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Continental News

Spain rescues 86 during search for migrant boat

The Spanish coast guard has rescued 86 people from a migrant boat that went missing more than a week ago.

The vessel is said to have been 70 nautical miles (130km)

one had about 65 people on board, the other up to 60.

They are thought to have left Senegal on 23 June - four days before the larger vessel. This one sailed from Kafountine, a coastal town in Senegal that is roughly

off the Greek coast, in one of the worst Mediterranean migrant shipwrecks. At least 78 people were confirmed drowned, but the UN reported that up to 500 were still missing. The voyage from West Africa to the Canary Islands is among the most dangerous routes for migrants. They usually sail in dugout fishing boats that are easily tossed by powerful Atlantic currents.

Last year at least 559 people died at sea attempting to reach the Spanish islands, the UN's International Organisation for Migration (IOM) says. The death toll for 2021 was 1,126.

However, the IOM says information about the number of departures from West Africa is scarce and shipwrecks are often not reported. It adds that the migrants are often from Morocco, Mali, Senegal, Ivory Coast, or are of other sub-Saharan origins.

According to Spain's interior ministry, 15,682 people arrived in the Canary Islands without permission in 2022, a drop of more than 30% compared with 2021.

"Despite the year-to-year decrease, flows along this dangerous route since 2020 remain high compared to prior years," the IOM says. BBC



Spanish maritime rescuers have spent days looking for the small Senegalese boat

south-west of the Canary Islands, and was carrying people from sub-Saharan Africa. The coast guard was assisted by a container ship. Both vessels are now heading towards Gran Canaria island.

Two similar boats carrying dozens more people are said to be still missing. There are few details about them.

Walking Borders, a migrant aid group, told the BBC that

1,700km from Tenerife, according to Walking Borders.

The group earlier estimated that the larger vessel had 200 people on board - including many children - when it left Kafountine on 27 June, heading for the Canary Islands. Those rescued include 80 men and six women. It is not clear whether all those who had been on board have been rescued.

The news comes just weeks after an overcrowded trawler sank

Rare snow stuns South Africans during cold snap

People have woken up to snow and sleet in South Africa's biggest city, Johannesburg, for the first time in over a decade.

South Africans are being warned to keep warm as a cold front sweeps across most of the country. "No major disruptions have been caused by the snowfall at this stage," a spokesman for the South African Weather Service (Saws) has told the BBC.

Cold weather conditions are expected to continue through the week. Many people in Johannesburg on Monday seem enchanted by the rare sight of snow in their city.

"Some of the pupils and I went out to explore... some of them had seen snow before whereas others thought it was raining," says primary school teacher Agnes Mideva.

Domestic worker Nobukhosi Stompie told the BBC she travelled through the snow on her way to work, and had never seen anything like it.

"We're keeping warm

indoors so we're fine," says caretaker Billy Nxumalo. "Snow was everywhere, covering the fields near our neighbourhood - it was really beautiful to see." As winter begins in the southern hemisphere nation, meteorologists are keeping a close eye on developments.

Snow has been reported in a number of provinces including the Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and the Gauteng region which includes Johannesburg and Soweto. Weather experts have advised initiation schools in the

Eastern Cape to be extra vigilant over the next week as they keep watch over hundreds of teenage boys undergoing traditional circumcision rites on isolated mountainsides across the province, a practice seen as a rite of passage into manhood amongst the Xhosa ethnic group. Farmers are also being advised to provide shelter for their livestock during the cold spell. It is not clear what role climate change has played in the rare snowfall. BBC



The last time it snowed in Johannesburg was back in 2012

Children wrongly taken in raids backed by US charity

Ghanaian children have been taken from their homes in an operation backed by one of the world's leading anti-slavery organisations, according to a BBC Africa Eye investigation.

The multimillion-dollar charity, International Justice Mission, aims to rescue trafficked children and reunite them with their families. But serious concerns have been raised about their West African operations. Short presentational grey line

A little after midnight on 6 September, 2022, Musah Mustafa emerged from his thatched-roof hut to relieve himself and saw four cars speeding towards his tiny village.

Mogyigna was barely a village. With just a handful of family homes and two dozen people in total, it was more like a dot in the middle of an expanse of farmland in northern Ghana. Cars were a

had taken place. But this was not a kidnapping.

Officially, it was a rescue operation carried out by Ghanaian police officers, under Ghana's Human Trafficking Act. The children were transferred into the care of social services.

The operation was instigated by IJM. With around \$100m (£78m) in funding annually over the past two years, IJM is one of the world's leading anti-trafficking organisations.

In the UK, IJM says it can count on the support of nearly 300 churches, and more than £220,000 (\$280,000) was raised last year from churches and other donors by IJM UK to support activities in Ghana.

But according to our investigation, IJM has removed some children from their families in cases where there was scarce-to-no evidence of trafficking and this aggressive approach may have been fuelled by a target-driven culture inside IJM.

We found two documented cases of rescue operations in



Fatima, 11, was taken from her family's home in the middle of the night

rare sight during the day, let alone at night. Musah hid behind a tree and watched. When he saw armed men from the cars approach the two homes, he shouted in an attempt to wake the other residents.

But before anyone could act, the men entered the huts and forcibly removed four children, carrying an 11-year-old girl called Fatima by her arms and legs from the room where she had been sleeping with her grandparents.

A gun pointed at her neck, Fatima's grandmother Sana pleaded with the men. She did not understand why the children were being taken away. Two of the children's uncles were also taken. Sana feared she would never see her relatives again.

In the eyes of Mogyigna's villagers, a violent kidnapping

which children were forcibly, traumatically and unjustly removed and the children's relatives prosecuted as child traffickers. One of the cases was Fatima's.

In Ghana, IJM focuses on rescuing children who have been trafficked to work as slave labourers on Lake Volta, one of the world's largest man-made lakes. About 300,000 people depend on the lake for their livelihoods, and children work in the local fishing industry under varying degrees of exploitation: some support their families in fishing, others are hired to work under boat masters for little or no pay.

There is very little independent data on how pervasive the child-trafficking problem is on Lake Volta. A 2016 study by IJM indicated that more than half of all children working on the lake were victims of trafficking. BBC

EDITORIAL

Creating space for women and people with disabilities

THIS JULY, THE United Nations High Commission for Human Rights Office is spotlighting Women's political participation globally, focusing on women and girls with disabilities as part of activities marking the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the 30th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action for 2023.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ongoing just as Liberians are barely 90 days away from Presidential and Legislative Elections in October with very few female aspirants in the race, least to talk of people with disabilities.

AMONG SCORES OF aspirants for the Presidency, only two females have publicly expressed interest in joining the race for the nation's highest office with one female pronounced as running mate besides incumbent Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change. There is conspicuous absence of people with disabilities, including women.

UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR in Liberia, Christine Umutoni says while women's political participation rates are low overall, women with disabilities are even more underrepresented due to discriminatory norms and attitudes based on gender and disability.

THUS, PEOPLE CONSIDER them incapable of voting or holding office due to stereotypical characteristics ascribed to women and physical or intellectual disabilities.

SHE NOTES THAT this also contributes to a lack of access to polling stations, inaccessible voting material, and few women political candidates with disabilities.

"ELECTORAL PROCESSES SHOULD be inclusive and participatory, and any action to improve women's participation in political and public life must include women and girls with disabilities", Madam Umutoni underscores.

THIS OBSERVATION SHOULD ring bell to policymakers in Liberia, particularly people and institutions that are responsible for electoral matters, including the National Elections Commission on the need to go back to the drawing board to view the structure of our electoral system with a focus on creating space for women and people with disabilities.

SUCH EFFORT SHOULD go beyond just calling on male-dominated politicians and leaders of political parties to include women in their structure and activities to getting them on the ballots and campaigning for them to win.

WE SHOULD BE proud as Liberians for making history in 2005 by electing the first female President in Africa, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. But there is more we can and should do for women's participation in politics, including those with disabilities.

WOMEN AND GIRLS are disadvantaged in so many ways, including cultural and religious norms in Africa that confine them to domestic roles such as wives, mothers and caretakers of the home with little regard for their potentials for public service. We need to strike a balance to bring equality and equity to the political landscape by encouraging and affording more opportunities for women (our daughters, sisters and nieces) to participate in politics, including those with disabilities.

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COMMENTARY

By Macky Sall

Keeping Senegal's Success Story Alive

DAKAR - In late June, Senegal celebrated the feast of Tabaski, our version of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. But for some, the festivities were overshadowed by mourning for those who lost their lives in an inexcusable outbreak of violence last month. Civil unrest has tested Senegal's social cohesion and our long tradition - enviable in Africa - of peace and stability. Our fellow citizens' lives should not be sacrificed on the altar of political interests. We have an obligation to protect the life and dignity of all Senegalese.

My government is now investigating the causes of the violence, particularly the malign forces behind the unrest, which coincided with a torrent of hate speech on social media and cyber-attacks against strategic government websites and vital services, such as water and electricity. Nothing can justify such acts of violence and disruption, not to mention the destruction of public and private property, including universities and schools. The subversive groups behind the violence clearly wanted to plunge our country into darkness and destabilize our democracy.

Senegal was hit hard by the economic downturn during the COVID-19 pandemic, and by the subsequent cost-of-living crisis, which is making life difficult for many households. But I know that Senegal's hard-working people have the strength to overcome such challenges. Senegal has one of the strongest and most stable democracies in Africa, and I owe a great debt of gratitude to my predecessors for this proud record. We have made massive progress since independence 60 years ago, and we now have the opportunity to leave a great legacy. The decisions we make together will shape the future of Senegal and the lives of our children and theirs.

That brings me to the choice for president on February 25 next year, when Senegalese will continue the country's proud tradition of holding free and fair elections. I have been gratified by the many agencies, NGOs, and individuals - including 512 of the country's 601 mayors and department-council presidents - urging me to stand for another five-year term. I have also received encouragement and support from the diaspora, youth movements, women, our respected sages, teachers, Arabists, religious

organizations, and many others. All have demonstrated an eagerness to lead the fight for my re-election. To all these compatriots, I want to express my deep gratitude.

After long and careful consideration, however, I have decided that I will not stand as a candidate, even though the constitution permits me to do so. This decision may surprise many who have extended me their admiration, trust, and loyalty. But I would remind everyone that Senegal is greater than any one individual. Our country is blessed with other leaders who are also capable of leading us to the next level of development.

I have announced this decision to put to rest the rampant speculation about my candidacy. For the rest of my term, I will remain focused on running the country and delivering on my promises to the people. Contrary to rumors that I harbored new presidential ambitions, I have not forgotten what I said many times previously: that the term I began in 2019 was my second and last one. My sense of personal honor and historical responsibility demand that I keep my word and preserve my dignity.

I am determined to continue Senegal's proud tradition of democracy. Until the handover of power next April, I will devote all my strength and energy to defending our republic's constitutional institutions. That means showing respect for court decisions, safeguarding our territorial integrity, and protecting people and property.

We have made undeniable achievements, and we still have incredible potential. But we must remain vigilant and aware of the difficulties we face. The obstacles before us are real, and we have enemies working against us both inside and outside the country. For the sake of both present and future generations, Senegal must stay on the path of peace, stability, social cohesion, respect for law, public order, and national unity.

That will require all of us to adhere to the civic and religious principles that underpin our model of society. We must stand up for democracy and freedom, and uphold the best of our collective Senegalese and African identity - an identity that is both rooted in our traditions and open to a world of innovation and opportunity. We owe our unique national success to it, and we must not take it for granted.



By Shang-Jin Wei

Containing the Collateral Damage of America's China Policy

NEW YORK - The United States' recent restrictions on Chinese exports and direct investment in China are likely to cause substantial collateral damage to the Chinese economy, raising the risk of conflict. But if China and the US can agree on the concept of a special economic zone (SEZ), such as Hainan Island, the collateral damage and geopolitical risk may be mitigated substantially.

Jake Sullivan, US President Joe Biden's National Security Adviser, has likened the US economic restrictions on China to a "small yard with a high fence." While the administration aims to undermine the Chinese military's capacity to fight US forces in the South China Sea, American policymakers still hope for bilateral cooperation on global issues such as climate change, fentanyl control, biodiversity, and nuclear non-proliferation. This is the message sent to China by both Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, who recently concluded her visit there, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who visited the country last month.

The US and its allies' trade restrictions against China focus on exports of high-end semiconductors and the materials and equipment needed to produce them. These include advanced insulants and lubricants, ultra-pure water, and 20-plus types of chip-making machines whose production is dominated by a small number of US, Japanese, and European firms.

The problem is that the same materials and equipment are also used to produce less advanced chips. China currently produces roughly 20% of the world's semiconductors, mostly the low-end and mid-range varieties integral to electric vehicles (Evs), medical devices, consumer electronics, and industrial components. The Western export and investment restrictions will undermine many of these Chinese industries, negatively affecting not only their global competitiveness but also domestic employment, income, and tax revenues. These effects make the Chinese very skeptical of Sullivan's "small yard" and less willing to cooperate on other global issues.

The full impact of these measures may not be evident for several years, because Chinese companies maintain an inventory of the products on the export restriction list. But unless China's domestic industrial policies manage to overcome many of the shortages, the quality gap between chips produced there and elsewhere will likely widen.

The "peak China" hypothesis, used in the US to justify a tough stance on China, claims that Chinese economic growth may have already reached its apex, and that the best time for China to endure or prevail in a conflict with the US would be now or in the near future.

Given that China's growth rate is unlikely to fall below that of the US any time soon, the "peak China" hypothesis does not seem to align with the economic fundamentals. But the Biden administration's export and investment restrictions could potentially create a self-fulfilling "peak China" scenario. In particular, the US and Western technological restrictions are erecting roadblocks to China's advances across semiconductor manufacturing and a host of other industries that use semiconductor chips.

The longer China waits, the more the technological gap between the two countries will widen. Consequently, if China feels compelled to risk a military conflict with the US, it will have little incentive to wait. In other words, the US trade restrictions may end up accelerating the war they hope to prevent.

Identifying ways to minimize the collateral damage of American restrictions would benefit all parties involved. One approach could involve China and the US negotiating an agreement that exempts certain SEZs from some restrictions. Such an agreement would enable China to relocate the production of low-end and mid-range semiconductors to designated zones in Hainan, for example (which is larger than all of the Hawaiian islands).

For the SEZ to minimize collateral damage, China could issue a special visa for international inspectors, pre-certified by both China and the US, who could make frequent and unannounced visits to production sites in Hainan to ensure that restricted products are used only to produce non-high-end chips for EVs and other civilian products, including those exported to the global market. To alleviate Chinese security concerns, the inspectors would need a separate, regular visa to visit other parts of the country.

The newly established SEZ would provide the US with additional reassurance that the restricted products would not be diverted for other purposes. It also would minimize the negative effect of the US-imposed restrictions on the Chinese economy, enabling China to maintain its commercial competitiveness in non-defense industries such as Evs.

Such an arrangement would enable US companies to maintain their presence in mainland China, rather than withdraw from one of their largest markets altogether and suffer a catastrophic decline in sales. With much of the Chinese civilian economy better insulated from geopolitics, China might be more inclined to cooperate with the US on climate change, fentanyl, and other issues. Most important, fostering cooperation would help prevent an artificial "peak China" scenario and thus mitigate the risk of a war in the South China Sea.

This solution would also benefit the rest of the world, because a SEZ would preserve the efficiency gains associated with China's role as a global production site. Companies from Europe and elsewhere could continue to sell to China through Hainan, thereby supporting domestic employment and tax revenues and protecting global economic stability and prosperity.

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1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Liberia (GOL), through various entities, including the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP), National Investment Commission (NIC) and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), has made substantial efforts to improve the enabling environment for private sector investment and the ease processes for doing business. The GOL has initiated actions establishing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to attract investment, generate employment, and develop the country's workforce. To do this, the GOL passed the Special Economic Zones Act of 2017.

The SEZ Act serves as the primary legislative basis for rules, regulations, and procedures relating to any activity in, or associated with, SEZs. The Act makes provision for the establishment of a regulatory body, the Liberia Special Economic Zones Authority (LSEZA), which will be responsible for overseeing the development, management, and regulation of Special Economic Zones in Liberia. The mandate of LSEZA includes planning, coordinating, and overseeing the execution of Liberia's national SEZ regime. The Authority is empowered to issue licenses and permits to SEZ developers and operators, ensure adherence to the in process SEZ regulations, and promote SEZs to prospective investors. Under the Act, Special Economic Zones shall be established in various parts of Liberia, subject to approval by the LSEZA. Investors who operate within SEZs are granted a range of incentives, including tax holidays, customs exemptions, and other benefits.

It is in regard of these that the Government of Liberia, with funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB), intends to set up structures for operationalization of the LSEZA's functions. This consultancy assignment aspires to hiring technical experts for setting up the LSEZA's Organizational Structure, Designing Standard Operation Procedures, Automation of Systems and Processes and the Development of a Website

The Project development goal is to contribute to inclusive and sustainable agro-industrial development in Liberia, and in the process reduce staple food imports, create jobs, and reduce poverty.

The project development objectives are to: (i) Create a better business environment for increased investment in the agro industrial sector, (ii) Create opportunities for investments at the industrial level and coordinate the integration of small holder farms and agro processing industry into sustained agro value chains and, (iii) Improve capacities and skills to benefit from new agribusiness employment and value chain opportunities.

The project is structured around three related components including: (a) Support the development of Climate-resilient Infrastructure to attract investments into Agricultural Value addition/industrialization, (b) Support Business Competitiveness, Enable skills and climate-smart agricultural value chain development and strengthen farmer coordination and, (c) Strengthen Institutional Capacity, Project Coordination & Management.

The primary objective of the consultancy is to establish an effective management structure for the LSEZA that can attract and support private sector investment. From this main objective, the following specific objectives are envisaged:

Objectives:

1. Creating an enabling environment for private sector investment under the auspices of the LSEZA, by offering incentives, reducing regulatory barriers, and providing support services to businesses. This is targeted to attract foreign and domestic investment, increase economic activity, and generate employment opportunities within the Free-Trade enclaves.
2. Creating a coordinating organization and efficient operating procedures that are able to ensure that SEZ policies are aligned and coherent, and that resources are allocated effectively to support economic development within the SEZs.
3. Providing the institutional platform to facilitate international trade for negotiating trade agreements among SEZ businesses, providing market access, and coordinating trade-related policies and regulations for businesses operating under the Special Economic Zones Act.
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The establishment and institutional configuration of the LSEZA is planned to be carried out in two phases, in line with the provisions of the Special Economic Zones Act of 2017. The first phase, involves establishing a Board of Directors (BoD) and appointment of an Executive Chairman (EC) and a Secretariat that will manage the administrative duties and technical affairs of the LSEZA. The second phase is focused on establishing comprehensive operational infrastructures to support SEZs. This includes the development of full standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the training of staffs that will be responsible for implementing these procedures. In view of these, the scope of this assignment includes:

- i. Design organizational structure and organogram that details out the roles and responsibilities of policy making and operational units proposed to be established using a phase approach;
- ii. Design a special cadre system where personnel for the LSEZA's departments/units are identified and seconded from competent agencies (i.e. Ministries agencies, departments and units of state) based on their qualifications, skills, and experience for the requisite positions;
- iii. Draft one single Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) that encompasses all competent agencies that the LSEZA will be having direct policy and operational relationships with;
- iv. Draft Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) that cover all aspects of the LSEZA's operations, including investment procedures, licensing and permits, customs and trade procedures, taxes, labour and employment regulations, environmental and safety regulations, and any other relevant SoP;
- v. Design and install an IT systems that supports the LSEZA's operations in the area of licenses, permits, SEZ registration, labour and immigration requirements, business registration, tax and customs matters; and
- vi. Design a website with a minimalistic look-and-feel using established content management system (CMS) (preferably Wordpress, Joomla, etc.) for licenses, permits, SEZ registration, labour and immigration requirements, business registration, tax and customs matters.

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IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW
MONTERRADO COUNTY SITTING IN ITS
JUNE TERM, A.D. 2023.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

IN RE: The God of Love Forever Church,
Inc. by and thru its President, Francis
Nwosu of the City of Monrovia, Liberia
.....PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

Moses T. Konah and all others to be
identified of the City of Monrovia,
LiberiaDEFENDANT

SUMMARY PROCEEDING TO RECOVER
POSSESSION OF REAL PROPERTY

WRIT OF SUMMONS

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO THE SHERIFF/DEPUTY SHERIFF OF MONSERRADO COUNTY,
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, GREETINGS:-

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE NAMED
RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT(S) IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION, TO APPEAR
BEFORE THE JUNE TERM, A.D. 2023, SAME BEING THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 2023, AT
THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO SUMMONS THE RESPONDENT(S)/DEFENDANT (S) HEREIN
TO FILE HIS/HER/THEIR RETURN(S)/ANSWER(S) TO THE PETITIONER(S)/PLAINTIFF(S)
PETITION/COMPLAINT, ON OR BEFORE THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2023. FAILURE TO DO
SO, DEFAULT JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM/HER/THEM.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL RETURN THE ORIGINAL WRIT OF SUMMONS TO MY OFFICE ON/OR
BEFORE THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2023, WITH THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ENDORSED ON THE
BACK OF THE ORIGINAL AS TO THE MANNER OF ITS SERVICE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT
THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2023.

COURT'S SEAL:

RANDOLPH B. SNEH
ASSISTANT CLERK OF COURT

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)
MONTERRADO COUNTY)

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BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT JUDGE

The God of Love Forever Church, Inc. by and thru its
President, Francis Nwosu of the City of Monrovia,
Liberia.....Petitioner

vs

Moses T. Konah and all others
to be identified of Monrovia, Liberia.....Respondents

Summary Proceedings to
Recover Possession of Real
Property

Filed May 17, 2023
@ 2:30 PM
ASST. Clerk

Petitioner's Petition

AND NOW COMES Petitioner in the above entitled Cause of Action and brings this action
against the within named Respondent in the form and manner as follows, to wit:

- 1. Petitioner is the legal and legitimate owner of a parcel of land measuring 3.69 Lots located
in Congo Town, Tubman Boulevard, Monrovia, Liberia. Attached and marked "Exhibit
P/1" is a copy of Petitioner's Title Deed to form a cogent part of this Petition.
2. Further as to Count 1, Petitioner avers and says that in 2021, 3.69 lots of land were
purchased from Charles Cooker, Jr. one of the Administrators of the Intestate Estate
Randall P. Gbayu.
3. Even further as to Count 1, Petitioner avers and says endorsement of the existence of
Randall P. Gbayu owning real property in the area is a Letter of Confirmation issued by
the Center of National Documents & Records Agency (CNDRA). Attached and marked
"Exhibit P/2" is a copy of the Letter of Confirmation to form a cogent part of this Petition.
4. Petitioner avers and says that on many occasions they have opted to engage Respondents
of encroaching on their property, but to no avail.
5. Further as to Count 4, Petitioner avers and says they complained to the Liberia Land
Authority (LLA) which invited Respondents to a Mediatorial Conference. Again, the
meeting was never held as Respondents failed to attend having his Lawyer to formally
inform the LLA that such meeting will be too costly for his client; hence, Petitioner should
proceed to Court. Attached and marked "Exhibit P/3 in Bulk" are copies of the
communication to concerned Parties for Your Honor's ease of reference.
6. Petitioner avers and says in February of this year, this Honorable Court held Respondents
in contempt of Court for their deliberate failure, without any excuse, to adhere to an
Investigative Survey which had been ordered to amicably resolve the matter. Attached and
marked "Exhibit P/4" is a copy of the Court's Writ of Arrest for Your Honor's ease of
reference.
7. And that our Civil Procedure Law as found in 1 LCL Rev. Title 1, §62.21 provides that
only a person who has title to real property may bring an action of Summary Proceedings
to Recover Possession of Real Property where title is not in issue, and since Petitioner has
legitimate such title, they have elected to exercise their rights by bringing such an action.

WHEREFORE, AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES,
Petitioner has instituted this suit and pray Judgment against Respondents to have them ousted and
ejected from their property, and to rule the costs of these proceedings against Respondents, and to

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Petitioner's Affidavit

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the
Peace in and for the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, at my office in
the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic aforesaid, Jura A. Lynch, Counsellor-at-
Law, Counsel for Petitioner in the above entitled Cause of Action and made oath according to law
that the allegations laid and contained in the foregoing and annexed PETITIONER'S PETITION
are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and that as to those matters of information, he
verily believes them to be true and correct.

Jura A. Lynch
Counsellor-at-Law

Sworn and Subscribed to Before Me
This 17th Day of May A. D. 2023

Justice of the Peace
For and in Montserrado County
Republic of Liberia

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grant unto your humble Petitioner such other and further relief as Your Honor and this Honorable
Court may deem equitable, just and legal in the premise.

Respectfully submitted
The Petitioner
By and thru their Legal Counsel

Jura A. Lynch
Counsellor-at-Law
Cell: 0886 140 273/0777 002 379

Dated this 16th Day of May, A. D. 2023

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Government to launch Liberia Digital Transformation project

The Chairperson of the solutions addressing local Liberia challenges. Telecommunications “This is a great news for the Authority (LTA), Madam Edwina Crump Zackpah has disclosed in the soonest possible time government’s plans to launch put smiles on the faces of every the Liberia Digital Liberians wanting to open e-



Madam Edwina Crump Zackpah

Making remarks at the program, Madam Zackpah underscored the pivotal role of digital transformation to the economic growth of Liberia.

Speaking on the theme “Empowering Local Entrepreneurs and Driving Economic Growth,” Madam Zackpah said LTA being the twin mother for the telecommunications sector in Liberia will continue to work with all telecommunications companies that are in compliance to improve the sector.

She said together all Liberians have the power to shape the future. “We embark on this journey that holds immense potential for our nation-Mama Liberia...Together we have the power to shape the future. Using technology, we can change lives,” she said. Speaking further, Chair Zackpah reaffirmed LTA’s support towards creating an enabling environment where entrepreneurs can develop and be successful.

“Our responsibility as regulator is not just merely enforcing rules and regulations; but to foster an enabling environment where entrepreneurs can thrive. We must be catalysts of change,” she noted. The LTA is the regulatory and competition authority charged with the statutory responsibility to ensure a vibrant telecommunications sector in Liberia. --Press release

Transformation Project at the LTA. The project is the government’s initiative that will design and implement the relevant programs in the Liberia telecommunications sector. Madam Zackpah disclosed that the digital project will benefit thousands of citizens across the country. The project will create the right stimulus to enable and empower Liberians to embrace and deploy e-business solutions and Smart Technologies to become Educated in specific areas like eCommerce, Software utilization and become tech Entrepreneurs through seed funding for sustainable tech

businesses among others with the launching of the Liberia Digital Transformation project,” she said. She however disclosed that the LTA will continue to create the enabling environment to better the digital space.

She spoke at a program marking the launching of Lonestar Cell MTN’s 21 Days Y’ellow Care closing on Wednesday June 28, 2023. Lonestar Cell MTN’s 21 Days of Yello Care initiative also aims at providing participants with the technical knowledge about using the internet for e-commerce or digital marketing to make them self-reliant and productive citizens.

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PYJ tells Nimbaians to reject Weah

By Thomas Domah, Nimba County

Senator Prince Johnson of Nimba County is warning Nimbaians not to support the re-election of President George Weah. According to him, the Weah administration has brought disgrace and suffering to the people of Liberia.

Speaking on Sunday, 9 July when former VP Boakai and Senator Jeremiah Koug arrived in Ganta, Nimba County, Sen. Johnson noted that suspicious killings, stealing and joblessness have increased in the country since the inception of the CDC-led government, while young people lives are being destroyed by drugs. According to him, giving President Weah a second term will bring more suffering and poor living conditions.

Senator Johnson, who is seeking a third term in office, further accused President Weah of being a bad leader.

However, during the 2017 runoff

presidential election, he took Mr. Weah to Nimba and called on Nimbaians to support the CDC Standard Bearer, which they did that largely led to Weah winning the Presidency. But the marriage between the two has since ended with PYJ taking his MDR party to former Vice President Joseph Nyumah Boakai, producing fellow Nimba County Senator Jeremiah Koug, as running mate for Ambassador

Boakai. Speaking later, both VP Boakai and Senator Koug called on Nimbaians not to refuse gifts and cash from the CDC but rather to vote the Coalition out of power.

Meanwhile, UP Chairman, Rev. Luther Tarpeh, has publicly accused President George Weah of being an international drug user.

Chairman Tarpeh alleged



Sen. Prince Johnson

IDAD holds inception meeting in Nimba County – for the Establishment of Legal Clinics/ Center

The Institute for Democratic Action and Development, (IDAD) has concluded phase two of its National Level Inception Meeting with CSOs/CBOs, Government Ministries, Agencies and Commissions, and Development Partners.

The Inception Meeting was held on the existing Laws, Policies, and Guidelines on Education, Land Rights, Decentralization, Freedom of Information, Revenue Sharing, and Sexual Gender-Based Violence in schools.

It is part of activities to implement advocacy for the establishment of Regional CSOs Legal Clinics/Assistance Centers.

The Inception Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at the Auditorium of the Post Academy opposite the 8th Judicial Circuit Court in Sanniquellie City, Nimba County.

It brought together Representatives from USAID Civil Society Activity, the Ministry of

existing policies, statutes/legislations, and laws.

Additionally, he pointed out that the significance of the occasion was to gather recommendations from stakeholders to strengthen advocacy for the establishment of the Regional Legal Clinics/Assistance Centers in Nimba County.

According to him, the Legal Centers will empower CSOs and CBOs to make policy analyses towards the reformation processes of these existing Laws. Atty. Stephen Lavallah, a legal specialist of IDAD made an insightful presentation during the inception meeting.

The presentation provided clear analysis and insight into the project-targeted Legislation and the Legal Clinics/Assistance Centers’ methodologies and approaches.

The Special Representative of the Ministry of Justice, Cllr. John Miah, County Attorney, Nimba County, stressed the significance of the legal clinic establishment,



Justice, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, the National Commission on Disabilities, and the National CSO Coalition.

Others were the Ministry of Education, the Liberia Immigration Service, the Land Authority, the Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Liberia Revenue Authority.

During the program, Joseph Cheayan, Executive Director of the Institute for Democratic Action and Development, provided the overview of the Inception Meeting. He mentioned that the event was intended to explain to stakeholders and partners the approaches and strategies of the project and to solicit their support in the implementation of the project activities.

He further indicated that the gathering was meant to strengthen the capacities of CSOs/CBOs to advocate for policy and legal reforms on the

and how it will address some of the challenges residents and civil society organizations are faced with when it comes to accessing justice.

Cllr. Miah noted that the meeting has also sharpened and enlightened the minds of the participants on these existing laws, statutes, and policies. Also making remarks, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection County Coordinator in Sanniquellie, Nimba County, Yaah Belleh Suah welcomed the initiative and said the Legal Clinics/ Center will help address some of the challenges associated with gender-related offenses including domestic violence.

She urged IDAD to hire individuals who possessed the requisite legal competence to effectively implement the activities of the project in Nimba County.

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I will disarm poverty

-Whapoe pledges during huge endorsement

By Lincoln G. Peters

Presidential hopeful Dr. Jeremiah Z. Whapoe says his mission is to disarm poverty and make sure his administration eradicates poverty from Liberia.

Grand Cape Mount County. The political movement under the banner Nimba Zondoo Development Association (NIMZODA) with a membership of over thirty thousand endorsed Dr. Whapoe's bid on 7

executives as well as residents of the community turned out in their numbers to endorse Dr. Whapoe's bid.

The program which was held indoor was graced by several personalities, particularly elders, youth, and women.

Dr. Whapoe and his entourage were welcomed and presented with a traditional kola nut as a sign of purification and acceptance by the elders of the association and the community.

Also, he was greeted by traditional mask dancers and magicians who performed raw talents including.

Dr. Whapoe expressed excitement over the endorsement. He noted that he was happy that Nimbaians' eyes are open and resolved to produce a president during the October elections.

"Thanks for the endorsement, I am here to declare my intention to the world and Liberia at large and confirm to you that I will be on the ballot," said Dr. Whapoe.

On behalf of NIMZODA, the group's chairman Mr. R. Nyah Gehgbay extolled Dr. Whapoe and his entourage for honoring the invitation.

He disclosed that Nimba is ready to make a president because the county is tired of people referring to its citizens allegedly as cow meat.

"We have decided to endorse you today not just because you are one of our own, but because we believe you have all it takes to be President of this country," he said.



Dr. Jeremiah Z. Whapoe

from his kinsmen from Nimba over the weekend, Whapoe pledged to transform Liberia into a better country that will provide jobs and opportunities for all Liberians through agricultural revolution.

"My mission and vision [are] clear. I [am] tired of being in poverty, therefore, my mission is to disarm poverty and make sure we eradicate poverty from Liberia," he said on 7 July 2023. "We are going to do that by improving our method of farming in this country through [a] modernized way," he stated.

The group endorsed Whapoe's presidential bid over the weekend after he named his running mate recently from

July 2023. Whapoe is the standard bearer of the opposition Vision for Liberia Transformation Party (VOLT).

NIMZODA is a traditional organization that was established in October 2019 with the aim of bringing Nimbaians together in the various counties.

The motivation of the organization is to foster peace, unity, togetherness, development as well as opportunity for all Nimbaians, most especially to support and promote their quests for public office.

During the program at Mount Barclay, Oldfield Community, Lower Johnsonville, scores of

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Social Protection Coordinator then pledged her institution's unflinching commitment and support geared toward the successful implementation of the project. For his part, the Representative of the Nimba County School Board, Presley Melewon thanked IDAD for the organization of the Inception Meeting.

Melewon said the meeting has greatly improved and enlightened citizens' knowledge on the establishment of the Legal Clinics/ Center in the County. Also making remarks, the

Representative of the Liberia Land Authority and Administrator in Nimba County, Eddie K. Beargar praised IDAD for the worthy initiative.

Mr. Beargar noted that the land crisis in the county has huge consequences and as such, the establishment of Legal Clinics/Centers will strengthen, sharpen, and enlighten residents' knowledge of the processes and procedures associated with the acquiring of land in the County.

The Institute for

Democratic Action and Development is a civil society organization that fosters democracy, natural resource governance, Access to justice and the rule of law, and Natural Resource Management.

The project is a one-year program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through DAI Global LLC. The project is being implemented in Nimba and Montserrado Counties. -- Press release

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further that the President is involved with importation of drugs from the home country of First Lady Clar Weah. Mrs Weah is a Jamaican national.

A container load of Cocaine valued US\$100 million arrested last year at the Freeport of Monrovia, was reportedly destined for Brazil.

Tarpeh laments that the importation of drugs is destroying the future of more Liberian youth and blames President Weah for not doing much to halt the drug trade in the country.

The Liberian Legislature recently passed into law an

amended drug law that is pending signature by President Weah. The amended law makes production, importation and sale of dangerous substances a non-bailable offense.

Liberians can't go back to misrule

-Opposition party says

By Lewis S Teh

The opposition National Development Party (NDP) has warned here that Liberians are not prepared to go back to twelve years of rule that misled the country. During a celebration of NDP's accreditation on the Somalia Drive Sunday, 9 July 2023, party chairman Musa Sheriff said it's about time that recycled politicians rethink about new strategies that will give them state power.

"I like to remind you that there's no time for recycling politicians. We also want to let you know [that] this particular dispensation is not prepared to get back to [the] twelve-year rule that misled this country," he said.

On Sunday, the NDP celebrated its accreditation under the theme: "Taking NDP to the People." The celebration attracted scores of partisans, sympathizers and well wishers who defied a heavy downpour.

Mr. Sheriff thanked the National Elections Commission (NEC) for respecting the constitutional provisions that

board; violence-free election is what we want in this country," he stated. "We also want to caution you not to allow yourself to be misled by politicians. Today, I want to inform you [that] there are a lot of recycled politicians moving around, but don't allow yourself to be used by them," he continued.

He vowed that the NDP will be a formidable force in the pending elections, adding that they are a party that will determine the future of Liberia. He informed the public that Liberians' future will not be muscled, adding that his party has come to make the difference and to inform politicians that they have the NDP to contend with.

"We will produce representatives and senators, and we will determine [who becomes] president of Liberia," he said.

Also speaking, NDP secretary general Jerry Yarkpah said the dream of the formulation of NDP began with the single idea of lifting the people out of poverty.

"Now we can proudly say the NDP has registered over nine representative candidates in the upcoming October polls," he disclosed. He urged partisans and supporters to vote the NDP



gives Liberians with the same mindset the right to gather together with an intent to work and liberate their country.

He also thanked all NDP supporters and partisans for defying the heavy downpour, saying their action showed that no matter the rain, they stand for Liberia's development. Mr. Sheriff lamented the lack of political tolerance in Liberia.

"Politics is not a game of [enmity] ..., instead, politics is a game of ideology because the lives and future of the people will be in the hands of any politician," said Mr. Sheriff. The NDP chairman called on supporters to disengage from acts of violence.

As the October elections are nearing, Sheriff said it is the obligation of every one to protect the peace.

"We can campaign and put forth our ideologies across the

candidates for the growth of the country.

"We will never let you down, we are the NDP [and we] will produce not less than 10 representatives."

Meanwhile, NDP's Montserrado County Electoral District #13 representative hopeful Ayuba G. Dauda Swaray said the district will be redeemed from "the drugs man." "We don't need individuals who are involved in narcotic substance to be our lawmaker. Now is the time to redeem our people and the district in particular," he alleged.

"It's you and I that will say no to drugs, say no lack of jobs. We are here today to vote against bad governance," he added.

Swaray suggested that the people continue to face hardship, lack jobs, better health care due to an alleged bad and irresponsible government.

Français

Procès Scott : Pourquoi l'accusation veut-elle cacher les preuves

Le parquet qui poursuit l'ancienne juge en chef Gloria Scott et sa famille ont fait recours à la cour suprême pour faire appel de la décision du juge du tribunal

en chef et les membres de sa famille pour meurtre.

La loi libérienne sur la procédure pénale exige que la défense dans les affaires pénales reçoive tous les éléments de preuve. Mais, au lieu de fournir

classique qui consiste à retarder et faire trainer le procès.

Un avocat de la juge Scott estime qu'il est clair que l'accusation est en train de mouder les rouages de la justice vers le mandat de novembre des tribunaux de circuit qui sera après les élections du 10 octobre.

« Cela pourrait même aller jusqu'à l'année prochaine », a-t-il dit, ajoutant en outre que le parquet montre qu'il n'a aucune preuve ni aucune volonté de respecter les droits de l'homme dans cette affaire.

S'exprimant sous le couvert de l'anonymat, un avocat principal a demandé de manière rhétorique : « Alors pourquoi le parquet a-t-il décidé de la détenir à South Beach s'il n'était pas prêt à passer au procès avec toutes les soi-disant preuves qu'il divulgue dans les médias pour créer le sentiment comme si l'accusé était déjà coupable ? »

La jurisprudence pénale libérienne est basée et fondée sur la doctrine de la présomption d'innocence. Le code pénal stipule qu'un accusé est innocent jusqu'à preuve du contraire. Mais dans ce cas précis, on a l'impression que le parquet

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de première instance.

Le bref de certiorari déposé devant la Cour suprême vise à remettre en cause la décision d'un juge, et en l'espèce, le juge Roosevelt Willie du tribunal pénal "A".

Il y a jour pour jour une semaine, le juge Willie a ordonné au parquet de présenter à la défense les éléments de preuve sur lesquels ils se sont appuyés pour inculper l'ancienne juge

ces documents à la fin du mercredi 5 juillet dernier, comme l'avait ordonné le juge, l'accusation s'est précipitée à la cour suprême pour faire appel de la décision du juge.

Entre-temps, le juge en chambre de la cour suprême a pour sa part rapidement programmé une audience le mercredi 12 juillet.

Selon certains experts juridiques, ce que fait le parquet n'est qu'une stratégie dilatoire. C'est pour eux une tactique

Mme Sirleaf dénonce des opportunités gâchées

L'ancienne présidente libérienne Ellen Johnson Sirleaf et la coprésidente du Groupe d'experts des Nations Unies Helen Clark ont écrit conjointement à l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies pour exprimer leurs inquiétudes quant aux opportunités gâchées par les dirigeants mondiaux en matière de prévention, de préparation et de réponse à la pandémie.

Dans une lettre ouverte qu'elles ont adressée aux leaders et aux décideurs du monde, Mme Sirleaf et Clark souhaitent que les dirigeants profitent de la prochaine réunion de haut niveau de l'UNGA du 20 septembre sur la prévention, la préparation et la réponse à la pandémie pour convenir d'engagements envers le processus.

Extraits de la lettre.

Nous écrivons, avec franchise et urgence, car nous sommes gravement préoccupés par le fait que l'opportunité offerte par la

réunion de haut niveau et la déclaration politique attendue sur la prévention, la préparation et la réponse aux pandémies soit gâchée.

L'actuel projet de déclaration politique, qui fera l'objet de consultations les 10 et 11 juillet, n'exprime pas les engagements requis des chefs d'État et de gouvernement pour transformer le système international de préparation et de riposte à la pandémie. Au lieu de cela, il se lit comme une résolution sur la

santé.

Nous avons été clairs et cohérents dans nos recommandations concernant la gouvernance, l'accès équitable aux contre-mesures, la préparation et le financement d'appoint, la nécessité de règles et de rôles clairs et d'une Organisation mondiale de la santé forte.

Nous nous engageons à respecter les principes

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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.

Français

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procède comme si la juge Scott et les membres de sa famille sont tous déjà coupables et n'attendent que la condamnation.

Les avocats de la défense, contactés la semaine dernière, sont d'avis que le parquet fait l'objet d'un procès malveillant et pervers et se livre à ce qui constitue clairement un abus du pouvoir. Ils dénoncent une arrogance puérile de la part de l'accusation, exploitant les procédures judiciaires et refusant intentionnellement

de fournir les éléments de preuves sur lesquelles elle s'est appuyée pour poursuivre l'ancienne juge en chef et les membres de sa famille et pour les garder en prison.

A rappeler que la semaine dernière, l'ancienne juge en chef, pour sa propre défense, a fait une plaidoirie passionnée devant le tribunal pour lui accorder, ainsi qu'aux membres de sa famille, le droit à la libération sur caution vue leur coopération avec les autorités policières depuis février, lorsque le malheureux incident s'est produit.

Starts from page 8 Mme Sirleaf dénonce

d'équité, d'inclusion et de résilience régionale. Nos recommandations visent à faire en sorte que toutes les régions soient à la table décisionnelle et profitent pleinement d'un système transformé.

Une recommandation clé est d'assurer un leadership politique soutenu au plus haut niveau sur la préparation et la réponse à la pandémie entre et pendant les crises sanitaires. Cela est nécessaire pour assurer la protection de la santé, des sociétés et des économies, et pour empêcher les épidémies de devenir des pandémies.

Négliger d'investir dans la préparation multisectorielle à la pandémie a laissé la porte ouverte au COVID-19, qui représente désormais environ 24 millions de décès supplémentaires [1] et des conséquences sociales et économiques durables.

Nous craignons que si les États membres ne font que modifier le langage du projet de déclaration politique et ne demandent pas un changement substantiel d'ambition politique convenant à l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies, les efforts pour convenir de la déclaration seront vains.

Nous reconnaissons l'importance des processus en cours à Genève. Pourtant, même si nous souhaitons tous que l'accord sur la pandémie réussisse, cela n'est pas garanti.

La déclaration politique de la réunion de haut niveau de l'AGNU offre une occasion unique et historique de s'engager à apporter des changements durables et transformateurs à la préparation et à la réponse à la pandémie. Nous appelons les dirigeants et les décideurs à faire en sorte que ce moment compte.

Cordialement,
Son Excellence Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

La très honorable Helen Clark Coprésidents de l'ancien Groupe indépendant pour la préparation et la réponse à la pandémie

À propos du comité indépendant :

Les anciens coprésidents ont dirigé le Groupe indépendant pour la préparation et la réponse à la pandémie avec 11 éminents panélistes. Ils ont passé huit mois à examiner rigoureusement diverses dimensions de la pandémie. En mai 2021, les coprésidents ont soumis leur rapport historique fondé sur des données probantes et intitulé COVID-19. Faites-en la dernière pandémie à l'Assemblée mondiale de la santé. Ils ont formulé des recommandations qui, prises dans leur ensemble, pourraient transformer le système international d'une manière qui pourrait en faire la dernière pandémie d'une telle dévastation.

Le groupe indépendant a été créé par le directeur général de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) en réponse à la résolution 73.1 de l'Assemblée mondiale de la santé publiée en mai 2020.

Les recommandations du Groupe indépendant sur la préparation et la réponse à la pandémie ont contribué à jeter les bases des réformes en cours du système international. Les anciens coprésidents et membres du groupe indépendant continuent de plaider en faveur de la mise en œuvre de l'ensemble complet de recommandations en raison de préoccupations concernant l'échec de la mise en œuvre des recommandations des examens de haut niveau antérieurs des épidémies majeures. Leur intérêt est de voir un système international adapté, transformé et efficace pour la préparation et la réponse à la pandémie. Les anciens coprésidents et membres continuent de faire ce travail pendant leur temps libre en raison des graves conséquences de l'absence de changements transformateurs.

Sommet de la Cédéao : élu président, le Nigérian Bola Tinubu s'oppose aux coups d'État militaires



La 63^e session de la conférence des chefs d'État de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (Cédéao) s'est achevée en fin de journée dimanche 9 juillet. Le président du Nigeria, Bola Tinubu, a été élu à l'unanimité nouveau président en exercice de l'organisation. Parmi ses priorités à la tête de la Cédéao, il entend combattre les changements anticonstitutionnels. La présidence de l'organisation régionale devait revenir à un pays francophone, selon les règles de fonctionnement... on murmurait les noms du Bénin ou du Niger, mais la préférence est allée au Nigeria, pays anglophone, leader et poids lourd de la sous-région. Il n'y a pas eu d'opposition même si la Sierra Leone rêvait de décrocher la timbale. Avant l'ouverture des travaux, les chefs d'État se sont vus pour confirmer le choix de Bola Tinubu, président depuis seulement le mois de mai dernier. Selon un diplomate bien informé, son prédécesseur Muhammadu Buhari n'a pas eu l'implication souhaitée sur les dossiers Cédéao quand il était aux affaires.

L'institution voulait le retour au premier plan du grand Nigeria. C'est fait et Bola Tinubu a donné le ton d'emblée. « Le Nigeria est de retour ! », a assuré Bola Tinubu, nouveau président en exercice de la Conférence des chefs d'État de la Communauté

économique des États de l'Afrique de l'ouest (Cédéao). À peine désigné à l'unanimité, il a annoncé la couleur : sa priorité est l'instauration, la consolidation de la démocratie dans l'espace Cédéao.

Bola Tinubu: « Nous devons être des défenseurs de la démocratie »

Le président du Nigeria est résolument contre les coups d'État et ne soutient pas l'installation de militaires au pouvoir par ce biais. Et il utilise des mots forts, des formules chocs : pour lui comme pour ses pairs, les juntes malienne, guinéenne et malienne doivent respecter le chronogramme de sortie de crise qu'ils ont élaboré. À Bissau, Bola Tinubu a déclaré que la démocratie sera le socle de son action à la tête de l'institution sous-régionale.

De nouvelles sanctions contre le Mali, le Burkina Faso et la Guinée sont-elles à venir ? Pas pour le moment, mais un nouveau sommet aura bientôt lieu pour faire le point de la situation dans ces trois pays. Au cours d'une conférence de presse après le sommet, le président de la commission de la Cédéao, Omar Alieu Touray, est allé plus loin en ajoutant : « Dans le cas où le temps imparti pour la transition dans ces trois pays n'est pas respecté, des sanctions majeures pourraient tomber. »

Dans la capitale de la Guinée-Bissau dimanche, certains chefs d'État n'étaient pas du tout contents parce que certains de ces pays, où il y a une transition militaire et où il y a des jeunes qui se sont installés au pouvoir, ont refusé récemment de recevoir des émissaires de la Cédéao.

Il y a eu également des discussions autour de l'installation, par exemple, d'une force de la Cédéao avec deux objectifs : lutter contre le terrorisme dans l'espace Cédéao et intervenir si nécessaire dans des États pour rétablir l'ordre constitutionnel.

Il a également été question de la prochaine fin

Guinée : reprise attendue du procès du massacre du 28-Septembre

C'est ce lundi 10 juillet que doit reprendre le procès du massacre du 28 septembre 2009, à l'arrêt depuis le 24 mai. Un mois et demi d'interruption causée par une grève des avocats, puis des gardes pénitentiaires.

Sauf énième coup de théâtre, l'audience devrait s'ouvrir ce lundi 10 juillet dans le cadre du procès du massacre du 28 septembre 2009. Mais déjà, le procès promet de nouveaux rebondissements.

Dans la presse, s'étalent depuis deux semaines les tensions entre Moussa Dadis Camara, ancien chef de l'État pendant un peu plus d'un an (2008-2010), et Marcel, son neveu. Tous les deux sont suspectés d'avoir participé au massacre. L'éventuel retour de Marcel à la barre pour faire de nouvelles révélations inquiète certains. Dans le camp de l'exprésident, un avocat montre des signes de fébrilité : « Il ne revient pas à un accusé de dicter à une juridiction la conduite des débats », glisse-t-il.

La dernière fois que la cour s'est réunie pour cette affaire, c'était le



21 juin. Le box des accusés était resté désespérément vide à cause de la grève des agents pénitentiaires qui avait empêché l'extraction des prévenus. Le président du tribunal avait alors décidé de suspendre l'audience et de renvoyer le dossier à ce 10 juillet.

Le climat social semble s'être apaisé autour du procès. Avant le mouvement des pénitentiaires, ce sont les avocats qui s'étaient opposés au ministère de la Justice, réclamant de meilleures conditions de travail et un accompagnement financier qu'ils ont fini par obtenir.

Cela fera bientôt dix mois que le procès s'est ouvert, et il n'est pas près de se terminer. Après les victimes, les témoins devront comparaître. Puis, viendront les confrontations, les plaidoiries et, enfin, le verdict.

LIBERIANS DEBATE

Topic: Diplomacy

By Naneka A. Hoffman

United States Ambassador to Liberia, Michael McCarthy has ended his mission here. But citizens' assessment of his work is not too rosy as you will read below.



Prosperous Fahnbulleh

Ambassador, not a Liberian citizen or personnel of this country, but an Ambassador that was sent by America to represent them here. I think his work was not good. Let me tell you the fact, position comes with responsibility and when you have that responsibility, you must never go away from that responsibility because responsibility comes along with attachment and so many things, so for him to have a responsibility that was given by leader of a great nation to function and can't understand that responsibility and act like an ordinary young man, I think in my mind, is unfortunate."

"We know that people of America Ambassador Michael A. McCarthy was going to go back because his work was not bad, but more of his work was interfering with our body politics more than even the functionality of what was to be done or for him to do for the people of America because Americans never sent that young man here to interfere in our body politics. They sent him here to be an eye between America and Liberia as an Ambassador. But many time in our politics he forgot to understand that he is an

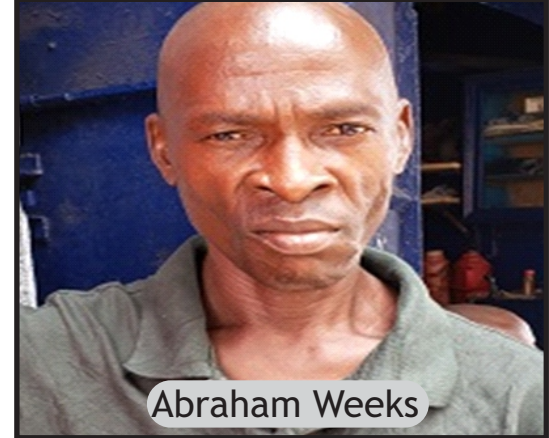
'When it comes to the work of Ambassador Michael A. McCarthy, I must admit to you since the origin of Liberia, Liberia has not had a credible, accurate Ambassador more than McCarthy. One of Ambassador McCarthy's achievements is that he is the only Ambassador from America to travel the 15 counties in Liberia that is a massive achievement. Other representatives to Liberia will come and sit silently at the U.S. Embassy without going to these counties to see the living condition of our people in the rural areas. This ambassador



Activist Macclean Renner

went there and saw the living condition there. If you're telling me that this man can't be re-assigned to our country, in my mind the only thing President Biden can do for the Liberia people is to reinstate with immediate effect, Amb. Michael A. McCarthy to this country."

' ' America's Ambassador to Liberia, Ambassador Michael A. McCarthy worked very well for our country. He is a very good man and honest person. Ambassador McCarthy is a straight-forward person; he speaks the truth, where he sees wrong, he says it and where he sees right he



Abraham Weeks

says it. I pray that the Almighty God will protect him and the new ambassador that will come to Liberia will do the same."



Fred Weah

"I am in solidarity with him (Ambassador McCarthy) because we believe that there was a mission for which he was sent and I believe that he has served such mission and recalling him back to America, I think it is the right of the

President to appoint, withdraw or recall. But for me, as a Liberian, I am overly happy to see Amb. Michael A. McCarthy going back to America than being recalled. Looking at a critical analysis of his performance as an Ambassador and his involvement into the body politics of Liberia than international politics, is actually more different of his duty so we believe that he needs to be recalled because he has been involved into our body politics more than what he was sent for."

"First of all, let me appreciate the American Government to have given us such an Ambassador to serve us over the period of time. But we understand that there was issue that the Ambassador ran with on the media and other international platforms that we, as Liberians went strongly against. But he thinks that was his work. I think he understands the Liberian people's cry. If we were grading Amb. McCarthy, I think he scored 60% out of 100% and I think that's what brought about his changing because he never understood Liberia's way of moving, even we



Rufuson PC Diggs, III

followed him on BBC when journalist interviewed him about his tour of the 15 counties and what he saw there. But that was not his work because as a diplomatic man, he has to understand diplomatic issues and how to reach out; so I think the Ambassador never understood his work in Liberia."

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Costa hits at Boakai

Henry Costa, an Executive of the All Liberian Party (ALP), has made startling

health condition and that according to the CPP framework document, it would have declared him

narrated how Boakai rejected Grand Bassa County Senator Nogblee Lawrence Karnga, due to her role in the instability of the Liberty Party.

Costa accused Mr. Boakai of attempts to defraud and deprived him of the US\$30 million deal, by holding direct discussions with his "financial backers" and tried to smear his reputation with his so-called "financial backers" whose offered was conditioned that he, Costa would be selected as running mate come October 10.

He made specific reference to Mr. Boakai's promised of offering the Wologisi Mountain to his so-called financial backers and whatsoever they may have desired in reciprocation for the US\$30 million, badly needed to finance the UP campaign for the Presidency.

Costa reported the huge financial support by the ALP as well as his personal resources towards relief assistance and health care for Mr. Boakai, and expressed utmost dismay, that the US\$30 million donation by his financial backers was later misconstrued as a setup by the CDC to diminish his Boakai chances for the Presidency as well as kill him on his health trip to the United States.

He told journalists about the existence of several text messages and exchanges between him and Mr. Boakai that will substantial and back all his claims and allegations and said it was disgusting for the UP Standard Bearer to have betrayed their cause and to the extent that he also instigated defection from the ALP to the Unity Party.

There has been no official response from the Unity Party.

unfit to contest the CPP nomination for President of Liberia.

The talk show host, who claimed that a man of God had once prophesied that he will become president of Liberia, lamented the many political gimmicks including false promises and impressions, and also a US\$30 million deal, which Mr. Boakai had promised to have selected him as Vice Standard Bearer of the Unity Party in the pending October 10 elections. Costa expressed disappointment at Mr. Boakai's political inconsistencies and maneuvering and said despite repeated reassurances that he would not have chosen Nimba County Senator Jeremiah Koug as running mate, he reneged on all his expressed commitments.

According to Cost, Mr. Boakai vowed not to have selected Senator Koug, because according to him, he is aware of the future national security implications due to his close proximity to ex-warlord Prince Johnson, Senator of Nimba County. Costa also



Henry Costa

Former VP. Boakai

revelations of how, the purported criminal lawsuit against Mr. Alexander Cummings was orchestrated by former Vice President Joseph Boakai to protect and secure his interest for the Presidency in the October 10, general elections.

Costa told journalists at a news conference, Monday, July 10, that the ALP political Leader, Beniou Urey was personally requested by Mr. Boakai to have filed the lawsuit in order to counteract a provision in the Framework document of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), that would have debarred Mr. Boakai from contesting due to his ill-health. "Mr. Boakai impressed the ALP political Leader, that he Boakai as the CPP Chairman and an elderly statesman, that he could not file such lawsuit against Mr. Cummings and therefore asked Mr. Urey to institute the court action as a means to thwart the special provision of the CPP framework document which targeted him due to his ailing condition," Costa said.

Costa spoke of the former Vice President deteriorating

I don't go to Shrine

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

President George Manneh Weah has sharply reacted to opposition criticism against his trip to the holy land of Israel where he held prayers for his second term bid. Senator Jeremiah Koug, running mate to Weah's main rival Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai, said prayer can't help the incumbent where the situation has now reached in Liberia.

Koug suggested that 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. Koug's statement came against the backdrop of President Weah's recent visit to Israel where he was seen praying at various holy sites and swimming in the Dead Sea. But addressing reporters upon his arrival at the Roberts International Airport (RIA) in Margibi County Monday, 10 July 2023, President Weah described himself as a clean and holy man.

He said he believes in the doctrine of Jesus Christ the Most High, noting that his trip to Israel was a holy trip intended to pray for Liberia and boost his leadership. "I don't go to Shrine. Let other people do, I believe in the doctrine so I go to the real God and I

country on how Israel could be a help to the people of Liberia in terms of harnessing their advanced agricultural capacity. "Once you don't have the opportunity other people have, what you need to do is to pray so you have the opportunity. So I've visited there and have the blessings. All you need to do is to touch me and you will be blessed," Mr. Weah noted.

He stressed that while in Israel, his government managed to foster cooperation with Israel through separate meetings with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Isaac Herzog of the State of Israel for sustainable developments and to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

Mr. Weah also explained about his visit to Guinea Bissau, attending the 163rd Extraordinary Summit of ECOWAS held in that part of Africa. Mr. Weah described it as a milestone achievement, saying the ECOWAS endorsed Liberia's quest for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). He also reaffirmed Liberia's commitments to working with ECOWAS Chair-elect,



Pres. Weah

Sen. Jeremiah Koug

pray. And I know he will sustain me and boost my leadership while other people are going to the Shrine," said President Weah.

"We believe in the doctrine and needed to understand who's Jesus Christ, and know he's real and believe in him, and wanted to pray for our country, our families, the peace and for directions," he continued.

"I don't do the things the other people do so I went to the real God to pray for Liberia, my country," President Weah said.

Mr. Weah lashed out at the opposition, saying his visit to Israel wasn't first of its kind.

He argued that he has been to Israel under two occasions. He explained that his visit to Israel was particularly in the interest of the

Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for a smooth corporation to move the ECOWAS States forward.

President Tinubu replaced President Umaro Embaló of Guinea-Bissau. For his part, Information Minister Ledgerhood Julius Rennie disclosed Liberia's commitments of opening an Embassy in Israel, something he said will enhance cooperation between the two countries. He stressed that the government is considering opportunities for development, adding that Israel and Liberia have had a good relationship over the years. Rennie said opening embassies in both countries will boost their ties.

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Amb. Barnes withdraws

the Liberian people. "My withdrawal does not mean I have given up on Liberia—I never will. While I may not occupy the highest office, I firmly believe that change begins at every level of society.

This country still needs honest, humble, courageous and disciplined patriots to participate in its success. I will continue to do so as an agent of positive change, promoting the interest of the people," he said. This means championing the crusade for

more investment in Liberia resulting in employment, and creation of real and sustained wealth specifically for Liberians.

Barnes extends his well wishes to the remaining candidates as they continue their campaigns,

urging them to remain focused on the needs and aspirations of the Liberian people. He also

encourages voters to remain engaged and informed, emphasizing the importance of participating

in the democratic process to shape the future of the nation. "The decision to withdraw from the presidential race weighs heavily on my heart and marks a significant turning point in my political journey," he said. "But I remain motivated and optimistic about the future. Together, as one united nation in harmony, we can overcome our present challenges and achieve a just, inclusive, and prosperous society."

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Amb. Barnes withdraws presidential bid

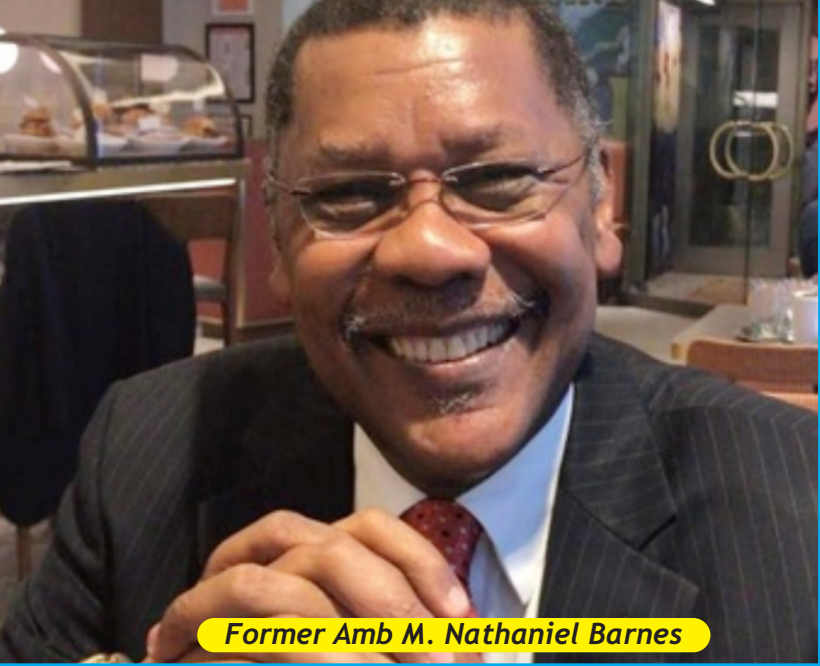
-Remains committed to uplifting the Nation

Former Liberian spiritual person, I arrived at the conclusion, along with my wife, that it would not be prudent to continue this quest. Therefore, with the utmost respect for the

Barnes went on to express profound gratitude and appreciation to his invaluable supporters, who have been an integral part of his journey thus far. "I deeply appreciate the unwavering support that I have received from my campaign volunteers, donors, and voters who believe in my vision for a brighter Liberia," he said. "Please know that this decision was not made casually, but after prioritizing the best interest of my beloved Liberia and its beautiful, resilient citizens.

Your dedication, passion, loyalty, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in propelling this campaign forward, and your commitments will forever be cherished. I pray for your continued support going forward."

Although no longer pursuing the presidency, Barnes remains fully committed to the values and principles that have guided his ambition and has pledged to remain an active contributor to the causes and issues that matter most to



Former Amb M. Nathaniel Barnes

presidential election. In a heartfelt decision that weighed the best interests of the nation, Ambassador noted: "I have critically scanned the political landscape, the needs of our people, and the challenges we face in maintaining stability, creating opportunities, and building prosperity in our country." "And as a deeply

democratic process and the will of the people, and after deliberate introspection and consultation with my campaign team, family, and advisors, I have determined that the best course of action at this time is to withdraw my attempts to participate in the race for President of Liberia," Barnes said.

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