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former Chief Justice Gloria Scott



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Continental News

Election Tensions Rise in Zimbabwe After Police Bar Opposition Party Rally

Opposition party supporters in Zimbabwe chanted and sang freedom songs outside a courthouse Sunday following a decision to ban them from holding a rally six weeks before elections. But Mnangagwa has turned out to be as repressive as his predecessor, say critics, and the economy continues to collapse. There has been a crackdown on any kind of criticism.

The court in the town of Bindura upheld Friday's police order that the opposition Citizens Coalition for Change party could not hold the rally to officially launch its election campaign because the venue was unsuitable. The CCC had appealed in court against the order. The decision increased tensions in the southern African nation, which has a history of violent and disputed elections. The CCC immediately criticized the move as more evidence of a push by President Emmerson Mnangagwa and his

The yellow-clad CCC supporters who gathered outside Bindura Magistrates Court sang "Dictatorship remains. When will this country be free?" Police said that the opposition party's chosen venue for Sunday's rally was unsuitable because it was a "bushy" area with poor access via road, raising safety concerns for those attending. The police also said there was a "high risk" of the spread of communicable diseases. A rally where thousands of ruling



Zimbabwean main opposition leader Nelson Chamisa, center, talks to the press outside the nomination court in Harare

ruling ZANU-PF party to silence the opposition using the police and the courts. party supporters packed tightly together in a stadium to hear Mnangagwa speak Saturday. "We are getting into a match with both legs tied," said CCC lawyer Agency Gumbo. "They would rather keep the opposition at the courts than on the campaign trail." VOA

JUDICIAL BRANCH
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL LAW COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SITTING IN ITS
MAGISTRATE TERM, A.D. 2023

BEFORE HIS HONORABLE... SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR... ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE

THE PETITION OF PATIENCE L. BEAH 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 "PATIENCE L. DOPOE"

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 PATIENCE L. BEAH, TO "PATIENCE L. DOPOE".

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 there is no objection to the change of name proposed by her.

That the Petitioner having shown with justification and satisfaction that she was born on August 3, 1996 in the City of Bahn, Nimba County, Republic of Liberia, and that she was born unto the union of Mr. Emmanuel Dopoe and Madam Lucy Dopoe and that the Change of her name will substantially promote her interest in all of the understandings and more firmly 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 Patience L. Beah be changed to "Patience L. Dopoe" beginning this 22ND Day of March, A.D. 2022. That all documents signed 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.

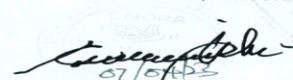
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS HONORABLE COURT, THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2022.

COURT SEAL:


 HIS HONOR SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR
 ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING
 SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT

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EDITORIAL

Dreaming a new Liberia

Outgoing United States Ambassador Michael McCarthy, who ends his mission here in barely two weeks has projected a new Liberia in which the potentials of its citizens and resources would be utilized for future growth and prosperity.

Mr. McCarthy observed that if there is one reoccurring theme that unites every visitor to Liberia is the sense of the country's enormous potential with so many reasons for hope towards a forward march.

However, speaking last Thursday, June 29, 2023 in Monrovia at ceremony to commemorate America's 247th Anniversary Ambassador McCarthy underscored that Liberia can have a bright future if it so chooses but it will require substantial follow-through on issues he outlined, including peaceful, free and fair elections that are just two months away.

He added that one of the main goals of the U.S. Embassy Monrovia and the reason it continues to provide the country support across various sectors, including health, education, business and political leadership is to see a more prosperous Liberia.

But do Liberians realize their own potential and resources that God has endowed this country with and how to channel them in turning the wheels of poverty, disease, degradation and illiteracy around to enjoy prosperity and growth or do we prefer wallowing in the vices that have kept us in a vicious cycle of stagnation?

We believe the ambassador's remarks are a wakeup call to all Liberians to rise from their slumber and dream the kind of country they envisage for themselves in the next four decades or more to improve their personal and general wellbeing as a nation.

Envisioning for ourselves the kind of country we desire is the first step to making changes in our national life. Capacity may pose a challenge for now, but if we can only develop the youthful population that God has blessed the country with, a lot could be achieved to attain prosperity and growth that have eluded this country since the 70s and 80s.

As Liberia's traditional partner, we believe the United States is prepared to do much more in providing assistance only if we can get our acts together as a people, willing to make sacrifices. Prosperity and growth will not come wrapped in silver plate but hard work.

It goes beyond just changing leadership at the ballot box, but demonstrating love for country thru service.

With the return to the country of 13 Peace Corps Volunteers after three years absence because of COVID-19, Liberia stands to benefit if only we tap from their expertise in various sectors.

We believe strongly that the new Liberia that Ambassador McCarthy talked about is in reach if all Liberians put hands on deck and shun mediocrity, lip-service, greed and selfish bickering, putting interest of the common good in all that we do.

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COMMENTARY

by Tarja Halonen, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim

Winning the Fight for Women's Land Rights

Women have cultivated and nurtured life on our planet for centuries. Yet while the world enjoys the fruits of their labor, they often have no say or control over the land they work.

To add insult to injury, the twin threats of drought and desertification - intensified by climate change - have reduced the amount of usable land, jeopardizing livelihoods as well as food production. Moreover, unsustainable farming is eroding soil 100 times faster than natural processes can restore it. The United Nations has classified up to 40% of the world's land as degraded.

Land degradation is a huge challenge, but the solution lies in the people most concerned about protecting this valuable resource: women. When given the chance, women are responsible stewards who use their extensive knowledge and skills to protect and restore the land in their possession. They have also proven capable of building resilience to droughts, which are becoming more severe and more common as temperatures rise.

As matters stand, women are rarely offered such opportunities. Discriminatory practices such as inadequate land-tenure systems, limited access to credit, unequal pay, low levels of decision-making autonomy, and sexual- and gender-based violence prevent their active participation in land management.

In Chad, the government excludes many women and girls from land allocations, leaving them with insecure tenure. Gender norms that devalue the contributions of women further reinforce their precarious position. The common expression "Mara sakit," meaning "She's just a woman," exemplifies this sexist dynamic.

The problem extends far beyond one country. Despite comprising nearly half of the world's agricultural workforce and producing up to 80% of food in developing economies, women own less than one-fifth of land worldwide. More than 100 governments continue to deny women the right to inherit their husband's property.

This imbalance, coupled with the worsening climate crisis, leads to female agricultural workers bearing the brunt of land degradation. They suffer from food and water scarcity and are often forced to migrate, which is a contributing factor to gender inequality and its expression through violence and discrimination against women and girls. Indigenous women and girls, people with disabilities, and women human-rights defenders are particularly vulnerable in such conditions.

Frustrated by their lack of agency in

decision-making, women in some countries have started to fight for their land rights. Sierra Leone, for example, recently passed a new law that grants women the right to own, lease, or buy land in the country.

In Tanzania, women who have been given stronger land rights are earning up to 3.8 times more income and are also more likely to have individual savings. This highlights an important byproduct of equal land rights: economic security for women and girls. Giving women a greater say in land management can have cascading knock-on effects on household income, food security, and investment in children's education and health.

Equal land rights could also boost food security, as women invest more in agricultural technology, and use their indigenous traditional knowledge, that results in higher yields. In fact, if women farmers had access to the same level of resources as men, the number of undernourished people in the world could be reduced by as much as 100-150 million people.

To make this a reality, governments must remove the barriers that prevent women and girls from owning and inheriting land. More broadly, policymakers should involve women in decisions about land management, conservation, and restoration.

The private sector also has a critical role to play. By expanding access to credit, for example, financial institutions can make it easier for female agricultural workers to purchase the technology and inputs required to improve yields, protect soils, and guard against land degradation.

Yet the most important work, including raising awareness and campaigning for change, falls to local communities. Campaigns like With Rural Women for a Chad Without Hunger have pushed for land reforms and encouraged dialogue with authorities, putting affected women front and center. The outcome in Chad is promising: after mobilizing more than 25,000 women in seven provinces between 2017 and 2019, 300 hectares of land were allocated to 18 women's groups.

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification has placed gender equality at the core of its mandate - and for good reason. As the convention acknowledges in its Gender Action Plan, women play a crucial role in sustainable land management. Consequently, securing women's land rights is not only the right thing to do; it will boost land-restoration efforts, develop long-term resilience to droughts, and create more equitable economies. Our planet, and the health of our societies, depends on it.

Notarized Petitioners Listing Duly Executed And Signed By Residents Of Electoral District#9 Republic Of Liberia, In Favor Of Mohammed Abraham Ware, Jr., Representative Aspirant

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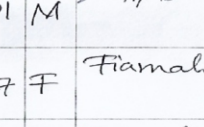
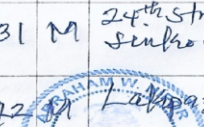
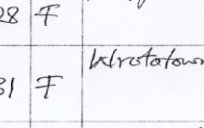
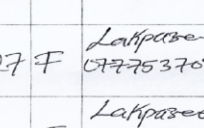
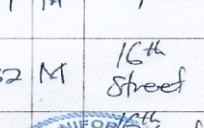
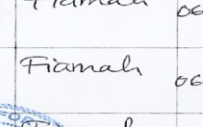
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Français

La détention de Gloria Musu Scott est une simple chasse aux sorcières politique, selon ses avocats

Une "simple chasse aux sorcières politique", c'est ainsi que les avocats de l'ancienne juge en chef Gloria Scott qualifient sa détention, car, pour eux, de toute

le meurtre de Charloe Musu, l'une des filles de la juge.

Les accusées sont soupçonnées d'avoir poignardé feu Charloe Musu à l'aide d'un couteau.

La mort de Charloe en février de cette année a choqué le pays et

visant à libérer Mme Scott et les trois membres de sa famille sur caution.

Mais les avocats dénoncent une tentative malveillante de se livrer simplement à des abus de pouvoir.

Dans une déclaration d'information en cinq chefs d'accusation qu'ils ont déposée devant le juge Willie, les avocats de la défense ont dénoncé une négligence intentionnelle de la fourniture des éléments de preuves sur lesquelles le ministère public s'appuie pour poursuivre l'ancien juge en chef et les membres de sa famille pour meurtre.

La défense a également cité les ordonnances du juge Willie, mandatant l'accusation de fournir à l'équipe de défense tous les types de preuves au plus tard le mercredi 5 juillet 2023.

Le parquet a déposé un bref de certiorari devant la Cour suprême pour contester l'ordonnance du juge les obligeant à fournir à l'équipe de défense tous les types de preuves.

Fait intéressant, la défense a déclaré que la décision du juge n'a pas été mise à la disposition de l'équipe de défense.

Elle a déclaré que la décision faisait partie intégrante du bref de l'accusation déposé devant la Cour suprême.

accru les craintes en matière de sécurité.

Elle fut assassinée au domicile de Mme Scott après que celle-ci a signalé aux autorités policières deux tentatives d'attaques à main armée à son domicile à Brewerville.

Des dizaines d'avocats de haut niveau, dont le juge associé destitué Kabineh M. Ja'neh, défendent Mme Scott et les membres de sa famille accusés dans l'affaire de meurtre présumé.

Le mardi 4 juillet 2023, le juge Roosevelt Z. Willie de la Cour pénale "A" a rejeté une requête

évidence, le parquet ne dispose d'aucune preuve, cependant il veut engager des poursuites.

La juge Scott et trois membres de sa famille, dont Rebecca Youdeh Wilson, Gertrude Newton et Alice C. Johnson, sont accusées de meurtre, de complot criminel et de faux témoignage.

Ils ont été déférés au tribunal le jeudi 22 juin 2023, puis détenus à South Beach, une prison à durée maximale de Monrovia, après plusieurs mois d'enquête policière sur



Former Chief Justice Gloria Scott

Le ministère de la Justice à dit avoir pris des mesures contre l'afflux des drogues illicites

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À en croire le solliciteur général de la République du Libéria Nyanti Tuan, le ministère de la Justice mettra en place des mesures pour freiner l'afflux de drogue dans le pays. Me Tuan a donné l'assurance aux membres de la Chambre des représentants le jeudi 6 juillet 2023 lors d'une séance parlementaire à laquelle il avait été sommé de comparaître, à la suite d'une communication du représentant du district électoral n° 7 du comté de Nimba, Roger S.W.Y. Doma, II. Le représentant Domah, dans sa communication, a soulevé de sérieuses préoccupations concernant l'afflux de drogues illégales et d'armes à feu à travers les frontières du Libéria. Le représentant Domah avait insisté que les responsables de la Sécurité commune

prissent des mesures draconiennes contre l'afflux des drogues illicites et des armes à feu à travers les frontières nationales.

Il s'était également dit préoccupé par l'augmentation spectaculaire de la consommation de drogues chez les jeunes et la menace potentielle pour la sécurité nationale. "Le Libéria a fait l'actualité internationale pour deux grandes saisies de drogue au cours des six derniers mois", a-t-il déclaré. La Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency (LDEA) et la National Security Agency (NSA) ont intercepté une cargaison de plus de 520 kilogrammes de cocaïne, d'une valeur de 100

millions de dollars américains en octobre 2022. En février 2023, la LDEA avait saisi 197 kg de cocaïne d'une valeur de plus de 37 millions de dollars américains au port franc de Monrovia.

Le député a certes applaudi les efforts de la LDEA et de tous les autres membres de l'appareil de sécurité qui ont intercepté la drogue, mais il s'est dit profondément troublé par le fait que le Libéria est devenu un point de transit et une plaque tournante du commerce international de la drogue.



Éditorial

Rêver d'un Libéria nouveau

L'ambassadeur sortant des États-Unis au Libéria Son Excellence Michael McCarthy, qui termine sa mission ici dans à peine deux semaines, a projeté un nouveau Libéria dans lequel le potentiel de ses citoyens et ses ressources seront mis à profit pour la croissance et la prospérité futures.

M. McCarthy a fait observer que s'il y a un thème récurrent qui unit chaque visiteur au Libéria, c'est l'énorme potentiel dont dispose le pays au point d'espérer une nouvelle marche en avant.

Cependant, s'exprimant le jeudi 29 juin 2023 à Monrovia lors d'une cérémonie commémorant le 247e anniversaire de l'Amérique, l'ambassadeur McCarthy a souligné que le Libéria peut avoir un avenir radieux s'il le souhaite, mais qu'il nécessitera un suivi substantiel sur les questions qu'il a décrites, y compris des élections qui auront lieu dans seulement deux mois.

Il a ajouté que l'un des principaux objectifs de l'ambassade des États-Unis à Monrovia et la raison pour laquelle elle continue de fournir un soutien au pays dans divers secteurs, notamment la santé, l'éducation, les affaires et le leadership politique, est de voir le Libéria prospérer davantage.

Mais les Libériens réalisent-ils leur propre potentiel et les ressources dont Dieu a doté ce pays et comment les canaliser en faisant tentant de se débarrasser de la pauvreté, de la maladie, de la dégradation et de l'analphabétisme pour profiter de la prospérité et de la croissance, ou préférons-nous nous vautrer dans les vices qui nous ont mis dans un cercle vicieux de stagnation?

Nous pensons que la déclaration de l'ambassadeur est un appel à tous les Libériens pour qu'ils sortent de leur sommeil et rêvent du genre de pays qu'ils envisagent pour eux-mêmes dans les quatre prochaines décennies ou plus afin d'améliorer leur bien-être personnel et général en tant que nation.

Imaginer par nous-mêmes le genre de pays que nous désirons est la première étape pour apporter des changements dans notre vie en tant que nation. La capacité peut poser un défi pour le moment, mais si nous ne pouvons développer la population jeune avec laquelle Dieu a béni le pays, nous pouvons mieux faire pour atteindre la prospérité et la croissance qui échappent à ce pays depuis les années 70 et 80. En tant que partenaire traditionnel du Libéria, nous pensons que les États-Unis sont prêts à faire beaucoup plus pour fournir une assistance uniquement si nous pouvons agir ensemble en tant que peuple, prêt à faire des sacrifices. On ne peut atteindre la prospérité et la croissance que par le travail acharné.

Il ne s'agit pas que de changer de leader par les urnes, mais de démontrer l'amour pour la patrie à travers le service. Avec le retour dans le pays de 13 Volontaires Peace Corps après trois ans d'absence à cause de la COVID-19, le Libéria a tout à gagner si seulement nous exploitons leur expertise dans divers secteurs.

Nous croyons fermement que le nouveau Libéria dont a parlé l'ambassadeur McCarthy est à portée de main, mais encore faut-il que tous les Libériens mettent la main à la pâte et évitent la médiocrité, les paroles en l'air, la cupidité et les querelles égoïstes, en mettant l'intérêt du bien commun dans tout ce que nous faisons.

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Wasted opportunity

Cllr. Gongloe finally names running mate

-Ellen & Co write UNGA

Former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and fellow co-chair of the United Nations Panel of Experts Rt. Hon. Helen Clark have jointly

governance, equitable access to countermeasures, preparedness and surge finance, the need for clear rules and roles, and for a strong World Health Organization.

The UNGA High-Level Meeting's Political Declaration offers a one-time and historic opportunity to commit to lasting and transformative change to pandemic preparedness and response. We call on leaders and decision-makers to make this moment count.

Yours sincerely,
Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

The Right Honourable Helen Clark

Co-Chairs of the former Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response

About the Independent Panel:

The former Co-Chairs led The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response together with 11 distinguished panellists. They spent eight months rigorously reviewing various dimensions of the pandemic. In May 2021 the Co-Chairs submitted their evidence-based landmark report entitled COVID-19: Make it the Last Pandemic to the World Health Assembly. They made recommendations which, taken as a package, could transform the international system in a way that could make it the last pandemic of such devastation. The Independent Panel was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General in response to the World Health Assembly resolution 73.1 issued in May 2020.

The recommendations of The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response have helped to lay the groundwork for ongoing reforms to the international system. Former Independent Panel Co-Chairs and members continue to advocate for implementation of the full package of recommendations due to concerns about the failure to implement recommendations of past high-level reviews of major outbreaks. Their interest is to see a fit-for-purpose, transformed, and effective international system for pandemic preparedness and response. The former Co-Chairs and members continue to do this work in their own time because of the serious implications of lack of transformative change being made.

We are committed to principles of equity, inclusion, and regional resilience. Our recommendations are intended to ensure that all regions are at the decision-making table and fully benefit from a transformed system.

A key recommendation is to secure sustained highest-level political leadership on pandemic preparedness and response between and during health crises. This is required to ensure protection to health, societies and economies, and to stop outbreaks from becoming pandemics.

Neglecting to invest in multisectoral pandemic preparedness left the door open to COVID-19, which now accounts for an estimated 24 million excess deaths [1] and enduring social and economic consequences.

We are concerned that if Member States only tinker with the language of the draft political declaration and do not request a substantive shift in political ambition befitting the UN General Assembly, the efforts to agree the declaration will be wasted.

We recognize the importance of the ongoing processes in Geneva. Yet, much as we all want the pandemic accord to succeed, this is not guaranteed.

written the United Nations General Assembly expressing concerns over opportunity being wasted by world leaders on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

In their open letter to world leaders and decision makers responsible for political declarations, Mrs. Sirleaf and Rt. Hon. Clark want leaders to use the upcoming September 20, UNGA High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response to agree on commitments to the process.

Excerpts of the letter:

We write, with bluntness and urgency, as we are gravely concerned that the opportunity presented by the High-Level Meeting and the expected Political Declaration on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response is being squandered.

The current draft of the political declaration, to be the focus of consultations on July 10 and 11, does not express the commitments required of Heads of State and Government to transform the international system of pandemic preparedness and response. Instead, it reads as a health resolution.

We have been clear and consistent in our recommendations regarding



Former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Renowned human rights lawyer Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe has finally named his running mate for his presidential bid.

Cllr. Gongloe announced Dr. Emmanuel Urey Yarkpawolo, a son of Bong County, as his running mate for the pending 10 October 2023 crucial presidential and legislative elections.

The former Liberia National Bar Association (LNBA) president is now the standard bearer of the opposition Liberian People's Party (LPP).

The Gongloe ticket said its focus is to reshape Liberia.

A colorful ceremony was held in Gbarnga, Bong County for the naming of Dr. Yarkpawolo, a former president of the Salvation Army Polyphonic University

sent help through a helicopter to save the drowning man, but the man said God would save him.

After drowning finally, Gongloe said the man went to heaven and asked God why he had disappointed him after trusting and serving him.

In response, Gongloe noted that he had sent help, but the drowning man refused it.

"You were drowning, I sent a swimmer you refused. I sent a helicopter to save you, but you rejected [it], I couldn't come to save you, my son," the story continued.

The 55-year-old vowed to sweep corruption from every corner of Liberia and to ensure social justice and equality.

The renowned Liberian lawyer said poverty in Liberia is "leadership poverty," urging Liberians to embrace the LPP ticket for the change they have



Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe

College (T-SAP) and an Environmental and Resource specialist.

Gongloe said Liberians have been praying to God for change and a better country, and his team has come as a help to Liberians.

Cllr. Gongloe noted that God cannot come down to save Liberians, but he will always send help through somebody to save his people.

He indicated that his party has come as a savior for Liberians, urging them not to be like a drowning man who turned down every offer to rescue him.

Cllr. Gongloe told a story of a drowning man who was awaiting God's help for rescue but also turned down other people's offers to rescue him.

Gongloe noted that God again

been yearning for over the years.

Gongloe said his decision to pick Dr. Yarkpawolo was a headache choosing a God-fearing son that would buy into the idea of reshaping Liberia.

"This is a real generational change, he's the youngest, brightest, and most experienced of running mates. And we're excited to have him on our side and together we can transform this country," Cllr. Gongloe said.

Cllr. Gongloe stated that under his leadership, his government will build a corruption-free Liberia.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Yarkpawolo said together they will adequately transform the country.

He vowed to promote democracy and justice. He added that they will be keen hard on fighting rampant corruption, and prosecute those engulfed with it.

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Sen. Wesseh urges peaceful elections

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Complex (SKD) in Paynesville, Montserrado County. Sen. Wesseh highlighted the critical need of maintaining a peaceful environment during the election, urging citizens to denounce election-related conflicts.

the elections on October 10, voting our favorite candidate, let us do it peacefully because it is our civic constitutional right," he said. "Let us not backslide from this our responsibility and I'm urging every Liberian to participate, peacefully," he continued.

He stressed that violence should never be an option, as it only exacerbates divisions and hampers the progress of the nation. On the other hand, Sen. Wesseh rallied political leaders to adhere to the Farmington River Declaration – a commitment aimed at fostering a fair, transparent, and peaceful electoral process.

The declaration serves as a guiding principle for all candidates and political parties, encouraging them to conduct their campaigns in a manner that respects the rights and dignity of all citizens.

By endorsing this pledge, political leaders can contribute to an atmosphere of trust, fairness, and non-violence throughout the electoral process.

Senator Wesseh called on candidates to embrace the spirit of sportsmanship and accept the outcome of the elections, irrespective of the results.

Further, Sen. Wesseh cautioned the youth of Liberia against being manipulated by politicians to incite violence.

River Gee County Senator Conmany B. Wesseh has urged Liberians to conduct themselves peacefully during the upcoming presidential and legislative elections.



Senator Conmany B. Wesseh

Addressing reporters over the weekend, Sen. Wesseh pleaded with Liberians to resist violence and prioritize peace. He also rallied citizens to turn out at their various polling places and responsibly exercise their civic responsibility and democratic right to elect their leaders.

Over the weekend, Sen. Wesseh completed his candidacy nomination exercise as required by the National Elections Commission (NEC) for his reelection bid in River Gee County.

The exercise is ongoing at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports

He cautioned Liberians to always be mindful that Liberia is the only country that they have.

He encouraged them to play their part in sustaining the country's peace, unity, and progress at all times.

"Liberians are on the march again to another cycle of presidential and [legislative] elections, the fourth election since the Civil War in 2003, and the second under the leadership of incumbent President George Manneh Weah."

"As we go to our respective polling places to participate in

Rep. Smith voices concern over Liberian efforts to expand abortion and promote population control

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Chair of the House Global Health and Global Human Rights Subcommittee, on Sunday, July 9 issued statement regarding Liberian efforts to expand abortion and promote population control.

"The Liberian Senate must live up to its obligations to defend life at all stages from womb to tomb and must reject any changes to their national law that would weaken protections for unborn children, including proposals allowing unrestricted abortion until 18 weeks," Rep. Smith said. According to him, abortion takes the life of an unborn child, who can feel the pain of abortion, and abortion harms the mother psychologically, spiritually and often physically.

aborting, protection should be enhanced for mothers and unborn children.

He noted: "For our part, the US Congress will

promoting abortion in Liberia, and whether it is overlooking the corruption of the Weah Administration in order to secure



Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)

thoroughly examine whether the Biden Administration broke US law and violated the Siljander Amendment by

acquiescence for its neo-colonialist population control agenda."

"Baseless and unfounded"

-LPP reacts to Cllr. Gongloe expulsion

Opposition Liberian's People Party (LPP) has termed as baseless, unfounded, and reckless a media publication against its standard bearer Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe claiming his expulsion from the party.

"LPP denounces the reckless story published by the Daily Guide Newspaper in its Thursday, July 6, 2023, Vol. 1 #7 edition under the bold banner headline, "Exposed, Tiawan Gongloe Expelled from LPP For Deception". This is completely reckless, baseless, unfounded, and cheap propaganda," the party noted.

According to a statement released Sunday, July 9, 2023, under the signature of Mr. Leon M. Talery of the LPP Secretariat, the paper failed to state a single reason for the purported expulsion of Cllr. Gongloe from the LPP.

He indicated that the LPP wants to make it clear that at no time Cllr. Gongloe was expelled from the LPP neither had he served any disciplinary action as

wreckage of his failed journalism career to earn crumbs at the expense of Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe and the LPP" the statesmen pointed out.

LPP indicated that the Daily Guide Newspaper publication is nothing but pure sleazy and crooked journalism for the perverted interest of a failed journalist.

LPP, however, called on the Press Union of Liberia to ensure that its member institutions are rigorously checkmated to uphold the credibility of the media.

The party disclosed that it is not surprised by the attack on Cllr. Gongloe personality by a cheap hired pen, adding that no number of fake publications and manipulative journalism sponsored by their opponents will change the minds of the thousands of Liberians who have resolved to make Cllr. Gongloe President of Liberia.

He stated that the political indicators are clear that the only best alternative to redeem the Liberian people from the unbearable conditions under



a member of the Party.

The party clarified that no partisans of the LPP were expelled in 1997 as mentioned in the Daily Guide Newspaper.

"We live in a society where some media practitioners are more concerned about filling the depth of their pockets rather than their integrity or the value of the profession. Such is the case of one Martin C. Benson of the Daily Guide who spewed out

Weah's regime is Cllr. Gongloe and the Liberian People Party.

"Therefore, LPP calls on all partisans, sympathizers, and well-wishers to keep propagating the Better Liberia Agenda of Cllr. Tiawan Gongloe as we approach the October 10 elections. Cllr. Gongloe is the most experienced candidate with unquestionable integrity and an unblemished track record in public service" Mr. Talery concluded.

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Justice Scott being tried in the media?

State lawyers prosecuting former Chief Justice Gloria Scott and Family have fled to the next year, he said, adding further that Prosecutors are showing all signs that the State does not have any evidence nor any

government is said to be proceeding as if the Cllr. Scott and family members are all already guilty and just waiting for sentencing.

In the meantime, lawyers for the defense when contacted last week are of the considered opinion that it is rather, the State or the government which is on a malicious and wicked trial indulging in what is clearly a wanton misuse and abuse of state powers.

The defense lawyers decried the defiant posture and now willful display of what some term childish arrogance to exploit legal procedures and processes to intentionally neglect to provide the evidence upon which the State relied to prosecute the Former Chief Justice and her family members and to keep them behind bars. It can be recalled that on Tuesday last week, the former chief justice in her own defense - pro se, made a passionate closing argument before the court to grant she and her family members the right to bail on their personal recognizance

desire to respect human rights in this matter.

Speaking on the basis of anonymity, a Senior Barrister asked rhetorically: "then why did the government move to detain her at South beach if they were not ready to proceed to trial with all the so called evidence they are leaking in the media to create doubt and suspicion as if the accused were already guilty?"

Liberian criminal jurisprudence is based



and founded on the doctrine of presumption of innocence. It states that an accused is innocent until proved guilty.

In this case, the

since they have been constructively detained and in cooperation with the police authorities since February when the unfortunate incident occurred."



Former Chief Justice Gloria Scott

Chambers Justice with an application/petition/ for a Writ of certiorari.

The writ of certiorari filed before the Supreme Court is meant to question the ruling of a judge, and in the instant case, Judge Roosevelt Willie of Criminal Court "A". Almost one week ago on Tuesday, July 4th, Judge Willie ruled ordering State lawyers to present to the Defense Team evidentiary materials they relied upon to indict the former chief justice and family members for murder.

Liberia Criminal Procedure Law requires that the defense in criminal cases must be provided all such materials. Instead of providing those materials by the close of last Wednesday July 5th as ordered by the Judge, Prosecution ran to Chambers Justice complaining about the order.

Meanwhile, the justice in Chambers has swiftly scheduled a hearing of the complaint for Wednesday July 12.

According to some legal luminaries, the moves by the State are all classic tales and to delay and procrastinate the trial. One senior member and former associate of Justice on Cllr. Scott's legal team opined that it is clear that the government is grinding the wheels of justice towards the November Term of the circuit courts which will be after the October 10 elections.

This could even go into

Prayer can't help you

By Ramsey N. Singbeh, Jr., in Margibi

Opposition Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai's running mate Senator Jeremiah Kpang Koung says prayer can't help President George Manneh Weah where the situation has now reached in Liberia.

Koung's statement came in the wake of President Weah's recent working visit to the holy land of Israel where he was seen praying at holy sites.

The leader of the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR) party has secured the running mate slot on the former ruling Unity Party (UP) ticket headed by former vice president Boakai.

Speaking during the UP visit to Kakata, Margibi County over the weekend, Koung told Mr. Weah that there are things that can be prayed about, while prayer cannot help others.

The Nimba Senator wondered how prayer could help a boy who is being affected by kush if he is not taken to a rehabilitation center.

"It na prayer business oo. We got to be serious to empower the DEA [Drugs

name. The truck will kill you," said Mr. Koung.

According to him, God gave humans five senses because there are certain things they must do, adding that they can't pray for God to take off their shoes because he will not do it.

The Nimba Senator alleged that Mr. Weah is on his knees praying for reelection. However, reminded President Weah that God says the man who does not work must not eat.

Commenting on what to be done about drugs in Liberia, Koung said it's not a prayer business.

We [have] to be serious to empower the DEA, empower the police to arrest the drug importers," he maintained.

Meanwhile, Mr. Koung has rejected speculations that the Rescue Team has trucked its supporters during its visit.

Koung bragged that the UP did not print t-shirts or give a dime to anyone to attend the program.

He noted that Liberians are a moving trailer ready for change, so prayer can't help the president



Senator Jeremiah Kpang Koung

Enforcement Agency], empower the police to arrest the drug importers," he said.

He noted that one could pray to God for life because he or she does not have control over it.

"Where we reached, it pas mar! Prayer can't help it. You can't see truck coming and you kneel down on the road and say I rebuke you in Jesus'

now.

President Weah has been praying for peaceful elections in Israel where he received the Friends of Zion (FOZ) award, an internationally prestigious award bestowed on personalities who support the virtues and rights of the Jewish State of Israel.

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Businesses can feed inmates

schedule for himself to feed say thank you, Mr. Jeety and your inmates, noting that sometimes he team and the Indian Community at does not have to be called to large because it has already intervene. extended its connection," he said.

"And it is not just unique to the Col. Lake said he was Monrovia Central Prison. He has overwhelmed to receive the gesture. extended his gesture beyond. So, we

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Businesses can feed inmates

-Jeety's proposal to relief government of prison food challenge

Indian philanthropist and former Honorary Consul General to Liberia Mr. Upjit Singh Sachdeva has proposed that businesses should start feeding inmates to relieve the government of the

business community can do something for the inmates in many parts of the country," said Mr. Jeety. Jeety suggested that "if one businessman starts feeding one inmate," it would be some

Independence Day. Jeety and his team fed 1,302 inmates on Friday, 7 July, and also turned over to prison authorities, 1,500 new rubber plates to serve their food.

The food package included bitter ball soup, a product from Mr. Jeety's farm, as well as rice and soft drink, among others.

Mr. Jeety thanked Prison Superintendent Col. Varney Lake and his team for their sacrificial work, and prayed for God's blessings upon them.

"With all the hardship they are going through, they are doing their duty beyond their call of duty. So I commend them wholeheartedly," said Mr. Jeety.

Following the feeding exercise at the prison facilities, Mr. Jeety concluded the exercise on Center Street and fed hundreds of disadvantaged folks.

In response, Col. Varney Lake said Mr. Jeety is being considered a major feeding partner for the prison system.

Col. Lake said Mr. Jeety has created a feeding



Mr. Jeety

inmates' food challenge.

During his routine inmates feeding exercise at the Monrovia Central Prison Friday, 7 July 2023, Mr. Sachdeva (Mr. Jeety) urged fellow businessmen in Liberia to do something monthly for inmates across the country.

"So I urge all my fellow businessmen in Liberia to try, see one day a month how the

kind of relief for the government.

The Jeety Trading Corporation chief urged his fellow business people to support inmates because they do not have the freedom to fetch for their own food.

Mr. Jeety said he and his team will be at the Monrovia Central Prison to feed inmates on 26 July, Liberia's

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