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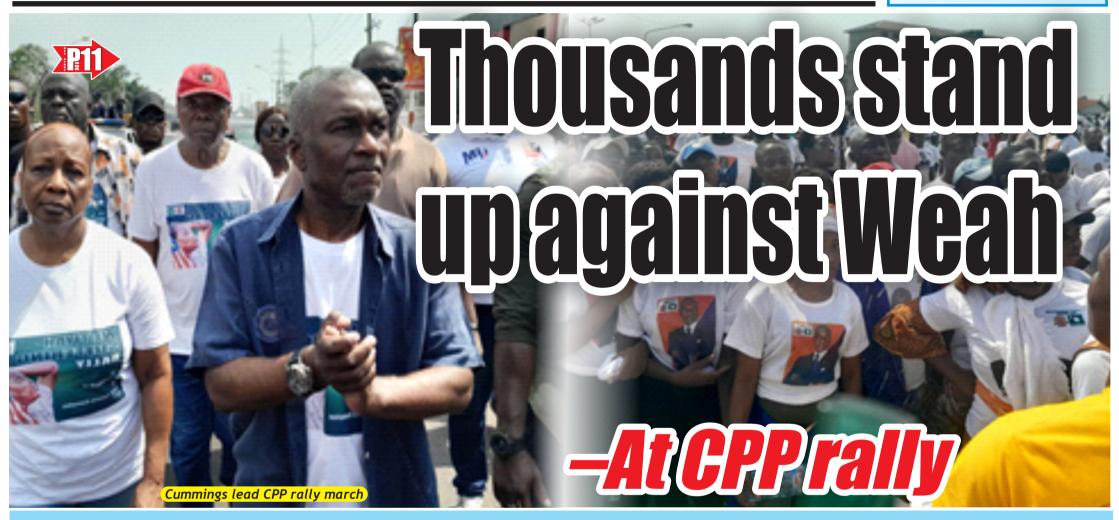
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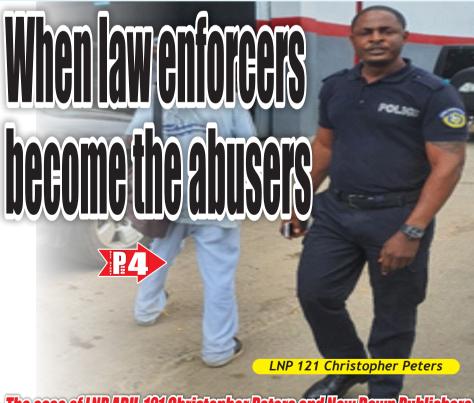
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# Continental News

# Tunisia: President Saied urged Burkina Faso anger over to resign after 'fiasco' election Russian mercenary link

opposition coalition has said President Kais Saied must resign after fewer than 9% of eligible voters took part in parliamentary

unisia's main replaced one drafted soon after the Arab Spring in 2011, which saw Tunisia overthrow late dictator Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali. It gave the head of state full executive control and supreme



elections.

The National Salvation Front head, Nejib Chebbi, said Saturday's poll was a "fiasco", calling for mass protests to demand snap presidential elections.

The vote was boycotted by most opposition parties.

They accuse Mr Saied of reversing the democratic progress made since the 2011 uprising - a charge he denies.

After sacking the prime minister and suspending parliament in July 2021, a year later Mr Saied pushed through a constitution enshrining his one-man rule after a vote that was also boycotted by the main opposition parties.

command of the army.

Mr Saied, 64, says such powers were needed to break a cycle of political paralysis and economic

His supporters agree with him, saying the impoverished North African nation needs a strong leader to tackle corruption and other major issues that hinder the country's development.

Tunisia's electoral officials said late on Saturday that 8.8% of the roughly nine-million-strong electorate had voted in the parliamentary elections.

Speaking shortly afterwards, Mr Chebbi said: "What happened today is an earthquake, From this moment, we consider Saied an illegitimate president and fiasco,"

He told the AFP news agency that Mr Saied should leave office "immediately", saying the poll proved that there was "great popular disavowal" from the public of his style of governing.

The National Salvation Front, a coalition of several political parties, also called for mass rallies and sit-ins.

President Saied has so far made no public comments on the issue.

Tunisia's uprising 11 years ago is often held up as the sole success of the Arab Spring revolts across the region - but it has not led to stability, either economically or politically. Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets of Tunisia's capital to demonstrate against the president.

Parallel demonstrations by political movements who are deeply opposed to each other were held in Tunis.

Both groups denounced Kais Saied as an autocrat who is reversing the democratic progress made since the 2011 uprising.

They also demanded accountability for the country's economic crisis which has seen food and fuel shortages.

Critics of Mr Saied accuse him of staging a coup and attempting to turn Tunisia back into an autocracy - a system of government run by one person with absolute

#### The new constitution demand he resign after this power. BBC ANC conference: Mkhize rivals

Ramaphosa in tight ANC party race 🕝 outh Africa's President 🛮 farm. Cyril Ramaphosa is in a tight party leadership race against his former health allegations.

Zweli Mkhize is enjoying a last minute surge at the African National Congress conference in Johannesburg, reports say.

The candidates are fighting for the support of some 4,426 delegates.

The winner will lead the party to the next general elections in 2024.

If Mr Mkhize does win he would become ANC leader, but Mr Ramaphosa would remain president.

Mr Ramaphosa had faced calls to resign ahead of the conference over an alleged cover up of theft of a large sum of foreign currency that was hidden in a sofa at his private

An independent report commissioned by the speaker of parliament said Mr Ramaphosa hurdle that would have locked minister - who he forced to may have broken the law but he him out of the party resign a mid corruption has denied any wrongdoing. leadership race.

On Tuesday, ANC MPs were instructed to back Mr Ramaphosa and vote down an attempt to

start an impeachment process. Only a handful defied the whip clearing a huge

On Friday, some delegates heckled Mr Ramaphosa, with some displaying the name of



summoned Ghana's they have hired Russian jihadists.

Wagner Group's presence in Burkina Faso was "distressing" said Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo.

militants who operate in many parts of the country.

Neighbouring Mali faces a similar challenge and is already widely believed to be working with Wagner.

Since Capt Ibrahim Traoré seized power in Burkina Faso in

urkina Faso's military recalled the Burkinabe authorities have ambassador in Accra for a "consultation" over comments ambassador over allegations made by the Ghanaian president.

President Akufo-Addo, speaking mercenaries to help fight on the sidelines of the US-Africa summit in Washington DC on Wednesday, said Ghana's northern neighbour had made a deal with the mercenary group.

"Today, Russian mercenaries are Burkina Faso has been on our northern border. Burkina struggling to contain Islamist Faso has now entered into an arrangement to go along with Mali in employing the Wagner forces there," he said.

He also said that Burkina Faso had ceded a mine, reportedly with gold reserves, near the border with Ghana in exchange for the group's services to deal with the



September, there had been widespread speculation that he might follow suit and start working with Russian mercenaries.

Both countries have already cut long-standing security ties with France, the former colonial power.

While visiting Ghana, the UK's Minister for Development and Africa Andrew Mitchell said Britain was concerned about mercenaries in West Africa.

Russia's presence in the region was "neither constructive nor helpful."

Capt Traoré has promised to win back territory from the jihadists, and to hold democratic elections in July 2024.

His government has also

his Phala Phala farm where the theft took place. Mr Mkhize's supporters also

chanted "change" and "He [Ramaphosa] is not coming back!"

The former health minister was forced to leave office last year after allegations

emerged that a

communications company

militant insurgency that began in

In recent weeks, hundreds of people fleeing militants attacks in Burkina Faso have crossed the border into northern Ghana.

So far, there has not been any official confirmation about an agreement between the Wagner Group and Burkina Faso, even though Prime Minister Apollinaire Kyelem recently visited Russia.

The reports that Mali was the activities of Russian working with Wagner fighters were one reason why France withdrew Mr Mitchell told the BBC that its forces from the country in August - after nearly a decade of helping to fight jihadist fighters in the country.

> The details of any pact between Mali and the mercenary group, which has been accused of committing atrocities in the country, including killing civilians, remains unclear. BBC

> linked to his family benefited from a contract at the height of the Covid pandemic. He has denied any wrongdoing.

> Supporters of candidates running for the party's presidency and other six top seats have been involved in intense lobbying ahead of the vote which is expected to be completed later on Sunday. BBC

By David Malpass

# EDITORIAL

# CDC must name appointees in double standards

MONROVIA CITY MAYOR and secretary-general-elect, for the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Jefferson Koijee, 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 Koijee 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.



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# **Eco-Economic Development**

harmony with nature.

to help countries integrate nature into produce and consume. their economic growth models, interventions.

overfishing, and pollution. If business as carbon. usual continues, the world could lose up to for several reasons.

nutrients that are particularly important replicated and scaled up. for child development, and they are an livestock feeds.

are employed directly in fishing, the most funding. vulnerable will be the hardest hit. This includes small-scale fishing communities, We are working to expand efforts like these. will be hard to find.

Third, the impact of these threats will **Bank Group**.

ASHINGTON, DC - The Earth's grow over time. Fish stocks do not respect biodiversity and the services international boundaries. Without the right provided by healthy ecosystems regulations and incentives, fleets will are under massive pressure from climate continue to maximize their catches in the change and the challenge of supporting short term, with major economies eight billion people in a sustainable way, overfishing far beyond their territorial Key ecosystem services - such as timber waters. If all countries do this, a bad from forests, pollinators, and ocean problem will become much worse. Fifty fishing - must be conserved and cherished, years ago, about 10% of global fish stocks yet they are being rapidly eroded. The were being fished at biologically 2022 United Nations Biodiversity unsustainable levels, according to the Food Conference (COP15) in Montreal this and Agriculture Organization of the UN. month offers a chance to build on Today, that figure has risen to 35%. While humanity's shared vision of living in many countries will suffer, the poorest communities stand to lose the most.

Biodiversity is an important goal for World Faced with these challenges, conservation Bank Group programs. But to reverse its efforts that merely stop nature loss are no loss, economic decisions must take nature longer enough. Rather, we need to reverse into account. That is why we are working the decline, which means changing how we

development plans, and climate agendas. One approach is to invest in nature-based Doing so means establishing policies that solutions that protect nature while also consider nature's real economic value, supporting economic development, building institutions that support nature, creating livelihoods, and helping countries developing public-private partnerships to mitigate and adapt to climate change. support that goal, and mobilizing finance Consider mangroves, which are rich in from all sources to transform economies biodiversity, act as nursery areas for fish, and policies - going well beyond isolated protect more than six million people from annual flooding, and absorb carbon emissions. They are estimated to have an Fishing is a good example of why nature economic wealth valued at \$550 billion. matters for growth and development. Another example is seaweed farming, Globally, fish stocks are declining, owing which has the potential to create jobs, to the triple threat of climate change, alleviate food insecurity, and absorb

25% of fish catches by the end of the The World Bank Group is working across century. That should concern everyone, many fronts to help countries recognize both the value of nature and the risks that would follow from losing it. Often working First, we are already facing one of the through ministries of finance, we provide largest food-security crises in modern funding, knowledge, policy advice, and history. Since fish are an important dietary technical capacity to mobilize partners component for 3.3 billion people, a behind nature-based solutions. With our reduced supply will exacerbate food crises support, countries are identifying now and in the future. Fish are rich in promising new interventions that can be

especially valued source of protein for the For example, by involving different poor, because they are easier to obtain and stakeholders in marine planning, Vietnam is cheaper to preserve than other sources. reducing conflicts over resource use across Hence, fish contribute 50% or more of the sectors. In China, we're working with the total animal-protein intake in Ghana, Chongqing and Ningbo municipalities to Mozambique, and Sierra Leone. Moreover, reduce the amount of marine plastic that a fish shortage will affect the entire food reaches the ocean from river effluent, chain, because fish products are important building on earlier projects that helped components of other foods, including establish China's water-treatment capacity. By applying technologies like satellites and drones, we are helping Second, as fish become scarcer or migrate Tanzania and other countries obtain realto colder and deeper waters because of time data on coastal and marine climate change, many fishers will be degradation, so that they can act to prevent forced to travel farther to catch them, to it. And through innovative financial change the way they fish, or to find new instruments such as blue carbon credits, jobs. Many will not be able to adapt. Ghana aims to restore 3,000 hectares of Among the 38 million people globally who mangroves and bring in more private

which are often located in remote areas Near-term goals include more financing for that are already disproportionally projects in poor countries, a bigger role for affected by climate change. Women, who the private sector, and coordinated action make up 50% of employees in the broader from local communities to national aquatic-food value chain, will also be governments. But if we are going to stop significantly affected. For those with little biodiversity loss, much more needs to be formal education, alternative livelihoods done, both by us and the global community.

David Malpass is President of the World

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#### By Diane Coyle

# The Double Transformation

AMBRIDGE - The world's advanced economies are in the midst of dual structural transformations that will change every aspect of our lives, from how we work and do business to how we regulate markets.

The most notable of these transformations is digitalization, which has been so ubiquitous over the past 25 years that referring to the "digital economy" today sounds as odd as talking about the "electricity economy." To be sure, the digital shift is not complete. Relatively few companies, for example, currently use cutting-edge artificial-intelligence technologies. But billions of people around the world already use AI-powered tools like chatbots and online translation.

The other transformation is the shift to a carbon-neutral economy, which will upend the energy, construction, transport, and manufacturing industries, as well as numerous other sectors. The fall in renewables prices, already faster than the declines in computer prices in previous decades, is a strong indicator that this transition is well underway. With renewable power now significantly cheaper than fossil-fuel energy, decarbonization is set to accelerate.

These technological shifts raise many policy questions, especially concerning antitrust enforcement. For four decades, the prevailing view among economists has been that the roles of the private and public sectors could be clearly defined. The state, according to this view, sets the legal framework, builds infrastructure, and funds basic research, while the private sector innovates and creates wealth. One core tenet of this approach, manifested in the privatization wave of the 1980s, was the assumption that the state should leave it to individual innovators, businesses, and consumers to decide what the future should look like.

But the world has changed since the 1980s. The war in Ukraine and the threat of climate catastrophe have led Western governments to embrace industrial policies for the first time in decades. Even among mainstream economists, there is growing recognition that the state has a crucial role to play in ensuring the net-zero transition through policies that subsidize, among other things, chip fabrication and battery manufacturing.

Less attention has been paid to the competitive implications of this transition. A spate of reports published by regulatory agencies in recent years - such as the UK government report that I co-authored as part of an expert panel chaired by Jason Furman - have shown that existing antitrust-enforcement frameworks are illequipped to address the challenges posed by winner-takes-all digital markets. New laws regulating digital platforms, such as the European Union's Digital Markets Act, are a direct result of this reckoning, as is the anti-monopoly movement's resurgence in the United States.

The net-zero transition will underscore the radical competition-policy implications of the digital transformation, making it impossible for regulators to keep operating as they have in the past few decades. Data sharing is a case in point. Competition policy typically opposes companies sharing information with each other - and for good reason. But major disruptions will force antitrust-enforcement agencies to adapt. During the pandemic, for example, supermarkets sought to suspend competition laws to ensure that limited stocks of essential goods remained available.

Sharing data among firms is essential to reducing waste, increasing energy efficiency across supply chains, enabling autonomous-vehicle adoption and efficient transport management, and reducing entry barriers in digital markets. In the coming years, it will be up to competition authorities to decide which data companies may share, which data they must share, and how to monitor their compliance.

Regulators must also deepen their understanding of which technologies must be widely shared to enable competition and accelerate the shift to a carbon-neutral economy. Some past technological standards have slugged it out in the market - the battle between Betamax and VHS for home-video supremacy in the early 1980s comes to mind. In other cases, regulators have set standards, paving the way for rapid scaling and huge cost reductions. The rapid spread of the GSM mobile standard during the 1990s, for example, made cell phones more affordable in low-income countries.

The latter model is more suitable for the net-zero transition. But first, regulators must move on from the Chicago School philosophy that has underpinned competition and supply-side policies around the world since the 1980s. The Chicago approach presumes an absence of radical structural change. Markets are presumed to be dynamic, but only up to a point. An analysis aiming to understand the impact of, say, 5-10% price increases in clearly defined markets is useless when the prices of some technologies plunge and entirely new markets emerge. It is akin to relying on old maps in a terrain since reshaped by earthquakes and volcanoes.

In short, policymakers must be careful when weighing the strategic benefits of technocratic competition and industrial policies. To enable the net-zero transition and foster a dynamic and inclusive digital economy, competition authorities must recognize the scale of the task they face and shake off outdated modes of thinking the sooner, the better.

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# ON 2ND THOUGH



## When law enforcers become the abusers

-The case of LNP ARU, 121 Christopher Peters and New Dawn Publishers

A "Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish." Psalm 49:20 King James Version (KJV).

This is the case of the Liberian National Police PSU Commander Christopher Peters who goes by code 121. Christophers Peters refused to acknowledge his position at the LNP and the honor that that title carried when he resorted to hurling abusive language at his victims. His victims were subject to psychological pain and trauma.

It was on the sunny afternoon of Saturday, December 17, 2022, when a vehicle belonging to the Anti-Robbery Unit (ARU) of the Liberian National Police ran into the vehicle of New Dawn Publisher Othello B. Garblah and his wife on the Old Road short cut just after one bend in from the Nigerian House.

The road was very crowded on that day. There was an ongoing graduation ceremony at Rev. Gardea Johnson's Church causing huge traffic. It was on this road that the unregistered vehicle which was later identified as belonging to the LNP's Anti-Robbery Unit decided to force its way through when it crashed into the vehicle belonging to the Publisher of New Dawn and his wife.

With the impact of the crash requiring a professional to restore the vehicle as it were, the owners demanded that it be taken to Dolphin Garage on 15 Street, where they usually repair their vehicle.

In the process, Mr. Garblah who was driving at the time asked one of his staff to ride with the driver and occupant of the ARU vehicle to prevent an escape. When all parties arrived at the Dolphin Garage, an assessment was made putting the cost of repairs at USD500.00.

The driver of the ARU vehicle who appears drunk, resorted to begging for mercy saying he could not afford the cost. Told that the police should have insurance as a government entity to bear the cost, he decided to telephone his bosses, later to find out that the vehicle was not insured, yet the police stop drivers on regular basis asking for their vehicle registration and insurance papers.

However, within minutes three extra senior officers from the ARU arrived on the scene at the garage including ARU Commander V. Moore.

Moore and his colleagues insisted they could not afford the repair cost and began to appeal. The Garblahs insisted they were not backing down on their repair demand and also requested that the police provided them with a vehicle for the four days their car will stay in the garage.

As both parties went back and forth, the Garblahs told the police to appeal to the owner of the Garage to enable them to get some discount since they were police officers.

Commander Moore and his colleagues obliged and followed up with the appeal which was granted. They then decided to rally among themselves to raise the initial payment. While they were doing that, they also decided to appeal to the Garblahs for some consideration on the provision of a temporary vehicle.

Meanwhile, unknown to them, the Garbahs had already taken that into consideration and were awaiting the initial payment for both parties to leave the garage before Mr. 121 Christopher Peters showed up.

Whatever discussion he had with his officers was unknown to the Garblahs. But following his discussion, he came walking towards the Garblahs. His first statement to the Garblahs as he approached the couple was: "where is the New Dawn man who says he is going to write about this accident in his paper?"

"You cannot have your car repaired here; this is where I repair my car and it is very expensive. It cost me about 1200...to service my car here. We are going to take your car to the Police Headquarters at our motor pool for the guys to do the repair." Mr. officer 121 went on bragging.

This prompted a response from Mrs. Garblah who gueried: "How dare you insult us like that?"

As if Mr. 121-Christopher Peters was looking for means to unleash his invectives went on as if he came prepared for the Garblahs.

It took the intervention of women who were seated opposite the garage to calm the couple telling them not to follow in the footstep of a man who was by now bringing his

office into disrepute by unleashing insults at

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#### 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)
- 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
- 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 (WAII), 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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H.E President Dr. George M. Weah President, Republic of Liberia

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The Managing Director and Staff of ENAG Consulting, Liberia's premier business and tax consulting firm, extend to His Excellency - Dr. George M. Weah, President, Republic of Liberia, Madam Clar Weah - First Lady, Republic of Liberia, Her Excellency Madam -Jewel Howard Taylor, Vice-President, Republic of Liberia, The Honorable Speaker, President Pro-Tempore and Members of the Legislature, The Chief Justice and Members of the Judiciary, the Dean and Members of the cabinet, Doyen and Members of the Diplomatic Corps and our Illustrious clients a blissful Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New year.

May the joy of the holidays usher us into new beginnings.



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#### MORE HEADLINE NEWS

#### **Cummings bodyguard arrested**

**-for alleged illegal possession of firearm** among others.

By Kruah Thompson

he Liberia National Police (LNP) says it has arrested and is investigating a man identified as Justin Zigbuo for illegal possession of a

facing.

A statement published on the LNP Facebook page said Zigbuo was arrested during the afternoon hours of Saturday, 17 December in Paynesville before the Samuel Kanyon Doe (SKD) Sports Complex.



firearm.

Reports say suspect Zigbuo is a private bodyguard to opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) political leader Mr. Alexander B. Cummings.

Cumming and his CPP supporters led a rally Saturday, 17 December 2022 against the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) regime over the alleged hardship that Liberians are

The CPP held its rally dubbed "We Tiya [tired] Suffering" outside the SKD Stadium.

Zigbuo was detained at the policing profile. LNP headquarters in Monrovia undergoing investigation.

ascendancy to the presidency, his democratic Policing his administration has seen a footprint in consolidating the series of protests over alleged confidence of the citizenry in massive corruption, economic the Liberia National Police as a hardship, and bad governance,

Meanwhile, there have been unconfirmed reports that the alleged firearm caught in the possession of suspect Zigbuo was allegedly marked with the code 'NSA 020'.

In Liberia, the right to private gun ownership is not guaranteed by law.

Civilians are not allowed to possess small arms (other than hunting rifles) and light weapons.

Only professional hunters may lawfully acquire, possess or transfer a firearm or ammunition.

In a related development, the LNP leadership has appreciated the leadership of the CPP and its supporters for peacefully organizing themselves.

The police also appreciated the CPP for agreeing to coordinate with the LNP for a successful rally.

During the rally, the LNP said it shared snacks, water, and soft drinks with attendees of the rally which is aimed at The police said suspect building its democratic

For his part, Police Inspector General Col. Patrick Since President Weah's T. Sudue pledged to continue "People-centered Police."

# **Weah's government is a 'cult'**

#### -Sando Johnson alleges

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

ormer Bomi County Senator Sando Dazoe Johnson has alleged here that President George Manneh Weah's government has a cult.

Speaking Saturday, 17 December 2022 during a rally organized by the opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), Mr. Johnson referred to President Weah and his followers as "a cult."

suppressing the citizens.

He alleged that Liberia doesn't

have a leader, but a "cult." "I'm saying this without fear, not favor, Liberia, we do not have a leader, we have a cult," Johnson alleged.

Mr. Johnson alleged that the ruling CDC is a cultist society, accusing the party of silencing all its constituent parties.

"I'm a founding member of the NPP, and besides the NPP, they're



#### **Cummings vows to restore good governance**

Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) political leader promised to restore good governance in Liberia.

Addressing CPP's much publicized 'We Taya [tired] Suffering rally Saturday, 17 promised to address for Liberians, especially the young people if CPP gets elected.

The opposition bloc led a rally here against the alleged hardship Liberians are facing under the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC)-led government.

CPP is made up of Mr. Cummings' Alternative National Congress (ANC) and a faction of the opposition Liberty Party (LP) that is loyal to embattled chairman Musa Bility.

Addressing his supporters, Cummings said if elected president in the 2023 presidential and legislative elections, he will

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh revamp the country, run a p p o s i t i o n government that would work in provide care for disabilities the interest of every Liberian, and empower the women of and restore its glory.

Alexander B. Cummings has this to be recorded. When we The opposition take over the leadership of our stated that the prevailing country, we will restore good economic challenges ravaging governance to Liberia," said Mr. the country will be a thing of Cummings.

"We will restore the rule of December 2022, Cummings law; we will also restore not to panic about the desired hardship by creating jobs to the Liberian people," he every Liberian will have the added.

He said his government will Liberia whom he said are the "I want to make a few foundation of the country,

> The opposition leader the past.

Cummings urged Liberians same equal opportunities, and

those within the ruling Coalition sat there, they've been hijacked, for Democratic Change (CDC), they've been marginalized, including his former party, the they've put them into a hole," National Patriotic Party (NPP), supports "an autocracy."

Mr. Johnson is a former stalwart of the former ruling NPP this hole, this bondage. which is now a constituent party of the CDC.

He is a National Executive Committee (NEC) member of the opposition All Liberian Party (ALP) of the businessman-turnedpolitician, Mr. Benoni Urey.

Weah's alleged bad governance.

unaware of the "cult" that the government is in and that it is

He alleged that the majority of there, and being silenced. They said Johnson.

> He claimed that many days he prays for the NPP to come out of

> Mr. Johnson called on the opposition to unite beyond just party lines and to be machinery for the people.

"It's time now we think about Liberia, if not, the younger generations will hold us Mounting the podium during responsible. So, I want to use this the rally, Mr. Johnson encouraged platform to call on all opposition Liberians to denounce President groupings, we [have] to unite. We got to sit down and think about He claimed that Liberians are Liberia, this is the time now,"

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will equally benefit from the redeemer or accurate answer to country's natural resources their cries. without threats of being marginalized.

the red flag raised against suffering under President Weah or President George Manneh Weah find a better future under the was essential.

It accused the president of plights amid increased poverty, their destiny in their hands.

economic hardship, corruption, among others.

For his part, Mr. Musa Bility claimed that Liberians will During its rally, the CPP said choose either to continue opposition leader Mr. Cummings.

He said the nation is at a giving deaf ears to the people's crossroads, but Liberians have

He said the election is nearer, insecurity, and marginalization, and there is no time to keep thinking. He suggested that they The opposition bloc argued need a shifting decision on who that Liberians are tired of will govern them for a better suffering, and they need a future.



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#### Internal Affairs Minister encourages peaceful elections as the government and its partners launch a peacebuilding project

16 December Affairs Minister Varney Sirleaf is urging Liberians to remain peaceful and calm

onrovia, Liberia; support project on "Peaceful problems associated with Liberia," on 14 December 2022 mechanisms before, during in Monrovia, Minister Sirleaf and after elections. stressed that a violent free, during the up-coming 2023 transparent, and inclusive complement Government's



elections. Minister Sirleaf said Liberia is proud to have conducted three post conflict elections which have witnessed the peaceful transfer of power and it was important that the country continues in that trajectory to maintain durable and sustainable peace, reconciliation, and social cohesion.

Speaking when he Peace Building Fund (PBF)

elections remains critical to sustaining Liberia's hard-won peace and it requires a national ownership of the process, respect for the rule of law, each other's rights and political opinions, building public trust and confidence, forging partnerships and demonstrating a commitment to smooth and peaceful

officially launched a UN value to the electoral process as it seeks to address the

Electoral Environment & peaceful elections using early 2022: Internal Community Security in warning & response

"The project will efforts to strengthen peace and security, and the consolidation of our democracy by ensuring that the country experiences inclusive, transparent, credible, and peaceful elections in 2023. I am encouraged by the fact that the project will strengthen the participation of vulnerable groups especially youth which make up 60 percent of Liberia's population that are often prone to manipulations to cause violence, as well as women and people living with disabilities.

With the continued marginalization of women and youth in the political process, the United Nations in Liberia wants to see a credible, transparent, and inclusive elections process that affords women the space, security and empowerment required for them to compete in the political space and feel safe to participate.

The UN Resident Coordinator ai and UNDP

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transition of power. The project, he said, adds

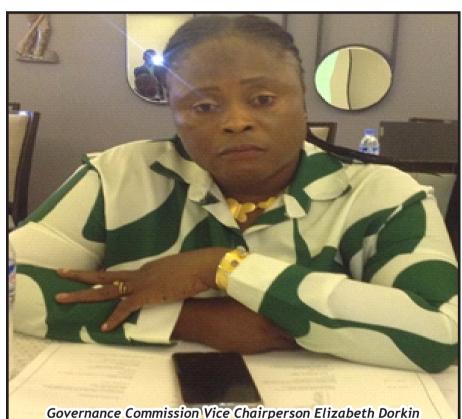
# GC ends roundtable on local content policy

National Investment Commission clauses and implementation in has held a two-day roundtable on our laws when concluding local content policy to help concession agreements." promote growth and development of the local private will allow government to review sector and its human resource current procurement practices capacity by utilizing by concession holders, opportunities generated by largescale investments in the natural where goods and services are resource sector of Liberia.

been working to craft a policy holders, for internationallynecessary to ensure there is procured goods and services

he Governance to ensure that they comply with Commission in current arrangements targeting partnership with the the protection of local content

She said when completed, it specifically highlighting areas wholly or largely imported in the The Government of Liberia has previous years by concession



sufficient linkage between the investment including improved networks.

draft policy, the Vice Chairperson network. of the Governance Commission, concession holders.

Commissioner Dorkin believes, "this can be done by holding regular meetings with investors

skills among the country's youths.

In response, Lorina Johnson,

She noted that the policy is local economy and foreign necessary to ensure there is enterprises. By setting specific sufficient linkage between the performance requirements, the local economy and foreign Government aims to ensure that enterprises because by setting the benefits that Liberia seeks to specific performance obtain from foreign direct requirements, the Liberian government aims to ensure that technology and managerial skills the benefits the country seeks to are integrated into the domestic obtain from foreign direct market and distribution investments, including improved technology and management Speaking at the second section skills are integrated into the of public deliberation on the domestic market and distribution

Commissioner Dorkin added Elizabeth Dorkin, said the local that the policy will also help content policy will help facilitate provide benchmark for and increase linkages between negotiation of investment local economic actors and agreements which will be guided by stipulations in the policy and applied not only to their

#### Solway Mining embarks on US\$270,000 projects in Nimba

By Thomas Domah

Nimba county Incorporated that other company in the country. awaiting a Mineral programs in affected County. communities and towns in Nimba.

The estimated 270,000 United States Dollars communities' development projects are said to be part of two percent of the company's 13 million United States Dollars exploration budget.

Speaking to reporters during a tour of various project sites in the county, Community Relations Officer, Saye-Tee Zuweh said, the US\$270,000 projects are intended to help impact affected communities and towns that are around the

company operations. Mr. Zuweh said the company has not been granted full operational

permit, but it is already Seyhi Town Hall, Zolowee Town impacting lives of affected water project, a modern olway Mining communities, compared to any agricultural training center,

He referenced the on-going quarters in Zortarpa. Others Development Agreement projects as first of its kind, for a include a modern Nurse's from the Government of mining company that is still on quarters in Zuolay Town, Liberia but currently on exploration to embark on such teacher's quarters in exploration in Nimba huge development for affected Gbobayee with 126 students County has embarked on communities in towns and currently studying in various several development villages in District Two, Nimba universities and vocational

Electoral District Two, construction as a four-room training, including, tailoring, teacher's quarters in Gbarpa, among others.

and a modern teacher's training centers in the country, He named projects under 40 young girls receiving skills



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The Solway Mining Flomo, traditional midwife in Incorporated Community Zuolay; Serina Tokpah, Christina Relations Officer further Suah and Esther Nyanamah, Ekie disclosed that the agriculture Biah all trainers for the Tailoring training center and tailoring program thanked the program are under the company's Management of Solway Mining biodiversity conservation Incorporated for helping to activities which are ongoing in impact the lives of rural women four towns to help reduce lack of and girls, who need skills that may help them in the future.

According to them, for the Officer-In-charge for Zorgowee past 60 years, they are yet to get Clinic; pregnant women Janet such developmental activities Gono and Helena Zawolo, Kou from central government. Editing by Jonathan Browne

#### **NEW DAWN**

### Français **Weah promet des élections libres, justes**

et transparentes en 2023 à Biden

président américain Joe 2023. Biden comme quoi les transparentes.

e président libérien maximal" du gouvernement George Weah a tenté américain aux prochaines de rassurer le élections libériennes prévues en

Selon un communiqué de la élections de 2023 seront présidence - « The Executive libres, justes et Mansion » - qui date du 14 décembre, le président Weah a « J'ai participé à plusieurs demandé le soutien maximal des élections et quoi que les États-Unis aux élections de 2023

M. Weah doit affronter plusieurs dirigeants de l'opposition lors des élections présidentielle et législatives de l'année prochaine dans sa tentative d'obtenir un deuxième mandat de six ans.

Au cours de la réunion, le président Weah a réitéré son ferme attachement aux



libérien.

« Mon administration Biden. garantira un processus libre, 2023 et le Libéria restera un était de solliciter "un soutien Afrique 2022.

résultats ne fussent pas lors d'une réunion d'un groupe favorables, nous les avons restreint de dirigeants africains à respectés », a dit le président la Maison Blanche avec le président américain Joseph R.

Pour le président Weah, le équitable et transparent en soutien maximal des États-Unis permettra de promouvoir et de bastion de paix, de liberté, de consolider la démocratie, l'État de prospérité et de droit et de renforcer la croissance développement sous notre et le développement au Libéria et surveillance », a déclaré en Afrique dans son ensemble. La mercredi lors d'une rencontre rencontre s'est tenue en marge du avec M. Biden, dont le but Sommet des dirigeants États-Unisprincipes de la démocratie où la volonté du peuple prévaut.

Pour sa part, le président Biden a exhorté les dirigeants présents à veiller à ce que le processus démocratique sous leur direction se déroule de manière libre, équitable et transparente.

Il s'est engagé à soutenir les États dans l'avancement des idéaux de démocratie, d'état de droit, de paix et de sécurité et de développement sur le continent.

#### La Chine appelle le gouvernement du Libéria à chercher à éradiquer la pauvreté

exhorté le gouvernement du international. Libéria à formuler des de réaliser la prospérité et le développement.

Lors d'un dialogue organisé l'ambassade près de Monrovia le jeudi 15 décembre 2022, l'ambassadeur Ren Yisheng a exhorté le gouvernement du Libéria à formuler des stratégies de développement à long et moyen termes.

Faisant une présentation PowerPoint sur le thème : « Renforcer la coopération au développement pour un résultat durable au Libéria pendant le dialogue », M. Ren a dit que depuis la fin du conflit civil, le Liberia a fait beaucoup de progrès en

a République de développement. Il a toutefois populaire de Chine, insisté sur la nécessité de déployer par la voix de son des efforts plus concertés aux préconisé par le président ambassadeur au Libéria, a niveaux national, régional et

stratégies de développement particulier sur la nécessité à long et moyen terme pour d'accélérer la mise en œuvre des le développement social réduire et éradiquer Objectifs de développement inclusif, à la position efficacement la pauvreté afin durable (ODD), de l'Agenda 2063 de l'Union africaine (UA) et de l'Agenda en faveur des pauvres

pour la prospérité et le développement (PAPD), tel que George Manneh Weah.

« Il faut placer le Il a aussi mis un accent développement, y compris le développement économique et

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# Editorial

#### Qui le parti au pouvoir soupçonne de complot contre le gouvernement

Jefferson Koijee, 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.

Koijee 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 Koijee 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 sape 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.

### 'ran **La Chine appelle**

privilégiée de la paix et de la Bhofal Chambers, le sénateur du réaliser la prospérité et le des affaires afro-asiatiques. développement », a-t-il suggéré.

Libéria et la Communauté de l'ambassadeur de Chine. économique des États de coopération au Libéria et en pour un résultat durable ».

Libéria, Michael A. McCarthy, le Libéria ». Dr Jakob Haselhuber, et d'Afrique du Sud.

Howard-Taylor, le président de Ceinture et la Route". la Chambre des Représentants,

stabilité. Il faut formuler des comté de River Gee Conmany B. stratégies et des politiques de Wesseh, le ministre des Affaires développement à long et moyen intérieures Varney A. Sirleaf, le termes et initier des ministre de l'Éducation Ansu programmes et des plans Soni, la ministre des Travaux concrets et pratiques pour publics Ruth Coker Collins et réduire et éradiquer Naomi Gray, ministre adjointe efficacement la pauvreté et des Affaires étrangères chargée

S'exprimant au nom du gouvernement du Libéria, la La République populaire de vice-présidente Jewel Howard-Chine a accueilli jeudi la Taylor a affirmé que son pays est première édition du dialogue convaincu que la coopération pour consolider la paix, la doit être au centre des stabilité et le développement politiques étrangères de toutes au Libéria. Le dialogue a été les nations. Son gouvernement lancé conjointement par prend donc très au sérieux les l'ambassade d'Allemagne au recommandations et suggestions

« Permettez-moi d'apprécier l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO) en particulièrement le octobre. Il vise à consolider la gouvernement et le peuple paix, la stabilité et la chinois pour leur énorme contribution à la transformation Afrique en général. Le économique du Libéria », a-tprogramme était organisé sous elle dit, avant d'ajouter : « Dans le thème : « Renforcement de la toutes ses expositions publiques coopération au développement sur l'alliance du Libéria avec des nations et alliés amis, le Plusieurs personnalités ont président George Manneh Weah pris part au programme, don't a maintenu la Chine comme l'un l'ambassadeur des États-Unis au des alliés les plus fiables du

Selon elle, l'alliance s'est l'ambassadeur d'Allemagne au encore renforcée lorsque le Libéria et d'autres diplomates Libéria a signé un protocole africains du Nigéria, du Ghana d'accord avec le gouvernement chinois et a officiellement Il y avait également la vice- rejoint plus de 150 pays en tant présidente libérienne Jewel que membres de l'initiative "la

#### **COP15 : la protection de la biodiversité pour** éviter les pandémies issues des animaux

biodiversité : la destruction des prochaine pandémie. » écosystèmes favorise Mieux protéger les plantes, les pathogènes. animaux et leurs milieux mesure nécessaire pour réduire e x e m p l e . l'avenir.

santé planétaire au Canada:

« C'est comme pour nous les humains, quand ils sont stressés réservoirs de biodiversité de la ils développent plus facilement planète, c'est donc aussi investir

'est un des angles plus nous coupons la forêt - ce morts des négociations qui signifie une perte de ▶internationales en biodiversité-plus grand est le cours à Montréal à la COP15, risque que des maladies qui jusqu'à lundi 19 décembre pour passent des animaux aux enrayer l'effondrement de la humains provoquent une

En détruisant les espaces l'émergence et l'expansion des naturels, nos contacts avec la zoonoses, ces maladies qui vie sauvage augmentent. Le passent des animaux vers les commerce de viande sauvage, humains, comme Ebola ou le lorsqu'il dépasse l'échelle des Covid-19, selon l'une des pratiques ancestrales, est un hypothèses de son origine. autre facteur de transfert de

C'est vrai dans les forêts naturels est pourtant une tropicales africaines, par Mais le risque de pandémies à malheureusement, nous n'avons pas assez d'études scientifiques Quand l'homme déforeste et sur ces zones, déplore la transforme des espaces naturels chercheuse : « À cause des pour y cultiver, il réduit le inégalités structurelles qui territoire des animaux existent au sein du système sauvages. Il réduit par mondial de santé, peu de conséguent leur accès à ce qui ressources sont dédiées à les nourrit, les protège, et cela l'Afrique sur ce sujet. Ce n'est leur cause du stress, explique que quand ces maladies ont Nicole Redvers, autochtone commencé à affecter les pays Deninu K'ué et spécialiste en occidentaux qu'il y a eu plus d'intérêt pour cette question. »

Préserver les grands des maladies. C'est pour ça que en faveur de notre propre santé.

Par David Malpass

# Un développement économique écologique

une pression massive en raison du changement un moyen de subsistance alternatif. climatique ainsi que du défi consistant à soutenir 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. 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.

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 l'enfant, et constitue une source particulièrement produits alimentaires, tels que la nourriture destinée au bétail.

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 l'ensemble de la chaîne de valeur des produits mondiale.

ASHINGTON. DC - La biodiversité alimentaires aquatiques, seront également impactées planétaire et les services que nous significativement. Celles qui n'ont pas véritablement rendent les écosystèmes sains subissent suivi d'études éprouveront bien des difficultés à trouver

l'existence de huit milliards d'être humains de Troisièmement, l'impact de ces menaces s'accentuera manière durable. Les services écosystémiques clés au fil des années. Les stocks de poisson ignorent les - tels que le bois issu des forêts, les pollinisateurs, frontières internationales. Sans réglementations et ou encore la pêche en mer - doivent être préservés mécanismes incitatifs adaptés, les flottes continueront et chéris. Or, ils subissent aujourd'hui une érosion de maximiser leurs prises à court terme, et les économies rapide. Organisée ce mois-ci à Montréal, la 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 Pour stopper la perte de biodiversité, les décisions 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, Premièrement, nous sommes d'ores et déjà 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.

particulièrement essentiels au développement de En impliquant diverses parties prenantes dans la planification marine, le Vietnam atténue par exemple les précieuse de protéines pour les plus démunis, dans conflits liés à l'exploitation des ressources dans les la mesure où il est plus facile à obtenir et moins différents secteurs. En Chine, nous travaillons avec les coûteux à conserver que d'autres sources. Ainsi, le municipalités de Chongqing et Ningbo afin de réduire la poisson représente au moins 50 % de l'apport total quantité de plastique marin qui atteint les océans à en protéines animales des habitants du Ghana, du partir des effluents fluviaux, en nous fondant sur des Mozambique et de la Sierra Leone. Une pénurie de projets antérieurs qui ont contribué à renforcer la poisson risque par ailleurs d'impacter l'ensemble capacité de traitement des eaux du pays. En appliquant de la chaîne alimentaire, les produits de pêche certaines technologies telles que les satellites et les faisant partie des composants essentiels d'autres 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 Deuxièmement, le poisson se raréfiant ou migrant instruments financiers innovants de type crédits de vers des eaux plus froides et plus profondes en carbone bleu, le Ghana entend restaurer 3 000 hectares de mangrove, et mobiliser davantage de financements

> 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 devrons, ainsi que la communauté internationale, accomplir beaucoup plus.

représentent 50 % des personnes employées sur David Malpass est président du Groupe de la Banque

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cording to him, Liberia ascribes to, adding "In this regard, accurate, fair, and balance reporting are important elements of the media ethics."

He says this is important because it helps to provide full information to the public in not only understanding issues but making the right judgement about those issues, which directly or indirectly affect their lives.

The CBL Boss praises the media particularly, the Publishers Association for exhibiting and upholding ethical standards, noting "We, most often, see sensational publications from some papers which are sometimes not substantiated before publication. This is not peculiar to Liberia."

He says the CBL itself is a victim of these sensational publications, but being a professional institution, it has always managed its reactions to these publications, bearing in mind that the Bank has nothing to hide.

"However, we believe that fact-checking should be the first 'rule of engagement' because this is good for the integrity and credibility of the media community itself". At the same time Governor Tarlue further underscores that while media ethics is crucial, the role of social media raises a specific challenge due to technological advancement.

He says compared to traditional media, social media has a larger reach, is easily accessible, enables mass participation in public discussions and provides instant information.

"Notwithstanding its

### **Publishers told to be guided**

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most often been misused, thus causing negative impact personal data privacy. on society. He says while it technological advancement, the need for some ethical activities is important.

In his inaugural speech, PAL President Othello B. Garblah, extols the inaugural committee members for speedily organizing the being inducted into office.

Mr. Garblah, notes that PAL governance, rule of law and exposure of abuse, waste and

lagging behind transformation programs after nearly two decades of donor misguided projects that the media to become viable in meeting present day realities and challenges.

environment is getting worst duties." on a weekly basis, and the survival of any newspaper is planning on recruiting about rests on its economic viability, emanating from adverts or commercial contracts", Mr. Garblah laments, and adds on modalities in having the "even the few adverts published, payments don't come so easily."

the last few years have been newspapers, but there are lots working with some donor of things that we will be partners, including working along with the PAL for Internews, the Press Union of the growth of the Liberian Liberia to come up with some media." Editing by Jonathan self-regulatory framework Browne

market economy, which positive impact", he documents for practitioners continues, "social media has and a stand-alone draft legislation on the protection of

> The PAL President continues may be difficult if not that as part of the impossible to stop this Association's plans for the next three years, the leadership intends to focus on ways and standards to govern these means of improving revenue generation scheme for newspapers something, he says will help in the improvement of their financial viability.

> Meanwhile, Mr. Garblah program which saw them discloses that PAL is holding discussions among its members to see whether it is possible to has been in the vanguard for endorse a presidential social justice, democratic candidate that publishers believe has the right platform to move Liberia forward.

> Subsequently, Internews He observes that since the chief of party Lien Bach, incumbency of the Coalition congratulates the Publisher government under President Association for inviting the Weah, the Liberian media is media development organization to grace the ceremony.

> As we move forward peace, apparently due to towards 2023 elections, Ms Bach points, "the media plays were intended to empower a crucial role in Liberia and that's why Internews has designed a program aimed at training media practitioners to "The country's economic be more professional in their

She reveals that Internews 20 journalists through the collaboration with the Publisher Association to work journalists trained, adding, "We also want to support PAL for the supply of newspapers He reveals that PAL over and develop a website hub for Starts from page 7

Resident Representative in Liberia wants all political parties in the Stephen Rodriques at the elections process to adhere to the launching ceremony also Violence Against Women In reiterated the role of youth in the Elections (VAWIE) document that elections process.

the country and have the capacity—use the rule of law to address any to be productive and to transform grievances. Liberia if provided with the right resources, support, and Elections Commission Counselor opportunities. Unfortunately, P. Teplah Reeves and Attorney they are often manipulated to Massa Jallabah of the Ministry of foment violence during elections Justice also expressed and discarded thereafter," commitment to ensuring a Rodrigues stressed.

the peacebuilding project, the with political groups and United Nations (UN) together with communities to adhere to the government and civil society peaceful elections. intends to engage youth and integrate them into community project is supported by the policing mechanisms so that they United Nations Peace Building can interface with law Fund and is jointly implemented enforcement agencies to by UNDP Liberia, IOM Liberia, undertake effective early warning United Nations Human Rights and responses on electoral Office in Liberia in partnership conflict.

ability of the National Elections Peace Building Office and the Commission to administer Liberia National Police. transparent elections and urged politicians and political parties to peaceful electoral environment do their part by desisting from by supporting interventions on misinforming the public, engaging conflict prevention and constructively in monitoring the mitigation of widespread electoral process, and using the insecurity, human rights court system to resolve violations, and electoral violence disagreements.

ceremony, the Swedish Ambassador to Liberia Urban allow for political competition, Sjöström emphasized that 2023 participation, legitimacy as well remains critical to Liberia's as support training and capacity development and prosperity in development of state security continuing the path to sustainable apparatus, CBOs, media, and peace following three consecutive other actors. elections. Ambassador Sjöström

**Internal Affairs Minister encourages** 

gives women the political space "Young people are the future of to compete and urged them to

The Co-chair of the National credible and transparent Mr. Rodrigues noted that with electoral process and pleaded

The two-year peacebuilding with the National Elections He expressed confidence in the Commission of Liberia, Liberia

It is aimed at creating a before, during, and after Also making remarks at the elections in Liberia.

The interventions will also

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### **Weah's government**

Johnson pleaded.

He believed that President Weah has failed and must be changed due to the growing wave of alleged rampant corruption, abuse, and misuse of powers among public officials.

Also Speaking, Liberian

businessman-turned-politician, and former Montserrado County Senatorial Candidate, Sheikh Almoustapha Kouyateh, accused the government of nepotism, corruption, extreme hardship, and torture of the Liberians.

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protecting.

Meanwhile, while Mr. 121 Christopher Peters was on his bravado, he instructed his Anti Robbery team to go back to the Police Headquarters and allow the Traffic Police to investigate the case.

So, upon the women intervention the Garblahs follow at the LNP Central office for the investigation.

At the Traffic Police office, Mr. Garblah and the ARU driver were asked to present their respective documents and driver's licenses.

During the investigation, it was discovered that not only did the driver of the ARU Ford Pickup not have a driver's license but had no police

### hen law enforcers become the abusers

during the investigation.

So, here is the thing, the ARU driver appears drunk, driving an unregistered vehicle, and had no driver's license or police batch. Imagine for a second that this was the other way around. Mr. Garblah would have been put in a detention cell before the case investigation began.

However, the Traffic Officers drunk police officer. They revisited the scene,

investigation. With overwhelming evidence Now, the Garblahs will have to

people he should be batch. He presented a citizen of wrong, following the ID Card as the only identifier investigation, the Traffic Officers went into a brief caucus before coming back to say their colleague was in the wrong and asked that the Unit repairs the Garblahs' vehicle.

At this point, all the officers in the investigation room including the ARU Commander and driver began to beg and apologized on behalf of Mr. 121 Christopher Peters, the power-

decided to proceed with the Imagine, had this been a investigation without any civilian, driving an unregistered charge against one of them. vehicle, with a drunken appearance, no license, and no talked to eyewitnesses, and document for his vehicle? Sad, reconstructed the accident isn't it? But these are law scene before proceeding back enforcement officers who have to headquarters for the no respect for the law they claim to be enforcing.

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be inconvenient for the next four days by those who should be protecting them but yet chose to subject them to psychological pains and trauma from insults by a so-called senior officer Mr. 121 Christopher Peters who should The vehicle was taken back to failed.

Garblahs'

professionally and more maturely like the Traffic Investigators in handling the issue from the start but failed to tell his boss that he had proceeded wrongly against the couple.

have exercised maturity but Dolphin for repair work by the police, but the Garblahs are The ARU Commander in the considering legal options against opinion acted more Mr. Christopher Peters.

# Thousands stand up against Weah

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

housands of Liberians opposition-led rally against former supporters of the President George Manneh ruling Coalition for Liberians in all ramifications. Weah's regime which is Democratic Change (CDC),

unprecedented display of Weah. impunity.

have stood up in Liberians themselves. support of an including disenchanted

Speaking at the rally, the Mobilized by the CPP, opposition leaders took turns to lambast the CDC-led Government, saying that President Weah has failed

Amb. Lewis Brown, speaking



ver 2 million Liberian Dollars collected from students for enrolment at the PYJ Polytechnic University in Ganta, Nimba County, have reportedly gone missing with aggrieved students threatening to protest.

The students threaten to hold faculty members, including the University President Dr. Zayzay, hostage in demand of fees collected from them by the administration.

They told the NEW DAWN that the University collected LRD 2,000 each from them to process their medical documents from two hospitals in Ganta, but this was never done.

The PYJ Polytechnic University

At the same time, some faculty members complain they are being underpaid, as most of the staff are BSc degree holders preparing candidates for BSc degrees in various disciplines, something that is in breach of policy of the Commission on Higher Education.

Some female students, who prefer anonymity, claim they are being harassed for sex in exchange for grade, which is creating problem between the student population and the administration.

When contracted, the administration, including the Dean of the University declined to comment on these allegations despite our correspondent visiting the University eight different times to get the side of the



the country.

Collaborating Political Parties Tailor and Seamstress Union (CPP) led by presidential of Liberia, few disabled hopeful Alexander B. people, Market Women, the Cummings rallied outside the National Community Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Leadership Association, Complex Saturday, 17 former CDC Royal Guards, December 2022.

Cummings' Alternative that the government tackles National Congress (ANC) and a the root causes of poverty. faction of the opposition Liberty Party (LP) which is government tackle abuses, loyal to embattled chairman rape, and socioeconomic Musa Bility.

The opposition bloc led thousands of disenchanted Liberians, including aggrieved presidential election. former supporters of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Mr. Cummings, alongside his Change (CDC) in the rally wife, Madam Theresa dubbed 'We Tiya [tired] Suffering.

President Weah Information Minister. democratically through the ballot during the presidential former Montserrado County and legislative elections due in Senatorial Candidate Sheikh October 2023.

drawing global attention to Chairman, Musa Hassan the alleged deliberate harsh Bility, and other leading suffering Liberians are opposition figures. undergoing.

Weah and his CDC regime singing and dancing to a song responsible for the hardship.

rally was essentially a clarion call against the increased spate of poverty, economic hardship, corruption, and relatively lower than insecurity, among other previous protests against the things.

The opposition claimed that mobilization. it has raised red flags against these conditions, but was successful, not just President Weah has allegedly about the turnout, but

failed to address them. The CPP also accused required message that President Weah and the CDC of Liberians are suffering under gross incompetence and an the leadership of President

accused of causing hardship in some indigenous Liberians, the cross-border Women The Opposition Association of Liberia, the and Civil society groupings, The CPP is made up of Mr. among others, demanded

> They demanded that the instability - through the levers of good governance,

moving ahead to the 2023

Others at the rally were Cummings, and Amb. Lewis Brown, the rally chief They vowed to unseat organizer, and former

Also in attendance were Al-Mustapha Kouyateh, CPP The rally, according to the Secretary General Martin

Rally participants held They are holding President placards in their hands, by a popular Liberian The CPP argued that the musician Jonathan Koffa, alias, Takun J, which is titled 'they lied to us.'

> The turnout was government, despite huge

> But the CPP said the rally because it sent out the

at the rally, said Liberians braved the threats of violence, intimidation, and fears from their government to stand up for a cause.

Brown said too many in the country are suffering, and too many are going to bed hungry, and can not afford a job to pay their children's school fees and house rent.

He said others are dying in hospitals because of no money, and corruption is raging high, while others are enriching themselves.

Amb. Brown claimed that President Weah has proven his incompetency as a leader and has miserably failed the Liberian people.

On the issue of low turnout at the rally, Amb. Brown explained that the good thing about the rally is that it has sent out the message and Liberians themselves have spoken out their grieves.

For his part, CPP standard bearer Alexander B. Cummings told the crowd, mainly CPP supporters, that the rally would opposition, was aimed at Saye Kullah, Liberty Party mark the end of CDC impunity in the country.

According to him, it will send a message to President Weah that Liberians are tired of suffering, and the mismanagement of the country's resources.

He said the rally will send a message that Liberians are unable to pay their children's school fees, lack job opportunities, and are being manhandled in their own country.

In addition, he said if elected President in 2023, he will restore good governance to Liberia, under a governed rule of law where every Liberian is equal and will equally benefit from the country's natural

resources.

opened recently as a degree administration. granting institution, but it has been slapped with corruption.

maintain they will not rest until was indisposed up to press time. the University can refund their money.

The administration reportedly Dollar each from a total 1000 students, some of them unable to

The Dean, who refused to be identified, promised to have The aggrieved students commented last Thursday, but

University President Dr. Zayzay, has repeatedly referred this paper to the Dean's Office but collected two thousand Liberian the Dean is always absent. Editing by Jonathan Browne





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# Publishers told to be guided by fact-checking

By Lewis S. Teh

he newly elected inducted leadership of the Publishers Association of Liberia or PAL has been urged to uphold Fact-Checking as the first rules of engagement, as media executives.

elect, Othello B. Garblah, Vice Presidentelect, Sam O. Dean, and Abrahim Ansumana Donzo, Financial Secretary-elect, respectively.

The Publisher Association of Liberia



Central Bank of Liberia Executive Governor, J. Aloysius Tarlue, made the urge when he installed officials-elect of the PAL that includes president, Friday, 16 December in vice president, secretary Sinkor, Monrovia. The inducted officials will steer the affairs of the Association respectively along with for the next three years.

Those officials inducted in members. office include President-

represents owners and managing editors of newspaper publications operating in Liberia with a four-man leadership general, and financial secretary general, several committee

Making brief remarks

at the induction ceremony, Governor Tarlue calls on the elected officials to uphold ethical standards in the discharge of their

He notes that the CBL could not have achieved the level of public credibility and trust it did without the media, stressing that given the critical role of the media in the Bank's rebranding process, one of the first steps it took was to strengthen the capacity of the Communication Section to build a new partnership with the media community.

As part of the reforms, he explains that the CBL also established a formal media engagement program with the Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS) through its famous public affairs program, 'Money Matters' and continues to patronize several newspapers in the country.

"We also continue to hold regular engagements with media executives on major and important developments about the CBL. I want to publicly state that these engagements have been remarkable and rewarding", Governor Tarlue expresses.

"We must commend you for this. The media has played an important role in the currency reform project, not only for educating the population on the new currency but also in managing public expectation."

He describes access to information as an essential element of democracy and free

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