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UK Estimates Cost of Deporting Each Asylum-seeker to Rwanda Will Be \$215,000 lead in Sierra Leone vote

ritain's plan to send resolve the issue, with his party \$4.5 billion currently."The arriving in small boats.

asylum seekers to well behind the main opposition Rwanda will cost Labour Party in opinion polls \$215,035 per person, ahead of a national election due according to the first detailed next year. In an economic impact government assessment of a assessment published on Monday, high-stakes promise to tackle the government said the cost of record numbers of people deporting each individual to Rwanda would include costs such Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's as an average \$133,485 payment Conservative government to Rwanda for hosting each wants to send thousands of asylum-seeker, \$28,000 for the

economic impact assessment clearly shows that doing nothing is not an option," she

The government said the potential savings were "highly uncertain," but estimated that to break even the plan would need to have the effect of deterring almost two in five people arriving on small boats.

Labour said the economic assessment was a "complete joke" and it failed to accurately say what the overall cost of the plan would be. The Scottish National Party accused the government of spending an "astronomical" amount of money deporting desperate people while failing to help people in Britain with the rising costs of mortgages and food bills. On Thursday, the Court of Appeal will hand down its judgment on whether the Rwanda flights are lawful. The first planned flight last June was blocked by a last-minute ruling by the European Court of Human Rights, which imposed an injunction preventing any deportations until the conclusion of legal action in Britain.In December, the High Court in London ruled the policy was lawful, but that decision is being challenged by asylum seekers from countries including Syria, Sudan, Iraq, Iran and Vietnam along with some human rights organizations.



migrants more than 6,400 flight and escorting, and \$22,882 kilometers to Rwanda as part for processing and legal costs. of a deal with the central

Home Secretary (interior African country agreed to last minister) Suella Braverman said year. The government sees the these costs must be considered plan as central to deterring alongside the impact of deterring asylum seekers arriving in others trying to reach Britain and small boats from France. Sunak the rising cost of housing asylumhas made this one of his five seekers. Unless action is taken, priorities amid pressure from Braverman said that the cost of some of his own Conservative housing asylum seekers will rise to lawmakers and the public to \$13.9 billion a year, up from about

Mob kills man in northern Nigeria over alleged blasphemy

for alleged blasphemy.

Usman Buda, who worked as Prophet Muhammad. a butcher at the Sokoto city faithfuls [who] inflicted stumbles and falls. serious injuries on him", Sokoto Rufa'i is quoted as saying by the AFP news agency.

When the police arrived on the scene, "the mob escaped and left the victim unconscious", he added, the Premium Times reports.

Mr Buda was taken for treatment by police when they went to rescue him but his death was confirmed at the hospital. The authorities are now looking for the alleged perpetrators.

AFP reports that Mr Buda was killed after an argument over some child beggars who had asked for money. It quotes a witness as saying that he got

Muslim man in embroiled in a row after he northern Nigeria has disapproved of the children. He been killed by a mobthen made the alleged blasphemous remarks about the

A gruesome video being shared abattoir, "was mobbed and on social media shows a mob attacked by some Muslim targeting a man with stones as he

In response, Sokoto state state police spokesman Ahmad Governor Ahmed Alivu "called on

the people of the state to remain calm and law-abiding at all times", but he added that people should not do anything that is capable of degrading the personality of the Prophet Muhammad.

In May last year, a female student was attacked by Muslim students at her college in Sokoto, who killed her and set her body alight. She had been accused of blaspheming.



he first set of results in Sierra Leone's presidential election with the votes from 60% of the polling stations tallied show that the incumbent Julius Maada Bio is in the lead. The electoral commission says that he has 56% of the vote. His closest rival Samura Kamara, of the All People's Congress (APC), is on 42%. In order to win in the first round, a candidate needs more than 55% of the vote.

The APC had previously made complaints about the conduct of the election and the electoral commission.

On Sunday, Mr Kamara said live ammunition was fired into his party's headquarters as he held a news conference. A woman there was reportedly wounded and there are fears for her life.

Saturday's vote took place in a tense atmosphere at the culmination of a campaign marred by several violent incidents.

many areas. The election is taking place against the background of a troubled economy, the rising cost of living, and concerns about national unity.

The voters are choosing a president, MPs and councillors in the West African country's fifth election since the civil war ended in 2002.

The 11-year conflict cost an estimated 50,000 lives, but since then the country has a tradition of largely peaceful, free and credible elections, according to Marcella Samba Sesay, chairperson of the NGO National Elections Watch.

With strong party loyalty among the 3.3 million registered voters, the campaigns have focused on shoring up their parties' bases rather than articulating and debating policy issues.

However, voters have told the BBC they want to see concrete change in the country.

"I want a responsible government that will provide jobs, education, improve healthcare and also ensure food security. I expect the new president to work



On Wednesday, Mr Kamara's All People's Congress (APC) alleged that one of its supporters was shot dead by denied.Supporters of both main parties have been accused of attacking opponents. Accusations of election

irregularities were also being thrown on Saturday, after Mr Kamara alleged ballot stuffing and voter suppression in some parts of the country.

However, the electoral body had insisted, in a press conference earlier this week, that they had mechanisms in place to ensure a fair vote. Local media reports that arrests were made.

Saturday's vote saw a high turnout, with voters telling the BBC the process was

smooth despite polling

stations opening hours late in

for the nation," Solomon Beckley from Freetown said. President Julius Maada Bio, 59, of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) is police, which the police have running for a second five-year term. His main rival among the 12 challengers is Dr Samura Kamara, 72, of the All People's Congress (APC). This is a repeat of the race in 2018, which saw Mr Bio narrowly win following a second round runoff.here has been an uptick in violence compared to five years ago, according to the West Africa Network for Peace-building Sierra Leone. It has counted 109 violent incidents since April.

This week, the APC said one person was killed by security forces as its supporters gathered for a protest at its headquarters in Freetown on Wednesday. The police alleged the shots were fired from the direction of the APC building.

Dr Kamara has also said that his motorcade came under attack and

By Mia Mottley and Werner Hoyer

The unheeded **cry of Liberians**

CONTINUOUS CRY by many Liberians mainly parents and community residents over proliferation of dangerous substances in the country that are killing many young people across Liberia appears to be falling on deaf ears with authorities here doing very little, if anything at all, to mitigating the problem.

LIBERIA IS being saturated with narcotics, including marijuana, heroin, cocaine and 'Kush' that are consumed mainly by youth. Among these tranquilizers, 'Kush' is said to be the most deadly of all with reports of death occurring nearly every other day in one community or another, leaving helpless parents wailing over the loss of a child.

THE DRUG situation has intensified under the current administration that has witnessed the separate importation of cocaine valued as high as US\$100 million and nearly \$50 million respectively.

KUSH, THE most deadly, is reportedly imported from neighboring Sierra Leone. It is being sold in ghettos across Liberia with state security apparatus, mainly the Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA) lacking capacity to quickly apprehend dealers.

SUSPECTS BEHIND two separate consignments of cocaine busted at the Freeport of Monrovia last year, who were arrested and charged by police, were released by Criminal Court 'E' recently after jurors handed down a not guilty verdict.

BUT THE ruling by the court and subsequent release of the suspects, all of them foreign nationals, including a Lebanese was received by the public with disappointment. Even the Embassy of the United States in Monrovia that alerted Liberian authorities which led to the arrest, expressed reservation on the release of the suspects.

NOTWITHSTANDING, THE drug trade continues to boom across the country, as smugglers exploit Liberia's porous borders, and are in some instances, assisted by deviant immigration officers.

THE GOVERNMENT at the highest level has remained conspicuously silent over the drug situation in the country, leaving many to wonder whether it is a complacency.

COMMUNITY RESIDENTS continue to cry for government's intervention, as they lose children to peddlers operating ghettos across Monrovia.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Weah announced an ambitious program last year to rehabilitate drug-addicted youth that the government brands as "At-risk youth." The President also announced an ! estimated budget of US\$13 million to construct a rehabilitation center for "At-risk youth" and received commitments from partners.

BUT IF recent disclosure by the Minister of Youth and Sports D. Zogar Wilson, is anything to go by, then government's pronouncement is nothing but mere lip-service to fighting drugs that are destroying Liberia's next generation, because the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, according to Minister Wilson, has not released a dime for this much publicized rehabilitation program. We wonder how many Liberian youth should lose their lives before the drug issue can be treated as a national emergency.

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What It Will Take to Transform Development Finance

patterns, and escalating natural and Barbados. disasters, the urgency of decisive action on global population lives - are currently a call to raise \$100 billion more for the MDBs. experiencing loss and damage four times greater than elsewhere.

and respect. The global climate crisis can be least withstand it.

global financial system more shock-resistant. 30 years, with a ten-year grace period. We need to unblock flows of private capital, so reconstruction. The Bridgetown Initiative focused projects. proposes urgent reforms to the global financial grants to the world's poorest countries.

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can pursue this option, we also welcome transformative vision a reality. initiatives to redirect allocations of the International Monetary Fund's special drawing Mia Mottley is Prime Minister of Barbados. multilateral development banks so that they Investment Bank.

- In a world beset by rising can boost lending. This is one area where the temperatures, extreme weather EIB is actively engaging countries like Rwanda

climate change and the threat of future We also should leverage development-bank pandemics has never been more apparent. balance sheets through risk-sharing and risk Both threats will affect us all. But the transfers - an area where the EIB has much countries between the Tropics of Cancer and expertise. But to get close to a target of tripling Capricorn - including the Caribbean and lending for climate resilience, development Pacific states, and parts of Latin America, banks will need more paid-in capital. That is Africa, and Asia where another 40% of the why the updated Bridgetown Initiative includes

To make the most of this capital, we will need to modernize how we allocate MDB support. While As we navigate these daunting challenges, we development banks are right to focus on the must forge robust partnerships based on trust poorest countries, 70% of the world's poor people live in middle-income countries that are tackled only with a global mobilization. The currently ineligible for concessional and grant-Bridgetown Initiative, launched in Barbados like resources. Worse, millions of people are last summer and recently updated, calls on us now at risk of becoming poorer in the wake of a all to maximize our efforts to prevent and climate disaster or a pandemic. Short of respond to climatic events and pandemics. We changing existing concessional arrangements, must invest now to avert higher costs later. we need new long-term, low-cost lending The window is closing, and we must act before instruments to target investments in building irreversible damage is visited on those who can resilience among vulnerable populations in middle-income countries. Hence, the EIB recently approved the extension of loan Our task is fourfold. We need to make the maturities for sovereign counterparts for up to

that we can accelerate climate-change Development banks should recognize that in mitigation and medical research. We need to today's world of global shocks, global initiatives ramp up long-term, low-cost lending to are essential to tackle poverty and support governments, so that they can make their climate mitigation, biodiversity, early-warning citizens, communities, and countries more systems for natural disasters, and pandemic resilient to climate-related disasters and preparedness and response. Success will pandemics. And we need to find new non-debt require sticking to the goal of poverty reduction resources to finance post-disaster and growth, but moving beyond narrowly

architecture to meet these objectives, and it The EIB fully supports these aims and is working calls for a tripling of concessional loans and toward them in partnership with other MDBs. Following a call to action last year at COP27, the MDB Climate Group is advocating an But we must also maximize the availability and approach that addresses resilience at the level use of resources that we can leverage the of whole countries. This means focusing on most: capital at development banks. policy, investment, and capacity-building Multilateral development banks (MDBs) have a measures that will foster a green transition in unique role to play in the global mission to accordance with a country's own priorities. prevent and respond to climate change and Such an approach will allow us to shift from pandemics. Institutions like the European incremental, project-by-project climate Investment Bank are already ramping up finance to a more comprehensive approach that

As we navigate the daunting challenges posed by climate change and pandemics, everyone -Looking ahead, better integration with the but especially Europeans and others broader set of public development banks - championing the transition to net-zero including national ones, which collectively emissions - must support expanded financing. lend more than \$2 trillion per year - could With its public-interest model and innovative further improve the effectiveness of existing capabilities, the public development bank lending. Estimates by economists Vera system can be the mechanism with which we Songwe, Nicholas Stern, and Amar achieve common global goals. Unless our Bhattacharya suggest that the developing commitments under the Sustainable world needs at least \$350 billion more per year Development Agenda and the Paris climate of low-cost finance for building resilience agreement prevail, we will have failed to

beyond what is currently extended to the We can achieve a sustainable future only by reforming the financial system, scaling up climate investment, and listening to vulnerable To that end, we must make the best use of all states. With our joint commitment to solidarity, forms of existing capital available at the fairness, and mutual respect, we must work development banks. But since not everyone together to make the Bridgetown Initiative's

rights (SDRs, the IMF's reserve asset) to Werner Hoyer is President of the European

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By Diane Coyle

The State and the Market: Adam Smith at 300

AMBRIDGE - This year marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Adam Smith, the founding father of modern economics. It comes at a time when the global economy faces several daunting challenges. Inflation rates are the highest since the late 1970s. Productivity growth across the West remains sluggish or stagnant. Low- and middle-income countries are teetering on the brink of a debt crisis. Trade tensions are rising. And market concentration has increased among OECD countries.

Against this backdrop, Smith's tercentenary is an opportunity to reflect on his invaluable insights into the dynamics of economic growth and consider whether they can help us understand the current moment.

At the heart of Smith's theory of economic growth, outlined in the first chapter of his seminal work The Wealth of Nations, is the specialization facilitated by the division of labor. By breaking down production into smaller tasks - a process illustrated by Smith's famous example of the pin factory - industrialization enabled enormous gains in productivity.

But this process is not confined to individual firms. Since the division of labor, according to Smith, is "limited by the extent of the market," the market as a whole must expand through exchange. After all, boosting daily widget production from 100 to 10,000 is pointless if no one wants to buy widgets. So, the division of labor is a collective process that involves a continuous process of structural economic change. When there is a larger supply of affordable widgets, the widget-using sectors of the economy can expand production and reduce prices. Meanwhile, the market's increased size would allow upstream suppliers of materials required to produce widgets to reorganize production into more specialized tasks.

As the American economist Allyn Young noted in 1928, this is a dynamic story of increasing returns. The growth process is a virtuous circle of structural change that starts slowly and then accelerates, like an avalanche. The Industrial Revolution and the rapid growth of East Asia's "tiger" economies during the 1980s and 1990s are perfect examples of the process Smith identified. And yet the stagnant growth that has plagued developed economies over the past decade raises the question of whether global progress toward what he described as "universal opulence" has ground to a halt.

Although the division of labor into specialized tasks has often enhanced the skills and expertise of workers, this may not always be the case. The emergence of generative artificial-intelligence models has fueled concerns that employers will use these technologies to deskill human workers and cut costs, prompting calls for regulatory interventions to ensure that Al augments, rather than replaces, human capabilities.

Moreover, while economic growth since the onset of the Industrial Revolution has led to astonishing advances in health and well-being, it is important to recognize that the institutional frameworks and political choices that enabled this progress were the result of intense social struggles.

Another concern that is often overlooked stems from market size. Smith would likely have been shocked by the extent of specialization in the twenty-first-century economy (and probably also pleased with his foresight). Today, manufacturing relies heavily on complex global production networks. Final products such as automobiles and smartphones comprise thousands of components manufactured in multiple countries. Many of the intermediate links in those supply chains are extraordinarily specialized. The Dutch company ASML, for example, is the only producer of the ultraviolet lithography machines needed to produce advanced chips, most of which are manufactured by the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC).

But the widespread nature of this phenomenon suggests that the global market for many products can sustain only a few companies capable of achieving economies of scale. This has long been the case for large manufacturers in sectors such as aerospace, but it increasingly applies to smaller markets for intermediate components.

Consequently, Smith's other condition for economic growth - the presence of competition - is not met. Competition helps to ensure that economic growth is socially beneficial, because it prevents firm owners from monopolizing the benefits of specialization and increased exchange. As Smith put it in The Wealth of Nations, "In general, if any branch of trade, or any division of labor, be advantageous to the public, the freer and more general the competition, it will always be the more so."

Although the decline of competition has been a growing concern in Western economies over the past few years, the debate has largely focused on high-profile sectors within domestic markets, such as Big Tech. Policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic have responded to concentration in the tech industry with new laws, such as the European Union's Digital Markets Act, and tougher enforcement of existing antitrust laws, such as the US Federal Trade Commission's recent decision to block Microsoft's takeover of Activision.

The deeper policy question, however, is whether the level of specialization in certain markets has reached a tipping point where there is a trade-off between Smith's two prerequisites for growth. Has the division of labor reached its limit - and is the need to enhance competition therefore another reason to diversify supply chains and develop new sources of supply of production?

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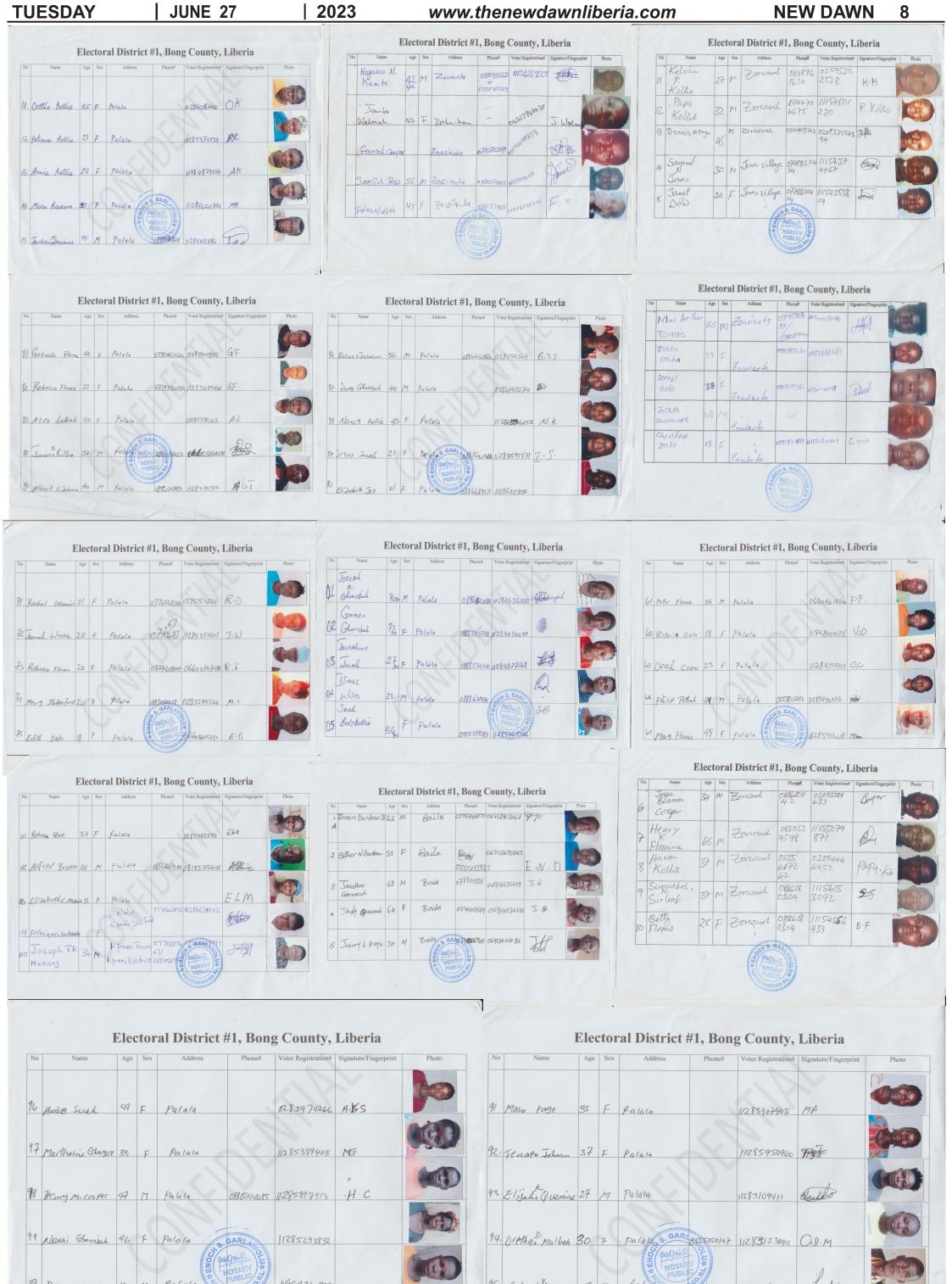
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Dr. Moniba to name Grace Kpaan as running

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as his running mate.

The 44-year-old is the

r. Clarence Moniba, zone. It will ensure that each recognition for her outstanding rising political stars, mechanized agriculture service. Her remarkable track is expected to name former towards building its ultimate record in effective governance Montserrado County goal of making the country and commitment to food, rice.

presidential hopeful for the mortgage scheme to spur constituents and political



prudence.

with promises that critics say border on populism, but have resulted in a groundswell of

which are ambitious, include success in the upcoming introducing a national election. agricultural policy that ensures that each county served as Montserrado County becomes a food production Superintendent, has garnered

Liberian National Union. He infrastructure development has a reputation for fiscal and home ownership and make sure that every high school Moniba is energizing voters graduate has at least two years of mandatory technical and vocational skills training.

His strategic alliance with support, especially among the Kpaan, a seasoned two largest voting blocs in the administrator with a wealth of country-youth and experience in local women-reinvigorating his governance, is seen as a formidable combination that Moniba's visions for Liberia, could solidify his chances of

Kpaan, who previously

one of the country's county participates in achievements in public Superintendent, Grace Kpaan self-sufficient in its staple community development has earned her widespread It seeks to create a admiration among both observers.

> "By selecting Grace Kpaan as his running mate, Dr. Moniba demonstrates his commitment to promoting capable and experienced individuals who can immediately contribute to the progress and development of the nation," Lloyd Scott, Moniba Campaign Chair, disclosed. "They're committed to enabling economic growth, creating job opportunities, and addressing some of Liberia's most pressing challenges, from healthcare to education to economic growth to infrastructure development."

> Kpaan once served as the President of the International Transport Workers Federation Coordinating Committee. Her selection marks a historic moment in Liberia as she will become the third female candidate contesting for the nation's second-highest political office. As the election draws closer, political analysts anticipate that this strategic partnership will further consolidate Moniba's standing as a rising political star, potentially shifting the

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U.S. Congressional delegation visits Sierra Leone, Liberia nited States Senate President Julius Maada Bio of second term in office. Professional Staff the Sierra Leone People's Party Member John (SLPP) said to be in a

A dispatch from (APC). Senior Professional Staff October in which President Dispatch Member on the U.S. Senate George Weah is seeking a Committee on Foreign Relations for Ranking Member Jim Risch (Republican-Idaho), will meet with a variety of government and civil society actors to examine democracy, governance, and human rights issues, particularly in relation to elections, in both Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Sierra Leone conducted presidential elections over the weekend amid reports of violence and death. Votes from across the country are being

counted in the capital, Freetown with incumbent

Tomaszewski, is visiting Sierra comfortable lead against main Leone and Liberia from June challenger, Dr. Samura Kamara of the All People's Congress

According to the dispatch, Congressional Staff Delegations regularly visit and meet with U.S. Embassy teams around the world as part of the Legislative Branch's oversight Washington, D.C., says while Liberians are gearing up for of the Executive Branch visiting the two neighboring presidential and departments, the budget, and countries, Mr. Tomaszewski, a representative elections in U.S. development assistance.



'Shame and disgraceful'

-GOL replies CIIr. Gongloe's criticism

By Lewis S. Teh

he Liberian government has condemned as 'shameful and disgraceful,' Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe's allegation that it is trying to establish a case against former Chief Justice Gloria Musu Scott and her family members about Charloe Musu's murder.

"It's shameful and disgraceful on the part of Cllr. Tiawan S. Gongloe, a counselor who should have known better to have dragged the government into this matter," Information Minister Ledgerhood Rennie said recently.

Cllr. Gongloe, a presidential hopeful was recently reported to have said that the government has no case.

He is reported to have

Newton, and Alice C. Johnson are charged with murder, criminal conspiracy, and [providing] false reports to law enforcement officials.

They were charged and sent to court Thursday, 22 June 2023 after several months of police investigation about the murder of Cllr. Scott's daughter Charloe

The defendants are accused of using a sharp instrument believed to be a knife to stab the late Charloe Musu.

Charloe's death in February this year shocked the country and heightened security fears.

She was murdered at Cllr. Scott's residence after the former Chief Justice reported to police authorities two separate incidents of alleged armed robbery attacks



claimed that the government is trying to establish a case against the former chief justice and her family members. "Those who intend to vote them, if they continue their decision to vote for them and if they succeed, then they will be committing national suicide and it will be a disaster," Gongloe is quoted to nave said.

However, Minister Rennie said the incident that occurred at former Chief Justice Scott's residence in February 2023 remains a mystery to everyone. He said the police have been conducting an investigation surrounding the matter.

Former Chief Justice Scott and her family members Rebecca Youdeh Wilson, Gertrude

at her home in Brewerville.

Minister Rennie explained that the police have now concluded their investigation and charged former Chief Justice Scott along with three relatives on three counts.

He said the charges range from murder to conspiracy and providing false information to the

"What we can do as members of the public if we must understand what exactly went wrong is to allow the legal process to take place," Rennie cautioned.

"We need to allow the criminal justice procedure to go on so at the end of the day justice can be served. We all want justice, this is the only intention of the government," he noted.

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EFFL urges opposition criminal conspiracy, and

By Lincoln G. Peters

"he Economic Freedom Fighters of Liberia (EFFL) has called on those within the opposition to wake up from their slumber and fight for

[providing] false reports to law enforcement officials.

to court Thursday, 22 June 2023 after several months of police investigation about the murder of Cllr. Scott's daughter Charloe Musu.



former Chief Justice Cllr. family.

In an exclusive WhatsApp interview with this paper over the weekend. EFFL leader Emmanuel Honquoi warned the opposition that nobody could be any of them too.

members Rebecca Youdeh Wilson, Gertrude Newton, and Alice C. Johnson are facing

The magisterial court in Gloria Musu Scott and her Monrovia has denied Cllr. Scott and her family members request to be released on bail, saying it lacks original trial jurisdiction in the murder case. The court also cited the defendants' failure to request knows tomorrow, saying it a preliminary hearing to allow it to hear the evidence that the Cllr. Scott and her family State relies on. Meanwhile, Gonquoi said the EFFL takes serious exception to an alleged 'high level of witch-hunt' being charges including murder, meted out against peaceful

arrest of Cllr. Scott, and her three family members.

Gonquoi said his party They were charged and sent cannot sit idly and allow the fast-becoming one-term President George Manneh Weah to cause mayhem and harassment against the people. "We urge our compatriots of the opposition bloc to wake up from their slumber because today is Cllr. Scott, as no one knows the next target and victim," said Gonquoi. He called on Liberians to reject President Weah and his government at the polls this October. "This is the only medium

> through which our country can be redeemed or regained from the hands of looters," he alleged. The EFFL leader also asked

> Liberians to remain calm and focused on the task to reject President Weah at the polls.

"As a signatory to the Farmington River Declaration, we call on international partners to take keen note of the fast-approaching danger that has the recipe for chaos," he said.

The opposition politician further stated that the action of President Weah and his surrogate should be a caveat to the people that anything called the CDC (Coalition for Democratic Change) should be buried and never surface in the body politics on election day.

S. calls for collaboration to fight drug trafficking

he United States Government is encouraging the Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA) and Liberian security institutions to continue to work together to combat illicit drug trafficking and to strengthen their efforts to earn the confidence and trust of the Liberian public.

The Embassy of the United States near Monrovia made the call here on Monday, Jun2 27, commemorated globally as International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking or World Drug Day. The U.S. Government lauds the LDEA and its Liberian security partners for working to reduce the trafficking of narcotics in Liberia, noting

this year's International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking commemoration, and will continue to work closely with the LDEA and other law enforcement agencies and the Ministry of Justice of Liberia in collaboratively reducing drug abuse and illicit trafficking, while helping those who suffer from addiction successfully pursue recovery. The statement from the U.S. Embassy Monrovia says the theme of World Drug Day 2023 is "People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention." It notes that the Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency's annual practice of holding a drugburning exercise at Disco Hill, which also served as the cremation ground during the Ebola crisis, is a somber reminder that substance



"The LDEA continues to seize and destroy illicit drugs that enter Liberia through its borders and international ports, reducing the negative impact of these drugs on the lives of Liberians."

It underscores that the primary duty of every government is to protect its citizens from threats, which include drug abuse and illicit trafficking, but it is also the responsibility of ordinary citizens to support efforts to educate Liberian youth about the dangers of drug abuse.

"To bolster the Government of Liberia's efforts to improve drug demand reduction efforts as part of its narcotics response, the U.S. Embassy is training 105 trainers on the Universal Prevention and Universal Treatment Curriculum. We hope this evidence-based training improves Liberia's response to substance use amongst its population", the American government says. The Embassy hopes that U.S. government funding of projects with the Carter Center, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the Colombo Plan will help LDEA move forward as a credible and effective organization.

is pleased to provide support for

It adds that the United States

use disorders and drug trafficking do not disappear during crises and that communities in crisis-suffering from war, epidemics, or other disasters-struggle even more to recover when illicit drugs are present. The Embassy recalls that in his State of the Union address in 2023, President Biden announced increasing focus on disruption of illicit drug trafficking, expanding access to evidence-based prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, and ensuring every jail and prison across the U.S. can provide treatment for substance use disorders. "U.S. Embassy Monrovia salutes the focus on increasing prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those with substance use disorders. recognizing that law enforcement actions are only part of any response, these efforts offer a glimmer of hope to those suffering from addiction, and for their families and communities. However, the U.S. reiterates

that these developments must be evidence-based, properly resourced, and free of the stigmatizing "treatments" that often make recovery harder and deprive individuals of the community support they need to fight addiction.

C and El dialogue on privatization of education

By Lewis S. Teh he National Teachers Association of Liberia (NTAL) and a delegation from Education International (El) have begun a two-day dialogue on the global response to the privatization and commercialization of education in Liberia.

"We want the Government of Liberia and all African governments to invest in education, invest in teachers and invest in education support personnel," EI Regional Director for Africa Dr. Dennis Sinyolo said Monday, 26 June 2023 in Monrovia.

At the start of a two-day dialogue on the global response to end the privatization and commercialization of education, Dr. Sinyolo stressed the need for the government in the region to strengthen public education. He noted that it will enhance the growth of the country, especially for Liberian

children."We at Education

International are embarking on a campaign called "Go Public! Fund Education and we want the Government of Liberia to strengthen public education and not to abandon it," he said. According to Dr. Sinyolo, Africa is lagging in terms of education due to a lack of sufficient budgetary allocation and a lack of sufficient qualified the National Executive Council teachers."Any country that to continue as teachers in refuses to invest more in education, that country will be

lagging behind and not be on par with its neighbors as it relates to national development," he said.Also speaking, Ms. Lucy Barimbui, El Africa Regional Coordinator, said they are in Liberia to support the NTAL in its quest to better the education sector of the country."We have come to empower, seek the mandate of doing what they know best by delivering quality public education," she said.



More than Nine hundred citizens from Grand Cape Mount County Petitioned Senator H. Varney Sherman to contest as Independent Candidate for the pending October 10, 2023 elections List of citizens who petitioned Senator H. Varney Sherman

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NOTARY CERTIFICATE

LIST OF PETITIONERS (RESIDENTS OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY), WHO PETITIONED VARNEY G. SHERMAN, SENATOR FOR GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY, TO CONTEST FOR RE-ELECTION AS SENATOR FOR GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY AT THE 2023 ELECTIONS

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned, a duly qualified Notary Public for the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, in my office in the City of Monrovia, County and Republic aforesaid, Alvin A. Sandimanie, one of Petitioners and Chief of Staff for the Offices of Senator Variney G. Sherman, and Variney G. Sherman himself, Senatorial Aspirant, known to me to be whom they represent themselves to be, made OATH, deposed and sayeth that: (1) the attached List of Petitioners (Residents of Grand Cape Mount County) did in their presence petitioned Variney G. Sherman, Senator for Grand Cape Mount County, to contest for re-election as Senator for Grand Cape Mount County, had their photographs taken, and other information about them inserted and their singulates of Sized. taken, and other information about them inserted, and their signatures or thumbprints affixed and (2) the aforesaid List of Petitioners is genuine and each Petitioner listed therein, based on his/her own free will and action, provided the information therein and affixed his/her signature or thumbprint thereon.



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PETITION FOR VARNEY G. SHERMAN TO CONTEST FOR RE-ELECTION AS SENATOR FOR GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY AT THE OCTOBER 2023 LECTIONS

We, the below listed citizens of Liberia, who are residents of Grand Cape Mount County, being rhelmingly satisfied with the performance of Varney G. Sherman, currently Senator for Grand Cape it County, in the discharge of the three cardinal responsibilities of a legislator (law making, sentation and oversight) and also being aware of his tremendous contributions to the social, economic uman resource development of Grand Cape Mount County, do hereby petition Varney G. Sherman, a lan citizen and resident of Grand Cape Mount County (address at Up Town, Robertsport City) to contest election as Senator for Grand Cape Mount County.



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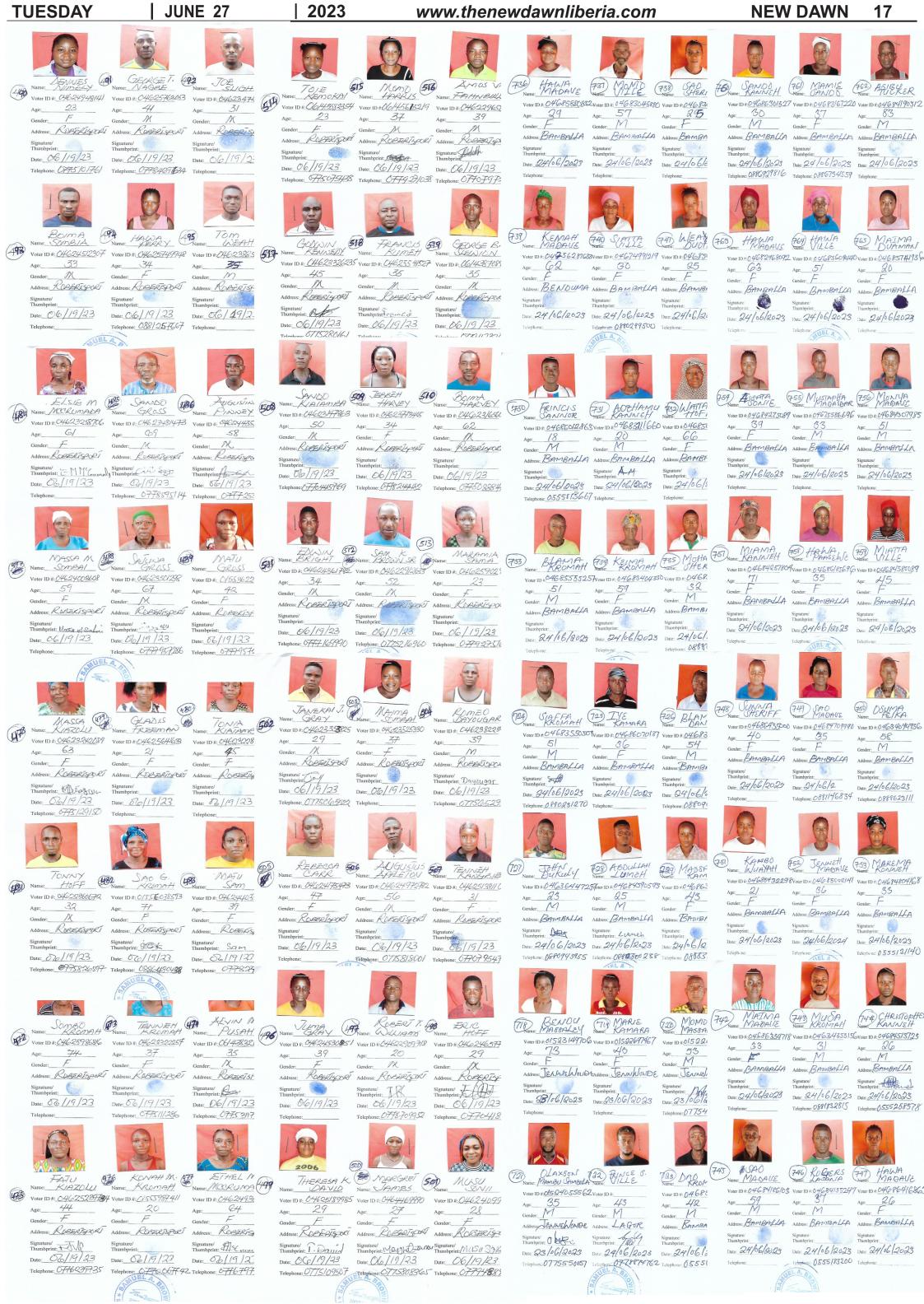
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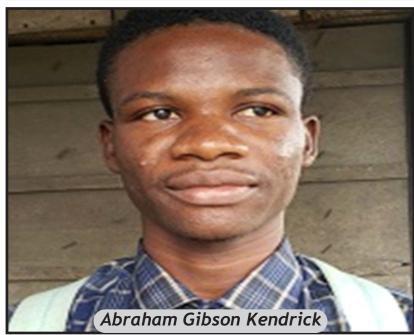
DEBATE

Topic: Political endorsement

By Naneka A. Hoffman

With just three months to elections, politicians in the country are receiving endorsements from citizens and groups some of them without consent or approval of their leaders, like the recent scenario with former Vice President Boakai and the National Federation of Motorcyclists and Tricycles Association of Liberia (NAFOMTAL) that backfired with the President-General of NAFOMTAL, Harris Kollie, distancing the Federation from an endorsement by over 230,000 cyclists in Paynesville.

In this random interview, the NEW DAWN asked several Monrovia residents whether the motorcyclists made fun of the Unity Party Standard Bearer by endorsing him without approval of their national leader or what lesson politicians should learn from this as the October 10th Presidential and Representative Elections draw near. Read their comments as compiled below.



<u>I don't see it to be b e e n</u>

"The endorsement of Amb. Joseph N. Boakai by the motorcycle union is in every institution. They have leadership, so in as much the thing will go on within the institution and the leaders are not aware that means it's not done properly so, those guys gathered and endorsed Joseph Boakai on that day; those few handful of people because, they were not even five persons, so those few handful of people that Amb. Boakai and the that means everything

▲ Firstly, the something that we motorcycle should hold them with union is an malice, because Amb. organization that is Joseph Boakai is not together. Even if they ready yet. This man made fun of Amb. spent 12 years in Joseph Boakai, for me, government. What has

recommendation for the union during his regime regarding how government can help the union to have a better leadership? So, for the other people coming up to say that they are not aware of the endorsement of Amb. Boakai, for me it's left with them and I will even encourage them to not support Amb. Boakai because if he won, under his regime there will be no tangibles. What we will see from Joseph Boakai government? Life will not be impacted and nothing we will see new. I think they are making fun of him; it is just a



endorsed Joseph Unity Party because the that went on that day Boakai, saying that leadership should be was just joke and you motorcycle union aware the president and will not see those people endorsed Joseph Boakai the vice president of the on voting day. And when is not so. And they are motorcycle union should issue comes to reality, doing it to tell the be the one to come up you will not see those public that they are with the release on such people around the old making fun of Amb. endorsement. But if at man so, he should not Boakai. They are all it doesn't happen in take those people to be making serious fun of that form and manner his followers."

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"Definitely, h motorcyclists are making fun of Amb. Boakai because the motorcycle unions are organizations that get their leadership so, if any other endorsement is going on, the

leadership supposed to be in the know and to approve it. If at all individuals are coming



up to say they are endorsing Joseph Boakai, I don't think he should take it serious; that is fun they are playing of him."



the motorcycle union are making fun of Amb. Boakai, and I think so because for the motorcyclists, Harris Kollie is the president, and anything they do in it especially, unions." the country, the

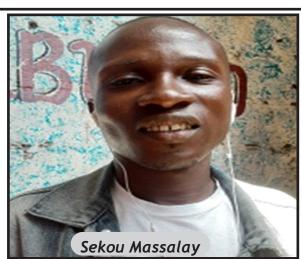
president should be aware of it. And the president should know h endorsement is going on and he should be there, so I think the motorcycle unions are making fun of

"I want to think that Amb. Joseph N. Boakai. Amb. Boakai should know that we are in election period so, he should shine his eyes; it is not anyone that will come to him and say they are coming to endorse him he should accept

"If a Union or any organization wants to endorse, he should look for the president, vice president and the spokesperson for the organization before the endorsement goes on because I think it is fun the motorcyclists made of him. How will a union endorse him

without the president or vice president being present? I think it is shameful for him as an Ambassador, being endorsed then after few days union president coming up saying that

he is not aware of the



endorsement. I think it is a complete fun the motorcyclists made of Amb. Boakai. My advice to Amb. Boakai is that he should beware of 419 endorsement. We are in the election period."

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By Naneka Hoffman Training School in Sundaygar Momolu claims that he sold were secured almost 15 Town along Marshall Highway the land to Chief Justice Sie years ago, and that with outside Monrovia protest here -A- Nyene Yuoh. But Mr. support of partners, they

Monitor, Jefferson Knight, reincarnated into society. tudents of New Life who is also executive Recovery Center and director of the institution Center has three acres of Vocational Skills discloses one Clarence land in Sundaygar Town that against demolition of their Knight says the Chief Justice have been developing the

He further explains the



campus allegedly upon order met them on the land. of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, Her bought the land years ago disadvantaged youth. Honor, Sie-A-Nyene Yuoh.

colleagues while protesting at Justice Yuoh that she Nyene Yuoh allegedly the site on Monday, 26 June purchased the same land for ordered 30 soldiers of the Student Israel Roberts her daughter in January Armed Forces of Liberia and explained that the school has 2023. been doing a lot for underprivileged youth from that the Chief Justice demolish the training center various communities allegedly ordered that costs US\$40,000. especially, those who can't demolition of the Center afford to fund their own that is meant to rehabilitate Justice allegedly education. According to him, at-risk youth and provide demolished the entire the school has been offering them skills. He says students facility with other adjacent free education to and community residents property covering about six underprivileged or drugsaddicted youth (Zogoes) because they are angry over rights advocate explains the commonly referred to as at-the demolition of the alleged action is risk youth and community facility. Knight discloses that discouraging and residents, which has been a the land in question was undermines the current fight great opportunity for those of purchased between 2011 against drug addiction in them who can't afford and 2012 and construction Liberia that is destroying financially.

that they were learning Yuoh allegedly demolished are so many young people in tailoring and soap-making it, adding that during the various communities the that have reincarnated them from zogoes to heroes, and the site and claimed but without any official that they are not willing to ownership of the land thus, notice, whatsoever it was lose this opportunity.

He accuses the Chief be broken down. Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, Her Honor, Sie-A- and Rehabilitation Center in Atty. Ambrose Manh says Nyene Yuoh of fighting people Marshall was demolished on Chief Justice Youh is not in the community for lands. He says as students, they are calling on the international facility is new life Liberia is a country of law so, community and the rehabilitation drugs service if Mr. Knight feels offended, government to intervene and program that has catered to he should go to court help rebuild the school. The more than 5,000 young men because Her Honor, Yuoh is Director of the United across the country, who not above the law.

from its rightful owner,

started since January this future of young people. Student Roberts explains year when Chief Justice demolition she met him on Center could have served, ordering for the structure to razed to the ground. The

June 22, 2023.

Methodist Human Rights have been rehabilitated and

since it was property He explains that they acquired to rehabilitate

But according to Mr. Speaking on behalf of his contrary to claim by Chief Knight, Chief Justice Sie- A-20 officers of the Police He says it is in this light Support Unit (PSU) to

> He laments that the Chief joined Monday's protest acres of land. The human

He continues that there director of press at the The New Life Recovery Supreme Court of Liberia, disposed to respond to such According to him, the an allegation, adding that

Starts from page 10 Dr. Moniba to name Grace

campaign still maintains its stimulating widespread Liberia. current momentum.

The unveiling of Kpaan, according to analysts, is scheduled to take place at a of supporters, eager to expected to inject renewed highly-anticipated campaign witness the next phase of energy and excitement into rally, where Moniba and Moniba's transformative Moniba's campaign, Kpaan will share their political journey."

discussions.

political landscape if his captivating voters and collective vision for a better

The event is expected to The announcement is attract a significant turnout

kai declares drugs emergen

By Lincoln G. Peters

ormer Liberian Vice Nyuma Boakai has declared the proliferation of drugs across the country a national security emergency threat that needs immediate arrest.

Mr. Boakai, who is making his second attempt for the presidency this October, has vowed to wage war against drug trafficking when he wins the nation's highest office.

"I view it as a threat to our national security, and must be elevated to a National Emergency. The statistics cannot be starker," the 78-year-old said during a press conference held on International Day Against Drugs Abuse Monday, 26 June 2023.

Boakai said the increasing exposure of Liberians, particularly the youth to drug abuse and addiction through ready access to banned substances, if not immediately arrested, will have enormous health, social, economic, and country.

"It is estimated that 2 in 10 youth in Liberia are users of

the trial saga that ensued.

He also recalled the mysterious President Amb. Joseph and unexplained departure from the country of all those who stood trial and "acquitted." of the drug-related charges. Boakai suggested that these are indications of the extent to which the country has been rapidly exposed in the last few years to the narco trade.

> He said they also point to the vulnerability of the Liberian society to the impact of such large-scale assault by international criminal enterprises. "Significantly, it reveals the failure of national leadership, a weak and criminal justice system and crucially raises suspicion about the probable complicity of some higher-ups in this affair," he noted.

> Boakai said it is now obvious that the Weah Administration is incapable, unwilling, complicit, and indifferent to this crisis.

> "They don't see it as most Liberians see it - A NATIONAL EMERGENCY. This is why a change in national leadership is and should be now," he told Liberians.

The opposition leader cautioned Liberians to see their votes as an security implications on the opportunity to reverse a dangerous trend by saving their children and securing their future. According to Boakai, abusers of drugs are prone to



drug addiction," said Amb. overdose. Boakai.

between substance abuse and crimes is equally worrying, with the police reporting an increase in drug-related crimes.

He warned that Liberia is fast gaining notoriety as a narcotics, with the country shamefully appearing now as a "narco-state.'

According to him, the country's weak law enforcement capacity, porous borders, and

proximity to major drug transit routes help to contribute to trafficking to and through Liberia. The Unity Party (UP) standard bearer recalled the recent

seizure of 100 million United

States Dollars worth of drugs, and

narcotic substances. Some mental health illnesses and high estimates have it that about 13% suicidal tendencies, and may also of the population is affected by die prematurely due to drug

He also noted that dependency on He noted that the correlation drugs often leads to crimes, which put both the users and society in peril because these young people are stigmatized and face harsh societal isolation.

Boakai promised to holistically declare war on drug trafficking and transshipment country for illicit use when elected President of Liberia in the upcoming October 10 presidential and legislative pools."I promise to declare war on drug trafficking and use when elected, which is why the decision you make on October 10 would be one of the most consequential in your lifetime," said Amb. Boakai.

> He implored Liberians to remain vigilant and know that help is on the way to salvage their young people and society from "kush" and the throes of this epidemic.



By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

uling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Chairman Mulbah K. Morlu Jr. has rallied citizens to reelect President George Manneh Weah, alleging that opposition Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai's 'Rescue Mission' is fake.

"They say they came to

Mission is only intended to fool years of rule. the people. "But I'm urging you to reject them any [way] they come to persuade you," Morlu continued. The CDC carried out preparation on Sunday for a planned 'Thank You' Day program due on 15 July 2023 to appreciate its supporters for their participation in the Biometric Voter Registration on the right trajectory of (BVR) exercise.

He accused the UP of allegedly rigging elections, and allowing the ordinary people to suffer.

Morlu expressed overwhelming conviction of a CDC first-round victory in the October 2023 election.

He stressed that Liberia is change under the leadership of President George Manneh Weah. The CDC chair described President Weah as a gift to Liberians, and the nation at large.He urged citizens to rally around the incumbent to maintain the growth and development of Liberia.He pleaded with supporters not to let go of incumbent President Weah, boasting that the incumbent has done much in his short term as president than all other previous regimes.On Sunday, thousands of citizens, mostly supporters of the CDC defied heavy rainfall in Montserrado County Electoral Districts 2 & 3, to rally ahead of a planned July 15 'Thank You' program.

The supporters overwhelmingly committed themselves in separate meetings to ensure a oneround victory for President Weah in the October polls.



rescue Liberia. Rescue Liberia This ... so-called rescue mission is baseless, senseless, fake, and has no substantial reasoning for Morlu Sunday, 25 June 2023.

Speaking in Montserrado

During the preparation, from what? Progress? Chairman Morlu cautioned Unprecedented developments? citizens to reject the Rescue Mission, accusing the opposition of being fake politicians who will only come anyone to believe," said Mr. out during an electoral process to seek their votes.

Morlu blasted Amb. Boakai's County Electoral Districts #2 & former ruling Unity Party (UP) Morlu said the Rescue for doing nothing during its 12

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