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Continental News

Tunisian Opposition Defies Protest Ban with Rally

TUNIS — Hundreds of opposition supporters in Tunisia defied an official ban on their protest against the president on Sunday after some of their leaders were arrested, breaking through a police

Tunisia's biggest party, the Islamist Ennahda, the Stop the Coup protest movement and some other political parties, demanding that President Kais Saied step down.

The protest was one of the coalition's smallest against

and charged with conspiring against state security. This week, the Tunis governor refused permission for Sunday's protest.

The coordinated arrests have prompted the U.S. to raise its concerns, spurred fear of a wider crackdown on dissent and prompted the U.N. Human Rights Office to call for the immediate release of those detained.

The front accuses Saied of a coup for suddenly seizing broad powers in 2021, shutting down the elected parliament and moving to rule by decree before writing a new constitution that he passed in a referendum with low turnout last year.

Saied says his actions were legal and necessary to save Tunisia from chaos, and has called his enemies criminals, traitors and terrorists, urging the authorities to take action against them.

The recent arrests also targeted the head of Tunisia's main independent media outlet, two judges, a labor union official and a prominent businessman, showing police were ready to target critics of Saied from across the political spectrum.

However, opposition to Saied is fragmented along ideological and political lines that were drawn during a period of democratic government after the 2011 revolution which triggered the Arab spring. VOA



Supporters of Tunisia's Salvation Front opposition wave flags during a protest

barrier in central Tunis to rally in the city's main street.

Before the protesters broke through the barrier, police warned them by loudspeaker that their demonstration was illegal but added that they would not stop them by force.

Up to a thousand protesters then pushed through the cordon to reach Habib Bourguiba Avenue where most rallies take place, chanting "Shut down the coup" and "We want the release of the arrested."

The National Salvation Front coalition combines

Saied, but still showed it could mobilize on the streets in the teeth of a crackdown on its leaders, while the police showed they were not yet willing to forcefully halt demonstrations.

"We are here again despite the campaign of arrests targeting opposition figures. We will continue to resist to release the detainees but also to confront the coup," said Nejb Chebbi, a National Salvation Front leader whose brother has been arrested.

In recent weeks, several of the front's top leaders have been detained as part of a crackdown on prominent critics of Saied,

South African President to Announce Cabinet Reshuffle on Monday

JOHANNESBURG — South African President Cyril Ramaphosa will announce changes to the national executive at 7:00 p.m. (1700 GMT) on Monday, presidential spokesman Vincent Magwenya said on Sunday.

A Cabinet reshuffle has been widely expected since Ramaphosa was re-elected leader of the governing African National Congress (ANC) at a party leadership contest in December, paving the way for him to run for a second term in 2024.

"The president is finalizing his reconfiguration of the national executive," Magwenya said at a news briefing, adding that he was taking into account the swearing in of some members of parliament before

announcing the reshuffle.

Ramaphosa is expected to name a new deputy president after the Presidency announced David Mabuza's resignation from the post on Wednesday. The new position of electricity minister is among the roles to be filled.

He announced last month he would create the position of electricity minister to help address the nation's power crisis, as state utility Eskom implements the worst power cuts on record. VOA



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa delivers his 2023 state of the nation address

Malawi's Ex-Information Minister Jailed Amid Concerns of Selective Justice

BLANTYRE, MALAWI — Malawi's high court has sentenced a former information minister and a subordinate to six years in prison for stealing computers and generators meant for a state-owned news agency. The punishments come the same week a presidential adviser and a ruling party spokesman resigned over corruption in the current government.

The sentences spotlight the government's crackdown on corruption and concerns that it's being used to weed out rivals.

Former information minister Henry Mussa and his director of information Gideon Munthali, both members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party or DPP were sentenced this week, more

resigning and are mentioning that there is gross corruption in the Tonse government," Namalomba said. "Now what is ironic is that there is no one who has been arrested in the Tonse government, anyone who is answering a case of corruption in court and anyone who is imprisoned within the Tonse government."

Namalomba said a good example of selective justice in the fight against corruption is the six years custodial sentence given to Mussa and Munthali although they returned the property they stole.

"We hear that people now, the Cashgaters, are being pardoned because they have returned money," Namalomba said. "This is laughable. While others, like the case of honorable Mussa, they returned the money but he has been jailed while people who also defrauded the government are being forgiven. This is selective justice and it must not be



Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera speaks in Glasgow

than five months after their conviction on corruption charges.

They join several officials of the previous government jailed over various corruption-related cases, in a crackdown that the administration of President Lazarus Chakwera launched soon after winning the 2020 election.

This includes the arrest last November of the country's vice president, Saulos Chilima, who allegedly took payments amounting to \$280,000 and other items from British businessman Zuneth Sattar in return for Malawi government contracts.

DPP spokesperson Shadreck Namalomba applauds the crackdown, but said the problem is that the effort is marred with selective justice. He said most of the arrested are officials of the former ruling party rather than the current ruling party Tonse Alliance.

"Senior people in the Tonse [Alliance] government are

condoned."

Cashgaters is the name given for people who defrauded the Malawi government of an estimated \$30 million during the administration of former president Joyce Banda, from 2012 to 2014.

Banda's People's Party is among nine parties that form the Tonse Alliance.

Local media reported last week that five Cashgate suspects recently dodged imprisonment after paying back the money they stole while three others were negotiating with the government to reimburse the funds and be discharged.

Attorney General Thabo Chakaka Nyirenda told a local daily this week that he believes that amnesty remains the most viable way to recover public assets from suspects convicted of defrauding the government.

Political analyst George Phiri said the problem is that the Malawi government is mixing the fight of corruption with politics.

"Because if you look at all the people mentioned, they belong to the opposition Democratic Progressive Party," Phiri said. VOA

EDITORIAL

Why Boakai couldn't have won in 2017?

Going into the 2017 General and Presidential Elections, among the dozens of presidential candidates vying at the time, former Vice President Joseph N. Boakai stood tall and could have won that election plain and simple. But he didn't win and here's why.

Mr. Boakai had already sealed his own fate before venturing into that congested election. He decided from the word go that he had lost the election-it was Karma at work.

Karma, in Hinduism and Buddhism, is the relationship between a person's mental or physical action and the consequences following that action.

Karma also signifies the consequences of all the actions of a person in their current and previous lives and the chain of cause and effect in morality.

The Bible makes it explicit: "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?" Luke 16:12 (KJV).

The former Vice President's attempts to distance himself from alleged corruption within the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's regime in 2017 and only identifying with the positives demonstrated his hypocrisy and unfaithfulness towards Mrs. Sirleaf, thereby defeating the trust and confidence reposed in him by the latter.

Not only did Mr. Boakai try as much as possible to distance himself from Mrs. Sirleaf's regime's shortcomings going into that election in 2017, but he went on to further described himself as an unused car parked in a garage, suggesting that he was not allowed to function as a sitting vice president-yet he continued in that role for 12 unbroken years feeding from the same regime.

Lest we forget, it was Mrs. Sirleaf who recruited Mr. Boakai, a non-Unity Party partisan at the time out of the blues to be her vice-presidential running mate in 2005 and maintained his service in 2011.

There is a two-point argument here: one is entirely based on faithfulness and trust; the other relates to the value system and morality. Winning one of these arguments could have won Mr. Boakai the presidency in 2017. But he chose none yet wanted to be viewed as the cleanest candidate entering the 2017 crowded presidential race.

Faithfulness and Trust

Mr. Boakai could have remained devoted to the UP-led government despite the chain of corruption allegations and squandered opportunities and campaign on its positives.

One defining line could have been taking responsibility for the regime's failures accompanied by apologies while reminding the public of the road infrastructure initiatives under the administration, something he wants to continue.

Simply put: "Yes, we made some errors, we apologize for those mistakes. We had a lot of opportunities, but we squandered them. We are sorry." However, the road projects we started, I want to continue..."

These lines of arguments would have garnered support and earned him trust among the electorates.

However, he chose to run in the opposite direction which brought his integrity and moral values into question.

Values and Morality

Mr. Boakai, a former Agriculture Minister under slain President Samuel Doe from 1983-1985, prior to which he had served in several positions within the Liberia Government earning him over forty years of public service under his belt cannot be trusted because he has nothing to stand for.

Mr. Boakai could have saved his political career by resigning from the Ellen regime citing alleged corruption and squandered opportunities and indicating in his resignation letter that those practices ran contrary to his moral values-stealing.

But the former vice president chose not to resign and remained in office enjoying the benefits of the "loots" of the Ellen administration until its end makes him no saint.

It is said that a man who has nothing to stand for can stand for anything. Resigning or refusing to be Mrs. Sirleaf's vice-running mate because of rampant corruption in her administration would have put Boakai on a pedestal never before witnessed in Liberia.

Boakai failed to learn from other leaders.

Interestingly, former vice President Boakai failed to learn from examples within both the sub-region and the United States.

Atiku Abubakar, Olusegun Obasanjo's former vice president who turned against his boss after serving under him as vice president has since failed to win an election in Nigeria.

His latest defeat comes on the heels of the just-ended presidential election in Nigeria. This is arguably his third or fourth attempt. Atiku, now 76, even if age was in his favor can never win a presidential election in Nigeria because of Karma.

One man who understands Karma well is former United States Vice President Al Gore. Al Gore turned against his boss former President Bill Clinton during his situation with Monica Lewinski, after serving with him for 8 years. He offered President Clinton no moral support and distanced himself from the president.

He ran in the subsequent election and got defeated by former President George Bush by a narrow margin.

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COMMENTARY

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The Climate-Security Failure

GABORONE - World leaders, diplomats, intelligence officials, and scholars convened in Germany in February for the annual Munich Security Conference amid a raging land war in Europe and heightened geopolitical tensions. As a result, the focus was on traditional security threats. That is both understandable and disappointing.

While the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine dominated the MSC discussions, along with mass migration and the advent of a new cold war, there was little interest in issues like adaptation to climate change and green finance. Given that the MSC's organizers defined the transformation of relations between the Global North and South as one of this year's themes, the lack of interest in mitigating the worst effects of global warming represents a missed opportunity. More importantly, it reflects a profound misunderstanding of the biggest threat facing our planet today.

This is not the first time that the intelligence community has downplayed a serious (albeit nontraditional) threat. Just as the 2019 conference ignored the risk of a pandemic, this year's conference largely ignored the systemic risks - including economic regression, food insecurity, and forced displacement - posed by climate change.

But unlike the then-hypothetical threat of a pandemic in 2019, climate change is already wreaking havoc around the world. Forty percent of S&P 500 companies experienced supply-chain disruptions in 2021, and last year's devastating floods in Pakistan are expected to reduce the country's rice production by 7% this year. This will exacerbate food insecurity and fuel political instability in countries that depend on Pakistan for rice imports, such as Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and Kenya.

As extreme weather events become more frequent and intense, developing countries will likely be hit the hardest. Last year, flooding ravaged the port of Durban, South Africa, cutting off global supplies of cobalt and other commodities. A super typhoon smashing Taiwan or China's industrial heartland would cripple global semiconductor production, just as the devastating floods in Thailand in 2011 disrupted computer hard-drive supplies and caused the prices of cars, cameras, and phones to spike.

To bolster global security and resilience, we must acknowledge that adaptation finance is "an unavoidable necessity," as a recent report by insurer Swiss Re put it (and as last year's United Nations Climate Change Conference in Egypt affirmed by embracing the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda). According to the UN, international finance flowing to developing countries for climate-

adaptation programs is 5-10 times lower than what is needed. And the gap is widening: developing countries' annual climate-adaptation needs are expected to increase to \$160-340 billion by 2030 and to \$315-565 billion by 2050.

Fortunately, governments have become increasingly aware of the urgent need to scale up financing for mitigation and adaptation. But they are not moving fast enough to shore up their supply chains ahead of inevitable disruptions. Last November, for example, the Climate Change Committee, which advises the British government, recommended that the United Kingdom offer financial support to countries on which it depends for crucial food imports. In a recent report, the Committee warned that nearly 20% of UK trade relies on climate-vulnerable countries and noted that a spike in food-import prices would hit the country's poorest the hardest.

This analysis mirrors similar studies conducted in Germany and Sweden that called on developed countries to reduce their exposure to climate risks rather than focus on disaster response. But, at a time when governments are spending billions on bolstering their defense budgets, progress on this front has been sluggish at best, even though neglecting this existential threat could have disastrous consequences.

To survive our age of "polycrisis" - accelerating climate change, war, inflation, and the ongoing pandemic - we must make large-scale investments in mitigation and adaptation. Developed countries must also step up and ensure that lower-income countries on the frontlines of climate change can strengthen their resilience. By funding initiatives like the African Development Bank's Adaptation Fund and the Africa Climate Risk Facility, the international community could provide much-needed protection for the world's most vulnerable populations.

But even these initiatives, while critical, are not enough. Reforms of lending practices at multilateral development banks are essential to close climate-financing gaps in the developing world. Fostering an inclusive green financial infrastructure that can manage the impending global crisis, similar to the creation of the Bretton Woods institutions after World War II, would help us avert an environmental and humanitarian catastrophe.

Finally, climate change poses a huge risk to global stability. If we are to build long-term economic resilience, it is in the national-security interest of every country, including the world's richest, to support mitigation and adaptation efforts in the Global South. As we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, no one is safe until everyone is safe.



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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- ISSUANCE DATE:** March 1, 2023
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- POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
- POSITION TITLE:** Information Management Specialist (Systems Manager)
- MARKET VALUE:** \$40,344 – \$64,550 **FSN- 11**
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- PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** This contract will be for up to five years depending on programmatic needs, funding availability, and satisfactory performance. This is considered a permanent position and employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
- PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia with possible travel as stated in the statement of duties.
- ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
- SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility access

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Basic Function of Position

The System Manager serves within the Executive Office of USAID/Liberia the Executive Office's Information Technology (IT) team is responsible for providing computer network operations and support to the Mission's approximately 107 staff. The USAID/Liberia Information Management Specialist (Systems Manager) is the principal advisor, manager, and technical expert on all aspects of computer systems for USAID/Liberia and assumes all the duties and responsibilities of the IT team. Reporting directly to the Supervisory Executive Officer, the incumbent is responsible and accountable for the management and administration of the computer facility and related human and financial resources, systems analysis, programming, installation, testing, evaluation, monitoring capacity and performance on all platforms, maintaining security, operating systems and application programs. The incumbent will directly supervise two employees, Computer Management Assistants. The position is a member of the USAID Mission's Management Team and escalates all IT issues to the Supervisory, or Deputy Executive Officers as required.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Systems Administration/Maintenance (30%)**
 - Plan and develop innovative ways of expansion of Mission network and all technology resources to accommodate new positions, teams, and new ways of doing business considering local business needs.
 - Provide first-hand hardware maintenance support for all ICT equipment and peripherals. Performs diagnostic tests to determine faulty components, replaces defective components, and have the components repaired by contractors if they cannot be repaired by the IT Systems staff.
 - Advise and research IT management trends, technical problems, and the need for hardware and software upgrades, ensuring that technology enhances Mission productivity and continuity.
 - Liaise with senior officials in the USAID/W Chief Information Officer (CIO) on Mission-wide network management.
 - Ensure CIO initiated strategy, vision, and specific projects are implemented in a timely and efficient manner.
 - Manage the implementation of network user management by providing accessibility to Mission network resources, including, but not exclusive to e-mail, internet/intranet, public folders, and IT training programs.
 - Manage USAID/Liberia Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN), including servers and a complex collection of LAN devices and equipment that supports 107 staffs.
 - Perform systems administration functions on all platforms supported. These functions include adding, deleting, and modifying user profiles, managing network passwords, and controlling access rights to directories and files.
 - Foster the creation, and development, of customer service feedback methods in order to assess and monitor customer interests, experiences, and participation.
 - Manage the iPhone and iPad service for USAID/Liberia ensuring users access the service while in the country and anywhere in the world where the service exists.
 - Manage the return on IT investment and minimize total cost of ownership by evaluating all new software and hardware for conformance to Agency needs.
 - Monitor capacity, and performance, on the network, manage system configuration.
- System Reporting Requirements, Procurement Plan, Budgeting, and Supervision (20%)**
 - Directly supervise two Computer Management Assistants.
 - Provide appropriate orientation, training and guidance to USAID structured on-the-job training, familiarization with system policies and configuration. Conduct periodic assessment of the IT team's progress.
 - Oversee the development, tracking, and implementation of procurement plans for the acquisition of IT equipment for USAID/Liberia offices by evaluating, prioritizing, and participating in regular, or special meetings, and in one-on-one consultations with USAID managers regarding operations, policy, practice, procedures and problems relative to USAID technology, operational needs and staff training needs.
 - Prepare reports to client management, as requested/required on the status of the computer network weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis.
 - Oversee the technical specifications for desired hardware and software, liaising with vendors on pre-sale technical issues and warranty administration.
 - Inventory all hardware and software, including PCs, printers, servers and telecommunications equipment and prepare reports as requested/required.

C. Telecommunications Support (15%)

- Liaise with Liberian Telecommunications Company senior officials to ensure connectivity is at acceptable levels for staff to accomplish their work. Regularly meet with the local government Internet Service Provider (ISP) office to discuss policies related to Internet filtering and other monitoring issues that affect Internet connectivity.
- Manage DTSP0 satellite circuit for USAID/Liberia as a backup Internet connection.
- Ensure the Internet connection is at an acceptable level for staff to access IT resources. Ensure the local ISP provides timely service.
- Manage and monitor local loops to connect with the Embassy or other USAID facilities locally.
- Interface with Embassy telecommunications staff, the local telecom and IRM/TCO to analyze, troubleshoot, maintain, and monitor connectivity.
- Manage the backup connectivity to AidNet through satellite connections to ensure back-up operations provide continuity to the Mission during failure with the local ISP's service.

D. IT Security and Contingency Planning Compliance (15%)

- In conformity with Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) guidelines, enforce IT security by ensuring USAID/Liberia has zero, or negligible, vulnerabilities and all network resources meet Agency approved security guidelines.
- Create, develop, implement, enforce, and when necessary, update Mission standard policies, guidelines, and procedures pertaining to the Management of Information Resources (ADS 541, 545, 548, NIST, etc.). This includes Mission Orders, Mission Notices, and relevant information technology.
- Prepare, update, and enforce system security and contingency plans.
- Design, improve, and upgrade USAID/Liberia hardware and software support systems in compliance with Agency standard requirements and regulations.
- Review, implement, and test, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning procedures and ensure Mission data is safeguarded and prevent accidental loss of data.
- Ensure, and review, appropriate permissions to access various resources in compliance with CIO IT policy and deploy non-default complex passwords.
- Escalate all security incidents promptly reported to the Mission ISSO and take remedial steps to educate, and inform, staff on security violations.

E. Project Support, USAID Developed Applications, Financial Management Systems Support (10%)

- Provide Technical Support and play an advisory role to Technical Offices on ICT project implementations. Provide procurement, planning, monitoring, and analytical support as required.
- Work closely with the designated Application Coordinators, or other staff, within respective user offices to assist in the implementation, and operation, of the various USAID-developed applications.

F. Information Systems Strategic and Change Management Planning (10%)

- Develop new configurations to accommodate changes in the network due to mission staff size fluctuations, physical office moves, or other environmental changes. This work will be done in conjunction with DOS/ISPs, and IMO staff, using standard AID-DOS hardware/software/network configurations and involves designing the layout of networking equipment and wiring to support LAN/WAN connections. The Systems Administrator/Manager may be required to interface with vendors when the mission procures new hardware/software, and to facilitate/manage shipping, warranty, and maintenance issues.
- Systems Manager will be responsible for the Change Management (CM) process to plan for, implement, and document major network changes. A CM process should be in place to cover technical work that may have a serious impact on the network in terms of availability of services or performance. This process ensures that the end users, and mission management, are aware of the technical work to be executed ahead of time and that adequate resources to carry out the work are available. A CM plan should also outline the expected results and include a detailed "bailout" plan in the event the work fails.

Supervision Controls: The incumbent supervises two employees.

Supervisory Relationship: The incumbent reports directly to the Supervisory Executive Officer who provides general policy guidance and direction. The incumbent carries out most responsibilities with minimal oversight, including direct interaction with Information Technology staff and Mission users.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- Education:** A university degree in Computer Sciences/Technology field, or Information Systems, is required.
- Prior Work Experience:** Five to seven years of progressively responsible technical, and administrative, computer operation experience is required.
- Work/Residency Permits:** Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
- Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in speaking and writing English Level IV (fluent) is required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1: Please describe how your technical, administrative, and operations experience directly relates to the major duties and responsibilities of this position.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factor 50 points
Interview Performance 50 points

- Total Possible Points 100 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's ability to:

- Respond in a clear and concise manner to a series of questions about your experience, skills, goals, and other areas.

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-23-000004—Information Management Specialist (Systems Manager)** LiberiaHR@usaid.gov.

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents or their applications will not be considered for this position:

- A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
- A minimum of three (3) professional references who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
- A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factors.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. Candidates must also meet the full work experience requirement and demonstrate in their application that they are an eligible offeror as required in I.9 above. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SOLICITATION NO:** VA-669-23-000003
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** March 1, 2023
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4. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
5. **POSITION TITLE:** Project Management Specialist (Inclusive Development)
6. **MARKET VALUE:** USD \$40,344 – \$64,550 FSN-11
In accordance with **AIDAR Appendix J** and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value. Note that all U.S. Embassy Locally Employed Staff are expected to observe and fulfill all tax obligations imposed by the Government of Liberia and you will be required to provide a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) before employment.
7. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** This contract will be for up to five years depending on programmatic needs, funding availability, and satisfactory performance. This is considered a permanent position and employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
8. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia.
9. **ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
10. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility access

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Basic Function of Position
The USAID Project Development Specialist (PDS) – Senior Inclusive Development position is established in the Program and Project Development (PPD) Office in the USAID/Liberia Mission and will work under the supervision of the Deputy Program Office Director. The purpose of the position is to help the Mission advance the Agency’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility goals in Liberia, with a particular focus on empowerment of women and girls.

The PDS provides Mission-wide strategic leadership and guidance on inclusive development, gender integration, the rights of people with disabilities (PWD), other vulnerable populations identified by the Mission, gender rights, diversity, equity, accessibility and the analysis and measurement of programmatic and policy impacts in this context. They serve as the Mission’s Gender Advisor. In this role, they lead the Mission gender integration working team, advise Mission leadership, and guide the entire Mission in its mandate to ensure that all programs address relevant gender gaps and promote gender equality and the rights of all vulnerable populations. In addition, they serve as the Mission’s Inclusive Development Advisor, guiding the entire Mission in its mandate to ensure that programs address diversity, equity, and accessibility gaps and that programs reach all Liberians, including religious and ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable populations identified by the Mission. The Specialist will also help ensure that the Mission’s workforce is representative of Liberia’s population and that marginalized groups have equal access to employment opportunities in the Mission.

The Specialist is an expert in their field and provides high-level technical and strategic guidance. They build relationships with high-level GOL and private sector leaders in Liberia including but beyond the Ministry of Gender and Social Welfare. They normally work as a member of task-oriented teams or lead such teams in areas of substantive expertise. They work closely with senior staff of the Mission and other members of USAID/Liberia to ensure integration of inclusive development, gender equality, female empowerment, diversity, equality, inclusion, and accessibility mandates into general policy, program, and budget guidance. The Inclusive Development Advisor will be based in the PPD Office but will provide cross-cutting assistance to all Development Objective teams.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

a. Technical Advisory Service and Program Analysis 40%

- Provides expert technical guidance and analysis to ensure that analyses of social and gender difference and inequalities and of diversity, equality, inclusion, and accessibility inform the development of programs.
- Leads integration of the Mission’s policies, programs, and impact analyses in gender equality and female empowerment to embrace as appropriate the policy guidance of related Agency policies and strategies, including but not necessarily limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights, gender-based violence, women, peace and security, trafficking in persons.
- Conducts extensive external liaison, outreach and communications. The Specialist will reach out to groups representing marginalized populations of all types and establishing relationships with stakeholders supporting them.
- Serves as Mission POC on people with disabilities (PWD).
- Provides recommendations on how projects may be better designed to ensure that both women and men and members of sexual minorities all benefit equitably from USAID investments.
- Provides recommendations on how projects may be better designed to ensure that they are inclusive of all of Liberia’s population, including religious and ethnic minorities.
- Designs and conducts gender analyses of proposed strategies and programs, providing substantial input into social/gender assessment in policy analysis, research, program design implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- Develops, assesses or works with strategies, approaches, and tools for gender integration, including impact assessment in large-scale international development programs. Provide expertise in relevant sector activities, e.g., agriculture, water and sanitation, health, education, democracy, human rights, and governance.
- Conducts desk reviews of social/gender issues; provides documentation in issues relevant to social/gender impact assessments. Develops indicators and provides expertise to staff regarding monitoring, assessing and evaluating social and gender performance, outcomes and impacts of USAID-funded projects.
- Develops and reviews scopes of work for social/gender analyses and country-level social and gender assessments.
- Develops, assesses or works with strategies, approaches, and tools for diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility integration. Provide expertise in relevant sector activities, e.g., agriculture, water and sanitation, health, education, democracy, human rights, and governance.

b. Capacity Building and Program Support 25%

- Designs and delivers inclusive development, gender equality, and female empowerment training to the mission; including the development or sourcing of resource materials, as necessary, or required.
- Assists Mission staff in assessing the soundness of proposed programs in the context of gender equality, female empowerment, LGBT, and related human rights analyses.
- Monitors compliance with gender equality and female empowerment requirements.
- Facilitates knowledge management through exchange of program-cycle related information and ideas, to collaborate on cross cutting issues and to promote program/project synergies.
- Advises technical teams on activity and project design, policy, and program processes in accordance with the ADS, Mission Order, or other standards.
- Serves on the activity design teams for new mechanisms.

c. Program Guidance, Documentation, and Reporting 25%

- Assists technical teams with portfolio reviews, including preparing for the portfolio reviews, taking notes, and tracking action items.
- Serves as Activity Manager for an activity valued at \$5-10 million over 4 years. This management will require expertise in the area of Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility.
- Leads development of gender sections of strategic planning documents, the annual Operational and Performance Plans, Congressional presentations, and other reports describing the methods to accomplish its development objectives.
- Leads development of the diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility sections of strategic planning documents, the annual Operational and Performance Plans, Congressional presentations, and other reports describing the methods to accomplish its development objectives.
- Ensures integration of gender and rights of vulnerable populations in project and activity documentation and works with Technical Offices and teams and to participate in development of gender and inclusion-related indicators and targets to monitor the effectiveness and impact of program/project/activity implementation.
- Ensures integration of issues pertaining to people with disabilities (PWD) in project and activity documentation and works with Technical Offices and teams and to participate in development of PWD related indicators and targets to monitor the effectiveness and impact of program/project/activity implementation.

- Ensures integration of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility principles in project and activity documentation and works with Technical Offices and teams and to participate in development of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility related indicators and targets to monitor the effectiveness and impact of program/project/activity implementation.
- Actively participate in and/or lead relevant program cycle-related Mission and/or Agency Teams and communities of practice to promote and strengthen the adoption of gender and inclusion related best practices and emerging program approaches for the achievement of and scaling up of development results.
- As the Mission’s Point of Contact for gender, persons with disabilities, and LGBT issues, other vulnerable populations identified by the Mission, and religious and ethnic minorities s/he develops and maintains active dialogue and relationships with key counterparts at the local and national level, including other donors and donor groups, civil society organizations, and others as relevant. Represent USAID and the USG with internal and external audiences as required.

d. Promotion of Inclusive and Representative Workforce 10%

- Collaborates with USAID/Liberia’s Executive Office (EXO) to integrate equity and inclusion into USAID/Liberia’s recruitment efforts.
- Advise EXO on strategies for increasing access to vacancy announcements for underrepresented groups.
- Serve on employment selection committees, as appropriate
- Report to Front Office on the inclusivity of recruitment and conduct analysis of inclusiveness compared to the general population of Liberia.
 - **Supervision controls:** The individual exercises no administrative supervision.
 - **Supervisory Relationship:** The Specialist will report to the Deputy Office Director who is currently chair of the Diversity Equity Accessibility and Inclusion Council. The supervisor will provide overall supervision to the Specialist; however, the Specialist will exercise independent judgment in planning and carrying out tasks, resolving problems and conflicts, and taking steps necessary to meet deadlines.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. **Education:** A Minimum of Master’s degree in development studies, international affairs (or related) or political science is required.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** A minimum of five years of demonstrated successful experience in international development, international relations, or a related field, focusing on gender, inclusive development, or empowerment of marginalized populations is required. Experience in the Liberian context is required. The Specialist must have an understanding of the dynamics and demands of political and institutional changes in developing countries that are essential to the generation of sustainable positive impacts in gender and rights of vulnerable populations and associated public attitudes towards gender equality and female empowerment is required.
3. **Work/Residency Permits:** Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
4. **Language Proficiency:** Level Four (IV) proficiency in both oral and written English is required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant’s references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant’s writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1: In 500 words or less, describe your experience in advancing gender, diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility issues in Liberia. Experience can include providing input into project design and implementation; work planning; monitoring performance; coordinating with partners to adapt activities and plans in light of changing circumstances; communicating with partners to answer implementation questions; or tracking events and changes in the operating context that might impact implementation or results.

FACTOR #2: Capacity Building and Program Support: In 500 words or less, describe your experience with providing training and information sharing related to gender, diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility.

FACTOR #3: Program Guidance, Documentation, and Reporting: In 500 words or less describe your experience in developing gender, diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility sections of strategic planning documents, donor reporting documents, and other reports.

FACTOR #4: Knowledge Management and Relationship Development: In 500 words or less, describe your experience in developing and maintaining contacts with government, civil society, private sector, and donor-community counterparts. Experience should include knowledge sharing, consensus building and the coordination of activities.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factors	points
Factor #1	10 points
Factor #2	10 points
Factor #3	10 points
Factor #4	10 points
Written Test	20 Points
Interview Performance	40 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate’s fit for the position as described in the statement of duties.

Total Possible Points 100 points

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-23-000003 – USAID Project Management Specialist (Inclusive Development)** LiberiaHR@usaid.gov.

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
3. A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factors.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. Candidates must also meet the full work experience requirement and demonstrate in their application that they are an eligible offeror as required in I.9 above. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

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China, Liberia sign health project

—Seek to strengthen JFK's healthcare delivery system

China and Liberia have signed an agreement on the China-Liberia Paired Hospital Cooperation Mechanism project.

At the signing, the People's Republic of China was represented by its

The Charge d'Affairs of the Embassy Xu Kun signed on behalf of China, while Dr. Jerry F. Brown, JFKMC General Administrator, signed on behalf of Liberia.

Making remarks, Charge d'Affairs Kun recounted that President Xi Jinping announced

health and hospitals from both China and Liberia have made great efforts to explore new cooperation in the area of health.

"The project we are going to sign today is a part of the Chinese Aid Projects in Liberia," he said, and noted that "This project will help JFK hospital to build an independent medical team with 12 hospital beds, 4 cardiologists and 4 professional nurses."

He said it will effectively improve the accuracy of diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases as well as the ability to rescue emergency and severe cases.

Besides this project, the Embassy donated a batch of aid materials to JFK hospital including 2 respirators, 16 oxygen masks, 240 boxes of antimalarials drugs and 1200 surgical masks.

"I believe this will help our Liberian brothers to better address the challenges from the disease."

Also making remarks, Deputy Minister for Administration at the Ministry of Health, Madam Norwu G. Howard, said the relationship between both countries has existed for many years.

She said the focus on health care and healing is bound to define their relationship and impact the lives of many for

on 18th May 2020 at the Virtual Event of Opening of the 73rd World Health Assembly, that China would establish a cooperation mechanism for its hospitals to pair up with 30 African hospitals.

He said the project is to help the continent ramp up its disease preparedness and control capacity.

After that, departments of

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Embassy near Monrovia while the Republic of Liberia was represented by John F. Kennedy Medical Center (JFKMC) on Friday, 3 March 2023.

During the signing agreement at the Chinese Embassy in Congo Town, the People's Republic of China also donated assorted medical equipment to JFK.

CDC chair demands autopsy

—Following Charloe Musu's death

By Lewis S. Teh

Ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) National Chairman Mulbah K. Morlu has called on the government here to do an autopsy on the remains of Ms. Charloe Musu.

The deceased was brutally murdered on 22 February 2023 when armed criminals invaded her mother Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott's residence in Brewerville, Montserrado County.

Cllr. Scott, a former Liberian Chief Justice, former Maryland Senator, and former Justice Minister says she reported to authorities two previous armed robbery attacks before the assailants finally murdered her daughter in the third attack.

She lamented that the government did nothing following the first two attacks to prevent the worse case.

Liberia's former Truth and Reconciliation boss Cllr. Jerome Verdier has accused

Monrovia Mayor and CDC Secretary General Jefferson T. Koijee of allegedly ordering Monrovia City Police Officer Varlee Telleh to attack the

Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Justice to conduct an autopsy to establish the cause leading to the death of our sister and daughter," said Mr. Morlu.

"We are not also playing lip



CDC Chair Mulbah K. Morlu

former Chief Justice. But Koijee and Telleh have denied the claim.

While addressing a news conference held at the weekend, Chairman Morlu urged the CDC-led government to do an autopsy on Charloe's remains.

"We are calling on the

service with this case while others are trying to exploit the tragedy with their political objective," said Chairman Morlu.

"We will not exploit the poor victim's tragedy to advance our

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Nimba Women Groups commit to supporting Cummings

A combination of women groups with membership of over 6,000 in Tappita, Nimba County, has pledged support to the Presidential bid of Mr. Alexander Cummings, Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP).

The Women groups, including Tappiata District Widow Association, Agriculture Women, Disabled Women, Village Saving Loans, Marketing Association, Tappiata Women Movement, Young Girls Association, and Cookshop Women, held a special encounter with the Standard Bearer in Tappita on Thursday, March 2.

Spokespersons for the various women groups lamented the difficult economic challenges and suffering, especially the elderly, are enduring and the need for change that will better

women promised to mobilize women in their various sectors of control for the election of Mr. Cummings as the next President of Liberia come October 10.

Cummings, accompanied by the CPP National Campaign Chairman Lewis Brown and CPP National Chairman Musah Bility arrived in Nimba County on a four-day visit to several towns and cities rallying support and urging citizens to register and vote in the pending General and Presidential Elections slated for October 10 this year.

The team has held several townhall meetings, met and held discussions with several interest and civil society groups as well as held consultations with key political actors in Sokopa, Gbahn, Ganta, Saclepea, Zoulay, Tappiata and Gbi Camp One Township in Nimba County.

Several other political associations, interest groups,



their lives.

The agriculture women said after nearly 12 months of farming, getting their products to market or finding buyers, pose difficult challenges, to the extent that most of their products are left to spoil.

The Tappita District Widows and Disabled Women complained of extreme suffering and poverty. They lamented that they have suffered years of neglect and are only surviving at the mercy of God.

The women spoke of the strong desires for changes in their agonizing conditions and view the CPP Standard Bearer, Mr. Cummings as the best alternative for national leadership in Liberia.

In separate statements, the

District and County officials and key political actors have paid courtesy visits to the CPP Standard Bearer in Tappita, Nimba County, with promise of support to his Presidential bid.

Mr. Cummings, accompanied by his wife Teresa, expressed gratitude to the women groups for their pledges of support to his Presidential bid.

He urged the women to encourage all their followers, supporters, friends and family members to register during the Voters Registration exercise which kicks off on March 20.

Cummings said with the massive support of the women and other Liberians desirous of change, he will work hard, upon assuming the Presidency to alleviate the massive suffering and extreme poverty.

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'Legislature a rubber-stamp'

-PYJ blames lawmakers for Liberia's misfortunes

By Lincoln G. Peters

Former Liberian warlord, now Nimba County Senator Prince Y. Johnson says the country has a rubber-stamp Legislature and blames the branch of government for the

are going the ruling party's line because they don't even have money for campaigns," Johnson told a local radio over the weekend.

He accused his colleagues of allegedly working with the government in all capacities to

they want money for the campaign.

He alleged that their entire stay at the Legislature has been about what they can benefit.

"We are responsible for what [is] happening in the country. Now, the security committee has the right to summon the City Mayor to answer why his men are carrying firearms," said Senator Johnson.

"But they are ineffective, and the committees that are in the Senate to check on ministries and agencies are not working. Therefore, we are responsible for what is happening in the country," he stated.

Regarding the establishment of a War and Economic Crimes Court in Liberia, Senator Johnson explained that he is not against it. However, he said several legal stumbling blocks should be dealt with.

He said some legal instruments and laws are preventing the establishment of the war and economic crimes court. Johnson continued that if Liberia will establish the court, Liberians should look at the legal stumbling blocks.

"Every day I listen to people about the establishment of a war crimes court. It has legal ramifications. You know when the Accra Peace Accord was signed by the warring factions, they came to Liberia and peace came," said Senator Johnson.

get money for their campaign, lamenting that it's unfortunate.

According to Senator Johnson, some of the lawmakers involved are from Nimba County, other opposition political parties, and people who were elected as independent lawmakers.

He disclosed that there are lawmakers in the House of Representatives who are siding with the government because



Senator Johnson

nation's misfortune.

Over the weekend, Senator Johnson claimed that for lawmakers' benefit, the "rubber stamp" Legislature allows the passage of all kinds of bills and laws, even those that are not in the interest of the citizenry.

"Let me tell you, we are responsible. The Senate is a rubber stamp. The Legislature is a rubber stamp. There are other people who

LISCR founder's death saddens Pres. Weah

President George Manneh Weah has expressed deep sadness at the passing of Yoram Cohen, Founder and Chairman of the Liberia Shipping and Corporate Registry (LISCR).

An Executive Mansion press release issued Sunday, 5 March 2023 says Mr. Cohen died on Saturday, 4 March after a protracted illness.

Cohen has been a long-time friend of Liberia and contributed immensely to the growth of the country's maritime sector, the Executive Mansion said.

"As the agent for the country, Cohen's leadership saw the phenomenal rise of the Liberian Flag Registry into the world's best, fastest-growing, and second-largest following its decline during the civil war," the release said.

He was also a strong believer in the potential of Liberian youth to help shape the country's future and was one of the visionaries of the rejuvenation of the Liberia

Maritime Training Institute.

Yoram Cohen was also the founder of Cellcom Telecommunications Corporation, now Orange, which caused the mobile telephony sector to be de-

"He was really a friend and a brother," said President Weah. "We came a long way after we developed a bond during the twilight of my football career."

He has urged the bereaved family, as well as friends and



Pres. Weah

monopolized.

Mr. Weah fondly recalls the administration he received from the LISCR founder during his soccer career.

coworkers of the late Cohen, to take solace in the Lord during this difficult time.--**Press release**

Winners Inc unveils Master Queen as brand influencer

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

Days after announcing popular award-winning musical artist, Caroline Moore, preferably known as MC CARO' with her famous Musical band, "BABY" as a Brand Ambassador of Winners Incorporated Sports Betting Company and Online Casino, the company has again taken another giant step to named popular radio personality DJ Master Queen as the company' Brand Influencer.

Winners announced Grace Hawa Weah, alias Master Queen, a multi award-winning actress, producer and Radio Personality, as a brand influencer to support the sports betting company brand in its next growth phase.

According to Winners Incorporated Program Manager,

officer, said.

"Over the years she has been a positive role model and a change maker in the Liberian Entertainment Industry and the society at large. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration." Diah, added.

Master Queen, who's also the President of Liberia Football Association (LFA) Women Division Champions Club Determines Girls, is expected to use her brand to promote and market the company as well as spearhead key initiatives to be introduced by the company.

Master Queen, who's ecstatic about the brand influencer partnership with Winners Incorporated Liberia indicated her readiness to assist the company in its activities.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to partner to promote



Tito Balde, the Sports betting company, chose Master Queen after taking time to study her lifestyle as Radio personality, creative and social influencer skills in the Liberian Entertainment Industry over the years; her marketability prowess, influential, among others gave DJ Master Queen notch above other personalities that were closely watched, Mr. Balde said.

Master Queen has proven to be the best influencer for the job, Garysen Inkome Diah, Winners Inc. Communication

the platform" she said adding "I bet with Winners Sports Betting Company, it's so efficient, fast, and winning is guarantee and utmost."

Winners Sports betting platforms are seamless and easy to use and fastest way to make money, even though, sometimes you lost, but gaming is legal, and sports is a passion for everyone," Master Queen stated.

She stressed that Winners Inc. Liberia is the preferred choice of Sports Betting in Liberia, thereby encouraging her followers to continue to stick with Winners Inc for betting on daily matches.

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Français

Pourquoi l'ancienne juge en chef ne veut-elle pas parler à la police ?

L'ancienne juge en chef Gloria Musu Scott refuse toujours de se soumettre à l'enquête de la police à la suite de l'horreur qui s'est produite à son domicile qui a causé la mort d'une de ses filles et fait d'autres blessés.

La maison de la juge Scott

Les tentatives des enquêteurs de parler avec l'ancien juge en chef se sont avérées vaines car elle reste muette.

La police a annoncé jeudi dernier avoir invité plusieurs personnes, dont les occupants de la maison au moment de l'horrible incident, à comparaître pour un interrogatoire.

la classe intellectuelle, surtout parmi les juristes, avec le refus de l'ancienne juge en chef de parler directement aux enquêteurs.

Certains disent que son attitude sape toute l'affaire car elle sait bien comment fonctionnent des affaires d'une telle nature. Pour établir les faits et appréhender les auteurs il faut qu'elle donne son propre témoignage.

Ce quotidien a appris qu'en raison de la nature très médiatisée de l'affaire, la police a l'intention d'élargir l'enquête pour inclure les voisins et toute personne ayant pu avoir une relation avec la famille afin d'établir la vérité sur l'incident et de traduire les auteurs en justice.

A l'heure actuelle, les électriciens qui ont fait des travaux dans le bâtiment ce même jour sont interrogés. C'est aussi le cas pour les agents de sécurité privés qui étaient de service cette nuit.

Le maire de la ville de Monrovia, Jefferson Koijee, et le chef adjoint de la police municipale pour l'opération Varlee Telleh ont été interrogés mercredi en relation avec l'attaque meurtrière.

Jeudi dernier, un groupe de femmes libériennes ont manifesté devant le palais de l'Assemblée nationale pour

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a été la cible d'une attaque de bandits à mains armées dans la nuit du mercredi 22 février. Une de ses filles a été tuée et d'autres ont été blessées.

Mme Scott avait auparavant signalé deux autres attaques dont sa maisonnée a été la cible et fait comprendre à la police que sa vie était en danger. Mais celle-ci n'a rien fait pour empêcher la troisième attaque qui a entraîné la mort de sa fille.

Ceux que la police a affirmé avoir invités incluent Me Scott, Gertrude Newton, Rebecca Youdeh Wisner et Alice Johnson. Ils doivent comparaître au siège de la police nationale libérienne en rapport avec l'incident présumé de vol à main armée.

La police a déclaré qu'elle n'aurait aucune possibilité d'intenter une action en justice appropriée devant le tribunal si ces personnes ne répondent pas à sa convocation.

L'attaque a suscité des débats partout dans le pays et au sein de

Les femmes libériennes demandent justice

Des dizaines de femmes se sont rassemblées à l'Assemblée législative le jeudi 2 mars 2023 pour demander aux parlementaires de veiller à ce que justice soit rendue après que des criminels armés ont assassiné Charloe Musu, l'une des filles de l'ancienne juge en chef, la semaine dernière.

Les femmes, vêtues de noir, des affiches à l'effigie de Charloe, fille de l'ancienne juge en chef du Libéria Me Gloria Musu Scott, et des images d'autres victimes de morts mystérieuses précédentes en main, ont pris d'assaut la cour de l'Assemblée législative libérienne pour exprimer leur ras-le-bol face aux meurtres et assassinats jamais élucidés.

Dans un tweet, l'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson Sirleaf a félicité les femmes et a déclaré qu'elle les aurait rejointes si elle était dans le pays.

« Bravo aux organisateurs

de la marche contre l'injustice et la violence et à toutes les femmes et aux hommes qui y ont participé. J'aurais été avec vous si j'étais à la maison », a déclaré Mme Sirleaf dans son tweet.

Charloe a été brutalement assassinée le mercredi 22 février 2023 lorsque des hommes armés se sont infiltrés dans la résidence de l'ancien juge en chef Scott à Brewerville.

Les assaillants avaient également blessé deux autres victimes lors de l'attaque. Mais Mme Scott a, quant à elle, réussi à s'échapper en aspergeant du gaz poivré sur l'agresseur.

Elle a dit avoir auparavant signalé deux attaques précédentes de vol à main armée à la police et au ministre de la Justice, mais les autorités



Éditorial

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 désintégré, 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 pour aura déjà été atteint.

Français

Pourquoi l'ancienne juge

demander justice.

Le rassemblement pacifique a été soutenu par la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir qui condamne le meurtre de Charloe.

« La violence contre tout citoyen libérien, quelle qu'en soit la motivation, est inacceptable. Il s'agit donc particulièrement de violence contre la fillette », a déclaré jeudi M. Mulbah Morlu, président de la CDC, dans un communiqué.

"Nous ne pouvons pas rester les bras croisés et permettre aux meurtriers de femmes et d'enfants, ou de tout être humain, de rester

impunis", a-t-il déclaré, ajoutant que "les personnes qui commettent ces actes contre des innocents doivent être rapidement arrêtées, poursuivies dans le cadre de une procédure régulière". Et si elles sont reconnues coupables, elles doivent être envoyées en prison.

La coalition au pouvoir, selon lui, a présenté ses condoléances à la mère et aux frères et sœurs de la défunte. La coalition envisagerait de contacter la famille en tant qu'institution dans les prochains jours.

Le parti a par ailleurs remercié le groupe de femmes en disant que « l'action des femmes allait dans la bonne direction. C'est pourquoi nous avons dit à nos femmes de nous rejoindre.

Les femmes libériennes

n'ont pas agi pour empêcher la troisième attaque qui a conduit au meurtre de Charloe.

Le gouvernement et les forces de sécurité ont essuyé des critiques acerbes de la part du public en général pour ne pas avoir pris de mesures immédiates pour empêcher le pire.

Le maire de Monrovia et le secrétaire général de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au

divers, dont Me Mandina Wesseh, Me Moriah Kerkula, l'avocate Facia Harris, et Me Philomena T. Williams, présidente de l'Association des femmes juristes du Libéria (AFELL), entre autres.

Lisant la pétition des manifestants à l'Assemblée législative, la présidente de l'AFELL, a exhorté le pouvoir législatif à œuvrer à mettre fin à la violence et aux meurtres dans le pays.

Elle a dit que le chapitre africain sur les droits de l'homme



pouvoir, Jefferson T. Kojjee, et l'officier de police de la ville de Monrovia, Varlee Telleh, ont comparu devant les enquêteurs au sujet des attaques contre Scott.

L'ancien patron de la Commission Vérité et Réconciliation (TRC) du Libéria Jérôme Verdier accuse Kojjee d'avoir prétendument ordonné à Telleh de perpétrer l'attaque.

Dirigés par leur conseiller juridique Me Arthur Johnson au siège de la police nationale du Libéria, Kojjee et Telleh ont nié avoir des liens avec l'attaque brutale du domicile de Me Scott.

Au cours de leur marche, les femmes ont rappelé tous les autres meurtres mystérieux qui ont lieu dans le pays.

Le sit-in pacifique a réuni des femmes issues d'horizons

donne à chacun le droit à la protection. Me Williams s'est posé la question de savoir pourquoi l'ancienne juge en chef n'avait pas reçu de protection sur la base de la disposition citée lorsqu'elle a sonné l'alarme à deux reprises après avoir été attaquée avant la mort de sa fille.

"Nous, les femmes du Libéria et les militantes des droits de l'homme à travers le pays, les femmes rurales, tous les autres groupes de femmes, sommes venues à l'Assemblée législative pour dire que toutes les formes de violence contre les humains doivent cesser maintenant", a dit Me Williams.

" Est-ce que vous vous rendez dans vos comtés pour savoir ce qui s'y passe ?", a-t-elle interrogé, avant d'expliquer que les femmes se sont rassemblées pour demander justice aux représentants et aux sénateurs du Capitole.

Côte d'Ivoire: comment s'organise le retour des rapatriés de Tunisie



Des centaines de ressortissants d'Afrique subsaharienne ont été rapatriés de Tunisie, ce samedi 4 mars, chassés par une vague de violences provoqués par des propos xénophobes du président Kaïs Saïed. Parmi eux, des dizaines ont rejoint la Côte d'Ivoire.

Les 145 ressortissants ivoiriens, dont 45 femmes et plusieurs jeunes enfants, avaient embarqué ce samedi matin à Tunis à bord d'un vol d'Air Côte d'Ivoire. L'avion a atterri à Abidjan vers 18h10. À sa descente, les rapatriés ont été accueillis par le Premier ministre, la ministre des Affaires étrangères et plusieurs membres du gouvernement. Il y avait là des familles avec leurs enfants. Les traits tirés après ces longues heures de vol, certains avaient à peine un sac ou une petite valise. Aucune embrassade. Aucune famille n'avait fait le déplacement.

Ces rapatriés devaient d'abord passer par plusieurs étapes administratives : être identifiés par des policiers, interrogés par la Direction de la surveillance du territoire (DST), puis répertoriés par les services d'état civil, pour enfin atterrir entre les mains des équipes médicales.

Une fois toutes ces vérifications validées, direction le centre de transit aménagé à l'Institut de la jeunesse et des sports de

Marcory. Là-bas, ils bénéficieront pendant deux à trois jours d'une prise en charge médicale et psychologique. Ils recevront ensuite chacun un pécule de 160 000 francs CFA (environ 244 euros) qui devraient leur permettre de regagner leur famille dans les prochains jours. Ils devraient également passer pour certains des entretiens afin de pouvoir envisager de se réinsérer dans la société.

Un convoi à l'intérieur de la Tunisie

L'Union des Ivoiriens de Tunisie salue toutes ces mesures d'accompagnement. Mais son président Ange Séri Soka attire l'attention sur l'ampleur des besoins en Tunisie : « Nous sommes presque 5 000 Ivoiriens sur le territoire tunisien et nous avons présentement des compatriotes qui dorment dans des champs d'olive et qui n'ont pas d'abri parce qu'ils ont été chassés des maisons. Nous demandons à l'État [ivoirien, NDLR] de discuter avec l'État tunisien pour que ces personnes-là puissent venir facilement à l'ambassade pour se faire enrôler. » Des personnes qui ont bien du mal à se déplacer et donc à s'enrôler à cause des tracasseries subies au quotidien. Les autorités ivoiriennes entendent lever cette difficulté.

Sénégal: la nouvelle garde à vue d'un journaliste inquiète les défenseurs des libertés

Au Sénégal, c'est une nouvelle garde à vue de journaliste qui inquiète. Le chroniqueur judiciaire Pape Ndiaye de Walf TV a été convoqué, puis placé en garde à vue, vendredi 3 mars dans l'après-midi.

Pape Ndiaye est poursuivi pour « diffusion de fausses nouvelles » et « outrage à magistrat ». Dans une émission, il avait affirmé que les dix-neuf substituts du procureur s'étaient opposés au renvoi du politicien Ousmane Sonko devant la Chambre criminelle, dans l'affaire très sensible qui l'oppose à l'ancienne massesse Adji Sarr. En début d'année, le journaliste Pape Alé Niang avait déjà passé deux mois en prison, lui aussi pour diffusion de fausses nouvelles. Ibrahima Lissa Faye, de la Coordination des associations de presse était avec Pape Ndiaye lors de son audition. Cette garde à vue l'inquiète et il craint pour la liberté de la presse dans le pays.

« Il y a d'autres voies et moyens »

« Je ne comprends pas, dit Ibrahima Lissa Faye. C'est vrai que les magistrats pouvaient être outrés, ou peuvent se sentir offensés. Mais quand même, il y a des mécanismes, il y a d'autres voies et moyens qui



permettent de régler ce genre de problèmes quand il y en a. Un démenti ou une mise en demeure auraient suffi, ou bien même une saisie du Cored [Conseil pour l'Observation des règles d'éthique et de déontologie dans les médias]. Et le Cored dispose d'un tribunal de pairs pour trancher ce genre de litige. »

« Vous mettez la peur dans le camp des journalistes »

« C'est cette judiciarisation à outrance des dossiers qui pose problème et qui quand même, poursuit le président de la Coordination des associations de presse, donne l'impression qu'il y a une tentative de musèlement, et également d'intimidation des journalistes. Parce que là, pour un cas qui demande - au plus - un démenti ou une mise en demeure, vous prenez l'option de la prison. En fait, vous mettez la peur dans le camp des journalistes, une haute censure, qui risquent de se dire : moi, si je dis ceci, je risque la prison. On est dans un contexte où les journalistes doivent faire très attention ».

Si elle n'est pas prolongée, la garde à vue de Pape Ndiaye durera jusqu'à ce soir, dimanche 5 mars.

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Cummings gets endorsement in Nimba

Liberian National Red Cross Society extends aid to Gbarpolu storm victims

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

The Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) has extended its relief program to storms victims in Gbarquota and Guyanta Towns in Gbarpolu County, Western Liberia.

The LNRCS distributed

aftermath of the disaster, LNRCS dispatched relief experts to assess the most urgent needs and help coordinate some aid interventions.

At least about 263 persons: 102 males, 103 females, and 58 children were left homeless, according to an initial assessment conducted by the

the LNRCS as a humanitarian organization, while demanding collective support to give some relief to those affected by the disaster. She added that the victims need both relief and recovery assistance to get back on their feet.

Madam Doe narrated that while the resources at the disposal of the Liberian Red



assorted items including rice, vegetable oil, vita, salt, toothpaste cooking utensils and assorted materials of used cloths, sleeping mats, blankets, buckets, soap and tarpaulins to victims across the two towns over the weekend.

About 68 structures including 62 private homes and 6 public buildings were destroyed on February 12, 2023, during a violent storm in the towns of nearly 3000 inhabitants.

In the immediate

LNRCS before its intervention.

LNRCS head of Disaster Assistance Operation Mariatta Doe told reporters in Gbarpolu that the violent storm deroofed homes, while others were destroyed to the ground.

She said under the theme: Offering support and restoring hope to storm victims in Gbarquota and Guyanta towns, Gbarpolu County, the LNRCS has been on full alert and working around the clock since the storm hit the county.

She explained that the situation has been troubling to

Cross are insufficient to restore all their losses, the disaster response team of the Red Cross was able to quickly get on the ground to distribute food and essential nonfood items among victims.

Some of the affected victims who spoke to this paper over the weekend, were delighted and grateful to the LNRCS for swiftly coming to assist them at the point of their needs.

"We thank God and the Liberian Red Cross that have

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Rep. Jones assures citizens of a robust representation

By Naneka A. Hoffman

Margibi County Electoral District #2. Representative Ivar Kokulo Jones has assured his constituents of robust representation, oversight, and lawmaking.

While releasing his 5th Annual Legislative report over the weekend, Mr. Jones cited achievements and gains, specifically in the areas of leadership at Legislature, infrastructure, health, education, economy, employment, agriculture, security, reconciliation, and other activities in and out of the district.

He explained to his people that the actual fundamentalism of Representative Democracy is to be represented by an individual who is elected through a democratic process.

He said the 2017 election was a fulfillment of this, adding that he bears in mind that his constituents are his employers, and he must demonstrate such duty in compliance with democratic tenants, and good

conduct in the discharge of his duties.

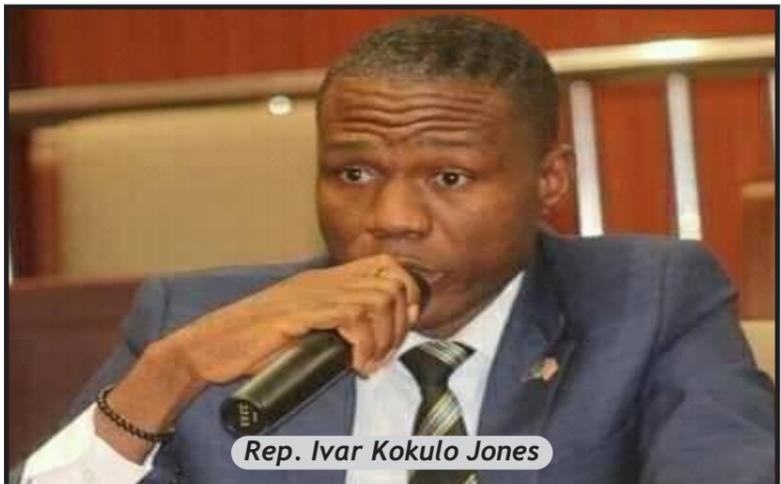
The Margibi lawmaker said the doctrine of accountability and transparency is the reliance

on his Legislative report which he said is a pillar of good governance.

According to him, the document summarizes the Legislative activities as a Representative of Electoral

District 2, Margibi County. He stated that this year's

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Rep. Ivar Kokulo Jones

A strategic and influential group, the Patriotic Nimbaians Movement, with over 1,000 members in Nimba County has officially endorsed the Presidential bid of Mr. Alexander B. Cummings, Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP).

The impressive endorsement ceremony, attended by hundreds of CPP partisans and supporters, was held in Tappita, on Friday, March 3, at the end of a four-day visit by the CPP Standard Bearer to several towns and districts in Nimba County.

Previously, the Patriotic Nimbaians Movement for Boakai (PANIMBO), which supported former Vice President Joseph Boakai in 2017, has switched allegiance to the CPP.

The group, now the Patriotic Nimbaians Movement for the support of Cummings (PANIMCU), has pledged its unflinching support and loyalty to Mr. Cummings' presidential bid comes October 10. PANIMCU has strongholds and active membership spread in three counties including Montserrado, Grand Gedeh, and Gbarpolu.

In a statement of support and allegiance to the CPP Standard Bearer, PANIMCU Chairman, Tony Gonyor, said the group parted ways with Mr. Boakai due to policy differences and after careful evaluation of the two primary presidential contenders.

Mr. Gonyor flanked by PANIMCU

PANIMCU endorsement to work more harder, and assured Liberians that upon his election as President, he will work assiduously to transform the deplorable living conditions of Liberians.

The CPP Standard Bearer reaffirmed his commitment to restoring basic social services and revival of the ailing economy. He promised to create jobs as well as pay civil servants' better salaries.

Mr. Cummings, however, cautioned Liberians that to achieve these targeted goals, to transform Nimba and the country, will require hard work, sacrifice, discipline, and dedication to duty.

He said Liberians including public officials will have to breakaway from the past, live by the rules, obey the laws and warned that there will be consequences for violations.

Cummings vowed to lead by example and that all Liberians irrespective of political, religious, and tribal affiliations will have equal rights and access to jobs and opportunities in government.

The CPP Standard Bearer said within his first hundred days, he will allocate special funds for private sector development, mainly to help Liberians sustain and grow their businesses.

Earlier, the CPP National Campaign Chairman, Mr. Lewis



Mr & Mrs Cummings with locals in Nimba

executives said the decision was based on the energetic capacity of Mr. Cummings and his enviable corporate records of achievements, which makes him the best competent candidate to redeem Liberia.

The group reaffirmed its sincere commitment to mobilizing and rallying the support of Liberians throughout Nimba, Montserrado, Grand Gedeh and Gbarpolu Counties for the successful elections of Mr. Cummings as the next President of Liberia.

Accepting the endorsement, Mr. Cummings, expressed gratitude to members and executives of PANIMCU for their preferred choice of him as the best Presidential candidate. Cummings said he is proud and has been inspired by

Brown lauded PANIMCU for its preferred choice of Mr. Cummings as the best and most competent to be the next President of Liberia.

Brown bragged of Mr. Cummings energetic capacity and enviable world achievement as compared to President George Weah who has miserably failed due to incompetence and Mr. Boakai, who is aging and without any legacy after 40 years in government services.

He said it will be a big shame for Liberians, to allow themselves to be fooled the second time by Weah to re-elect him, in the face of worsening economic conditions, using ill-gotten wealth.

The National Campaign

Police, Cllr. Scott to visit crime scene today

Police investigators along with former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott are expected to visit the crime scene days after the horrific incident at the latter's home which left one of her daughters dead and others injured on Wednesday February 22.

The attack came after she had reported two previous waves of attacks on her home on February 8th and 9th.

Neighbors claimed to have heard screaming and called for police intervention, but to no avail.

The police on Thursday March 2, announced that it had ransacked.

Koijee and Monrovia City Police Deputy for Operation Varlee Telleh. Both men were linked to the incident by former Truth and Reconciliation Commission Chairman Jerome Verdier.

Their appearance came after domestic workers including security guards and contractors were questioned hours after the incident



A planned visit at the scene of the incident was cut off over the weekend due to a mixed up in planning.

The scheduled visit to the crime scene today comes just days after Cllr. Scott and household honor a police invitation on Friday March 3, to aid in their ongoing investigation.

The police meeting with Cllr. Scott and family members was held behind closed doors as details of the outcome are yet to be known to the press.

What do we know?

On the night of February 22, 2023, the home of former Chief Justice Scott was reportedly attacked leaving one of her daughters dead and others injured. Her vehicle was said to have been

invited several individuals including the former Chief Justice, occupants of the house at the time of the horrific incident to appear for questioning.

Those the police claimed to have invited included Cllr. Scott, Gertrude Newton, Rebecca Youdeh Wisner and Alice Johnson to appear at the headquarters of the Liberia National Police in connection to the alleged armed robbery incident.

A threat by the police to take appropriate legal action through the court if these individuals failed to honor the invitation failed to materialize as the invitation was honored by the invitees.

Days earlier, police investigators questioned Monrovia City Mayor Jefferson

occurred.

The incident has left several talking points with legal minds debating the former Chief Justice's refusal to directly speak to investigators.

What we don't know?

What we don't know as the investigation continues is as to whether the police have been able to gather finger prints since the suspects were alleged to have vandalized Cllr. Scott's vehicle.

The main suspect is yet to be identify by investigators, as police continue questioning people of interest to the investigation.

It is yet to be established if police have spoken to the other injured family members who are said to be undergoing treatment.

Rep. Jones assures citizens

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George Manneh Weah and national and international partners.

He used the medium to remind citizens that a non-violent approach is the best way to have things achieved.

Rep. Jones also recommended that citizens engage the office of the lawmaker for advice on crucial matters. He warned that violent protest is unlawful.

report will provide successful gains under his leadership, taking into consideration the seven pillars of his 2017 campaign manifesto.

Jones reported that the document contains pictorials of major projects achieved during the period under review.

Mr. Jones acknowledged the achievement made by the Legislature during its sittings, and also thanked President

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Chairman expressed optimism, that with the massive support in Nimba, backed by PANIMCU, the CPP is certain to win Nimba County and eventually the Presidential election comes October 10.

Mr. Brown urged Liberians to unite and mobilize against the re-election of Mr. Weah.

He said President Weah has made Liberia, a laughingstock in the world, due to his lack of knowledge and understanding of leadership and must be made one term President.

China, Liberia sign

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many years to come.

"The establishment of the Cardiovascular Unit at the nation's premiere hospital will not only improve health care, it will build the capacity of health care providers and give the citizens hope and save many lives," she said.

For his part, Dr. Jerry F. Brown, General Administrator of JFKMC, expressed his sincere gratitude to the People's Republic of China through its Embassy for the continued support to the John F. Kennedy Medical Center over the years.

"We are grateful that among many hospitals in Liberia, JFK continues to be the primary hospital where the Chinese medical team continue to offer service," he said.

"While enjoying the support and service from the China medical team, we [were] also blessed years ago to establish a relationship with the Provincial hospital in China."

CDC chair demands

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political thought," he continued.

Morlu's call for an autopsy came at a time citizens and rights groups are demanding an autopsy on Charloe's remains.

Chairman Morlu said the government remains unbending in its quest to seek justice, adding that the government will provide full support where necessary.

Meanwhile, Chairman Morlu has declared seven days of mourning for every female member of the CDC to observe throughout the country.

"The mighty CDC hereby declares one week of mourning. CDCicians under my voice, wherever you are, you must observe this," said Mr. Morlu.

Liberian National Red Cross

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come in to wipe away our tears, sorrows, and frustration. This wind has caused us a lot; our homes, schools, place of worship were all destroyed," said the aging Zoe Jackson- Chairlady of Gbarquoita Town, who earns her livelihood through farming in rice, cassava, and other vegetables crops.

Another victim identified as Naomi Kerwor, who saw two of her houses being badly damaged by the storm said she and her children were currently sleeping under an open kitchen after being left homeless by the storm.

Madam Kerwor told the New Dawn: "Our homes were destroyed, and we don't have anywhere to stay at the moment. But we are grateful to the Red Cross for coming to help us- for me, I have 10 children, and my two houses at the front you are seeing over there got blown away by the storm. My husband, and the children got nowhere to sleep. We have been sleeping in the cold under an opened kitchen, until we can rebuild our structures. So, these items, came at the right time and will help us greatly."

Also speaking, Gbarquoita Town Chief, Beyan Kollie, said the local town people were excited to receive the gift from the Liberian National Red Cross Society because the heavy storm had left the people in frustration.

"We didn't have any hope before the Red Cross [came]. This year, the storm has hit us hard, but all glory to God for the Red Cross. Let God bless your team, for reaching safely to help us," Chief Kollie said.

For his part, the Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Affairs of Gbarpolu County, Anthony Yorkor, who accompanied the relief team to Gbarquoita Town, said the initiative from the Liberian Red Cross will help compliments government efforts to the people amid the huge disasters across the country.

He said the County Administration is grateful to the Red Cross for the timely intervention to aid people of Gbarpolu County, "At the time of this terrible disaster, we the people of Gbarpolu were shocked to see our people made homeless and everything they have being destroyed. But with the timely intervention of Red Cross, with these relief items, will help ease the recovery, rebuild lives, and help them a lot," Yorkor, said.

At least 52 Houses got destroyed in Gbarpolu County, of which 35 damaged and 27 partly damaged homes, rounding up 62 homes of over 2,965 habitants occupying both Gbarquois and Guyanta Towns, Gbarpolu County.

Meanwhile, the LNRC has been working closely with disasters volunteers to help control the situation across Liberia, with first aid and rescue efforts.

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'Firestone must do the needful'

-Speaker Chambers

By Bridgett Milton
House Speaker Mr. Bhofal Chambers has called on the management of Firestone Liberia to do the needful

Dollars to the girl's family in Harbel Friday, 3 March 2023, Chambers said the death of little Miriam Dahn is an issue of grave concern.

wandering around the community, and in the process, reportedly sat over the septic tank which was covered with mosquito net and old ceiling tiles. She eventually fell into the septic tank and drowned. Firestone-Liberia repaired the damaged septic tank by casting it on Monday, 5 September 2022.



Speaker Bhofal Chambers

following a recent report of the death of a two-year-old girl in Harbel, Margibi County. Little Miriam Dahn recently died after falling into an open septic tank in the operational area of Firestone Liberia. While presenting one hundred thousand Liberian

He urged Firestone to shoulder some responsibilities, especially to the girl's parents. Little Mary Dahn was reported dead after drowning in the septic tank in the OS 58 Community in Camp #2. The kid was said to be

Receiving the cash, the father of the deceased, Mr. Mark Dahn, lauded Speaker Chambers for the gesture. He however informed Speaker Chambers that much has been done on the part of Firestone Management since the death of his two-year-old daughter.

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