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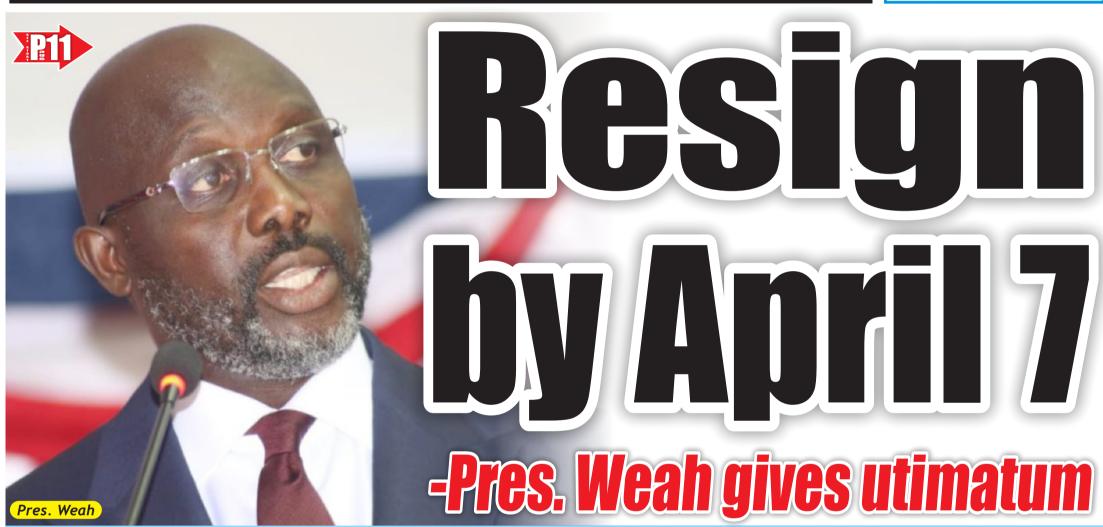
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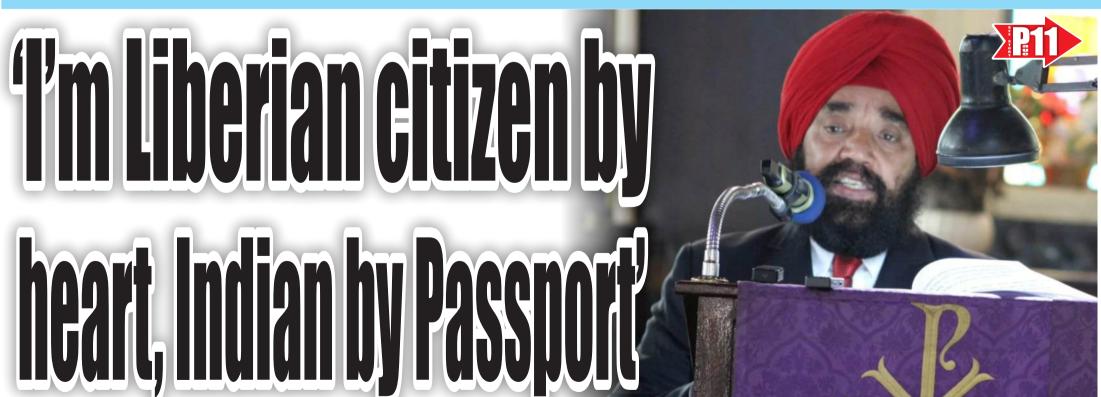
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Continental News

Senegal Opposition Promises Thousands on Cameroon-Nigeria Border **More Protests Against Sal**

AKAR - Opposition themed regalia streamed onto a ignited a week of rioting that supporters in Senegal are planning a second day of protests Wednesday against what they say are "dictatorial" practices by President Macky Sall, which

field late Tuesday afternoon chanting "Macky Sall is a dictator."

Many wore T-shirts with messages of support for who they hope will be Senegal's next led to the deaths of 14 people. Dabuche Niane, 36, was one of few female protesters

at Tuesday's rally.

"We're very tired of Macky Sall. We want him to leave, no matter the price," Niane said. "The Senegalese people are tired - tired of suffering, of poverty, of unemployment. The economy is not working. All we have are problems."

Abdou Bara Mbodji, 22, says he was mostly satisfied with Macky Sall's time in office, especially with his investments in infrastructure.

But he says that's not the point. "It's not about whether or

not we like Macky Sall," Mbodji said. "What bothers us is the fact that he wants to force a third term. That's the only issue."

President Sall has not yet said if he'll run for a third term in next year's election, which would go against the two-term limit set in Senegal's constitution.

Sonko came in third in the 2019 presidential election and has since grown in popularity, mainly among Senegalese youth.

Senegal's government denies persecuting the opposition or moving away from democracy. VOA



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his government denies. They also accuse Sall's government of arbitrary arrests and his seeking an unconstitutional third term in next year's elections. More than 10,000 people hit the streets of Senegal's capital Tuesday for the first day of protests.

Opposition supporters adorned in Senegal flagpresident: opposition leader Ousmane Sonko.

Sonko is facing libel charges in court Thursday for allegedly accusing the minister of tourism of embezzlement.

He's also facing separate charges for rape, which his supporters say were trumped up to stop him running again.

Sonko's arrest a year ago

At least 3,000 people have been displaced in fresh fighting along the Nigerian-Cameroonian border, according to forces battling Boko Haram militants.

Refugees at Minawao, a camp on Cameroon's northern border with Nigeria, say the number of people seeking humanitarian assistance in the camp increases by the day.

Isaac Luka, president of Nigerian refugees at Minawao, said the current influx caused by hunger and gun battles is making living conditions that were already bad in the camp even worse.

"There are Nigerians coming from the host community around the border," he told VOA via a messaging app from Minawao on Wednesday. "They were

AOUNDE, CAMEROON increased its presence on the border. The force has troops from Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad.

> Voumou said for about two weeks there have been intense battles between Cameroon government troops and Boko Haram militants on both sides of the Cameroon-Nigeria border. Voumou added that several military posts have been erected to face Boko Haram militants hiding and harassing civilians in villages on both sides of the border.

> MNJTF announced in February that the month of March will be dedicated to wiping out remaining Boko Haram fighters in the border

> The force said several attacks have been launched on Boko Haram strongholds, but did not specify how many jihadists have been killed or wounded.

> The Cameroon government said civilians should assist troops fighting the jihadists by reporting strangers in their villages. The government



Blinken, in Ethiopia, Highlights **Importance of Tigray Peace Deal**

U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken met with Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen on Wednesday as part of his oneday working visit to the country.

During brief remarks made at the start of their official meeting, Blinken sounded optimistic about the November peace deal signed between the Ethiopian federal government and Tigrayan forces.

"It's very, very good to be back in Africa, especially to be in Ethiopia at, I think, a very important moment, a moment of hope given the peace in the north that is taking hold and that continues to move forward," he said.

"There's a lot to be done, but the most important thing is to continue to deepen the peace that is now taking hold in the north," he added.

The meeting was attended by other high-level officials, including U.S. Ambassador to

DDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA Ethiopia Tracey Ann Jacobson and Ethiopian Ambassador to the U.S. Seleshi Beleke.

During the meeting, officials discussed the establishment of an interim regional administration in Tigray, which was part of the November peace deal.

The Ethiopian government has lifted blockades into the region since the deal, allowing the entry of humanitarian aid, and Tigrayan forces have handed over heavy

weapons to the Ethiopian government.

Officials also discussed a transitional justice policy that will bring about accountability and redress for victims, according to statement from the Ethiopian government.

Rights group Amnesty International has recently called on the U.S. Secretary of State to make human rights issues central to the talks. VOA

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen

given portions of land to start cultivating food, but this year the season was not good for the harvest and recurrent attacking at the border pushed them to the camp. They have have. Some go selling firewood to earn something for their children."

Luka fled Nigeria's Borno state in June 2014 after Boko Haram terrorists killed more than 20 people in his village, including his family.

He said host communities around the camp are also overwhelmed by the number of civilians escaping hunger and battles between Cameroon government troops and Boko Haram fighters along the northern border with Chad and Nigeria.

Toudje Voumou, the highest government official in Mayo-Moskota district, said the Multinational Joint Task Force of the Lake Chad Basin Commission, or MNJTF, has

also said it has remobilized militias to assist with the ongoing battles against Boko Haram by reporting strangers and armed men hiding in the bush to government troops.

Olivier Guillaume Beer, the their relations in the camp. UNHCR representative in Cameroon, They share the little they spoke to Cameroon state broadcaster CRTV this week, saying humanitarian conditions for displaced persons is concerning.

> 'We have 2,500 people in the transit center, which has a capacity of 300. These people are supposed to be registered and then go to the Minawao refugee camp, which is already very saturated. Sixty-seven thousand people in the camp," Beer said. "So, these are our challenges. We need more resources to be able to register and document them, to provide health care, increase the number of classrooms, and alleviate the suffering of this population."

> During an April 2022 visit to Cameroon, the U.N.'s refugee chief, Filippo Grandi, vowed to give more support to displaced persons and refugees fleeing violence and natural disasters. VOA

Keeping the peace is the duty of all Liberians

REGARDLESS OF which political party you belong to or what county and tribe you come from, keeping the currently fragile peace should be the primary duty of all Liberians.

THE GROWING political tension in the country and rhetoric can only take us closer to conflict and violence then we can ever imagine.

THE BUILDING of private armies amidst the discoveries of arms and ammunition are signs that we are nearing the conflict point and there is no denying that.

BUT LEST we forget, violence and conflict have never solved our problems. It has only worsened our condition as an impoverished country and takes away the beauty of our youths turning children into soldiers and little girls into mothers.

THE SCARS of the recent 14 years of conflict are still visible on our streets and in our schools and even permeating our governing system.

THAT IS why we should as a people endeavour to do all we can to maintain the peace regardless.

PEACE, AS they say, is not just the absence of war. It requires hard work and constant attention. Building peace from a fragile standpoint entails embracing and respecting divergences of views.

THEREFORE, AS we prepare to hold our fourth post-war democratic elections, we must agree to disagree. People of the same household can never share similar views and we must accept that.

WE SHOULD insist on resolving our differences and disagreements through healthy debates and not through violent means.

WE MUST learn from our immediate past. And if there is any country in the sub-region that understands the effects and consequences of war, Liberians do, and no one should ever dream of taking this nation back to its ugly past.

BEING A refugee in another country is the most inhumane experience and no country on the other hand in this day and age is prepared to go through another experience to host Liberians as refugees.

THUS, WE must continue to remind ourselves as Liberians that in all that we do or say during this electioneering period, Liberia is the only country that we can never be deported from.

THEREFORE, KEEPING the peace should be our primary objective as we embark upon this process.

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By Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson

How to Fix the Platform Economy

our attention - including extremist videos, much more powerful. disinformation, and material designed to with potentially scary consequences.

But other outcomes are possible. Companies users - especially vulnerable young people.

The legal cases include Gonzales v. Google, promoting. which is currently before the US Supreme existing defamation laws, are not allowed to collection and higher profits. publish what they know to be untrue.

false. Dominion thus has a strong claim to approaches, such as subscription-based models. damages if it can show that Fox knowingly spread falsehoods about Dominion's voting Another advantage of a digital-advertising tax is standard?

(or anyone else, for that matter), the algorithm. responsibility for such harm should lie with the their creators legal immunity.

Als so potent. While they should enjoy a Prosperity (PublicAffairs, May 2023).

OSTON - Meta (Facebook), Alphabet reasonable degree of protection against liability (Google), Microsoft, Twitter, and a few for what someone else posts on their site, this other tech companies have come to should apply only to passive content that the dominate what we see and hear on the platforms do not in any way recommend to internet, shaping hundreds of millions of other users. Active content that is people's perceptions of the world. In pursuit of algorithmically pushed out to millions of people advertising revenue, their algorithms are to generate revenue is a different matter. programmed to show us content that will hold Indeed, it is just like traditional publishing, only

stimulate envy, insecurity, and anger. With the If a daily newspaper publishes a commentary by rapid development of "large language models" a terrorist, some readers will probably stop such as ChatGPT and Bard, Big Tech's hold on subscribing. But since most individuals do not impressionable minds will only strengthen, want to walk away from their existing online social networks, we need government regulation to re-empower consumers.

could deploy the latest wave of artificial First, the largest platform companies should be intelligence much more responsibly, and two broken up to create more intense competition current court cases serve as warnings to those between recommendation algorithms and their pursuing socially destructive business models. trainers. But for this to work in the public's But we also need public-policy interventions to interest, platforms also must be required to break up the largest tech companies and to tax allow a user's social network to be transferred digital advertising. These policy levers can to a different platform. The same help change Big Tech's pernicious business "interoperability" rationale allows you to keep model, thereby preventing the platforms from your cell-phone number when you change inflicting so much emotional harm on their carriers. Social-media and digital-content consumers should be able to vote with their feet when they don't like what a platform is

Court. At issue is the tech industry's insistence Second, and even more importantly, we need to that Section 230 of the 1996 Communications force an adjustment in the prevailing Big Tech Decency Act exempts platform companies business model, which is based on harvesting from any liability for third-party content that vast amounts of user data and monetizing it they host. If platforms are acting more like through digital-advertising sales. This business news outlets than mere online repositories model explains why disinformation, outrage, when they recommend videos, tweets, or and insecurity are so prevalent online. posts, they should be held to the same Emotional manipulation maximizes user standard as established media, which, under engagement, enabling more intrusive data

A tax on digital advertising is one of the only Hence, in a \$1.6 billion lawsuit filed against practical ways to change this extraordinarily Fox News, Dominion Voting Systems has destructive business model. It would reduce uncovered ample evidence that Fox's top on-platforms' temptation to maximize user air hosts and executives were well aware (and engagement through emotional manipulation; told each other) that former President Donald and, if coupled with limits on data collection, it Trump's claims of election fraud were entirely would provide incentives to develop alternative

machines in the 2020 election. Shouldn't that it could be set even higher for content online platforms whose algorithms promoted to people under 21. Selling cigarettes disseminated the same lies be held to the same or alcohol to minors is a serious criminal offense. While it is not feasible to forbid young people from seeing content that damages their Addressing such questions has become even mental health, a high rate of taxation on more urgent now that programs like ChatGPT advertising revenues derived from promoting are poised to reshape the internet. These such material is entirely appropriate. The sophisticated algorithmic recommenders proceeds could be devoted to strengthening could potentially be trained not to promote mental-health programs, not least those for extreme content or deliberate lies, and not to teen suicide prevention. If there is any doubt encourage extreme emotions. If an algorithm about which content is hurting young people, is exploitative or manipulative toward children we can just ask the AI recommendation

humans in charge. After all, Als at this level are Daron Acemoglu, Professor of Economics at not operating autonomously of human MIT, is a co-author (with Simon Johnson) of decision-making. To claim otherwise is to grant the forthcoming Power and Progress: Our Thousand-Year Struggle Over Technology and Prosperity (PublicAffairs, May 2023). Simon Tech companies should no longer be able to Johnson, a former chief economist at the excuse their own inattention or negligence by International Monetary Fund, is a professor arguing that "there's too much data" for them at MIT's Sloan School of Management and a to monitor. That wealth of data is the source of co-author (with Daron Acemoglu) of the their profits, and the sheer abundance of forthcoming Power and Progress: Our content on their platforms is what makes their Thousand-Year Struggle Over Technology and

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A Humanitarian Call for Arms

DESA - It is always a worrying sign when humanitarian workers and activists start advocating for the delivery of more weapons to a combat zone. But, for Ukraine, these are worrying times (to say the least). While humanitarians like us deliver to civilians and troops the supplies they need to survive - fleece uniforms and tourniquets, portable stoves and generators, baby formula and mobile-phone power banks - Ukrainian armed forces often lack the tools they need to fight.

War calls for realism. And the horrifying reality is that, in its invasion and occupation of Ukraine, Russia has deliberately attacked civilian targets and upended civilian life, relentlessly committing atrocities that often do not even bring tangible military gains. Should humanitarian workers and activists silently carry on attending to the victims of these savage assaults, or should we add our voices to the chorus of those demanding materiel that could drive Russia out of Ukrainian territory and end the war? Given the humanitarian implications of more war - including more refugees from Ukraine - the answer is obvious.

A similar dilemma confronts Ukraine's foreign backers. As Morton Abramowitz, a longtime US State Department official who went on to co-found the International Crisis Group, often said: policymakers must decide whether to deliver "Stinger missiles or macaroni." He should know, having worked on delivering both, in Afghanistan and Bosnia, respectively.

The West has certainly gone beyond delivering "macaroni." When Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, days before Russia launched its full-scale invasion, told attendees at the Munich Security Conference that indifference to Russian aggression would make them accomplices, no one could have imagined that the United States would send Ukraine HIMARS rocket systems, Stryker and Bradley fighting vehicles, or Patriot missile-defense systems. Yet all these weapons - plus British Challenger 2 tanks, German Leopard 2 tanks, and much more - are either in or headed to Ukraine.

But whether the next request - for warplanes - will be met remains up in the air. Planes may be delivered eventually, but by the time that happens - if it does - many more Ukrainians will have died defending their country's sovereignty.

This fits a broader pattern: Ukraine's Western supporters seem locked into too-little-too-late mode. They weigh pros and cons, count their tanks and refurbish their missile launchers, tally costs and envision potential outcomes, before delivering a few more desperately needed, long-overdue weapons.

Why all the hesitation? Partly, it seems, the West wants to heed the lessons of past wars. Senior US State Department staff, on a recent visit to our Odesa office, expressed their concerns that Russia's war against Ukraine could turn into a quagmire, à la Afghanistan. The world would regret the presence of highly sophisticated weapons in such a context.

As our American visitors reminded us, the US (on Abramowitz's advice) delivered Stinger missiles to the mujahideen rebels to aid in their fight against the Soviets during the Cold War, only for the rebels, and later the Taliban, to turn their US-bestowed weapons on American troops. The disastrous Iraq war - where the case for US-led intervention was weaker than in Afghanistan - may also weigh on American policymakers' minds.

But wars from which the US and its European allies are drawing lessons are nothing like the one now raging in Ukraine. There is no talk of regime change in Ukraine. Rather, the West is responding to desperate calls for help from an ally - with a democratically elected president and functioning parliament - that has become a victim of aggression by a much larger power.

Ukraine's government and people have made clear their desire to be a part of the free Western world, not Putin's repressive post-Soviet dictatorship. It is precisely because Ukraine aspires to join the European Union and NATO that the neo-czarist in the Kremlin decided to try to wipe the country off the map.

This aspiration has not waned. As Zelensky told the European Parliament last month, Europe - with its rule of law, fair elections, open societies, and inviolable borders - is Ukraine's "way home." Ukrainians' unity on this point should be enough to assuage US concerns about an "Afghan" scenario.

Another fear is that Russia will overwhelm Ukraine's forces and capture Western weaponry. But this scenario is not supported by the facts on the ground. Though Russia has vastly more soldiers and weapons than Ukraine, it has suffered tremendous losses. While the precise figure is not certain, it is estimated that some 200,000 Russian troops have been killed or wounded so far. With Russian forces' logistics, tactics, and morale showing no signs of improvement, not even Kremlin propagandists believe that Russia can subdue all of Ukraine.

There is little doubt, however, that Putin will continue to sacrifice Russian troops and commit atrocities against Ukrainians for the chance to secure even minor symbolic victories. So, the war will drag on - unless Ukraine is given the means to accelerate its conclusion. That includes fighter jets. The pilot's helmet that Zelensky presented to the speaker of the British Parliament last month bore these words: "We have freedom. Give us wings to protect it."

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ON 2ND THOUGHTS



NEW DAWN

with Othello B. Garblah

Is Liberia turning into a gangster's paradise?

In his 1995 hit song "Gangster's Paradise", the late Coolio described a life full of uncertainties in an environment where gang activities or other criminal activities were common and glorified by locals.

The first verse of Coolio's lyrics: "As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death / I take a look at my life and realize there's nothin' left." The second verse which followed the chorus is even more graphic: I'm livin' life do or die, what can I say? I'm 23 now, but will I live to see 24? The way things is goin' I don't know."

Liberia seems not to be too far from this scenario. As the crime rate increases, many go to bed fearing that they will wake up the next day. The fear of attacks from armed robbers is high because not even your neighbors would come to your rescue before the police who are logistically challenged.

The wave of crimes has increased amidst the breakdown of cultural and moral values leaving the larger population vulnerable.

Back in the days, of prewar Liberia, each one would look out for the other-that was the value that held communities together. A shout of rogue, rogue in a house meant calling the community as a whole to your rescue—the case of Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott is an example of many.

Thieves were very discrete in their stealing in prewar Liberia not as is done in the broad day nowadays, most time getting away with impunity.

The country is also witnessing an increase in violence and thuggery not just against public officials, particularly those close to power but also against vulnerable members of our society-Interestingly most of these acts of violence take place in public glare.

Broad day robbery and attack on ordinary citizens by drug addicts commonly referred to here as "Zogoes" has become a regular daily feature here and no one dare intervene to rescue the victim.

All of these summed up the breakdown in social and cultural norms. What is more concerning now is that this gangsterism and thuggeries have permeated our schools and shamefully at the country's highest institution of learning.

Nearly a week ago, there was an attack on Mr. Alloysius Howe, a Special aid to Finance and Development Minister Samuel Tweah by some members of the University of Liberia campus-based Student Unification Party (SUP).

Howe was injured in the process and his vehicle was damaged. There was no condemnation from members of the opposition bloc. In fact, his attack was cheered in some quarters.

This was not the first attack on a public official: Former Minister of State Nathaniel F. McGill was attacked and forced off the UL main campus while on official duty by the same SUP members.

As if that was not enough, Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor was chased off campus, while launching a program at the same main campus on Capitol Hill.

Former Solicitor General Cllr, Saymah Cyrenus Cephus was also chased off campus, while visiting there weeks later. No punitive measure has been taken against these students and so they have made it a new normal.

On December 24, 2022, zogoes armed themselves with cutlasses and machetes and invaded the city's main market center where buyers and shoppers had gone to trade. Stores were shot as early as 3 pm on Christmas eve because of fear that these drug addicts who roam the streets would regroup and launch an attack after brave marketers foiled their first attack.

According to Urban Dictionary, a gangster paradise is a town where gang activity or other criminal activity is common and glorified by the locals.

When people celebrate the misery or misfortunes of others and justify that such attacks are necessary on individuals perceived to be corrupt or corrupt, it makes our county no different from a gangster paradise where crimes are committed with impunity.

Coolio would go on to say, "why are we so blind to see when the ones we hurt are you and me."



- I. GENERAL INFORMATION
- 1. SOLICITATION NO: VA-669-23-000005
- 2. ISSUANCE DATE: March 16, 2023
- 3. CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS: March 31, 2023, 11:59 PM Local Time, Monrovia, Liberia
- 4. POINT OF CONTACT: Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
- 5. POSITION TITLE: USAID Project Management Assistant (Health)
- 6. MARKET VALUE: USD \$27.502 \$44.008 FSN-09
 - 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.
- 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 incumbent is a member of USAID/Liberia's Health Team. Working across the office, s/he effectively responds to technical reporting requirements, assists with project monitoring, and conducts analysis of health data and statistics, including budget information. This position reports directly to the Health Team Leader or his/her designate.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

Provides program and administrative support in the management of USAID/Liberia's Health activities: 80%

- Supports the Health Project Management Specialist and USDH Health Team Leader in developing and monitoring activities, which address health issues; attends project committee meetings and makes oral and written presentations concerning data related to project monitoring.
- Supports the Health Office in all administrative functions including meeting and motor pool reservations and maintaining adequate office supplies.
- Prepares, finalizes and circulates for approval the full range of project implementation documents, including: action memos, statements of work, government cost estimates and other required documents/reports as directed by the USDH Health Team Leader and/or Deputy Team Leader; makes recommendations to the Project Management Specialists on resolution of complex questions that are addressed during USAID; implementing partner (IP) and host-government reviews of such documents; negotiates clearance of these documents through the appropriate USAID, IP and/or government channels, often in the absence of instructions or precedents.
- In collaboration with the Project Management Specialists and the USDH Health Team Leader, conducts periodic assessments of health activities by making site visits, collecting relevant data, monitoring progress of results identified, analyzing and interpreting findings and summarizing these findings in follow-up reports for use by technical staff in meetings with USAID, IP and Host Government Officials; must use own judgment to affirm the validity of information obtained, and the effectiveness of project operations; makes unofficial reports to supervisor of status of activities.
- Researches host-country sources to collect relevant data, studies or reports (e.g., Ministry
 of Health, Liberian Institute for Statistics and Geo Information Service (LISGIS),
 international donors and other sources); summarizes findings and drafts relevant
 documents, which consolidate all the information obtained; provides views concerning
 related issues.
- Collects, collates prepares and presents, in report or memo form with spreadsheets and charts, relevant data, as needed for meetings with other Mission staff, IP, host-country representatives, or bilateral and international donors, on issues dealing with health including: HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, family planning and reproductive health and infectious diseases to promote policy dialogue and/or change.
- Serves as activity manager and/or COR/AOR for research and monitoring activities including but not limited to piloting bed net distribution through schools and the PEPFAR civil society oversight award.

Follows administrative procedures to ensure implementation of time-sensitive activities: 20%

- Assists senior program staff in setting up meetings with host government counterparts, and in negotiating the clearance of project documents through host government channels.
- Tracks documents from Implementing Partners such as Proposals, Annual Work Plans, Quarterly Reports and Annual Reports, as well as USAID internal documents.
- Assists with the development of required reports for internal USAID purposes (e.g. operational plan, briefers, taskers, talking points) by compiling data relevant to health activities, and reporting on progress in achieving results and objectives.
- Develops familiarity with and maintains skills at using current USG and USAID System such as GLAAS, FACTS, OP data entry and entry of PMP requirements; ensuring population and health data are entered correctly.
- In collaboration with other Mission staff, collates information on the Health Team's activities for inclusion in the Operational Plan and ensures that the final reports are submitted to the Program Office in a timely manner.
- Maintains database on the health sector at the national, regional, and county levels, by obtaining related information from -host country stakeholders, IP bilateral and international donors; contact host country sources and other organizations to obtain current statistics in these areas; updates databases and inputs data for the Health Team's procurement plan.
 - Supervision controls: N/A
 - Supervisory Relationship: The Health Program Management Assistant is directly supervised by the U.S. Direct Hire Health Team Leader or the Deputy Team Leader.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- 1. **Education:** Minimum of bachelors degree in public health, sociology/social sciences, economics, business, accounting, or health related field is required.
- 2. **Prior Work Experience:** A minimum of three years in progressively responsible positions in the following technical areas: public health, including malaria, HIV/AIDS, family planning, reproductive health, infectious disease, or related field is required.
- 3. Work/Residency Permits: Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
- 4. Language Proficiency: Level IV, fluent written and oral proficiency in English is required.

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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 in 500 words or less why you think you would be the best candidate for this position and explain the skills that you will bring to the position.

FACTOR #2: Please describe in 300 words or less a complicated activity or project that you successfully executed. How did you do it? Why were you successful?

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 20 points Factor #2 20 points

Interview Performance 60 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-669-23-000005 – USAID Project Management Assistant (Health)

<u>LiberiaHR@usaid.gov.</u>

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.

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Corruption is Responsible" WESTNA signed 15-year logging

--Gongloe Decries

By: Joseph Titus Yekeryan

iberia's Presidential aspirant Cllr. Tiawan ■Gongloe has attributed the

lipped on prosecuting people groups. caught in the web of the act.

further wasted taxes or money



underdevelopment of the country to the growing wave of corruption that has eaten the fabric of the state.

Gongloe said past and current leaders of the country have failed to see corruption as a major enemy of the state and are tight-

intended for the development of Liberia.

The former Bar Association President said corruption has led to tax evasion, poor tax administration and exemptions that have disproportionately favored the well-connected and wealthy population

"Corruption reduces the Gongloe told our Bong infrastructure of a company as County Correspondent during well as the effectiveness of an interview that corruption public investments. Sometimes has eroded the trust Liberia when I sit and think about how had in the public sector and has Liberia is under this government and other past governments, I feel so bad that a country I love so dearly will be ruined by corruption despite the amount of resources we have as a state" Gongloe adds.

> He said corruption in Liberia has further contributed to the level of poverty in the country; thus, leaving the nation and its people with untold suffering.

> "The relationship between the act of corruption and the state of poverty is numerous and common. In the public sector for example, corruption discourages growth and deepens poverty, weakening institution and even break it down."

However, he said when elected, he will curtail the menace and ensure economic stability for all Liberians despite their religious and political affiliations.

He stated that when given the mandate by the Liberian

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agreement in Maryland

WESTNAF has Signed a 15-year Logging Contract agreement with Karluway District#1 Community Forest Management team in Karloken, Maryland County.

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The 15-year logging agreement between the people of Karluway District Community Forest Management body (CFMB) and WESTNAF group of company was signed on Saturday, March 11, 2023 in Karloken school hall Maryland County electoral district#3 and it has brought together Maryland County

group under the banner roads from Gbawanken to Gbeaken, Konoso to, Gbalaken and Wlopluken aas well as from Wutuken to pougbaken. The roads connection will also extend between Wutuken to Tayetowayso respectively.

She maintained that the company will pay 2.00 USD per cubic meter of wood and they will provide USD \$ 5500 for Human Resource Development funds annually.

The company will also provide \$ 40.000 for middle management jobs for residents including the construction of clinic, construction of a wood mill or sawmill for jobs



S. Ambassador frowns on diaspora Liberians By Bridgett Milton nited States

Ambassador to Liberia Michael A. McCarthy has frowned on some Liberians in the U.S. and other countries for disseminating rumors or misinformation into Liberia's political environment from the safety of their studio and offices in the diaspora.

Amb. McCarthy expressed the concern while speaking at a press roundtable with Global Anti-corruption Coordinator Richard Nephew and USAID Anti-corruption Task Force Executive Director Shannon Green Tuesday, 14 March 2023 in Monrovia.

Amb. McCarthy said these Liberians in the U.S. are motivated by disruption and desire to break down trust in Liberian institutions without caring what damage they cause.

He added when questioned by law enforcement, they do not have evidence to back up their claims.

"Unfortunately, they take advantage of America's First Amendment rights to spread rumors and stir up trouble in your country which is despicable behaviour," Amb. McCarthy warned.

He said while responsible critical observation from the

Liberian diaspora can be healthy, some cowardly media McCarthy has lauded the personalities and political Government of Liberia for personalities have intentionally progress made in the fight disseminated rumors or against Female Genital misinformation into Liberia's Mutilation (FGM). political environment.

their U.S.-funded media I still wanted to congratulate training and their messaging to the Weah administration, the press, they spent a lot of traditional leaders, the time emphasizing responsible religious leaders, the women journalism and that with support groups, UN Women, freedom of expression comes and UNDP for going far beyond an obligation to verify facts and lip service to taking not inflame passions without coordinated action to preserve

At the same time, Amb.

"I was not here for McCarthy added that in both International Women's Day, but

US Ambassador Michael A. McCarthy

first doing due diligence.

"Today I am ashamed to tell scourge of FGM," he noted. you that the most irresponsible controversies to emerge in Liberia media over the past month have originated from the United States," McCarthy said.

the Sande while fighting the

He said the UN through its Women's Goodwill Ambassador Jaha Dukure, believes that the

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Superintendent George A. Prowd, Representative from the office of district#3 Representative Isaac Roland Blalu, Senator J. Gbleh-Bo Brown, management of WESTNAF group of Company, Local authorities of Karluway District include youths, women among others.

During the signing ceremony, residents of the district lauded the local authorities including the management of WESTNAF group of company and provided kola nuts as a way of giving legal rights to WESTNAF Liberia to operate in the district for the period of 15-years.

Ms. Georgia Owen, Manager of the WESTNAF Group of companies thanked local authorities and residents in the area for the deal.

She disclosed that the 15-year logging contract agreement has numerous benefits for Marylanders especially residence of Karluway District.

According to her, the company is to provide 15 Hand Pumps for affected communities within the first (5) five years, Rehabilitate

opportunities.

The WESTNAF General Manager told team of reporters that her company stance by the agreement and will do all in their powers to upgrade the livelihood of residents within Karluway and Maryland County at-large.

Manager Georgia Owen pointed out that they have been working within Maryland County for years and their working relationship with the people of in the county has been good including the receptions.

Madam Owen, "Let me say to you people today, we are happy following the signing of this contract because our company will stand by this agreement in doing everything possible to improve the living conditions of residents within Karluway and Maryland County atlarge" she lamented.

On Saturday, February 17, 2023, WESTNAF Liberia gathered in Karloken along with residents to sign similar contract but was rejected by the residents for what they referred to as the need for more understanding of the contract.



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Des affrontements entre les supporters d'Acarous **Gray et les membres de SUP font plusieurs blessés**

lundi aux partisans du

es membres du l'université il y a quelques jours, Vanguard Student à la suite de l'agression de M. Unification Party Aloysius Howe, un assistant (SUP) de l'Université du spécial du ministre des Finances Libéria, une organisation et de la Planification du estudiantine, se sont heurtés développement, Samuel Tweah.

L'attaque de M. Howe était la représentant Acarous Moses sixième d'une série d'attaques Gray du district n° 8 du dont les hauts cadres de l'Etat comté de Montserrado, alors sont la cible. Les étudiants qu'ils tentaient d'expulser avaient chassé l'ancien ministre

Taylor en la chassant du campus après qu'elle y soit allée pour lancer un programme. Des semaines plus tard, ils ont honteusement chassé l'ancien solliciteur général Saymah Cyrenius Cephus. Howe, la dernière victime, a été blessée et son véhicule endommagé au.

Les étudiants ont fait du campus principal de l'Université une zone interdite aux membres de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) et à tous ceux qui sont proches du régime.

L'affrontement sanglant est survenu lundi lorsque le représentant Gray et son groupe de supporters se sont rendus sur le campus pour y avoir un déjeuner. L'affrontement a fait plusieurs blessés parmi les étudiants.

Il y a eu des jets de pierres et d'autres gourdins. Les militants du SUP furent les premiers à lapider les supporters du représentant Gray. Ces derniers, sans se faire prier, ont aussitôt riposté avec tant énergie au point de souper l'autre camp à prendre la fuite. Il y a eu plusieurs blessés.

Mais pendant que Gray et ses partisans célébraient leur victoire, le représentant du district électoral n ° 10 du

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ce dernier du campus de d'État aux Affaires présidentielles Capital Hill.

Les étudiants membres du SUP ont ces derniers mois eu personnalités qui sont une fonction officielle. étroitement proches du régime de George Weah.

l'Université du Liberia, à Nathaniel F. McGill hors du campus lors d'une visite officielle là-bas. Ils ont également chassé le ministre des Finances Tweah l'habitude d'attaquer les qui s'y était également rendu pour

Ayant fait l'objet d'aucune suspension ou sanction de la part Le représentant Gray des autorités universitaires, les avait annoncé qu'il aurait un étudiants ont aussi attaqué la déjeuner sur le campus de vice-présidente Jewel Howard

La commission électorale va commencer la première phase de l'enrôlement biométrique des électeurs Elle a fait savoir qu'une d'enrôlement des électeurs

omme prévu, la (BVR) dans les comtés de se tiendra du 13 au 17 mars. Grand Bassa, Gbarpolu, affirmé que les différents centres CONT'D ON PAGE 9 Margibi et Montsurrado. La première phase se déroulera du 20 mars au 9 avril.

Animant un point de presse vendredi, Mme Davidetta Browne Lansanah, présidente de la NEC, a révélé que la commission a fait des progrès pour ce qui concerne les préparatifs relatifs au début de l'opération d'enrôlement des électeurs. Elle a fait état de l'arrivée du premier lot de matériel pour les ateliers de formation des formateurs, des magistrats électoraux, des magistrats adjoints, des agents de logistique des comtés et d'autres membres

du personnel du siège.

C o m m i s s i o n formation de 5 jours pour les dans les six comtés de la phase ∕électorale superviseurs électoraux a 1 ont été publiés nationale (NEC) procédera à commencé le 8 mars et que la conformément à l'article 3.2 la première phase de formation de 3 195 membres l'opération d'enrôlement d'agents d'enrôlement biométrique des électeurs biométrique des électeurs (BVR)

Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, La présidente de la NEC a

de la nouvelle loi électorale.

Selon Mme Browne Lansanah, il y a eu plusieurs démonstrations simulées avec



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 ouï-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 ouï-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.

F'rançais

partisans mélangés à des jeunes de la rue, ont fait leur rentrée dans le campus. ont soudainement quitté le campus pour éviter de nouveaux affrontements.

Yekeh Kolubah et ses partisans étaient venus au campus pour, disent-ils, apporter un soutien aux membres du SUP qui étaient en infériorité numérique et avaient été maîtrisés par les gens fidèles au représentant Gray.

M. Kolubah est un ardent dénonce sans ambages les tars qui minent régime

Yekeh Kolubah, et ses gouvernance, la corruption, l'insécurité et le manque de justice.

Au cours de l'affrontement, Le Alors Gray et ses partisans représentant Kolubah a réussi à attraper un partisan du représentant Gray qui répondrait au nom d'Ansu Sirleaf. Ils l'ont Le législateur opposant sauvagement battu, laissant des ecchymoses partout sur son corps.

> Les activités académiques et administratives normales ont été perturbées. L'administration de l'Université a dû suspendre tous les cours et les activités académiques en attendant de mener une enquête enfin de situer les responsabilités.

L'Université a dit avoir pris critique du régime du CDC et cette décision en vue d'assurer la sécurité des étudiants, des professeurs et du personnel de l'université.

Des affrontements entre les supporters <u>Le Libéria honore le directeur national</u> sortant de la Banque mondiale



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e gouvernement libérien a rendu hommage au directeur national sortant de la Banque mondiale, le Dr Khwima Nthara, sous le mandat duquel le soutien de la Banque aux secteurs clés a considérablement augmenté.

La grande cérémonie d'honneur a eu lieu le jeudi 9 mars 2023 au complexe ministériel Ellen Johnson Sirleaf à Congo Town. Au cours du programme, le Dr Nthara a dit que toutes les réalisations mises en évidence pendant son séjour au Libéria sont le fruit de la collaboration du travail d'équipe des collègues de la Banque mondiale, des responsables gouvernementaux et d'autres partenaires au développement. "Monsieur le Président, (s'adressant au président George Manneh Weah), aujourd'hui est en effet mon dernier jour au Libéria, après 3 ans et 7 mois. Ce fut une expérience tellement enrichissante, et ce fut un grand plaisir et un honneur d'avoir été au service de ce pays très spécial », a déclaré le Dr Nthara.

Le représentant de la Banque mondiale a expliqué que : « si beaucoup de gens m'ont envié pour avoir été affecté dans ce

pays aussi unique, certains se sont apitoyés sur mon sort parce que la situation macroéconomique du pays était mauvaise à l'époque ». « Je me souviens que certains ont

même dit que j'étais tombé

amoureux d'un calice empoisonné, d'un cas désespéré. Mais je dois dire que dès que je suis arrivé et que j'ai eu ma première interaction avec vous, Monsieur le Président, le ministre des Finances, l'honorable Samuel D. Tweah Jr, et d'autres membres clés de votre administration, j'étais tellement énergique et inspiré », a déclaré le Dr Nthara. Il s'est dit encouragé par la clarté

de la vision du gouvernement et l'engagement dont il a fait preuve pour changer les choses. « En effet, peu de temps après »,

a-t-il dit, « le gouvernement a tenu parole et a présidé une retraite entre la Banque mondiale et le Cabinet, le dimanche 15 décembre 2019, sous le thème « Maximiser le soutien du Groupe de la Banque mondiale au Libéria ».

« Cette retraite, votre excellence, a préparé le terrain pour ce qui a été un partenariat vraiment enrichissant et productif entre la Banque mondiale et le Libéria. Les résultats de ce partenariat sont là, le gouvernement a changé la situation macroéconomique l'inflation est passé d'environ 37 % en 2019 à un chiffre », a-t-il dit.

du Liberia, les partis politiques et la société civile.

20 hommes du groupe LAXTON, dirigée par Daniel actuellement dans le pays pour former les agents de la NEC, pour la logistique et les préparatifs pour l'arrivée de l'équipement et d'autres à la désinformation. matériels et la mise en place

l'Association des marchands du serveur dans le centre de données de la NEC.

Elle a fait observer qu'une campagne de sensibilisation est Elle a également dit actuellement en cours dans les six qu'une équipe technique de comtés de la phase un depuis le 24 février.

Pour assurer la réussite de Engelbrecht, est l'opération d'enrôlement et éviter les déraillements, la présidente de la NEC a exhorté toutes les parties prenantes à jouer leur rôle de manière efficace et à renoncer

Blinken, en Ethiopie, Faits saillants Importance de l'accord de paix au Tigré

U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken met with Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen on

DDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA in Ethiopia at, I think, a very important moment, a moment of hope given the peace in the north that is taking hold and that continues to move forward," he



Wednesday as part of his oneday working visit to the country.

During brief remarks made at the start of their official meeting, Blinken sounded optimistic about the November peace deal signed between the Ethiopian federal government and Tigrayan forces.

"It's very, very good to be back in Africa, especially to be

"There's a lot to be done, but the most important thing is to continue to deepen the peace that is now taking hold in the north," he added.

The meeting was attended by other high-level officials, including U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia Tracey Ann Jacobson and Ethiopian Ambassador to the U.S. Seleshi Beleke.

En Côte d'Ivoire, fin de l'exercice militaire Flintlock 2023 pour la lutte antiterroriste

endant deux semaines, 1300 soldats provenant de 29 pays étaient en formation au Ghana et en Côte d'Ivoire pour mieux lutter contre la menace terroriste. Cette formation était notamment organisée par l'opération spéciale de l'US Africa Command.

Deux groupes armés se sont donné rendez-vous dans un bâtiment abandonné au milieu de la forêt. Au bout de quelques instants, des forces armées apparaissent et pénètrent discrètement dans ce bâtiment. Leur objectif : capturer des cibles considérées comme étant de « haute valeur », sans les tuer. Le tout, dans un environnement hostile. Major Nick, supervise cet entraînement.

« Lorsque vous entrez pour la première fois dans une maison, vous ignorez comment elle est disposée à l'intérieur. Et les choses changent en permanence, parce que les individus bougent. Il y a beaucoup d'obstacles : des tables, des chaises, des lits... ce sont aussi de potentielles cachettes.

Pendant deux semaines, les militaires se sont notamment entrainés à collecter et à analyser des informations. Cet exercice est



organisé de manière régulière depuis 2005. Pour le chef d'état-major des armées de Côte d'Ivoire, le général Lassina Doumbia, cela permet de s'adapter à la menace des groupes armés terroristes.

« Ça nous permet d'anticiper sur la mutation de la menace. Les groupes armés terroristes évoluent dans leurs méthodes, il nous faut donc avoir en permanence des capacités mises à jour. Et pour le faire, c'est le partage d'expérience, de savoir-faire avec d'autres unités, qui permettent à nos unités spécialisées d'être à jour. »

Au-delà des techniques pour lutter contre les menaces, l'enjeu est aussi de « protéger les civils », souligne Jessica Davis Ba, l'ambassadrice des États-Unis en Côte d'Ivoire, à l'issue de cette formation.



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Our Client - the Liberian Bank for Development & Investment (LBDI) is seeking a qualified, experienced and competent individual with impeccable character and integrity to fill the vacant position of **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**.

Personnel Grade : Executive Officer

Terms of reference - Chief Financial Officer

The Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer is a member of the Executive Management of the Bank. The Comptroller administers the affairs of
several departments covering Finance, Treasury, Accounting and Reconciliation. The Comptroller and CFO also is the principal executive officer
looking after strategic matters in relations to financial reporting, financial management, profitability and liquidity management.

Education & Experience: -

- Must have a Professional Accounting Qualification and be a member of a recognized Accountancy Body (CPA, ACCA, CA, or ACCA);
- Must have a Master's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Banking, Management, or any related Business Management Field;
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business related field;
- Must have proven knowledge of IAS, IFRS reporting standards/regulations and its implications and ramifications for the Banking Industry;
- Must ensure that Financial Reporting meets credible highest standards in Liberia. This Should be supported by certification and proven records with at least three Institutions;
- A minimum of 3 (Three) or 4 (Four) years of experience in Senior/Executive position in a reputable institution;
- Must be fluent in English;
- Must have experience in working with Development Banks in Africa and be knowledgeable of the Association of African Development Finance Institutions Framework;
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- Have Knowledge of Basic Microsoft Soft Applications.

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He or She Shall:

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- Provide a complete record of all assets and liabilities of the Bank periodically;
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- banking Knowledge system and other Oracle applications is an added advantage;
- Be the custodian of all of the banks fixed and moveable properties;
- Be the principal officer of reference for interaction with correspondent banks and jointly manage the client banking relationships with the General Manager and Deputy CEO;
- Be responsible for the preparation of the financial plans for the business year and the relevant financial forecast required to adjust the plans from time to time;
- Be the principal officer in charge of structured trade finance and investment banking relationships with clients, multilaterals and other
 parties as may be applicable;
- Be responsible for report on the key performance and financial indicators of the bank and its component departments and branches;
- Be responsible for the disbursement of loans and advances having been satisfactorily concluded by the credit department;
- Be a principal signatory of the bank to all documents, agreements, commitments, loans and other undertakings as may be applicable in conformity with the banks corporate governance documentation and shall be executed in conjunction with the President and CEO or the General Manager and Deputy CEO;
- Work with the Board and other Members of Executive Management to raise appropriate resources from domestic and foreign sources to ensure the smooth operations of the bank in terms of liquidity and profitability;
- Be responsible to ensure timely repayments on all borrowings by the bank from domestic and foreign sources; and
- Perform such other duties as may be described by the Board of Directors;

The successful candidate must be willing to work with other members of the management team (CEO/GM/CS) to improve the key performance indicators of the bank which include:

- Ø Timely and successful implementation of the bank's strategic plan;
- \emptyset Timely and successful achievement of the financial plans and forecast for the year;
- \emptyset Year-on-year increase in shareholder value;
- Ø The number of non-compliant cases raised by regulatory bodies;
 Ø Accuracy and timeliness in management information system reports;
- Ø Timely reportage to the Board of Directors;
- Ø Increase in the level of internal and external customer satisfaction levels;
- Ø Increased diversification of the number and spread of funding sources;
- Ø Increase he Bank's Position in the Banking Industry comparatively year on year; and
- Ø Reduction in the number of legal cases where the bank is defendant;

PERSONAL QUALITIES FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Male or Female who is a "self-starter", "take-charge-person" and understands the necessity of meeting up with regular time schedules for providing company reports.

Address and Submit Application (Covering Letter, Curriculum Vitae, Academic Credentials, 3 Letters of Recommendations) to:

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Deadline for submission is now extended to: 5:00 PM, Friday March 24, 2023

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"Corruption is Responsible"

people, he will strengthen regimes to prevent corruption, bring corrupt actors to justice and enhance international cooperation and partnerships.

"We will also make sure and expose corrupt activities and risks that may otherwise remain hidden. We will keep the public sector honest, transparent, and accountable."

According to him, salaries of his

cabinet members will be disclosed to the public to enable the people hold his government accountable.

Cllr. Gongloe stated that he would

also ensure public officials accused of corruption be tried and if guilty, they face the full brunt of the law.

According to the World Bank, CPIA transparency, accountability, and corruption in the public sector rating (1=low to 6=high) in Liberia was reported at 2.5 in 2021, according to the World Bank collection of development indicators, compiled from officially recognized sources.

Also on Transparency International's 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index, Liberia scored 26 on a scale from 0 ("highly corrupt") to 100 ("very clean"). When ranked by score, Liberia ranked 142nd among the 180 countries in the Index, where the country ranked first is perceived to have the most honest public sector.

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U.S. Ambassador frowns

practice of FGM in Liberia may be eliminated, but underscored the need for more political will.

The U.S. Envoy said as the Liberian public is well aware, the U.S. government is deeply concerned with corruption globally and especially here in Liberia.

He said Liberia does not have an invasion of locusts, and it has been blessed with a bounty of resources. But Ambn. McCarthy noted that there is only a man-made plague that holds back Liberia today and that plague is corruption.

"Corruption has been a part of Liberian society for over 200 years, like FGM or the tradition of binding feet in China's history," he said.

Amb. McCarthy stated that once corruption is a fully established way of doing business, it is very difficult to remove.

Meanwhile, Amb. McCarthy has unconditionally condemned the violence that occurred on the University of Liberia campus.

He said politicians, student groups, and citizens across the country should know that violence of any kind has no place in a democratic society but will only take this country backward.

Making remarks Global Anti-Corruption Coordinator Richard Nephew and USAID's Anti-Corruption Task Force Executive Director Shannon Green, emphasized that, in Liberia, the US Government wants to see more vigorous actions in the anti-corruption fight.

They said it is not the expectation of the US Government that every nation is going to be free of corruption, but that actions are taken whenever allegations of corruption are made against some citizens.

Red Cross Lauches Saving Lives, Livelihood Project

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

The Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) and it's implementing partners, the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) have launched the

Saving Lives and Livelihoods Project.

Adolphus T. Clarke, Expanded Program Manager on Immunization at MOH, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 officiated the launch of Saving Lives and Livelihood (SLL), Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) projects aimed at accelerating vaccination acceptance throughout the

country. The event took place in the Compound of LNRCS on Lynch Street, Monrovia.

The SLL-RCCE Project will effectively engage communities in four counties namely: Grand Gedeh, Gbarpolu, Bomi, and Cape Mount counties to achieve the quest of high vaccination demand across the Country.

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In his address, Mr. Clarke said the 12-Month Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

intervention project will help in

accelerating Covid-19 vaccination here

to enable the country to reach its target of vaccinating 90 percent of its population.

He said COVID-19 has proved to everyone that partnerships are important, and no country can work in silos in situations of the pandemic,



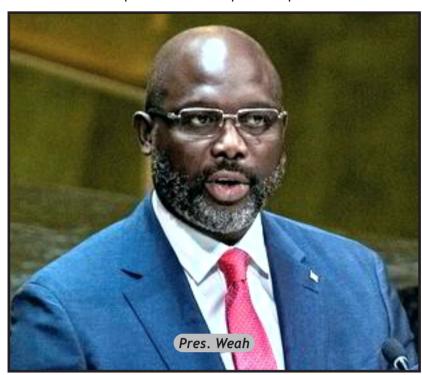
epidemic and other related outbreaks that threaten livelihoods' He stressed that the project is in support of the Government efforts to increase COVID-19 vaccine demands, reduce hesitancy, and enhance uptake in Liberia.

According to him, the Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS), through the Ministry of Health (MOH), is implementing Component 4 of multi stakeholders country strategy Plan, which focuses on reducing vaccine hesitance and ensuring high vaccine demand in Liberia.

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contest elective positions in expense of public resources.

he President George fiduciary duty of trust, integrity assistant managing director of Manneh Weah has and loyalty owed by public corporation owned by the mandated all officials to the people from Government of Liberia, any appointed officials of their personal desires to commissioner, deputy and government aspiring to contest elections at the assistant commissioner of any



the impending October 10, Legislative Elections to resign on or before April 7, 2023.

The President's order 14, 2023, is consistent with amended Sections 5.2 and 10.2 of the 2014 Code of December 29, 2022.

Conduct is to dissociate the deputy managing director,

Reminding appointed public 2023, Presidential and officials, the President's executive order states: "The Act provides that all officials appointed by the President contained in Executive Order including all cabinet ministers, #117 issued Tuesday, March deputy and assistant cabinet ministers, ambassadors, ministers consuls, superintendents of counties Conduct enacted, approved and other Government and printed in handbills on officials, both military and civilian, appointed by the President Weah President pursuant to Article acknowledged that the 56(a) of the 1986 Constitution, objectives of the Code of and any managing director,

commission established by the Legislature, and any official of the Government who negotiates and executes contracts, procures goods and services, and/or manages assets for and on behalf of the Government of Liberia, who desires to canvass or contest for an elective public office within the Government of Liberia shall resign his or her position one (1) year before the date on which the election for the post for which he/she intends to contest."

The Liberian Chief Executive, however, acknowledged that with about seven months to the conduct of elections on October 10, 2023, the amended Act can't prevent public officials from contesting in said elections.

According to him, the government still has compelling interest to create what he calls "a level plain political field to prevent Liberia's competitive politics from unfair and undue advantages."

The Constitution vests the President Executive Power to issue Executive Orders in the public interest, either to meet an emergency or to correct situations that can't wait the lengthy legislative process.

'm Liberian citizen by heart, Indian by Passport'

businessman and philanthropist Mr. Upjit Singh Sachdeva (Mr. Jeety) says he is a Liberian citizen by heart, and an Indian by Passport.

Delivering the keynote address Wednesday, 15 March 2023 during celebration of the 214th birth anniversary Liberia's first President Joseph Jenkins Roberts, Mr. Jeety said he has lived in Liberia for more than 30 years, nearly all of his adult life.

"I always say, and I will requote: I am a Liberian citizen by heart, and Indian by passport," Mr. Jeety said during the program held at the First United Methodist Church on Ashmum Street in Monrovia.

Organized by the J.J. Roberts Educational Foundation, late former President Robert's 214th birth anniversary was observed under the theme: "Preparing A Generation Of Innovative And

enowned Indian technology to access, analyse, and communicate information.

He added that this also involves solving problems, creating new ideas, and collaborating with others.

"These skills are becoming increasingly important in today's economy, where many jobs require a high level of technological proficiency," said Mr. Jeety.

He continued that such investment would enable a future generation of Liberians to become innovative in helping address some of the country's most pressing challenges.

The Jeety Trading Chief Executive Officer believes that the next job-creating discoveries can come from Liberia when the investment in digital education is made.

"That's the future every one of you administrators needs to imagine and hope for -- while



Policewoman breaks digital barrier with new **Crime Statistics and Information System**

has been recording and ...", she said. compiling investigation returning them to her to make corrections and amendments. In retrospect, it was a long, arduous process.

However, today she is one of the Liberia Police digital trail blazers thanks to an online Crime Statistics Information System (CSIS), developed with support from UNDP. When the system was rolled out in January 2021, she was the only woman among five men selected to pioneer the use of the system in Montserrado County, the seat of the capital city Monrovia.

"Being able to use this technology has put us at par with our male colleagues. One came to me just the

investigator and statistician, there is nothing to worry about officer Zotaa said.

reports and crime statistics difference digitalization has their photos and other from her area of jurisdiction made to her work. The CSIS particulars of the crime on paper before dispatching system had two components - a including GPS locations even them manually to her smart phone or tablet and an before they make an arrest. superiors, who would in turn online portal which aggregates Previously they had to wait

olice officer other day asking how I managed into the tablet as crime reports Carmenia Zotaa has to learn to use the system. This come in and before I know it worked manually in makes me feel very the work of reporting is over, all her professional life. The accomplished ... that I can and I no longer have to struggle officer who doubles up as an reassure my male colleagues with bad handwritten reports,"

She said she directly inputs She expressed the alleged criminals' biodata, take weeks to review before and analyzes crime until a matter is heard and



information, easily generating concluded in court, which reports for decision-makers in often takes years, before the LNP.

"Now I input information on crimes committed.

submitting their final reports

Creative Young Minds; A Panacea To Accelerating Future Growth And Development."

Mr. Jeety said as a father of Liberian children, he has a duty and obligation to speak the truth where it belongs.

He said this is necessary so that the next generation is given the education needed to survive in the rest of the 21st Century.

According to Mr. Jeety, most jobs that have driven rapid economic developments in the past are disappearing and the jobs of the future are becoming more technology intensive.

As such, Mr. Jeety suggested that preparing a generation of innovative Liberians to accelerate future growth and development requires the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Foundation to invest in digital education initiatives.

He stated that this is achievable if the Foundation constructs at least one or two digital labs across the fifteen political subdivisions of the country.

The former Indian Honorary Consul General to Liberia

explained that the term digital

skills refer to the ability to use

digital labs absolutely important," he said. "I wish that the Board of

making investing in creating

Trustees of the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Foundation can kick start the project in Weala Margibi County. I am ready to provide the computers and internet service in that regard. I look forward to such a proposal," he stated.

Mr. Jeety noted that the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Foundation should not turn a blind eye to this issue, urging it to pull all resources internally and externally to address the country's growing digital divide for the future of Liberia.

He said the Foundation cannot afford to continue with the old ways of doing things by just giving scholarships without investing in digital education.

Without digital skills, he warned that more generations of Liberians would be left behind and unable to participate in the digital world which in turn would limit their opportunities for employment and economic growth.



NEC introduces Personal Data Entry Portal

Elections registration centers. Commission (NEC) has introduced for the first submits his/her personal implementation. time an optional Personal information online, they information online before The NEC voter

he National registrants at voter

Chairperson Browne-Lansanah emphasized that the BVR Software "After a registrant has been tested and is ready for

Speaking at the headquarters Data Entry Portal, which must go to the nearest of the Commission on 9th Street, would enable Liberians to voter registration center in Sinkor, she also disclosed that submit their personal to complete registration. materials for centralized infrastructure (AFIS, ABIS, and going to voter registration Registration workers will Voter Management System Servers) have arrived in the country.

> The Chairperson has been touring the 15 counties, meeting with local authorities, women, youths, people with disabilities, religious leaders, and joint security to solicit their support for the BVR process.

> NEC has accredited 400 CSOs, CBOs, and FBOs to assist the NEC rollout nationwide Civic Voter Education campaigns, she disclosed.

> Meanwhile, NEC has extended the deadline for all national, international, and media organizations to apply for accreditation to observe the 2023 Biometric Voter Registration Exercise to 17 March.

NEC will proceed as planned to Announcing this Friday capture thumbprints at commence the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise in the Phase One counties of Bomi, Grand Biometric Voter Registration Chairperson Lansanah Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Gbarpolu, Margibi, and Eligible voters can visit Montsurrado from 20 March to 9



centers to register.

during the Bi-monthly the registration center. Stakeholders briefing on the This process is optional," (BVR) Exercise, Chairperson explained. Davidetta Browne Lansanah said the portal would reduce reg.necliberia.org to start April. processing time of their data entry.

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