

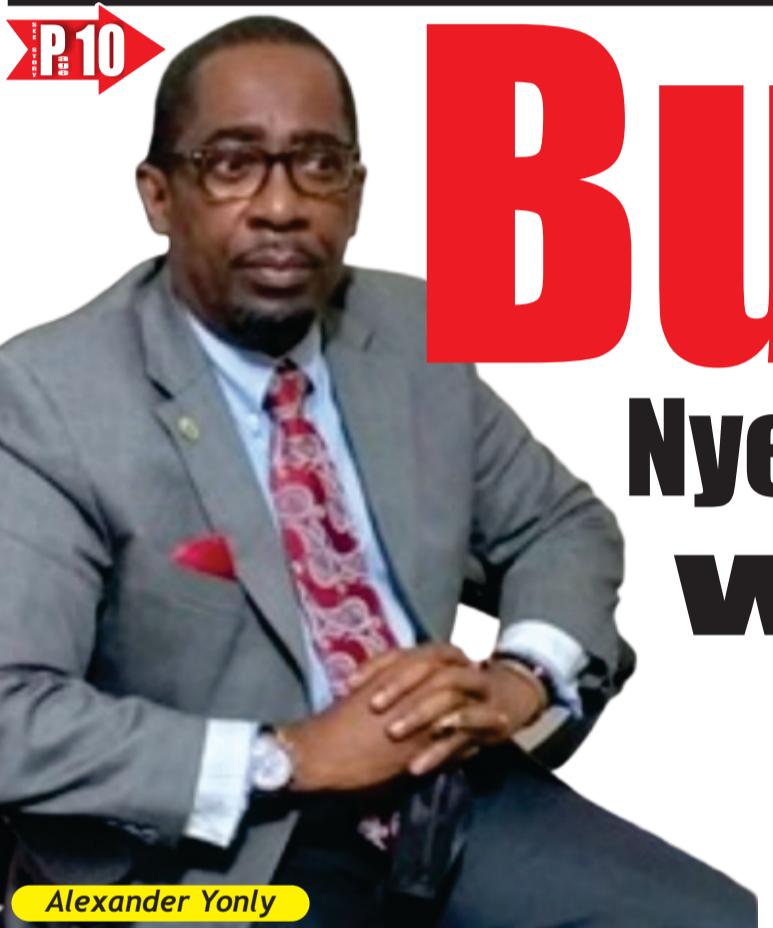
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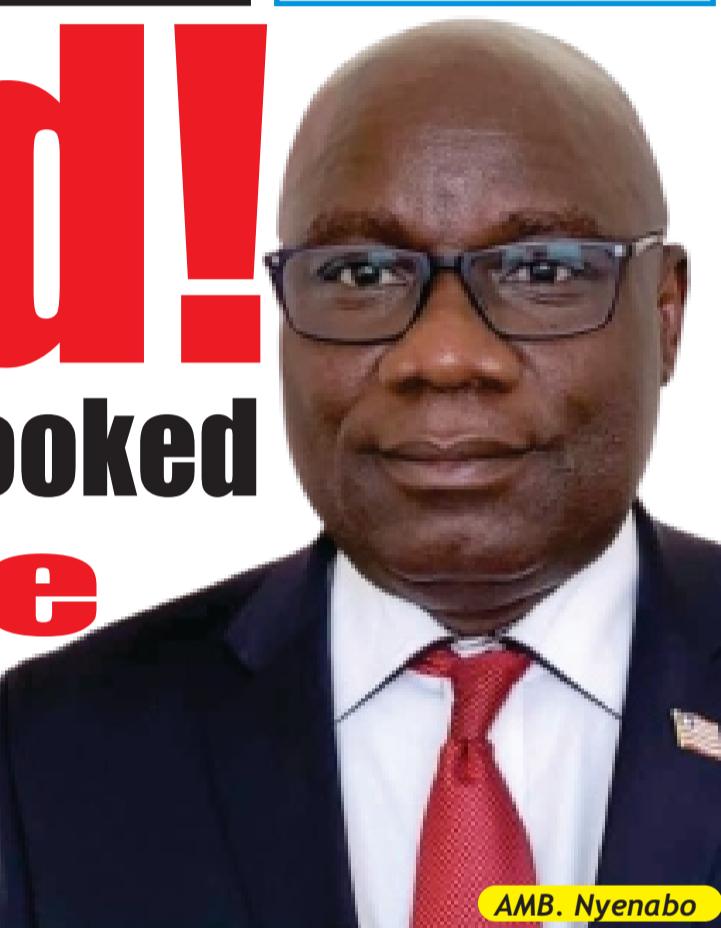
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# Continental News

## Widow boycotts reburial of African icon Sankara

Burkina Faso's most famous revolutionary Thomas Sankara has been reburied in the capital by the military junta - despite his widow and children boycotting the funeral. Sankara was laid

repression.

His new grave is in front of an imposing statue of him at the Thomas Sankara Memorial Park in the capital, Ouagadougou.

Some of his relatives attended the funeral, but his widow,

said.

The military government said the site was chosen in the "national interest", and because of "security imperatives".

Sankara was Burkina Faso's president when he was shot dead, along with 12 others, by a hit squad.

The assassination opened the way for his friend, Blaise Compaoré, to seize power in a coup.

The 12 killed with him were also reburied in coffins draped in the national flag at a ceremony attended by the junta's prime minister and other officials and dignitaries.

"We thank the authorities who took part in writing an important page of our history," Reuters news agency quoted Sankara's uncle Mousbila as saying. Compaoré was overthrown in a popular uprising in 2014, and was later sentenced in absentia to life in prison for complicity in Sankara's assassination. He is exiled in Ivory Coast, and denies involvement in the murder.

Burkina Faso has been in political turmoil since his overthrow, and the security situation has worsened as militant Islamists wage a brutal insurgency. It has led to the military seizing power once again, but it has continued with efforts to honour Sankara.



*The reburial of the charismatic leader has taken place 35 years after his killing*

to rest at the spot where he was assassinated in 1987. His immediate family wanted the reburial at a site that would "appease hearts", not at the "crime scene".

The dispute is seen as unfortunate, as the funeral was aimed at honouring a man revered as a national hero. Sankara was regarded as a pan-Africanist with a modest lifestyle who spoke out against neo-colonialism.

But his critics say his rule was also marked by human rights abuses and state

Mariam, and children were absent, AFP news agency reports.

In an earlier statement issued on behalf of the family, they said Sankara should have been laid to rest at a public garden or at the cemetery from where his body was exhumed in 2015 as part of investigations into his assassination.

"We believed and continue to believe that it is fundamental that a space be found that allows us to gather and appease hearts, and not divide us and increase resentment," the statement

## Jill Biden Highlights Democracy, Youth, Women on 2nd Day of Namibia Visit

U.S. first lady Jill Biden praised Namibia's vibrant democracy Thursday at a pomp-filled, wine-laden, dignitary-heavy state luncheon with Namibia's first lady Monica Geingos and her husband, President Hage Geingob. "I'm proud to be standing here standing with a strong democracy," Biden said. "And as Monica said yesterday, a young democracy working together. As Joe said at the summit, African voices, African leadership, and African innovation are all critical to addressing the most pressing global challenges and realizing the vision we all share is a world that is free."

Thursday also is the 30th anniversary of the first sitting of Namibia's first post-independence upper house of parliament.

Geingos, a Namibian entrepreneur and lawyer who

diplomacy. "For me, as a young African child growing up, I just consumed American media to the point where I even knew about it more than my own," he continued. "And I think that I speak for most of the youth that now it is the goal of the modern youth to achieve the American dream that we see on TV so much." After arriving in the country on Wednesday, Biden said Namibia was chosen because of its positive energy and vitality. "We wanted to come because you know this is a young democracy, and we want to support democracies around the world," Biden said. "We met each other in December, and we're just continuing the relationship. Monica and I think it's safe to say that we became good friends instantly." Geingos said there was a lot in Namibia she would like to show Biden, who is making the first visit to the country by an incumbent first lady. "It is a very vibrant democracy. We've got a very large youth population, who drives that democracy, very energetic and fully



*First lady of Namibia, Monica Geingos, introduces U.S. first lady Jill Biden at the State House in Windhoek*

is the president's third wife, said she invited Biden to visit after meeting at December's U.S. Africa Leaders Summit in Washington. "Of course, there will always be differences," she said. "But what is important is what the Biden presidency represents. And that is decency, democracy, and diplomacy. This luncheon is to celebrate connection, and possibility." Biden will also visit a U.S.-funded project near the capital, Windhoek, that focuses on empowering women and children and ensuring access to economic opportunities and health resources.

And on Friday, she will speak to university students about youth empowerment. One such youth, the junior mayor of Windhoek, Moses Fillipus, thanked Biden for visiting and praised American ideals. "Congratulate me for not fainting," quipped the 17-year-old in front of the room of some 200 people from the highest echelons of Namibian society, politics and

enabled by our constitutional values but also by the personal values of our leadership," Geingos said.

Jill Biden is the first White House official to visit the country after President Joe Biden last year pledged to send administration officials to the continent. She follows Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, who visited earlier this year. Like Biden, Thomas-Greenfield focused part of her visit around a food security crisis in East Africa — something Biden plans to highlight when she visits Kenya later this week. But these high-profile visits are also happening against the background of increased visits by top-level Russian and Chinese officials to the continent. While the nation is a multiparty democracy, the same party — Geingob's South West Africa People's Organization — has led since the nation won independence more than three decades ago. And that liberation struggle pulled in other countries for support. Earlier Wednesday, Biden laid a wreath at Heroes' Acre, a memorial to those who fought for the nation's independence. VOA



*Then-CEO of state-owned power utility Eskom Andre de Ruyter speaks during a media briefing in Johannesburg*

## South African Power Utility CEO 'Released' From Job

The head of South Africa's embattled state power company, Eskom, is leaving his job earlier than planned, after accusing high level officials of corruption. The CEO's departure came the same day South Africa's finance minister announced a massive bailout for the debt-ridden company amid record power cuts.

Eskom's CEO, Andre de Ruyter, has been "released" from his job "with immediate effect," the company said Thursday in a statement.

De Ruyter submitted his resignation late last year, saying he was unable to turn the graft-riddled utility around. Shortly afterward, he alleged there was a poisoning attempt on his life.

However, he had been set to serve out his notice period until the end of March and a replacement has not yet been found.

News of his early departure came shortly after de Ruyter gave an explosive interview on local TV this week accusing high level cabinet officials of being aware of and accepting corruption.

Eskom spokesman Sikonathi Mantshantsha said the board had convened a special meeting on Wednesday during which it was

mutually agreed to curtail his notice period.

"The board further resolved that Mr. de Ruyter will not be required to serve the balance of his notice period but that he will be released from his position with immediate effect," he said. VOA

# EDITORIAL

## Gearing up for October elections

**LIBERIANS GO TO** the polls on October 10th, exactly nine months from now in Presidential and General Elections to elect a new President and members of the Legislature or retain incumbent President George Manneh Weah and his ruling Coalition for Democratic Change.

**THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS** would be the second to be conducted by Liberians themselves since 1997. The 1979 Elections that brought jailed former President Charles Ghankay Taylor to power were conducted by the regional bloc, ECOWAS, while the former United Nations Mission in Liberia or UNMIL spearheaded elections in 2005 and 2011 respectively.

**THE 2017 ELECTIONS**, perhaps the most enviable in recent history, was conducted under the administration of former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who was on her way out, having completed two successful terms thus, ushering in the first peaceful transition from one democratically-elected President to another in more than 70 years.

**LIBERIANS HAVE A** lot to gain in terms of peace and respect how they conduct themselves now to October, and beyond in consolidating the democratic dividends of constitutional rule and stability.

**ALREADY, THE NATIONAL** Elections Commission has released timetable for the conduct of biometric voter's registration, which runs from 20th March to 19th April, in phase one while second phase is scheduled from 21st April to 11th May, 2023.

**IT IS TIME** for the NEC, incumbent President Weah and members of the opposition to prepare adequately ahead of the polls to avoid last minute's mistakes that may have the propensity of reversing the hand of the clock.

**ELECTIONS ARE DEMOCRATIC** exercises and everything should be done by all sides to keep them so for the general good, for the best path is always the path of justice, peace and unity.

**POLITICIANS SHOULD TAILOR** their messages, keeping in mind that they have a sacred duty to keep the sanctity of the State they seek to govern, which happens to be the common patrimony.

**THEREFORE, ELECTORATE** should go beyond campaign T-shirts, banners and flyers to critically examine candidates and their messages in reaching a determination who to cast their votes for and entrust their future to for the next six years.

**THIS WOULD NOT** be difficult if Liberia becomes the utmost objective for going to the polls other than selfish, narrow interests that soon melts away.

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# COMMENTARY

By Jayati Ghosh

## The Monetary Tightening Trap

**N**EW DELHI - The Spanish-American philosopher George Santayana famously warned that "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." But sometimes even those who can recall the past have a selective memory and draw the wrong conclusions. This is how the global policy response to the current bout of inflation is playing out, with governments and central banks across the developed world insisting that the only way to tame soaring prices is by raising interest rates and tightening monetary policy.

The Volcker shock of 1979, when the US Federal Reserve, under then-chair Paul Volcker, sharply increased interest rates in response to runaway inflation, set the template for today's monetary tightening. Volcker's rate hikes were intended to combat a wage-price spiral by increasing unemployment, thereby reducing workers' bargaining power and depressing inflationary expectations. But the high interest rates triggered the largest decline in US economic activity since the Great Depression, and recovery took half a decade. Volcker's policy also reverberated around the world, as capital flowed into the United States, resulting in external debt crises and major economic downturns that led to a "lost decade" in Latin America and other developing countries.

But the context for this heavy-handed approach was very different from current conditions, because wage increases are not the main driver of inflationary pressures. In fact, even in the US, real wages have been falling over the past year. Yet that has not stopped some economists from arguing that higher unemployment and consequent larger declines in real wages are necessary to control inflation.

Even some of the most vocal champions of tight money and rapid interest-rate increases recognize that this strategy will most likely trigger a recession and significantly damage the lives and livelihoods of millions in their own countries and elsewhere. There also seems to be little disagreement that rate hikes have not slowed inflation thus far, probably because surging prices are driven by other factors.

One would expect the supposed "adults in the room" of global macroeconomic policy to recognize the problem and seek to craft more appropriate responses. But national policymakers in advanced economies, as well as multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and the typically more sensible Bank for International Settlements, appear to have no interest in alternative explanations or strategies.

This intellectual inertia is leading policy badly astray. Research has increasingly shown that the current inflationary surge is driven by supply constraints, profiteering by large companies in critical sectors like energy and food, and rising profit margins in other sectors, as well as commodity prices. Addressing these factors would require sensible policies such as mending broken supply chains, capping prices and profits in important sectors like food and fuel, and reining in commodity-market speculation.

While governments are well aware of these options, they did not seriously consider them. Instead, elected officials worldwide left it to central banks to control inflation, and central bankers, in turn, have relied on the blunt tools of interest-rate hikes. While this will inflict needless economic pain on millions of people in developed countries, the consequences for the rest of the world will likely be even worse.

Part of the problem is that the macroeconomic policies of the world's major advanced economies focus solely on what they perceive as their national interest, regardless of the impact on other countries' capital flows and trade patterns. The 2008 global financial crisis originated in the US economy, but its impact on developing and emerging economies was far worse, because investors fled to the safety of US assets. And when the massive liquidity expansions and ultra-low interest rates that followed in developed countries caused speculative hot money flows to spread worldwide, low- and middle-income countries were exposed to volatile markets over which they had little to no control.

Similarly, today's rapid monetary tightening has revealed just how lethal such integration can be. For many developing and emerging economies, financial globalization is akin to an elaborately-built house of cards.

An important new paper by Dutch economist Servaas Storm shows the extent of the collateral damage that monetary tightening could cause in low- and middle-income countries. Interest-rate hikes in the US and Europe will likely result in more debt crises and defaults, significant output losses, higher unemployment, and sharp increases in inequality and poverty, leading to economic stagnation and instability. The long-term consequences could be devastating. In its latest annual Trade and Development Report, UNCTAD estimates that US interest-rate increases may reduce the future income of developing countries (excluding China) by at least \$360 billion.

Of course, rich countries cannot remain immune to this amount of damage. While policymakers in the US and Europe do not consider their policies' impact on other countries, the effects are bound to spill over into their own economies. But for low- and middle-income countries, the stakes are much higher. To survive, developing and emerging economies must seek greater fiscal autonomy and monetary-policy freedom that would enable them to manage capital flows differently and refashion trade patterns.

As the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and climate crisis have shown, pursuing greater multilateral cooperation and an equitable recovery is not just about kindness or morality; doing so is in the enlightened self-interest of rich countries. Tragically, however, hardly anyone in those countries - least of all their economic policymakers - seems to recognize that.

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The Original  
**Letter to God**  
with Othello B. Gashlah

# Lord, Da Pastor J Church or Pastor W

Dear Father:

Hmm, this coming Sunday I wonder I should go for first service to Pastor J church den I do second service at Pastor W church. At least for the past 12 years only my church I have been going to. I wonder I should stop by Pastor W church first since it na far from my area. But I like Pastor J owner preaching too. So, right now I am confused.

My son, what is it da you want to hear da na in your church?

No, Father, I heard da Pastor J and Pastor W can fini de sermon and turned de pulpits outside down and I really want to see it and hear it with my ownsef ears.

I heard Pastor J church was parked last week Sunday after Pastor W went on him pulpit to call Pastor J all kinds of names including "killer and black mailer". Bor in 2017 they were buddy, buddy ooh.

But da Pastor W one you heard? What about Pastor J who called Pastor W rogue?

Tell me something Father! Then I really need to go visit Pastor J Church this coming Sunday because they say since Pastor W preached da him powerful message Pastor J been putting him sermon together. They say him sermon will spill the beans.

Hmmm, don't be like de orlor pepo dem who wen to Pastor J Church and they got disappointed ooh. They say de man church was parked-Ay na for fun ayaka.

But Father, me I know Pastor J, he will respond, de man wan plenty pepo to come to him church so he will respond.

And de way I see Pastor W, him will not draw back. Him waiting for Pastor J to jus say phew and you will see. How Uncle Sam will catch Pastor J and all will be in da sermon.

You say whain?

Ehn, Father my name ooh. The thin they passing around with in this village da my mouth you wan hear it from?

They say jus how de Old Lady turned over de Ray Hay Man da time there da how Pastor W has cooked up him soup for Pastor J.

They say all leh noise we jus hearing here in this village da na for money and voting bisnay ooh. They say da this turning over thing behind it and Pastor J vex but him na wan talk de real thin.

Bor Father, you na heard de orlor day Pastor J pepo say Pastor W and him pepo wan kill him. You na know da de thing behind all leh noise dem making here.

They say since Uncle Sam spy chief left our village de orlor day, Pastor J-the Old Sojar has not been happy with him pekin -Pastor W. Da de play all this noise coming from.

My son da whatin you talking so?

Da Fire! Da de whole thing there they just trying to confuse we de village pepo. Bor da de main thin there. They will balance.  
My son de thin hard to talk.

Yes, ooh Father. And you can't blame Pastor W too. Who na wan chop President job two times.

Ehn, talking about president job, they say whatin happening to de Soft Drink seller and Mr. Old Car?

Um, we heard da small, small talking going on between dem ooh. They mon know how they talking ooh because de two man dem who put their heads together are still with behind dem ooh. The men dem wan make sure their mission go thru ooh.

Aah, my son leh dem sit down there-these two old grownups, Jorweah will beat dem basa, basa leh da. If you wan know wah basa, basa mean go ask de pepo from Charlie land.

All lor yor will balance.

## OP-ED

By Josep Borrell

### One year of war against Ukraine: acting together to ensure international law will prevail

2 February 2022 will forever be recalled as the day when Russia started its brutal, unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine. This was and remains a case of pure aggression and a clear-cut breach of the UN Charter. This war is neither 'just a European issue', nor is it about the 'West versus the rest'. It is about the kind of world we all want to live in: no one is safe in a world where the illegal use of force - by a nuclear power and permanent member of the Security Council - would somehow be 'normalised'. That is why international law must be enforced everywhere to protect everyone from power politics, blackmail and military attack.

One year on, there is a risk that people become inured to the images of war crimes and atrocities that they see - because there are so many; that the words we use start to lose their significance - because we have to repeat them so often; that we get tired and weaken our resolve - because time is passing and the task at hand is hard.

This we cannot do. Because every day, Russia keeps violating the UN charter, creating a dangerous precedent for the whole world with its imperialist policy. Every day, Russia keeps killing innocent Ukrainian women, men and children, raining down its missiles on cities and civilian infrastructure. Every day, Russia keeps spreading lies and fabrications.

For the European Union and our partners, there is no alternative to staying the course of our 'triple strategy': supporting Ukraine, putting pressure on Russia to stop its illegal aggression and helping the rest of the world cope with the fallout.

This is what we have been doing for one year now - and successfully so. We have adopted unprecedented sanctions; cut our dependency on Russian fossil fuels; and in close collaboration with key partners reduced by 50% the energy revenues the Kremlin gets to finance its aggression. Working together, we have also mitigated the global ripple effects with food and energy prices declining, partly thanks to our Solidarity Lanes and to the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

It is not enough to say that we want Ukraine to be able to defend itself - it needs the means to do so. So, for the first time ever, the EU has supplied weapons to a country under attack. Indeed, the EU is now the leading provider of military training for Ukrainian personnel so they can defend their country. We are also offering significant macro-financial and humanitarian aid to support the Ukrainian people. And we have decided to respond positively to Ukraine's request to join the EU. Finally, we are working to ensure accountability for the war crimes that Russia has committed.

Ukraine has shown its remarkable resilience, partly thanks to this support. And Russia has grown more isolated, thanks to global sanctions and the international condemnation by the overwhelming majority of states in the UN General Assembly. Our collective goal is and remains a democratic Ukraine that prevails; pushing out the invader, restoring its full sovereignty and, with that, restoring international legality.

Above all, we want peace in Ukraine, a comprehensive and lasting peace that is in line with the UN Charter and international law. Supporting Ukraine and working for peace go hand in hand. In all this, the EU does not ask anyone to 'pick a side'. We just ask countries to stand on the side of the UN Charter and international law, as we jointly agreed at the last EU-Africa Summit. Liberia has proactively taken a leadership role for peace by co-sponsoring the recent resolutions in the United Nations General Assembly. The support of many African countries at the UN and elsewhere for the principles of territorial integrity, sovereignty and international law is crucial.

Just like Ukraine, our African partners are free to make their own choices and have the sovereign right to determine their own future. We reject any logics of countries belonging to any 'sphere of influence'. Indeed, Russia's aggression is a textbook example of an imperialist mindset.

We need to be clear that Russia's actions are responsible for the economic shockwaves in terms of food, energy and fertilizer prices. We have always exempted Russian food and fertilisers from EU sanctions and we are monitoring any possible unintended effects of our sanctions. The EU continues to work hard to address food security needs and we have increased our funding, for instance with €1.6 billion for the most-affected countries in the Sahel, Lake Chad and the Horn of Africa.

More broadly, the Russian invasion has underlined the need for both Europe and Africa to avoid excessive dependencies. And it has reinforced our commitment to leverage our partnership to build more resilient and inclusive economies, protect our democracies and strengthen social cohesion.

History and justice are on the side of Ukraine. But to accelerate history and achieve justice, we need to amplify our 'triple strategy'. We know this is a collective task. That is why the EU is counting on all its partners, to act in a spirit of joint responsibility and solidarity: to ensure that aggression fails and international law prevails.

## MORE HEADLINE NEWS

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# NEC conducts BVR demo

**M**ONROVIA, 23 February 2023, Thursday: The National Elections

representative each of the political parties and civil society.

Speaking during the 2023 Bi-

of the commencement of voter registration, pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (a) of the New Elections Law.



Commission (NEC) on Thursday held a demonstration of the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) system that will be used for the 2023 General Elections for representatives of political parties, civil society groups, and the media.

During the demonstration conducted by the Data Section, a mock exhibition of the BVR registration process, including the capture of biographical and biometric information and printing of computerized BVR card, was performed with a

monthly briefing of stakeholders and Executives of political parties, Acting NEC Chairperson, Cllr. P. Teplah Reeves assured the public that the key dates for the 2023 General Elections will be followed to ensure compliance with the election laws.

A statement from NEC issued Thursday said the commission will publish voter registration centers no later than two weeks before the day

According to the NEC statement Cllr. Reeves also disclosed that the recruitment exercise for temporary staff for the BVR exercise is ongoing in the Phase 1 counties of Montserrado, Margibi, Gbarpolu, Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount, and Bomi and final listing of qualified applicants will be displayed on the walls of the magisterial offices when the process is concluded.

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# 'Respect yourself!'

**-Pro-Tempore tells PYJ**

By Ethel A. Tweh

**T**he chambers of the Liberian Senate became a battle ground Thursday, 23 February 2023 when Senate President Pro-Tempore Albert T. Chie and Nimba Senator Prince Y. Johnson engaged in verbal clashes.

Pointing his finger at Senator Johnson, Pro-Tempore Chie angrily ordered his colleague, "respect yourself, the things you can do [to] other people, don't do it to me, or else I will put you outside." Argument erupted in the Senate after Grand Bassa County Senator Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence raised concern about a fatal armed robbery incident at the residence of former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott. Alleged armed robbers killed one of Cllr. Scott's daughters at her Brewerville residence on Wednesday night and wounded another in the house. According to Senator Karnga-Lawrence, the girl that who died in the

armed robbery attack had her mother Cllr. Scott's room keys. Senator Karnga-Lawrence explained that the girl had refused to give her mother's keys to the armed robbers, and the suspects eventually stabbed her to death before the keys were taken from her.

stalwart of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), urged his colleagues to pass a law for their protection. According to him, senators must stop the politics and seeking ex-leaders' protection. Based on the Pro-Tempore's statement, Nimba Senator



Pro-Tempore Albert T. Chie

According to the opposition Liberty Party (LP) political leader, it was through the use of a pepper spray against the suspects that Cllr. Scott managed to escape the scene. In response, Senator Chief, a

Prince Johnson said they need to pass a law allowing lawmakers to carry arms for their protection. Johnson wondered what was wrong with

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# Who's chopping 'ghost' clinic money?

-As Gbondoi Clinic gets funding from National Budget

By Bridgett Milton

**T**he mystery surrounding how funding has been allotted in the National Budget for an allegedly non-existing Gbondoi Clinic has left many wondering over who is chopping the allotted cash.

The House of Representatives has passed the National Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023, and there's a budget line for what people say is a ghost clinic called Gbondoi which is supposed to be located in Bong County. The FY 2023 Budget has been forwarded to the Liberian Senate for further action.

The amount of \$25,000 United States dollars has been allocated to the National Budget for the

money was placed in the budget for the operations of that clinic.

However, some lawmakers from Bong County have raised a concern that the Gbondoi clinic does not exist in their county.

Bong County Electoral District #2 Representative James Kolleh and Bong County Electoral District #6 Representative Moima Briggs Mensah say there is no need for the clinic to be included in the National Budget.

Rep. Kolleh told members of the House of Representatives that it has been established that the clinic does not exist and that the allocation was only meant for some individuals' selfish gains.

Also speaking, Rep. Briggs Mensah added that the clinic in



Gbondoi Clinic in Electoral District #6, Bong County. The

question has in the past years been captured in the National Budget

# CACC and The New Dawn sign partnership agreement

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and make an editorial decision to publish a story.

CACC believes the partnership is an epic milestone in its fight against academic crimes and its pursuit of a merit-based academic system in Liberia. "New Dawn is one of Liberia's most credible and independent News Papers, their publication of our findings will lend additional credibility to the already strong credibility of our work and will help take our agenda and the names of holders of fake degrees to a new set of audience outside social media," CACC Ambulah Mamey said before signing.

Before signing the agreement, Othello Garblah,

New Dawn Managing Editor, said his Searchlight decided to join the anti-academic crime campaign because the objectivity of the campaign aligns with the values of his institution and because they have seen how holders of fake degrees and corrupt education system continue to stall Liberia's progress.

CACC is a leading brand with technical and professional expertise in the conduct and publication of research on academic crimes in Liberia. The group has discovered over 75 holders of fake degrees and holders of degrees from bogus institutions since its establishment in 2021.



# Ad-hoc Committee for the Recruitment of Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) Commissioners



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Thursday, February 9, 2023

**POSITIONS:** 1. Executive Chairperson/Chief Executive (1 person)

2. Executive Vice Chairperson (1 person)

3. Commissioners (5 persons)

This Vacancy Announcement is for all the above positions at the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC).

### A. Introduction:

The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) is the agency of government that is leading the fight against corruption in Liberia. The Commission was established in 2008, through an Act of the Legislature. Among others, LACC has the mandate to prevent corruption as well as investigate and prosecute all corruption related cases and offences. In July 2022, the 2008 Law creating the Commission was amended and restated, thus creating a new Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission to be managed by a seven-member board of commissioners, instead of the five (5) provided for in the 2008 Act. More broadly, LACC works with state and non-state actors to champion the fight against corruption in Liberia so that public resources are judiciously allocated and managed in ways that serve the best interest of the general public.

Pursuant to Chapter 6.10 of the Amended LACC Act, recently, the President of the Republic of Liberia, His Excellency George M. Weah, Sr. constituted an Ad-hoc Committee for the pre-selection of candidates for seven (7) commissioner positions at the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC).

### B. Update:

In line with its mandate, the Committee commenced work and began seeking applications for the positions of Executive Chairperson (1 person); Executive Vice Chairperson (1 person) and Commissioners (5 persons). However, due to a petition filed with the Honorable Supreme Court, the Committee's work was temporarily stayed. Now that the Honorable Supreme Court has ruled denying the petition, the Committee has resumed its work, and in the spirit of inclusiveness, is giving other qualified Liberians the chance to participate in the process for fourteen (14) days from Friday, February 10, 2023 – Thursday, February 23, 2023.

The Committee is seeking applications for the following positions as described below:

### 1. EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (1 Position):

#### (a) Core Mandate of the Executive Chairperson:

Pursuant to Part 8 of the July 2022 amended LACC Act, the Executive Chairperson shall head the administration and management of the Commission, providing overall leadership and oversight in ensuring proper functioning of the institution. He/she will work with other Commissioners, the Secretariat of the Commission, other staffs, consultants, and external partners to ensure that LACC satisfactorily plays its role as the lead state anti-graft institution in Liberia. This entails implementing appropriate measures and undertaking programs aimed at investigating, prosecuting, combating, and preventing acts of corruption, including educating the public about the ills of corruption and the benefits of eradication. He/she shall also improve the integrity, transparency, and credibility of the LACC.

#### (b) Main Tasks and Responsibilities of the Executive Chairperson:

In providing overall direction and leadership for the LACC, in line with the Amended LACC Act, the specific responsibilities of the Executive Chairperson of the LACC shall be:

1. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer and spokesperson of the Commission, and be responsible, along with other commissioners, acting as a body, for the implementation of approved policies and programs of the Commission;
2. Control, supervise, and direct the administrative operation of the Commission;
3. Preside over all meetings of both the Commission and the Management Team of the Commission;
4. For the purposes of carrying out the functions of his/her office, have the powers to act, contract, and sign instruments and documents for the Commission and may, with the approval of the other commissioners acting as a body, delegate such power to other officers;
5. Perform any other assignment(s)/function(s) for and on behalf of the institution, prescribed by law or as may be necessary.

#### (c) Required Qualifications:

**Education** - A Law Degree from an accredited university (locally and internationally), including any advanced certification(s) in the legal profession.

**Experience** - The applicant must be a Lawyer with not less than 5 years of active experience as a trial lawyer or judge. Additionally, other relevant experience in the legal and other related professions will be highly desirable.

### 2. EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRPERSON (1 person)

#### (a) Core Mandate of the Executive Vice Chairperson:

Pursuant to Section 6.9 of the 2022 amended LACC Act, the Vice Executive Chairperson shall assist the Executive Chairperson to be the administrative and technical head of the LACC, providing overall leadership and oversight in ensuring proper functioning of the institution. He/she will aid the Chairperson in working with other Commissioners, the Secretariat of the Commission, other staffs, consultants, and external partners to ensure that LACC satisfactorily plays its role as the lead state anti-graft institution in Liberia. This entails implementing and undertaking appropriate measures and programs aimed at investigating, prosecuting, combating, and preventing acts of corruption, including educating the public about the ills of corruption and the benefits of eradication.

#### (b) Main Tasks and Responsibilities of the Executive Vice Chairperson:

Pursuant to Section 6.9 of the New LACC Act, in addition to being the principal deputy to the Executive Chairperson of the Commission, the Executive Vice Chairperson shall be directly responsible for the Department of Education and Prevention. The specific responsibilities of the Executive Vice Chairperson shall be:

1. Oversee/provide leadership to the Department of Education and Prevention of the Commission;
2. Assist the Executive Chairperson to provide overall leadership for the institution;
3. Act as acting Executive Chairperson, in the absence of the Executive Chairperson;
4. Without limiting the generality of his power and authority, as head of the Department of Education and Prevention, be responsible to undertake research into the causes, manifestation and dimensions of corruption in Liberia;
5. Advise on approaches, program and practices needed to be adopted by the Government of Liberia, private and public institutions, organizations and entities to prevent and combat corruption;
6. Design and implement programs aimed at educating and sensitizing the public about the menace of corruption and its debilitating effect on the social fabric of Liberia and the economy of Liberia and what should be done to prevent and combat corruption;
7. Perform any other assignment(s) for and on behalf of the institution, as may be required by law and or directed/prescribed by the Executive Chairperson.

**(c) Required Qualifications:**

**Education** - A Degree in Accounting or other relevant qualification from an accredited university or higher institution of learning (locally or internationally). He/she shall be a certified member of the Liberia Institute of Certified Public Accountants or the equivalent membership from recognized international body.

**Experience** - A professional Auditor or Accountant with not less than 5-year professional experience as a Forensic Auditor or an Accountant.

**3. COMMISSIONERS (5 persons)****(a) Core Mandate of the Commissioners:**

Pursuant to Section 6.9 of the July 2022 amended LACC Act, there shall be five (5) Commissioners, in addition to the other two (who shall serve as Executive Chairperson and Vice Executive Chairperson). Acting as a body, along with the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the five Commissioners will make and implement policies for smooth running of the institution. Three of the five Commissioners shall be jointly responsible for the Department of Monitoring and Investigation of the Commission, while the other two (2) Commissioners shall be jointly responsible for the Department of Prosecution of the Commission. Together, they shall assist the Executive Chairperson and Executive Vice Chairperson in working with the Secretariat, other staffs, and external partners to ensure that LACC satisfactorily plays its role as the lead state anti-graft institution in Liberia. This entails implementing appropriate measures and programs aimed at investigating, prosecuting, combating, and preventing acts of corruption, including educating the public about the ills of corruption and the benefits of eradication.

**(b) Main Tasks and Responsibilities of the Commissioners:**

Three of the five Commissioners shall be jointly responsible for the Department of Monitoring and Investigation of the Commission, while the other two (2) Commissioners shall be jointly responsible for the Department of Prosecution of the Commission. The specific responsibilities of the five Commissioners shall be to:

*Department of Monitoring and Investigation (3 Commissioners):*

1. Oversee/provide leadership to the Department of Monitoring and Investigation;
2. monitor all suspicious acts of corruption and for investigating acts of corruption to determine whether there is probable cause that any person or organization or entity is engaged in acts of corruption;
3. File reports of its monitoring activities and investigations to the Executive Chairperson and the Department of Prosecution;

*Department of Prosecution (2 Commissioners)*

4. Oversee/provide leadership to the Department of Prosecution;
5. Evaluate the investigative reports from the Department of Monitoring and Investigation to determine whether the evidence produced by the reports present probable cause that the person(s), organization(s) and/or entity(ies), who/which were subject of the monitoring/investigation were engaged in acts of corruption;
6. Prosecute such person(s), organization(s) and entity(ies) whenever a determination is made that any act of corruption has been committed. Provided that the Department of Prosecution shall present its findings in a report to the entire Board of Commissioners, which shall make a decision thereon by a majority vote of all commissioners, including the Executive Chairperson as a member of the majority, and in the absence or incapacity of the Executive Chairperson, the Vice Executive Chairperson;
7. Perform any other tasks for and on behalf of the Commission, prescribed by law or as may be assigned or determined by the Chairperson/leadership of the Commission.

**(c) Required Qualifications:**

**Education** - The applicant must have an undergraduate or graduate degree(s) from an accredited university or higher institution of learning (locally or internationally). This includes any qualification and professional certification as well as professional experience in one or more of the followings fields: law, law enforcement, criminal justice, accounting, internal control, compliance, and transparency and access to information.

**Experience** - Interested Applicants must have minimum five years professional experience as a lawyer, anti-corruption professional, accountant, auditor, criminal justice professional, or in any other related professions/fields. Also, where necessary, applicants for these positions must be members in good standing with their respective professional bodies/societies such as the Liberia National Bar Association (LNBA), Liberian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (LICPA), among others. Experience in advocacy for integrity and good governance, prevention and combating of corruption and its related social menace will be desirable, but not necessary.

**C. Additional Requirements, Core Skills and Competencies:**

Each applicant for the above-mentioned positions of the LACC must be a Liberian citizen of minimum thirty (30) years of age and with good moral character. He/she must have the following core skills and competencies:

- ✓ Computer literacy, especially in Microsoft Office Suite
- ✓ Be knowledgeable about the use of key Accounting Software and Packages (applicable to Vice Chairperson)
- ✓ Proficiency in written and spoken English
- ✓ Proven strong analytical skills, excellent team building and interpersonal skills
- ✓ Integrity and high moral standards, respect for gender, diversity, and inclusion
- ✓ Result-based planning, management, and leadership
- ✓ Developing, empowering, and getting the best out of others
- ✓ Effective and efficient management of performance and resources

**D. Salary and benefits:** shall be in line with government-approved salary and benefits for said or similar position(s).

**E. Application Requirements:**

1. A cover letter detailing applicant's interest in the position.
2. Maximum two-page statement on the applicant's vision for the position and institution.
3. At least one copy of all relevant degree(s) and professional certification(s).
4. Curriculum Vitae with all relevant information and details, including at least three references, their contacts, and contact authorization.
5. A letter of permission to request attestation from the university(ies) or any higher learning institution from which candidate graduated.
6. Copy of a passport, national ID card and police clearance.

**F. Application Procedure:**

All applications must be submitted **ONLINE ONLY** to the adhoc committee for pre-selecting LACC Commissioners via the following email address: [adhocommitteelacc2022@gmail.com](mailto:adhocommitteelacc2022@gmail.com). The cover letter and subject of the email shall clearly state the position for which the applicant is applying.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**APPLICANTS WHO PREVIOUSLY APPLY TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS: [adhocommitteelacc2022@gmail.com](mailto:adhocommitteelacc2022@gmail.com) DO NOT HAVE TO REAPPLY EXCEPT FOR SUBMITTING OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AS THEIR APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED. HOWEVER, APPLICANTS WHO PREVIOUSLY APPLY TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS [adhocommittee2022@gmail.com](mailto:adhocommittee2022@gmail.com) HAVE TO REAPPLY OR FORWARD THEIR INITIAL APPLICATION TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS: [adhocommitteelacc2022@gmail.com](mailto:adhocommitteelacc2022@gmail.com) FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 @ Midnight.**

**NOTE: FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

# Français

## La population du Libéria est désormais de 5,2 millions d'habitants

**L**a population du Libéria est désormais estimée à 5,2 millions d'habitants, selon les résultats provisoires du recensement publiés par les autorités le mardi 22

population du Libéria à 3 489 072 habitants.

Le régime du président George Manneh Weah a retardé le recensement actuel à plusieurs reprises jusqu'à fin 2022 avec tant de controverses qui

George, a publié le rapport de recensement mercredi à l'hôtel de ville de Monrovia sur la colline du Capitole.

Il a annoncé que la population du pays est de 5,2 millions d'habitants (5 248

## Editorial

### Les rumeurs d'un front commun de l'opposition ravivent l'espoir

Des rumeurs selon lesquelles l'opposition a entrepris des pourparlers politiques frénétiques en vue de raviver la Collaboration des partis politiques (CPP), une coalition politique de l'opposition désintégrée, ont saturé l'air tant dans le pays qu'à l'étranger, en prélude aux élections d'octobre.

Des discussions auraient été organisées par des parties et des individus dont l'intention est de ramener les deux principaux dirigeants de l'opposition, M. Alexander B. Cummings du Congrès national alternatif et l'ancien vice-président Joseph Nyumah Boakai du Parti de l'unité et d'autres opposants partageant les mêmes idées autour d'une table pour former un front commun contre le président sortant George Manneh Weah.

Si ces rumeurs sont avérées, nous ne ferons qu'espérer que cette fois-ci, toutes les parties viendront à la table ronde avec une intention claire. En fait, il serait dangereux, très dangereux, si à huit mois des élections des judas s'infiltraient au milieu des gens bien intentionnés sous prétexte de former un front commun alors qu'ils ont une arrière-pensée.

Certains individus de l'opposition sont bien responsables de l'effondrement de la CPP. Et ils sont toujours là. Encore faut-il qu'ils soient surveillés avec des yeux d'aigle pendant que l'on entreprend ce dernier effort pour créer un front d'opposition uni. Ces gens seront plus que perfides pour faire avancer leurs motivations, d'autant plus que la Coalition pour le changement démocratique au pouvoir est prête à faire un effort supplémentaire pour fragmenter et affaiblir l'opposition avant les élections.

Nous nous souvenons de la déclaration de Ganta faite à l'issue de la rencontre où des gens comme le sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson, l'homme d'affaires Benoni W. Urey, Alexander B. Cummings, Joseph Nyumah Boakai et feu Me Charles Walker Brumskine, se sont réunis contre M. Weah et son CDC en 2017. Mais le mariage s'est effondré avant même le premier tour du scrutin.

L'opposition a intérêt à ne pas prendre pour argent comptant le désaccord apparent entre le sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson et le président George Weah, car l'homme PYJ n'est pas un poisson-chat dans l'eau. Il est glissant et difficile à cerner. En d'autres termes, il est hautement imprévisible et peu fiable. Il a laissé tomber le CDC en 2011 avant de finalement apporter son soutien au président Weah en 2017.

Ces discussions qui ont été engagées dans les coulisses en ce moment ne sont pas nouvelles. En tout cas les interlocuteurs s'y connaissent déjà. Ils y étaient allés et avaient réussi, comme en ont témoigné les résultats de l'élection sénatoriale spéciale du 8 décembre 2021 qu'a perdues le parti au pouvoir dans le comté de Montserrado, son fief d'antan, au profit de l'opposition.

Nous sommes encouragés par les derniers efforts visant à réunir l'opposition, car il est bon de le faire afin que l'électorat puisse avoir une meilleure opportunité de choisir des dirigeants qui représenteront leurs intérêts.

Réduire le nombre de candidats à la présidentielle et de partis politiques rend la démocratie plus forte et compétitive. Nous exhortons les acteurs clés à enterrer leur ego et à placer le Libéria au-dessus de tous les autres intérêts dans ces discussions.

Si la CPP est véritablement révisée et renforcée avant le début de l'opération d'enrôlement des électeurs et de la campagne, nous croyons fermement que l'objectif de chasser le président Weah du pouvoir aura déjà été atteint.



février 2023.

Le pays a mené son premier recensement national de la population et du logement d'après-guerre en 2008, pendant le premier mandat de l'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. Les résultats provisoires publiés en mars 2008 estimaient la

l'entourent.

L'Institut libérien des statistiques et des services d'information géographique (LISGIS) a publié mardi les résultats provisoires du recensement, conformément à l'article 39 de la Constitution libérienne.

Le directeur général par intérim du LISGIS, Lawrence

621), avec une croissance démographique de 3,0 et une taille moyenne des ménages de 4,4.

De ce nombre, LISGIS rapporte que 50,4% sont des hommes, soit 2 644 450, et la population féminine représente 49,6%, soit 2 604

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## « L'opposition ne peut pas vaincre Weah si elle continue d'être divisée », l'EFFL

A l'instar de l'ancien vice-président Joseph N. Boakai, les Combattants de la liberté économique du Libéria (EFFL) se sont joints pour appeler à un front uni de l'opposition face au président sortant George M. Weah aux élections de 2023.

Le chef de l'EFFL, M. Emmanuel Gonquoi, a dit le mardi 22 février 2023 que si l'opposition continue d'être fragmentée, elle ne pourra pas battre M. Weah aux élections d'octobre 2023.

« Votre, cette opposition fragmentée que nous avons ne peut pas vaincre George M. Weah. Vaincre le président sortant nécessite une opposition unie », a déclaré Gonquoi, commandant en chef de l'EFFL, lors d'une émission sur la radio OK FM à Monrovia, le mardi 22 février 2023.

Selon Gonquoi, l'incapacité de l'opposition de s'unir risque de réduire

ces chances de renverser le gouvernement de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) dans les urnes. « Si l'opposition aime vraiment le Libéria, et si elle est sérieuse quand elle parle de sauver le peuple libérien, elle doit se rendre compte de la nécessité de former une coalition de

l'opposition unie capable de vaincre le parti au pouvoir.

« Mon opinion en ce moment, quant à savoir qui est le meilleur candidat pour le pays, je dirais que c'est une opposition unie », a dit M. Gonquoi. « On ne peut pas

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# Français

## La population du Libéria est

171, soit 101,5 hommes pour 100 femmes.

Comparativement, le recensement de 2008 montre des résultats similaires, le pays déclarant plus d'hommes que de femmes malgré le fait qu'il y ait plus de morts d'hommes pendant la guerre civile qui a duré plus d'une décennie dans le pays.

Le recensement de 2008 a enregistré 1 764 555 hommes contre 1 724 517 femmes, soit 102,3 hommes pour 100 femmes.

Le rapport indique que 1 187 388 ménages ont été dénombrés, avec une taille nationale moyenne des ménages de 4,4 personnes, tandis que la densité de population nationale est de 140 personnes par mile carré.

M. George a déclaré que le gouvernement libérien, par l'intermédiaire de LISGIS, avec le soutien technique du Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population et des partenaires au développement, a fait le cinquième recensement de la population et du logement en utilisant la technologie numérique conformément aux cycles de recensement de 2020.

Il a ajouté que le projet était prévu pour 2018, mais il a été retardé en raison de plusieurs facteurs, dont notamment la transition en 2018. George a également cité l'épidémie mondiale de coronavirus de 2019 qui s'est propagée au Libéria, entre autres.

Cependant, a-t-il déclaré, le gouvernement du Libéria, inspiré par sa volonté de prendre des décisions éclairées en matière de développement national et d'utiliser des données de qualité, a mené le recensement par phases.

Il a expliqué que les premières activités du recensement, y compris les phases de préparation et de planification, ont commencé en 2018 avec la documentation. Ces activités étaient suivies de l'opération de cartographie.

Présentant les résultats provisoires, M. Chea Sanford Wesseh, le consultant national du NPHC 2022, a déclaré que le recensement est le premier recensement numérique complet du Libéria qui utilise des tableaux de bord de surveillance et une technologie d'entretien personnel assistée par ordinateur dans tous les aspects de sa mise en œuvre pour améliorer la qualité des données collectées.

Selon lui, environ 16 562 agents recenseurs et superviseurs ont visité les ménages dans tout le pays, compté et recueilli des informations détaillées sur presque toutes les personnes qui ont passé la nuit du recensement (10 novembre 2022) dans leurs maisons respectives.

Selon lui, le recensement proprement dit s'est déroulé du 20 novembre à décembre 2022, avec un exercice de ratissage de décembre 2022 au 7 janvier 2023.

Il a indiqué que l'exhaustivité du NPHC 2022 est classée à 97%, ajoutant qu'il s'agit d'une réalisation internationalement acceptable.

Selon M. Wesseh, la population rurale représente 48% tandis que les zones urbaines constituent 52% de la population.

Pendant ce temps, la vice-présidente du Libéria, Madame Jewel Howard-Taylor, a apprécié les partenaires de développement et a applaudi LISGIS pour le niveau de travail accompli pour générer ce résultat.

Elle a également félicité le ministère de l'Information pour avoir fourni la plate-forme. Elle s'est également dite ravie que le recensement soit utilisé pour aider le gouvernement à prendre des décisions au nom du pays.

Pour sa part, l'ambassadeur du Ghana au Libéria, M. Kwabena Okubi-Appiah, a applaudi le gouvernement et la vice-présidente Howard-Taylor pour leurs interventions.

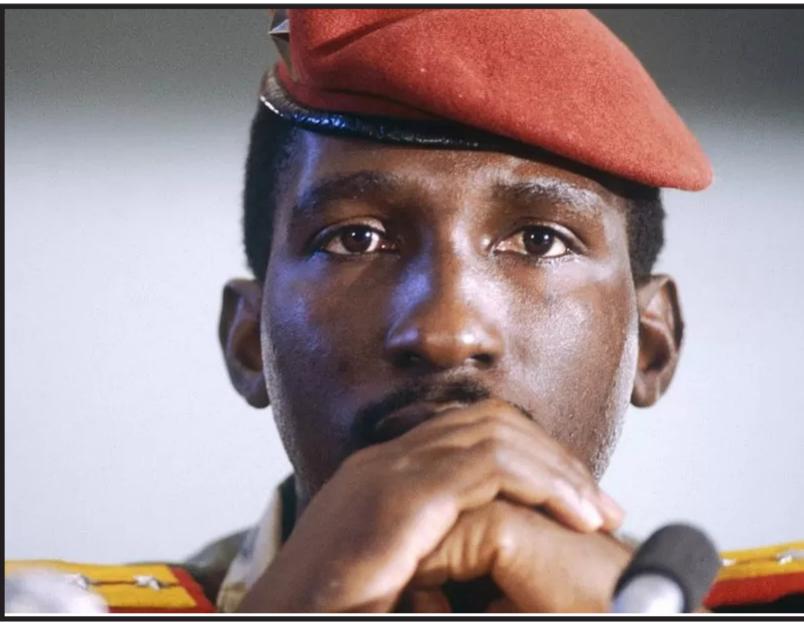
Le diplomate ghanéen a indiqué que le recensement n'est pas seulement un outil de développement, il peut être utilisé pour avoir un système postal défini.

D'autres partenaires ont applaudi le gouvernement pour les résultats provisoires publiés et attendent avec impatience la publication des résultats définitifs.

## « L'opposition ne peut pas vaincre Weah

de former une coalition forte pour défendre les intérêts communs du peuple, » a-t-il ajouté.

## Burkina Faso : Thomas Sankara réinhumé, sa sœur Blandine dénonce « un cirque »



Thomas Sankara, ex-président du Burkina Faso, assassiné en 1987 comme douze autres personnes, a été réinhumé ce 23 février 2023 à Ouagadougou, au Conseil de l'Entente, lieu de sa mort. Une cérémonie dénoncée par Blandine, sœur de l'ancien chef d'État. Au Burkina Faso, c'est une journée particulière entre émotion et colère. Les autorités ont organisé ce 23 février 2023 les obsèques de Thomas Sankara et de ses douze camarades tués en octobre 1987. Une cérémonie boycottée par les familles car les inhumations se sont déroulées au Conseil de l'Entente, là où Sankara et ses hommes ont été assassinés, là également où une statue à l'effigie du père de la révolution a été érigée en 2019. Les treize cercueils y ont été recouverts du drapeau du Burkina Faso. La cérémonie religieuse, traditionnelle et militaire a été interdite au public. Les autorités ont été représentées par le Premier ministre. Ces réinhumations, souhaitées par le Président de la transition, Ibrahim Traoré, en fin d'année, ont provoqué la colère des familles. Notamment celle de la sœur de Thomas Sankara, Blandine. « C'est une douleur pour nous aujourd'hui, explique-

t-elle au micro de RFI. Enfermer les âmes de nos défunt dans le sang, dans cette douleur-là, sur les lieux où ils sont tombés, c'est nous obliger à aller marcher dans le sang de nos proches pour notre recueillement ».

Signe que l'héritage politique provoque tensions et divisions, Valentin, le frère de Thomas Sankara était bien présent à la cérémonie au Conseil de l'Entente mais il est venu à « titre personnel » estime Blandine Sankara. « Ils essaient de diviser treize familles, affirme-t-elle. Je ne sais pas si ce sont les autorités. Mais, en tout cas, c'est un fonds de commerce. Il y a aujourd'hui comme de la récupération du nom, de la mémoire de Thomas ».

Blandine Sankara poursuit : « Pour nous, c'est un non événement. Ce n'est qu'un cirque. D'ailleurs, la même chose qu'ils ont fait avec notre famille, cette tentative de division, ils l'ont fait avec d'autres familles. En tout cas, depuis la fin du procès [des assassins de Thomas Sankara, le 6 avril 2022, Ndrl], il y a tout de suite eu des réunions. On échangeait et on était sur la même longueur d'ondes : à savoir pas de Conseil de l'Entente, pas sur les lieux où ils sont tombés. On ne peut pas marcher sur les traces, dans le sang, pour un recueillement de nos proches. »

## Côte d'Ivoire : le parti de l'ex-président Gbagbo intègre la Commission électorale indépendante

Demba Traoré représentera le Parti des peuples africains-Côte d'Ivoire (PPA-CI), formation politique de l'ex-président Laurent Gbagbo, au sein de la Commission électorale indépendante (CEI). Un signe d'apaisement politique que le porte-parole du PPA-CI interprète comme « une victoire d'étape ». En Côte d'Ivoire, le parti de Laurent Gbagbo, intègre la Commission électorale indépendante (CEI), selon un décret présidentiel diffusé le 22 février 2023. Le Parti des peuples africains-Côte d'Ivoire (PPA-CI), a désormais un représentant au sein de la Commission centrale de la CEI, suite à un accord obtenu l'année dernière. Un signe d'apaisement du climat politique.

C'est ainsi Demba Traoré qui a été nommé pour y représenter le PPA-CI. Il était l'un des vice-présidents de l'ancien parti de Laurent Gbagbo, le FPI, et un proche de l'opposant resté fidèle pendant son exil.

La décision n'est pas une surprise : c'était le compromis accepté par le parti présidentiel à l'issue du dialogue politique qui s'est tenu début 2022. Un gage donné à l'opposition pour montrer la volonté d'établir une commission électorale équilibrée, en vue de l'organisation des élections municipales et régionales d'octobre et novembre 2023.



« Une victoire d'étape qui ne correspond pas encore aux attentes réelles de notre parti ». Celle-ci compte désormais 18 membres : deux représentants du gouvernement, six de la société civile, neuf des partis politiques - dont cinq de l'opposition - et un représentant du Conseil supérieur de la magistrature.

Joint par RFI, le porte-parole du PPA-CI, Justin Koné Katinan, a indiqué que le parti acceptait l'entrée de Demba Traoré au sein de la CEI : « C'est une victoire pour nous. Mais c'est une victoire d'étape, qui ne correspond pas encore aux attentes réelles de notre parti pour une Commission électorale indépendante. »

Pour garantir la neutralité de la structure, le PPA-CI estime en effet que la CEI doit être pilotée par une personnalité neutre. Une position que le parti d'opposition promet de continuer de défendre pour les prochaines échéances électorales.

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**Busted!**

By Othello Gableh

Liberia's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Benelux, European Union, ACP, ICC and OPCW Isaac Wehyee Nyenabo has found himself trapped in a web of an alleged academic fraud.

According to the latest findings by the Campaigners for Academic Crimes Court (CACC), Amb. Nyenabo's doctorate degree is fake and that the University he claimed to have graduated from does not exist.

Amb. Nyenabo is not alone in this latest academic fraud report. The head of the Liberia Institute for Public Administration (LIPA) headed by Alexander Yonly is also said to be parading with a fake doctorate degree, the CACC said.

Interestingly, LIPA is located just few kilometers from what used to be the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) headquarters in Mabam Point.

Findings on Isaac Wehyee Nyenabo

In his published CV, Amb. Nyenabo says he holds a Doctor of Philosophy PhD in Political Science and International Relations from the California Creek University. He was said to have done the studies online from 2011 to 2015 and did residency in Philadelphia at a college location for his research.

However, the CACC reported that its research into the existence of the California Creek University shows that the university has no legal existence in California, the state where it claims to be located.

"It is not accredited by any institution in the US, does not have any physical address, no authentic phone number, or authentic website. There is ABSOLUTELY NO information on who is the "university's" president, or who are the professors. Fraudsters have two online links (this and this) bearing the name California Creek University. The links are Weebly and wix.com links, not official webpage. The links have no information about courses and programs the school offers nor information about those that manage and lead the school. The phone number (844-838-4555) on the site is in the possession of scammers asking callers to give credit card information," CACC said in its findings.

"Since May 27, 2015, the Better Business Bureau of the United States has been trying to reach California Creek University to gather background information

including its location, leadership, documentation related to advertised professional accreditations, enrollment statistics, and substantiation of graduation rates. As of today's date, the BBB has not been able to get anyone to respond nor has been able to find a physical location. Here is the link." The CACC concluded.

New Dawn findings

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I called the departments of education in US which have said

international student (he) also notarized (His) foreign Degree and attached an Apostille details who notarized the document and you know that No Fake document can be notarized, most especially developed countries, like USA. (He) also visited California, Los Angeles two times in 2011 and 2013. (And) also commuted with some Universities in order to assist (him) with researches.

University of Florida in 2013, Temple university in 2011 in Philadelphia. Terminal Degree is about research and critical thinking before conclusion." The

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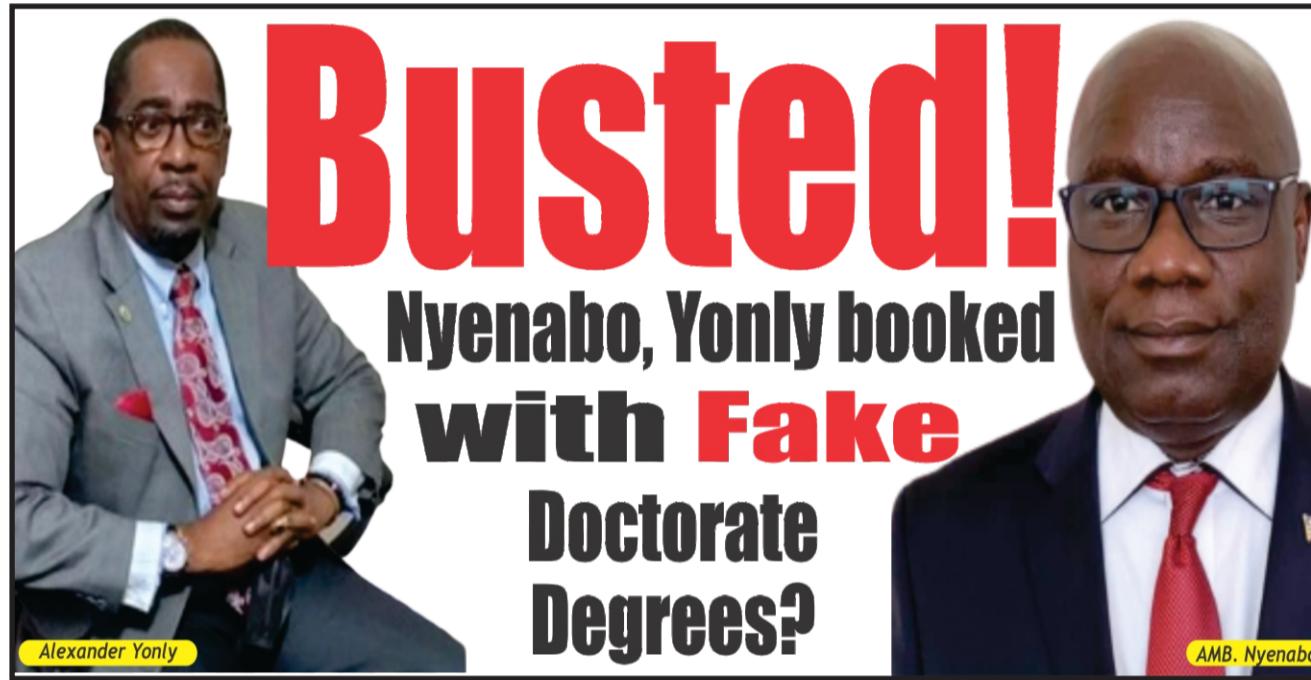
This paper contacted Yonly soliciting his response on these findings. Yonly agreed to meet with the New Dawn to provide his comments on the findings but failed to do so.

Yonly went back and forth with the New Dawn at one point promising to send his Public Relations Officer to provide the answers to the paper's inquiry on Wednesday, February 22, but failed to honor same. A reminder call rang unanswered.

About CACC: Campaigners for Academic Crimes is a leading brand with technical and professional expertise in the conduct and facilitation of research and duly registered nonfor-profit organization operating under the laws of Liberia.

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California Creek University website on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, it discovered that the last update was done in November 2016.

Further research by this paper discovered negative reviews by individuals who claimed to have fallen victims of the purported university:

"Sep 03, 2021Shawn E Elh

I Received The Degree and Can't Use It Anywhere

I was told the School wasn't Accredited under the Educational Board in D.C. and was Told to go another Route to Get Accredited. When I Paid in full and have submitted all my Documents

User's recommendation: Be Careful."

Sep 27, 2020Ziad AFky

Not recommended...spam!!!

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i got the degree from this university and paid for it, ....after sometimes they contact me again asking to pay more and more it is just spam don't waste your time with them

User's recommendation: other schools.

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2019PissedConsumer1686720 of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Scam by earlier California and now National Creek University

I applied for the masters programs in supply chain and the actual cost which was shown online was 12,000 \$ but to my surprise i received 90 - 95 % discount and i just have to pay registration fee - 300 and Tuition fee - 900. Total fee - 1200 for the

the University is NOT accredited. And the UAE embassy, ministry of education in UAE, and other departments which "claimed" to contact me to which i received the shocking truth that all the money i have paid upto date has been STOLEN! as this university is a big fat SCAM!! I do NOT recommend any1 to use their services!! All those posting positive comments are probably working with this university as part of the scam! Liars and thieves!! All of them!

AMB. NYENABO'S RESPONSE

Efforts to get Amb. Nyenabo to respond to these findings proved unsuccessful. According to him, he needed clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to speak to the New Dawn.

However, an aide to the Ambassador name withheld, said Ambassador Nyenabo actually did do an online study at the California Creek University and was awarded the degree as stated in his CV.

The aide forwarded to this paper a notarized copy of Amb. Nyenabo's California Creek University Degree and an Apostille of the notary public in and for the District of Columbia Mr. Nasser Ahmam Abu Ghannam. With registration number 423302.

The aide explained that Amb. Nyenabo's relationship with California Creek University ended in 2015 following the completion of his program.

"I attached (his) Five University Degrees and as

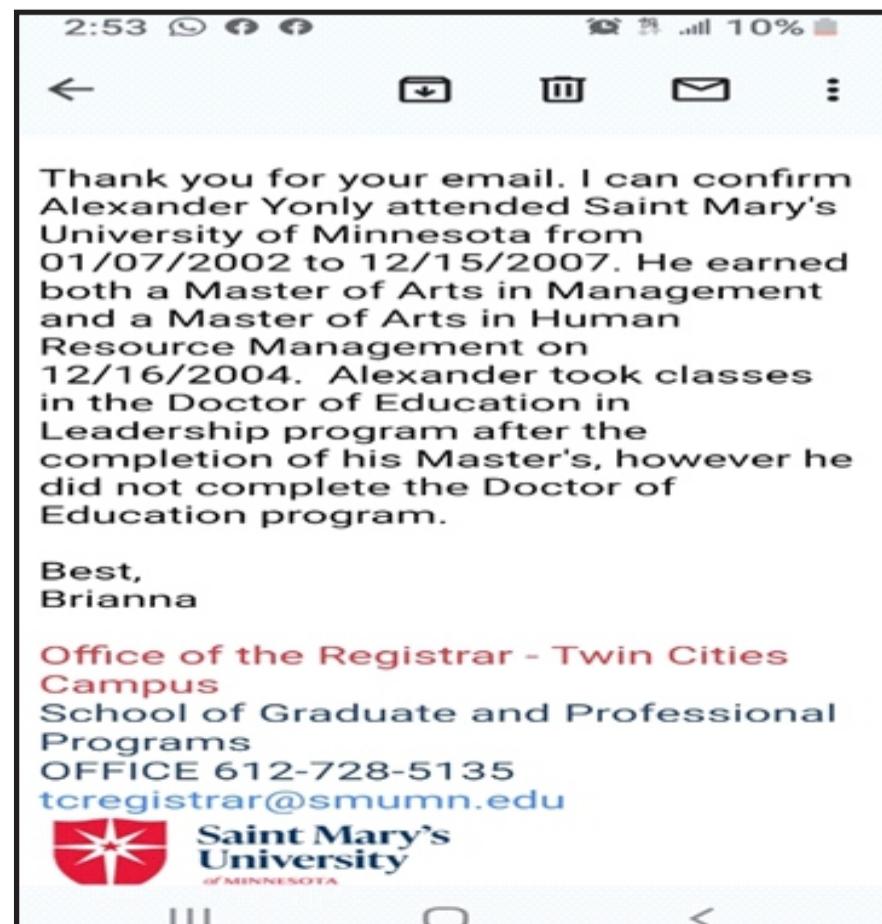
aide wrote.

ALEXANDER YONLY (LIPA)

St. Mary's University of Minnesota confirmed to the CACC that Yonly attended from 01/07/2002 to 12/15/2007 and earned both a Master of Arts in Management and Human Resources Management.

The school also confirmed that Yonly took classes in its Doctor of Leadership program after the completion of his master's but did not complete the Doctor of Education Program. See screenshot of email attached:

You can cross-check CACC's information on Yonly by



# CACC and The New Dawn sign partnership agreement intended to weed out academic fraudsters

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Under the partnership, the CACC will gather evidence of academic crimes and holders of fake academic degrees and share its findings with Searchlight Communications (New Dawn News Paper) for



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publication. Using its ethical principles, Searchlight Communication Inc will review CACC's findings and evidence, contact the institutions and individuals accused by CACC,

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## Who's chopping 'ghost' clinic money?

with no physical structure for services to be rendered to citizens of the County.

She then pointed fingers at Representative Marvin Cole who alleged that the clinic exists and there are structures for the amount to be used on. Rep. Briggs Mensah said Representative Marvin Cole is defending the allocation of the money because he allegedly has been the one benefiting from

an act she termed as criminal.

Speaking to reporters at the Capitol, Rep. Briggs Mensah called on her colleagues from the Senate to weed out that specific budget line allotting money to a 'non-existing clinic' in the district.

But addressing a news conference Thursday, 23 February 2023, Rep. Marvin Cole said the information by his two colleagues was false and misleading. He categorically

rejected their claim that Gbondo Clinic does not exist.

He said his colleagues did not do due diligence, adding that at no point in time, he has taken money from the budget that belongs to that clinic to eat. Cole added that the clinic is in existence and his colleagues need to do more investigation.

## 'Respect yourself!'

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lawmakers carrying arms when city police who are not authorized are carrying arms in the country. The Nimba Senator's assertion prompted a war of words between him and Mr. Chie. Also speaking, Lofa County Senator Steve Zargo suggested that what happened to Cllr. Scott needs a scrutiny from the Liberian Senate.

He said she alarmed it about two times that her life was in danger, and that people had tried entering her home to kill her. Zargo argued that the Emergency Response Unit (ERU), Police Support Unit (PSU) of the Liberia National Police and other security units needed

to take seize of her complaints to provide her security. He noted that the woman has said it before, but the securities didn't protect her. Zargo added that the Senate should call the Attorney General, and the Police Inspector General to appear and tell Senators why the former Chief Justice wasn't protected when she reported her case earlier.

For his part, River Gee County Senator Conmany B. Wesseh said this issue is a very serious case that shouldn't be done on party level.

And Grand Cape Mount Senator Varney Sherman said the former Justice Minister and former Chief Justice had complained on two different occasions to the Justice Minister that her life was in danger. He added that Cllr.

Scott had said that on one occasion, she recognized one of the boys' face and she could still recognize him anywhere if she sees him.

According to Sen. Sherman, the person that went to fix Cllr. Scott's iron bar was the one that hid himself in the house to execute his plan as early as 9 PM. Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon suggested that the Liberian Senate should pass a vote of no confidence in the Police Chief and the Justice Minister since they did nothing to protect the former Chief Justice after she raised alarm two times about her insecurity. Dillon said the police chief has more security officers assigned to his home and behind him more than the ordinary citizens whose lives are at risk.

## Horror at former Chief Justice's house

*By Lincoln G. Peters*

Tragedy has hit the home of Liberia's former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott, after men believed to be armed robbers invaded her home, brutally killed her daughter, and wounded another victim.

Sources say the gruesome attack on Wednesday night, 22 February 2023 was the third in a series of alleged armed robbery attacks at the former Chief Justice's residence in Brewerville, Montserrado County.

Cllr. Scott is said to have repeatedly complained about her home being invaded by suspects believed to be armed robbers, but there was no sign that the authorities here took preventive measures to deter this tragedy.

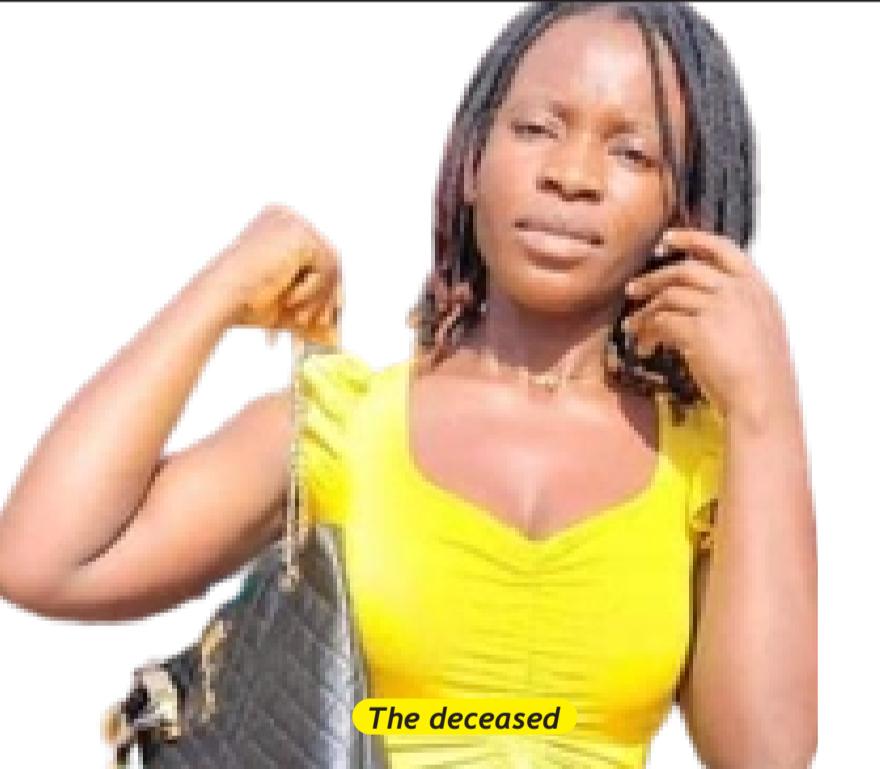
The former Chief Justice is also a former Senator for Maryland County in southeast Liberia, a former Justice Minister and has held other key public offices. She remains an active senior counsel and has sometimes defended the opposition Unity Party (UP) in

said to have succeeded in making away with several documents. The repeated attacks against Cllr. Scott's home has left many wondering over what the intent of the suspects is, and scores of community dwellers are still in disbelief.

This paper also gathered that during the latest attack on Wednesday night, Cllr. Scott maneuvered to abscond the scene for fear of her life. In the wake of the tragedy, there was a huge security presence as of Thursday at the home of Cllr. Scott.

The Liberia National Police (LNP) said Thursday that it had begun investigating the incident that took place at Cllr. Scott's residence on Wednesday night. In a statement released by Police Spokesman Moses Carter, the LNP said Madam Scott is now under appropriate police protection. Carter explained that Cllr. Scott reported some days ago in a radio interview that her family had experienced several attempts from suspected burglars seeking to enter her home at night. He stated that this report led to an increase in police patrol in the area.

Carter said preliminary findings



some cases in the courtroom. Residents of Montserrado Electoral District #17 woke up to the sad news of the tragedy that had hit the former Chief Justice's home.

The incident is reported to have happened Wednesday night at 11 P.M. opposite the Sheriff Gas Station in Brewerville.

Many of them were left in total shock upon hearing that the daughter of Cllr. Scott had been killed in an alleged armed robbery attack, and that her niece too had been wounded and hospitalized.

According to sources, the attacker allegedly stabbed Cllr. Scott's daughter multiple times in the midst of other children in the house.

In previous alleged armed robbery attacks at Cllr. Scott's home this month, suspects were

revealed that a man who was allegedly part of a crew that Cllr. Scott had hired to carry out some construction work at her residence remained hidden inside at the end of the work.

The suspect is said to have remained in Cllr. Scott's house in hiding while colleagues retired for the day.

The LNP said the former Chief Justice Scott had observed the man during the day of looking somewhat "strange."

Police said the suspect attacked Cllr. Scott's family at night and killed one of her daughters.

"The preliminary investigation shows no evidence of a break-in. The police is currently in search of the suspected robbers and urge the public to come forth with any information that will aid its investigation," the statement concluded.

## Cummings condemns killing, attack on former Chief Justice

**C**ondemnations are flooding in hours after reported attacks on the home of former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Scott left one of her daughters dead and others severely wounded.

The attack comes days after Cllr. Scott who also serve as Justice Minister and

The former Chief Justice currently serves as Legal Counsel to the Unity Party of former Vice President Joseph Boakai.

Amongst those condemning the attack is the Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Mr. Alexander B. Cummings.



Mr. Cummings

Senator of Maryland County reported here that she had received death threats.

The attack, which occurred on Wednesday, February 22, at the former Chief Justice's Brewerville residence, was the third in a wave of attacks reported by her, without any security intervention or inquiry.

A statement issued by the CPP Leader said it views these violent attacks as targeted if not orchestrated to intimidate and frighten the Liberian people, especially members of the opposition community.

"With this violent attack on the former Chief

Justice, as well as other unsolved mysterious deaths and murders, our confidence in the ability of the government to investigate, protect and or stop these violent attacks on peaceful citizens, especially those viewed by the government to be opposed to their misrule of the country, continues to be lowered," the Statement said.

Through its Political Leader, the CPP reminded the government of President George Weah of its basic duty and responsibility to protect all citizens, especially in the exercise of their fundamental rights, noting that the

CPP has "repeatedly urged the Weah administration to meet this basic duty of security for the Liberian people with increased diligence and seriousness."

However, according to the CPP, Liberians continue to be frightened by an increase in crime, lawlessness, and violence against peaceful citizens, residents, and their families. Mr. Cummings said the continuous acts of lawlessness, violence, and wanton killings are unacceptable threats to Liberia's peace, security, and democracy, for which, in the bear future, there will be consequences in keeping with law. "There will be consequences for these actions and / or inactions," the CPP Leader warned; adding: "No one will be permitted to undermine Liberia's, peace, security, and democracy with impunity.

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