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Sen. Nuquay and Pres. Weah

Weah deserves a 2nd term

-Sen. Nuquay

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Continental News

'First English slave fort in Africa' uncovered

The exact location of what is thought to be the first English slave fort in Africa may have been found - the BBC has been

outpost established anywhere in Africa", he argues.

The archaeologist is standing in the ruins of Fort Amsterdam, speaking above the wind and roar

another version of the name, Coromantee, was given to some of the enslaved people in the Caribbean thought to have been transported from this place and later known for slave rebellions.

But where exactly the fort was located remained a matter of speculation, which may have now been brought to an end.

Dating back to the 17th Century, Fort Kormantine sat on the Atlantic coast just at the time when Europeans started shifting their interest from the trade in gold to the trade in humans.

It was a pivotal moment in the history of their involvement in Africa that would have a profound effect on the continent.

The discovery by the team of archaeologists may shed some light on the lives of those early traders and what they were doing, as well as those who were sold and the impact on the community around them. Ghana's coastal fishing towns, known for their colourful boats and the melodies sung by the fishermen, remain scarred by a past of European exploitation and human cruelty. The slave forts dotted along what was called the Gold Coast are a looming reminder of that past. Hundreds of thousands passed through them before being transported in horrific conditions across the sea. Fort Kormantine - built by the English in 1631 - was one of the earliest places where that journey started.



Prof Christopher DeCorse (C) is leading the team of archaeologists in Ghana

hearing about the significance of the discovery in Ghana. Taking care, archaeologist Christopher DeCorse spreads the rare artefacts out on a makeshift table next to the dig site.

A gunflint (used in old-fashioned guns), tobacco pipes, broken pottery and the jawbone of a goat are carefully laid out. These discarded fragments, unearthed from centuries of compacted soil, offer clues to a lost past. "Any archaeologist who says they are not excited when they find something are not being entirely truthful," the professor from Syracuse University in the US says with a broad smile.

These remnants point to the existence of "the first English

of the Atlantic Ocean waves hitting Ghana's coastline. Inside that fort are what are thought to be the remains of an older fort - Kormantine - long-lost under the earth, which the professor's team are gradually excavating with brisk activity. They are methodically combing through distinct layers of soil and stones with soft-bristle brushes and trowels. The disturbed soil removed from the trenches is carefully sieved.

A canopy protects the team and the site from the weather and despite the intense sun and the occasional shower, the archaeologists' work continues. Ancient maps had referred to a Fort Kormantine in that area, for example the name of the nearby town, Kormantse, is clearly related. In addition,

Si Leone police arrest soldiers for 'undermining peace'

Sierra Leonean police have arrested several people including unnamed senior military officers, for "working to undermine the peace and tranquillity of the state".

In a statement, police said those arrested were planning violent protests between 7 and 10 August.

Police accused unnamed individuals "at home and abroad" of plotting to undermine peace in the country.

They said they were "fully in control" and urged Sierra Leoneans to remain peaceful and go about their normal businesses.

Unease has gripped the West African country since the controversial re-election of

President Julius Maada Bio on 24 June.

On 5 July, Mr Bio accused Western countries of creating confusion in the country after they expressed concern over the

conduct of June's election. The country has enjoyed relative peace since the end of an 11-year-long civil war in 2002.



Unease has gripped the West African country since the controversial re-election of President Julius Maada Bio

France to evacuate citizens after Niger coup

France is to evacuate its citizens from Niger because of anti-French sentiment following last week's coup.

The coup has prompted demonstrations against the former colonial power, with the French embassy coming under attack.

Germany urged its nationals to take up France's offer to help other Europeans and Italy is also organising a flight.

It comes as the juntas in Burkina Faso and Mali warned that any forcible attempt to restore the ousted president would be seen as a declaration of war. The two neighbours, also former French colonies, have both moved away from France and towards Russia, after staging their own coups in recent years. Their warning marks a significant twist that could escalate the volatile

means. There are an estimated 600 French nationals in Niger and fewer than 100 Germans.

Italy's foreign ministry says there are around 90 Italians in Niamey out of a total of just under 500 countrywide, most of whom are in the military, the AFP news agency reports. According to the Reuters news agency, Spain is also preparing to evacuate more than 70 Spaniards by air.

The UK is not organising an evacuation and has urged its nationals in Niger to stay indoors and the European Union said it was not planning to remove its staff for the time being. The situation in Niamey is reported to be calm on Tuesday. One of the French evacuees, Anthony Garcia, said he was packing as little as possible for the journey: "We were asked to take just a small bag with essentials, because we can't take the suitcase."

Earlier, France had welcomed the ultimatum issued on Sunday by



Protesters outside the French embassy on Sunday chanted "Long live Russia" and "Down with France"

situation in a region battling an Islamist militant insurgency. Niger, which is rich in uranium, has been a key Western ally in the fight against jihadist extremism in the Sahel and both France and the US have military bases there. After Mali's military leaders chose to partner up with the Russian Wagner mercenaries in 2021, France moved the centre of its regional counter-terror operations to Niger. On Sunday, protesters outside the French embassy in the capital, Niamey, chanted "Long live Russia", "Long live Putin" and "Down with France". They also set fire to the walls of the embassy compound. The French foreign ministry said its evacuations would begin on Tuesday in view of this situation.

It said its decision was also influenced by the closure of Niger's airspace, which had made it impossible for people to leave by their own

the West African bloc Ecowas, giving Niger's junta a week to reinstate elected President Mohamed Bazoum, who has been confined to the presidential palace in Niamey.

Chad's President Mahamat Idris Déby was in Niger the following day, leading mediation efforts on behalf of the Ecowas and was pictured with Mr Bazoum. These diplomatic moves prompted Burkina Faso and Mali to issue a joint statement threatening that if Ecowas intervened militarily, they would withdraw from the bloc and go to the defence of their eastern neighbour. They said such an intervention would be disastrous and destabilising.

Burkina Faso, Mali and Guinea are all currently suspended from Ecowas following coups in recent years. Ecowas's last major military intervention was in The Gambia in 2017 when Yahya Jammeh refused to step down as president after losing elections to Adama Barrow. After West African troops deployed, Mr Jammeh went into exile in Equatorial Guinea.

EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

By Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed

Stop the violence in Nimba

Making Development Finance Work for Africa

INCREASING VIOLENCE in Nimba County characterized by discharge of firearm and destruction of government and company assets is taking a toll not only on that county, but the economy and should claim the attention of all peace-loving Liberians.

IT IS QUITE unfortunate that a country that is still reeling from 14 years devastated civil war would take delight in violence as a means of seeking redress to issues it is confronted with, as in the recent case at ArcelorMittal Liberia that left the company's assets stolen and vandalized. This raises serious psychological question about the behavior of Liberians.

LAST FRIDAY'S (July 28, 2023) violence in Zolowee, electoral district two, Nimba County during execution of a search warrant by Police that left a 20-year-old man shot, a Police officer wounded and several others hospitalized, was totally unwarranted no matter what grievance citizens had.

EVEN WORSE, this is coming at a time when Liberians are just less than 80 days away from general and presidential elections on October 10th that has left the entire country politically charged with violence languages everywhere.

WE HASTEN to remind that persistent violence by aggrieved citizens in Grand Cape Mount County for land and other concerns was one key reason why the Malaysian oil palm company, Sime Darby, folded and left Liberia, leaving several thousand Liberians jobless.

TODAY, SIMILAR actions are taking place in the same county, this time around, against Bea Mounting mining company, particularly in Kungbor and other districts marred by running battles that left a lawyer brutally attacked recently.

AGGRIEVED CITIZENS of Zolowee town along the Sanniquillie - Yekepa route in Electoral District Two, Nimba went on the offense last Friday during execution of a Search Warrant issued by the Yekepa Magisterial Court on several homes in the town for missing assets that belong to ArcelorMittal Liberia.

CITIZENS HAD no reason to become violent if their consciences were clear and convinced that they had no stolen or missing items hidden inside their various homes.

Liberians who reside near concession areas across the country should be reminded in no uncertain terms that investors come here for a win-win agreement with government that provide employments for jobless citizens. But when concession grounds become battle grounds, real money takes flight and leaves the economy as we experienced during the Civil War. Lest we forget, government alone cannot provide employment. It needs investors to generate revenue for development that all Liberians yearn for.

Rather than resorting to persistent violence, vandalizing both private public assets, discharging firearms and wounding people, we encourage citizens with concerns no matter how grievous, to choose roundtable in seeking redress to their grievances because we need foreign investors to keep the economy out of the toilet.

ABUJA - If the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated our interdependence and hyper-connectedness, Russia's war in Ukraine and its economic consequences have further underscored that no country or region can stand alone. We are all integrated - politically and by trade and investment linkages - into the global economy.

Given growing awareness of this, policymakers around the world are rethinking their approach to sustainable development and re-examining the role of multilateral development banks (MDBs). These institutions are of course still relevant. But whether they are fit for purpose in their current form is open to debate.

To determine how MDBs can best support developing countries, let us consider the difficulties facing Nigeria, where I served as minister of finance, budget, and national planning from 2019 until this year. During the pandemic, more of our citizens were pushed into poverty, and our economy faltered. The breakdown in global supply chains caused the price of crude oil, our largest export product, to crash, tipping Africa's largest economy into recession. The economy rebounded after a series of reforms, but Russia's war in Ukraine now confronts us with higher food, oil, and fertilizer prices.

Nigeria is also dealing with fiscal stress, exacerbated by historically low non-oil revenues and adverse global economic conditions. A significant portion of the country's revenues goes toward servicing its debt, and rising interest rates are pushing up debt-service costs further. Against this backdrop, our biggest challenge is getting the economy back on track and ensuring that our citizens live dignified lives.

MDBs, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, were created in the aftermath of World War II to help alleviate poverty and promote economic growth in developing countries. Seven decades later, these institutions have duly provided financial assistance and met some development metrics. But the world is still battling poverty, disease, and hunger.

The leaders of the World Bank and

other MDBs must pursue systemic reforms to fulfill their mandate. To be sure, MDBs have played an important role in low- and middle-income countries and will continue to do so. But we must now face the reality that today's problems cannot be fixed with outdated solutions. The current geopolitical climate, and the resulting economic and financial conditions, calls for a fundamental shift in these institutions, so that they are better positioned to respond to multiple, overlapping crises.

To be clear, African countries are seeking development partnerships, not handouts or aid. In Nigeria, we have requested longer-term financing from MDBs to weather the current storm. These banks could also facilitate partnerships between private investors and local African businesses to boost economic growth and job creation. Nigeria has already shown remarkable resilience; now the country needs support to translate its economic potential into meaningful development that benefits its citizens.

African countries must work together with the global community to lift the continent out of poverty. But they should also focus on leveraging their abundant resources and young and dynamic populations. One avenue that we are already pursuing is the promotion of intra-African trade through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). With more than one billion people, Africa can be its own market - but only if trade barriers are removed. Nigeria, for example, could unlock its manufacturing and export capacity, earning foreign exchange, attracting investment, and becoming more globally competitive. AfCFTA is already providing a forum for Nigerian entrepreneurs to strengthen partnerships with business owners in other countries.

With the right investments and economic policies, Africa can and will overcome its challenges. Doing so is crucial not just for its own survival, but for the healthy functioning of an interdependent global economy. A string of crises - from the pandemic to the Ukraine war to the intensifying effects of climate change - has highlighted the MDBs' shortcomings while simultaneously prompting calls for reform. Unless we build on the momentum generated by these disasters, they will engulf us all.

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OP-ED

By Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

Russia must stop using food as a weapon

On 17 July, nearly one year after it was signed in Istanbul, Russia decided to not renew the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI) that allows Ukraine to export agricultural goods to global markets. As underlined by the Secretary General of the UN, this initiative has been 'a beacon of hope in a world that desperately needs it'.

Before Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, a critical global food supplier, a fifth of the world's barley came from Ukraine, as well as a sixth of the maize and an eighth of wheat. After Russia invaded Ukraine, attacking grain fields and silos and blocking Ukrainian ports, global food prices spiked to record levels and endangered much needed food supply for many importer countries. The BSGI aimed to re-establish a vital route for agricultural exports from Ukraine and to lower global food prices.

Despite many challenges, it achieved its key purpose. Since August 2022, the export of almost 33 million tonnes of grains and food from Ukraine to 45 different countries played an instrumental role in reducing global food prices by some 25% since the record high reached shortly after Russia's attack. As public trade data shows, over half of the grain, including two thirds of the wheat, went to developing countries.

In addition, the BSGI ensured continued access to grain for the World Food Programme (WFP). In 2023, Ukraine supplied 80% of the wheat procured to support humanitarian operations in the most food insecure countries like Afghanistan, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. Without the Black Sea route, the WFP has to get its grain elsewhere at higher prices and with a longer lead-time at a time when the world is facing an unprecedented food crisis.

Russia's decision was taken despite the UN Secretary General's renewed proposals to work to address its concerns. In order to shift blame, Russia claims that its own agricultural exports were not sufficiently facilitated. This is not borne out by publicly available trade data, which shows that Russia's agricultural exports are thriving. Russia gained also important benefits from the Memorandum of Understanding with the UN on fertiliser exports, which had been brokered in parallel to the BSGI. The UN has worked relentlessly to clarify regulatory frameworks and engage with the private sector to find dedicated solutions across banking and insurance sectors. These efforts have been conducted in close collaboration with the EU and its partners.

Contrary to the lies spread by Russia, the EU has indeed ensured that our sanctions have no impact on global food security. There are no sanctions on Russian export of food and fertiliser to third countries and the EU has provided extensive guidance to economic operators, clarifying that these transfers to third countries are permitted. We have also worked with the UN to allow related payments.

Despite these well-known and verifiable facts, Russia decided to pull out of the BSGI, using food as a weapon and endangering the global food supply. Hours after withdrawing from the initiative, Russia started also to destroy Ukraine's grain storage facilities and port infrastructure with daily targeted attacks, not only in the Black Sea itself but also in the Danube. As an immediate reaction, wholesale wheat and maize prices saw their biggest increase since the start of Russia's war of aggression. The increased food price volatility is likely to persist as long as Russia puts global food supply under deliberate stress, aggravating the global cost-of-living crisis and most acutely for food-insecure people in import-dependent countries. This is unacceptable and should be resolutely condemned.

As the world deals with disrupted supplies and higher prices, Russia is now approaching vulnerable countries, notably in Africa, with bilateral offers of limited grain shipments, pretending to solve a problem it created itself. This is a cynical policy of deliberately using food as a weapon.

In response to Russia's irresponsible actions, the EU is active along three main lines. First, we will continue to support the tireless efforts of the United Nations and Türkiye to resume the Black Sea Grain Initiative. Second, we continue to strengthen our "Solidarity Lanes" as alternative routes for Ukrainian agricultural exports to reach global markets through the EU. These lanes have allowed the export of more than 41 million tonnes of Ukraine's agricultural goods so far, and we are increasing this as much as possible to mitigate the consequences of Russia's termination of the BSGI. Third, we increased our financial support to countries and people most in need, providing €18 billion to address food security until 2024.

We call on the international community and all countries to step up their own assistance in support of global food security. We ask all our partners to urge Russia to return to negotiations as the African Union already did, as well as to refrain from targeting Ukraine's agricultural infrastructure. With a clear and unified voice, we can get Russia to resume its participation to the BSGI. The world has a shared interest in responsible stewardship of global food security. We owe it to the people most in need.

UL and NaFAA break grounds

Mulbah. He assured the World Bank's commitment, support, and collaboration at every point of the journey.

According to Mr. Mulbah, the World Bank has been engaged with the Government of Liberia across many areas of which fishery continues to remain key, adding that witnessing the groundbreaking was an honor.

He cited support for soft skills such as training of university students and graduates within the fishery sector as an important part of the projects on which the World Bank and NaFAA are working together.

FAO Assistant Representative for Programs Mr. Octavius T. Quarbo said his

institution is a place of knowledge that can be counted on for everything needed in Fishery, Agriculture, and Forestry.

He noted that the FAO believes that the Center of Excellence provides a great opportunity to partner with UL and NaFAA.

Mr. Quarbo indicated that the FAO's partnership with UL and NaFAA is to ensure that everything that is contextually relevant can be made available at the Center of Excellence. In the welcome statement, UL Vice President for Administration Madam Benetta Joko Tarr said the groundbreaking for the Fisheries Center for Excellence is timely.

JUDICIAL BRANCH REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



SITTING IN ITS JULY TERM A.D. 2023.

BEFORE HIS HONOR .. NECULAR Y. EDWARDS, RESIDENT JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, .

IN RE: THE PETITION THE HEIRS OF (CERUE LOUISE VAN DEM BROECK, GERALDINE MCCRITY, MICHELLE GIAWAYA MCCRITY, ETHELLO CECELIA MCCRITY, JAMES TYRELL MCCRITY, JR. AND WILLIAM HENRY MCCRITY) OF THE LATE JAMES T. MCCRITY, SR. REPRESENTED BY THEIR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, MARK M.M. MARVEY OF THE CITY OF PAYNESVILLE, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, PETITIONERS, PRAYING THIS HONORABLE COURT TO UNSEAL WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE JAMES T. MCCRITY, SR., WHO DIED ON MAY 3, 2023, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND HAVE THE CONTENTS READ IN OPEN COURT.

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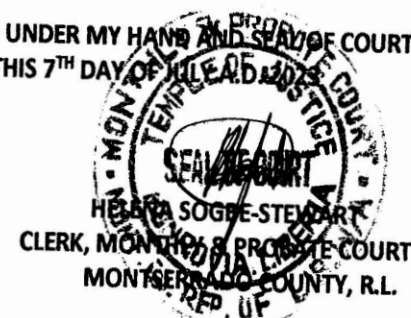
NOTICE!!!

THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE INSTRUMENT PURPORTED TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE JAMES MCCRITY, SR. WAS IN DUE FORM BROUGHT TO THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND SAME READ IN OPEN COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF LIBERIA ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY A.D. 2023. THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS FURTHER INFORMED THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ALL PERSONS HAVING LEGAL OR FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED "PETITION" ARE TO FILE SAME IN THIS HONORABLE COURT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE AFORESAID COURT ON OR BEFORE THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST A.D. 2023, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

FAILURE TO DO SAME WITHIN THE PERIOD INDICATED HEREINABOVE, WILL LEAVE THIS HONORABLE COURT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ORDER SAID "PETITION" GRANTED AND LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ISSUED TO THE EXECUTORS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT
THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY 2023

SEAL OF COURT



LIBERIA LAND AUTHORITY
Old Ministry of Commerce Building
Asylum and Gurley Intersection
Monrovia, Liberia



July 19, 2023

Survey Notice

By the directive of the Resident/Assigned Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Civil Law Court, Montserrado County, the general public is hereby informed that the undersigned Registered Licensed Land Surveyor have being duly authorized to conduct an investigative survey in the case mentioned below on Thursday 3, August 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM.

IN CASE REF: Robert M.Z. Kpoto of the City of Monrovia, Liberia.....Plaintiff
VERSUS
Abdullah Nyei, Saah Joseph, Jerome Smith, James Sherman, Aaron Morris, Mrs. Gurley, Ms. Bendu Et Al, of tue City of Monrovia.....Defendant
The Said parcel of land is lying and situated at Brewerville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

Therefore, all adjoining property owners, disputants and interested parties are requested to be present at the site on the day of the survey with their deed(s), diagram(s), map(s), technical representatives/surveyors and other relevant document to substantiate their claims. Please let this survey notice and announcement claim the attention of the following individuals:

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2. Mr. Emodinga Emmanuel Momolu
3. Heir of Madam Susannah L. Woods
4. Heir of Madam Lucia M. Coleman
5. Mr. Kabineh M. Ja' neh
6. The Parker family (Heir of Mr. Sylvester V. Parker)
7. All other claiming properties in and around the Kroto Community

Signed:
Albert D. Giah Jr.
Chairman Investigative Survey Broad
Cell No. 0886-740-519

Cc. Sheriff, Civil Law Court, Mont. Co.
Liberia National Police (LNP)

19th July 23

JUDICIAL BRANCH
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS JUNE TERM, A. D. 2023.

IN RE: Madam Margaret Kona Perry of the City of Monrovia, Mont-
County, R. L.....PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
The Intestate Estate of the late James B. Minor, by and thru
its Administratrix; Grace B. Minor and all those operating
under the scope of her authority of the Township of Congo
Town, Montserrado County, Liberia.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR WRONG

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TO: ALL LICENSED\REGISTERED NEWSPAPER(S) IN MONROVIA,
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

SUBJECT: LEGAL PUBLICATION

DATE: JULY 3RD 2023

FROM; VICTOR G. GAILOR\CLERK, CIVIL LAW COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONT. CO., R. L.

GREETINGS:

UPON THE PAYMENT OF YOUR REQUIRED FEE, YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED\MANDATED TO
PUBLISH THE WRIT OF SUMMONS, PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT IN THE ABOVE
CAPTIONED CAUSE OF ACTION\CASE; ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN YOUR
NEWSPAPER.

AND FOR SO DOING, THIS SHALL SERVE AS YOUR LEGAL & SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY!

WITH kindest regards.

COURT'S SEAL:

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CIVIL LAW
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COURT "A" MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS
DECEMBER TERM, A.D.2022.

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

IN RE: Madam Margaret Kona Perry of the city of
Monrovia, Liberia PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

The Intestate Estate of the late James B. Minor by
And thru its Administratrix, Grace B. Minor and all
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.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR WRONG

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ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR
WRONG

WRIT OF RE-SUMMONS.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; TO: THE SHERIFF FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, OR HIS\HER DEPUTY:
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AS YOU WERE BEFORE COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE
NAMED/DEFENDANT(S)/RESPONDENT(S) IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER
TERM A.D. 2022, ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER, A.D. 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M., TO
ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT/PETITION/ OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITIONER(S); THAT
UPON HIS/HER/THEIR FAILURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST
HIM/HER/THEM.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDENT(S)\RESPONDENT(S) TO FILE
HIS\HER\THEIR FORMAL APPEARANCE AND \OR ANSWER IN MY OFFICE ON\OR BEFORE THE 23RD
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON/OR BEFORE THE 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D.
2022, AS TO THE MANNER/Form OF ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF RE-SUMMONS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 13TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.

COURT'S SEAL:

Victor G. Gailor
CLERK, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW
COURT, MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

AND NOW COMES Plaintiff in the above entitle cause of action most respectfully
prays your Honour and this Honourable Court as follow to wit:

- 1. That Plaintiff avers and says that she is the bonafide owner of 0.4 lots and 0.17
lots of land acquired, own and possessed through Honourable purchase from the
rightful owner the Administrator of the late Elizabeth Collins. That Plaintiff
acquired title to the said property since 2008 and subsequently build a structure
value (USD\$102,982.00) One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty -
Two United States Dollars. Attached and marked as Plaintiff Exhibit P/1-in-bulk
are the deed and appraisal for ease of reference.
2. That Plaintiff submits and says that the Defendants herein without any colour of
right illegally damage her property despite she not been a party to any suit or
never been dully cited by any court and in gross violation of the law which
provides that a judgement is not binding upon a party who has neither been dully
cited to appear before the court nor afforded an opportunity to be heard.
3. That further to count two (2) herein above, Plaintiff submits and says that
assuming without admitting that the Honourable Supreme Court adjudged her
grantor liable in an action of ejectment, the doctrine of resjudicata is not
applicable to her although she is in privity with her grantor. That the action which
terminated the judgement against her grantor did not affect her property acquired
by her as evidence by the second survey for which Plaintiff has already
established her metes and bounds and has also fenced her property.
4. That Plaintiff submits and says that damages will properly lie against the
Defendants because on July 17, 2013 Defendants used Yellow Machine thereby
demolished sais property on the allegation that the property belong to James
Minor. Attached and marked as P/2 in bulk are the photos for ease of reference.
5. That this action will properly lie against the Defendants because the Supreme
Court speaking through His Honour Philip Z. Banks on June 9, 2016 held that no
authority is vested in the demarcation team to go beyond the property stated in
the deed and forming the judgement of the lower court, and that the intestate
Estate of James Minor shall have no right to any property beyond the demarcated
property and which is claimed by or resided upon by the Respondents shall not be
the subject of any court's enforcement growing out of the case in the lower court
in regard to which the enforcement was undertaken.
6. Plaintiff submits and says that damages will also lie against the Plaintiff now
Defendants because the last survey result was submitted on April 20, 2019 and the
Plaintiff now Defendants having been placed in possession on February 6, 2020
planted her corner stones which did not affect Margaret Kona Perry (Plaintiff's)
property.
7. That Plaintiff submits and says that for general damages to be awarded there must
be some evidence of damage or loss and the award must be somewhat
proportionate to the actual damaged sub stained as it is in the case at bar.

WHEREFORE, and in view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, Plaintiff prays
your Honour and this court to award it through the jury the amount of
(USD\$102,982.00) One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two United
States Dollars representing damages for demolishing and illegally withholding
Plaintiff's property, Grant unto Plaintiff any and all other relief that this court and your
Honour deem just, legal and equitable.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
THE WITH IN NAME PLAINTIFF
BY AND THRU HER LEGAL COUNSEL
THE DUGBOR LAW FIRM, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Festus K. Nowon, Sr.
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
MONTERRADO COUNTY) FOR AND IN MONTERRADO COUNTY, R.L.

IN RE: Madam Margaret Kona Perry of the city of
Monrovia, Liberia PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

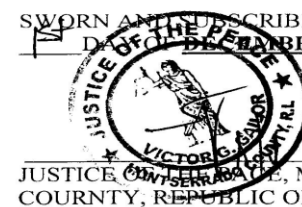
The Intestate Estate of the late James B. Minor by
And thru its Administratrix, Grace B. Minor and all
those operating under the scope of her authority,
of the Township of Congo Town, Monrovia, Liberia
.....DEFENDANTS

ACTION:
DAMAGES FOR WRONG

PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned a duly qualified
Commission Justice of the Peace for and in Montserrado County, at my Office in the
City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia aforesaid, Cllr. Festus K. Nowon, Sr., Counsel
for the PLAINTIFF and made oath according to law that all and singular the
allegations of both law and facts as received, set forth and contained in the foregoing are
true and correct to the best of his knowledge and as to those matters of information, he
verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2022.



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, MONTERRADO
COURTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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The tale of an American Warlord

(culled from NPR A review of Johnny Dwyer's writing as appeared in Esquire, Rolling Stone and The New York Times. Image: Michael Lionstar/Courtesy of Knopf)

Listen Only one American in history has ever been convicted of torture committed abroad:

After Taylor started getting in trouble in his early teens, Dwyer says, his mother sent him to West Africa to spend some time with his father. At first, the 14-year-old didn't pay much attention to what was going on around him. Then he started venturing out to Liberia's front lines.

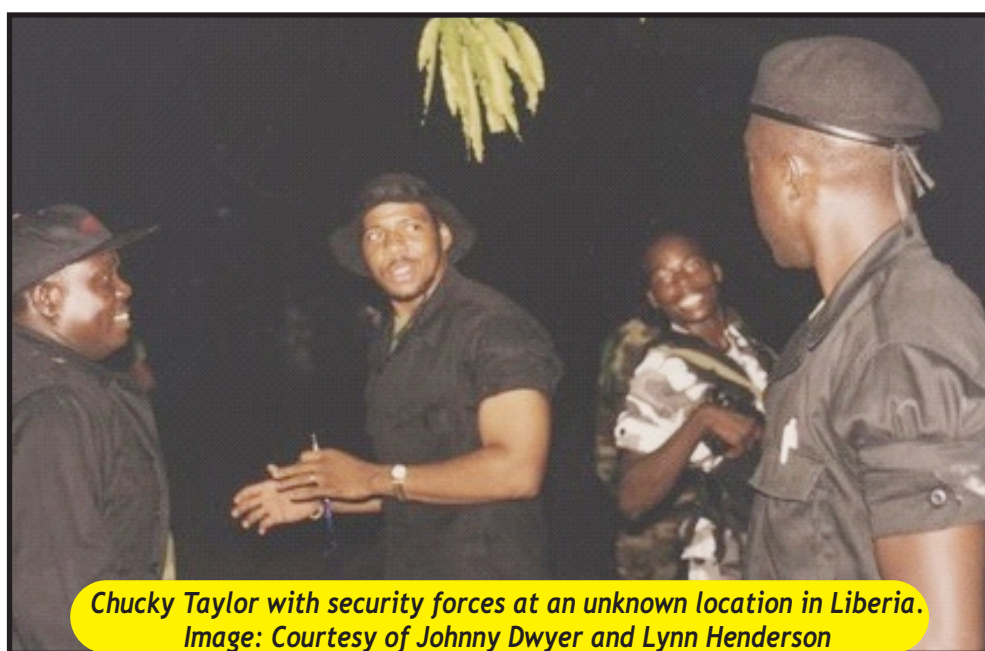
A few years later, Taylor dropped out of school and moved to Liberia. "[Charles Taylor] had just survived a really significant assassination attempt," Dwyer tells NPR's Arun Rath. "This had a really big impact on Chuckie. He felt that Taylor's security apparatus was not up to the task of taking care of his father. So Chuckie wanted to build a unit that could actually do that."

Chuckie Taylor on an unknown date and location in Liberia. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

So the 17-year-old assumed command of a secret paramilitary unit designed to protect his father — a unit that would commit the crimes for which he's now in jail.

On 14-year-old Chuckie's first exposure to the Liberian Civil War He was sort of in the care and custody of a really notorious

commander, a guy named Bill Horace, and in terms of people to be coupled with, I mean, this was a really bad individual. He was known for leading



Chuckie Taylor with security forces at an unknown location in Liberia. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson



Chuckie Taylor in Liberia at an unknown date and location. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

Chuckie Taylor, the son of former Liberian President Charles Taylor.

His father led militants to take control of Liberia in the late '90s, went in exile



after Liberia's Second Civil War and was found guilty of abetting war crimes in Sierra Leone. But young Chuckie Taylor seemed far removed from that warlord life — he lived in America with his mother and stepfather, just another teenager listening to hip-hop and watching TV in his room.

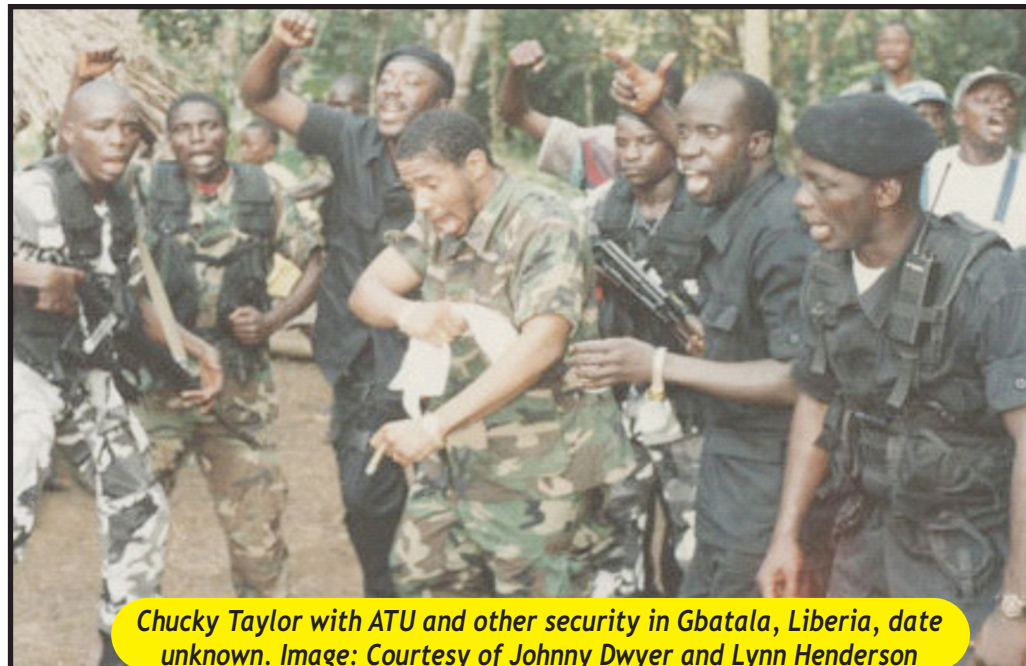
In his new book American Warlord, journalist Johnny Dwyer traces how Chuckie Taylor went from Florida teenager to imprisoned war criminal.



The Anti-Terrorist Unit emblem, designed in 1998, depicting a cobra with a scorpion, which the NPFL also used in their insignias. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

one of Taylor's units called the Navy Unit and they were responsible for crucifixions and they basically had a policy where they didn't take prisoners; they didn't take survivors.

This was Chuckie's really first exposure



Chuckie Taylor with ATU and other security in Gbatata, Liberia, date unknown. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

to what civil war looked like in Liberia. And then he went back to Orlando. He should have gone back to high school,

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Chucky Taylor in Monrovia in 2003 celebrating his visiting son's birthday. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

He really assumed a very anonymous life; He became a security guard, just to give you a sense of the range of experience. And then he started attempting to launch a hip-hop career, writing lyrics and eventually going into a local studio in Port of Spain [Trinidad] to record those lyrics.

was going on there at that moment. So in terms of broader insights into evil, I think the biggest insight I took from Chuckie was that evil is directly in front

but he never did. On Chuckie Taylor leaving Liberia for Trinidad

The Taylor government came apart in the summer of 2003. It was very much

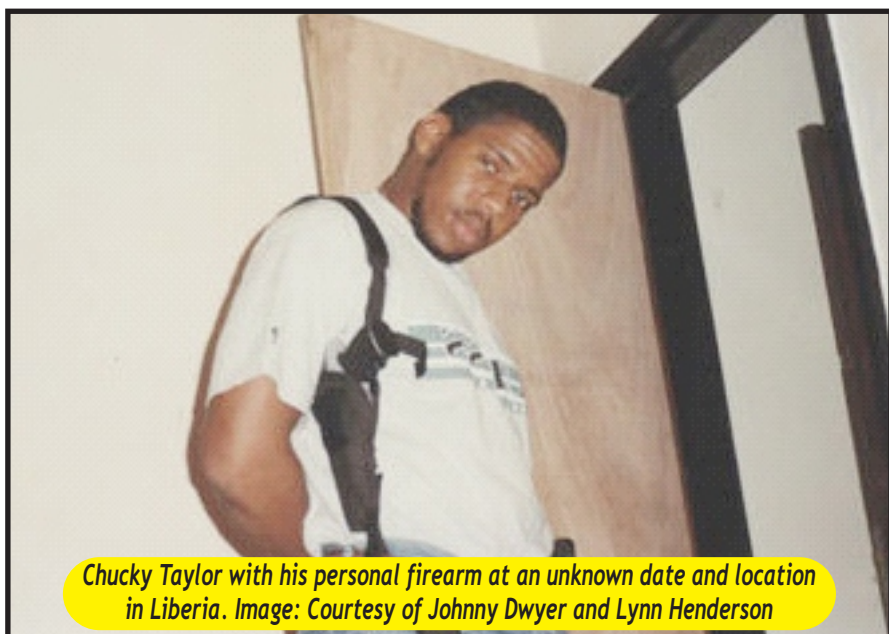


A torn photograph of a teenage Chucky Taylor at his childhood home in Orlando in the early 1990s. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

On Taylor rejecting his father's legacy We began talking about his father's legacy ... And this was really the first moment where I felt there was some reflection on his father's role in Sierra Leone, his father's role in destroying Liberia, and Chuckie really wanted to just sort of distance himself from that legacy ... in a lot of respects, just distance himself from his father. In the past he just wasn't really willing to go there, but this was one situation where he was very clearly wanting to establish distance.

of you on a daily basis and depending on the environment you're in and what your intentions are, you can indulge that or you can look away.

like a criminal enterprise, where people were turning evidence and there was this concern that anyone



Chucky Taylor with his personal firearm at an unknown date and location in Liberia. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson

could be arrested by the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Chuckie at that point fled to Trinidad, which is where his mother's family is from and where he had honeymooned. He had a connection to that community.

On what Chuckie has taught him about the nature of evil In another environment maybe he wouldn't have acted out that way. When you look at what he did in Trinidad, he made music – and that's very much a part of the cultural lifeblood of Trinidad.

In Liberia he participated in political violence, which was what



A defaced photograph of Charles Taylor found among Chucky Taylor's personal effects. Image: Courtesy of Johnny Dwyer and Lynn Henderson



Johnny Dwyer's writing has appeared in Esquire, Rolling Stone and The New York Times. Image: Michael Lionstar/Courtesy of Knopf

that Today, Chuckie Taylor is serving a 97-year sentence in a federal penitentiary



Chuckie Taylor (right) appears with his father before reporters at an unknown location in Liberia. Image: Courtesy of Knopf

in Kentucky. His father, former Liberian president Charles Taylor, is serving 50 years in a British prison.

Français

Gongloe de plus en plus soutenu à Nimba

Opposant Me Tiawan Saye Gongloe est de plus en plus soutenu par son comté natal de Nimba, dont il est le candidat à la présidentielle. Les quatre districts administratifs qui ont endossé le ticket présidentiel du LPP au cours du week-end sont Blinlon, Doe,

précédents et actuels du Libéria sont les principales causes de la pauvreté et du sous-développement au Libéria. Ils ont fait valoir que M. Gongloe est un agent du changement car c'est lui qui a transformé la LNBA et les ministères du Travail et de la Justice.

Le pays, selon eux, a besoin de son intégrité et de son haut niveau de service public pour améliorer la vie des gens ordinaires du Libéria.

En réponse, Me Gongloe a déclaré que le Libéria est un pays dont le sous-sol est très riche, mais le peuple souffre à cause d'un manque de leadership et de la mauvaise gestion des ressources naturelles dont dispose le pays.

Il a accusé les dirigeants du pays d'avoir utilisé les ressources publiques s'enrichir personnellement au détriment de l'électorat ordinaire. Il a martelé que le gouvernement est un endroit pour servir et non pour voler.

Le porte-drapeau du LPP a révélé que, suite à ses observations après avoir visité plus de trois cent trente villes et villages du pays, il souhaitait être un chef de projet pour changer l'histoire du Libéria, au lieu de la présidence traditionnelle du

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quatre districts administratifs ayant promis de donner un coup de pouce à sa candidature à la prochaine présidentielle.

Les habitants de la circonscription électorale n°9 du comté de Nimba ont promis de soutenir la candidature du célèbre avocat des droits de l'homme et de son colistier, le Dr Emmanuel K. Urey-Yakpalowo.

M. Gongloe dirige le Parti du peuple libérien (LPP)

Gbi-Doru et Mehnsonoh.

Au cours de la cérémonie, aînés, femmes et jeunes ont dit à l'unanimité que Me Gongloe a déjà fait ses preuves au cours de ses années au sein du gouvernement national et à la tête de l'Association nationale du barreau du Libéria.

Pour eux, Me Gongloe n'a pas besoin de faire campagne dans le district n° 9 car tous les habitants ont décidé de voter pour lui. Les chefs et les anciens estiment, eux, que l'égoïsme, la cupidité et la corruption des dirigeants

des préparatifs en cours.

"La rencontre fait partie du dialogue continu de l'Organe de gestion électorale avec les parties prenantes pour promouvoir des élections inclusives, crédibles, pacifiques et non violentes, comme le stipule la Déclaration de Farmington River récemment signée par les partis politiques enregistrés et les aspirants indépendants", indique le communiqué.

Il a précisé que l'engagement portera sur les informations de base qui inviteront tous les candidats et leurs militants à se

comporter de manière pacifique et non violente avant, pendant et après les élections.

« Cela permettra à la NEC d'interagir avec les candidats et de solliciter leur engagement en faveur d'un processus électoral pacifique et non violent », indique en outre le communiqué.

Entre-temps, la Commission a publié les données définitives sur l'inscription des électeurs par circonscription électorale sur son site Web (necliberia.org).



Éditorial

Pour résoudre notre problème alimentaire

Mardi dernier, c'est-à-dire le 18 juillet, la Banque mondiale, dans le cadre de la 4e édition de la mise à jour du secteur économique du Libéria, a mis en évidence le rôle crucial du riz pour le pays. Elle a ainsi insisté sur l'importance d'investir de manière très urgente dans la production de riz pour réduire la pauvreté.

Le directeur national par intérim de la Banque mondiale au Libéria Mack Capenhart Mulbah a déclaré que le gouvernement du Libéria et ses partenaires ont investi et investissent toujours une quantité importante de ressources pour améliorer la productivité dans le secteur agricole, en mettant l'accent sur la chaîne de valeur du riz.

Cependant, M. Mulbah a noté que les riziculteurs locaux continuent d'être moins compétitifs en raison de la forte différence de prix entre les variétés de riz cultivées localement et celles importées. Cela engendre de fortes contraintes en ce qui concerne l'offre dans le secteur du riz étant donné que les ménages ont plutôt une préférence accrue pour le riz importé.

De toute évidence, c'est le paradoxe qui entoure la question du riz au Libéria, pourtant c'est l'aliment de base de la nation. Il est incompréhensible que nous, en tant que peuple, ayons un goût préférentiel pour le riz cultivé à l'étranger que pour le riz produit localement. Nous ne sommes pas sans savoir que notre économie ne peut pas soutenir l'importation de riz dont le prix devient de plus en plus exorbitant pour nous.

Alors, où se trouve la solution pour maintenir notre goût insatiable pour le riz importé car, de toute évidence, le gouvernement ne peut pas continuellement dépenser des millions pour subventionner l'importation uniquement par opportunisme politique ?

Nous croyons fermement que le seul remède permanent au dilemme du riz est d'investir dans notre sol en cultivant suffisamment de riz pour nous nourrir plutôt que de compter sur d'autres pays pour produire pour nous ce que nous mangeons.

C'est cette alternative que la Banque mondiale met en évidence dans la 4e édition de la mise à jour du secteur économique du Libéria. Le gouvernement doit donc étudier religieusement et entreprendre des mesures pratiques qui puissent conduire le pays à atteindre l'autosuffisance alimentaire, en particulier en riz, notre aliment de base.

Le directeur par intérim Mulbah a rappelé que récemment, pour limiter l'effet de la hausse des prix alimentaires mondiaux sur les ménages, le gouvernement du Libéria a commencé à subventionner les importations de riz pour garantir la disponibilité et l'abordabilité de la denrée. Mais nous pouvons certainement dire qu'une telle entreprise n'est ni durable ni optimale face à la crise alimentaire mondiale croissante.

Nous avons besoin d'une solution à domicile pour satisfaire la forte demande, vu la dynamique des prix du riz et des implications pour la productivité et la réduction de la pauvreté, a souligné la Banque.

Le Dr Musa Dukuly, sous-gouverneur chargé de la politique économique de la Banque centrale du Libéria, a expliqué que le développement et la subsistance du Libéria sont limités par l'existence d'une dynamique de croissance démographique et de contraintes de la chaîne d'approvisionnement, et que la subvention sera toujours inférieure à la subvention estimée requise pour éradiquer complètement l'insécurité alimentaire.

Le Dr Dukuly a déclaré que l'évolution vers la durabilité alimentaire nécessite d'énormes sacrifices et la question qui se pose aux décideurs politiques est de savoir comment développer une stratégie plus durable vers la durabilité alimentaire.

Pour commencer, il suggère une combinaison de subventions et d'investissements directs dans le sol. « Par exemple, si la subvention est de 20 millions, nous investissons 10 millions dans la production directe de riz et allouons 10 millions en subvention ou 5 millions en production de riz et 15 millions en subvention », a-t-il dit.

En tout cas nous sommes tout à faire d'accord avec lui sur ce point. Il faut commencer quelque part et le plus tôt sera le mieux.

Français

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pays. Pour sa part, le Dr Emmanuel Urey-Yakpawolo, a révélé que ses bras étaient ouverts pour aider Me Gongloe pour la transformation du Libéria et de ses citoyens.

Yakpawolo a utilisé le cola pour démontrer comment les revenus générés par les ressources naturelles pouvaient être utilisés au profit de tous et pas seulement de quelques fonctionnaires. Selon elle, les gouvernements précédents, dont le gouvernement de la Coalition pour le changement

démocratique (CDC), ont choisi de se remplir les poches au grand dam du peuple. Il les a accusés d'accroître la pauvreté et la souffrance de la plupart des Libériens.

Mais le porte-drapeau du vice-LPP pense que cela changera avec le couple Gongloe-Urey-Yarkpawolo. Le Dr Urey-Yarkpawolo a appelé tous les habitants du Nimba et de Bong à soutenir « cette équipe de rêve composée de deux Libériens qui sont préparés, capables et désireux de transformer le Libéria en un pays meilleur ».

Les juntas burkinabè, malienne et guinéenne mettent en garde contre toute intervention militaire au Niger

Le Burkina Faso, le Mali et la Guinée, trois États dirigés par des militaires, ont averti qu'ils s'opposaient fermement à une éventuelle intervention militaire au Niger pour rétablir Mohamed Bazoum, président renversé par un putsch. Les deux premiers affirment dans un communiqué commun qu'elle serait assimilée à « une déclaration de guerre » à leurs deux pays.

Cette mise en garde survient au lendemain de la menace d'usage de « la force » proférée par les dirigeants ouest-africains, soutenus par leurs partenaires occidentaux, dont la France, ex-puissance coloniale dans la région, accusée par les militaires

et inhumaines contre le peuple et les autorités nigériennes » décidées à Abuja.

Dimanche, les dirigeants de la Cédéao ont fixé un ultimatum d'une semaine à la junte militaire au Niger pour un « retour complet à l'ordre constitutionnel », affirmant ne pas exclure un « recours à la force » si ce n'était pas le cas. Ils ont également décidé de « suspendre toutes les transactions commerciales et financières » entre ses États membres et le Niger, et de geler les avoirs des responsables militaires impliqués dans le coup d'État.

Dans un communiqué séparé, la Guinée, dont le gouvernement



qui ont pris le pouvoir au Niger de vouloir « intervenir militairement ».

Dans un communiqué commun, les gouvernements du Burkina Faso et du Mali « avertissent que toute intervention militaire contre le Niger serait considérée comme une déclaration de guerre contre le Burkina Faso et le Mali ».

Ils « préviennent que toute intervention militaire contre le Niger entraînerait un retrait du Burkina Faso et du Mali de la Cédéao (Communauté économique des États d'Afrique de l'Ouest), ainsi que l'adoption de mesures de légitime défense en soutien aux forces armées et au peuple du Niger ». Ils ajoutent qu'ils « refusent d'appliquer » les « sanctions illégales, illégitimes

est aussi issu d'un coup d'État, « exprime son désaccord concernant les sanctions préconisées par la Cédéao, y compris une intervention militaire » et « a décidé de ne pas appliquer ces sanctions qu'il considère illégitimes et inhumaines ». Conakry « enjoint la Cédéao à reconsidérer sa position ».

Les pressions pour pousser les auteurs du coup d'État du 26 juillet à rétablir rapidement « l'ordre constitutionnel » s'accroissent, venant de l'ensemble des partenaires occidentaux et africains du Niger, pays jugé essentiel dans la lutte contre les groupes djihadistes qui ravagent certaines parties des pays du Sahel depuis des années.

« L'opposition pas assez préparée pour le pouvoir d'Etat », Mulbah Morlu



Mr. Morlu

Les membres de l'opposition sont mal préparés pour se voir confier le pouvoir d'Etat, estime en tout cas le président de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir, Mulbah K. Morlu. Animant un point de presse le jeudi 27 juillet 2023, Morlu a laissé entendre qu'il serait très dangereux pour les électeurs de donner le pouvoir d'Etat à des individus « imprudents et mal préparés ». « Rendre le pouvoir à ces individus téméraires et mal préparés qui ont soif du pouvoir est une mission risquée qui ne doit pas être autorisée », a déclaré M. Morlu.

Lors de la conférence de presse, Morlu a dévoilé les membres des équipes régionales de campagne de la coalition au pouvoir.

Il a appelé les partisans et les sympathisants de la CDC à ne pas se contenter du récent rassemblement dont l'objectif était de remercier le parti au pouvoir. Il faut plutôt se mobiliser et se rendre dans les urnes pour assurer la réélection du président sortant, car « le maintien du président Weah au pouvoir est une nécessité patriotique ». Il les a aussi appelés à toujours se préparer pour le prochain grand rassemblement qui les attend. « Il ne faut pas oublier de se vêtir du même esprit en octobre », a supplié le président de la CDC. Pour lui, tous ceux se dressent sur le chemin du président Weah à la présidence sont un groupe de personnes qui ont déjà échoué, car, en ce qui le concerne, le président Weah reste le seul candidat le plus expérimenté parmi tous ces adversaires. « Je dois dire qu'il est la seule personne qui a jeté les bases du changement au cours des six dernières années, plus que tout autre président dans l'histoire du Libéria », a déclaré Morlu. Il a cité la construction de routes, l'octroi de prêts aux commerçantes et la construction des marchés comme étant certaines des réalisations du président sortant, et a fait valoir que ces choses mettaient le président Weah sur la bonne trajectoire devant ses concurrents.

La Banque Centrale prend des mesures pour sauver la monnaie nationale

Le Conseil des gouverneurs de la Banque centrale du Libéria (CBL) a relevé le taux directeur de la politique monétaire de 20 %, une mesure visant à inverser la tendance récente à la dépréciation du dollar libérien par rapport au dollar américain, a annoncé lundi la CBL.

Le communiqué publié par la Banque expliquait que le Conseil des gouverneurs de la CBL avait pris la décision en se prononçant sur le Comité de politique monétaire (MPC) lorsqu'il avait augmenté le taux directeur de la politique monétaire (MPR) de 250 points de base à 20%.

La décision a été prise lors de la séance du Conseil du 20 juillet 2023, selon un communiqué publié le lundi 31 juillet.

Le dollar libérien a plongé du nez ces derniers mois, faisant monter en flèche le taux de change entre le dollar américain de 150 LRD à 186 pour 1 USD, tandis que sur le marché noir, il se situe entre 188 à 190 pour 1 USD.

Au cours de la réunion, le Conseil a également mandaté la direction de la CBL pour supprimer le plafond sur les bons de la banque, permettant à la direction de déterminer l'émission de bons, conformément à l'évolution de l'excès de liquidité dans le secteur bancaire.

Ces décisions ont été prises en raison du durcissement des conditions financières mondiales, de la guerre russo-ukrainienne et du niveau élevé de prêts non performants dans le secteur bancaire sur le plan national.

Le Conseil a pointé du doigt la baisse de la croissance économique mondiale de 3,4 % en 2022 à 2,8 % en 2023, les fluctuations des prix internationaux de certaines des principales exportations du Libéria, l'augmentation du prix du riz et les impacts sur l'économie domestique.

Malgré le déclin de l'économie mondiale, le taux de croissance économique du



Madame Davidetta Browne Lansanah

Libéria, qui devait être de 4,3 % en 2023, a été révisé à la hausse à 4,6 %, principalement en raison de la hausse imprévue des sous-secteurs des mines et des services. L'augmentation des activités manufacturières, induite par l'expansion de l'approvisionnement en électricité, a contribué à une plus grande croissance de l'économie nationale. Le secteur bancaire libérien a remédié aux problèmes de liquidité qui le tourmentaient autrefois, enregistrant une croissance du total des prêts, des actifs bruts, du total des dépôts et du capital total. Les prêts non performants, bien qu'encore élevés, ont montré des signes de ralentissement, passant de 16,2% à 15,8%.

Le conseil d'administration de la CBL a en outre observé une réduction du déficit commercial du Libéria de 3,9 % au cours du trimestre précédent à 3,4 % au cours du trimestre sous revue. Cela s'est toutefois accompagné d'une réduction des envois de fonds vers les banques, s'élevant à 95,5 millions de dollars, contre 107,0 millions de dollars au premier trimestre. Les envois de fonds entrants vers les portefeuilles mobiles ont augmenté d'environ 8,5 % au cours de la même période, passant de 102,9 millions de dollars à 111,6 millions de dollars.

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LERC Amends LEC Import License

The Board of Commissioners (BoC) of the Liberia Electricity Regulatory Commission (LERC) has amended the Liberia Electricity

due to the seasonality of its major source of electricity the Mount Coffee Hydro facility.

Engineer Shobayo added, "this gives LEC a huge window of opportunity to import electricity into the country from other countries in the subregion and meets the demands of large customers."

He lauded the management of LERC for the level of collaboration and coordination between LERC and LEC.

Speaking earlier, the acting Managing Director of LERC, Engineer Abu Dekontee. Sanso, said the ceremony formalized another rigorous process which started in March 2023 when the Commission received an application from the LEC in keeping with the Terms and Conditions of the issued Electricity Import License to amend provisions that will allow the LEC to import Electricity totalling 110MW. Engineer Sanso said the Commission was acting in accordance with the 2015 Electricity Law of Liberia citing Section 3.3 Power and Duties of the Regulator that the Commission must "Consider applications for licenses and may issue Licenses for Import and Export of Electricity."

"This yet again is a major milestone achievement toward sustainable and reliable electricity supply to end-users within the Liberia Interconnected Transmission System", he asserted.

Earlier in March 2021, the Commission issued six licenses to the LEC including an electricity Import License.



(L-R) BoC Chairman Dr. Lawrence D. Sekajipo presents import license LEC's Executive Director Engineer Dele Shobayo

Corporation (LEC) electricity Import License. The amendment now permits the Corporation to increase its electricity import capacity into the country from 10MW to 110MW. In March 2023, LEC submitted an amendment application to the Commission requesting an increase in its electricity import quota based upon what it described as "fast increasing demand that has consequently raised LEC's average daily peak load to over 56MW in less than three months". In addition, LEC informed the Commission that demand for electricity in Liberia is still increasing and more bulk customers are yet to be connected to the national grid. The management of LEC asserted that imported power demand in the next years shall continue to increase at a fast rate beyond what was anticipated in the agreement with the Ivory Coast based

grant LEC the exclusive right to purchase and import electricity into the country in the capacity of up to 110 MW. "We hope this will assist LEC meet its national goal of 70% access to electricity for Liberians by the government's projected date by 2023," Chairman Sekajipo stated. He continued: "To meet this target, LERC calls on the Ministry of Mines and Energy and LEC to implement the national distribution policy on electricity. He said the Commission had put in place all regulations to ensure private sector investment in the electricity sector". Responding, the Executive Director for Engineering and Major Connections, Engineer Dele Shobayo said the event marks a milestone in the improvement of the electricity sector of Liberia and allows LEC to increase its import quota to close the gap especially during the dry season

Former LTC employees demand benefits

By Ethel A. Tweh

Several former employees of the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation (LTC) have threatened to continuously embarrass authorities of the institution for their alleged refusal to pay them their deserved benefits.

They spoke to a team of reporters when they blocked the main entry of the LTC in Monrovia this week.

The former employees, many of whom are old folks, recounted that they were redundant in 2006 during the regime of former President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. They added that former President Sirleaf mandated the entity to pay their benefits in two categories which included cash and bags of rice before the end of her term in office.

that the institution has reportedly refused to pay their benefits up to the present.

The former employees said their first target currently is to receive their rice benefit which has the financial value of US\$260 for each member. According to them, they have gone over 16 years fighting for their deserved benefits and some of their

colleagues even died while in the process. Yet, they alleged, the institution continues to give them inhumane treatment.

The former employees also narrated that when the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) regime took over, they took their official documents to House Speaker Mr. Bhofal Chambers.



UL and NaFAA break grounds for Fishery Center of Excellence

The ceremony was held at Lake View on UL's Fendall Campus on Friday, July 28, 2023. Through the support of the World Bank, US\$1.8m has already been mobilized for the construction work, and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said it can be counted on for everything needed in Fishery, Agriculture, and Forestry.

The President of the University of Liberia Prof. Dr. Julius Julukon Sarwolo Nelson, Jr., said the Center serves as a hub for cutting-edge research, knowledge dissemination, capacity building, and policy development in Fishery Science and governance. "Our vision is to empower a new generation of experts and leaders who will be equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, and ethical values to tackle the present issues in Fishery Management and Conservation in the Republic of Liberia," he said.

Regional Center of Excellence for Fishery Science and Governance, stands at the value of US\$1.8m. "That money is mobilized, waiting, the World Bank people [are] here, they can attest to that, to ensure that the construction is done. So, there will be no issue of delay," said Mr. Manoballah.

Mr. Manoballah thanked the President of the Republic of Liberia, H.E. Dr. George Manneh Weah, and his Administration for the fullest support provided to the fishery sector in the face of challenges and competing priorities.

"If the government had not approved this activity, I can tell you, the World Bank would not send the money to NaFAA," said Mr. Manoballah. "It is the government, and it is His Excellency who [has] given us numerous supports, saw the need that it was important that this idea you people brought we can build on it, we can work on it to build the capacity of our young



The University of Liberia (UL) and the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) have broken grounds for the construction of a Regional Center of Excellence for Fishery Science and Governance at UL.

Dr. Nelson said the fishery sector is not only essential for providing food security to millions in the region but also plays a vital role in supporting the livelihoods of countless coastal communities.

"The establishment of the Regional Center of Excellence for Fishery Science and Governance represents a significant milestone in our journey toward academic excellence and positive impact on our society," said Dr. Nelson.

According to Dr. Nelson, the groundbreaking ceremony is a testament to the University's commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering collaborations that will drive sustainable development in the region.

Earlier, NaFAA Deputy Director General for Administration Mr. Augustine M. Manoballah said the construction which will contain the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, and the

people to prepare for the future," he continued. Mr. Manoballah described fishery as an economic hub that can transform the country. He said it would be a serious challenge for Liberia if a generation is not prepared to manage the sector.

Mr. Manoballah reminded the FAO, the World Bank, and other partners that needed support including funding the staff, would be required for the Regional Center to remain alive and active.

For his part, World Bank Acting Country Manager Mack Capehart Mulbah said the groundbreaking ceremony is a seed that promises to bear fruits based on the vital collaboration between the Government of Liberia and the World Bank.

"We see the building as the point where most of the hard work for leapfrogging the sector for the future and its construction cannot be over-emphasized," said Mr.

Weah deserves a 2nd term

By: Ramsey N. Singbeh, Jr in Margibi

while rallying citizens to reelect the President.

The Senator notes that if the President had gone to neighboring countries to declare war with bullets

the young people, he has raised the revenue, increase the revenue of our country and that's why he's asking for a second term mandate," he argues. He says the President has served the country for nearly six years now and after evaluating Mr. Weah's work, he has joined many other voices in calling for the re-election of the ruling Coalition-led government.

Nuquay, who vehemently opposes the senatorial bid of sanctioned former minister Nathaniel McGill, a confidant of President Weah, urges Margibians not to elect McGill.

"President Weah has worked for six years; he's seeking a second term mandate. I'm quite sure he will get a second term reward", he adds. According to the former speaker of the House, every work a person does has a reward, therefore, every opportunity that one gets in life he or she must use it as a steppingstone for future opportunities.

He cites himself as an example, noting that he served the people of Margibi diligently in the House for 12 years, so they rewarded him with the senatorial seat of the county during the 2020 special senatorial election.

Margibi County Senator James Emmanuel Nuquay, says President George Manneh



Sen. Nuquay and Pres. Weah

Weah deserves a second term because he has kept the peace of Liberia for the last six years. Liberians go to the polls in barely two months with nearly two dozen candidates in the race, including the incumbent.

According to him, Mr. Weah, who is seeking a second term in office, has also provided opportunities for young people and increased government revenue, among others so he should be elected for another six years term.

Sen. Nuquay made the statement in Margibi recently

flying in all parts of the country, he would not have been in a position to ask for another term because no one would have listened to him.

"If President Weah had served this country and he had gone to Ivory Coast to declare war; he had gone to Guinea to declare war; he had gone to Sierra Leone to declare war, and bullets were flying all here, you think he was going to be in the position to ask you for second term and you agree? He has kept the country peaceful, he has provided opportunities for

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include to encourage women students and women in general to embrace the legal profession.

Atty. Williams stated that it comes to AFELL as an assault, some information in the media that some of the Association's executives met with Mr. Nagbe last Friday at President Weah's Jamaica Resort. She termed the information as misleading and inaccurate. Madam Williams reaffirmed to AFELL's partners and the public that the institution remains committed to its mission for the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children in the society.

She said AEFLL will continue to serve impartially, adding that the organization is governed by its constitution which makes its president the Chief Executive Officer who has the responsibility to direct and manage its affairs.

Atty. Williams believes that the 'inaccurate information' on social media is drawn from her travel for a funeral after which she returned on July 26, 2023.

According to her, AFELL wants President Weah to call the Association in a meeting so it can tell him how the children are selling in the

streets and they are being raped.

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She said on Friday, she received a call from Cllr. Alexandra Zoe, informing her that President Weah wanted to meet with AFELL's leadership.

"And I said to her, oh, that's a good idea because AFELL has its agenda to present to the President," said Atty. Williams.

In her narratives, she said she asked Cllr. Zoe if a meeting could be scheduled with the president for the first week in August to present issues that they are faced with day-to-day.

According to her, these issues include children in the streets, rape, increase in domestic violence, and women in leadership.

According to her, Cllr. Zoe suggested that the meeting be held on Saturday. But Atty. Williams noted that she suggested that she first call AFELL Board Members to discuss their agenda that will be presented to the president.

Blueprint for a CPP Government

The Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), Mr. Alexander Cummings, has continued to outline his dream for a CPP Government, reiterating his pledge to do things differently.

As part of his blueprint, the former Coca-Cola Executive says when elected President he will prioritize Liberians' interests and make them primary beneficiaries of the country's economy and resources.

Cummings said, while foreigners' participation is absolutely important, a CPP Government will enforce the Liberianization policy and ensure adequate funding for Liberians to disproportionately benefit from the country's economy and government procurement of goods and services.

Cummings said resuscitating the ailing economy and creating a vibrant private sector for massive job opportunities, will be top priority, when elected President of Liberia, come October 10.

He said the CPP administration has earmarked U\$20 million as Empowerment Fund for market women, farmers, youth businesses and persons with disabilities, to

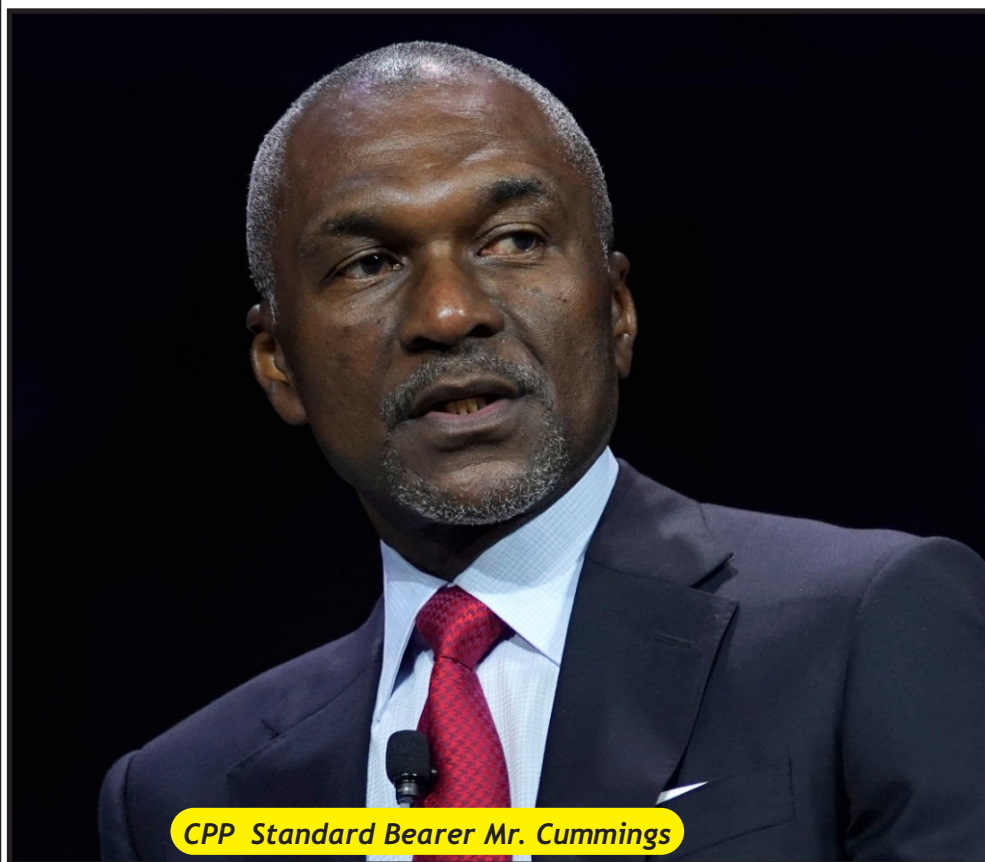
necessarily aborting any concessionaire agreements, and will expand the tax base, unlike the current case, where only a few people are paying taxes.

The CPP Standard Bearer reaffirmed his zero tolerance for corruption and that monies saved from corruption, will be redeployed to address critical needs of the Liberian people.

Cummings vowed to create a conducive lawful environment, with a strong, independent and trusted Judicial and criminal justice systems that Liberians will feel safe and as well attract badly needed foreign investments.

He said a CPP administration will urgently address the issues of sanitation, ridding Monrovia of garbage, restore law and order in the traffic, and robust enforcement of the law, which will make citizens feel safe and secure.

On the question of making Mr. George Weah a one term President, Mr. Cummings said Weah's administration's poor performance, characterized by high unemployment, lack of



CPP Standard Bearer Mr. Cummings

sustain and grow their businesses. The CPP Standard Bearer reaffirmed his commitment to Liberians, in an interview with Joy TV, on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

Cummings said both national and international resource mobilization are key to addressing critical needs including restoring civil servants' salaries cut by government and revamping the health and educational sectors. He said all of this requires urgent government actions to bring relief to the suffering masses.

He said the CPP Government will ensure Liberia reaps the full value and benefits of its natural resources including gold and diamond, without

foreign investments due to growing insecurity and corruption, rising crimes, widespread suffering and extreme poverty, have turned vast majority of Liberians against a second term for the ruling CDC Government.

Cummings said the six years rule of President Weah has reversed all the gains of his predecessor, leading to a break down in law and order, hospitals are without drugs, schools in the worst of conditions, and that nine out of every 10 Liberians will tell you they worst off, economically.

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-Members face one-year suspension for endorsing Weah

The endorsement of incumbent President George Weah's re-election bid by some Liberian female lawyers' has backfired



Pres Weah Atty. Philomena T. Williams

They attended that meeting," said Atty. Williams during a press conference Tuesday, 1 August 2023 in Monrovia. She argued that if President Weah calls AFELL to a meeting, it is the organization's leaders that are supposed to attend that meeting. She said none of AFELL's leaders attended the meeting in question, saying those that who attended it have put AFELL in disrepute and they will be suspended for one year. Atty. Williams addressed the press Tuesday following speculations on social media that the female lawyers' organization was about to

endorse the ruling Coalition for democratic Change (CDC) after meeting Liberia's Maritime Commissioner Eugene Nagbe.

But she clarified that the information is not true.

"Because we remain committed to our partners, we remain committed to our beneficiaries, we want them to believe in us that we are not political," said Atty. Williams.

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