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Continental News

Somali Government Forces 'Repulse' Al-Shabab Attack, Official Says

Officials in Somalia say an al-Shabab attack on a military base in the south of the country has been "repulsed."

The deputy president of Jubaland state, Mohamud

He said Tuesday's al-Shabab attack "failed" as government troops fought off the militants. Aden said barriers erected by the soldiers in anticipation of the al-Shabab attack prevented explosives penetrating the base.

Mus'ab, told al-Shabab media that 20 vehicles were seized from the government forces.

Abu Mus'ab also said that al-Shabab ambushed reinforcements the government sent from Yontoy and Bar Sanguni bases, east of Janaa Cabdalle.

Aden denied al-Shabab claims of high casualty figures among regional and federal forces.

"It's baseless," he said.

Somali government forces supported by local fighters have driven al-Shabab from large areas in Hirshabelle and Galmudug states in operations that began last August.

The government's national security adviser, Hussein Sheikh-Ali, told VOA last week that authorities are preparing a second phase of military operations which will involve additional troops sent by the three countries bordering Somalia - Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya.

Aden said government forces are in control of the Janaa Cabdalle base, which he said is key to advancing on al-Shabab strongholds in the Middle Juba region.

"The target is their biggest base in Middle Juba, a final offensive on Jilib and Buale and the other big bases they have been occupying for a long time," he said. "Janaa Cabdalle is the closest strategic base to launch an offensive from." VOA

Five soldiers were killed and more than 10 others injured, according to Aden.

"Brave men are among the dead, and as opined in fatwa (ruling) by the religious scholars, they will be in paradise," he said.

He said al-Shabab suffered higher casualties as a result of the attack.

Al-Shabab said its fighters "overran" the base and killed 89 soldiers, a figure that has not been independently verified.

The group's military affairs spokesperson, Abdulaziz Abu

South Africa's ANC Received Big Donation from Russian Oligarch-Linked Firm

South Africa's ruling ANC party has brushed aside criticism of a large donation it accepted from a mining company linked to a Russian oligarch under U.S. sanctions.

Viktor Vekselberg is an investor in United Manganese of Kalahari Ltd, which last year donated \$826,000 to help fund the ANC's electoral conference. Critics say the donation undermines the party's claim to a "neutral stance" on the Ukraine war and its refusal to criticize Russia's invasion.

The donation, worth 15 million rand in the local currency, was made public recently when South Africa's electoral commission released a statement detailing funds received by political parties in the third quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

Asked by VOA whether a

ANC government's approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine is because it's on the receiving end of millions of rands in donations from Russian oligarchs," Malatsi said. "It flies in the face of South Africa's quest for and respect for human rights as the light that guides our foreign policy."

The money went toward the ANC's December electoral conference in which President Cyril Ramaphosa was given a second term. There had been problems in funding for the event, with the heavily indebted party battling to meet its costs.

United Manganese of Kalahari, Ltd., or UMK, is a South African company that mines the metal crucial to the production of iron ore.

One of the shareholders is the ANC's funding front Chancellor House, according to investigative reports in South African media, while a Vekselberg-linked company owns another share of less than 50% - effectively allowing UMK to avoid



Somali soldiers patrol at the Sanguuni military base, about 450 km south of Mogadishu, Somalia

Sayid Aden, told VOA Somali that al-Shabab militants used explosives and armed fighters to attack Janaa Cabdalle, 60 kilometers west of Kismayo.

"This morning the Khawarij (deviants) attacked Janaa Cabdalle base, a strategic base which was captured from them before," he said, using a term for al-Shabab militants.

"As is the hallmark for their attacks they used a series of explosives and suicide bombing, but the Somali troops defended the base," he added.

Children in Ethiopia's Tigray Return to School but Face Extended Trauma

MEKELLE, ETHIOPIA — The war in Tigray is over but the trauma lingers.

Tsega Fitsum is a volunteer teacher at the Mai Weyni school in the Tigray regional capital, Mekelle. She says that when school resumed soon after the cease-fire in November of last year, her students' minds were still focused on the conflict.

"They used to be inclined to draw guns instead of writing alphabets and numbers," she told VOA. "But now, we say 'The war has stopped. There is peace and there is no fear, and they should work freely.' When we tell them that, they started working on numbers and alphabets."

Even with that positive sign, the effects of the war are sure to be felt for years to come. The school compound is home to more than 8,500 people who were displaced by the war. About 5,100 are children under

the age of 18, most of whom have been deprived of education for more than two years.

The war between Ethiopia's federal government and Tigrayan forces left many children orphaned or separated from their families. The impact of those emotional wounds linger for the children, experts say, as the challenges of healing the war-torn

nation begin.

Etsedingel Hadera is a psychiatrist in Mekelle's Ayder Hospital. He said parents can make a difference in helping ease the hidden scars the children carry. Tsega said the priority now must be healing the children in the school compound and reuniting them with their families. VOA



Tsega Fitsum, a volunteer teacher at the Mai Weyni school in the Tigray regional capital, Mekelle

donation by a company linked to a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin affected the ruling party's stance on the war in Ukraine, spokeswoman Mahlengi Bhengu-Motsiri demurred.

"The ANC receives both solicited and unsolicited financial support from various parties from all over the world," she said by text message. "Some get accepted and others returned if found not to be aligned to the ANC's values and policies. This current support will be looked at in the same light."

"The ANC's stance on Russia-Ukraine conflict will remain the same. We do not believe that anything progressive can come out of conflict and war. We still urge all parties to meet and find amicable solutions."

Solly Malatsi, national spokesman for the main opposition party, the Democratic Alliance, criticized the donation.

"This explains what the

U.S. sanctions.

The Russian businessman, who is reportedly close to the Kremlin, was on U.S. sanctions lists even before the invasion of Ukraine last year. After the war started, his luxury yacht was seized by the U.S. government and his U.S. properties searched by the FBI.

South Africa, which has a history of close ties with Russia, has abstained from condemning Moscow's invasion of Ukraine at the U.N.

The donation raises questions about Pretoria's political stance on the Russia-Ukraine war, said Steven Gruzd, a Russia expert at the South African Institute of International Affairs.

"Viktor Vekselberg has been linked to the ANC before; this is not the first time his name has come up, and this is a sizeable donation to a very cash-strapped political party," Gruzd said.

"They're trying to spin it that this is a regular donation, a run of the mill contribution to a political party among many others, and that they will screen it to see that it's in line with their values." VOA



Russian businessman Viktor Vekselberg attends a session of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

EDITORIAL

The Justice We Demand

On the morning of February 23, Liberians both home and abroad woke up to the horrific news of an attack on the home of former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott. Unknown men had attacked her home on the night of February 22, killing one of her daughters, Charloe Musu, a prospective graduate of the Starz Institute in Monrovia. The attack also left other family members injured, to what degrees are yet to be made public.

The attack came after Cllr. Scott had reported two previous waves of attacks on her home on February 8th and 9th respectively. Neighbors claimed to have heard screaming and called for police intervention, but to no avail.

On the day of the reported incident, former Truth, and Reconciliation Commission Chairman Cllr. Jerome Verdier accused Monrovia City Mayor Jefferson Koijee and his Monrovia City Police Deputy for Operations Varlee Telleh as key suspects, though he had provided no documentary evidence as of yet.

However, both Koijee and Telleh have denied any link to the incident at the former Chief Justice's home during police questioning last week. There are others who have also been called for questioning they include private security guards and workers who had worked in the compound during the day on the same date of the attack.

Cllr. Scott and her household have also been questioned, followed by a visit to the crime scene on Monday by both investigators and the family of Cllr. Scott.

Meanwhile, there have been series of peaceful protests from the coalition of women civil society groups demanding justice for the deceased and speedy trials of culprits who are yet to be identified or charged.

On the other hand, the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) whose National Secretary General in the person of Mr. Koijee is being linked to the armed robbery and murder attack has been staging peaceful demonstrations as well, parading with placards and images of the late Charloe Musu, while demanding justice.

The Justice that we demand is the process or result of using laws to fairly judge and punish crimes and criminals. Justice does not rely on the court of public opinion to deliver its verdicts or political chicaneries.

What we are witnessing so far, is the trial of the incident in courts of public opinion based on conspiracy theories before suspects can even be identified and charged, that's not legal procedures, that's gossip. And these rumors and conspiracy theories or hearsays only undermine the very justice that we seek.

The justice we demand is a process that follows the rule of law. When we began to use conspiracy theories based on hearsay, it's called prejudice and it endangers the merits and demerits of the investigative outcomes.

The incident of Angel Tokpa, whose guardians were found guilty in a court of public opinion witnessed by countless protests even before the matter could be adjudicated is an example of how the court of public opinion has never won a case.

As we seek justice for the death of Charloe and others that have gone ahead of her, we can only hope for a fair and thorough investigation based on honesty and professionalism without fear or favor.

Justice is not ignoring the facts and relying on what we think or feel, it establishes the truth, rewards the victim, and punishes the offender. And that is what we seek.

COMMENTARY

By Mohamed A. El-Erian

Fragmented Globalization

CAMBRIDGE - For three decades, businesses and governments around the world operated under the assumption that economic and financial globalization will continue apace. As the international order has come under strain in recent years, however, the concept of deglobalization - the delinking of trade and investment - has increasingly gained traction with households, companies, and governments. But the available data suggest that globalization is not ending so much as it is changing.

Not too long ago, it seemed that there were no limits to global economic and financial integration. For decades, globalization's benefits appeared to be obvious and unassailable. The interconnectedness of production, consumption, and investment flows provided consumers with a wider range of choices at attractive prices, enabled companies to expand their markets, and improved the efficiency of their supply chains. Global capital markets expanded access to credit and lowered its cost for private and public borrowers alike. The world's governments engaged in what seemed to be a series of win-win partnerships. And technology - including, most recently, the accelerating shift toward remote work - made national borders seem largely irrelevant.

But while globalization made markets work better, policymakers lost sight of its adverse distributional consequences. Many communities and countries were left behind, contributing to a widespread sense of marginalization and alienation.

The result was a backlash against globalization, whose most visible political manifestations were the United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union and Donald Trump's election to the US presidency in 2016. Soon, the United States had entered a tariff war with China, deepening the divide between the two economic powers. Western consumers, meanwhile, have increasingly pushed back against human-rights violators and countries that harm the environment. And the invasion of Ukraine has led to unprecedented sanctions on Russia (a G20 country) and the weaponization of the international payments system.

It follows, then, that many would conclude that globalization has ended. But, rather than a sharp reversal of the past 30 years, it seems far more likely that we are entering an era of fragmented globalization characterized by substitution, not negation.

The sanctions regime imposed on Russia is a case in point. Over the past year, the EU-US-led restrictions have not materially reduced Russia's oil exports but redirected them elsewhere, primarily to China and India. Similarly, rather than bringing Russia's economy to its knees as many had predicted, the comprehensive sanctions shrunk its GDP by just 2%, as Russian

technocrats found ways to reorient and rewire both domestic and external activities. Even more worryingly, Russia and some of its allies have also made progress in creating somewhat of a parallel cross-border payments and settlement system, albeit a rudimentary and inefficient one.

This trend will likely continue over the next few years, as companies increasingly diversify their supply chains away from China and as Western governments resort to near-shoring and friend-shoring to maintain the production of critical inputs and sensitive exports.

In short, the combination of geopolitical shocks, corporate strategies, and changing societal values will affect trade and investment patterns along four main axes. As companies opt for resilience over efficiency, they will increasingly shift their approach to supply chains from "just in time" to "just in case." This will come at a time when security concerns gain greater weight in commercial considerations, and companies will move away from risk-sharing and general partnerships to more narrowly-designed arrangements. Meanwhile, consumers will increasingly look for an emphasis on purpose in their commercial interactions.

While this process will produce winners and losers, their identity will depend to a significant extent on how policymakers adapt to the global economy's new operating model. Mexico, for example, stands to gain from US friend-shoring, as well as the corporate sector's shift to more diversified supply chains. Yet, as the Mexican government itself has recognized, notional demand will not be translated into effective demand unless policymakers accelerate progress on infrastructure, clean energy, deregulation, and the like.

In a world in which households actively avoid certain commercial interactions, governments and businesses will need to work harder to devise alternatives. Companies must work with governments, both at home and abroad, to facilitate the inherently tricky process of rewiring supply chains and to accelerate the green transition. National and global policymakers need to revise how they think and operate. And long-term investors should incorporate more sophisticated geopolitical, sociopolitical, and environmental analyses into their allocation strategies.

While some may consider the phrase "fragmented globalization" an oxymoron, I believe it is the most probable scenario for the global economy. As the world increasingly divides into blocs, a few more fluid than most others, globalization stands to become more inflationary, reducing potential growth. Avoiding this outcome depends on how national governments and multilateral institutions navigate the new economic reality. The world may not fully deglobalize, but that does not mean we should assume smooth sailing ahead.

OP-ED

Anastassia Fedyk,
Ilona Sologoub & James Hodson

Russia's Opposition Leaders Are Irrelevant to Ukraine

BERKELEY - A year ago, two of us (Fedyk and Hodson) co-authored a commentary arguing that Russians would not rise up to stop President Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine. There was too much suppression of dissent in Putin's Russia, we noted, and too much real support for the war among the public. That assessment proved correct. Still, there is a lingering question: What role are Russian "opposition" parties playing in the conflict?

While Russian opposition figures like the jailed dissident Alexei Navalny have received ample attention in the West (a documentary about him was recently nominated for an Oscar), tensions have been rising between Russian opposition parties, on one hand, and the Ukrainians and their Eastern European friends, on the other. For example, TV Rain (Dozhd), a prominent channel aligned with the Russian opposition, lost its Latvian license for "displaying a map of Russia which included occupied Crimea and for calling Russian troops in Ukraine 'our army.'"

The problem is that Russian opposition parties have their own goals and priorities, which may - or may not - align with those of the Ukrainians. Opposition to Putin does not necessarily make one a loyal friend to Ukraine.

To see this gap, consider the politics around Navalny's wrongful imprisonment. Unlike some other political prisoners in Russia (such as Alexei Gorinov), Navalny is not in prison for opposing Russia's aggressive war. Thus, from the Ukrainian perspective, he is largely irrelevant. (In fact, Navalny himself issued some rather imprudent comments and derogatory ethnic slurs against Ukrainians back when Russia's invasion first began in 2014.) And yet, Navalny's deputies have been at pains to position his imprisonment as a central issue in the war, telling interviewers that they are lobbying "for his release to be part of any negotiated settlement."

Ukrainians find this position extremely objectionable. Leaving aside the moral implications of rooting for a "negotiated settlement" to their country's genocidal war of conquest, the Navalny team's approach is disingenuous. There are two parts to any successful negotiation: maximizing total surplus (the size of the pie) and then dividing it among the parties. Total surplus can be maximized by allocating to each party the items that it values most. And individually, each party has an incentive to strengthen its bargaining position.

In the case of a war, the surest way to strengthen one's bargaining position is to "create facts on the ground" through military victories. Every advance that Ukraine makes on the battlefield moves it closer to a favorable endpoint in the war, by increasing the number of items that it can credibly demand in any negotiation. Hence, instead of settling for a ceasefire along the February 23, 2022, borders, Ukrainians are now demanding the return of territories that Russia seized in 2014.

Given that many thousands of Ukrainians have died to make this change possible, it is rather perverse to think that Ukraine would expend some of its hard-won bargaining power to secure Navalny's release. After all, we are talking about a bargaining chip that Putincare about far more than Ukrainians do. For Ukraine to win Navalny's release, it would have to pay a steep price, potentially abandoning some of its most important demands.

Moreover, Russia has captured 3,400 Ukrainian soldiers and abducted many more Ukrainian civilians, including thousands of children. Many of these prisoners are suffering the same torture and brutal treatment as Navalny. There are also tens of thousands of Russian war crimes to be investigated and prosecuted, and hundreds of billions of dollars to be paid in reparations for damage to Ukraine's infrastructure. Does the Navalny team seriously expect Ukraine to reduce its demands on these issues in order to free a Russian politician from prison? Navalny may be more famous, but most Ukrainians would rather free one of the Ukrainian POWs who stood their ground in Mariupol.

Since the Navalny team's goals have nothing to do with the Ukrainian war effort, Ukrainians understandably object to attempts to link the two. In fact, they view the Russian opposition's attempt to appropriate their own cause as yet another manifestation of the Russian imperialist paradigm. Like the Kremlin, the Russian opposition is perfectly willing to use Ukraine to serve its own ends. Little wonder that one of Navalny's close allies is also advocating a "Marshall plan for Russia" and insisting that most Russians are not responsible for "Putin's war."

We wholeheartedly support those Russians who are risking their own lives to free Navalny. But we should not let that effort work against Ukraine's life-or-death struggle. Ukraine has more than 30,000 square miles of territory to retake. There are millions of Ukrainian civilians to be liberated, and tens of thousands to be freed and returned from Russia. The Russian opposition's demands are not only irrelevant to this process; they are a dangerous distraction.

It is not Ukrainians' job to resist political repression in Russia. Ukraine is not a strategic pawn that exists solely to advance Russians' own interests. The West, too, must resist the temptation to link the two issues.

OPINION

By Peter Singer

Will the Catholic Church Rethink Contraception?

MELBOURNE - Could the Roman Catholic Church be ready to reconsider its prohibition of the use of contraception? The fact that prominent Catholic conservatives have felt the need to speak out against such a possibility gives some grounds for thinking that, within the Church itself, and under the protection of Pope Francis, a movement for change is underway.

Theologians going back to Thomas Aquinas have said that interfering with sexual intercourse to prevent procreation is a misuse of the human genital organs, and therefore wrong. Earlier popes had also opposed contraception.

Nevertheless, the development and release of oral contraceptives in 1960, and subsequent evidence that many Catholic couples were using contraception, triggered calls within the Church for a reconsideration of the prohibition. In response, Pope John XXIII set up a Pontifical Commission on Birth Control, but did not live to see it complete its work. Instead, the commission sent his successor, Pope Paul VI, a report noting that the Church was already allowing couples to calculate the days of a woman's cycle when she cannot conceive a child and restrict sex to those days.

To this observation the commission added: "it is natural to man to use his skill in order to put under human control what is given by physical nature," and concluded that contraception is permissible if it is part of "an ordered relationship to responsible fruitfulness." A minority report recommending against changing the Church's teaching was supported by only four of the commission's 72 members.

To most Catholics, therefore, it was a surprise when, in 1968, just two years after receiving the commission's report, Paul VI published his encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life), stating that any "action which either before, at the moment of, or after sexual intercourse, is specifically intended to prevent procreation" is "absolutely excluded as lawful means of regulating the number of children."

The very existence of *Humanae Vitae*, and its survival without any liberalizing modifications, depended on untimely papal deaths. John XXIII was a reforming pope, who had convened the Second Vatican Council in order to reconsider a number of Church practices. Had he lived longer, he might well have accepted the view of the overwhelming majority of the commission he had established.

Without the sudden death of John Paul I, the successor to Paul VI who died only 33 days after his election as pope, the strict prohibition of contraception may not have survived unchanged. Indeed, when he was Bishop Albino Luciani, John Paul I had favored a more liberal view of contraception, writing that manufactured progesterone could be used "to distance one birth from another, to give rest to the mother, and to think of the good of children already born, or to be born."

Catholic conservatives believe that *Humanae Vitae* has permanently settled the question of the use of contraception to avoid pregnancy, notwithstanding the contingencies that affected its promulgation and survival. If you are willing to believe that God conveys the truth to popes, you may also believe that God works in strange ways.

Doubts about the permanence of the Church's doctrine were raised last year, however, when the Pontifical Academy for Life released *Etica Teologica della Vita* (Theological Ethics of Life), a volume, in Italian, of more than 500 pages that brings together papers from a seminar along with the text that served as the basis for discussion. Some of the senior Catholic theologians contributing to the discussion suggest that the use of contraceptives in some circumstances may not be wrong.

Conservative Catholics gathered at a conference in Rome last December to respond to the publication. John Finnis, an emeritus professor of law and legal philosophy at the University of Oxford and a leading exponent of the natural-law approach to ethics, gave a talk entitled "The Infallibility of the Church's Teaching on Contraception," in which he argued not only for the title's thesis, but also that defending it is "an inseparable and on the evidence irreversible element in adhering to the Catholic faith as true." In other words, one ceases to adhere to the Catholic faith if one allows the doctrine even to be questioned.

Where does that leave Pope Francis? When asked by a journalist whether he was open to a reevaluation of Church doctrine regarding contraceptives, he replied that the question was "very timely." And he implied that it would be wrong to forbid theologians from discussing any topic, because "you cannot do theology with a 'no' in front of it." Referring specifically to the publication of *Etica Teologica della Vita*, he said: "Those who participated in this congress did their duty, because they have sought to move forward in doctrine."

According to Finnis, the pope, it seems, is not Catholic. Nor are many others. According to a 2014 poll, over 90% of Catholics in countries including France, Brazil, Spain, Argentina, and Colombia favor the use of birth control, and a 2016 Pew Research Center survey indicates that even among Catholics who attend mass weekly, only 13% say that contraception is morally wrong. If Finnis is right, there are far fewer Catholics than most people think.

Majority opinion does not determine right and wrong, but in this case, there are good grounds for thinking that the majority of those who consider themselves Catholics are right. A break with a view of sex and procreation rooted in medieval ideas of natural law is long overdue.

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Dillon frowns on Senate

--For conducting an executive session with security officials

By Ethel A. Tweh

Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon has frowned on the Liberian Senate for conducting an executive session with security authorities, saying the Senate's action was

Based on Pro-Tempore Chief's decision, Senator Dillon frowned at the plenary's action to conduct the hearing in executive.

According to him, it has been a long that members of the Senate resolved to never hold a hearing of any kind in

public when they had openly been commenting on security matters.

The Senate's secret hearing with security heads came following the recent gruesome murder of Charloe Musu, the daughter of former Liberian Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott.

It was recently reported that armed criminals attacked Justice Scott's Brewerville residence and brutally murdered her daughter and injured other residents of the house.

Cllr. Scott said the pepper sprayed the assailant and fled for her life during the attack.

Following the incident, several Senators have raised concerns about the state of the country's security.

Against this backdrop, the Senate cited heads of the joint security to provide an update about Cllr. Scott's issue, including other key security matters ahead of the conduct of the 10 October 2023 presidential and legislative elections in the country.

Appearing before the plenary of the Liberian Senate Tuesday, 7 March 2023 were authorities of the Liberia National Police, Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency, Liberia National Fire Service, and Liberia Immigration Service, among others.

secret. The Montserrado County Senator also boycotted the executive session that was held with joint security heads.

The opposition Senator indicated that there is nothing considered classified information that these security experts would provide to the

nonsense.

Dillon was angered by Senate President Pro-tempore Albert T. Chie's call on Tuesday, 7 March 2023 to conduct the hearing in the executive. Chie said the move was due to the security nature of the hearing.

'Liberia's First Lady Urges Support for Grassroot Innovations to Control NCDs

The First Lady of the Republic of Liberia, Her Excellency Clar Marie Weah, is urging countries to focus on and support grassroot innovations in the prevention and control

Lady emphasized that grassroot innovations can help identify clear needs and gaps in local communities and promote equitable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions for the prevention and control of NCDs,

alarming, heartbreaking, and unacceptable; the fact that non-Communicable diseases (NCDs) are a leading cause of death globally, resulting in 150 million premature deaths among people aged between 30



of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), especially among women and girls.

Delivering the keynote address on Monday, at a side-event titled: "Gender Equity and Rights in the Prevention and Control of NCDs: the role of Digital Health", the First

especially among women and girls.

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are diseases that are not spread through infections or through other people and include chronic conditions such as heart failure and cancers.

Mrs. Weah described as

and 70 years, mostly in developing countries.

"From my heart, I advance this passionate plea that there is an urgent need, with the effort of all of us, to accelerate progress through different

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'Liberia's security under threat'

--SUP Women Presidium alarms

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Women Presidium of the University of Liberia (UL)-based Students Unification Party (SUP) says Liberia's security is hanging in space and it's under emerged internal threat under President George Manneh Weah's leadership.

Addressing a press conference Tuesday, 7 March 2023 on the University of Liberia Capitol Hill campus, the group said the state's security is under serious threat and violence because of the administration's alleged continued failure to provide security protection and better livelihood for its citizen.

Comrade Olive Larmie, Chairperson of the Women Presidium of SUP mentioned that the security of Liberians is hanging in space.

condemned what she called a culture of violence against innocent citizens, especially the murder of the late daughter of Cllr. Scott.

According to her, Ms. Charloe Musu was not the only Liberian citizen who has died under such a condition.

Ms. Larmie added that Charloe's death carries the characteristic identity of other murders carried out across the country.

Comrade Larmie indicated that whether it was Gifty Lamah, Princess Cooper, or the former Internal Audit Agency (IAA) boss, and the other government auditors, mysterious deaths have become commonplace in Liberia under this administration.

"Liberia has become a safe haven for goons and thugs - bastards and madmen - who see human life as nothing important. The state has degenerated into a ghetto ruled by criminals and gangsters. The



She said President Weah and his alleged corrupt conglomeration of rogues like Samuel Tweah and Jefferson Koijee enjoy the protection of armed gunmen allegedly paid by the state.

According to her, the masses of the Liberian people no longer feel secure because they have been rejected and left to fend for themselves, while the government officials of the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) allegedly rape the national treasury and siphon the resources of the commonwealth.

"Our attention has been drawn to the recent murder of a young Liberian lady known as Charloe Musu, daughter of the erstwhile Chief Justice of Liberia and Senator of Maryland County Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott," said Ms. Larmie.

"Our late sister was gruesomely murdered while protecting her mother. This attack was as macabre as it was unprovoked. Charloe committed no crime for which she had to die in such a painful manner."

However, Ms. Larmie

government is reckless and feckless," she notes.

She narrated that the Presidium of the Vanguard Student Unification Party will remain unwavering, unbending, and uncompromising in ensuring that justice prevails for the former Chief Justice and her family as well as all those who have died under dubious circumstances.

The female advocate pointed out that history has taught them that injustice is a recipe for chaos and national disaster, and as such, Charloe's death contains all the ingredients capable of descending Liberia to the dark days.

She reflected that the dark days of the country were when machetes and guns were more powerful than books and pens.

She added that it was the days when the law of the jungle was more powerful than the rule of law, and where the law of animosity and the crude display of savagery was more important than the strength of the mind and the prowess of the intellect.

"Charloe's murder is a harsh reminder of the brutal reality we have faced under Mr. Weah's administration.

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Cummings announces US\$10M SME loans for women when elected president

The Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), Mr. Alexander Cummings, has announced plan to create a US\$10 million small and medium enterprises (SME) Fund to support businesses owned by Liberian women, upon his

the CPP Standard Bearer to mark the observance of International Women Day today, March 8.

The world celebrated International Women's Day Wednesday under the theme, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality."

abroad, I must say that the longing for equal rights and gender equality is yet to be achieved for Liberian women," Cummings said.

He added, "unnecessary structural barriers and unfair hurdles remain in the pathway of the advancement of women and girls in Liberia, while basic rights and protections continue to be denied to many women."

The CPP Standard Bearer said no society can achieve its fullest potential without the advancement of its women, noting that to maximize Liberia's potential, "we must equally provide opportunities for our women and girls."

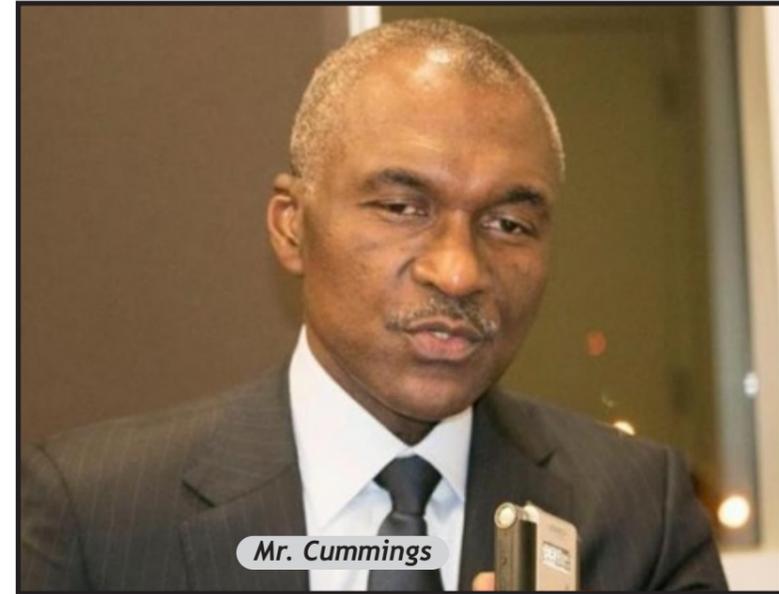
He was emphatic in stating "We lose the advancement of our humanity when we act to hinder rather than enable the progress of women," noting that former U.S Secretary Hilary Clinton was right when she said, "women rights are human rights".

Cummings said issues affecting women are not just women issues but rather, human rights issues, which must be addressed with the utmost urgency.

Cummings said a CPP government will strive to end impunity for Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and all forms of violence against women, as well as inequality and discrimination, especially in workplaces.

The CPP Standard Bearer congratulated women worldwide, especially Liberian women who, he said, are too often deprived and denied. He lauded Liberian Women as being amongst the bravest, most caring, and hardest working in the world.

"In spite of having our first female president, and other women who have served our country admirably at home and



Mr. Cummings

election as President of Liberia.

Cummings said he would also strive to increase women participation in government through elected and appointed office from 30 percent gender parity to achieve 40-50 percent gender inclusion in appointed government positions.

These were contained in a special statement issued by

Bentol Breaks ground for New TVET Center

By Kruah Thompson

The German Government through GIZ and the European Union have broken ground for the construction of a US\$10 million TVET Center, the Gateway Vocational Training Center (GVTC) in Bentol the capital of Montserrado County.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the city center in Bentol, Montserrado County to ensure Liberian youth have access to marketable skills that will allow them to work in other industries.

Making a remark at the groundbreaking ceremony, Montserrado Superintendent Florence Brandy describe the day as a day of history-making in Bentol. She extended her thanks to the Gateway Vocational Training Center (GVTC) for the "huge project."

According to her, as leader of Montserrado County, she dreams that one-day

development will come to Bentol.

To this end, she said authorities have decided to keep giving out land to NGOs to help them in developing Bentol.

She thanked the

over to Liberian to run it."

She reveals that the training center will be something that will be affordable, and it will give the necessary technical knowledge to those who will express interest.



international community for the groundbreaking and expressed hope that those organizations who receive land and are doing nothing to develop it will follow suit so that the place can get a new life.

"Though the building will be led by the partner for the first three years, but after three years elapsed, it will be turned

However, she reveals that they are willing and ready to give land to any organization wanting to develop or bring a The German Government through GIZ and the European Union have broken ground for the construction of a US\$10 million TVET Center, the Gateway Vocational Training Center (GVTC) in Bentol the capital of Montserrado County.

Liberia National Police Trains Officers in Counties on New Digital Crimes Statistics Information System

Monrovia, Liberia; March 7, 2023: The Liberia National Police (LNP), with support from UNDP, is training its officers in counties on the use of a new digital Crimes Statistics Information System (DHIS2) that is set to improve the response to crimes and overall security management in the country.

The DHIS2, developed in 2021 also with support from UNDP, is a digital product that combines the use of a tablet or smart phone with an online portal onto which police officers countrywide can log crime incidents as they happen

crimes being committed, exactly where, and by whom. This will guide the Police's allocation of resources," said UNDP Resident Representative in Liberia, Stephen Rodriques.

The training is being undertaken by the Research and Planning Division of the LNP, which advises senior management on policy issues and prepares annual reports, among other things. This Division collects, analyzes, stores, retrieves, and disseminates various crime data in statistical form including crimes commented monthly and criminal cases sent to courts.

This training will contribute to an expansion of the system which



LNP trainees

providing comprehensive data on crime patterns in the country.

"In order to make informed decisions on fighting crime and national security management, the Police require comprehensive information and intelligence. The digital Crime Statistics Information System will make this possible when all police officers countrywide are able to use the system to provide timely data on the types of

will enable a broader use of crime statistics.

Thirty-four (34) police officers from Bong, Gbarpolu, Grand Cape Mount, Lofa, Maryland, Nimba, Rivercess, Rivergee, Sinoe, Grand Gedeh County and Grand Kru will over the next two weeks be trained on the DHIS2 Crimes Statistics Information System - how to collect and upload data using tablets for the various crimes data collection forms.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT



This death is announced of Ma Elizabeth D. Jaytanyenor Chea. This sad event occur on March 5, 2023, in Grand Kru County, Liberia.

She survived by her children and Grand children: Salome Isatu Chea, Grace N. Chea, Musulyn George, Wilmont George, Samson Chea, Cathrine Chea, Augustine Chea, Rose Chea, Uriah Chea, Aloysius Chea and Christopher Chea.

This announcement was brought in by Alfred Jah (Son-in-law) of the NewDawn Newspaper.

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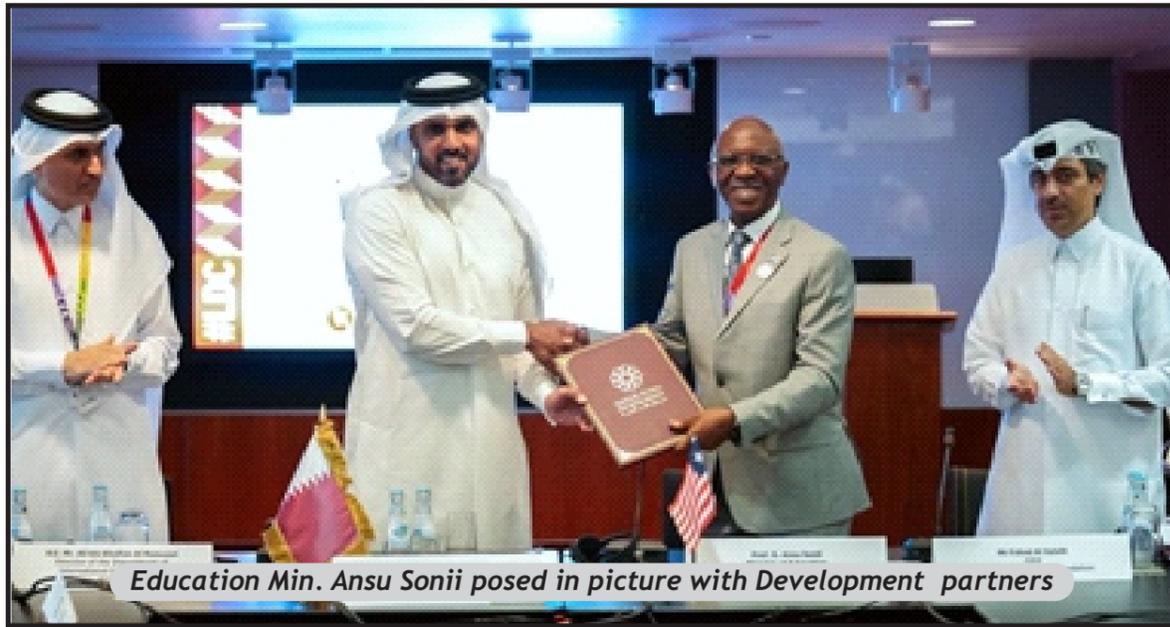
Liberia signs new commitments to education projects at UN conference in Doha

Liberia is among four countries benefiting from the signing of new commitments to education projects, which took place at the United Nations fifth Least Developed

providing access to primary education for children in LDCs where EAA has a presence.

The discussion was followed by the official signings of new commitments for EAA projects in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso,

when it comes to development of nations and the removal of poverty, because if people are capacitated to think out of the box, they normally will find a way to pass their independence and relevance."



Education Min. Ansu Sonii posed in picture with Development partners

Countries conference in Doha on Tuesday.

Education Above All (EAA) and the Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD) hosted a roundtable discussion which included ministers from Bangladesh, Liberia, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Nigeria, Malawi and the State of Palestine.

The "Out of School Children - Linking across sectors for Success" aimed to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of sharing best practices, when it comes to

Liberia and Senegal.

These new projects will ensure more than 785,060 out-of-school primary children are committed to enrolling in education between now and March 2027.

Speaking at the EAA event Liberia's Minister for Education Ansu Sonii said: "The solution begins with the removal of illiteracy and ignorance. And that hope is only through education in all of his forms to all people, male, female, girls, boys, people with disability, regardless of where they live. Education is second to none,

"Early Learning has become criteria for all of us now. Foundational learning is critical, because we have come to know that in the absence of adequate quality, foundational learning, the ladder going up becomes difficult."

"I'm happy that the (EAA) foundation has founded this programme and Liberia is going to benefit because the out of school kids, those who are left behind, the digital divide right now, all of these are the basis for those who are least developed, to remain least developed."

Facial Harris decries women's under-representation in government

Madam Facial Boyenoh Harris has decried women's under-representation in the country's body politics and national decision-making process.

Ms. Harris is the 2022 recipient of the United States Women of Courage Award and Executive Director of the Paramount Young Women Initiative (PAWOWI).

On Wednesday, 8 March 2023, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and First Lady Jill Biden hosted the annual International Women of Courage (IWOC) Awards ceremony at the White House.

The 2023 IWOC Award ceremony honored a group of 11 extraordinary women from around the world who are working to build a brighter future for all.

The ceremony was graced by last year's (2022) winner

who was unable to travel to the United States for the award due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The International Women of

Mohammed (Iraq) Facia Boyenoh Harris (Liberia) Najla Mangoush (Libya) Doina Gherman (Moldova)Bhumika



Madam Facial Boyenoh Harris

Coverage Award 2022 was awarded to Rizwana Hasan (Bangladesh)Simone Sibilio do Nascimento (Brazil)Ei Thinzar Maung (Burma) Josefina Klinger Zúñiga (Colombia)Taif Sami

Shrestha (Nepal)Carmen Gheorghe (Romania) Roegchanda Pascoe (South Africa) Ph m Doan Trang (Vietnam).

Don't panic

-Cummings assures supporter of 2023 victory

The Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), Mr. Alexander Cummings, has told Liberians not to panic, and assured that with or without opposition unity, Mr. George Weah will be defeated and made one term President of Liberia comes October 10.

Cummings said, when Mr. Weah was at his peak of popularity as world soccer best, backed by a then strong coalition of three Political Parties, he obtained only 38 percent of votes. Now that Liberians are economically worst off than five years ago and they know he has a very bad leadership record, it's a fallacy to believe that he can win first round victory as is being falsely predicted by pro-government CDC supporters.

The CPP Standard Bearer said it is a political gimmick with hidden agenda by the CDC to justify rigging the pending elections but vowed that any attempt to force Weah upon Liberians will be vehemently objected to by the opposition.

Cummings said with two

him for alleged alterations of the CPP framework document.

Cummings said after five months of court trials without any evidence of alterations of the CPP framework document, the bogus charges were dropped, leaving the CPP fractured. However, Mr. Cummings confirmed that serious discussions are ongoing amongst several other political party leaders wishing to join the CPP, while at the same time, it will accept readmission of the two breakaway parties on conditions that they will subscribe to the democratic principles and rules of choosing a Standard Bearer.

He said opposition unity cannot and must not be achieved through coercion of one group to submit, outside the democratic process, or with the entitlement mentality of leadership.

The CPP Standard Bearer's tour on Tuesday, March 6, took him to the Nelson Mandela Intellectual center at Redhill, Virginia and the Stockton Creek Intellectual Center, Caldwell Road where he interacted with young people, and was quizzed on the CPP programs and policies on economic recovery, job creation,



Mr. Cummings

formidable opposition candidates in the Presidential race, anyone, either he Mr. Cummings or Joseph Boakai will defeat President Weah in a runoff election due to his diminishing popularity and indefensible bad record of failed promises and policies in the five plus years of misrule.

The CPP Standard Bearer said, there are multiple ways the opposition can unite, including joining ranks to prevent Mr. Weah from stealing the elections and supporting the opposition candidate in the runoff against him.

Cummings made the assertions, during an interview with Red Power radio, and tour of several communities in Monrovia and its suburbs on Tuesday, March 6.

He said the cardinal reason for establishing the CPP by the original four political parties, was to foster opposition unity, but unfortunately, the All-Liberian Party and the Unity Party broke away under false pretense with bogus criminal charges against

economic empowerment of Liberian businesses, restoration of basic social services including electricity, pipe-borne water, improved health care service, and education as well as opposition strategies to defeat President Weah comes October 10.

Cummings, accompanied by CPP stalwarts, also visited the Duala Market on Bushrod Island, and several planks dealing localities, urging Liberians to register and vote in the pending general and presidential elections slated for October 10.

He also visited the Caldwell Road Wood Field, near the Stockton Creek Bridge, the KKK Wood Field, around the SKD Sports Complex area, the Independent United Brothers Wood Field, Duport Road, and the Zubah Town Plank Field.

Plank dealers are a chain network of workers including hundreds of pit sawers, forest workers and owners and constitute sizable portions of Liberia's population.

Français

Comment le tueur s'est-il infiltré dans la maison de l'ancienne juge en chef ?

Cela fait environ deux semaines depuis le meurtre horrible de Charloe Musu, la fille de l'ancienne juge en chef Gloria Musu Scott, et les autorités policières n'ont encore procédé à aucune arrestation.

Comment le tueur s'est

subite, selon les témoignages. La police nationale libérienne (LNP) n'a interrogé que le maire de la ville de Monrovia, Jefferson Koijee, et l'officier de police de la ville de Monrovia, Varlee Telleh. Les deux étaient considérés comme des suspects sur la base des allégations de l'ancien président de la Commission vérité

barricadée.

Depuis l'acte horrible, de nombreuses théories du complot ont circulé sur ce qui s'est réellement passé dans la maison de l'ancienne juge en chef dans la nuit du 22 février.

Et cette préoccupation du public peut être motivée par deux incidents antérieurs que Mme Scott a signalés à la police et au ministre de la Justice.

Selon le rapport d'enquête de la police, il n'y a aucune preuve d'effraction. Mais à la suite de pressions publiques, la police a interpellé des personnes qui auraient effectué des travaux dans la maison. Il s'agit des électriciens dont Mme Scott a loué les services quelques heures avant, dans la journée.

Mais Scott et sa famille ne semblent pas être d'accord avec la police concernant cette interpellation et craignent que le rapport préliminaire de la police ait pu être prédéterminé.

Ainsi un journaliste investigateur de NewDawn s'est rendu le lundi 6 mars 2023 à la résidence de l'ancienne juge en chef pour en savoir plus.

La propriété de la femme d'État s'étant sur une superficie de plus de 4000 mètres carrés. Elle est entourée d'une clôture basse qui n'a aucun fil de fer

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introduit dans la résidence clôturée de l'ancien juge en chef Scott à Brewerville reste une question à laquelle le public n'a pas encore obtenu de réponse.

Me Scott a dit avoir signalé auparavant deux attaques précédentes à la police et au ministre de la Justice avant la troisième attaque au cours de laquelle sa fille a été assassinée.

Charloe aurait été poignardée à plusieurs reprises, entraînant sa mort

et réconciliation, Me Jérôme Verdier, qui réside aux États-Unis.

Koijee et Telleh ont comparu devant les autorités policières avec leur avocat Me Arthur T. Johnson. Tous deux ont nié avoir des liens avec l'attaque de la résidence de Scott.

D'après ce que l'enquête de NewDawn a révélé, au moins cinq femmes vivaient dans la maison. Il s'agissait de Me Scott, de feu Charloe et de deux autres proches. Il y avait aussi deux gardiens non armés. La résidence de Scott est jusqu'aujourd'hui

Le NPP éclate dans un autre chaos alors que le document-cadre de la coalition se retourne contre lui

Il semble que la lutte pour le pouvoir au sein du Parti patriotique national (NPP) de l'ancien président emprisonné Charles Taylor ne disparaîtra jamais, à mesure que de nouveaux conflits émergent.

Le dernier conflit fait suite à la signature d'une prétendue « résolution » visant à engager le parti dans la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir avant les élections de 2023. Cette résolution s'est retournée contre elle, mettant en doute la légalité du document-cadre du CDC qui engage le NPP dans le processus, du moins selon le président du NPP, le sénateur James Biney.

Dans une lettre en cinq points adressée à la présidente de la Commission électorale nationale, Davidetta Browne-Lansanah, le sénateur Biney demande au NEC de renvoyer la résolution et le document-cadre pour que le processus

soit mené correctement.

Il a également demandé à NEC de ne pas faire affaire avec l'ancien représentant George Mulbah dans son prétendu rôle de « président par intérim » du NPP.

Extraits de la lettre :

« Je présente mes compliments et porte à l'attention de la Commission électorale nationale les activités qui se déroulent au

sein du Parti patriotique national (NPP) comme indiqué ci-dessous :

La résolution datée et signée le 3 février 2023 et intitulée « Résolution émanant du Comité exécutif national du Parti patriotique national (NPP) de sa session extraordinaire tenue au siège

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Éditorial

La justice que nous réclamons

Au beau matin du 23 février, les Libériens se sont réveillés avec la terrible nouvelle d'une attaque contre le domicile de l'ancienne juge en chef Gloria Musu Scott. Des inconnus ont pris d'assaut son domicile dans la nuit du 22 février et tué la jeune Charloe Musu, l'une de ses filles, une future diplômée de l'Institut Starz de Monrovia. D'autres personnes ont été également blessées. On ignore cependant à l'état actuel leurs conditions.

L'attaque est survenue après que Scott a signalé deux vagues précédentes d'attaques contre son domicile les 8 et 9 février respectivement. Des voisins ont affirmé avoir entendu des cris et appelé à l'intervention de la police, mais en vain.

L'ancien président de la Commission vérité et réconciliation Jérôme Verdier soupçonne, lui, le maire de la ville de Monrovia Jefferson Koijee et Varlee Telleh, bien qu'il n'ait pas encore fourni de preuves.

Cependant, Koijee et Telleh ont nié tout lien avec l'incident au domicile de l'ancien juge en chef lors de l'interrogatoire de la police la semaine dernière. Il y en a d'autres qui ont également été convoqués pour être interrogés, notamment des agents de sécurité privés et des travailleurs qui avaient travaillé dans l'enceinte pendant la journée à la même date de l'attaque.

Mme Scott et sa famille ont également été interrogées. Les enquêteurs se sont rendus sur les lieux du crime lundi.

Pendant ce temps, les manifestations pacifiques se multiplient. La coalition des groupes de femmes de la société civile demande justice pour les personnes décédées et des procès rapides des coupables qui n'ont pas encore été identifiés ou inculpés.

D'autre part, la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir, dont le secrétaire général national en la personne de M. Koijee est lié au vol à main armée et à l'attaque meurtrière, a également organisé des manifestations pacifiques, défilant avec des pancartes et des images du feu Charloe Musu, tout en réclamant justice.

La justice que nous exigeons est le processus ou le résultat de l'utilisation des lois pour juger et punir équitablement les crimes et les criminels. La justice ne compte pas sur le tribunal de l'opinion publique ou ces magouilles politiques pour rendre son verdict.

Ce à quoi nous assistons jusqu'à présent, c'est le procès de l'incident devant les tribunaux de l'opinion publique sur la base de théories du complot avant même que les suspects puissent être identifiés et inculpés, ce ne sont pas des procédures légales, ce sont des commérages. Et ces rumeurs et théories du complot ou oui-dire ne font que saper la justice même que nous recherchons.

La justice que nous exigeons est un processus qui respecte la primauté du droit. Lorsque nous avons commencé à utiliser des théories du complot basées sur des oui-dire, cela s'appelle des préjugés et cela met en danger les mérites et les démérites des résultats de l'enquête.

L'incident d'Angel Tokpa, dont les tuteurs ont été reconnus coupables par un tribunal de l'opinion publique témoin d'innombrables protestations avant même que l'affaire ne puisse être tranchée, est un exemple de la façon dont le tribunal de l'opinion publique n'a jamais gagné une affaire.

Pendant que nous demandons justice pour la mort de Charloe et d'autres qui l'ont précédée, nous ne pouvons qu'espérer une enquête juste et approfondie basée sur l'honnêteté et le professionnalisme, sans crainte ni faveur.

La justice n'ignore pas les faits et ne s'appuie pas sur ce que nous pensons ou ressentons, elle établit la vérité, récompense la victime et punit le coupable. Et c'est ce que nous recherchons.

Français

Comment le tueur s'est-il infiltré

barbelé. La clôture a aussi plusieurs portes d'entrée.

Il y a également un magasin de provisions relié de l'intérieur à une maison à toit plat donnant sur l'autre porte adjacente à l'école internationale Redeemer. A l'arrière de la maison, se trouve une autre propriété clôturée appartenant à Wendell Shasha, un ancien journaliste de Prime FM.

Notre journaliste a observé qu'on peut s'infiltrer facilement dans la cour à partir du côté qui fait face à l'école car la clôture y est très basse. Mme Scott n'avait que deux gardiens à sa résidence. Pourtant c'est une propriété très large, avec tant d'arbres différents.

Elle n'a aucun chien de garde à l'intérieur. Selon notre journaliste, n'importe qui peut facilement se faufiler et rester caché dans les nombreux trous à l'intérieur. Les deux gardiens non armés semblaient mal préparés pour sécuriser correctement ce complexe vulnérable.

Il y a plusieurs lieux à l'intérieur de l'enceinte où l'on peut se cacher en particulier pendant les heures nocturnes. L'on peut se cacher par exemple dans le

garde-manger, le grand buisson, la cuisine et l'ancien local du groupe électrogène qui est entouré de buissons de tiques, entre autres.

Cette résidence ferait l'objet d'importants travaux de rénovation 18 ans après sa construction. Selon les habitants de cette localité, il y a rarement des cas de vol dans cette partie de la ville. Dauda Fahnbulleh, un mécanicien dont le garage n'est pas loin du lieu de crime, a dit n'avoir jamais été victime de vol.

Ce journal s'est également entretenu avec Moses Wright, l'un des gardiens qui avaient été détenus par la police après le meurtre de Charloe. Wright a dit que la nuit du meurtre, il était sur le toit du bâtiment où se trouve le magasin provisions, mais il n'a remarqué aucune entrée étrange dans la clôture.

Il a déclaré que tous les deux avaient été affectés le 14 février 2023 par la société de sécurité privée Genesis Security Service pour protéger la résidence de Scott.

Il a expliqué que, quand les électriciens ont terminé leurs travaux, il les a personnellement escortés à l'extérieur de la clôture et s'est assuré que tout le monde est parti avant de fermer la porte. Il a verrouillé la porte avant d'aller sur le toit pour surveiller la maison.

Le NPP éclate dans un autre chaos

le 2 février 2023 », indique que la session extraordinaire et la réunion du Comité exécutif national n'ont jamais eu lieu pour obtenir une telle résolution. L'article 5, section 1, de la constitution du NPP prévoit que toutes les réunions, sessions et conventions du comité exécutif national sont convoquées et présidées par le président national du Parti. En ma qualité de président national, je n'ai convoqué et présidé aucune session extraordinaire de ce genre, pas plus que je n'ai présidé la réunion du comité exécutif national mentionnée. En outre, la Commission électorale est tenue pour les partis politiques d'informer l'organe électoral de toute session extraordinaire ou convention qu'ils peuvent tenir. Si le NPP avait tenu une telle session, la Commission électorale aurait été dûment informée par moi.

La signature de la résolution du NPP par les partisans Nelieh Daituah, Melee Kemue, J. Thomas Pluato, Amanda Garnett et Emmanuel Goll, qui ont tous cessé d'être membres du Comité exécutif national du Parti à compter du Congrès biennal du 7 octobre 2022

mandaté par le Tribunal civil, rend la résolution contraire à l'article 3, Article 3.2c de la constitution du Parti, considérant que les nouveaux dirigeants élus sont les responsables actuels qui doivent signer ladite résolution. Suite à la tenue du Congrès biennal du Parti le 7 octobre 2022, le Secrétaire général a communiqué la nouvelle liste des élus à la Commission électorale nationale.

L'utilisation de « pp » par des inconnus qui ont signé la résolution du Parti sans autorisation expresse de le faire soulève des doutes quant à l'authenticité des signatures apposées sur le document.

Compte tenu des cinq chefs d'accusation mentionnés ci-dessus, je demande à la Commission électorale nationale d'enquêter et de voir la raison de renvoyer ladite résolution et ce document-cadre pour que le processus soit mené correctement et conformément à la constitution du Parti. En outre, j'appelle la Commission à NE PAS faire affaire avec le partisan George S. Mulbah en sa prétendue qualité de « président par intérim » du NPP, en violation de l'article 5.1 de la Constitution du NPP. Veuillez trouver ci-joint des copies de la constitution du NPP, de la soi-disant résolution et du document-cadre.

Côte d'Ivoire : les dépouilles de victimes de la crise post-électorale rendues à leurs proches



Les autorités ivoiriennes restituent, ce mercredi 8 mars dans la matinée, des corps de victimes de violences commises en mars 2011, au moment de la crise post-électorale de 2010-2011. Trois localités - Guiglo, Bolequin et Toulepleu - sont concernées par cette cérémonie, conçue pour marquer un acte de la réconciliation nationale.

En tout, 47 corps et restes humains de victimes de violences ont été rendus à leurs familles ce mercredi 8 mars. Ces corps avaient été exhumés, pour certains en 2015, puis transférés à Abidjan, pour le besoin des enquêtes sur les différents affrontements qui s'étaient produits au moment de la crise post-électorale.

Depuis, ces corps étaient conservés à l'Ivoire sépulture (Ivosep) de Treichville. Ils devaient être acheminés par la route. Bien que les rapports d'autopsie n'aient pas été communiqués aux familles de ces victimes, cette restitution est perçue comme un geste permettant « aux habitants de faire le deuil », estime Amadou Coulibaly, le ministre porte-parole du gouvernement.

« C'est maintenant que la réconciliation commence »

À la préfecture de Guiglo, six corps ont été restitués à leurs familles lors d'une cérémonie sobre dans la matinée. Trois ministres y ont fait le déplacement, ainsi que plusieurs chefs traditionnels. Six familles de victimes sont présentes. Elles ont reçu une enveloppe de 1,5 million de francs CFA (environ 2 300 euros), pour notamment organiser des obsèques. Les corps n'ont pas été présentés à cette cérémonie, ils sont conservés à la morgue de l'hôpital de Guiglo : la ministre de la fonction publique invite les familles à se rendre à l'hôpital. Elles ont jusqu'à la fin du mois pour inhumer leurs proches.

« Ça nous décharge moralement, car jusque-là, pendant douze ans, on se sentait oublié », dit Irène Modesie, une porte-parole des familles. « C'est maintenant que la réconciliation commence » a-t-elle ajouté. Douze ans après les faits, « nous sommes venus fermer des plaies », a souligné Myss Belmonde Dogo, la ministre de la Solidarité, qui demande aux familles de « rester sur cette ligne du pardon ». À ce jour, 4 410 ayants-droit de personnes décédées ont déjà reçu 1 million de francs CFA (environ 1 500 euros) de dédommagements de la part du gouvernement, lors de précédents programmes.

Alimentation des femmes : l'Unicef tire la sonnette d'alarme, notamment en Afrique

Le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (Unicef) tire la sonnette d'alarme dans un rapport intitulé « Dénutries et oubliées : Une crise nutritionnelle mondiale pour les adolescentes et les femmes ». Un document dévoilé avant la Journée internationale des droits des femmes (8 mars) et qui met en lumière des crises alimentaires, notamment en Afrique, et leurs conséquences à court, moyen et long terme.

« Plus d'un milliard d'adolescentes et de femmes souffrent de dénutrition (se traduisant notamment par une insuffisance pondérale et une petite taille), de carences en micronutriments essentiels et d'anémie [1]. »

C'est l'une des nombreuses conclusions que le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (Unicef) tire d'un vaste rapport mondial sur l'état nutritionnel des adolescentes et des femmes en âge de procréer (15 à 49 ans, pour l'Unicef). Un rapport qui s'appuie sur des « données [...] dans plus de 190 pays et territoires, ce qui représente plus de 90 % des adolescentes et des femmes dans le monde ».

Une malnutrition aigüe particulièrement marquée en Afrique



de l'Est

À la lecture de cette étude, la situation est particulièrement préoccupante dans deux zones de la planète. « L'Asie du Sud et l'Afrique subsaharienne concentrent 68 % des adolescentes et des femmes présentant une insuffisance pondérale et 60 % des adolescentes et des femmes souffrant d'anémie », souligne ainsi l'Unicef dans un résumé analytique.

Parmi les 12 pays les plus touchés par l'aggravation (+25%) de cette crise alimentaire et nutritionnelle - d'après des relevés comparatifs de 2020 et de 2022 - dix sont africains. La situation est particulièrement marquée en Afrique de l'Est avec cinq pays, dont l'Éthiopie surtout.

En Afrique de l'Ouest et centrale, une femme sur deux âgée de 15 à 49 ans souffrait d'anémie

Par ailleurs, si la nutrition des adolescentes et des femmes est de mauvaise qualité dans toutes les zones, certaines sont toutefois plus touchées que d'autres, comme en Afrique de l'Ouest et centrale.

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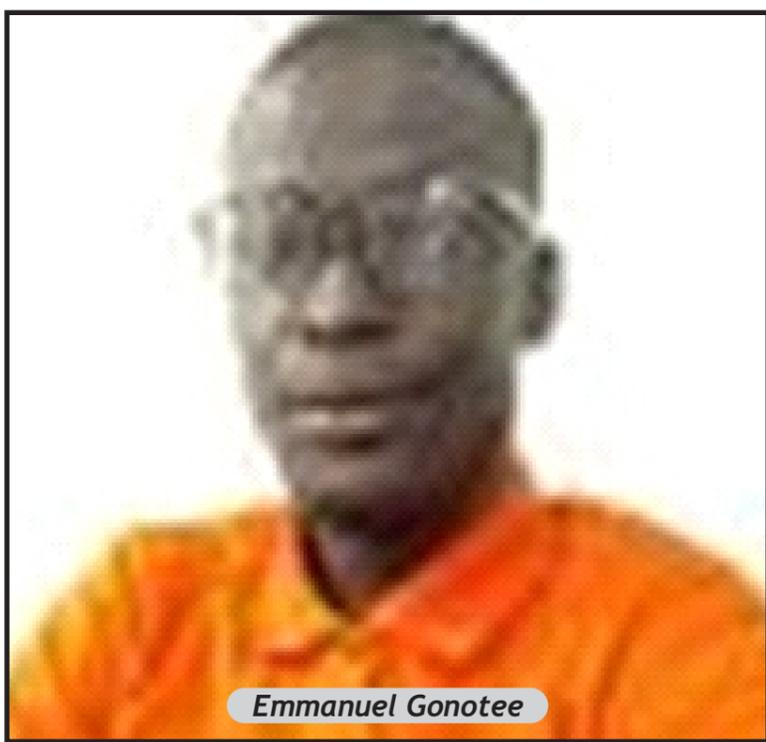
DEBATE

Topic: Politics

By Naneka A. Hoffman

Last week, armed criminals attacked the home of former Liberian Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott and eventually murdered her daughter Charloe Musu.

Following the incident, the NewDanw newspaper has received the reactions of Liberians regarding the security and safety of the public, especially in the election year.



Emmanuel Gonotee

Madam Scott informed the Liberia National Police and that of the Justice Ministry to the incident that she had noticed strange movement [at] her [residence] for some time, and the Liberia National Police failed to take a serious action to ensure that her residence is safe.

And as we are moving toward elections, I want to call on the Liberia National Police and the Government of Liberia that it's important that whenever a citizen complains of security threats, it's important that the security apparatus of the country applies the serious preventive measures than to sit and allow it to happen before they can come in.

So I think the action from the Liberia National Police to provide security for the former Chief Justice is belated. We are calling on them to step up their game."

'Let me extend my deepest condolences to the former Chief Justice Madam Gloria M. Scott, for the loss of her daughter.

I think it's bad and I pray that the Almighty God consoles her in this time of bereavement.

On a serious note, I think it's worrisome as we are moving toward

the elections to see people marching into the residence of other people deliberately, slaying them to death and other things.

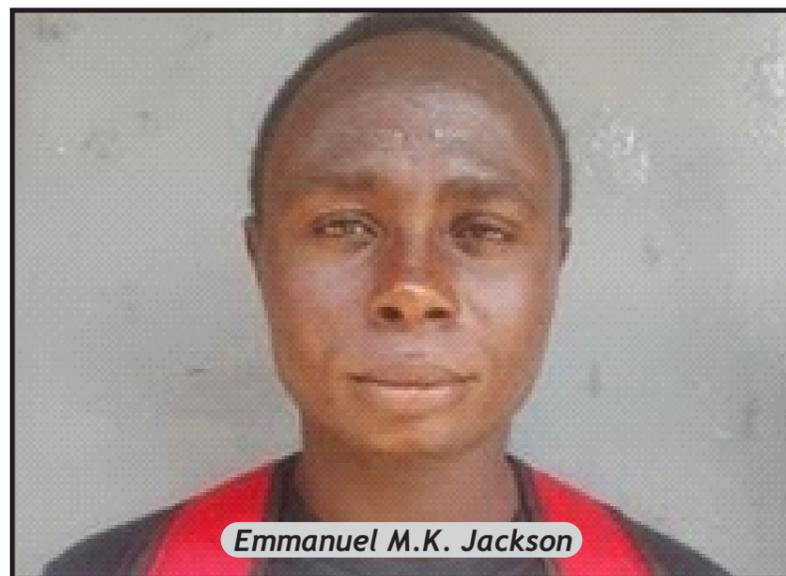
I think it's seriously worrisome. And let me say that I want to blame the attack and the murder of the daughter of the former Chief Justice on the Justice Ministry and the Liberia National Police. I keenly followed,

'Let me tell the ordinary people and the entire world that we are not safe. And let's be clear with this, it's not every past official they are after. They are after certain past officials.

One of the people who are highly involved with the opposition community, like the former Chief Justice, we all know her involvement in the CPP [Collaborating Political Parties] saga which is the Musa Bility Liberty Party and Nyonblee Kangar-Lawrence faction.

Who doesn't know the role that she played? And also don't forget that she is one of the major lawyers for the opposition Unity Party.

So going after her



Emmanuel M.K. Jackson

simply means that there is certain information that this government thinks the woman has that when she [releases] it to the public, it might have some effects on them. That is the reason why I think they are going after her.

The target wasn't the little girl, she is the mean person they wanted to

kill. Because they didn't get her, that's why the little girl was murdered in cold blood.

But it is sad and it is dangerous for our country as we are going for elections.

My advice to the citizens of this country is we all should be careful and leave the streets in time."

'If the people who have the supreme authority in this country ... are not able to secure themselves or provide security for themselves, imagine we the poor people.

Our lives will be in danger. If the person in the country that sat in government for almost six years[is unable] to provide a camera or pay people to protect his compound, then, [it means] that Liberians



Lansana Manoboh

are in a dangerous zone.

So our safety, [in the time] of elections will be very bad because our police and armed-men are not equipped to really guard the citizens in this country."



Emmanuel Robertson

'Actually as we all observe in our country Liberia, we have seen a series of things happening around our country and surrounding our neighbourhood and which have been embarrassing since the President ascended [to power].

The issues of security and safety of the county are not

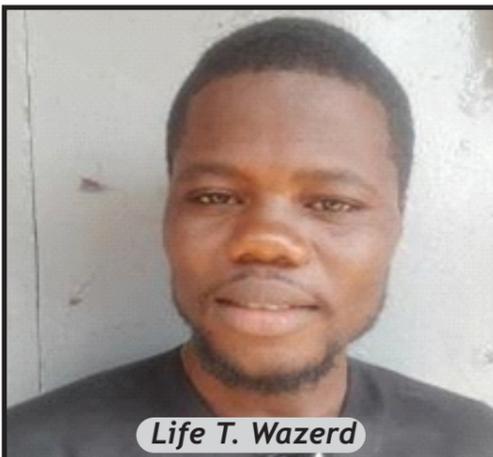
even at the level of the community. If you are well-dressed and have your expensive phone moving in your community, you will see that gangsters will attack you daily.

Even when the President ascended to power, he told us that the security of the country is not safe, let everybody be their personal security.

To hear that Cllr. Scott is not protected, she doesn't have any security guarding her and today we are hearing that her daughter's life has been taken away by unknown armed-men, I think it is worrisome to our country and the citizens.

'We have received more killing in this government than even the Taylor government and the Ellen-led government. Moving forward to elections, the country has been in fear. People are living in total fear. People don't go home straight because they don't [want] others to locate their houses before someone goes after them.

So they have to pass



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from place to place before reaching their houses. If you even go to your house at times, you have to be scared because you are in fear that people might enter there."

Embarrassing scenes

A wave of physical attacks and verbal abuses against officials of George Weah administration or individuals in close proximity to his government by students of the University of Liberia campus-based Student

Howe, in a Facebook post accompanied by a video of his smashed vehicle said: "Today, I was a victim of an act of gangsterism by the vanguard student unification party on the campus of the University of Liberia. I was attacked, injured and my vehicle was destroyed. I feel so much pain

attacked but his life was also threatened.

"His life was threatened, car was destroyed, he got hurt in the process and is currently undergoing treatment at the hospital," the official said adding "The recent wave of attacks on folks in close proximity of the Weah government, is entirely & totally WRONG (we call for speedy investigation). While we await a full flesh investigation into the matter, we will like to send this message as a caveat to the perpetrators; to desist from such an act as violence has no place in our society."

The wave of attacks by students of SUP under this regime has been unprecedented. Former Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Nathaniel F. McGill was a victim of similar attack during a visit on the UL campus.

It is not clear what has been the motivation, but SUP has been a traditionally vocal student-based party and has continued to speak against ills in society at the national level but not reducing this to physical attacks.

The new wave is the first of its kind and has erupted under the George Weah administration.

Meanwhile, the opposition community has remained silent on these waves of attacks against public officials.



Unification Party (SUP) is on the rise here.

On Tuesday members of SUP launched an attack on Mr. Aloysius Howe, Special Assistant to Finance and Development Planning Minister Samuel Tweah, barely a month after they chased former Solicitor General Cyrenius Cephas off campus chanting "rogue, rogue."

Unlike Cllr. Cephas who drove off unharmed, Mr. Howe sustained some degree of injuries and his vehicle damaged.

in my body and I'm currently at the hospital undergoing treatment."

Howe had gone on the UL main campus to visit a lecturer -Joseph Blama. He was noticed as the two entered the student center to get some food and drinks.

As the pair waited for their order, the students approached the center and began their attack. He was sneaked out of the campus by other students who came to his rescue.

One official told this paper that not only was Mr. Howe

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Don't panic

Cummings urged Liberians to muster the courage, to register and vote out the inept, corrupt and incompetent leadership of President George Weah.

The CPP Standard Bearer said he is the best candidate with the requisite credentials to transform and grow the country's economy, attract foreign direct investments, and accelerate private sector development to create the

much-needed jobs for Liberians.

He promised to make the difference in leadership and will not engage in any acts of corruption or tolerate acts of corruption on the part of any public officials.

Cummings said Liberia is blessed with abundant natural resources, that all Liberians can benefit and enjoy their fair share according to their capacity and hard work. He said

upon his election as President, within the first seven months, Liberians will begin to experience a new change in their living conditions and respective communities.

The visits are part of ongoing initiatives by the CPP Standard Bearer to mobilize Liberians to register in the upcoming Voters Registration exercise due to kick off March 20.

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'Liberia's First Lady Urges Support

The First Lady of the Republic of Liberia, Her Excellency Clar Marie Weah, is urging countries to focus on and support grassroot innovations in the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), especially among women and girls.

Delivering the keynote address on Monday, at a side-event titled: "Gender Equity and Rights in the Prevention and Control of NCDs: the role of Digital Health", the First Lady emphasized that grassroot innovations can help identify clear needs and

gaps in local communities and promote equitable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions for the prevention and control of NCDs, especially among women and girls.

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are diseases that are not spread through infections or through other people and include chronic conditions such as heart failure and cancers.

Mrs. Weah described as alarming, heartbreaking, and unacceptable; the fact that non-Communicable diseases (NCDs) are a leading cause of death globally, resulting in 150

million premature deaths among people aged between 30 and 70 years, mostly in developing countries.

"From my heart, I advance this passionate plea that there is an urgent need, with the effort of all of us, to accelerate progress through different programs fully utilizing the use of research, innovation, data, and digital solutions to facilitate and foster collaboration." The First Lady of Liberia stressed the urgent need to develop the collective will to effectuate change through research, innovation, data, and digital solutions.

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House reviews loan

The Principal Payment Dates are February 15 and August 15 in each year beginning February 15, 2033, to and including August 15, 2072, at 1.25%.

The third Financing Agreement (Regional Emergency Solar Power Intervention Project) is between Republic of Liberia and International Development Association.

President Weah said the agreement signed on 31 January 2023 aims to rapidly increase grid-connected renewable energy capacity and strengthen regional integration in participating countries.

In Liberia, the project will provide support to the construction of a 20MWp solar PV power plant and associated works, (including construction of transmission lines for connection to the grid at Mount Coffee Island.

It will also provide support to the expansion of the Mount Coffee Hydro Power Plant (MCHPP) by adding an additional capacity of 41 MW, including supply and installation of two turbines, each having a capacity of 20.5 MW.

"Under the Agreement, the Association agrees to extend to Liberia a credit, which is deemed as concessional financing in the amount of Ninety-Six Million dollars (\$ 96,000,000). The Principal Payment Dates are February 15 and August 15 in each year beginning February 15, 2033, to and including August 15, 2072, at 1.25%", the President noted.

In a related development, President Weah submitted a loan agreement among the Republic of Liberia and African Development Bank and African Development Fund (as Administrators of the Transition Support Facility) (Emergency Food Production Program).

According to him, the loan agreement signed on 8 December 2022, will assist the government by contributing to increasing climate

resilient food production, through direct smart subsidies (subsidies that create incentives for private sector investment in the input market without distorting the market) to vulnerable farmers.

He said under the agreement, the partners agreed to extend to Liberia a loan, in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of Two Million Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand Units of Account (UA 2,220,000). The Principal Payment Dates are January 15 and July 15 in each year.

Meanwhile, President Weah submitted an additional Financing loan agreement between the Republic of Liberia and African Development Fund (Additional Loan for the Special Agro Industrial Processing Zone Project.

The instrument approved on 8 December 2022, between the Republic of Liberia and African Development Fund ("the Fund") will provide additional financing to the Special Agro Industrial Processing Zone Project.

Under the Agreement, the partners also agreed to extend to Liberia a loan in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of UA 2,170,000.

The Payment dates are 15 February and 15 August of each year.

The objectives of the project are to create a better business environment for increased investment in the agro-industrial sector and to create opportunities for private sector investments at the industrial level and coordinate the integration of smallholder farms, and agro-processing industry into sustained agro-value chains.

It also intends to improve capacities and skills to benefit from new agribusiness employment and value chain opportunities.

The committee will report within a period of two weeks.

SITTING IN ITS SEPTEMBER TERM A. D 2022
 BEFORE HIS HONOR SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR, ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

IN RE: PETITION OF HELEN MAMIE HARRIS OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, LIBERIA. PETITIONER PRAYING THIS HONOURABLE COURT FOR COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF HER NAME TO BE KNOWN REGARDED AND CALLED AS "HELEN MAMIE WILLIAMS"

COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME:

WHEREAS Petitioners herein named the above entitled cause of Action having filed a Petition with Affidavit attached thereto requesting an order from this Honourable Court to have the name of the Petitioner to formally and legally change from HELEN MAMIE HARRIS to "HELEN MAMIE WILLIAMS"

During hearing Petitioner's testified that the Change of her name requesting this Honourable of Court is intended to reflect her true family named and render her identity more explicit and absolute:

After conducting the necessary interrogations requested by law these Proceedings, the Court observed that the intention is just and legal and that there is no objection in the Change of her name Proposed by her is therefore it is adjusted as follows:

That the Petitioner having shown with justification satisfaction that she was born on May 15th 1984 in Nimba County, Republic of Liberia, into the union of Mr. Harris Williams and Madam. Konah Brown and that change of her name will substantially promote her interest in all of the understanding and help to establish just identity more firmly, and being satisfied that she has met all legal requirement for the change of her name in this jurisdiction it is therefore DECREE as follows:

That the Petition having been heard by and is hereby ordered granted and now render that HELEN MAMIE HARRIS to "HELEN MAMIE WILLIAMS" beginning 24th day of November, A.D. 2022. The decree shall be regarded in the Office of the Registrar of Deed and other Official Document within (10) days from this date and also be Published twice in any recognized Newspaper Operating in the Republic of Liberia, within twenty (20) days from date AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED

COURT'S SEA: GIVEN UNDER NY HANDIN OPEN COURT, THIS 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.
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House reviews loan agreement

By Bridgett Milton

between the Republic of Liberia and International Development Association (IDA).

He said the financing agreement was signed on 26 January 2023, with the objective to increase access to income earning

“The agreement is for additional financing to the Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment Project, in which the Association agrees to extend to the Republic of Liberia a credit, deemed as Concessional Financing in the amount of Twenty Million dollars (\$20,000,000),” said President Weah.

The Principal Payment Dates are February 15 and August 15 in each year beginning February 15, 2033, to and including August 15, 2072, at 1.25 percent.

Mr. Weah said the second Financing Agreement (Additional Financing for the Rural Economic Transformation Project) is between the Republic of Liberia and International Development Association.

He said the instrument was signed on 26 January 2023, with the objective to assist in improving productivity and market access for smallholder farmers and agri-enterprises for selected value chains in Project participating counties.

The Agreement is for additional financing to the Rural Economic Transformation Project in which the Association agrees to extend to Liberia a credit, deemed as concessional financing amounts to Thirty Million dollars (\$30,000,000).

The House of Representatives has mandated its Ways, Means, Finance and Development Planning committee to review several financing and loan



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agreements submitted by President George Manneh Weah.

opportunities for the vulnerable in the informal sector.

According to President Weah's communication sent to plenary Tuesday, 7 March 2023, the Financing Agreement (Additional Financing for the Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment Project) is

Other objectives of the agreement are to expand income to livelihood support to poor and food insecure household and improve efficiency in managing social protection programs in the recipient territory.

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