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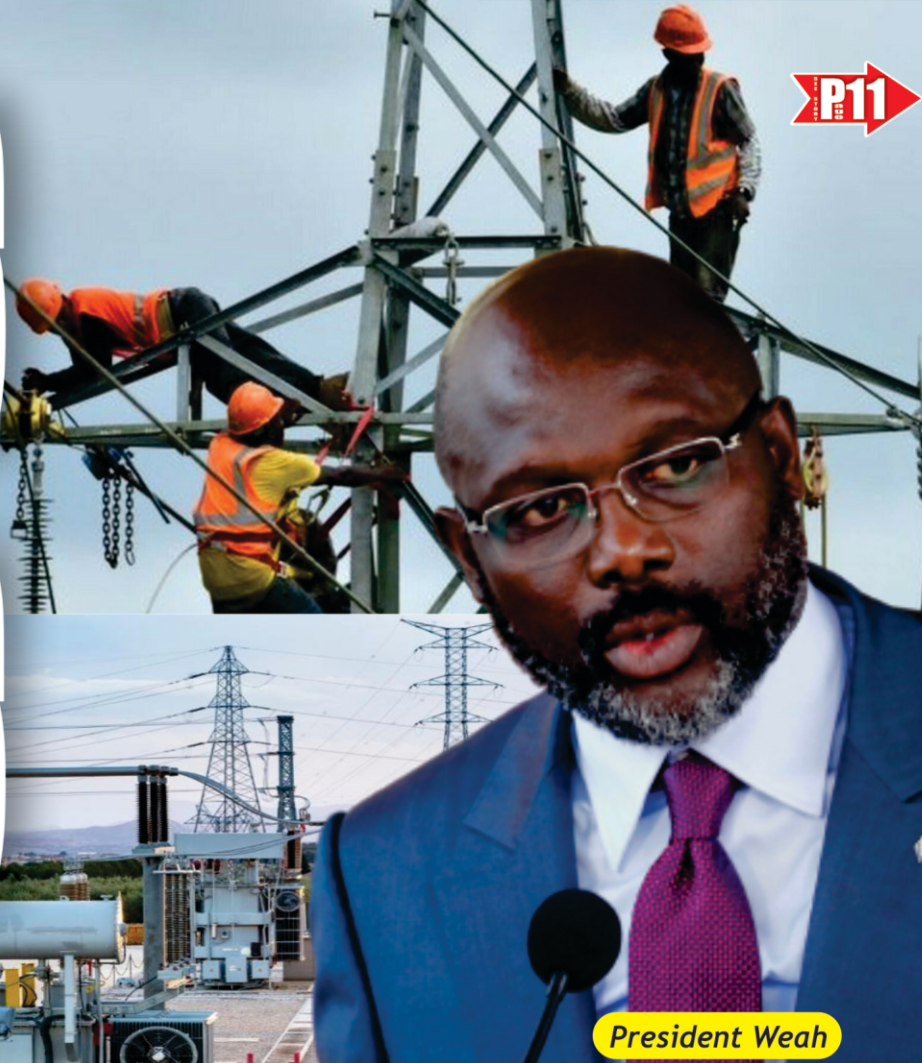
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Continental News

Humanitarian Workers Risk Their Lives to Help Others

This year's World Humanitarian Day is being commemorated at a time of increased risk for the thousands of aid workers who put their lives on the line every day to help millions of

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, or OCHA, says so far this year, 62 humanitarian workers have been killed in crises around the world, a 40% increase from the same period in 2022. Another 84

OCHA says the highest number of attacks against aid workers is in South Sudan, followed closely by Sudan. Aid worker casualties also have been recorded in the Central African Republic, Mali,



People inspect the rubble of the Canal Hotel after an explosion on Aug. 19, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. United Nations officials on Aug. 19, 2023, marked the 20th anniversary of the deadly attack on the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

people affected by conflict and natural and human-made disasters.

The United Nations says humanitarian workers are in far greater danger today than 20 years ago, when the U.N.'s headquarters in the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, was bombed. The attack killed 22 staffers, including Special Representative Sergio Vieira de Mello, and injuring some 150 others.

aid workers have been wounded and 34 kidnapped.

"The statistics are grim," said Ramesh Rajasingham, head of OCHA's office in Geneva. "Every year, nearly six times more aid workers are killed in the line of duty than were killed in Baghdad on that dark day." "International law is clear," he said. "Aid workers are not targets. Perpetrators must be held to account. Impunity for these crimes is a scar on our collective conscience."

Somalia and Ukraine.

World Humanitarian Day was established in response to the attack in Iraq 20 years ago on Aug. 19, 2003. Survivors and family members of victims, as well as U.N. senior officials, diplomats and members of the public, attended a ceremony Friday at U.N. headquarters in Geneva to pay tribute to the workers who have lost their lives in humanitarian service. VOA

Thousands More Mauritians Making Their Way to US Via Route Spread on Social Media

Aissata Sall was scrolling through WhatsApp in May when she first learned about the new route to the United States. For Ibrahima Sow, the discovery came on TikTok a few weeks later. By the time their paths crossed at the tidy one-story brick house in Cincinnati, they had encountered hundreds of other Mauritians, nearly all of them following a new path surging in popularity among younger migrants from the West African nation, thanks largely to social media. "Four months ago, it just went crazy," said Oumar Ball, who arrived in Cincinnati from Mauritania in 1997 and recently opened his home to Sow, Sall and more than a dozen other new migrants. "My phone hasn't stopped ringing."

handful of other foreign nationals to purchase a low-cost visa without proof of onward travel.

As word of the entry point spreads, travel agencies and paid influencers have taken to TikTok

seekers from other nations, are whisked north by bus with the help of smugglers. "The American dream is still available," promises a video on TikTok, one of dozens of similar posts from French-speaking "guides" that help Mauritians make the trip.



Mauritians gather for a traditional meal, July 21, 2023, in Cincinnati

to promote the trip, selling packages of flights that leave from Mauritania, then connect through Turkey, Colombia and El Salvador, and wind up in Managua, Nicaragua. From there, the migrants, along with asylum

"Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today." "We wish you success. Nicaragua loves you very much," a man working for a travel agency says in Spanish in another video. VOA

Leader Says Junta Will Restore Civilian Rule to Niger

The leader of mutinous soldiers who ousted Niger's democratically elected president said Saturday night that they will return the country to civilian rule within three years.

General Abdourahmane Tchiani gave no details on the plan, saying on state television only that the principles for the transition would be decided within 30 days at a dialogue to be hosted by the junta.

"I am convinced that ... we will work together to find a way out of the crisis, in the interests of all," Tchiani said, commenting after his first meeting with a regional delegation seeking to resolve the West African nation's crisis.

The delegation from the ECOWAS bloc, headed by former Nigerian head of state General Abdulsalami Abubakar, also met separately with toppled President Mohamed Bazoum. It joined reconciliation efforts by

The 11 member states that agreed to intervene militarily don't include the bloc's three other countries under military rule following coups: Guinea, Mali and Burkina Faso. The latter two have warned they would consider any intervention in Niger an act of war. On Friday, Niger's state television said that Mali and Burkina Faso had dispatched warplanes in a show of solidarity.

Friday's announcement was the latest in a series of so far empty threats by ECOWAS to forcefully restore democratic rule in Niger, conflict analysts say. Immediately after the coup, the bloc gave the junta seven days to release and restore Bazoum, a deadline that came and went with no action.

"The putschists won't be holding their breath this time over the renewed threat of military action," said Ulf Laessing, head of the Sahel program at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, a think tank. The junta leaders are cementing their rule and appointing loyal commanders to key units while ECOWAS has no experience with military action in hostile territory and would have



In this image from a video provided by ORTN, General Abdourahmane Tchiani makes a statement in Niamey, Niger, July 28, 2023. On Saturday, he said those who ousted Niger's democratically elected president will return the country to civilian rule within three years

Leonardo Santos Simao, the United Nations special representative for West Africa and the Sahel, who arrived Friday. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on August 10 ordered the deployment of a "standby force" to restore constitutional rule in Niger. On Friday, the ECOWAS commissioner for political affairs, peace and security, Abdel-Fatau Musah, said 11 of its 15 member states had agreed to commit troops to military intervention, saying they were "ready to go."

The soldiers who overthrew Bazoum last month have quickly entrenched themselves in power, rebuffed most dialogue efforts, and kept Bazoum, his wife and son under house arrest in the capital.

no local support if it tried to intervene, he said. "Niger is a very fragile country that can easily turn, in case of a military intervention, into a failed state like Sudan," Laessing said. ECOWAS used force to restore order in 2017 in Gambia when longtime President Yahya Jammeh refused to step down after he lost the presidential election. That move involved diplomatic efforts led by the then-presidents of Mauritania and Guinea, while Jammeh appeared to be acting on his own after the Gambian army pledged allegiance to the winner of the election, Adama Barrow.

Also on Saturday, the new U.S. ambassador to Niger, Kathleen FitzGibbon, arrived in the capital, said Matthew Miller, spokesman for the State Department. The U.S. hasn't had an ambassador in the country for nearly two years. VOA

EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

By Hippolyte Fofack

All Liberians should sign the peace chorus

The BRICS Come of Age

The United States Embassy near Monrovia issued a statement here on Thursday, August 18, reminding Liberian political parties currently campaigning across the country ahead for the October 10th Presidential and General Elections to adhere to the Farmington River Declaration by committing to free, fair and peaceful elections, and condemning all forms of violence and violent rhetoric.

The statement coincided with Liberia's commemoration of 20 years of relative peace since the restoration of democratic rule in 2005 following 14 years of brutal civil war that left over 250,000 persons killed, including women and children, and hundreds of thousands others languishing in refugee camps across the region.

Twenty years after, the guns are still silent, giving citizens and residents the opportunity to resume normal life and economic activities, including active politics.

The U.S. Embassy's Statement last Thursday comes on the heels of the fourth democratic elections in October exclusively being organized and conducted by Liberians themselves.

The call for free, fair non-violence elections was echoed days earlier by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), Leonardo Santos Simão, who paid a two-day visit to Liberia last week and met with President George Manneh Weah, officials of the National Elections Commission, representatives of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), youth and women groups.

Ambassador Simão pointed to the need for all candidates in the race to uphold their commitment to the Farmington River Declaration that sets the path to an inclusive, peaceful, and democratic process, underscoring that it is the responsibility of all stakeholders to educate their supporters on the rules of good conduct prior to, during and after the polls, in demonstrating responsible leadership.

The peace chorus is the song that should remain on the lips of every peace-loving Liberian as the country moves to elections, for without peace the nation will regress to vestiges of the past that we don't want repeated.

The United States, the U.N. and ECOWAS are three key partners that stood by Liberia during her dark days, so pieces of advice coming from them in crucial moments of our electoral process should be heeded to keep the nation peaceful AND stable.

Violet politics and rhetoric are counterproductive to democratic elections and so those found wanting in such practices should be called to book and condemned, as they have no place in the future Liberia we envisage.

Campaign rhetoric such as victory has already been won even before the actual polls should be discouraged by political parties and their leaders, as incendiary statements have the propensity to propel overly zealous partisans and supporters to resort to violence if the poll results do not go their way as expected.

CAIRO - Nearly 22 years after Jim O'Neill, then an economist at Goldman Sachs, coined the BRIC acronym to capture the economic potential of Brazil, Russia, India, and China, the group - called the BRICS since the addition of South Africa - contributes more to global GDP (in purchasing-power-parity terms) than the G7. The International Monetary Fund forecasts that China and India alone will generate about half of global growth this year.

But with geopolitical tensions running high, and the weaponization of the dollar for national-security purposes continuing to escalate, the BRICS have taken on new significance, offering trade diversion and other relief to weaken the effectiveness of sanctions and fast-tracking the transition to a multipolar world. Since 2014, Russia's trade with G7 countries has fallen by more than 36%, owing to unprecedented Western sanctions, while its trade with the other BRICS has increased by more than 121%.

Following the European Union's ban on imports of Russian oil products last year, China and India have been the two dominant buyers of Russian crude. Bilateral trade between China and Russia has been particularly strong in recent years, hitting a record \$185 billion last year.

Given their economic success, the BRICS are increasingly seen in the Global South as a far more viable force for multilateralism than the Non-Aligned Movement founded in 1961. More than 40 countries - including Algeria, Egypt, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates, but also key G20 members such as Argentina, Indonesia, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia - have expressed interest in joining the BRICS, and 22 have formally applied for membership.

Expansion will be high on the agenda at the group's 15th summit, scheduled for August 22-24 in Johannesburg, South Africa, as will trade and investment facilitation. The latter includes many issues on which the bloc's views diverge from those of the G7, such as sustainable development, global governance reform (especially reform of the IMF), and de-dollarization.

As more emerging-market economies explore ways to conduct trade in non-dollar currencies, a growing number of experts, including senior US government officials, have recognized that the weaponization of finance may threaten the greenback's dominance. US Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen recently admitted that the use of "financial sanctions that are linked to the role of the dollar ... could undermine the hegemony of the dollar."

The desire for de-dollarization has given rise to the idea of a BRICS-issued reserve currency that members could use for cross-border trade. But while the BRICS countries, which collectively enjoy a comfortable current-account surplus, have the financial wherewithal to establish such a currency or unit of account, they lack the institutional infrastructure to sustain such a project.

Even assuming that the bloc's members are fully aligned on geopolitical issues and are more inclined to cooperate than compete, building that infrastructure is a tall order.

Like the euro, a shared project of this magnitude would require achieving macroeconomic convergence; agreeing on an exchange-rate mechanism; establishing an efficient multilateral payment and clearing system; and creating regulated, stable, and liquid financial markets that are big enough to absorb global savings and have low-risk default assets where surplus funds could be parked when they are not used for trade.

Given these challenges, South Africa's ambassador to the group reiterated in July that a BRICS currency will not be on the summit's agenda; deepening trade and settlement in local currencies will be. In fact, the use of local currencies in cross-border transactions has already yielded significant benefits for the BRICS, including lower transaction costs; a buffer against global volatility; increased trade among members, despite a challenging operating environment; and an easing of the balance-of-payments constraint associated with dollar funding.

And even though border tensions between China and India have grown, both countries stand to benefit greatly from the increased use of local currencies. Saudi Arabia is considering signing a deal with China to settle oil transactions in renminbi, while India is expanding the use of local-currency settlement (LCS) for bilateral trade beyond the BRICS, inviting more than 20 countries to open special vostro bank accounts to settle trade in rupees. Earlier this month, India made its first oil payment to the UAE in rupees.

The good news is that the BRICS already have the institutions they need to create an efficient and integrated payment system for cross-border transactions. The BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism facilitates payments in local currencies between banks based within the bloc. BRICS Pay, a multi-currency digital international payments system, eliminates the need for "vehicle currencies," such as the dollar or the euro, in transactions among member countries, reducing costs dramatically. Lastly, the Contingent Reserve Arrangement provides liquidity support to those BRICS facing short-term balance-of-payment pressures or currency gyrations.

The New Development Bank, which is spearheading the creation of a BRICS currency, also plans to increase local-currency financing, from 22% to at least 30% of the bank's portfolio by 2026, and, more generally, to support efforts to reduce the dollar content of cross-border trade and investment between BRICS countries.

In the lead-up to the summit, it issued its first South African rand bonds earlier this month. The two bonds of R1.5 billion were oversubscribed, attracting R2.67 billion of bids in total.

If, as expected, the BRICS group agrees to admit new members at the upcoming summit (Saudi Arabia looks most likely), it risks a divergence of interests and coordination challenges. But the benefits outweigh the risks.

With expansion, the BRICS market will expand dramatically, creating scale and accelerating the transition from bilateral to multilateral clearing and, ultimately, to a BRICS currency. This will address one of the major challenges associated with using LCS for bilateral trade: the difficulty of deploying local currencies once imbalances arise.

To be sure, the stickiness of institutional arrangements, along with the breadth and depth of US financial markets, will ensure the dollar's dominance for some time to come.

But an enlarged BRICS group would create a geopolitical coalition with the power to accelerate de-dollarization and lead the transition to a more multipolar world - a far cry from the loosely associated clutch of fast-growing emerging markets that O'Neill identified a generation ago. It seems likely, then, that the BRICS 15th summit will be the most consequential yet.

OP-ED

By Mohamed A. El-Erian

Simplifying a Complicated Global Economy

CAMBRIDGE - The global economy this year is full of puzzling surprises. Japan's GDP growth is currently surpassing that of China, and July retail sales in the United States were double the consensus forecast, despite the US Federal Reserve pursuing one of the most concentrated rate-hiking cycles in decades.

In the United Kingdom, wage growth has risen to an annualized rate of 7.8% and core inflation has remained high, even after 14 consecutive rate hikes by the Bank of England (with more to come). Meanwhile, Brazil and Chile have both cut interest rates, diverging from market expectations that the Fed will keep rates high for a prolonged period.

These oddities are just a few of many, and adding to the complexity are the uncertain implications of significant structural shifts on the horizon. These include the necessary transition to zero-carbon energy, the artificial-intelligence revolution, and various other innovation-driven changes. Add in geopolitical tensions and the retreat from economic and financial globalization, and a wide range of potential scenarios opens up.

With so many moving pieces, and under such unconventional (and in many cases unprecedented) conditions, navigating this landscape would be challenging for anyone. That is when I find it particularly useful to return to a simple analytical framework that I learned early in my career as an economist. It is an extreme version of a "reduced-form equation" that economists use to focus on just a handful of key factors for predicting outcomes. These factors may not fully explain a phenomenon, but this strategy is better than relying on an impractically large and unwieldy set of factors.

In today's context, my analytical approach poses a simple question: What single piece of information would be most valuable if I were stranded on a desert island for six months and wanted to understand what had happened to the global economy during that time? Given the current state of affairs, I would primarily want to know how the US had managed its growth-inflation dynamics. Or, more to the point, I would want to know whether the Fed had achieved a "soft landing" (bringing inflation back down toward its target without causing a sharp increase in unemployment).

This information is crucial, because the global economy currently lacks alternative engines. After all, the growth challenges facing China, the UK, and the eurozone are not susceptible to quick policy fixes; a still-levered international financial system with high debt levels can ill afford another surge in US interest rates and strong dollar appreciation; Japan has yet to figure out how to exit its "yield-curve control" policy in a smooth manner; and the global economy continues to suffer gradual fragmentation.

At first glance, the prospects for the Fed achieving a soft landing do appear promising. Inflation has receded from its peak of over 9% last year to slightly above 3%, bringing it much closer to the 2% target. At the same time, household spending continues to drive economic growth, and corporate balance sheets are solid. These conditions suggest that the US economy can absorb the cumulative impact of the Fed hiking rates by five percentage points, while also sidestepping the effects of faltering Chinese growth and Europe's on-and-off flirtation with recession.

But, as the economic historian Niall Ferguson recently pointed out, "managing monetary policy is not in the least like flying a plane." This simile seems especially applicable to the current Fed, for several reasons.

First, the Fed's operating manual is outdated. Its "new monetary framework" is, in fact, suited for the prior decade of insufficient aggregate demand, rather than to this decade of insufficient aggregate supply. Second, the Fed's landing zone is questionable, because the inflation target it is pursuing may well be too low given current structural and secular realities.

Third, with its excessive focus on immediate conditions, the Fed could end up neglecting the future wind patterns that it will encounter as its altitude changes. Fourth, it initiated its landing sequence late, following a long period in which it had mischaracterized inflation as "transitory" before finally implementing an intense cycle of rate hikes. And, finally, it is not clear whether the Fed has learned enough from its forecasting and communication mistakes to make the necessary course corrections.

Yes, the US economy has defied skeptics by maintaining robust growth above that of other major economies, and despite its notably higher interest rates and significant external headwinds. But the continuation of this exceptional performance hinges on the Fed's ability to establish a low and stable inflation rate without triggering a recession. This is a delicate balancing act, and whatever happens will significantly influence the rest of the global economy and how policymakers navigate today's extraordinary uncertainty.

My hope is that six months from now, we will celebrate the Fed's success in achieving a soft landing and in positioning the US and the global economy to manage the exciting, but challenging, secular and strategic transitions ahead. My fear, however, is that the process will be much more complicated than many economic and market analysts expect, casting a once-avoidable shadow over one of the few bright spots in the global economy.

ON 2ND THOUGHTS



with Othello B. Garblah

Lynching the messenger: The Case of Liberia's impoverished Media landscape

The Liberian media industry is arguably one of the most non-performing sectors in the country's economy. Investors shy away, banks are often reluctant to loan it money, advertisements are slow to come by and even if they (advertisements) do come, payment takes months. Yet, expectations for its performance are high, and rightfully so.

When the media take advertisements from government, particularly the Executive for live coverage (electronics) and pictorial (for print) or even feature positive stories about government on its front pages, it is adjudged as being bought by the ruling establishment.

Albeit when similar coverage and pictorials are provided by those in opposition, it is considered an independent media, or it has taken sides.

Often, the Liberian media is considered independent when it bad mouth those in authority and sing the praises or lift invectives spewed out by those in opposition.

However, what many media critics don't know is that it is also run as a business, and it is only the business aspect that sustains it. But no one sees the business aspect.

Many of the sector's critics have and continue to ignore its viability, something which has to do with meeting overhead costs, paying staff salaries, and other obligations including but not limited to rentals and all kinds of taxes. Unlike the State Broadcaster (Liberian Broadcasting Corporation) and the New Liberia newspapers which are state-owned and are financially supported through the national budget, all other media institutions both print and electronic are purely private and financed solely by the owner or in terms of community radio stations, partly community owned.

These media outlets rely on advertisements and meager sales (newspapers) which are little or nothing to write home about to survive-that is running generators, paying printing costs, staff salaries, annual rentals, taxes, and running offices.

The lack of competition among the few businesses in the country and the advent of the Executive Mansion Website makes private advertising hard to come by, thereby leaving the government as the biggest advertiser. But even at that payments are hard to come by. In some cases, it takes months if not years to receive payment from government.

With these little or limited sources of income, the Liberian 4th estate has been strangulated, thus losing out its experienced practitioners to government and non-governmental organizations.

The advent of media NGOs has not helped the situation either. They must bad mouth or paint a gloomy picture of the media landscape to attract donor funding- many of which have made little or no impact after USD millions have been invested in projects that are yet to change or improve the situation.

In fact, they would prefer recruiting inexperienced graduates from these quasi-journalism schools as their foot soldiers to run subsidiary organizations just to divert funding. All of these are done at the peril of mainstream media. As it stands, the most experienced journalists remaining in the mainstream do so for passion and not necessarily for the meager sum they take home at the end of the month-some which hardly comes by regularly.

Meanwhile, this is not an argument in defense of yellow journalism, which undermines the integrity of the entire media landscape. But there should be a line between the media as a business and journalism as a professional practice.

Media owners should be cleared to differentiate between the business aspect of their institutions and ethical practices just as the public is entitled to know which aspect of broadcast or publication is paid for.



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Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL) is an Oil Palm Company operating in Southeastern Liberia. The Company has an exciting opportunity for to Agronomy Audit Compliance join our Plantation Team.

Position: Agronomy Audit Compliance
Number Needed: One (1)
Duty Station: Sinoe
Category: Local
Application Deadline: August 25th, 2023

General Scope of Work/Duties:

The candidate must have skills and experience evaluating the adequacy of the system of internal controls, recommending improvements in controls, and assessing compliance with policies and procedures and sound business practices.

Duties and Responsibilities-

1. Conduct operational and financial audit reviews.
2. Conduct a review for compliance with policies, procedures, and accounting standards
3. Ensure that the companies comply with established policies and procedures.
4. Perform process risk analysis, walkthroughs, and mapping/flowcharting of critical processes.
5. Identify areas of weaknesses or improvement opportunities, relevant risks, and implications, and propose recommendations to improve controls.
6. Prepare formal written reports on audit findings and recommendations.
7. Design test procedures. Ensure proper documentation and communication of audit observations and work performed.
8. Execute and complete all audits per the department's standards and KPIs.
9. Ascertain that significant issues, concerns, and recommendations raised by internal and external auditors and regulators are resolved satisfactorily.
10. Assist in annual risk management, audit planning, consolidation of audit findings, and other administrative matters within the IA Department.
11. Performs special reviews as Senior Management and the Board of Directors requested.
12. Carry out any other relevant job designated by the line manager

Education

A Bachelor's or Master's degree in agronomy or economy

Experience/Competencies/Skills:

1. Minimum seven years of relevant experience as an agronomy auditor or related job function
2. Experience managing agronomy audits and report
3. Experience handling all paperwork and coordinating with all parties.
4. Demonstrated proficiency in computer literacy, including Microsoft suite of programs, especially Excel, Word, and PowerPoint;
5. Excellent communication skills, practical interpersonal skills, outstanding supervisory skills, resourcefulness, flexibility, creative problem-solving, analytical, and ethical management
6. Ability to work in remote areas, under high pressure, and over long hours if necessary

How to Apply

Interested Candidates should address a cover letter with a CV & (2) two passport-size photos to:

The Human Resources Department
Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc.
Butaw Main Office
Sinoe County

Kindly note the followings:

- the information & application shall optionally be dropped at the GVL Butaw Main Office (HR Department)
- applicants shall also email the application letter, cover letter & credentials to: alphonso.kofi@veroleum.com or daniel.cephas@veroleum.com
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Position: Infrastructure Expert
Number Needed: One (1)
Duty Station: Sinoe
Category: Local
Application Deadline: August 25th, 2023

General Scope of Work/Duties:

The Infrastructure Expert will be responsible for supporting territory management. The role is to help the administrative duties. This expert will be responsible for efficient planning and providing high customer service internally and externally.

Duties and Responsibilities-

1. Handle regional office work requests with vendors, requesters, and contractors to arrange service response;
2. Establish and maintain good relationships with relevant third parties/vendors;
3. Coordinating region-level meetings of members periodically and with the other stakeholders in the region;
4. Responsible for efficient planning and providing a high level of customer service both internally and externally;
5. Execution of all site-specific infrastructure work;
6. Inspections related to all work as mentioned above;
7. Overseeing all site work infrastructure, including all infrastructure utilities;
8. Monitor project progress and handle any issues that arise;
9. Ensures a safe working environment for staff and contractors;
10. Ensures that subcontractors follow GVL policies and procedures and report any violations to the superior;
11. Carry out any other relevant job designated by the line manager

Education

A Bachelor's or Master's degree in civil/construction or another relevant field

Experience/Competencies/Skills:

1. Minimum ten years of relevant experience in infrastructure as a coordinator
2. Ability to effectively plan, organize and manage time to achieve targets and objectives within a set timeframe
3. Ability to establish effective working relationships with other staff and develop into the customer-focused team
4. Ability to effectively manage and establish rapport with external contractors
5. Ability to analyze and make informed decisions on a day-to-day basis with guidance and support from superior
6. Ability to initiate and respond positively to change
7. Demonstrated ability to be an integral part of a team-oriented approach with an ability to work harmoniously and creatively with other team members
8. Demonstrated proficiency in computer literacy, including Microsoft suite of programs, especially Excel, Word, and PowerPoint;
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PUP unleashes 49 candidates for elections

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

The People's Unification Party (PUP) over the weekend unleashed 49 Senatorial and Representative Candidates in a special prayer session ahead of the 10

not won by candidates' strategies but through the invention of God's divine powers.

Kwehai said the intercessory prayer is a key reason the PU hasn't lost an election since 2014.

He stressed that the purpose

The PUP S continued that party wants its candidates to be successful, while banishing failure, saying it's never their portion.

For his part, Bishop A. Dolo Krekula of the Concerned United Methodist Church in Liberia, spoke under the theme: "You can make it," from Judges 6:14-1.

Bishop Krekula urged the candidates to be inspired by the story of Gideon, a poor boy whom God had called to redeem Israel.

Some of the candidates include Charles Cuffey of Grand Kru County Electoral District #1, Albert Ballah, Lofa County Electoral District #3, Jones Isaac Koffa- Sinoe County Electoral District #2, and Malcolm P. Smith, Maryland County Electoral District #3.

Others are Samuel Kogar, Nimba County Electoral District #5, D. Myers Cheddar of Montserrado Electoral District #17, former Journalist N. Roland Worwee, Lofa County Electoral District #4, and Dr. John Sumo Flomo, Jr., Montserrado Electoral District #4, among others.

As part of the program, the reaffirmation of the PUP endorsing the candidacy of President George Manneh Weah was rescheduled due to some other issues.



October 2023 polls.

PUP recently signed a resolution with the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) in support of President George Manneh Weah's re-election bid.

PUP National Secretary-General Moses Kwehai said the party acknowledged that elections are not won by man but by God.

He added that elections are

of the occasion was to bless all PUP candidates as they go forth in participating in the elections so that they can come out victorious.

"We call you here today to bless you, inspire you so that when you go the Lord himself will become your chief strategist- and that you will come out victorious, and that our numbers in the Legislature will increase," Kwehai said.

Pressure mounts against extreme abortion bill

Critics say it will end an estimated 40,000 lives each year in Liberia

Pressure is mounting on the Liberian Government to scrap an extreme abortion bill which is estimated will lead to 40,000 babies being aborted in Liberia each year. The bill is expected to be voted on by Senators during a Special Session that will be held this week. Members of the public throughout Liberia are being encouraged to visit www.StopLiberiaAbortionBill.com to ask their senators to vote against the Bill. Under Liberia's current law, abortion is allowed in exceptional circumstances - where the mother's life is at risk, rape/incest/felonious intercourse, and disability of the fetus. These are rare situations. The Public Health Bill would scrap Liberia's current abortion law and replace it with an extreme law that allows abortion, for any reason, on demand, up to when the baby in the womb is at 14 weeks gestation.

It has been estimated that this change from allowing abortion in exceptional

circumstances to allowing abortion on demand would lead to the lives of 40,000 babies being lost to abortion in Liberia every single year. This is a conservative estimate, the actual number could be much higher. This data demonstrates that this bill would introduce a very big change to our legislation here in Liberia and would directly lead to the death of thousands of innocent babies through abortion in Liberia. Most African countries prohibit abortion except in extreme circumstances, such as the life of the mother, rape/incest, and fetal disability. Most countries in the world likewise prohibit abortion except in extreme circumstances. Only a minority of countries allow abortion on demand. The Swedish government and other foreign NGOs have been creating and funding organisations in Liberia (particularly the Amplifying Rights Network) to lobby for the legalisation of abortion. Bishop Kortu K. Brown said: "We are calling on all Liberian

citizens to visit StopLiberiaAbortionBill.com to ask their senators to vote against this horrific Bill.

"A change from allowing abortion in exceptional circumstances to allowing abortion on demand would lead to the lives of thousands of innocent babies being lost to abortion in Liberia every single year. This is a low estimate, the actual number could be much higher."

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Bishop Kortu K. Brown

I will deliver Liberia

--Cllr. Gongloe assures citizens

By Lincoln G. Peters

Presidential candidate Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe has assured Liberians and the International Community of his administration's fullest commitment and support in delivering a better Liberia that all Liberians dream of.

Giving a special remarked and er the weekend

At a fund-raising dinner organized by the opposition Liberian People's Party (LPP)

Nyaqui Zaza, Chairman of LPP, Members of the National Executive Committee of LPP, Dr. Johnson Geply, National Chairman, Campaign Committee, Founder of the Movement for Justice in Africa (MOJA) and the father of progressive politics in Liberia, Mr. Dusty Wolokolie, Founding Co-Chairman of LPP and Senior Advisor.

Also in attendance were Dr. Yarsuo Dorliae, Founding member of LPP and Senior Advisor, Harry Yuan, Founding member of LPP



Presidential candidate Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe

campaign team in Monrovia over the weekend, Cllr. Gongloe gave his ten points agenda for Liberia.

The renowned human rights lawyer said that when elected, a Gongloe -Urey- Yarkpawolo administration will bring [to reality] the dreams upon which Liberia's foundation and independence rested.

"I want to assure you tonight that with the election of Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe and Dr. Emmanuel King Urey-Yarkpawolo on October 10, 2023, with their very supportive wives, Liberians will begin to see and feel the unfolding of the Liberia that was dreamed of on July 26, 1847," Cllr. Gongloe vowed.

On 17 August 2023, partisans, supporters as well as well-wishers of LPP gathered at the Belle Casa Hotel in Monrovia to raise over twenty-five thousand United States Dollars for the upcoming campaign to address the issues of logistics and mobility for the campaign.

The fund-raising dinner marked the first-ever fundraising dinner organized by the LPP since it was founded.

This was justified by the progressives that the LPP is a party that was founded by agents of change who were not prepared to compromise the interest of the Liberian people at any time and for any reason.

The occasion was graced by

and Senior Advisor Mr. Abraham Konneh, Chairman, LPP Youth Wing Chairpersons and members of the various Auxiliary groups.

The opposition LPP standard bearer noted that his party is committed to the realization of the noble dream of the founding mothers and fathers of Liberia, the land of liberty.

Cllr. Gongloe disclosed that Rwanda, Botswana, Tanzania, and many other countries in Africa are ahead of Liberia despite gaining independence and freedom before them.

"We must not miss the opportunity that October 10, 2023 provides for changing the direction of Liberia toward the realization of the dream of our forefathers and mothers," said Cllr. Gongloe.

"We will begin on the path of Liberia that was conceived on July 26, 1847, by changing the budgeting pattern in Liberia," he noted.

He promised to make more appropriations for education, health services, food production, and better-maintained roads.

Gongloe promised better salaries and other conditions of service for law enforcement officers, health workers, teachers, and civil servants, saying they are the actual people who provide public services to the people every day.

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Boakai playing scary tactics

-- Weah addresses the main rival

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Incumbent President George Manneh Weah has thrown jabs at his main rival Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai, accusing the Unity



Former VP. Boakai

expressed overwhelming confidence in winning the poll, describing his rival Amb. Boakai is a loser. "Boakai, it's not the first time going to an election. Boakai went to an election in 2005 and he knows what happened - In 2011 he went to an election and knows what happened again, and now he's coming to an election again. He's playing scary tactics because Boakai knows there's no way he can defeat me in any process," Mr. Weah said. The CDC standard-bearer lamented that his main challenger is fighting a losing battle because he has worked so hard for Liberia, and the country has resolved to elect him. Weah argued that under his leadership, Liberia is on the right trajectory of development, building more roads, hospitals, giving free tuition, and stabilizing the economy from 30% to 7%. Mr. Weah said there's no way Mr. Boakai can match that fate and defeat him, adding that he has done much more for the nation and its people on record than his main rival. "There's no way Boakai can defeat me' because I've worked so hard for this country, and if you check Boakai's record and check my record, you'll see that I have done so much [more] than even the Joseph Nyumah Boakai," Mr. Weah continued.

Party (UP) standard-bearer of playing scary tactics. The ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) standard-bearer accused Mr. Boakai of playing a scary tactic with rhetoric against him (Weah) as a tool to defeat him in the upcoming presidential election. However, Weah insisted that his main challenger has no chance to defeat him in any race. 20 presidential candidates, including President Weah, are battling for the presidency. Mr. Weah and Amb. Boakai remains the two main rivals for the 10 October 2023 election.

However, the incumbent has

Weah suggested that when

it comes to performance, there's no way a Vice President that spent over 40 years in government can compare his 40 years to his performance.

He alleged that Boakai wasted his 40 years as Agriculture Minister who couldn't plant rice here. He said his rival served as LPRC Managing Director and didn't bring in petroleum, served as Vice President of the Country and he couldn't give youth education, or pay their fees for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE). "And I've done all that, plus more infrastructure developments, to you. This is why I'm coming to you to reelect me so we can continue with the developments," said President Weah. "Don't mind the rhetoric, if the man cannot develop himself, his community, he cannot develop you. So don't mind them," Mr. Weah told his supporters. For his part, CDC Campaign Manager and Maritime Commissioner Mr. Lenn Eugene Nagbe assured the electorate of the government's unwavering commitment to developing Liberia if President Weah is reelected. Nagbe told residents of Banjor, Montserrado Electoral District #17 of the government's commitment to financing the provision of electricity to the district. He said since the 1990s, the people of that area have been struggling for electricity.

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The Liberian human rights lawyer noted that to become effective in what they intend to achieve for Liberia, his administration will begin with strengthening the rule of law and combating corruption.

"Our Ten Point Agenda for a better Liberia summarizes our vision for a better Liberia," he said. "We are committed to providing free and compulsory quality education to all Liberian children by giving them free access to all public schools and increasing subsidies to private schools in order for them to keep their school fees low," Cllr. Gongloe narrated. Accordingly, Cllr. Gongloe added that they will provide free technical and vocational education in the fifteen counties of Liberia and eliminate illiteracy in two years/ He stated that they will give stipends to students from the junior high level to the university level for them to

teach at least ten persons every day after school in their communities.

On healthcare, he said his government intends to provide free healthcare for pregnant women, children under the age of five and Liberians who have reached the age of 65.

Cllr. Gongloe also noted that they will make government hospitals and clinics better than private ones. Gongloe said he and his running mate Dr. Urey-Yarkpawolo have decided that they will receive medical checkups and be treated at the local government clinics and hospitals, as well as pay surprise visits to these government health facilities. "We intend to improve food production by strengthening the Central Agricultural Institute (CARI), revive the

Agricultural Cooperative and Development Bank, improve agricultural extension services, and mechanize rice production in the fifteen counties by providing rice-producing machines to the farmers through the farmers' cooperatives," Cllr. Gongloe pointed out.

He averred that this will be a backup plan to ensure the abundance of rice in Liberia.

"We will use the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL), led by the Agricultural and Engineering Battalions to produce not less than 100 acres of rice in each of the fifteen counties every year," Gongloe noted.

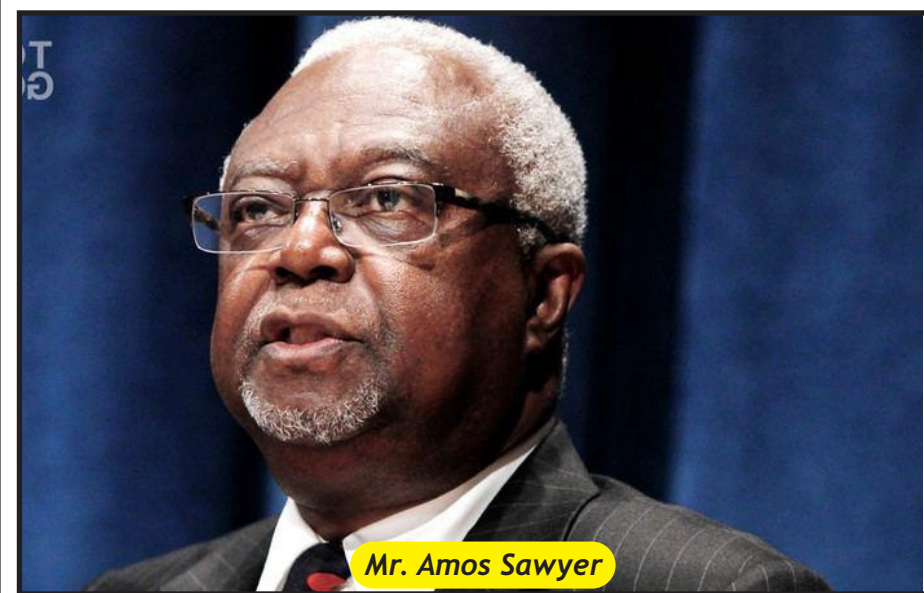
"Lastly, we intend to build more farms to market roads, keep the public highways constantly maintained, while we continue the pavement of roads throughout the country," he said.

UL to elevate Chinese Language program to bachelor degree

By Lincoln G. Peters

The University of Liberia has revealed plan to introduce a Bachelor degree program in Chinese Language and Culture. The program is to be offered through the Amos Sawyer College of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Confucius Institute at the University. The decision followed a petition by Dr. Josephus M. Gray, Dean of the Amos Sawyer College of Social Sciences and Humanities to the Faculty Senate for a BA degree program in Chinese language and culture. In a communication released on Friday, August 18, 2023, the University revealed that on August 15th and 17th respectively, 2023,

teach all other aspects of Chinese experience that he viewed as appropriate and beneficial to the country. According to Dr. Sumo, recent increase of Chinese investments in the Liberian economy coupled with growing number of Liberian students, scholars, and professionals seeking higher education and training in China, indicate a high demand for professional Chinese language speakers. Stating that it's against this backdrop that the Confucius Institute has decided to propose a Bachelor degree program to satisfy said demand. He said the University has local and international instructors at the Confucius Institute, offering courses that prepare students for the degree program. "We have local and international instructors at the



Mr. Amos Sawyer

administration met with the Academic Coordination Committee (ACC) and the Faculty Senate, in which the Amos Sawyer College of Social Sciences and Humanities and Confucius Institute participated, and petitioned the UL to elevate the Chinese language and culture program to a bachelor degree level. The release details that during the meeting, Assistant Professor Dexter S. Sumo, Director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Liberia, explained that the overall goal of the undergraduate program is to establish teaching and understanding of the Chinese language and cultural exchange that will contribute significantly to Liberia's educational system by addressing language barrier issues. Asst. Prof. Sumo added that the aim of teaching Chinese language and culture is to make the University of Liberia an academic environment where students can obtain a career education in Chinese Language and Culture that will expose them to challenges and opportunities, to further global peace and understanding through educational, economic and cultural exchanges. He added that the objectives of teaching the Chinese language and culture to students at the University of Liberia and all interested persons in the Republic of Liberia, is to

Confucius Institute offering courses that prepare students for diploma, certificate, and a minor in Chinese Language. The institute has experts in fields apart from the Chinese language who are willing to devote quality time to building up students' future career needs.

Classes are conducted on both Capitol Hill and Fendall campuses of the University of Liberia", he added. The Confucius Institute at the UL is named after a great Chinese scholar, philosopher and educator, who lived in the Third Century BC. Today, Confucius remains one of China's most influential individuals because of his ideas for establishing a strong and viable Chinese society. The Confucius Institute was established here in December 2008 through joint effort of the cooperative partnership between Changsha University of Science and Technology and the University of Liberia. For more than 10 years, warmly welcomed by Liberian, the UL Confucius Institute has greatly promoted Sino-Liberian educational and cultural exchanges, cooperation, and making contributions to the outstanding friendship between the two peoples. More than 150 students have graduated from the Institute with certificates, diplomas, and minors respectively, and some have gone for further studies. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Français

La société civile libérienne met les partis politiques en garde contre la violence lors de la campagne

La vague croissante de violences électorales est toxique et dangereuse pour la paix et la démocratie dans

la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir à ceux de son principal rival, le Parti de l'unité (UP), ancien parti au pouvoir.

déception face à la vague incontrôlable de violences qui émaille les activités de campagne à travers le pays.

Dans sa déclaration signée par sa présidente Madame Loretta Pope-Kai, le NCSCCL s'est prononcé contre les discours de haine et les violations des lois et de la déclaration de Farmington River. Le groupe a rappelé aux partis politiques qu'ils ont signé la Déclaration de Farmington River et se sont engagés en faveur d'un processus électoral pacifique. Il les a exhortés à faire le nécessaire pour organiser des élections sans violence.

« Le NCSCCL considère comme inquiétante la prolifération des discours de haine et les violations des lois électorales et de leurs engagements relatifs à la déclaration de Farmington River. Malgré tous nos efforts pour promouvoir un processus plus pacifique, nous sommes frustrés de jour en jour par les activités violentes des partis politiques, en particulier la CDC et l'UP », a dit le groupe.

La présidente du NCSCCL, Madame Pope-Kai, a déclaré que le groupe de la société civile a choisi ces deux partis politiques parce que toutes les plaintes qui arrivent sont liées à eux.

« Comme vous vous en souvenez peut-être, nous avons initialement publié un communiqué de presse le premier jour de la campagne contre la CDC pour avoir défilé avec un



un pays fragile comme le Libéria qui sort à peine d'une longue période de guerre fratricide, prévient le Conseil national de la société civile du Libéria (NCSCCL) le jeudi 17 août 2023.

La mise en garde du groupe de la société civile fait suite aux récents affrontements sanglants qui ont opposé des partisans de

Plusieurs personnes ont été grièvement blessées vendredi dernier lorsque des partisans de la CDC et de l'UP se sont affrontés dans une bataille de jets de pierres alors que l'opposant Joseph Nyumah Boakai tentait d'accéder au siège de campagne de son parti à Sinkor.

Le NCSCCL a exprimé sa profonde frustration et sa

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Le gouvernement du Libéria va créer des centres de réadaptation dans quatre comtés du pays

Le ministre de la Jeunesse et des Sports MD Zeogar Wilson a annoncé le lancement des centres de réadaptation pour les jeunes à risque dans quatre comtés du Libéria. Le projet cible respectivement les comtés de Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Bomi et Margibi.

Prévue pour débiter le 21 août 2023, la phase initiale du programme vise à relocaliser plus de 1 000 jeunes à risque dans des centres de réadaptation dans les quatre comtés. Ils seront emmenés dans ces centres pour un dépistage et un soutien complet, répondant efficacement aux divers défis auxquels ils sont confrontés.

Le ministre Wilson a révélé qu'il existe des plans pour six centres de désintoxication supplémentaires et treize centres de réadaptation à répartir dans les quatre comtés respectifs.

"Pour les centres de désintoxication,

Montserrado et Margibi devraient chacun avoir deux centres, tandis que Bomi et Bassa accueilleront chacun un centre."

Il a en outre exprimé l'espoir que les jeunes à risque adopteront le programme et participeront activement à son processus de recrutement.

Lors de la campagne de financement de début 2023 pour les jeunes à risque, le président George Manneh Weah a promis une somme de 1 million de dollars.

Entre-temps, le ministre

Wilson a souligné la réussite du gouvernement à recueillir 556 000 \$ pour financer le projet. »

Il a déclaré que le processus de recrutement des jeunes à risque devrait se dérouler dans plusieurs endroits, notamment le comté de Montserrado au Penneh Building sur Center Street et le Invincible Sports Park à Sinkor. Les comtés de Bomi et de Brand Bassa auront chacun deux sites de recrutement.

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Éditorial

Une campagne sanglante est injustifiée

L'affrontement sanglant et totalement injustifié de jeudi dernier (10 août 2023) entre les partisans rivaux du candidat de l'opposant Joseph Nyumah Boakia du Parti de l'unité (UP) et de la coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) dans la circonscription électorale n° 9 du comté de Montserrado a fait des blessés. C'est regrettable. Aucun Libérien ou partisan d'un parti politique ne devrait mourir ou être défiguré juste pour l'amour d'un candidat.

Après tout, nous n'avons d'autres choix que de cohabiter comme une seule nation en tant que libériens, que nous soyons membres du parti qui aura gagné ou qui aura perdu. Et il y aura de nombreux partis perdants car sur les 20 candidats en lice, un seul sera déclaré vainqueur au premier ou au second tour de la présidentielle.

Alors pourquoi s'infliger des blessures les uns aux autres pendant les campagnes au nom de la politique ? Les Libériens sont-ils obligés de s'adonner à une telle extrémité pour démontrer leur amour et leur loyauté envers un candidat particulier ? Nous pensons que non.

Le candidat Tiawan S. Gongloe l'a souligné. Une campagne présidentielle ne devrait pas être une question d'inimitié, mais une compétition d'idées, des idées sur la façon dont nos candidats ou candidates de notre choix ont l'intention d'améliorer la nation et l'ensemble de son peuple.

Cependant, la violence qui s'est produite le 10 août dans le district n° 9 à peine cinq ou six jours après le début de la campagne était non seulement malheureuse mais très décevante, surtout après que les dirigeants et les candidats des partis politiques aient exprimé devant les citoyens et les partenaires internationaux leur engagement envers des élections apaisées.

Malheureusement aussi, nous n'avons pas vu de leadership démontré au plus haut niveau des partis politiques impliqués dans les affrontements, à l'exception du déni du parti au pouvoir et aux propos de l'opposition qui menace d'utiliser tous les moyens à sa disposition pour se défendre.

Nous pensons que c'était en dessous de la ceinture. L'administration en place et ceux qui souhaitent diriger doivent faire preuve de tolérance et de maturité dans leur réponse aux crises, ce qui est l'une des marques d'un bon leadership.

Dans notre sagesse, tout ce qui était nécessaire, c'est que les dirigeants des deux partis, Dieu merci, ils ont tous deux servi notre pays au plus haut niveau - le président Weah étant à la tête du pays depuis six ans et cherche un second mandat et Boakai, qui fut vice-président pendant 12 ans et veut accéder à la présidence.

Alors pourquoi était-il si difficile de rappeler à l'ordre leurs fidèles et sympathisants respectifs, que des citoyens aient dû subir des blessures ? Pourquoi était-il si difficile pour les deux dirigeants de s'appeler avant de sortir ? La campagne ne devrait pas être sur l'inimitié, mais au Libéria, osons dire l'Afrique, c'est ce qu'il en est.

Il reste encore un long chemin à parcourir, car la campagne devrait officiellement se terminer le 8 octobre 2023 et les élections auront lieu le 10 octobre. Le déni et la menace venant des deux côtés envoient de mauvais signaux à l'électorat et font craindre toute la population.

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cercueil à Monrovia. Une autre fois, il y a eu des jets de pierres entre la CDC et l'UP et plusieurs personnes ont été blessées. Cela n'augure rien de bon pour notre démocratie. Ainsi, les parties concernées doivent s'abstenir de tout acte de violence », a déclaré le Conseil.

Le NCSCL a appelé l'establishment au pouvoir et l'opposition à agir d'une manière et sous une forme

qui favoriseront la paix et l'harmonie pour la croissance et le développement de la société.

Il a en outre exhorté les fonctionnaires d'Etat qui sont impliqués dans les activités électorales, dont notamment le ministère de la Justice, la Police nationale du Libéria (LNP) et la Commission électorale nationale (NEC), à être proactifs en traitant ces signes d'avertissement avant qu'ils ne dégénèrent en un chaos supplémentaire.

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Selon M. Wilson, le processus est en cours depuis plusieurs années en collaboration avec de multiples partenaires. Il a indiqué que la position du président Weah est de maintenir une approche apolitique en mettant clairement l'accent sur la résolution du problème qui prévaut. Wilson a révélé que bien que le programme soit administré par le gouvernement, ses progrès ont été entravés par l'émergence de la pandémie de COVID-19. Mais malgré les défis, l'année précédente avait encore vu des progrès significatifs. De son côté, la coordinatrice résidente des Nations Unies au Libéria, Christian N. Umutoni, a apprécié le gouvernement, par l'intermédiaire du ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports et d'autres ministères de tutelle, pour leur collaboration pour ce qui concerne le programme des jeunes à risque.

Elle a affirmé que l'effort de collaboration entre le gouvernement du Libéria, les Nations Unies et ses

partenaires reflète l'engagement à assurer un avenir meilleur à la jeunesse libérienne et à contribuer à une paix et une stabilité durables dans le pays.

Selon elle, les Nations Unies et le gouvernement du Libéria cherchent à fournir un soutien global de 3 millions de dollars américains qui autonomisera les jeunes à risque, nourrira leur potentiel et les guidera vers des contributions positives à la société. "Cependant, ce n'est que le début, les plans d'urgence ouvriront la voie à un programme plus étendu et plus soutenu qui abordera les défis multiformes auxquels sont confrontés les jeunes à risque au Libéria au cours des prochaines années", a-t-elle déclaré.

Le Dr Wilhelmina Jallah, ministre de la Santé, a déclaré que l'équipe technique du gouvernement travaillait avec diligence dans les coulisses pour créer un modèle viable fondé sur des preuves pour traiter les personnes toxicomanes.

Elle a conseillé aux personnes ayant des problèmes médicaux ou de toxicomanie de demander de l'aide auprès des différents établissements répertoriés.

L'ambassade des États-Unis au Libéria appelle les partis politiques à des élections sans violence

L'ambassade des États-Unis à Monrovia a exhorté les partis politiques à se conformer à la Déclaration de Farmington River, de condamner toute violence et toute rhétorique violente et de respecter leur engagement en faveur d'élections libres, équitables et pacifiques. "Etant donné que les Libériens se rendront aux urnes en octobre, nous demandons de nouveau à tous les partis politiques de se conformer à la Déclaration de Farmington River, de condamner toute violence et toute rhétorique violente et de tenir leur engagement en faveur d'élections libres, équitables et pacifiques", a déclaré l'ambassade des

États-Unis. Dans une brève déclaration publiée le jeudi 17 août dans le cadre de la commémoration du 20e anniversaire de la signature de l'accord de paix global d'Accra le 18 août 2003, l'ambassade américaine a tenu à mettre en garde la classe politique et les citoyens ordinaires contre tout acte susceptible de constituer une source de violence. L'ambassade des États-Unis a rappelé aux Libériens que célébrer 20 ans de paix et de gouvernance démocratique impose qu'on n'oublie pas que cela s'est produit grâce aux énormes sacrifices

des Libériens ordinaires - femmes, jeunes, société civile et religieux groupes - pour mettre fin à la guerre civile brutale.

Niger : le général Tiani convoque un dialogue national inclusif



Dans une adresse à la nation prononcée sur la télévision publique nigérienne Télé Sahel, Abdourahamane Tiani, chef de la junte, a annoncé la mise en place d'un « dialogue national inclusif » dans un délai de 30 jours et annonce une transition qui « ne saurait aller au-delà de trois ans ». Alors que les chefs d'état-major de la Cédéao se disent prêts à intervenir militairement au Niger, le général Tiani, à la tête de la junte militaire qui a renversé le président Bazoum le 26 juillet, a pris la parole ce samedi 19 août à la télévision nigérienne. « La Cédéao s'apprête à aggraver le Niger en mettant sur pied une armée d'occupation en collaboration avec une armée étrangère », a poursuivi le général Tiani sans citer de pays. « Ni le Conseil national pour la sauvegarde de la patrie, ni le peuple nigérien ne veulent d'une guerre », « mais si une agression devait être entreprise, elle ne sera pas la promenade de santé à laquelle certains croient », a-t-il prévenu : « les forces de défense » nigériennes « ne se déroberont

pas », soutenues par le Burkina Faso, le Mali et la Guinée, a-t-il dit. « Notre ambition n'est pas de confisquer le pouvoir », a-t-il également promis.

Pour cela, l'homme fort de Niamey convoque un dialogue national inclusif conviant toutes « les forces vives de la nation ». « Le gouvernement est déjà instruit » pour le mettre en place « dans un délai de 30 jours ». Objectif : formuler des « propositions concrètes » en vue de poser « les fondements d'une nouvelle vie constitutionnelle ». La transition « ne saurait aller au-delà de trois ans », a-t-il assuré.

En présentant sa feuille de route, le général Tiani cherche donc à tout prix à tourner la page Mohamed Bazoum. C'est notamment pourquoi, il se dit en même temps prêt au dialogue, il peut donc faire des concessions, pourvu qu'on le laisse occuper un moment le fauteuil présidentiel, estime notre correspondant régional, Serge Daniel. En retour, il pourrait par exemple libérer le président renversé qui vit selon ses proches dans une maison sans électricité. Mais le discours du chef de la junte nigérienne a pour but de galvaniser ses partisans, et les indécis.

L'homme qui s'est auto-proclamé président du Conseil national pour la sauvegarde de la patrie s'adresse également dans son discours au monde extérieur. Le général Tiani sait que les Américains - pour le moment - ne veulent pas entendre parler d'intervention militaire au Niger et il s'engouffre dans la brèche et menace. L'officier a de nouveau dénoncé des « sanctions d'une ampleur sans précédent », « illégales » et « inhumaines » de l'organisation ouest-africaine, qui « visent à nous priver de ressources financières indispensables » et à « entraver notre vie quotidienne ».

Niger : la délégation de la Cédéao a rencontré le président renversé Mohamed Bazoum

Au lendemain de la réunion à Accra des chefs d'état-major des pays membres de la Communauté économique des états de l'Afrique de l'ouest (Cédéao), une délégation de l'institution sous-régionale est arrivée, ce samedi 19 août, à Niamey.

Une délégation de la Cédéao, arrivée à Niamey ce samedi à la mi-journée, a été accueillie à l'aéroport par le Premier ministre nommé par la junte, Mahamane Lamine Zeine. Menée par l'ancien président du Nigeria, Abdulsalami Abubakar, la délégation de l'organisation ouest-africaine a pu rencontrer le président renversé Mohamed Bazoum, renversé le 26 juillet.

Cette rencontre s'est faite en présence du Premier ministre nommé par la junte et d'un autre membre de la junte. Cette visite a été brève, elle a duré 10 minutes. Il n'y a pas eu beaucoup d'échanges, les émissaires de l'organisation sous-régionale étaient venus voir les conditions dans lesquelles est détenu le président renversé. Mohamed Bazoum vit dans le noir, sans électricité qui lui a été coupé. Il ne peut pas sortir et est « séquestré », selon ses partisans. Le président renversé ne se porte pas mal et a le moral, selon des sources proches de la délégation. L'entretien avec la Cédéao a été confirmé par

l'entourage politique de Mohamed Bazoum.

Rencontre avec la junte

Cette délégation avait rencontré plus tôt des membres de la junte, dont le général Tiani. Elle était porteuse d'un message : le retour à l'ordre constitutionnel au Niger. On ignore pour l'instant quelle a été la réponse du chef des putschistes. Selon un membre de la délégation de la



Cédéao, à la demande de la junte, une autre rencontre avec l'ancien président du Niger, Mahamadou Issoufou, a été inscrite au programme.

La délégation comprenait notamment le président de la Commission de la Cédéao. C'est cette même délégation qui avait effectué à Niamey un premier déplacement après le coup d'État. Elle avait été mal reçue et n'avait d'ailleurs pas quitté l'aéroport. D'après nos informations, le président togolais, Faure Gnassingbé, a joué un rôle discret pour que Niamey ouvre, cette fois-ci, grandement ses portes aux envoyés de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest.

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CDC prepared for UP jabs

--Says Maritime Commissioner Nagbe

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Liberia's Maritime Commissioner and Ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Campaign Manager Mr. Lenn

Nagbe. He said there will be a political fire for fire because when Boakai throws jabs, they are jabs of falsehood and lies.

"And we'll not let it go

respond to UP jabs comes ahead of the opposition party commencing its county-wide campaign activities in Montserrado where the ruling party has also been campaigning this month.

Nagbe alleged that Amb. Boakai is a liar and his UP partisans are alleged Messengers of hate and prophets of doom.

The Maritime Commissioner urged CDC partisans not to listen to UP's rhetoric.

"We'll not leave any jabs undone, we have to respond to it. If you're [an] old man, you must talk the truth and stop lying[about] your rival because they've defeated you," Nagbe told Amb. Boakai.

He argued that politics has boundaries, and the UP should not cross the CDC's boundaries, allegedly insulting people's children.

"No, this is not politics, and Mr. Boakai has now crossed the boundaries, and we will not hesitate to respond to him. We will not cuss him because our President, Dr. George Manneh Weah, is [an] obedient servant to his people, but we will react to every [jab] thrown at him," said Nagbe.

Commissioner Nagbe boasted that the Weah-led administration has done much in five years, interrupted by 2.5 years of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

undone and must erect a checkpoint to educate our people," Commissioner Nagbe said.

Incumbent President George Manneh Weah of the CDC is due to face multiple opposition presidential candidates on 10 October 2023 in a crucial presidential election.

The former ruling Unity Party's standard bearer Amb. Boakai remains Mr. Weah's main rival in the presidential and legislative elections.

The CDC's warning to



Campaign Manager Mr. Lenn Eugene Nagbe

Eugene Nagbe says the CDC will not relent in responding to any jabs or political lies from its main rival Unity Party ((UP).

Mr. Nagbe sent the caveat during a political rally in Montserrado County Electoral District #17 on Saturday, 19 August 2023 as part of CDC's campaign activities in the county.

"Nobody should say if the former Vice President Amb. [Joseph Nyumah] Boakai throws jabs at the President it will go [unaddressed]," said Mr.

You are a man of good heart

--Jeety praises Doctor at JFK Eye Care

The former Honorary Consul General of India, Mr. Upjit Singh Sachdeva (Mr. Jeety), has lavished praises on Dr. Niranjana K. Pehera, head Ophthalmologist of the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute at the Liberia Eye Center. Mr. Sachdeva, a very successful Indian businessman, is more famously known in Liberia as "Jeety." He told his audience of medical practitioners, diplomats and others at the state-run John F. Kennedy Medical center which hosts the Eye Center that Dr. Pehera works beyond the call of duty.

L.V. Prasad Eye Institute. The eye institute observed its sixth anniversary being in Liberia.

Over the last six years of the institute's works in Liberia, there have been others who served before Dr. Niranjana. "And the commitment, dedication I have seen in Dr. Niranjana, I never saw in any of his predecessors," said Mr. Jeety.

The former Indian Honorary Consul General for over two decades, further said, "Whenever I come here and see the reports of Dr. Niranjana, my heart elates."

"I am very happy that this institute, which I worked to bring over to Liberia 10 years ago with the help of Damodar Gautam Sawang, who was the then Police Commissioner of UNMIL, is doing so well." According to him, he worked along with Officer Sawang to send to India, for eye care, Mr. Charles Sirleaf, the older son of former President Ellen

Johnson Sirleaf. Mrs. Sirleaf was President of Liberia when the L.V. Prasad Institute was setup at JFK Hospital. Jeety narrated that he also worked with Dr. Gullapalli Nageswara Rao, a senior fellow at the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute in India, to get everything done in Liberia. "He visited Liberia as my guest at least three times. We were successful in convincing the Liberian Government and Dr. Rao that we would do everything that they needed for eye care in Liberia," Jeety stated. The L. V. Prasad Eye Institute

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Indian Counsel General to Liberia Shri Upjit Singh Sachdeva

"Dr. Niranjana and your team, I am very, very thankful to you for all the hard works that you are doing. You call him nine or 10 o'clock, he is at duty and doing whatever needs to be done. I think he is working beyond the call of duty," said Mr. Jeety Wednesday, 16 August 2023.

Jeety is a member of the

We will never surrender Liberia to opposition

--Rep Gray says

By Lewis S. The

Ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Representative Acarus Moses Gray says they will never surrender 'the democratic tendency' of the country to the opposition.

The CDC Montserrado County Electoral District #8 Representative accused the opposition of squandering the opportunity it was given in 12 years.

"We will never surrender the democratic tendency of this country to the opposition, because we give them 12 years and they squandered that

their own future, warning them that any attempt to vote the opposition will mean that they would cut off the good that the CDC leadership is doing for citizens.

Gray accused former President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf's regime of failing to pass the drugs.

"How can you put your best player on the bench when others have no idea [on how] to pass a ball?" Gray opined.

"You see Soniwein, Slipway, Johnson Street, these communities remain our personal pepper bush and our personal properties of District 8," said Mr. Gray.

"We are the head of these communities, and those who come here, came to walk-about. Therefore, we will not give them



Representative Acarus Moses Gray

opportunity," Mr. Gray said over the weekend while being endorsed by 32 communities from his district.

Gray claimed that the record his leadership and the CDC has left in Liberia is unprecedented, therefore, he cannot allow the country to go back to its ugly past.

"This moment marks a significant [one for our] quest for a first-round victory. Victory is certain and nothing can stop the first-round victory of the CDC," he added.

According to the CDC lawmaker, his party has done much to put the country on course, claiming that it is impossible to lose it to the opposition.

He challenged residents of his district to reflect on how they allegedly suffered in the past to send their children to school until the Weah-led government came and changed the narrative by paying examination fees for senior students.

He also cautioned young people to stand up and protect

credence," he continued.

The head of the Redemption Movement of Electoral District #8 Madam Watchen Barrow said the organization was founded by conscious-minded individuals who are residents of the district.

"We're an organization that carry out vetting process of qualified individuals who are [desirous] of contesting the seat of our district," she said.

She said they had gathered at the program to allow residents of the district to interact with their lawmaker face-to-face, and to listen to some of his plans he has for them.

"I convened this meeting to inform you that the re-election bid of Representative Gray is cardinal to the growth of our beloved district," she disclosed.

She said Rep. Gray has demonstrated through his representation at the House to be re-elected. She gave him credit for improving the public health sector in the Soniwein and Slipway Communities and buttressing the efforts of parents to pay their children's school fees.

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Weah wants communities electrified before elections

President George Weah is calling for the electrification of various communities across the country, including Montserrado County and adjacent areas to boost economic activities and improve citizens' lives.

The President's call comes in the wake of news that the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) has begun exporting electricity to neighboring Ivory Coast, while most of Liberia, including the capital, still

Côte D'Ivoire thru the CLGS collaboration that involved Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Ivory Coast.

"We exported \$547,933 to the CLSG while we imported \$76,740 through CLSG. Our net income is \$471,193 which will be credited against our debt with CIE. We expect to have similar trends for the next 2 months, which will help in reducing our debt with CIE", Mr. Captan told President Weah.

This money goes against our current CLSG debt."

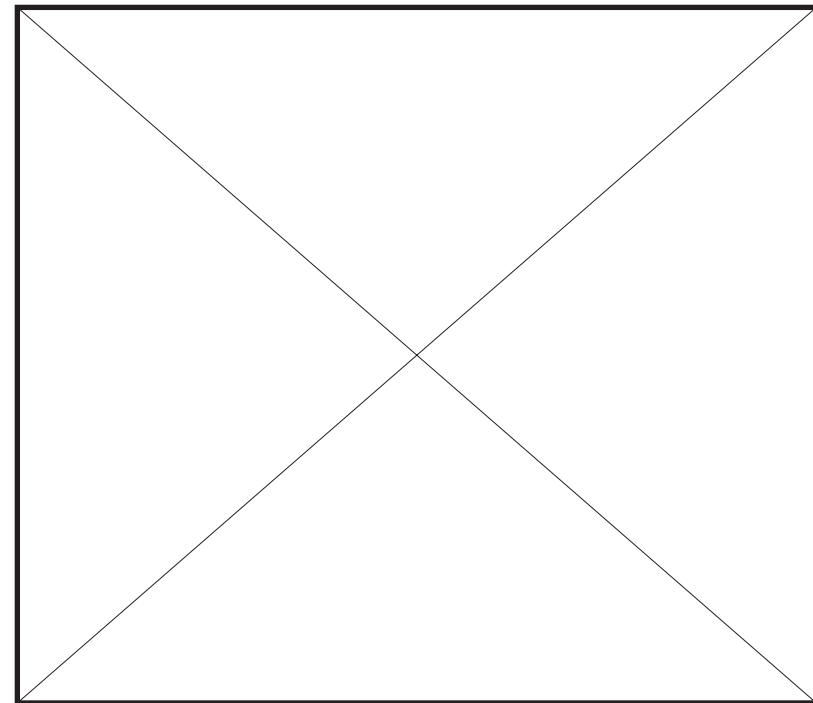
However, while the news seems welcoming for the government, it does not sink down politically with most ordinary Liberians, who continue to crave for electricity in their homes and business places, especially in an election year in which the President is seeking a second term.

As Mr. Weah continues his campaign trail across Montserrado and parts adjacent, electricity remains a key demand.

But the Management of the LEC explains that reason why most communities are not connected is because of lack of distribution network.

The Corporation says this requires funding to build medium and low voltage transmission and distribution backbone plus transformers and service drop materials.

At the same time it discloses that 100,000 meters are expected in the country next week for distribution to homes and business places to help curb systemic power theft, without expansion would be difficult due to loss of scarce resources.



remains in darkness.

The Management of the LEC headed by Chief Executive Officer Monie Raph Captan, disclosed here last week that the corporation has exported electricity worth US\$547, 933 to

He says the excess power being generated by Mount Coffee Hydro is because of the current rainy season that has seen persistent heavy downpours in the past two months, saying "Last month we exported over \$500,000.

You are a man of

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celebrated six years because it was formerly inaugurated on July 24, 2017. Giving the overview of the operations of the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute covering July 2022 and August 16, 2023, Dr. Niranjana said they have seen close to 18,000 patients. He said the year before that, they had seen close to 14,000 patients. According to Dr. Niranjana, this is 20% patient increment from previous years. He further disclosed

that they have performed close to 15,000 surgeries and most of them were done at no cost. He further said this is more than 60% increment from the previous year and that the increase in the number is due to the expansion in their surgical capacity. Dr. Niranjana detailed that they now have two operating rooms and can do 10 to 15 surgeries daily. He also reported that this year, the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute renewed its memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the JFK authorities and that they

have extended their lifespan for another five years until September 2027. "The idea behind this is to build the capacity of the local staff that by 2027, they should be able to handle this project," he added. Among the significant reports, he stated that during the past year, they experimented working on Saturdays and they now work on that day, including performing surgeries.

APM Terminals once again

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fostering personal growth and development. It offers a diverse range of activities, including computer literacy, cultural dancing, arts and crafts. It also aims to provide a holistic learning experience for the participants. Through these activities, children can develop essential skills, enhance their creativity, and gain a deeper understanding of their cultural heritage.

collaboration with the YMCA Liberia demonstrates the power of partnerships and the dedication to make a positive impact in the community. By investing in the youth and providing them with opportunities for growth, they are contributing the development and well-being of Liberia's future generation.

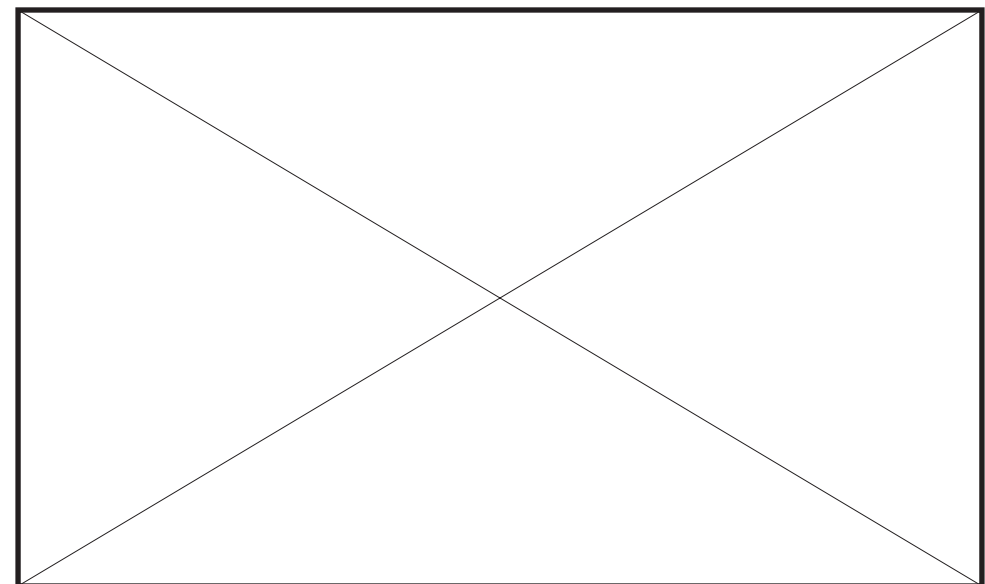
The event which also marked the 142nd

Anniversary of the Liberia YMCA. The milestone was led by T. Martin Allen, the County Coordinator, Montserrado County YMCA and graced by Jean Thompson, Human Resource Business Partner at APM Terminals Liberia and Ama Harris, the Agency Supervisor - Sales, Marketing and Customer Relations, Brussels Airlines Liberia, many parents, caretakers, and program participants who were the main stars of the day.

US terminates accreditation of Liberian mission members

The United States Department of State has provided the Liberian Embassy in Washington with an enclosed list of its mission members whose accreditation has been terminated or will no longer be accepted by the end of 2023. Bilateral foreign mission members who will reach their accreditation limit by

the Embassy received an email notice providing a 45-day reminder for those whose accreditation will be terminated. To date, the Department of State said it has not received an exception request from the Embassy of the Republic of Liberia regarding the individuals who have or will be



the end of 2023 are Domah, Josiah K; Greene Kofa; Kim Dekontee; Momoh, Hellen Siah Sayan; Wallace Wah; Tody Muna; Davis, Nyanda Finda; and Demmah, Kathleen M. K. Through communication, the Liberian Embassy is reminded that this policy does not apply to Chiefs of Mission, Deputy Chiefs of Mission, Charge d'Affaires, or individuals in A-2 non-immigrant status, accepted by the Department as being "permanently resident in" the United States for purposes of the Vienna Conventions. The Department of State refers the Embassy of the Republic of Liberia to the Department's accreditation policy, first introduced in the Department's diplomatic note No. 21-1262, dated August 2, 2021. The instrument announced a policy concerning the duration of accreditation acceptance of certain bilateral foreign mission members assigned to embassies, consular posts, and miscellaneous foreign government offices in the United States. Furthermore, the communication said

terminated. As a reminder, the communication said the Embassy may submit requests for exception to the accreditation policy, via diplomatic note, from the date of this note through August 18, 2023. At minimum, it noted, each request must include the name and PID number for each individual. It may include requested duration of extension for each individual, justification for each individual, and if an individual is assuming a new bilateral position, the proposed future assignment should be provided. "The Department's Office of Foreign Missions will consider each request on a case-by-case basis," the communication said. "Absent an exception from OFM, the mission members have been or will be terminated as noted in the attachment." The Department of State said they will have 30 days to either change their status or depart the country after their termination date.

Cummings begins journey

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win. Thank God, I got my voting card. I was 16 years and I promised Cummings o-o that if I reached 18, I will vote for him o-o."

Others sang, 'George Weah go; George Weah go; George go; you failed us oh, George Weah go.'

Mr. Cummings names former Amb. Lewis G. Brown, as chairperson of Team Cummings and Mr. George Wisner, campaign head for Montserrado County.

He describes the over eight hundred-member campaign team as inclusive and victorious, adding that decentralization and uniformity are seen in the Team Cummings that he believes all Liberians see themselves in.

"This campaign team announced here today, is a victory to our ascendancy to the Presidency. We are making the journey to the executive mansion. This team despite not hearing your name, but I believe you see yourself in this team. Its compromises of religious, disable, youth, women, girls, boys, men, political and the disadvantaged youth.

We urge you to go back to your respective places of influence and campaign until the real change that you can trust takes over this leadership. Liberia and Liberians deserve better", he underscores.

In an interview after the official pronouncement by Mr. Cummings, supporters vowed to campaign to ensure that Mr. Cummings gets elected President of Liberia.

"My name is Williamena Doe, I am living in Johnsonville. We are here today as pre-victory for Mr. Cummings and Cllr. Charlyne Brumskine. We will ensure that they get to the Presidency because they have vision and agenda to make Liberia better. My name is James Massaquoi and I live along the Japanese Freeway. Mr. Cummings has announced his final and official campaign team with a mandate to us supporters to campaign despite not hearing our name. I want to tell him, that before saying this, we have been campaigning and we are just going to increase the volume, void of violence." *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Cummings begins journey to Executive Mansion

By Lincoln G. Peters

Collaborating Political Parties Presidential Candidate, Alexander B. Cummings announces more than eight hundred (800) names as his full and official campaign team for the 2023 Election here, with

Executive Mansion in a resounding victory to the Presidency.

"Today, we are officially kicking off our journey to the executive mansion. We are again, kicking off our journey to the Presidency. We are again today, kicking off the

Cummings-Cllr. Brumskine Ticket", he says.

Over a thousand supporters, partisans, sympathizers and well-wishers of the Collaborating Political Parties converged at the CPP headquarter in Sinkor during the official and full naming of "Team Cummings."

The supporters were neatly dressed in campaign T-shirts with official colors Green, White and Red, carrying photos of both Mr. Alexander B. Cummings and his running mate Cllr. Charlyne Brumskine.

The pair are in fourth place on the ballot for the October 10th polls. As a symbol of their position, supporters at the campaign team unveiling ceremony, frequently put their four fingers in the air with the slogan, "We are going Fourth Street", with shouts "Four will hold, Four will hold."

The jubilating crowd continue chanting, "Take my vote, CPP take my vote; we're tired suffering; that my one vote can make Cummings



Mr. CUMMINGS

Ambassador Lewis G. Brown, as Campaign Chair.

Making the pronouncement on Friday, 18 August at the CPP headquarters in Sinkor, Monrovia, Mr. Cummings said naming the full campaign team begins his journey to the

restoration of good governance, economic growth to all Liberians. With your support here today, it has justified and confirmed that the best leadership to disarm poverty and restore opportunity for Liberia is the

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APM Terminals once again demonstrates commitment to corporate social responsibility

APM Terminals Liberia has once again demonstrated its commitment to fulfilling its corporate social responsibility by sponsoring the 2023 edition of the YMCA Annual Children Vacation Sports Program.

The YMCA Annual Children Vacation Sports Program has been a pillar in the community for several years. In 2022, APM Terminals Liberia stepped forward as a sponsor and the impact of this partnership has been immense with the program witnessing a significant boost in

engagement and participation.

Building on the success of their involvement, APM Terminals Liberia significantly increased its support from 360 to 528 branded basketball jerseys for a total of 44 participating teams in the ongoing edition for children aged between 6 and 18.

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CA Annual Children Vacation Sports Program is not only about promoting physical activity but also about

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