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# Continental News

## Uganda waters down anti-gay law

Uganda's parliament has watered down an anti-homosexuality bill that originally criminalised people

to fear of more attacks on gay people. "There is a lot of blackmail. People are receiving calls that 'if you don't give me money, I will report that you are

watered down since its first appearance last month, it is still one of the toughest pieces of anti-gay legislation on the continent. Landlords who knowingly rent premises for homosexual acts risk going to prison for seven years.

The bill still prescribes the death penalty for what it calls aggravated offences - such as child abuse.

And public will also be required to report to the authorities any form of homosexual abuse against children or other vulnerable people.

The bill was passed with an overwhelming majority, with only one MP opposing it. The next step will be for the president to sign it into law. The draft law has been widely condemned by international human rights groups. A similar law was struck down by Uganda's constitutional court in 2014. Last week, a report found that the UK, EU members and the US had given at least \$75m (£60m) in funding to anti-LGBTQ+ groups in Uganda.

"Several of these projects are unexpectedly coded as support for women's rights and say they are focused on gender equality," said researchers for the the Institute for Journalism and Social Change. BBC



Under the previous bill people who identified as gay in Uganda risked life in prison

for simply identifying as LGBTQ+.

When it was first approved in March, the proposed legislation outraged human rights defenders.

Members of the public were going to have to report individuals in same-sex relationships to the authorities.

An activist told the BBC the debate around the bill had led

gay'," they said at the time. Later on, the bill was returned to parliament after President Yoweri Museveni suggested changes. He said the clause penalising people who identify as gay would have led to the prosecution of people simply for their physical appearance.

Same-sex acts have long been illegal in Uganda as a legacy of colonial rule. Even though this latest version of the bill has been

## Somali Army Kills 67 al-Shabab Militants, Seizes Explosives

Somalia's army said it has killed 67 al-Shabab militants and seized large amounts of explosives in an operation in the north-central Mudug region. Brigadier General Mohamed Tahlil Bihi told reporters Tuesday the military was acting on intelligence about movements of the al-Shabab group.

Bihi said the operation in the Harardhere district of central Mudug region took place at around 1 a.m. when 120 jerrycans containing improvised explosive devices were offloaded from a boat and carried in a vehicle that was guided by 69 militants. Bihi said Somalia's National Army fired rocket-propelled grenades at the vehicle and destroyed it. He said only two militants were captured alive.

VOA could not independently verify the army's casualty figures.

Somalia's army has been conducting joint offensives with local militias against the

Islamist militants since last July as part of an all-out war against the group.

In a town hall meeting Monday night, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud declared that al-Shabab would be eliminated by the end of the year. Mohamud said the second phase of the operation would soon begin in

Somalia's South West State and in the Jubaland region.

Somalia is also depending on troops from Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya after the neighboring countries in January agreed to jointly launch military operations against al-Shabab strongholds. VOA



Armed al-Shabab fighters ride on pickup trucks as they prepare to travel into the city

## Sudan faces catastrophe as 100,000 flee war - UN

More than 100,000 people have fled Sudan since heavy fighting broke out between rival forces on 15 April, the UN has said.

Officials warned of a "full-blown catastrophe" if fighting does not end. A further 334,000 people have been displaced within Sudan.

Fighting is continuing in the capital, Khartoum, between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), despite a ceasefire due to be in force. Diplomatic efforts are being stepped up to try and get the warring parties to the negotiating table.

On Tuesday, South Sudan's foreign ministry said the army and RSF had agreed "in principle" to a new seven-day truce from 4 May, and had promised to send representatives to talks. Its statement came a day after the UN special envoy to

the 100,000 total included people from Sudan, South Sudanese citizens returning home, and people who were already refugees within Sudan fleeing the fighting.

Refugees have also been fleeing over Sudan's border with Egypt in the north and Chad in the west.

Most European states have completed the evacuation of their nationals, but Russia said on Tuesday that it was sending four military planes to fly out more than 200 people - including its nationals and those from "friendly countries" - from Sudan.

In Khartoum, food, water and electricity are running out, but desperately needed aid supplies - shipped by the UN into Port Sudan - are being warehoused because of the violence. Meanwhile, widespread looting means there is no safe way to deliver them.

World Health Organization (WHO) regional director Ahmed al-Mandhari said that health facilities have come under attack in Khartoum, and some are being used as military bases. "Up to now there



The latest fighting has worsened the humanitarian crisis in Sudan

Sudan, Volker Perthes, told the AP news agency that the two sides had agreed to negotiate a "stable and reliable" ceasefire. Saudi Arabia was a potential venue for the talks, he added. If talks take place, it would be the first meeting between the two sides since the conflict started. More than 500 people have been killed and more than 4,000 have been wounded in the fighting, according to Sudan's health ministry.

A series of temporary ceasefires have failed to hold, with the military continuing to pound Khartoum with air strikes in a bid to weaken the RSF. The paramilitary group said it shot down a MiG fighter jet over the city, but there is no independent confirmation of the claim. Heaving fighting has also taken place in Darfur in western Sudan.

UN refugee agency spokeswoman Olga Sarrado told reporters in Geneva that

were around 26 reported attacks on healthcare facilities. Some of these attacks resulted in the death of healthcare workers and civilians in these hospitals," he told the BBC. "Also you know some of these hospitals are used as military bases and they have thrown the staff, they have thrown patients out of these healthcare facilities," he added.

On Monday, the UN's Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Abdou Dieng, said that more than two weeks of devastating fighting risked turning the country's humanitarian crisis into a "full blown catastrophe".

"Even before the current crisis, one-third of Sudan's population, nearly 16 million people, already needed humanitarian aid. Some 3.7 million people were already internally displaced, mostly in Darfur," he said. "Also you know some of these hospitals are used as military bases and they have thrown the staff, they have thrown patients out of these healthcare facilities," he added.

# EDITORIAL

## No Liberians should die because of voter trucking

**RECENT NEWS** that three Liberians died and 12 others left hospitalized recently following a motor accident near Yao - Lepulah Town, in Nimba County while they were being trucked from Ganta towards Buu-Yao electoral district#5 to participate in the biometric voter registration is unfortunate. No Liberian has to die just to please a politician's quest for power.

**THE VICTIM** reportedly included a pregnant woman and 58-year-old Beatrice Glanma, identified as sister of a representative aspirant, James G.K. Sumah, who was allegedly trucking some eligible voters to have them registered.

**ACCORDING TO** report, since the BVR process kicked off in Nimba, representative aspirants, including those seeking re-election have been allegedly trucking people from one county to another, including from Ganta to Grand Gedeh and Grand Kru County in the southeast, while some leave from Ganta to Bong County, and from Monrovia to Ganta, respectively, among others.

**THE NEW DAWN** gathered that this act is taking place in all nine electoral districts of Nimba and elsewhere across the country in flagrant violation of the electoral law.

**SOME OF** the people being trucked are offered an initial amount of US\$50 each to go get registered and then wait until after casting the vote on polling day on October 10, to receive the balance US\$50 each.

**THIS PRACTICE** in our electoral process needs serious intervention to put an end to it or else, more lives could get lost before actual voting day, as poverty-stricken citizens in desperation are lured by selfish politicians.

**THE NATIONAL** Elections Commission under the chairmanship of Madam Davidetta Browne Lansanah has persistently warned that voters-trucking is a violation of the Constitution and the elections law, as citizens 18 and above, are required to register and vote where they reside.

**HOWEVER, WE** urge the NEC to go beyond mere warning in the face of widespread trucking and stamp its feet down firmly by bringing perpetrators to book which will serve as deterrence to would-be truckers. We suggest that if caught, both those being trucked and those facilitating the process should be punished.

**AS LIBERIANS,** it is important that we sincerely endeavor to making our electoral process as clean and fair as possible, not only to maintain the trust of our international partners, but to maintain our respect as a people.

**ANYONE GOING** into a competition must be ready to play by the rules and demonstrate confidence in winning at the end rather than devising schemes to cheat in a bid to gain undue advantage just to satisfy their selfish desires. Such people, when they managed in getting their way thru, are nothing but a complete disservice to those they claim to lead, as we have experienced over the years in our body politics with painful consequences.

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# COMMENTARY

By Kenneth Rogoff

## Biden's South American Blind Spot

**C**AMBRIDGE - Over the past few years, China has significantly expanded its economic footprint in South America, overtaking the United States as the continent's largest trading partner. Despite US President Joe Biden's strong commitment to countering China's geopolitical ambitions, he has largely overlooked its growing presence in his own neighborhood. This is puzzling and alarming, not least because of South America's crucial role in the fight against climate change.

Earlier in April, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva called on the US to stop "encouraging" the war in Ukraine. His statement was just the latest example of waning US influence in the region - and the Biden administration's failure to address it.

Americans' ignorance of South America is something of a cliché. In 1982, after a tour of the region, then-President Ronald Reagan famously said that he was "surprised" to discover that South America is made up of multiple individual countries. His comment reflected a widespread lack of knowledge about a diverse continent with a combined population of 430 million people. With abundant mineral deposits, vast agricultural land, and more than half of the world's remaining tropical rainforest, it is no surprise that China has taken a keen interest in South America.

The feeling is mutual. China is not the purely malign influence that the Soviet Union was, despite some US politicians' desire to equate the two. China pays well for the resources it acquires from South America, and it has emerged as a major lender, providing indebted countries with much-needed financing, albeit generally with strings attached (such as buying from China) and with little regard to the anti-corruption guidelines that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund insist on. Then again, China has not been caught red-handed instigating coups as the US has on multiple occasions in the last century.

Regardless, the environmental impact of China's presence in South America is profoundly worrisome. The country's insatiable appetite for soy has been a major driver of deforestation in Brazil and the loss of pasture land in Argentina. Moreover, its interest in the continent reflects its growing need for water, which is still plentiful in Latin America but scarce in China.

Ultimately, the US and Europe must acknowledge that addressing global warming would necessarily require the cooperation of countries like Brazil in preserving rainforests and shifting to renewable energy. While China undoubtedly recognizes the importance

of combating climate change, its immediate goal is to overtake the US as the world's largest economy and establish itself as a coequal power; achieving net-zero emissions and reducing South America's carbon footprint are not among its top priorities.

Ironically, one reason the US tends to overlook Latin America is that it has been relatively peaceful since the nineteenth century. The Monroe Doctrine, established in 1823, placed all of Latin America within the US sphere of influence and has effectively prevented foreign powers from gaining a foothold there ever since. France's intervention in Mexico in the 1860s, under Napoleon III, is generally considered the last major European attempt to establish a permanent Latin American presence. It was not until a century later that the Soviet Union escalated tensions by placing nuclear weapons in Cuba and bringing the world to the brink of nuclear war.

As US economic influence erodes, its ability to prevent foreign militaries from establishing a presence in South America is increasingly in jeopardy. China has already built a space observation station in Patagonia and is now pressuring Argentina to build a naval base. Given that Argentina is near debt default, with inflation is soaring past 100%, and that a populist government is in power, China could ultimately get its way. Venezuela - once favored by the American left - is also extremely susceptible to Chinese (and Russian) influence after decades of disastrous economic policies.

Although Argentina and Venezuela have experienced the most widely publicized economic downturns in South America, the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed growth and exacerbated inequality in other countries as well. Moreover, as Lula's comments on Ukraine suggest, the continent-wide leftward shift could result in foreign policies that are not aligned with US interests.

The Biden administration must step up its efforts to counter China's influence in South America. By helping South American countries improve their education systems, boost savings to allow for higher public investment, and implement productivity-enhancing structural reforms, the US could contribute to putting the continent on the path to long-term economic prosperity. And, to support South America's switch to renewable energy, the West more broadly must be willing to provide debt-distressed, cash-strapped governments with large-scale grants instead of loans. Given China's expanding global reach and South America's importance for the green transition, the US can no longer afford to take its southern neighbors for granted.

# OP-ED

By Jean Pisani-Ferry

## The Economic Threat of Undisciplined Geopolitical Primacy

**P**ARIS - In recent weeks, there has been no shortage of speeches by prominent leaders discussing their countries' relationships with China and the potential economic fallout of geopolitical fragmentation. This is a welcome, if much-belated, discussion. But it must address a fundamental question: Can rivalry and economic integration coexist and, if so, under which terms? The answer will determine the fate of the global economy.

In February 2020, Jennifer Harris and Jake Sullivan published an article highlighting the need for a shift in economic thinking. When it came to managing globalization, they noted, foreign-policy professionals have largely deferred to the "small community of experts who run international economic affairs." They urged national-security specialists to step up, recommended a proactive stance on public investment, and advocated a more guarded approach to trade opening.

Geopolitics and international economics have long operated under two distinct paradigms. Foreign-policy experts often see global politics as a zero-sum game in which one country's gain is another's loss. By contrast, economists tend to focus on the potential for mutual gains from multilateral cooperation and market-led integration. These contradictory paradigms were married to each other by the shared belief that trade and openness were in the best interest of the United States. America's hegemonic status had its drawbacks, but the benefits outweighed the costs.

Doubts began to surface even before Donald Trump was elected US president. But Trump's openly confrontational trade policy triggered a more significant and enduring shift in perspective than initially anticipated.

In 2021, Sullivan was appointed to US President Joe Biden's White House as national security adviser. Harris joined him as senior director for international economics (a position she left earlier this year). They quickly began to develop a geopolitically-oriented economic-policy agenda.

More than two years on, the consequences are visible. The Biden administration has largely kept Trump's trade tariffs and made reshoring and "friend-shoring" a matter of national security. It revived industrial policy with the passage of the CHIPS and Science Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, designated China as a national-security threat and an economic rival, and tightened restrictions on exports and foreign investment.

Europe, where trade policy served for a long time as a surrogate for foreign policy, was initially unenthusiastic. But Russia's invasion of Ukraine was a watershed. It spurred European policymakers to overcome their reluctance to reassert the primacy of geopolitics over economic relations. While negotiations with China on a new Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) were completed in late 2020, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen recently urged European governments to "reassess the CAI in light of our wider China strategy." The Commission recently unveiled two new draft bills aimed at boosting European manufacturing: the Net Zero Industry Act and the Critical Raw Materials Act.

Amid this flurry of activity, the potential economic costs of putting geopolitical goals first are often overlooked. The fact that disregarding supply-chain resilience and ignoring the increasingly aggressive character of Chinese industrial and trade policies was a costly mistake does not justify forgetting that economic interdependence spurs prosperity. As Adam Posen of the Peterson Institute for International Economics has pointed out, the Biden administration's "Buy American" policies could harm the American economy and lead to job cuts.

While it is difficult to quantify the long-term costs of deglobalization, the International Monetary Fund estimates that it would have a negative effect on foreign direct investment and financial stability. In a recent speech, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde warned that economic fragmentation could result in less trade, lower output, and higher inflation. She emphasized that central banks would act swiftly to avoid repeating the policy mistakes of the 1970s. Lagarde's message to politicians was clear: Do not attempt to pass the costs of protectionist policies onto the ECB.

Three days later, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen issued a similar warning. While she maintained a tough stance on China and avoided any implicit criticism of the administration's policies, she cautioned that a full economic decoupling would have disastrous consequences for both the Chinese and US economies. The world "is big enough" for both countries, she said, pointedly noting that this was also Biden's view.

Finally, in a recent speech, Sullivan spelled out the administration's views on international economic policy. His aim was evidently to calm things down, but also to formalize a doctrine and seek a new consensus on how to integrate domestic economic policy and foreign policy. He rejected decoupling and advocated instead for the de-risking of the economic relationship with China, an expression borrowed from von der Leyen. And he emphasized that friend-shoring was a sufficiently broad concept to encompass many more countries than just the West.

For too long, economists and economic policymakers assumed they could ignore geopolitical realities. They got burned and can blame only themselves for their lack of realism. A new conversation has started. They must participate in it, listen to security concerns, and accept that resilience is not just a fig leaf for protectionism. But they must also speak out and stand up for what they believe in, because they know something that their foreign-policy counterparts often overlook: that a world of undisciplined geopolitical interference in international economic relations would endanger growth and jobs.

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## ON 2ND THOUGHTS



with Othello B. Garblah

## Why Liberian opposition marriages don't last

A house that is built on sand would easily fall, when the rain descends, the floods come, and the wind blows-Matthew 7:27 (Paraphrased), unlike the ones built on solid foundations.

This is the graphic story of Liberian opposition political parties and why their political unions or "arranged marriages" usually crumbled at the most significant moment.

On Friday, April 28, former Vice President Joseph Boakai announced his running mate ahead of the October 10 polls. Though his choice of running mate did not come as a surprise to many here as per the ongoing political scramble for Nimba, the absence of three of his key allies at the ceremony was the most surprising.

The likes of businessman turned politician Mr. Benoni Urey of the All Liberian Party (ALP), Senator Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, the embattled political leader of the Liberty Party (LP) and talk show host Henry Costa were all conspicuously absent from Boakai's pronouncement of Senator Jeremiah Koung as his running mate for the 2023 Presidential election.

Their absence speaks volumes of how Liberian politicians have viewed collaborations-"if it is not me, then we will all just watch to see it collapse."

These three have kept close to former Vice President Boakai since the disintegration of the once viewed formidable Collaboration of Political Parties (CPP) previously comprising the Unity Party, ALP, LP, and the Alternative National Congress (ANC).

The trio UP, ALP, and a faction of the LP led by its Sen. Karnga-Lawrence stayed with Boakai while ANC and the faction of the LP led by Musa Bility remained in the CPP to date.

One would have thought that their loyalty to Mr. Boakai over the period since the demise of the original CPP was based on their belief that he is rightly positioned to wrestle power from incumbent President George Weah.

This is what many Liberians had been led to believe was the main purpose of their union. No, it was all about greed and personal interests. And when none were chosen, they showed their disappointment by boycotting the program.

Greed and personal interest, not country has played a major role in all the political arrangements among Liberian political parties' collaboration and unity. The lack of defined ideology or purpose to hold parties together regardless of internal outcomes is lacking.

Therefore, at the very least minute of disenchantment, such unions are destined to fall apart.

In any given scenario, it is very difficult, if not impossible for individuals driven by diverse agendas and personal interests without a defined goal or oneness of purpose can come together and last in that uniformed group.

Given the circumstances in which political parties arranged themselves in Liberia, the term marriage of convenience does not even apply, because even though in marriages of convenience there are no love and commitments, there are some sorts of strategic purposes that bind the actors involved together.

These strategic purposes could be shared values or ideologies that hold key to the marriage and the desire to achieve such strategic goals are above all else regardless. That also goes to say that an individual or group of individuals coming together in such a marriage may not like the desired outcome of the choices being made within the group but once the intention therein still serves the same strategic purpose, the marriage holds for that period.

The lack of political traditions and ideologies as foundations of Liberian politics has also played significant role in the disintegrations of attempted political collaborations, particularly among opposition blocs.

This sort of political alignment and subsequent dissolution or split even before a pending election is held, is not new among opposition political parties in Liberia.

In 1997, for example, dozens of political parties came together to form a political marriage for the sole purpose of defeating then warlord Charles G. Taylor of the rebel faction National Patriotic Front of Liberia -NPFL, which was transformed into the National Patriotic Party (NPP).

The dream of that opposition union then collapsed at the convention and parties went their individual ways all because political leaders were not committed to the process but were bent on personally defined interests. The result of that election is now history.

Greed, personal interest amidst dishonesty, and personal gains above country will always undermine opposition unity in Liberia.



The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is recruiting a National Consultant to conduct a comprehensive mapping of private Pharmacies that are dispensing Family Planning commodities to clients in the Monrovia area, to determine the contribution of private pharmacies to the family planning commodity uptake in the densely populated communities in Monrovia.

#### Background

It is the "RIGHT" of every individual to access and utilize quality reproductive health and rights services including the right to space and time the number of children desired. Reproductive health is a core UNFPA mandate with a vision that "every pregnancy is wanted; every childbirth is safe, every young person is able to achieve their full potential. As the lead United Nations Agency for SRHR supporting the government of Liberia to implement quality family planning services to the population.

Family planning services in Liberia are available in private and public health facilities. The 2020 Liberia Demographic Health Survey (LDHS) reported that nearly 40% of family planning users sourced their family planning commodities from private health facilities and pharmacies. This is an indication that private pharmacies play an important role in the provision of primary health services through the sale of over-the-counter medications and medical supplies including contraceptives.

About 75% of the total private Pharmacies in Liberia are in Monrovia. Majority of these retail Pharmacies in Monrovia offer short-acting methods, including condoms, oral contraceptive, and emergency contraceptives (ECs) to reproductive women, girls, and young men. According to Liberia Demographic and Health Survey 2019-20 report, private Pharmacies are major source of modern contraceptive methods for clients aged 15-49. The LDHS indicate that 22.5% of injectable contraceptives, 36.1% of oral contraceptives and 67.7% of condoms sourced through private pharmacies.

For many community dwellers, these pharmacies have become their first point of contact for rapid access to care due to their proximity.

However, there is limited data on range and type of FP commodities available in private pharmacies accessed by clients. Available information is either anecdotal information and insufficiently documented to understand the potential contribution and role of private pharmacies in the family planning landscape in Monrovia.

UNFPA is conducting this mapping exercise of private pharmacies to provide more evidence on the role of private pharmacies in Family Planning uptake in Liberia. Beyond the proportional contribution of some methods, it will be useful to the availability of products provided by the market, determine what age groups are accessing commodities, what skill set is available among sales agents and how this is affecting choice and uptake among other key indicators.

#### Objective of the consultancy

The main purpose of this consultancy is to assess the level of available FP commodities in private pharmacies and its impact on uptake among users in Monrovia.

The specific objectives are:

- Determine the proportion of private pharmacies that have a range of FP commodities for sale.
- Identify the range of products available in private pharmacies available at the time of the survey and three months prior as well as determine price range per product.
- Assess for basic knowledge and skills of sales agents in the provision of choices to determine gaps and needs.
- Determine the clientele disaggregated by age, sex, location, and other demographic indicators as much as possible.

#### Scope of work

The Consultant will develop the study design for approval by the Ministry of health, Pharmacy Board of Liberia and Liberia Medicine and Health Products Regulatory Authority and UNFPA and conduct a comprehensive assessment of the availability of FP commodities and services within the private sector specifically private pharmacies. Key activities for consideration are as follow:

Activity 1: Design the study methodology and conduct inception meetings for inputs.

Activity 2: Identify a representative sample of approximately 413 private Pharmacies that offer Family Planning Services and conduct a comprehensive assessment of available services.

Activity 3: Analyzed and develop a technical report on findings and recommendations for advocacy, partnership and improve quality of care offered.

Activity 4: Design Monitoring and supervision tool for consideration

Activity 5: Share the final report to management.

#### Required expertise, qualifications and competence, including language

- Minimum advanced university degree in public health, sociology and demography, pharmacy, and related field
- At least 5 years of professional experience in surveys, assessments and technical report writing.
- Proven experience in stakeholder engagement and management is required.
- Excellent facilitation, presentation, verbal communication skills required and ability to conduct consultative meetings.
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- Ability to work efficiently and effectively both autonomously and in small teams.

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The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Gender Children and the JFK Hospital National Forensic and DNA Center is hiring a National Consultant to Develop a Business Model for the Sustainability of a DNA/Forensic Laboratory.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

##### Purpose of consultancy

The number of reported crimes against women and girls in Liberia have continued to increase over the years, especially sexual and gender based violent related incidences or offences. While there might be several reasons responsible for the increase in reporting, it is unfortunate that the rate of prosecution or adjudication has not been in commensuration with the number of incidences reported. This is mostly as the result of insufficient evidence to support prosecution (especially since most of the offenses are perpetrated against children) thus the need to have a functional DNA/Forensic laboratory to help the litigation of cases through validated forensic investigations reports.

The Government of Liberia and her partners (European Union through the Spotlight Initiative, and United Nations (UNFPA) have procured three RAPIDHID DNA Units and one full workflow for the provision of forensic/DNA service provision. The laboratory when fully operationalized, will serve the entire country as well as neighbouring countries. It will serve as a key instrument toward the fight against sex crimes in the Mano River Basin region. The SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE that funded this program will be ending even before the DNA Lab develops its full potential. Thereby highlighting the need for a Business Model or a Sustainability plan.

DNA testing has wide range of possible, applications ranging from forensic testing, paternity testing, missing person identification, family member identification, medical diagnosis (just to name a few) are widely lacking in the subregion. There is therefore an opportunity for the DNA lab to provide much needed currently unavailable services in Liberia and the subregion while at the same time generating revenue to sustain itself. In view of the above, it is prudent to hire a consultant (local/International) who will develop this business plan.

##### Main Objective

The objective of this intervention is to develop a business model vis-s'-vie a sustainability plan which will ultimately ensure the independently generated cash flow to subsidize government allotment for the smooth running of the Laboratory when donor funding runs out. As well as ensure service efficiency and effectiveness.

##### The consultant will be responsible for the Following:

- ✓ Conduct a comprehensive inventory on the available infrastructure, equipment, and manpower capacity of the National Forensic Laboratory to serve as a baseline.
- ✓ Identify gaps relating to infrastructure, equipment, and manpower.
- ✓ Develop a comprehensive plan indicating the required logistics, infrastructure and human resources needed to fully and efficiently operationalize the laboratory to its full potential (It will be additional useful to include the following: architectural design and bill of quantities, listing of outstanding equipment (e.g., Toxicology), categories and number of needed manpower).
- ✓ Conduct a local (and possibly regional) markets needs of current and potential services that are/will/should be offered by the National Forensic Laboratory.
- ✓ Project realistic revenue that can be generated by the Laboratory (holding everything constant).

##### Scope of work

- ✓ Conduct a comprehensive inventory on the available infrastructure, equipment, and manpower capacity of the National Forensic Laboratory to serve as a baseline.
- ✓ Identify gaps relating to infrastructure, equipment, and manpower.
- ✓ Develop a comprehensive plan indicating the required logistics, infrastructure and human resources needed to operationalize the laboratory fully and efficiently to its full potential (It will be additional useful to include the following: architectural design and bill of quantities, listing of outstanding equipment (e.g., Toxicology), categories and number of needed manpower).
- ✓ Conduct a local (and possibly regional) markets needs of current and potential services that are/will/should be offered by the National Forensic Laboratory.
- ✓ Project realistic revenue that can be generated by the Laboratory (holding everything constant)
- ✓ Project an annual running cost estimate of the Laboratory.
- ✓ Use data estimates from bullet 5 & 6 to estimate profit or shortfall/deficit if any.
- ✓ Do a risk analysis and develop a risk mitigation plan.
- ✓ Propose sustainable power and water supply to the laboratory with preference to renewable energy if possible.
- ✓ Provide options for security against fire, burglary, vandalism, etc.
- ✓ Proposed management structure, financial and administrative management system, marketing strategies that will ensure the sustainability of the Laboratory.
- ✓ In consultation with stakeholders, develop SOPs if required.
- ✓ Provide options for long term maintenance of Forensic equipment and other assets.

##### Duration and working schedule

The Consultant is expected to propose a plausible duration not more than 50 working days (Including weekends), aligned to the scope and methodology for undertaking this assignment.

##### Place where services are to be delivered

Montserrado County with outstation visits to other counties

##### Delivery dates and how work will be delivered (e.g., electronic, hard copy etc.)

##### The Consultant will be expected to deliver the following:

- Inception Report – the consultant shall produce an Inception Report within 7 days after the contract is signed. The report shall provide a clear picture of how the consultant understands the ToRs and intends to achieve the expected tasks. It shall identify those that will be consulted and propose methodology for the assignment, including specific questions that will be researched to carry out the required assessments. The report shall also include a work plan with timelines for all the tasks that the consultant will undertake during the assignment.
- Prototype report – the consultant shall present a report determining the prototype model of the plan within 25 workdays after commencement of the assignment. The report will be presented for validation by a reference committee and incorporate feedback and comments from the discussion.
- Finalized SOPs, risk mitigation analysis and plans and the business model within 35 workdays.
- Completion Report – upon completion of the assignment, the consultant should submit a final completion report by the 50 workdays. The report should outline all work undertaken, including characteristics of the system developed. Any follow-ups and/or recommendations should also be included in the report.
- In addition, work outputs shall be shared every 10 working days to ensure alignment between the ToRs and actual work completed.

##### QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The consultant should demonstrate and provide examples of previous experience in the performance of similar services as follows:

- Advanced degree (master's Level) in a relevant field (Business Administration, Economic, Health System Management or Advanced Statistical Analysis).
- Familiarity and at least 7 years' relevant experience in Diagnostics and Laboratory services.
- At least 7 years' experience in M&E or M&E systems design.
- Excellent communication and writing skills.

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**The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Is Hiring a National Consultant to Revise Liberia's Existing Family Planning Protocols & Guidelines**

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Background

Family planning saves the lives of women, adolescents, and newborns by a significant number. Health and economic experts conclude that the correlation between Family Planning and national developments are closely linked. A population with fewer fertility rates and delays in early childbearing can explore opportunities for education, skills development and an overall productive potential thereby contributing to the reduction in poverty and hunger rates for communities. These gains, significantly contribute to promoting gender equity and empowering women and young people. The ability of one intervention to have a cross cutting benefit on health gender and economics does not only make family planning a development tool, but also a human right.

In Liberia, the Family Planning landscape has experienced a gradual expansion. The Contraception Rate for Modern Methods have improved from 11% in 2007 to 24% in 2020. However unmet need and adolescent pregnancy rates have remained high over the past two decades. The current unmet need stands at 34% while a third of adolescent girls experience motherhood before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Young women aged 20 to 24 are also experience the high birth rates with equally high mortality rates as reported by the 2020 Liberia Demographic and Health Survey (LDHS). The LDHS also reports that the Demand for family planning is high at 47% to 58% of currently married and unmarried women have a demand for family planning, an increase from 51% in 2013.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) launched the 2018–2022 National Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan to guide all stakeholders toward implementing strategic activities geared at achieving the national targets of 21% contraceptive prevalence by the end of 2022. Following the development of the CIP in 2018, national protocols for family planning were revised soon after. Since 2018, additional method has been included to the method mix. DMPA-SC is a new FP injectable method added to the method mix. A new policy on Emergency Contraception was develop over the past two years.

The National Family Planning Protocols and guidelines are available to some extent, however there is a need for fresh review to add new methods and adopt a national counselling methodology. Additionally, guidelines for adolescent standards for family planning services delivery are also obsolete. The MoH and Partners desire to review existing protocols, add new ones and consolidate into one document.

Against this background, UNFPA is hiring a national consultant to review and revised national family planning protocols and guidelines for use by relevant stakeholders and service providers.

#### Consultancy Objective

Through an inclusive consultative process, revise the national family planning protocols and guidelines for rights-based Family Planning.

#### Specific Objectives

- Ensure a comprehensive analysis of the existing family planning protocols and guidelines and determine gaps for improvement.
- Ensure stakeholder engagement and the involvement of technical experts in the revision of the National Family Planning Protocol and Guidelines to ensure that it captures operational rules, regulations, administrative and technical norms governing family planning services and programs in Liberia.
- Ensure that the National Family Planning protocol and guidelines indicate minimum acceptable levels of performance and expectations for quality service delivery and program implementation in Liberia.

#### Scope of work

The Consultant will adopt an outcome methodology that seeks to gauge and measure the effectiveness and use of the existing National Family Planning protocol and guidelines. This will require the following:

- Conduct a comprehensive review available documents to identify gaps or areas for improvement.
- Implementation of an inclusive process ensuring the participation of public and private stakeholders, clinical staff and that Review and comparison of data from sampled stake holders / users of the FP protocol and guidelines.
- Address Gaps Identified from the review of the document and from analysis gathered from interview with end users of the protocol and guidelines.

#### Duration and working schedule

The revision of the National Family Planning Protocol and Guidelines is expected to last a period of 17 working days.

#### Location

The local Consultant will be based in Monrovia with travel within and around Montserrado County as necessary.

#### Required expertise, qualifications and competencies, including language requirements

The consultant must be a Liberian National with the following qualifications:

- Have a minimum 5 to 7 years' experience, with a master's degree in Midwifery, Nursing, Sociology, Public Health, or Health related fields.
- Demonstrated ability to write concise technical papers and reports.
- Experience in working with UN agencies/UNFPA is an asset.
- Proven negotiation, communications, analytical and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team, within a multicultural setting.
- Ability to express clearly and concisely ideas and concepts in written and spoken English.
- Good organizational skills, including time management and ability to meet deadlines.
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software.
- Availability for full duration of assignment.

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# Weah under public criticism

**-for firing opposition member of cabinet**

By Lewis S. Teh

President George Weah has come under serious public criticism here for firing his Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Cllr. Cooper A. Kruah, for attending an opposition rally last Friday, 28 April in Monrovia.

Former Minister Kruah is chairman of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) whose standard bearer, Senator Jeremiah Kpan Koung, has been named by former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai as his running mate for the October 10, 2023, Presidential and General Elections.

The MDR founded by Senator Prince Yormie Johnson withdrew support from President Weah last year on account of alleged broken promises and instead,

appointment in government is by the will and pleasure of the President with exclusive right to fire at will.

Speaking also, a resident of Montserrado County Electoral District#16, Thomas Kollie, says though he remains a strong supporter of Mr.Weah, due to his many developmental initiatives, including road construction, modern hospitals, and market buildings across the country, the President's decision was as a result of calls from ruling CDC lawmaker Moses Acarous Gray, of Montserrado County Electoral District#8.

He accuses Representative Gray and other top ruling party executives of being the mastermind behind the dismissal of Minister Kruah.

"To be honest with you, the revelation made by Bong County Superintendent Esther Walker that three guys control the CDC, and this government shouldn't be



joined the opposition Unity Party headed by former Vice President Boakai.

Former Minister Kruah had gone to grace the selection of his Standard Bearer Koung as vice naming mate to the former Vice President when he fell into trouble with the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change that terms him a traitor for being in an opposition rally.

"It's unfortunate and very irresponsible attitude exhibited by our President - his decision to have dismissed Minister Kruah", a resident of Bushrod Island says.

Speaking to the NEW DAWN in an exclusive interview Tuesday, May 2, several citizens said the decision by President Weah is uncalled for and doesn't represent a character of a good leader. A senior member of the ruling CDC government, who asked for anonymity, notes that President Weah should have waited for a month or two, before taking such a decision to avoid jeopardizing gains of his government with just four months to elections.

"Look, I will tell you for free that the decision of President Weah wasn't his personal decision; that decision came from few guys from the party, who claim to have proximity to the President", the CDCian believes. He argues that those influencing the President's decision fail to realize that the President, upon taking office in 2018, promised to run an inclusive government, wondering how come they tend to forget so quickly, but are allegedly persuading him to take action against someone who has gone to identify with his political party.

The CDCian maintains that it is wrong and if care is not taken, this will have an adverse effect on his reelection bid especially, in Nimba County.

Under the Construction of Liberia,

taken for granted", Mr. Kollie adds.

Though he declines to name those three powerful persons in the Weah administration, but warns that if President Weah will continue to make decisions and subsequently take actions based on instructions of his close associates then he would loss favor with the people and the popularity he has over the years.

A day after Ambassador Boakai named his running mate, Representative Gray took to social media, calling for the immediate resignation or dismissal of Minister Cooper Kruah for being present at the ceremony, branding him as a traitor and a sellout who has no place in the CDC government.

At the ceremony, Minister Kruah was visibly seen sitting in the front roll, clapping his hands, as one of his kinsmen, Senator Koung was named vice presidential candidate by the former vice president much to the dislike of the ruling establishment.

In his Facebook podcast on Saturday, April 29, Rep. Gray described the minister as a traitor, who should muster the courage to resign immediately to avoid any future embarrassment.

But President Weah wasted no time in dismissing the Posts and Telecommunications Minister on Monday, as a warning to other officials of his administration with relationships to the opposition bloc, ahead of the October 10th polls.

Minister Kruah, National Chairman of the MDR, came to limelight as few of the first batch of officials appointed under the Weah-led Administration back in February 2018.

He was relieved of his post on Monday, May 1, and has been replaced by Cllr. Worlea-Saywah Dunah, subject to Senate confirmation. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

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# Boakai urged to reconcile with aggrieved allies

By Lincoln G. Peters

Vocal opposition lawmaker Yekeh Kolubah has appealed to Unity Party (UP) standard bearer Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai to reconcile and bring back disenfranchised

support from Boakai. They boycotted the ceremony at which Boakai announced Nimba County Senator Jeremiah Koung as his running mate.

But Kolubah has urged the former Liberian Vice President to demonstrate leadership in

responsibility and demonstrate leadership to have the problem resolved. Because if we don't solve that problem it will be dangerous for us during the October elections," he continued.

According to Kolubah, everybody can't be vice president at the same time right. He said people will be dissatisfied, but Mr. Boakai should solve the problem with them.

"Is the problem able to be solved? Yes, we can solve the problem. We have to push our political leader and the vice president in waiting," Kolubah pleaded.

He said Boakai's camp should move to those that are unhappy, and talk to them.

He believes that the ability to solve the problem with the dissatisfied opposition members is the ability to win the current government.

"We need everybody's vote. Please don't let anybody tell you that we don't need their votes. My uncle, I will not lie to you, we need everybody's vote. When we get everybody's vote, we will win," said Mr. Koluba.

He alleged that the ruling Coalition for Democracy Change (CDC) is currently worried and trembling because it is seeing that the opposition is getting ready to take over the country.



Former VP Boakai

opposition allies.

Boakai's pick of a running mate last Friday angered some of his loyalists who had hoped he would have considered them instead.

There are fears that Grand Bassa County Senator and Liberty Party leader Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, All Liberian Party leader Benoni Urey, Montserrado Senator Abraham Darius Dillon, and others could withdraw their

ensuring that all those aggrieved are consoled and brought back on board.

"The decision made by you today will either break the UP down or make you president. We still have work to do," Mr. Kolubah told Amb. Boakai.

The Montserrado Electoral District #10 Representative stated that Boakai's team still has people that are dissatisfied.

"You have to take the

# LAA denies fire rumors

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Authority of the Liberia Airport Authority (LAA) in lower Margibi County dispels rumor that there was a fire outbreak at the airport on Sunday, April 30.

The Acting Communication Officer of the Roberts International Airport in Harbel, Margibi, Jefferson Daryoue, told reporters on Monday, 1st May 2023, that the airport is safe for passengers traveling and coming to Liberia.

According to him, it might have been the work of propagandists to tarnish the hard-earned reputation of the airport.

When touring the airport facility on Monday, The NEW DAWN observed that landside, tarmac, or operation side of the Airport were all in tight as passengers went about their normal travels.

The pathway leading to the Liberia Civil Aviation Authority (LCAA) Industrial Fire service department office, that is responsible for emergencies and compliances, is under construction, which Mr. Daryoue said isn't part of the active runway for aircraft. The arrivals

and departure terminals are all active, without any signs of a fire outbreak, as has been rumored.

The active runway used for aircraft, built in the 70s and the 3,353m-long asphalt runway were upgraded by the former Sirleaf Administration to international civil aviation standards.

However, during a tour of the facility, The NEW DAWN was never taken to the two powerhouses that are responsible for electricity, the main generator room, car parking, on-site roads, communication systems, water supply, and sewage treatment systems, and electrical systems, were all seen intact.

The operational and safety-related airport equipment and facilities, including fire-fighting systems at the Aviation Industrial Fire Service department, conveyor-belt loaders, forklifts, passenger stairs, buses, and ambulances were on display.

Cllr. Lawrence C. Sackie, Fire Commission officer of the Aviation Industrial Fire Service, said they are well prepared to effectively attend to emergencies at the nation's premier airport unlike in the past when there were no serviceable fire tender, to swiftly respond to crises, while lauding the



# 'Completely reckless, and ungrateful'

By Lincoln G. Peters

Amb. Rufus Neufville has condemned Liberian Senate President Pro-Tempore Albert Chie's verbal attacks against U.S. Ambassador Michael McCarthy as reckless, useless, childish and unnecessary.

In an exclusive interview with this paper Tuesday, 2 May 2023 in Monrovia, Neufville, a former Montserrado Representative, warned Mr. Chie and Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC)-led government to stop attacking the U.S. Ambassador and address the problems he raised.

In his attempt to react to Amb. McCarthy's report about how the elite in Monrovia treat destitute citizens with neglect, Chie claimed that it has been alleged that the Ambassador is an opposition supporter.

to the Ambassador's statement and his personality as an opposition supporter," Neufville said.

"I am also disappointed in Representative Moses A. Gray for such a reckless and irresponsible statement he made against the US Ambassador," Neufville added.

He further condemned the Ministry of Information for its recent press statement.

Neufville claimed that over the past twelve years, Mr. Gray has not given the people of Montserrado Electoral District #8 any report, but talks about a transparent and objective man.

"This man is unfit to question anything concerning good governance in this country," Mr. Neufville noted.

He believes that if the United States withdraw support from Liberia today, the country will



Amb. Rufus Neufville

Additionally, Chie accused the U.S. Envoy of allegedly spreading falsehood to strengthen the opposition because this is election year.

Mr. McCarthy released a report last week and said the elite in Monrovia are treating destitute citizens in the leeward counties 'with a neglect that borders on contempt.' The U.S. Envoy said in a press statement that while hospitals went without, and service centers withered on the vine, Liberia's 30 senators and 73 representatives spent sixty-five million U.S. dollars feathering their nests.

Contrary to Chie's assertions, Mr. Neufville, Liberia's former Chief of Protocol, extended an open apology to McCarthy and the United States Government at large on behalf of the Liberian people.

He said what Chie and the CDC regime did was 'high level of ingratitude' displayed.

"What the ambassador said is true and I am particularly concerned about the Pro-Tempore's statement, referring

collapse because Liberians depend on foreign aids to survive and run their government.

Mr. Neufville reminded Chie, Gray and the CDC regime that the United States is Liberia's biggest partner.

He cautioned them that it will be a blow for Liberia if the U.S. withdraws its support.

Neufville suggested that it's true that Liberians are suffering and they are not receiving the necessary healthcare and living conditions they deserve. According to Neufville, various government hospitals in Monrovia including the JFK, and Redemption, among others, are also out of drugs while citizens are dying of curable diseases.

"The United States Ambassador raised the red flag that what the people should get ... they are not getting it."

"Lawmakers in this country, I need not to tell you about their level of corruption. I have often said that there [is] 5% good lawmakers, and 95% thieves and hustlers," Neufville alleged.

# Français

## Cummings promet le vrai changement aux Libériens

Le leader politique de la collaboration des partis politiques (CPP), M. Alexander B. Cummings, appelle les libériens à faire le choix difficile et à prendre la décision difficile, s'ils veulent que le Libéria progresse.

« Pour que les choses

pressent le lundi 1er mai au siège de la CPP à Monrovia, le patron de l'Alternative National Congress (ANC) a dit que pour que la vie des Libériens s'améliore, il faut élire des personnes qui ont une notion différente de ce que le gouvernement est censé faire et de ce que les dirigeants sont censés être.

Entouré des responsables de la

censés établir et vivre selon des normes plus élevées ».

« Quand la faim s'empare d'un village et on donne la seule machette au plus vieil homme pour aller faire un champ pour le village parce qu'il a de l'expérience, les villageois meurent de faim », a dit Cummings, avant d'ajouter : « On me reproche souvent de



changent vraiment au Libéria, les Libériens ne doivent pas seulement se concentrer sur le changement des partis au pouvoir, mais sur les principes directeurs et cesser de traiter la mère patrie comme de la viande d'éléphant dont ils acceptent de se servir », a-t-il dit.

Animant un point de

CPP, dont son directeur de campagne, le Dr Toga Gayewea McCintosh, l'ambassadeur Lewis G. Brown, le président Musa Bility, George Wisner et plusieurs autres, M. Cummings a expliqué que « le gouvernement n'est pas une entreprise de vol. Les dirigeants ne doivent pas être des arnaqueurs. Le gouvernement doit chercher à améliorer la vie des gens et les dirigeants sont

ne pas avoir d'expérience en ce qui concerne la fonction publique. Eh bien, si l'expérience consiste à voler les gens et à les négliger pour qu'ils souffrent, alors Dieu merci, je n'ai pas d'expérience gouvernementale ».

M. Cummings a vanté son expérience en matière de

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## Côte d'Ivoire : plusieurs centrales syndicales invitées à la primature pour faire le point sur la «trêve sociale»

Les représentants des cinq principales centrales syndicales (UGTCI, FESACI-CG, CISL-Dignité, Humanisme et UNATRCI) étaient conviés dans les jardins du cabinet du Premier ministre hier lundi 1er mai. Les représentants syndicaux comme le Premier ministre ont salué la signature, l'année dernière, d'une deuxième « trêve sociale » qui court jusqu'en 2027. Depuis 2017, en échange du dialogue social et de l'amélioration des conditions de travail, les syndicats s'engagent à ne pas lancer de mouvements de grève.

Selon le Premier ministre Patrick Achi, les performances économiques de la Côte d'Ivoire ont été rendues possibles par « un climat social apaisé ». Commentant le renouvellement de la « trêve

sociale », il a salué « un compromis intelligent et utile ». « Un modèle que vos pairs dans d'autres pays vous envient », a-t-il dit à l'adresse des secrétaires généraux des cinq centrales syndicales.

Yves Kodibo, à la tête de l'Union nationale des travailleurs de Côte d'Ivoire, a remercié le

gouvernement et le patronat. « Nous avons eu des accords, de véritables accords, pour 2022-2027, ce qui a donné plus de mille cent milliards de francs CFA aux fonctionnaires et du côté du secteur privé, le SMIG [salaire minimum interprofessionnel garanti,

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## Éditorial

### Aucun Libérien ne devrait mourir à cause du camionnage des électeurs

Des nouvelles récentes font état de la mort de trois Libériens et de l'hospitalisation de 12 autres à la suite d'un accident de voiture qui s'est produit près de Yao - Lepulah Town, dans le comté de Nimba.

C'était un convoi d'électeurs en partance pour Ganta, précisément dans le district électoral n° 5 de Buu-Yao, pour participer à l'inscription biométrique des électeurs. C'est un événement très malheureux.

Aucun Libérien ne doit mourir juste pour faire plaisir à un politicien.

Parmi les victimes figuraient une femme enceinte et Beatrice Glanma, 58 ans, qui serait la sœur de James G.K. Sumah, candidat à l'élection législative, qui aurait transporté des électeurs éligibles pour les faire inscrire.

Selon le rapport, depuis le lancement du processus de l'opération d'enrôlement à Nimba, les candidats ont transporté des personnes d'un comté à l'autre, notamment de Ganta à Grand Gedeh et au comté de Grand Kru dans le sud-est, tandis que certains partent de Ganta au comté de Bong et de Monrovia à Ganta.

Le NEW DAWN a appris que cet acte se déroule dans les neuf circonscriptions électorales de Nimba et ailleurs à travers le pays en violation flagrante de la loi électorale.

Certaines des personnes transportées se voient offrir un montant initial de 50 \$ US chacune pour aller s'inscrire, puis après avoir voté le jour du scrutin le 10 octobre elles recevront 50 \$ US chacune.

Cette pratique dans notre processus électoral nécessite une intervention sérieuse pour y mettre fin, faute de quoi d'autres vies pourraient être perdues avant le jour du scrutin, car des citoyens pauvres et désespérés sont attirés par des politiciens égoïstes.

La Commission électorale nationale, sous la présidence de Madame Davidetta Browne Lansanah, a constamment averti que le camionnage des électeurs est une violation de la Constitution et de la loi électorale, car les citoyens de 18 ans et plus sont tenus de s'inscrire et de voter là où ils résident.

Cependant, nous exhortons la NEC à aller au-delà du simple avertissement face au camionnage généralisé. Il faut imposer des sanctions sur les auteurs afin de les dissuader. Nous voulons que ceux qui sont transportés et ceux qui facilitent le processus soient punis.

En tant que Libériens, il est important que nous nous efforcions sincèrement de rendre notre processus électoral aussi propre et équitable que possible, non seulement pour conserver la confiance de nos partenaires internationaux, mais aussi pour maintenir notre respect en tant que peuple.

Quiconque participe à une compétition doit être prêt à respecter les règles et à faire preuve de confiance en gagnant à la fin plutôt que de concevoir des stratagèmes pour tricher dans le but d'obtenir un avantage indu juste pour satisfaire ses désirs égoïstes.



# Français

## Cummings promet le vrai

leadership. Il s'est dit capable de restaurer les systèmes endommagés et de les faire fonctionner parfaitement pour le plaisir de tous. « Je n'ai aucune expérience en ce qui concerne le gouvernement. Je ne peux alors essayer de bénéficier d'un système qui est corrompu et qui fonctionne mal. Mon expérience réside dans le fait de défendre les principes et les valeurs du travail acharné, de l'intégrité et de l'honnêteté. Mon expérience réside dans le fait de faire les bonnes choses de la bonne manière, et de ne sacrifier mes valeurs et mes principes juste pour gagner.

Il se bat pour changer les choses, car pour lui, gagner des élections sans pouvoir changer les choses est un échec. Il préfère d'ailleurs perdre parce qu'il se bat pour la bonne cause que de gagner les élections pour défendre le système corrompu et garder les choses telles qu'elles sont, aussi perverses qu'elles sont.

Il a promis de non seulement lutter contre la corruption, mais de réparer également l'économie et d'augmentera le budget national de sorte à bien payer les gens à temps.

« Nous créerons des emplois - des emplois bien rémunérés également - pour restaurer le respect et la dignité des personnes dans leurs foyers et leurs communautés. Nous offrirons à tous les Libériens la possibilité de vivre une vie meilleure et de prendre soin de leur famille. C'est mon domaine. J'ai fait ça toute ma vie professionnelle. »

« Dans une administration Cummings », promet-il, « les entreprises libériennes réussiront. Nous protégerons les entreprises libériennes, en

particulier les entreprises des femmes libériennes, et leur fournirons les moyens dont elles auront besoin pour se développer. Nous permettrons aux Libériens d'être propriétaires de grands magasins. Ce ne sont pas de simples promesses politiques vides, c'est plutôt ce que mon administration fera si nous prenons le pouvoir ».

« Permettez-moi d'être aussi clair que possible : je demande au peuple libérien la chance de diriger notre pays, non pas parce que je recherche un emploi politique. Ensemble, et avec votre aide, je veux nous amener à changer le système corrompu qui continue de mal gérer les richesses que Dieu nous a gracieusement données. Enfin, chers compatriotes : la pauvreté n'est pas le destin du Libéria. Notre gouvernement ne doit pas être aussi pourri, négligeant et irresponsable. Les fonctionnaires n'ont pas à se soucier uniquement de "beurrer leur propre pain", pendant que beaucoup ne peuvent même pas s'offrir un plat », a-t-il dit.

S'il prend le pouvoir, toute personne soupçonnée d'avoir volé le peuple fera l'objet de poursuites et, si elle est reconnue coupable, elle sera tenue de restituer, et sera envoyée en prison. « Nous arrêterons les dirigeants malhonnêtes et arnaqueurs ! »

Il rallie les Libériens pour qu'ils se joignent à lui dans sa quête pour apporter un vrai changement et arrêtent de se demander s'il peut gagner la présidence, mais ils devraient plutôt se demander s'ils sont prêts pour un vrai changement, car ensemble, la victoire est certaine. Histoire de Jonathan Browne

## Côte d'Ivoire : plusieurs centrales syndicales invitées

NDLR] est à partir de 75 000 francs »

David Bli Blé, secrétaire général du syndicat SCIL CISEL-Dignité, parle d'une « année fructueuse » en termes de progrès social, mais met en garde contre la cherté de la vie.

« Du côté des travailleurs, on se dit qu'on ne doit pas rester les bras ballants. Et donc, à partir de demain, nous allons poser certaines de nos préoccupations qui, au plan des revendications collectives ont été acceptées, il va falloir maintenant qu'au niveau des

revendications individuelles, par ministère, que l'État donne des réponses concrètes. C'est ça qui peut stabiliser sur le plan social. Si sur ce point, l'État n'a pas pu apporter de réponses, ça peut fragiliser la trêve que nous avons eue. »

David Bli Blé appelle également à un meilleur respect des libertés syndicales. Certains syndicats comme la CGT-CI, l'Intersyndical de Jean-Yves Abonga ou la plateforme Zadi Gnagna, n'étaient pas conviés à ce rendez-vous retransmis en direct à la télévision.

## M. Samukai exhorte les alliés de Boakai à faire preuve de maturité politique



Former Defense Minister Brownie Samukai

L'ancien ministre libérien de la Défense, Brownie Samukai, a lancé un appel aux alliés de Joseph Nyumah Boakai qui se disent désenchantés de faire preuve de maturité politique et de ne pas tout gâcher.

« Demain n'est pas loin. Ne nous séparons pas uniquement parce que Boakai ne nous a pas choisis comme colistier. C'est le moment de faire preuve de maturité politique », a plaidé Samukai.

Son appel fait suite à un désenchantement évident de plusieurs dirigeants de l'opposition qui se sentent déçus après que Boakai ait choisi le sénateur Jeremiah Koung du comté de Nimba comme colistier, au lieu d'un de ses anciens alliés qui avaient soutenu sa candidature présidentielle pendant des années.

Originaire de Lofa, Samukai est un proche de Boakai. Il a remporté l'élection sénatoriale de 2020 dans le comté de Lofa sur le ticket du Parti de l'unité (UP) de Boakai avant que le tribunal ne lui refuse de prendre ses fonctions suite à sa condamnation dans un procès pénal. M. Samukai a demandé à la sénatrice Nyongblee Karngar-Lawrence du comté de Grand Bassa, à M. Beniona Urey, et d'autres pour qu'ils fassent preuve de maturité politique bien qu'ils n'aient pas été sélectionnés par Boakai. « Je veux dire à mes frères et sœurs, que ce soit la sénatrice Karnga-Lawrence, Urey, Henry P. Costa, [ou] M. Urey, ils ont tous un avenir dans notre pays », a déclaré M. Samukai.

La sénatrice Karnga-Lawrence, le sénateur Dillon, M. Urey et certains des alliés de M. Boakai n'ont pas assisté à la cérémonie au cours de laquelle il a nommé Koung comme colistier le vendredi 28 avril 2023. Leur absence a conduit beaucoup à soupçonner leur mécontentement face à la décision de Boakai.

« Il est temps de dire aux jeunes, aussi impatients que vous soyez, que vous n'allez pas tout jeter. S'il vous plaît, donnez-lui l'avenir », a poursuivi Samukai.

« Montrez aux Libériens que votre soutien envers lui n'était pas égoïste et égoïste », a-t-il dit. Selon lui, il est temps pour les alliés mécontents de Boakai d'embrasser l'avenir. « Faisons preuve de maturité politique. Vous avez vu ce qui m'est arrivé lors des élections de 2020 où j'ai dépensé... des dizaines de milliers et des centaines de milliers de dollars. »

« J'ai remporté le siège à une écrasante majorité, mais ils m'ont pris le siège. Mais qu'ai-je fait ? Rien, parce que je sais qu'il y a un avenir », a expliqué Samukai.

Selon lui, c'est le genre de maturité qu'il veut que ses collègues leaders de l'opposition montrent et sachent qu'il y a un avenir.

Il a en outre indiqué que la déclaration du sénateur Jeremiah Koung comme colistier de Boakai est basée sur une série de conversations et de consultations tenues avec des individus pendant de nombreux mois.

## Burkina Faso : les syndicats remettent un cahier de doléances au gouvernement

Au Burkina Faso, le 1er-Mai a mobilisé plus que l'an dernier dans les rues de la capitale. Un cahier de doléances a été remis au gouvernement pour lui demander de lutter contre la vie chère et la corruption, mais aussi contre les violations des droits de l'homme, qui se sont multipliées dans le pays.

À Ouagadougou, le cortège était plus fourni que l'an dernier entre la Bourse du Travail et le ministère du Travail ce lundi 1er mai. Les revendications étaient aussi plus nombreuses cette année et pas seulement pour remédier à la vie chère.

« Tout a augmenté de manière exponentielle, donc nous avons demandé au gouvernement de veiller à améliorer les conditions de vie et de travail des travailleurs du Burkina Faso, explique Marcel Zanté, secrétaire général de la Confédération nationale des



travailleurs du Burkina (CNTB). Nous avons également interpellé le gouvernement sur un certain nombre de dérives que nous avons constaté sur le terrain, notamment des violations des droits de l'homme et des libertés individuelles et collectives ».

Reçus par le Premier ministre lui-même, les syndicats burkinabés ont aussi demandé aux autorités de protéger les personnes et les biens, dans un pays où la moitié du territoire subit l'insécurité. Ils espèrent que cette année, ils auront une réponse à leurs doléances.

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# A Statesman or a Desperado – Looking Under the Bonnet of Boakai's Decision

Isaac W. Jackson, Jr

More than ever before, it is now bloody obvious that our country is in moral and national decline, in that, significant numbers of the population are willing to suspend their critical faculties in defence of an industrial murderer such as Prince Johnson, only because Joseph Boakai is handcuffed and shackled by Johnson's godson, Jeremiah Koung. If Boakai's supporters are willing to forgive Prince Johnson for the atrocities and widespread murders committed, why wouldn't they take the rational argument that Koung's proximity to Prince Johnson renders him a contaminated political figure unfit for national leadership? Mind you, the Bible teaches that "bad company corrupts good character".

If the Boakai-Koung ticket were to succeed, would they turn over godfather, Prince Johnson, for possible war crimes prosecution or, are Liberians and the world at large willing to ignore thousands of murdered people who blood cry to heaven for justice? The natural response to the latter question is a resounding "NO!" Another obvious question comes into focus: What do our partners, especially the Americans, think about Prince Johnson's mentee Koung as possible vice president? It may be recalled that U.S War Crimes Ambassador Beth Van Schaack visited Liberia in October 2022 and declared the US serious determination to prosecute Prince Johnson and others who destroyed innocent lives in Liberia. So, Boakai and his cohorts are positioning themselves to disregard the US concerns brazenly and blatantly?

This draws me to focus on the aging former Vice President's judgement to have the actual simulacrum of Prince Johnson in the Executive Mansion. What decision is this that breathes life into a dying Prince Johnson choked by US-sanction when Boakai had a vast pool of talented progressive individuals to serve as vice presidential pick to maintain his legacy and the legacy of the Unity Party of Edward B. Kesselly? We are not unaware that Henry Costa, Kofi Woods, Tiawon Gongloe, Nyonblee and others have been working diligently with the Oldman in the hope of keeping the progressive dreams alive. How can Boakai, who boasts about a forty-year government experience, dig into a POLLUTED MUD HOLE for clean water?

Socrates in the Apology underscores the importance of practical judgement to leadership. Even Aristotle talks about good judgement as decoupling or separating the pathos from the situation, focusing through ethos to arrive at sound decision. Regrettably, Oldman Boakai has consistently violated the teachings of these great authorities. For example, as Head of the UP, he sat idly by when the Former Standard Bearer and former President of the Republic was expelled from the Unity Party on her birthday. Boakai also served as Government's witness and testified against a fellow traveller on account of a bogus allegation.

Having associated extensively and flirted politically with Henry Costa and the political leader of the Liberty Party as potential vice-presidential picks, he would spurn both figures for a guy who has been cozying up to the regime. What's the meaning

of this? If Oldman Boakai were not quarantined in his tiny bubble, he would have realised that Nimba is overly marketed as vote-rich, because the votes from Grand Gedeh will offset the votes from Nimba as a result of the bitter rivalry between Koung and Edith Gongloe-Weh. Also, Boakai may not get the angry votes from the Bassa-belt. Hence, I don't see the political dividend of this poorly calculated move!

Besides, where is Uncle Joseph Boakai's moral compass when he demonstrates to Liberians and the international community that he is supremely comfortable with the godson of a man who chopped off former President Doe's ears and sexual organs while drinking Budweiser beer and giggling? I thought at this stage of our history, we are supposed to be working in harmony to ensure that Prince Johnson account for the grotesque trauma that he

government. Instead, he is widely known within legislative circles as a legislator who enriches himself on the Ways & Means Committee while poor people continue to suffer needlessly. In fact, like Prince Johnson, rumours abound that Koung has been involved in the cannibalization of politics in Nimba - the demonic act of extracting and selling body parts of children.

To be honest, while the desperate decision by Boakai to endorse Koung as his running mate is aimed at winning the Presidential election, Boakai may likely 'win' but Liberia will be the loser! Hence, choosing Koung is NOT the act or behavior of a statesman, but that of a desperado. Those who genuinely love Liberia should be concerned about the huge risk the Boakai-Koung ticket poses to the immediate future of our country both domestically and on the international front. Imagine, Prince



Former VP Boakai

Senator Jeremiah Koung

visited upon our dear country. Regrettably, we are unwittingly shielding the man for the so-called electoral votes anticipated from 'vote-rich' Nimba County.

By the way, how much comfort level does this Boakai-Koung team give to brothers and sisters from Grand Gedeh? What's about the Mandingoes in Nimba who are still grappling with the issue of land? How can we be confident that the protégé of Prince Johnson will not resurrect the ugly ghost of the past? Koung has been conducting himself as a questionable lawmaker; therefore, Liberians don't know where he stands with respect to the national legislative agenda, and issues of genuine reconciliation especially when his mentor, Prince Johnson, often boasts about murdering Doe.

Another issue that is worth mentioning: Koung has been vastly complicit in promoting and upholding the machinery of corruption in our country. As a Lawmaker, he has never raised a voice of protest against the wretched excesses of the CDC

Johnson hovering in the backroom as de facto Vice President and President!!!

Moreover, and finally: Highly confidential sources have confided that prior to announcing Koung as his running mate, Boakai held a closed-door meeting with his tribal kinsmen at which he vowed and assured them - emphatically - that he will never appoint anyone of repatriate bloodline as running mate, or to other high-level positions in his administration. To these twin declarations a constitutional question is circulating as to whether an elected Liberian President is intended to serve along tribal affiliations, rather than ALL LIBERIANS across the national political spectrum.

May Our Heavenly Father protect Liberia during this critical juncture of its political history!

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# Political retaliation

# MOE, partners celebrate African School Feeding Day

By: Naneka Hoffman

Speaking in an interview with the Voice of America Day Break Africa, on Tuesday May 2, 2023, the Chairman of the

at the opposition rally that enraged the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) with call for his dismissal. Responding to the dismissal

have gone at the Executive Mansion to tell the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs to inform President George Weah that he will be resigning this week.”

He recalls that former President Sirleaf employed opposition members in her administration and never dismissed them, but this is the style of the CDC-led government.

He notes that MDR is a political party registered under the law of Liberia with incorporators from all 15 counties, so the party is open to collaboration and has no regret in having the opposition Unity Party choosing its political leader, Senator Jeremiah Koug as running mate to former Vice President Boakai, a decision he describes as good news for the people of Nimba County, for development and good news for the Liberian people who want to see a real fight for change.

However, Information Minister Ledgerhood Rennie, counters that members of the cabinet and the executive serve at the pleasure of the President, as provided for in Articles 54,55 and 56 of the Constitution so, the President can hire and dismiss at will.

Minister Rennie further argues the timing doesn't matter because the Constitution provides that anytime the President can exercise this constitutional authority.

He says the suggestion of political retribution by Sen. Johnson is obscene because the President is simply exercising his constitutional powers, adding that the President doesn't need to consult anyone before acting. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

By: Naneka Hoffman

The Ministry of Education and partners have celebrated African School Feeding Day here with call for adequate budgetary support.

The program was held under the theme: “Boosting Local Food Procurement Systems and Regional Value Chains for Sustainable Home-grown School Feeding.”

Speaking over the weekend at celebration of the eighth edition of the Africa Day of School Feeding Program in Tubmanburg, Bomi County, Gender Minister Williametta Saydee-Tarr said African Leaders should re-design strategies geared towards achieving proper nutrition for the growth of children.

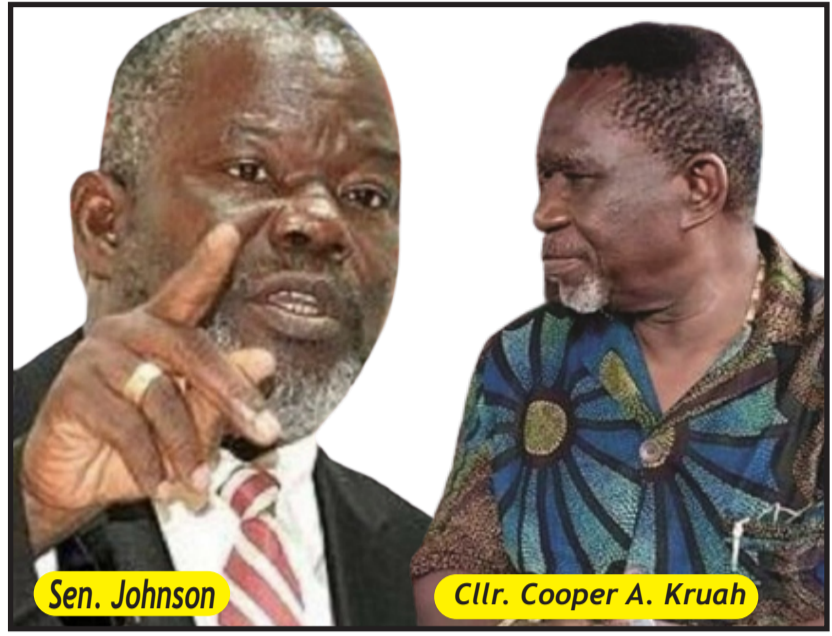
Minister Taar explains that investment in nutrition is critical to the cognitive development of

He stresses that stakeholders must also understand the importance of food and its developmental contribution to life, especially for young children, where there are no statistics to show that more nutrition affect children's growth, and when it affects their growth, it means that it affects their capacity and potential to positively contribute to society.

Ambassador Nkrumah further says school fees don't go beyond putting food on the table for children, but the more important thing is economic development for all.

The Africa Day of School Feeding Program was initiated in 2016 during the 26th summit of the African Union to reduce hunger and ensure retention of students on the continent.

Meanwhile, several partners, including the World Food Program,



Sen. Johnson

Cllr. Cooper A. Kruah

Governing Council of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) Senator Prince Yormie Johnson, described President Weah's dismissal of Posts and Telecommunications Minister, Cllr. Cooper Kruah, as a political retaliation, but Liberia's Minister of Information Ledgerhood Rennie says, it is the sole prerogative of the President to hire and fire as provided by the Constitution.

in an interview with the Voice of America early Tuesday, Senator Johnson revealed that he had advised Minister Kruah long time ago to resign, given that the marriage with the ruling CDC has since ended.

“You can't be a chairperson of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) that is now opposed to George Weah government and at the same time you are a Telecommunications Minister in the very government that we oppose”, he says.

He adds that if Minister Kruah could have listened to his advice, the minister could have resigned ever since.

According to PYJ, who is also a preacher, even on Sunday, April 30, he called Minister Kruah to the church office and few members of the Deacon board to advise him to resign, and the Minister promised to have resigned by today, Wednesday, or tomorrow, Thursday when he was booted out.

“For me, I don't think it was proper for Minister Kruah to

Cllr. Kruah is chairman of Senator Johnson's MDR party, which has parted company with President Weah and joined the opposition Unity Party.

On Friday, April 28, 2023, he attended an opposition program in Monrovia during which former Vice President Joseph Boakai, picked MDR Standard Bearer, Senator Jeremiah Koug, as his vice running mate for the October elections.

But the minister crossed the red line with his presence



a child and observes that poor nutrition in Africa is one of the key vices that continue to undermine children's ability to reach their full potential.

For his part, Ecowas Ambassador to Liberia, Joseph Nkrumah notes that the school feeding program particularly is going to be a home-growing program, adding that “we all engage this as parents of homes, as young men and women in household. We begin to take this aspect of learning to eat what we grow and grow what we eat.”

USAID, Mary's Meals and Save the Children have recommitted themselves to providing hot meals to thousands of Liberian students.

Partners believe school feeding programs are a driving force to realizing effort to ensure students' retention, increase enrolment and reduce malnutrition.

They emphasize that daily meal reduces short-term hunger and serves as a vehicle for meeting children's nutritional requirements in closing the gender gap between boys' and girls' enrolment.

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“We would like to remind Atty. Patmillia Doe Paivey and the Center for Media Studies and Peacebuilding of Mr. Malcolm Joseph that associating with individuals who are under a legal restraining order from conducting the affairs of the PUL amounts to aiding and abetting disrespect for the rule of law, which have consequences.”

The PUL expired leadership of Coffey,

Nyakonah, Kenneh, and Baysah has continuously ignored the Judge's Stay Order since December 2022 after failing to produce a credible Membership Register which is critical to the conduct of legitimate Congress and subsequent elections of the PUL.

Team Kanubah believes it is therefore shameful for individuals and organizations such as the Center for Media Studies and Peacebuilding to be partnering with the expired leadership of the PUL which is on record for flagrantly violating the Union's Constitution and conducting Mid-Night elections, thereby denying the rights of majority journalists and media practitioners to a credible and legitimate leadership.

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IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 CIVIL LAW COURT, MONT. CO. R.L.

BEFORE HIS HONORABLE J. KENNEDY PEABODY, RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

THE PETITION OF HELENA D. EGWENSESEY PETITIONER, BY AND THRU HER LEGAL COUNSEL, PRAYING THIS HONORABLE COURT FOR A DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME IN FAVOR OF PETITIONER TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND REFERRED TO AS "HELENA D. ZEAH" 000107

**COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME**

THE PETITIONER BY AND THRU HER LEGAL COUNSEL FILED A PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT REQUESTING THIS HONORABLE COURT TO ORDER THE CHANGE OF HER NAME FROM HELENA D. EGWENSESEY, TO "HELENA D. ZEAH".

During the hearing, the Petitioner testified that the Change of her name requesting this Honorable Court is intended to claim her biological parents' name. After conducting the necessary interrogations required by law in these proceedings, the Court observed that the intention is just and legal and that the change of name proposed by her.

That the Petitioner having shown with just and satisfaction that she was born on May 6, 1999, in the City of Monrovia, County, Republic of Liberia, and that she was born into the union of Mr. Fongu and Mrs. Martha Yeta-Tafa-Girl Pajah in Montserado County; and that the change of name will substantially promote her interest in all of the understanding and good faith and that she has met all legal requirements for the change of her name in this jurisdiction.

The Petition having been heard, same is hereby ordered granted and we now render that the name HELENA D. EGWENSESEY be changed to HELENA D. ZEAH beginning this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of March, A.D. 2023. That all documents filed by the Petitioner herein prior to this decree remain valid.

THIS DECREE shall be registered in the Office of the Registrar of DEEDS and other Official Documentations 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 this date. AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS HONORABLE COURT, THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2023.

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## PUL controversy – Team Kanubah welcomes Supreme Court's hearing

The National Campaign Management Team of Julius Kanubah for the presidency of the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) has

on all PUL activities including the so-called induction of illegitimately elected officers. "We believe today's hearing by the Full Bench of the Supreme Court signals yet

attendance but recused himself in line with legal practice.

Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay also recused himself because of a family relationship with Mr. Daniel Nyakonah, who is one of the defendants in Team Kanubah's original Petition for Declaratory Judgment case against the now expired leadership of the PUL.

Meanwhile, as the Supreme Court has reserved ruling into the Bill of Information, Team Kanubah calls on Attorney-at-Law Patmillia Doe Paivey, the Center for Media Studies and Peacebuilding of Mr. Malcolm Joseph to stay clear of the World Press Freedom Day celebrations under the auspices of the PUL expired leadership.

Gracing any event organized by the expired leadership of national politicians Messrs. Charles Coffey and Musa Kenneh along with Daniel Nyakonah and Akoi Baysah is an affront to the December 15, 2022, Stay Order placed on all activities of the PUL former administration by the 9th Judicial Circuit Court sitting in Gbarnga, Bong County.



welcomed Tuesday's hearing into its Bill of Information by the Full Bench of the Supreme Court.

another legal path in pursuit of impartial justice, which Team Kanubah considers a MUST."

Tuesday's hearing at the Supreme Court was presided over by Chief Justice Sie-A-Nyene Gyapay Yuoh with Associate Justice Yussif D. Kaba participating along with Associate Justice Jamesetta Howard Wolokollie, who participated via online.

Justice Nagbe, whose action necessitated the Team Kanubah Bill of Information, was in

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