
- Sealed bids will be opened in the presence of all bidders or their representatives on **January 17, 2023 @ 1:30 Pm.** All potential bidders are asked to please take note of the time herein stated. Bids remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the deadline of submission.
- Note: The Judiciary reserves the right to reject or accept any bid without incurring any liability or assigning any reason thereof.**

Signed: _____
Director of Procurement

Approved: _____
Court Administrator

JUDICIAL BRANCH
SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Invitation for Bids for **Printing Materials**

DATE: December 16, 2022
IFB NO. JUD/SBA/NCB/001/2023

- The Judiciary Branch of Government anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2023 fiscal budget for the procurement of services appertaining to **printing Materials**. Therefore, the Judiciary wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable agencies dealing in the provision of services relating to Printing Materials. This invitation for bids follows the special procurement notice for this service as stated in this document.
- The Judiciary now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Liberian Bidders for the provision of the services described below. The items will be contained in one (1) lot. Bid submission begins on **December 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM daily**. The final date of submission is **January 23, 2023 @ 11:00 AM**.

Package: Printing Materials.

LOTS #:	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY
Lot-1	Printing Materials.	Assorted	US \$230.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act (PPC Act) published and approved September 16, 2010. Bidding is opened to all eligible and qualified bidders as defined in the PPCC guidelines.
- A complete set of bidding documents for the specified printing materials may be obtained by qualified and eligible bidders from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice, fifth floor Room # 505 as follows:
 - Through Inquiry from the Director of Procurement;
 - Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US\$50.00** for a set of bidding documents for the aforementioned lot consisting of printing materials.
 Bidders are required to submit a bid security in the form of Bank Guarantee during the bid submission.
- Qualification requirements include the following:
 - Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry);
 - Current Tax Clearance Certificate (Ministry of Finance);
 - Certificate of Incorporation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
 - Financial Records of Performance for the past two (2) years with indication of at least two previous or current clients, with their Addresses and Telephone Numbers;
 - Availability of products at all times.
 - Demonstrated ability to pre-finance. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
 - Restricted to Liberian Businesses Only.**
 - PPCC Vendor registry certificate.
 - Business Activity Code
 - Bidders should submit a signed and notarized listing of both the legal and beneficial owners of their businesses
- Interested and eligible bidders may obtain additional information on the bidding process from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice Main Building, Fifth Floor Room # 501/505, from Monday – Friday during the hours of 9:00 A.M. thru 3:00 P.M.
- All Submissions must be signed and sealed in an envelope with one original and two duplicates and placed in one envelope including other requested information.

IFB NO. JUD/SBA/NCB/001/2023 - CONFIDENTIAL BID for the provision of printing materials to the Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2023 and shall be addressed to.

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MAIN BUILDING
FIFTH FLOOR RM. # 501
MONROVIA, LIBERIA


- All Submissions must be delivered to the Procurement Unit latest **January 23, 2023 @ 11:00 AM**. Moreover, no electronic bids will be accepted and late bids will be rejected.
- A pre-bid opening meeting will be held on **January 19, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.** in the office of the Director of Procurement in Room #501, to answer questions relevant to the bidding process, seven (7) days after which all further clarification requests would remain unanswered.
- Sealed bids for printing materials will be opened in the presence of all bidders or their representatives on **January 23, 2023 @ 11:00 AM**. All potential bidders are asked to please take note of the time herein stated. Bids remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the deadline of submission.
- Note: The Judiciary reserves the right to reject or accept any bid without incurring any liability or assigning any reason thereof.**

Signed: _____
Director of Procurement

Approved: _____
Court Administrator

JUDICIAL BRANCH SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MONROVIA, LIBERIA



Invitation for Bids for **Generators Repairs**

DATE: December 16, 2022

IFB NO. JUD/NCB/003/2023

1. The Judiciary Branch of Government anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2023 budget year for the procurement of services appertaining to **Generators Maintenance & Repairs**. Therefore, the Judiciary wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable agencies dealing in the provision of services relating to Generators Maintenance & Repairs. This invitation for bids follows the special procurement notice for this project which appears in two local dailies.

2. The Judiciary now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of the services described below. Bid submission begins on **December 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM daily**. The final date of submission is **January 17, 2022 @ 11: 00 AM**.

Package: **Generator Repairs.**

IFB NO.	LOT #:	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY
JUD/NCB/003/2023	Lot-1	Generators Maintenance & Repairs	Assorted	US \$1,301.40

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act (PPC Act) published and approved September 16, 2010. Bidding is opened to all eligible and qualified bidders' source as defined in the guidelines.

4. A complete set of bidding documents for the specified Generators Repairs can be obtained by qualified and eligible bidders from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice: (a) Through Inquiry from the Director of Procurement; and, (b) Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US\$50.00**, for a set of bid documents for the servicing of Generators Repairs. Bidders are required to submit a bid security in the form of Bank Guarantee during the bid submission.

5. Qualification requirements include the following:

- (a) Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry) with the code or another appropriated code.
- (b) Current Tax Clearance Certificate (LRA);
- (c) Certificate of Incorporation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
- (d) Financial Records of Performance for the past two (2) years with indication of at least two previous or current clients, with their Addresses and Telephone Numbers;
- (e) Availability of products at all times.
- (f) PPCC Vendor registry certificate
- (g) Proof ability to pre-finance. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- (h) Include Business Activity Code
- (i) **Bidders should submit a signed and notarized listing of both the legal and beneficial owners of their businesses.**

6. Interested and eligible bidders may obtain additional information on the bidding process from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice Main Building, Fifth Floor Room # 501/505, Monday – Friday during the hours of 9:00 A.M. thru 3:30 P. M.

7. All Submissions must be signed and sealed in an envelope with one original and two duplicates including other requested information. **IFB NO. JUD/NCB/003/2023 - (Lot 1) - CONFIDENTIAL BID** for the provision of **Generator Repairs Services** to the Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2023; and shall be addressed to:

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT
FIFTH FLOOR RM. # 501
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

8. All Submissions must be delivered to the Procurement Unit latest **January 17, 2022 @ 11:00 AM**. Moreover, no electronic bids will be accepted and late bids will be rejected.

9. A pre-bid opening meeting will be held on **January 13, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M** in the office of the Director of Procurement in Room #501, to answer questions relevant to the bidding process, seven (7) days after which all further clarification requests would remain unanswered.


10. Sealed bids for Generator maintenance & repairs will be opened in the presence of all bidders or their representatives on **January 17, 2023 @ 11:00 .AM**. All potential bidders are asked to please take note of the time herein stated. Bids remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the deadline of submission.

11. **Note: The Judiciary reserves the right to reject or accept any bid without incurring any liability or assigning any reason thereof.**

Signed: _____ Approved: _____
Director of Procurement Court Administrator

JUDICIAL BRANCH SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MONROVIA, LIBERIA



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING INVITATION FOR BID FOR STATIONERY

DATE: December 16, 2022

IFB NO. JUD/NCB/001/2023

1. The Judiciary Branch of Government anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2023 budget year for the procurement of **Stationery**. Therefore, the Judiciary wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable agencies dealing in the provision of services relating to Stationery. This invitation for bids follow the special procurement notice for this project which appears in two local dailies.

2. The Judiciary now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of the goods described below. Bid submission begins on **December 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM daily**; and the final date of submission is **January 17, 2023 @ 1:00 PM for Stationery supplies**.

Package: **Stationary**

IFB NO.	LOT #:	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY
JUD/NCB/001/2023	Lot-1	Stationary	Assorted	US \$2,680.00

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act (PPC Act) published and approved September 16, 2010. Bidding is opened to all eligible and qualified bidders as defined in the PPCC guidelines.

4. A complete set of bidding documents for the specified Stationary supplies can be obtained by qualified and eligible bidders from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice:

- (a) Through Inquiry from the Director of Procurement; (b) Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US\$75.00** for a set of bidding documents for Stationary. Bidders are required to submit a bid security in the form of Bank Guarantee.

5. Qualification requirements include the following:

- (a) Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry)with the code or another appropriated code.
- (b) Current Tax Clearance Certificate (LRA);
- (c) Certificate of Incorporation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
- (d) Financial Records of Performance for the past two (2) years with indication of at least two previous or current clients, with their Addresses and Telephone Numbers;
- (e) Availability of products at all times.
- (f) PPCC Vendor registry certificate
- (g) Proof ability to pre-finance. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- (h) Include Business Activity Code.
- (i) **Bidders should submit a signed and notarized listing of both the legal and beneficial owners of their businesses.**

6. Interested and eligible bidders may obtain additional information on the bidding process from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice Main Building, Fifth Floor Room # 501/ 505, Monrovia, Liberia; from Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. thru 3:30 P. M.

7. All Submissions must be signed and sealed in an envelope with one original and two duplicates including other requested information. **(1) IFB NO. JUD/NCB/001/2023 - CONFIDENTIAL BID** for the provision of Stationary to the Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2023.

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MAIN BUILDING
FIFTH FLOOR RM. # 501
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

8. All Submissions must be delivered to the Procurement Unit latest **January 17, 2023 @ 1:00 P. M**. Moreover, no electronic bids will be accepted and late bids will be rejected.

9. A pre-bid opening meeting will be held on **January 13, 2022 @ 12:00 PM** in the office of the Director of Procurement in Room #501, to answer questions relevant to the bidding process, seven (7) days after which all further clarification requests would remain unanswered.


10. Sealed bids will be opened in the presence of all bidders or their representatives on **January 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM**. All potential bidders are asked to please take note of the time herein stated. Bids remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the deadline of submission.

11. **Note: The Judiciary reserves the right to reject or accept any bid without incurring any liability or assigning any reason thereof.**

Signed: _____ Approved: _____
Director of Procurement Court Administrator

JUDICIAL BRANCH SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MONROVIA, LIBERIA



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Invitation to Bid for **CARTRIDGES**

DATE: December 16, 2022

IFB NO. JUD/NCB/005/2023

1. The Judiciary Branch of Government anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2023 fiscal budget for the procurement of **Cartridges**. Therefore, the Judiciary wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable dealers of Cartridges. This invitation for bids follows the special procurement notice for this project which appears in two local dailies.

2. The Judiciary now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of the goods described below. Bid submission begins on **December 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM daily**; and the final date of submission is **January 17, 2023 @ 12:00 pm**.

Packages: **Assorted Cartridges**

IFB NO.	LOT:	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY
JUD/NCB/005/2023	Lot-1	Cartridges	Assorted	US \$518.00

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act (PPC ACT) published and approved September 16, 2010. Bidding is opened to all eligible and qualified bidders as defined in the PPCC guidelines.

4. A complete set of bidding documents for the specified cartridges may be obtained by qualified and eligible bidders from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice:

- (a) Through Inquiry from the Director of Procurement; (b) Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US\$50.00** for a set of bid documents for Cartridges. Bidders are required to submit a bid security in the form of Bank Guarantee.

5. Qualification requirements include the following:

- (a) Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry), with the code or another appropriated code.
- (b) Current Tax Clearance Certificate (LRA);
- (c) Certificate of Incorporation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
- (d) Financial Records of Performance for the past two (2) years with indication of at least two previous or current clients, with their Addresses and Telephone Numbers;
- (e) Availability of products at all times.
- (f) PPCC Vendor registry certificate
- (g) Proof ability to pre-finance. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- (h) Include Business Activity Code.
- (i) **Bidders should submit a signed and notarized listing of both the legal and beneficial owners of their businesses.**

6. Interested and eligible bidders may obtain additional information on the bidding process from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice Main Building, Fifth Floor Room # 501or 505, from Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. thru 3:30 P.M.

7. All Submissions must be signed and sealed in an envelope with one original and two duplicates and place in one envelope, including other requested information **IFB NO. JUD/NCB/005/2023 - CONFIDENTIAL BID** for the provision of Cartridges to the Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2023

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MAIN BUILDING
FIFTH FLOOR RM. # 501
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

8. All Submissions must be delivered to the Procurement Unit latest **January 17, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M**. Moreover, no electronic bids will be accepted and late bids will be rejected.

9. A pre-bid opening meeting will be held on **January 11, 2022 @ 12:30 PM** in the office of the Director of Procurement in Room #501, to answer questions relevant to the bidding process, seven (7) days after which all further clarification requests would remain unanswered.

10. Sealed bids will be opened in the presence of all bidders or their representatives on **January 17, 2023 @ 12: 00 noon**. All potential bidders are asked to please take note of the time herein stated. Bids remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the deadline of submission.

11. **Note: The Judiciary reserves the right to reject or accept any bid without incurring any liability or assigning any reason thereof.**

Signed: _____ Approved: _____
Director of Procurement Court Administrator

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MONROVIA, LIBERIA



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Invitation for Bids for **Vehicle Repairs.**

DATE: December 16, 2022

IFB NO. JUD/NCB/002/2023

1. The Judiciary Branch of Government anticipates funding from the Government of Liberia through its 2023 fiscal budget for the procurement of services appertaining to **Vehicle Repairs**. Therefore, the Judiciary wishes to solicit sealed bids from reputable agencies dealing in the provision of services relating to Vehicle Repairs Maintenance & Services. This invitation for bids follows the special procurement notice for this service which appears in two local dailies.

2. The Judiciary now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of the services described below. The items will be divided into lots. Bidders are allowed to bid for more than one lot. Bid submission begins on **December 16, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM daily**. The final date of submission is **January 20, 2023**.

Packages: **Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance Services**

IFB NO.	LOT:	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY
JUD/NCB/002/2023	Lot-1	Force Traveller Chevrolet Captiva Isuzu pick-up Hyundai bus UAZ Patriot Jeep Mitsubishi	2 units 1 unit 1 unit 1 unit 6 units 1 unit	355.72
JUD/NCB/002/2023	Lot-2	Repairs of Nissan	8 units	300.00
JUD/NCB/002/2023	Lot-3	Repairs of Toyota	38 units	1,700.00

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concession Act (PPC Act) published and approved September 16, 2010. Bidding is opened to all eligible and qualified bidders' source as defined in the guidelines.

4. A complete set of bidding documents for the specified Vehicle Repairs and maintenance services, may be obtained by qualified and eligible bidders from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice: (a) Through Inquiry from the Director of Procurement; and, (b) Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **US\$ 50** for each set of bid documents for the aforementioned services for Vehicle Repairs. Bidders are required to submit a bid security in the form of Bank Guarantee along with the Bid Documents.

5. Qualification requirements include the following:

- (a) Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry);
- (b) Current Tax Clearance Certificate (LRA);
- (c) Certificate of Incorporation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
- (d) Financial Records of Performance for the past two (2) years with indication of at least two previous or current clients, with their Addresses and Telephone Numbers;
- (e) Availability of spare parts at all times; and, (e) Demonstrated ability to pre-finance. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- (f) All Supplier should have high standard spare parts to meet the demand of the Judiciary.
- (g) Suppliers should have the capacity to repairing vehicles within the Judiciary fleet.
- (h) Availability of spare parts.
- (i) Should be capable of having specific tow truck.
- (j) Contact duration will be considered as per our Bidding process.
- (k) All Suppliers should have professional mechanic that are liaised within their employ.
- (l) Bidders should submit a signed and notarized listing of both the legal and beneficial owners of their businesses.

6. Interested and eligible bidders may obtain additional information on the bidding process from the Procurement Unit at the Temple of Justice Main Building, Fifth Floor Room # 501or 505, from Monday – Friday during the hours of 9:00 A.M. thru 3:00 P. M.

7. All Submissions must be signed and sealed in an envelope with one original and two duplicates copies place in one envelope and sealed. **IFB NO. JUD/NCB/002/2023 – (Lot 1 to lot 3) - CONFIDENTIAL BID** for the provision of **Vehicle Repairs Maintenance Services** to the Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2023 and shall be addressed to: DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT, TEMPLE OF JUSTICE MAIN BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR RM. # 501 MONROVIA, LIBERIA.

8. All Submissions must be delivered to the Procurement Unit latest **January 20, 2023 @ 11:00 A. M**. moreover, **no electronic Bids** will be accepted and late bids will be rejected.

9. A pre-bid opening meeting will be held on **January 16, 2023 @ 12: 00 PM** in the office of the Director of Procurement in Room #501, to answer questions relevant to the bidding process, seven (7) days after which, all further clarification requests would remain unanswered.

10. Sealed bids will be opened in the presence of all bidders or their representatives on Friday, January 20, 2023 as follows: (a) Vehicle Repairs and maintenance services for **Lot 1 @ 11:00 am for Lot 2 @ 12; 30 pm, and Lot 3 @ 1:30 pm**, all potential bidders are asked to please take note of the time herein stated. Bids remain valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the deadline of submission.

11. **Note: The Judiciary reserves the right to reject or accept any bid without incurring any liability or assigning any reason thereof.**

Signed: _____ Approved: _____
Director of Procurement Court Administrator

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

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China suggests ways to eradicate poverty in Liberia

By Lincoln G. Peters

The People's Republic of China through its Ambassador to Liberia has suggested ways the government here can effectively reduce, and eradicate poverty, and

here. His suggestions were contained in a PowerPoint presentation on 'Strengthened Development Cooperation for Sustainable Result in Liberia during the dialogue.

Mr. Ren disclosed that since the end of the civil conflict,

Development (PAPD) as advocated by President George Manneh Weah.

"Put development, including economic development and inclusive social development, in the preferred position of peace and stability," said Amb. Ren. "Formulate long- and medium-term development strategies and policies with concrete and practical programs and plans aimed to effectively reduce and eradicate poverty and realize prosperity and development," he suggested.

The People's Republic of China on Thursday hosted the first edition of the dialogue events to consolidate peace, stability, and development in Liberia.

The dialogue was jointly launched by the German Embassy in Liberia and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in October. It aims to consolidate the peace, stability, and cooperation in Liberia and Africa at large.

The program was organized under the theme: "Strengthened Development Cooperation for Sustainable Result."

It was graced by several members of the diplomatic corps including the United



realize prosperity, and development.

During a dialogue hosted at the Embassy near Monrovia Thursday, 15 December 2022, Ambassador Ren Yisheng urged the Government of Liberia to formulate long- and medium-term development strategies.

He suggested the formulation of policies with concrete and practical programs to reduce poverty

much has been done and achieved in terms of recovery and reconstruction in Liberia. At the same time, he urged that more concerted efforts need to be made at domestic, regional, and international levels.

He suggested the need to accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063, and the Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and

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LRP pledges to fight corruption if elected

The Vision Bearer of Weah administration, he said Liberia Rebuilding Party (LRP), one of change, but was quick to added the newest registered that such change should be political parties in the strategic.

country, Cllr. Luther N. Yorfee, says if elected as President in 2023, a LRP-led government will wage war on systemic corruption to save Liberia from economic stagnation that continues to stall development.

Speaking at an intellectual discourse organized by the Center for the Exchange of Intellectual Opinions (CEIO) this week in Monrovia Cllr. Yorfee said the LRP has come to bring about the necessary change that will relieve Liberians and the nation from abject poverty and improve standard of life in the country, though he didn't say how.

Asked whether Liberians at home and in the diaspora are opting for change of the status quo and trends of events because of global economic meltdown due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and corruption under the

vision when our party shall have won the 2023 presidential and legislative elections..."

However, he clarified that he's only the Vision Bearer of the Liberia Rebuilding Party for now, and that when he wins the LRP primary coming up shortly, he will contest for the Presidency.

Still on plan to wage war against corrupt public figures, Cllr. Yorfee decried that for too long political parties have

causing air pollution.

Community residents lament that fumes and dust from a long pipe elevated from within RITCO Distillery's premises are polluting their environment.

They call on government (GOL) through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to have the factory relocated.

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Chairman Vaye continues that community dwellers have continuously complained to him

RITCO Distillery linked to pollution

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Residents of Car Wash, Lofa Community, Mount Barclay, on the outskirts of Monrovia alarm of alleged pollution from the operation of Rajia International Trading or RITCO Distillery in their community.

Ritco Distillery, producer of alcoholic beverages in Liberia, is said to have recently embarked on a new venture to manufacture engine oil, through melting and recycling of chemicals, thus

about the suffocation they suffer in their homes as a result of the pollution, mostly affecting children and led to a one-year-old child bleeding from the nose.

When contacted, the Management of Ritco disclaims that though the proposed oil company is situated within RITCO facility, it is owned and operated by a totally different management.

James T. Kollie, a block chairman, told the NEW DAWN, the pollution occurs when the



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company switches on its plant, something, he notes, is causing serious threats to their health.

According to Kollie, the manufacturing plant for the proposed oil factory emits fumes into the air that have driven few residents to relocate to nearby Barnesville.

"They are killing us; women, children and others have been continuing to complain, while some families have recently relocated to Barnesville for rescue due to the harmful effects from the Factory", he explains.

When contacted, Bishop



Cllr. Luther N. Yorfee

failed to design a comprehensive strategy to fight corruption and transform post COVID-era Liberia to nobler heights.

According to him, corruption is a major catalyst that is eating up the fabric of the society because, as he puts it, "We have been using an old system referred to as post audit and creating anti-corruption institutions to fight corruption and yet, we reneged on giving these bodies the necessary support and empower them to effectively fight this public enemy."

The Vision Bearer said a LRP-led government will do things differently, "By devising a

continual audit wherein an audit of all ministries and agencies of the government is effected daily to include internal and external audit for checks and balances, and seek to promote good governance." According to him, auditors that will be tasked to conduct the continual audit of the system of government under the LRP-led administration services would be based on a monthly rotational basis, so as not to have them being tempted to be corrupt during the discharge of their professional duties.

In another development, Cllr.

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Office of the President

PRESS RELEASE

December 15, 2022

It has come to the attention of the MANAGEMENT of the Liberian Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI) that a list purportedly NAMING DELINQUENT BORROWERS OF LBDI is being circulated via social media, radio talk shows, and other related platforms. LBDI hereby disclaims and disassociates itself from the SAID LIST and asks that the public DISREGARD AND REFRAIN from attributing THE LIST TO LBDI.

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Français

La police et l'opposition élaborent un plan de sécurité pour le meeting du 17 décembre

La police de Monrovia et le comité d'organisation du meeting de l'opposition ont finalisé un plan pour la sûreté et la sécurité du meeting prévu demain au complexe sportif Samuel Kanyon Doe à Paynesville.

Le Congrès national

cabinet, Musa Dean, a ordonné à la police nationale libérienne d'assurer une protection maximale aux milliers de Libériens qui prendront part au meeting de l'opposition qui est prévu au complexe sportif SKD.

Des dizaines d'organisations de la société civile, des partis politiques de l'opposition, des

décembre 2022 au siège de la CPP, près d'une douzaine de groupes de la société civile et de dirigeants politiques de l'opposition ont rassemblé leurs membres et partisans pour se joindre au rassemblement. Ils estiment que la cause est juste et dans l'intérêt primordial des masses souffrantes.

Les leaders politiques du Parti populaire uni (UPP) et du Parti populaire de libération (PLP) ont lancé des appels passionnés à leurs partisans et militants pour qu'ils se présentent en masse au rassemblement et parlent au nom des masses souffrantes contre la situation déplorable.

Les dirigeants de groupes de la société civile, dont le réseau des militants désenchantés du CDC, le CDC Royal Guards et l'association des marchandes du Libéria ont apporté leur soutien au meeting. Le Mouvement indigène du Libéria et la National Community Leadership Association ont lancé des appels clairs à leurs membres et sympathisants qui sont dans le comté de Montserrado pour qu'ils prennent part au meeting du complexe sportif SKD le samedi 17 décembre.

Outre les anciens partisans du CDC, l'Association nationale des musulmans du Libéria ont eux aussi décidé de prendre

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alternatif (ANC) et la Collaboration des Partis politiques (CPP), dirigés par M. Alexander B. Cummings, ont prévu un meeting le 17 décembre au complexe sportif Samuel Kanyon Doe à Paynesville pour dénoncer la cherté de la vie.

Le 8 décembre 2022, le ministre libérien de la Justice et président par intérim du

groupes de femmes, de jeunes et d'étudiants se sont engagés à participer au rassemblement.

Ils veulent exprimer leur frustration et leur mécontentement face à la prétendue mauvaise gouvernance et à la détérioration des conditions économiques des masses qui souffrent.

Lors d'une conférence de presse spéciale le mercredi 14

Mali : Karim Keïta réagit aux sanctions des Etats-Unis

Le fils de feu le président malien Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, réfugié en Côte d'Ivoire depuis le coup d'État militaire d'août 2020 qui avait fait chuter son père, clame son innocence dans un communiqué diffusé mercredi. Le Trésor américain avait annoncé le 9 décembre des sanctions à l'encontre de Karim Keïta pour des affaires de corruption et de droits humains.

« Je tiens à réaffirmer mon innocence », déclare Karim Keïta dans un communiqué datant du mercredi 14 décembre. Il y dénonce « des procédures à finalités politiques évidentes », un « lynchage » organisé par « des médias instrumentalisés » et le non-respect de la présomption d'innocence dont il devrait bénéficier « jusqu'à ce que la preuve contraire soit apportée. »

Celui qui était devenu député et même président de la Commission défense de

l'Assemblée nationale du Mali, lorsque son père IBK était président de la République, est aujourd'hui réfugié en Côte d'Ivoire. Il affirme s'être jusqu'ici imposé le silence « pour ne gêner en rien » le pays qui lui a « offert l'hospitalité », mais également pour ne pas nuire à « la bonne marche de la transition au Mali. »

Souçons de corruption et de détournement de fonds publics

Les autorités maliennes de transition avaient déjà émis un mandat d'arrêt international à son encontre, en juillet 2021. Ce sont les sanctions décidées la semaine dernière par les États-Unis qui auront finalement poussé Karim Keïta à s'exprimer publiquement.

Karim Keïta est accusé par

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Éditorial

Qui le parti au pouvoir soupçonne de complot contre le gouvernement

Jefferson Kojjee, maire de la ville de Monrovia et secrétaire général élu de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir, est en colère. Il estime de manière vague que certaines personnes nommées par le président au gouvernement sont en train de comploter avec l'opposition contre le pouvoir.

Kojjee a mis en garde ces fonctionnaires qui semblent être proches de l'opposition qu'ils seront surveillés étroitement afin qu'ils se conforment aux vœux de la coalition au pouvoir.

Nous pensons que la mise en garde du secrétaire général du parti au pouvoir est injustifiée et injustifiable, car l'opposition amenée par Collaboration des Partis Politiques (CPP) a écrit officiellement au gouvernement, précisément au ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports depuis le 16 novembre 2022, et obtenu l'autorisation de se rassembler pacifiquement le 17 décembre 2022 devant le complexe sportif SKD à Paynesville, bien avant que le parti au pouvoir annonce la cérémonie au cours de laquelle le président Weah sera investi candidat à la prochaine élection présidentielle.

Le maire Kojjee n'a pas cité de noms, mais ses propos sont intervenus après que le ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports a autorisé l'opposition à organiser son rassemblement pacifique juste devant le complexe sportif Samuel Kanyon Doe à Paynesville le 17 décembre 2022, la même date et le même lieu que le parti au pouvoir a choisis pour investir son candidat George Manneh Weah pour sa réélection.

La CDC a été contrainte de reporter sa cérémonie afin d'éviter une confrontation directe avec l'opposition, ce qui est sans aucun doute un acte sage.

Mais nous pensons que les propos du maire de la ville de Monrovia ne sont pas fondés. C'est plutôt une tentative d'intimidation et une menace claire de la part du parti au pouvoir, qui, il faut le rappeler, avait demandé à tous les employés du gouvernement de se présenter à son siège, en violation flagrante des droits de ces fonctionnaires à avoir des opinions diverses, peu importe leur poste.

Bien que les nominations présidentielles soient discrétionnaires, cela ne signifie pas que toute personne nommée par le président Weah est ou doit être automatiquement membre de la coalition au pouvoir. En d'autres termes, être membre du parti au pouvoir ne devrait pas être une condition préalable pour qu'un Libérien qualifié serve sa patrie.

Le ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, sous la direction du ministre D. Zeogar Wilson, a agi conformément à la loi en accordant à la CPP le permis de se rassembler pacifiquement le 17 décembre. Par conséquent, personne n'a le droit d'accuser le ministre et ses adjoints de comploter contre le parti au pouvoir.

Il convient de rappeler à la CDC qu'elle a aussi joui des droits similaires de rassemblement et de protestation lorsqu'elle était à l'opposition. Et maintenant qu'elle est au pouvoir, elle n'a aucun droit d'empêcher les partis de l'opposition d'exercer les mêmes droits dont elle a bénéficié.

Menacer les personnes nommées par le président pour avoir fait ce qui est requis par la loi s'apaise clairement la même Constitution que le gouvernement dirigé par la CDC a prêté serment de défendre et de protéger pour la paix, la stabilité et la coexistence harmonieuse, quelle que soit les affiliations tribales, politiques ou religieuses des uns et des autres.

Français

La police et l'opposition élaborent un plan

part au meeting. C'est aussi le cas du Parti populaire uni (UPP) et du Parti populaire de libération (PLP).

Selon l'opposition, les Libériens souffrent sous le régime du président George Manneh Weah. Le rassemblement prévu a ainsi pour but d'attirer l'attention du gouvernement et de la communauté internationale sur le sort des citoyens.

Lors d'une conférence de presse à Monrovia mercredi dans les bureaux politiques du CPP, le secrétaire général du CPP, Martin Saye Kullah, a déclaré que le bloc de l'opposition avait fait beaucoup de mobilisation.

Près de 100 000 Libériens ont été mobilisés par l'opposition pour prendre part au meeting géant du 17 décembre 2022 dont l'objectif est de dénoncer les difficultés économiques auxquelles sont confrontés les populations sous le régime du président George Manneh Weah, à en croire la Collaboration des Partis Politiques de l'opposition (CPP).

L'annonce a été faite par le secrétaire général de la coalition politique, Martin Kollah, le lundi 12 décembre 2022, au cours d'une conférence de presse tenue à Sinkor et dont le but était de faire le point sur la manifestation prévue le 17 décembre cette année.

L'opposition s'entend donc à un rassemblement de plus d'une centaine de milliers de partisans devant le complexe sportif Samuel Kanyon Doe à Paynesville pour dénoncer, dit-elle, « les souffrances que subissent les citoyens sous l'administration de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) ».

Après des semaines de menaces mutuelles entre pouvoir et opposition au sujet du rassemblement, un accord a été finalement trouvé. La CDC a dû reporter à une date ultérieure une cérémonie prévue au même lieu et à la

même date que le meeting de l'opposition. Cette cérémonie consistait à réinvestir le président Weah candidat de la coalition à la prochaine élection présidentielle.

Le meeting de la CPP est surnommé " We are tired suffering (Nous sommes fatigués de souffrir)". L'opposition veut envoyer un message clair selon lequel les Libériens sont fatigués de souffrir et en ont marre du mauvais traitement présumé du régime Weah.

Selon l'opposition, les petites commerçantes du Libéria, le Mouvement des militants désenchantés du parti au pouvoir, le Syndicat national des mécaniciens du Libéria, le Syndicat des tailleurs du Libéria et beaucoup d'autres libériens prendront part au meeting.

Il a ajouté que parmi les personnes mobilisées figurent également d'autres partis politiques qui se sont tous engagés auprès des masses.

Selon le secrétaire général de la CPP, la mobilisation est en cours pour que davantage de Libériens se manifestent.

« 75 000 Libériens ont déjà rempli leurs formulaires. Ils ont accepté de faire partie du rassemblement », a-t-il dit.

Pour sa part, le directeur de campagne de Cummings et ancien ministre de l'Information Lewis Brown a affirmé que le rassemblement pacifique du 17 décembre ne concerne pas que la Collaboration des Partis Politiques. « Il concerne tout le monde car il vise à attirer l'attention du gouvernement sur les souffrances dures que subissent actuellement les citoyens ».

Selon l'ancien représentant permanent du Libéria auprès des Nations Unies, le meeting a pour but de rappeler au président Weah ses promesses non tenues qu'il a faites aux Libériens.

« Nous retournons au SKD pour rappeler au président les promesses qu'il a faites à son peuple », a déclaré l'ambassadeur Brown.

Mali : Karim Keïta réagit aux

le Trésor américain d'avoir détourné des fonds publics et reçu des pots-de-vin pour favoriser l'attribution de contrats à certaines entreprises. Le Trésor a décidé de le sanctionner - gel des avoirs, interdiction de se rendre aux États-Unis - d'abord pour des soupçons de corruption liés aux affaires de l'achat de l'avion présidentiel et des contrats d'équipements militaires

surfacturés datant de 2014.

La mise en place d'un système de pots-de-vin pour favoriser la réélection de son père en 2018 est également citée par les autorités américaines, qui évoquent aussi son éventuelle implication dans la disparition ou, selon certains témoignages, dans l'assassinat du journaliste Birama Touré, en 2016.

COMMENTAIRE

Par David Malpass

Un développement économique écologique

WASHINGTON, DC - La biodiversité planétaire et les services que nous rendent les écosystèmes sains subissent une pression massive en raison du changement climatique ainsi que du défi consistant à soutenir l'existence de huit milliards d'être humains de manière durable. Les services écosystémiques clés - tels que le bois issu des forêts, les pollinisateurs, ou encore la pêche en mer - doivent être préservés et chéris. Or, ils subissent aujourd'hui une érosion rapide. Organisée ce mois-ci à Montréal, la Conférence 2022 des Nations Unies sur la biodiversité (COP15) nous offre l'opportunité de bâtir sur la vision commune de l'humanité consistant à vivre en harmonie avec la nature.

La biodiversité constitue l'un des objectifs majeurs des programmes du Groupe de la Banque mondiale. Pour stopper la perte de biodiversité, les décisions économiques doivent prendre en compte la nature. C'est pourquoi nous travaillons en soutien des États afin qu'ils intègrent la nature à leurs modèles de croissance économique, plans de développement, et agendas climatiques. Cela signifie instaurer des politiques qui tiennent compte de la valeur économique réelle de la nature, bâtir des institutions qui la soutiennent, développer des partenariats public-privé en faveur de cet objectif, ainsi que mobiliser la finance en provenance de toutes les sources, afin de transformer les économies et les politiques - bien au-delà des interventions isolées.

La pêche constitue une excellente illustration des raisons pour lesquelles la nature est essentielle à la croissance et au développement. Au niveau planétaire, les stocks de poisson déclinent, en raison de la triple menace que représentent le changement climatique, la surpêche et la pollution. Si l'état actuel des choses perdure, le monde pourrait perdre jusqu'à 25 % de capture de pêche d'ici la fin du siècle. Nous sommes tous concernés, pour plusieurs raisons.

Premièrement, nous sommes d'ores et déjà confrontés à l'une des plus grandes crises de sécurité alimentaire de l'histoire moderne. Le poisson constituant une denrée alimentaire importante pour 3,3 milliards de personnes, la réduction de l'offre ne pourra qu'aggraver les crises alimentaires d'aujourd'hui et de demain. Le poisson est un aliment riche en nutriments particulièrement essentiels au développement de l'enfant, et constitue une source particulièrement précieuse de protéines pour les plus démunis, dans la mesure où il est plus facile à obtenir et moins coûteux à conserver que d'autres sources. Ainsi, le poisson représente au moins 50 % de l'apport total en protéines animales des habitants du Ghana, du Mozambique et de la Sierra Leone. Une pénurie de poisson risque par ailleurs d'impacter l'ensemble de la chaîne alimentaire, les produits de pêche faisant partie des composants essentiels d'autres produits alimentaires, tels que la nourriture destinée au bétail.

Deuxièmement, le poisson se raréfiant ou migrant vers des eaux plus froides et plus profondes en raison du changement climatique, de nombreux pêcheurs vont devoir naviguer plus au large pour en capturer, modifier leurs modes de pêche, ou changer de métier. Nombre d'entre eux ne pourront pas s'adapter. Parmi les 38 millions de personnes directement employées par la pêche à travers le monde, les plus vulnérables seront les plus durement frappées, notamment les communautés de pêche à petite échelle, souvent situées dans des zones reculées et déjà disproportionnellement affectées par le changement climatique. Les femmes, qui représentent 50 % des personnes employées sur

l'ensemble de la chaîne de valeur des produits alimentaires aquatiques, seront également impactées significativement. Celles qui n'ont pas véritablement suivi d'études éprouveront bien des difficultés à trouver un moyen de subsistance alternatif.

Troisièmement, l'impact de ces menaces s'accroîtra au fil des années. Les stocks de poisson ignorent les frontières internationales. Sans réglementations et mécanismes incitatifs adaptés, les flottes continueront de maximiser leurs prises à court terme, et les économies dominantes de mener une surpêche au-delà de leurs eaux territoriales. Si tous les États se comportent ainsi, ce grave problème deviendra encore plus catastrophique. Il y a cinquante ans, environ 10 % des stocks mondiaux de poisson étaient pêchés à une cadence non durable biologiquement, d'après l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture. Ce chiffre atteint aujourd'hui 35 %. Si de nombreux pays sont voués à en souffrir, ces sont les communautés les plus démunies qui ont le plus à perdre.

Face à ces défis, les efforts de préservation qui se limitent à stopper la perte de biodiversité ne suffisent plus. Il nous faut inverser le déclin, ce qui implique de changer de modes de production et de consommation.

L'une des approches consiste à investir dans des solutions fondées sur la nature, qui protègent l'environnement tout en soutenant le développement économique, en créant des moyens de subsistance, ainsi qu'en aidant les États à atténuer et s'adapter au changement climatique. Prenons l'exemple des mangroves, riches en biodiversité, zones de reproduction pour les poissons, et qui protègent plus de six millions de personnes contre les inondations annuelles, tout en absorbant les émissions de carbone. Leur valeur économique est estimée à 550 milliards \$. De même, la culture des algues représente un potentiel de création d'emplois, d'atténuation de l'insécurité alimentaire, et d'absorption du carbone.

Le Groupe de la Banque mondiale œuvre sur de multiples fronts pour aider les États à reconnaître à la fois la valeur de la nature, et les risques que soulèverait sa disparition. Travaillant souvent auprès de ministères des finances, nous apportons les financements, les connaissances, les conseils politiques et les capacités techniques nécessaires pour mobiliser les différents partenaires autour de solutions fondées sur la nature. Avec notre soutien, les États identifient aujourd'hui de nouvelles interventions prometteuses, susceptibles d'être répliquées et développées à grande échelle.

En impliquant diverses parties prenantes dans la planification marine, le Vietnam a atténué par exemple les conflits liés à l'exploitation des ressources dans les différents secteurs. En Chine, nous travaillons avec les municipalités de Chongqing et Ningbo afin de réduire la quantité de plastique marin qui atteint les océans à partir des effluents fluviaux, en nous fondant sur des projets antérieurs qui ont contribué à renforcer la capacité de traitement des eaux du pays. En appliquant certaines technologies telles que les satellites et les drones, nous permettons à la Tanzanie ainsi qu'à d'autres pays d'obtenir des données en temps réel sur la dégradation côtière et marine, afin qu'ils puissent agir pour prévenir ce phénomène. De même, grâce à des instruments financiers innovants de type crédits de carbone bleu, le Ghana entend restaurer 3 000 hectares de mangrove, et mobiliser davantage de financements privés.

Nous œuvrons pour le développement des efforts de ce type. Les objectifs à court terme incluent davantage de financements en appui de projets au sein des pays pauvres, un plus grand rôle du secteur privé, ainsi qu'une action coordonnée des communautés locales jusqu'aux gouvernements nationaux. Si nous entendons stopper la perte de biodiversité, nous devons, ainsi que la communauté internationale, accomplir beaucoup plus.

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Trial Judge Places Stay Order on All Proceedings of PUL including Induction

A stay order has with immediate effect been placed on all proceedings of the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) including a so-called induction ceremony, scheduled for Friday, 23

Management Team of Julius Kanubah for the PUL presidency.

In the petition, Team Kanubah criticized the conduct of the PUL 2022 elections because of several violations of the Union's Constitution in relation to the Membership Register.

The violations, Team Kanubah insisted, amounted to acts of electoral fraud, because the PUL Full Membership Register (Voter Roll) was not published on time and disaggregated as required under Article 10 Section 7 of the PUL Constitution.

Moreover, the Full Membership Register (Voter Roll) was flooded with non-journalists and ineligible members (voters) including interns, cub-reporters, criminals, and high school students.

Team Kanubah is of the view that the stay order marks the beginning of a significant step in the pursuit of justice and electoral integrity in the PUL after back-to-back cases of voter roll fraud under former President Charles Coffey and former Vice President Daniel Nyakonah.

We will work to ensure that those bent on hijacking the leadership of the PUL are legally exposed and brought to book in a bid to restore credibility, integrity and dignity to our Union which was built upon the principles of democracy.

on grounds that the illegal occupiers of the PUL leadership and so-called elected officers of the PUL pose a threat to the Union by their decision to conduct elections and plan induction, meant to undermine the

outcome of the proceedings into the Petition for Declaratory Judgment. The Action for Declaratory Judgement was filed against the PUL now erstwhile administration of Charles Coffey and Daniel Nyakonah as well as the Membership Committee chaired by Fabine Kwiah, the ad-hoc Congress Committee chaired by Carolyn Myers-Zoduah, and the ad-hoc sub-Committee on Elections and Inauguration chaired by Atty. Ade Wede Kekuleh. The Action for Declaratory Judgment along with a motion for Preliminary Injunction was filed by the National Campaign



December 2022.

The stay order was imposed by the Resident Circuit Judge presiding in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court in Gbarnga, Bong County.

Judge J. Boima Kontoe placed the stay order on Thursday, 15 December 2022, during the Reading of the Mandate of the Supreme Court, ordering him to resume jurisdiction and proceed in keeping with law into the controversy surrounding the PUL 2022 Congress and subsequent elections.

The stay order was requested by lawyers representing Team Kanubah

Liberia Chess competition hits critical stage

The 2022 Liberia National Individual Chess Championship has hit a critical point after the defending National Champion Bobby Ballah was beaten by Joel Ebiekuta during a critical match in Round 5 on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Thursday's match started exactly at 4 pm, which would set the pace for the matches due this weekend that would ultimately determine the next National Chess Champion. Going into Round 6 on Thursday, Joel topped the table with 5 points out of 5 rounds- the only player with a

perfect score. He faced Harold Evans on Board 1 while Former Champion FM Barcon Harmon played Foday Kondoh on Board 2 and Current Champion Bobby Ballah was paired against a dangerous opponent in the person of Former Champion Thomas Saah. The games continue on Friday, December 16 with two rounds (7 & 8) in UL Auditorium. A total of 11



Police assure security

The LNP and the rally organizers pledged during the press conference to provide a corridor of protection for the CPP and all Liberians.

The joint press conference was graced by top supporters of Cummings' presidential bid Amb. Lewis G. Brown, Dr. Toga McIntosh, CPP official Martin Kollah, and Police Inspector General Col. Patrick T. Sudue.

During the press conference, Col. Sudue urged the rally organizers to spread a message of peace during the pending opposition rally.

On the other hand, Col. Sudue assured the public that the police will exercise their duty in a professional and democratic manner.

The police chief explained that the LNP will ensure that the rally is peaceful enough to avoid chaos.

Sudue assured that the rights and aspirations of every citizen will be protected during the rally.

He said the police did so during previous protests, including the the 'June 7,' and 'Save The State,' and others.

Sudue noted that the LNP has had an orientation of democratic policing.

"We have had an orientation of democratic policing. Democratic policing is where you are constrained to provide care and protection for your citizens to ensure their rights and aspirations are protected," IG Sudue explained.

The police chief continued that the police will use every peaceful

method to ensure that the rally remains under a conducive manner.

He also said community policing will be the order of the day to ensure that officers are taken to the people with peace and respect for human dignity. But he also called the organizers and supporters of the CPP Rally to remain cordial and abide with the rules of law.

He urged them not to cause commotion and embarrassment for other peaceful citizens during the day of the rally.

Additionally, Col. Sudue called on the media to be present at the rally and report the reality of the ethical and democratic discharge of the duty of the LNP. Meanwhile, Col. Sudue stated that there will be a detour of the flow of traffic to allow free movement and enable commuters go about their normal business.

For his part, the chairman of the Friends of Cummings and the lead conveyer of the "We Taya [Tired] Suffering Rally" Amb. Lewis Brown lauded the police for their commitment to ensure the rally is peaceful.

Amb. Brown applauded the Ministry of Justice for convening the strategic security meeting between the LNP and the CPP rally organizers. He stated that the CPP has explicit confidence in the ability of the police to ensure that the rally is peaceful.

Amb. Brown reaffirmed the CPP commitment to a peaceful rally, saying the opposition petitions will be made known to the world.

China suggests ways to eradicate

States Ambassador to Liberia, Michael A. McCarthy, Dr. Jakob Haselhuber, the German Ambassador to Liberia, and other African diplomats from Nigeria, Ghana, and South Africa.

The program was also graced by Liberian Vice President Jewel Howard-Taylor, House Speaker Bhofal Chambers, and River Gee County Senator Conmany B. Wesseh.

Others were Internal Affairs Minister Varney A. Sirleaf, Education Minister Professor Dr. Ansu Soni, Public Works Minister Ruth Coker Collins, and Naomi Gray, Assistant Minister for Afro-Asia Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Liberia, Vice President Jewel Howard-Taylor said the country believes that cooperation must be at the zenith of any nation's foreign policy.

She noted that her government takes very seriously, the

recommendations and suggestions proffered by the Chinese Ambassador.

"Let me specifically appreciate the Government and People of China for their enormous contribution to Liberia's economic transformation," she said.

"In all his public expositions on Liberia's alliance with friendly Nations and Allies, President George Manneh Weah has maintained China as one of Liberia's most reliable allies," she added. She said the alliance was further solidified when Liberia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of China, and officially joined more than 150 countries as members of the Belt and Road Initiative.

According to her, the people of Liberia continue to appreciate the alliance between both nations.

rounds will be played with a Swiss Pairing System.

The Liberia Chess Federation (LCF) kicked off the ongoing National Individual Chess Championship on the University

of Liberia (UL) Capitol Hill campus on Friday, December 9, 2022.

The LCF's Classical National

Weah's assurance to Biden

President George Weah has assured United States President Joe Biden of a free, fair and transparent election here in 2023. the 2023 elections during a select group of African leaders' meeting in the White House with U.S. President Joseph R. Biden. President Weah suggested democracy where the will of the people prevails. For his part, President Biden urged the leaders in attendance to ensure that the democratic process under their leadership is



"I have participated in a lot of elections and even when the results were not favourable, we respected the results," said President Weah. "My administration will ensure a free, fair, and transparent process in 2023 and Liberia will remain a bastion of peace, freedom, prosperity, and development under our watch," said Wednesday during a meeting with Mr. Biden, while seeking "maximum support" to Liberia's Elections in 2023 from the United States. An Executive Mansion release dated 14 December says President Weah requested the maximum U.S. support for that the maximum U.S. support should be provided as a way of consolidating democracy, rule of law and enhancing growth and development in Liberia and Africa as a whole. That meeting with President Biden was held on the margins of the US-Africa Leaders Summit 2022, according to the release. Mr. Weah is due to battle several opposition leaders in next year's presidential and legislative elections in his bid to secure a second six-years term. During the meeting, President Weah reiterated his strong commitment to the tenets of carried out in a free, fair, and transparent manner. He committed U.S. support to the advancement of the ideals of democracy, rule of law, peace and security, and development on the continent. According to the Executive Mansion, President Weah was scheduled on Thursday, 15 December 2022 to join other leaders and the U.S. President at the Leaders Forum. Mr. Weah is expected to submit to the plenary on peace and security, resource mobilization for development, youth capacity building, and sustainable utilization of natural resources on the continent.

LBDI distances from purported list

The Liberia Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI) disclaims and disassociates itself from a list circulating on social media and in other media outlets in the country, purportedly naming delinquent borrowers of the bank. In a press release issued here on Thursday, 15 December under the signature of Acting President Mark Akwenah Nyeamene, Jr, LBDI asks the public to disregard and refrain from attributing the list to it. LBDI respects the confidentiality requirement of a financial institution and shall at all times use appropriate legal remedies available under the laws of the Republic of Liberia in pursuing defaulting borrowers", the release reads. public and media institutions as well as social media platforms not to accord the said list any relevance as it has no association with the bank. The bank warns that it would not hesitate to take legal action against any person or media outlet that engages in the mischievous conduct of associating its name with such publications. "LBDI herby assures the general public that the accounts and any account information of its customers remain confidential at all times and subject only to the Central Bank of Liberia and other legal requirements", the release adds. The publication of the said purported list followed recent alarm raised by United States Ambassador to Liberia, Michael McCarthy, about persons, some of



The Bank says it disapproves of dissemination of what it terms a fabricated list of defaulters, as it has at no time issued or caused to be issued such a list. LBDI calls on the general them high profile individuals, being indebted to the country's only investment and development bank that has operated for several decades. *Press Release*

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Individual Championship is the fourth event for this year's chess activities. The Federation has already completed the first three events for this year, which include the Club Team Championship (won by the Invincible Knights Chess Club), the 2022 Rapid Chess Championship (won by CM Anthony Waylea), and the 2022 National Blitz Chess Championship (won by Joel O. Ebiekuta). But the most important, which is the individual classical event, will determine the actual Chess Champion and Female Chess Championship of Liberia. This year's championship is about the value of chess as an educational tool. The 2022 National Chess Championship is the 5th edition of this premier chess event since the establishment of the Liberia Chess Federation in 2014. FM Barcon Harmon, James Tondo, Thomas Saah, and Bobby Ballah won the 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2021 editions respectively. In November, the Liberia Chess Federation launched the 2022 National Chess Championships which is being organized as a chess festival. In collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports with support from sponsors and partners, the Liberia Chess Federation is hosting the Championships which include all aspects and categories of the noble game. The winners (Open and Women Champions) will have first preference to represent Liberia at all major chess competitions next year. They will also become members of the LCF Executive Council.

Starts from page 6 RITCO Distillery linked

Stephen Collins, who is said to be General Manager of RITCO Distillery Liberia, referred this paper to the company's Public Relations Officer identified as Edwin Chea Jr. Mr. Chea says management is concerned about the situation, and will respond subsequently, pending medical report of an unidentified child in the community said to have been affected. However, he adds that if there is any pollution, the company remains apologetic to residents of the area. He confirms that there is a pending production of engine oil at the facility, but clarifies that operation has started yet, contrary to claims from the residents. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Starts from page 6 LRP pledges to fight

Yorfee has frowned at the messy educational system of the country that continues to retard the progress of the youth and students due to what he calls lack of political will by past administrations and the present government to remedy the problem. He said a LRP-led government would design a quality educational policy to improve the messy educational system and restore its pre-war status. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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CBL Executive Governor to install PAL officials today



CBL Executive Governor J. Aloysius Tarlue

body of print media owners in the country. ,
The newly elected corps of officials will steer the affairs of the institution for the next three years. According to a press release issued by the Inauguration Committee headed by Publisher Stanley Seakor the induction ceremony takes place precisely 1PM at BIG TREAT RESTAURANT behind the Liberia Bank for Development and Investment on 9th Street, Sinkor in Monrovia. Those to be inducted include President-elect, Othello Garblah, Vice President-elect, Sam O. Dean, and Abraham Ansumana Donzo, Financial Secretary-elect, respectively. The committee calls on all publishers to come in full for this all-important occasion of the Association.

The Executive Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia, J. Aloysius Tarlue, Jr., is expected to induct the new leadership of the Publisher Association of Liberia (PAL) into office today. The Publishers Association of Liberia (PAL) is the umbrella

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Police assure security for December 17 Rally

By Lincoln G. Peters

Opposition rally organizers against alleged hardship in Liberia and police authorities have held a joint press conference committing to peaceful conduct during the assembly due 17 December 2022. The joint press conference was held at the Liberia National Police (LNP) headquarters in Monrovia Thursday, 15 December. The opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC)/Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) of presidential

hopeful Alexander B. Cummings is the planner of the rally. Rally partakers will assemble outside the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Panyesville.

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