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# Continental News

## Chicken, chips and Zimbabwe's taste for democracy

Free fried chicken and an endorsement from an unbeaten former world boxing champion have formed part of the intriguing choreography of election campaigning in Zimbabwe.

2017.Wednesday's vote will see President Mnangagwa, the candidate of the ruling Zanu-PF party, being challenged by Nelson Chamisa of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) and nine other contenders.



Nonetheless, finger-licking crowds and cheers for US boxing legend Floyd Mayweather Jr have not distracted from fundamental concerns about the polls themselves and fears of vote rigging in the first election since the death of Robert Mugabe, the man who dominated Zimbabwean politics for decades before being ousted by his deputy, Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, in

A small online civic society group says it is gearing up to do what it can to protect the vote, which sees 6.62 million registered voters also choosing MPs and local councillors. Team Pachedu will be using an app called Mandla, meaning strength, to help monitor "hotspots" it feels Zanu-PF "takes advantage of" - a reference to a belief that the ruling party's long stay in power has been the result of rigging. "It is a strategy to track election results data as they come out of the polling stations, to see if

they will tally with official results," Team Pachedu's co-ordinator Tafadzwa Sambiri told the BBC. The group is mostly made up of Zimbabwean activists based outside the country. Zanu-PF has persistently dismissed allegations that it steals elections. "We as government have an obligation to be seen to be clean about this election," party spokesman Chris Mutsvangwa told the media recently. "The president is working hard... reaching out for each vote." Mr Mnangagwa is anxious to get an international stamp of approval so Zimbabwe's foreign debt can be restructured and potentially open up fresh lines of credit frozen more than 20 years ago. The ruling party itself has deep pockets. This was on display during the campaign, with the party dishing out fried chicken and chip meals from a popular fast food outlet and loaves of bread in packaging printed with "VoteED" - a reference to the president's initials. Tens of thousands have flocked to the meetings lining up alongside trucks to receive the food. Zanu-PF, which has been in power since independence in 1980, denies that it is trying to buy votes, maintaining it is showing "respect for people" who have travelled from afar on buses by giving them food and water. BBC

## Ghanaian wins 2023 BBC News Komla Dumor Award

Ghanaian TV presenter and journalist Paa Kwesi Asare has won the 2023 BBC News Komla Dumor Award.

The 36-year-old is the eighth recipient of the award and the first to come from Ghana, like the late Komla Dumor.

Asare is currently the head of business news at Ghana's private TV3 channel, where he has worked for seven years as one of its main news anchors. The award was created to honour Dumor, a presenter for BBC World News, who died suddenly aged 41 in 2014.

He had worked tirelessly to bring a more nuanced African narrative to the world, representing a confident, savvy and entrepreneurial side of Africa. The judges were impressed by Asare's strong journalism and his ability to explain complex topics compellingly and clearly.

moment in my career and an opportunity I'll grab with both hands," said Asare, who will spend three months working with BBC News teams in London across TV,



Paa Kwesi Asare is the eighth winner of the award

radio and online. The Ghanaian broadcaster will also receive training and be mentored by leading BBC journalists.

As part of the placement, he will travel to a country in Africa to report on a story that will be

broadcast to the BBC's global audiences. "I feel very elated to have won the BBC News Komla Dumor Award," Asare said.

"This is arguably the most prestigious award for any African journalist. Komla's talent is one that I greatly admired and to be found worthy of walking in his shoes is not only a joy but also a great privilege." BBC

## Hundreds of migrants killed by Saudi border guards - report

Saudi border guards are accused of the mass killing of migrants along the Yemeni border in a new report by Human Rights Watch. The report says hundreds of people, many of them Ethiopians who cross war-torn Yemen to reach Saudi Arabia, have been shot dead. Migrants have told the BBC they had limbs severed by gunfire and saw bodies left on the trails. Saudi Arabia has previously rejected allegations of systematic killings.

The Human Rights Watch (HRW) report, titled They Fired On Us Like Rain, contains graphic testimony from migrants who say they were shot at and sometimes targeted with explosive weapons by Saudi police and soldiers on Yemen's rugged northern border with Saudi Arabia. Migrants contacted separately by the BBC have spoken of terrifying night-time crossings during which large groups of Ethiopians, including many women and children, came under fire as they attempted to cross the border

because I wanted to improve my family's life," the father-of-two said, "but what I hoped for didn't materialise. Now my parents do everything for me."

Another Ethiopian migrant, who we are calling Ibsaa to protect his identity, said he was shot at the border by men wearing Saudi military uniforms. "They beat us, killed some and took those who survived to the hospital. The bodies of those killed were left scattered on the ground," he told the BBC. "I was shot between my thighs near my groin, and my legs are paralyzed now. I can't even walk. I thought I would die." Some survivors show signs of deep trauma. In the Yemeni capital, Zahra can barely bring herself to speak about what happened.

She says she is 18, but looks younger. We are not using her real name to protect her identity.

Her journey, which had already cost around \$2,500 (£1,950) in ransoms and bribes, ended in a hail of bullets at the border.

One bullet took all the fingers of one hand. Asked about her injury, she looks away and cannot answer. According to the UN's International Organization for Migration, tens of



Ethiopian migrants say they were shot when they tried to cross from Yemen into Saudi Arabia

in search of work in the oil-rich kingdom.

"The shooting went on and on," 21-year-old Mustafa Soufia Mohammed told the BBC. He said some in his group of 45 migrants were killed when they came under fire as they tried to sneak across the border in July last year. "I didn't even notice I was shot," he said, "but when I tried to get up and walk, part of my leg was not with me."

It was a brutal, chaotic end to a three-month journey fraught with danger, starvation and violence at the hands of Yemeni and Ethiopian smugglers. A video filmed hours later shows his left foot almost completely severed. Mustafa's leg was amputated below the knee and now, back with his parents in Ethiopia, he walks with crutches and an ill-fitting prosthetic limb.

"I went to Saudi Arabia

thousands of people a year attempt a perilous journey, crossing by sea from the Horn of Africa to Yemen and then travelling on to Saudi Arabia.

Human rights organisations say many experience imprisonment and beatings along the way. The sea crossing is dangerous enough. More than 24 migrants were reported missing last week after a shipwreck off the coast of Djibouti. In Yemen, the main migrant routes are littered with the graves of people who have died along the way.

Dozens of migrants were killed two years ago when fire tore through a detention centre in the capital, Sanaa, run by the country's Houthi rebels who control most of northern Yemen. But the abuses outlined in the latest HRW report are different in scale and nature. "What we documented are essentially mass killings," the report's lead author, Nadia Hardman, told the BBC.

# EDITORIAL

# COMMENTARY

By Mohamed A. El-Erian

## All Liberians should sign the peace chorus

## Simplifying a Complicated Global Economy

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 retrogress 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.

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.

## OP-ED

By Richard Haass

# China's Homegrown Crisis

**N**EW YORK - China's economic reality, until recently, was nothing short of extraordinary. China's annual economic output soared from under \$500 billion to \$18 trillion between 1992 and 2022, with years of double-digit growth pushing annual GDP per capita from less than \$400 to \$13,000.

In recent years, however, growth has slowed significantly. To some extent, this was inevitable: moving hundreds of millions of people from inefficient rural agriculture to higher-productivity factory work in cities can only be carried out once.

Along the way, China received the support of the United States and much of the developed world. They invested, extended loans, and transferred technology, while welcoming China into the World Trade Organization. They also tended to look the other way when China stole intellectual property, violated its WTO commitments, and kept important parts of its economy closed to foreign competition.

The West was motivated partly by a simple economic calculation: the promise of gaining access to a consumer market of 1.4 billion people. In principle, as China got richer, its people would be able to purchase more from the West. China's low labor costs also enabled multinational corporations to produce and sell their goods for less, keeping inflation down and allowing consumers to purchase far more.

In addition to the West's economic logic, there was also a political one: a hope or even expectation in the US and Europe that China's economic rise would bring political liberalization. Many envisioned a wealthier China that would become more open, democratic, and market-oriented.

It was also believed that a China increasingly benefiting from investment and trade would act with restraint abroad in order to safeguard the relationships that were contributing to its rise. As a principal beneficiary of the existing international order, China, it was hoped, would become a "responsible stakeholder" within that order, rather than seeking to overturn it.

Over time, though, many of these hopes were dashed. Jobs at home were lost as less expensive Chinese exports displaced domestically produced goods. China did not become more open or moderate at home or abroad; just the opposite happened. As a result, the US and other Western countries are becoming more selective about the technologies and products they make available to China and the investments they allow their companies to make there.

These restrictions have contributed to China's slowdown. But the principal reasons for the country's economic difficulties are internal; like much else, they are made in China.

Above all, the economy has remained overly reliant on increasingly unproductive investment (especially infrastructure) and exports, bloated and uncompetitive state-owned enterprises, and ballooning debt. All of these problems stem in whole or in part from Chinese leaders' decision to expand the role of the state in the economy, to ignore or suppress market forces, and to stymie the emergence of a private sector and middle class.

Chinese leaders now have three choices. One is to stay the course, prioritizing political control over economic growth. This will be the most likely path if current difficulties ease. But if today's problems linger or even fester, the resulting prolonged period of modest economic growth could stimulate the very challenges to political control the leadership seeks to avoid. High levels of unemployment among young people could be a powder keg. Making matters worse, time is not on China's side, as a shrinking and aging population will be an additional drag on economic growth and productivity.

The second option for President Xi Jinping and his inner circle is to change course. Chinese leaders tend to resist policy change, as it suggests a degree of fallibility that could be seen as weakness and invite challenges by political rivals. For now, they will likely resist doing so, fearing that major economic liberalization could create pressure for liberalizing political reforms.

Nevertheless, they may choose to change course if the alternative to more of the same were judged to be less risky. There is recent precedent for such a calculation. For several years, the government's approach to COVID-19 featured frequent testing and extended lockdowns. Popular frustration grew.

Suddenly, in December 2022, the authorities abandoned the "zero-COVID" policy in favor of one that allowed the virus to move more freely among the population. An unknown number of people died, but within a few months the country reached a new equilibrium that allowed for more normal activity at acceptable levels of risk. It is possible that economic policy, too, will one day become at least somewhat de-politicized.

There is a third option, an alternative to either staying the course or changing course: China could opt to change the conversation. The simplest and most likely way to do this would be to accelerate efforts to alter the status quo on Taiwan. The regime could embrace even more aggressive nationalism, rather than economic growth, as its source of legitimacy.

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## OPINION

By Sergio Díaz-Granados

# Redefining the EU-Latin America Relationship

**P**ANAMA - In July, eight years since their last gathering, heads of state and government from the European Union and from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) met in Brussels. The summit ended on a promising note: through its Global Gateway program, the European Union will invest €45 billion (\$49.5 billion) by 2027 to support a fair green transition, an inclusive digital transformation, and human-development outcomes in LAC.

As Jean Monnet, the architect of European unity, reportedly observed, all people are ambitious, but they are ambitious either "to be" or "to do." In today's "polycrisis" world, action matters more than pageantry. Ordinary citizens expect concrete results from multilateral commitments, and it is time to deliver.

To this end, the EU-LAC relationship must be redefined. The recent period of piecemeal engagement, with a focus on only some issues or on relations between certain countries, has led to significant gaps in trade and sustainable development. Both sides would benefit from a more expansive agenda linking the regions as a whole, rather than agreements between small blocs of countries aligning on environmental, commercial, and investment matters.

According to a recent Elcano report, expanding and harmonizing trade agreements between LAC countries and the EU would create an immense economic space - 1.1 billion people and total GDP of more than €21 trillion, similar to that of the United States. Finalizing the EU-Mercosur agreement would be a crucial step in the right direction.

To realize this potential, European policymakers must view LAC not merely as a source of raw materials, but rather as an equal partner in addressing global challenges. The region has a proven track record in devising innovative solutions: the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, for example, were born at the Rio+20 Summit and are a product of LAC countries' efforts to build a more equitable and resilient world.

The fight against climate change, in particular, will require large-scale investment and rapid innovation, especially in new materials and forms of mobility, digital services, and management of natural resources. Climate action also creates opportunities for cross-border technology transfer and strengthening agribusiness. The Global Gateway program can advance these goals, but we must make headway before the next meeting of European and LAC heads of state and government in 2025.

CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (of which I am executive president) has formed a partnership with the European Commission and the Inter-American Development Bank to bolster the new EU-LAC investment agenda. So far, the partnership's dynamic private-sector roundtables have identified more than 130 projects to fund, ranging from bringing digital connectivity to 85% of Colombians by 2026 to scaling up hydrogen production in Chile and Uruguay and rolling out renewable energy in Jamaica. Other initiatives are focused on sustainable urban mobility in Bogotá, Quito, San José, and São Paulo, sanitation and chronic child malnutrition in Ecuador, and food security in Guyana.

With Spain holding the presidency of the Council of the EU until the end of this year, our shared vision of a robust bi-regional alliance will have a greater chance of becoming a reality. Shifting from fragmented ties to a more cohesive partnership, the two regions can move forward using the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as their roadmap.

To advance this goal, CAF is working with the Spanish government to encourage dialogue. The collaboration has already proven fruitful: all European and LAC ministers of economy and finance will convene on September 15 in Santiago de Compostela to discuss the future of the bi-regional relationship.

Rather than merely give the appearance of close collaboration, the ambition of CAF and other regional actors is "to do," as Monnet put it. We want to help build a strong EU-LAC alliance that advances a bold investment agenda and advances both sides' interests and prosperity. As mounting existential problems increasingly call for joint action, European and LAC countries must build on recent progress toward a stronger and deeper relationship.

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## Gongloe vows to deploy AFL for agriculture

By Thomas Domah / Nimba County  
The Presidential Candidate of the Liberian People's Party (LPP) Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe, says he will use the

but rather the army will join farmers in producing more food for the country", he reiterates, and adds that the army is just sitting down without anything doing but

be able to go outside Liberia for medical treatment.

Speaking during official launch of his campaign and introduction of his running mate to Nimbaians, Cllr. Gongloe said he frustrated by voters' decision at the poll, urging them not to make mistake this time around, but rather to elect a good leader who will listen and impact the country, presenting himself as a good leader who will fight corruption in all sectors of government. "For a better Liberia, government is a place to serve, not to steal. My government officials' salaries and other benefits will be placed on the internet, there will be no corruption in my government."

He promises to extend help to private schools, but to prioritize public institutions where children in Liberia will receive free and best education, including vocational education.

Also speaking, Vice Standard Bearer Dr. Emmanuel Urey Yarkpawolo, says an LPP government will be one of the best governments Liberians will boast of. Dr. Yarkpawolo names women and youth empowerment, better living condition, corruption-free nation, among others as tangibles Liberians should expect from the Gongloe-Yarkpawolo Ticket, saying Liberia is a rich country, but the citizens continue to suffer from bad leadership. Editing by Jonathan Browne



Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe

Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) to combat hunger in Liberia, if elected President in October.

their involvement in agricultural activities will boost the agricultural sector.

He says under a Gongloe-led government, the army will be deployed in various counties alongside with farmers to engage in agriculture and grow more food for the country.

Some political observers believe the Cllr. Gongloe is the only Presidential Candidate that is telling Liberian electorate how he would solve the country's problems, if elected. On fighting corruption, he vows to make public, salaries of his officials.

He laments that the lack of drugs in various public health facilities has increased death rate in the country.

He told a huge gathering in Ganta, Nimba County on Saturday, 20 August that under his administration, government officials will not

He notes that government spends lots of money to import food despite Liberia being endowed with fertile soil for farming.

The LPP candidate believes that supporting agriculture, health, education and infrastructure will add more value to his Presidency. "The country is not fighting any war

## LWSC constructs 1 million gallon reservoir in Paynesville

The Liberia Water & Sewer Corporation (LWSC) has constructed a one million gallon water reservoir in GSA, Rock Hill Community, Paynesville aimed at addressing water problem faced by residents.

multitasking during these heated political campaign activities for the impending

community and other parts of Paynesville, including Duport road and parts of the Roberts International Airport highway.

Senator Gaye called on the residents to take full ownership of the facility and protect its infrastructure, including pipes, fittings and meters from unwholesome acts by unscrupulous individuals.

The newly constructed water system is mainly beneficial to the Rock Hill community which makes it imperative for the community leadership to

October 10 elections, by remaining dedicated to his official duties and responsibilities as leader of the country.

He urged the jubilant residents of the GSA Rock Hill community to take ownership of the newly constructed reservoir intended to provide safe drinking water to the



LWSC Managing Director, G. Alphonso Gaye, has commended President George Manneh Weah for keeping his reform mandate on course at the LWSC by supporting the management team to deliver to the people.

Senator Gaye particularly lauded the President for

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## Emmanuel Dahn takes on Rep. Solomon George

By Kruah Thompson

As the electoral campaign heats up, the political atmosphere in Montserrado County Electoral District#7 is charged with tension and accusations. One of the candidates vying for the district's seat, Emanuel Dahn, has taken a bold stance against the incumbent lawmaker, Solomon George of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change. Addressing audience at the graduation ceremony of the Emanuel Dahn District Training Center on BYC field in PHP Community in Monrovia on Sunday, August 20, 2022, Mr. Dahn did not hesitate to critique Representative George's track record.

He firmly believes that the incumbent has not succeeded in adequately empowering residents of District#7 during his entire 12 years in the House. However, he says in

sacrificed for these people, and I have served them extensively. I was even supposed to go to America with my family, but I used my resources for the people," Dahn highlights in his unwavering dedication to the residents of District#7.

Dahn, who firmly expresses commitment to keep investing his time and resources in community service, cited instances when his critics accused him of not adequately addressing the district's needs.

He labels those making such criticisms as agents of the devil disseminating falsehoods, simultaneously vowing to directly confront them by taking the fight to their doorsteps.

At the same time, he pledges to reveal their identities and expose their past actions, declaring "We will reveal to the district who you truly are. We have the media to do so, and we also have the



Emanuel Dahn

response to the shortcoming, he has gone to great lengths, even to the point of sacrificing his family's needs to uplift and empower the district. "I have

authority." Speaking of education, he notes that some of his critics claim to have their children enrolled in

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# 2023 General Elections Presidential Candidates Campaign Schedules

Political Party/ Independent Candidate	Launching and Closing Dates/Venues	Other Campaign Dates (County and Locations)			Contact Number
LFP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Margibi County</li> <li>Grand Bassa</li> <li>Rivercess</li> <li>Bomi</li> <li>Cape Mount</li> <li>Bong</li> <li>Lofa</li> <li>Gbarpolu</li> <li>Nimba</li> <li>Grand Gedeh</li> <li>Rivergee</li> <li>Sinoe</li> <li>Grand Kru</li> <li>Maryland</li> <li>Montserrado</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ August 5, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 7, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 10, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 15, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 20, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 25, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 30, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 5, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 10, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 15, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 20, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 25, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 30, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 1, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 6, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Admin. Building, Kakata</li> <li>➤ Compound 1, City Hall</li> <li>➤ Cestos City Hall</li> <li>➤ Vonjo</li> <li>➤ Madina Township</li> <li>➤ Gbalatuel Township</li> <li>➤ Kissi Quarter Guest Hou.</li> <li>➤ Gbarpolu Town Hall</li> <li>➤ Terson High School</li> <li>➤ Zwedru City</li> <li>➤ Fish Town City Hall</li> <li>➤ Government Camp Youth Center</li> <li>➤ Silver Key Guest House</li> <li>➤ Pleebo City Hall</li> <li>➤ Rehab Drive High School</li> </ul>	0776367658 / 0886434120
MPC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Montserrado</li> <li>➤ Bong County</li> <li>➤ Gbarpolu</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ August 8, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 10, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 13, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 15, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 17, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 10, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 25, 2023</li> <li>➤ September 30, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 1, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 2, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 3, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 5, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 6, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 7, 2023</li> <li>➤ October 8, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 19, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 22, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 29, 2023</li> <li>➤ August 30, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ PHP Community</li> <li>➤ Doe Community</li> <li>➤ Jacob Town</li> <li>➤ Peace Island (Dist. #10)</li> <li>➤ Old Road Sinkor</li> <li>➤ Barnersville</li> <li>➤ Central Monrovia Band.</li> <li>➤ ELWA Junction</li> <li>➤ King Gray</li> <li>➤ Gbarngay</li> <li>➤ Brewerville</li> <li>➤ Paynesville</li> <li>➤ West-Point</li> <li>➤ Doe Community</li> <li>➤ Larkpazee</li> <li>➤ Bong Mine (Bong)</li> <li>➤ Salala (Bong)</li> <li>➤ Garma (Gbarpolu)</li> <li>➤ Bopolu City (Gbarpolu)</li> </ul>	0886102307 / 0776542234

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# Français

## Weah veut que les communautés soient électrifiées avant les élections

Le président George Weah appelle à l'électrification de toutes villes du pays, y compris le comté de Montserrado et les zones

du Libéria, y compris la capitale, reste encore dans l'obscurité.

La direction de la LEC, dirigée par le directeur général Monie Raph

547 933 dollars vers le CLSG tandis que nous avons importé 76 740 dollars via le CLSG. Notre bénéfice net est de 471 193 \$ qui sera crédité sur notre dette envers la CIE. Nous prévoyons d'avoir des tendances similaires pour les 2 prochains mois, ce qui contribuera à réduire notre dette envers la CIE », a déclaré M. Captan au président Weah.

Il a dit que l'électricité excédentaire générée par le barrage hydroélectrique Mount Coffee est due à la saison des pluies actuelle qui a connu de fortes averses persistantes au cours des deux derniers mois. « Le mois dernier, nous avons exporté plus de 500 000 dollars. Cet argent va à l'encontre de notre dette CLSG actuelle », a-t-il dit.

Cependant, bien que la nouvelle semble accueillante pour le gouvernement, du point de vue politique, elle n'est pas la bienvenue chez la plupart des Libériens ordinaires, qui continuent d'avoir soif d'électricité dans leurs maisons et leurs lieux de travail, en particulier en cette année électorale où le président brigue un second mandat.

Alors que M. Weah poursuit sa campagne électorale à travers Montserrado et les parties adjacentes, l'électricité reste une demande clé. Mais la direction de la

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adjacentes, pour stimuler les activités économiques et améliorer la vie des citoyens.

L'appel du président fait suite à la nouvelle selon laquelle la Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) a commencé à exporter de l'électricité vers la Côte d'Ivoire voisine, alors que la majeure partie

Captan, a révélé ici la semaine dernière que la société a exporté de l'électricité d'une valeur de 547 933 dollars américains vers la Côte d'Ivoire par le biais de la collaboration CLGS impliquant le Libéria, la Guinée, la Sierra Leone et la Côte d'Ivoire.

« Nous avons exporté

## Les États-Unis mettent fin à l'accréditation des diplomates libériens

Le Département d'État américain a fourni à l'ambassade du Libéria à Washington une liste des membres de sa mission dont l'accréditation a été résiliée ou ne sera plus acceptée d'ici la fin de 2023.

Les membres des missions étrangères bilatérales qui atteindront leur limite d'accréditation d'ici la fin de 2023 sont Domah, Josiah K; Greene Kofa; Kim Dekontee; Momoh, Hellen Siah Sayan; Wallace Wa; Tody Muna; Davis, Nyanda Finda; et Demmah, Kathleen M.K.

Par la communication, il est rappelé à l'ambassade du Libéria que cette politique ne s'applique pas aux chefs de mission, aux chefs de mission adjoints, aux chargés d'affaires ou aux personnes en statut de non-immigrant A-2, acceptées par le Département comme étant "résident permanent" aux États-Unis aux fins des Conventions de Vienne.

Le Département d'État

renvoie l'Ambassade de la République du Libéria à la politique d'accréditation du Département, introduite pour la première fois dans la note diplomatique n° 21-1262 du Département, datée du 2 août 2021.

L'instrument annonçait une politique concernant la durée d'acceptation de l'accréditation de certains membres de missions étrangères bilatérales affectés aux ambassades, postes consulaires et divers bureaux de gouvernements étrangers aux

États-Unis.

En outre, la communication indique que l'ambassade a reçu un avis par courrier électronique fournissant un rappel de 45 jours pour ceux dont l'accréditation sera résiliée.

À ce jour, le Département d'État a déclaré qu'il n'avait pas reçu de demande d'exception de l'ambassade de la République du Libéria concernant les personnes dont l'accréditation sera terminée.

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## Éditorial

### Tous les Libériens devraient signer le chœur de la paix

L'ambassade des États-Unis près de Monrovia a publié une déclaration le jeudi 18 août, demandant aux partis politiques libériens, qui font actuellement campagne dans tout le pays dans le cadre des élections présidentielles et générales du 10 octobre, de se conformer à la déclaration de Farmington River en vue des élections libres, équitables et pacifiques. Elle a condamné toutes les formes de violence et de rhétorique violente.

La déclaration a coïncidé avec la commémoration par le Libéria de 20 ans de paix relative depuis le rétablissement du régime démocratique en 2005 après 14 ans de guerre civile brutale qui a fait plus de 250 000 morts, dont des femmes et des enfants, et des centaines de milliers d'autres languissant dans des camps de réfugiés à travers la région.

Vingt ans après, les armes se sont toujours tues, donnant aux citoyens et aux habitants la possibilité de reprendre une vie et des activités économiques normales, y compris la politique active.

La déclaration de l'ambassade des États-Unis jeudi dernier fait suite aux quatrièmes élections démocratiques d'octobre exclusivement organisées par les Libériens eux-mêmes.

L'appel à des élections libres, justes et non violentes a été repris quelques jours plus tôt par le Représentant spécial du Secrétaire général et Chef du Bureau des Nations Unies pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest et le Sahel (UNOWAS), Leonardo Santos Simão, qui a effectué une visite de deux jours au Libéria la semaine dernière et rencontré le président George Manneh Weah, des responsables de la Commission électorale nationale, des représentants de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO), des groupes de jeunes et de femmes.

L'Ambassadeur Simão a souligné la nécessité pour tous les candidats en lice de respecter leur engagement envers la Déclaration de Farmington River qui ouvre la voie à un processus inclusif, pacifique et démocratique, soulignant qu'il est de la responsabilité de toutes les parties prenantes d'éduquer leurs partisans sur les règles de bonne conduite avant, pendant et après le scrutin, en faisant preuve d'un leadership responsable.

Le refrain de la paix est la chanson qui devrait rester sur les lèvres de tous les Libériens épris de paix tout au long de la période électorale, car sans paix, la nation risque de rétrograder vers les vestiges de son passé que personne ne veut voir se répéter.

Les États-Unis, l'ONU et la CEDEAO sont trois partenaires clés qui se sont tenus aux côtés du Libéria pendant ses jours sombres. Par conséquent, les conseils venant d'eux dans les moments cruciaux de notre processus électoral doivent être pris en compte pour maintenir la paix et la stabilité de la nation.

Les politiques et les rhétoriques qui incitent à la violence sont contre-productives pour les élections démocratiques et donc ceux qui sont responsables de telles pratiques devraient être interpellés et condamnés, car ils n'ont pas leur place dans le futur Libéria que nous envisageons.

S'autoproclamer vainqueur pendant la campagne bien avant même les scrutins proprement dits devrait être découragé par les partis politiques et leurs dirigeants, car les déclarations incendiaires ont tendance à pousser les militants trop zélés à recourir à la violence si les résultats ne vont pas favorables comme prévu.





# Français

## Niger : le général Tiani convoque un dialogue national inclusif



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 ».

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 agresser 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

## 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.

## Starts from page 8 Weah veut que les

LEC a expliqué que la raison pour laquelle la plupart des communautés ne sont pas connectées est qu'il n'y a pas d'un réseau de distribution.

Selon la Société, construire un réseau de transmission et de distribution à moyenne et basse tension, ainsi que des

transformateurs et des matériaux de branchement nécessite un énorme financement.

Dans le même temps, il a révélé que 100 000 compteurs doivent arriver dans le pays la semaine prochaine. Ils seront distribués aux foyers et aux entreprises afin de lutter contre le vol systémique d'électricité.

## Starts from page 8 Les États-Unis mettent

Pour rappel, la communication indique que l'ambassade peut soumettre des demandes d'exception à la politique d'accréditation, par note diplomatique, à partir de la date de cette note jusqu'au 18 août 2023.

Au minimum, a-t-il noté, chaque demande doit inclure le nom et le numéro PID de chaque individu.

Il peut inclure la durée de prolongation demandée pour chaque individu, une justification pour chaque individu, et si un individu

assume un nouveau poste bilatéral, la future affectation proposée doit être fournie.

« Le Bureau des missions étrangères du Département examinera chaque demande au cas par cas. Sauf exception d'OFM, l'accréditation de ces membres de la mission sera terminée comme indiqué dans la pièce jointe », indique la communication.

Le Département d'État a déclaré qu'ils auront 30 jours pour changer leur statut ou quitter le pays après leur date de résiliation.

## Niger : des milliers de partisans de la junte rassemblés à Niamey et à Agadez

Plusieurs milliers de personnes ont manifesté aujourd'hui dans les deux villes pour afficher leur soutien aux généraux et critiquer les puissances occidentales, la France notamment mais aussi les États-Unis. Ces manifestations interviennent au lendemain d'un discours télévisé du nouvel homme fort du Niger,

rassemblement de ce dimanche. « Nous avons mis des priorités : d'abord les Français dehors et après, on examinera la situation des autres forces étrangères. Parce que ce qui nous intéresse, nous, c'est la souveraineté totale du peuple. Nous allons faire du cas par cas pour essayer de reconquérir qui nous a été confisquée pendant des années à travers l'invasion de notre pays par des soldats étrangers. »



le général Abdourahamane Tiani, dans lequel il a promis une transition de trois ans.

« À bas la France », « Non aux sanctions », « Halte à l'intervention militaire » de la Cédéao... Ce sont quelques-uns des slogans scandés aujourd'hui par les manifestants réunis place de la Concertation à Niamey. Ils ont brandi des drapeaux russes et nigériens, certains avaient également des drapeaux chinois et indiens.

Leur message : que la France quitte le Niger. Ibrahim Namaiwa est l'un des organisateurs du

Et aujourd'hui, ce n'est pas uniquement la France, qui est pointée du doigt. Les États-Unis le sont aussi désormais. À Agadez, au centre du pays, des centaines de personnes se sont en effet réunies près de l'aéroport où se trouve la grande base américaine, pour demander le départ des soldats américains.

Washington dispose d'une force de 1 300 hommes au Niger, et sa base militaire à Agadez est l'une des plus importantes sur le continent africain. Pour l'instant, le Pentagone a annoncé le maintien de ses troupes au Niger.

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## Lonestar Cell MTN launches Y'ello Star season 3

-as Grand Bassa County live auditions kickoff Wednesday

By Lincoln G. Peters

Liberia's leading giant GSM company, Lonestar Cell MTN on 21 August 2023 officially launched the Lonestar Cell

make a video of themselves and upload them with a brief self-introduction and singing of a song well known and controlled by them within the space of one minute thirty seconds.

second winner will have a single song at the expense of MTN, and many others.

Giving an overview of the launch of the MTN Y'ello Star Media lunch project, LoneStar Cell MTN Corporate Communication Manager Ms. Abigail Nafeadai said the first stage to be accepted into the program is for the interested contestants to participate in the live audition process.

According to her, they will be doing the live audition in four counties, namely, Grand Bassa, Bomi, Grand Cape Mount and Nimba County. "We have brought some changes and so this time, no more live video rather live singing or rapping audition for interested person." "Also, we will be having a second-place winner and they will have prizes and opportunity like the first winner."

"These happened because of the recommendation from our public and judges," she concluded.

For his part, the Head Judge and Capitol FM CEO, Chris Wolo, said that the goal of getting to the counties is to debunk the myth that Monrovia is the only place in Liberia where the best talents live.

According to him, they will be in Grand Bassa Wednesday and later to the rest of the counties spotting young talents that are willing to be a star. "Please join us in Grand Bassa at the City Hall [on] August 23, Bong and Nimba [on] August 26 and September 2, will be Montserrado County." "You will sing or rap before the audience and they will audition you before we make our judgement. This also will bring to bed the issues that Lonestar can stage manage or pre-select the winner," Mr. Wolo noted.

## Government names Flag Day Orator

By Lewis S Teh

The Ministry of Education has designated an astute public servant, Wantoe Teah Wantoe, to serve as National Orator for Liberia's 176th Flag Day celebration this Thursday, August 24th.

Official commemoration of the 176th Flag Day is expected to be held at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion under the theme "The Lone Star, A Symbol of Unity and Nationalism." This year's Flag Day Orator is a candidate for Master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Oxford, Pembroke College with the Blavatnik School of Government in England. Mr. Wantoe has been a champion for women and children's rights and has emerged as one of Liberia and Africa's leading advocates for global sustainability and

communities, and decision-makers.

Currently, Mr. Wantoe is a member of the United Nations Department of Global Communication Youth Steering Committee and the AFS Youth Assembly Advisory Council.

He is versed in non-profit management, youth development, and government relations, complemented with a solid educational background in public policy and sociology.

According to the Ministry of Education, Wantoe's selection to serve as National Orator for the 176th Flag Day is trickled by his distinct portfolio, remarkable accomplishments and impact on youth-focused programs.

Meanwhile, the Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Education, encourages Liberians to demonstrate National Unity in



MTN "Y'ello Star" season three with the theme: Step Up."

LoneStar Cell MTN Y'ello star is a talent hunt initiative that was birthed by the company sometime last year as a means of identifying and unleashing the hidden and untapped potentials of grass-root Liberian singers, rappers and musicians.

The program had its first ceremony at the renamed Ellen Johnson Ministerial Complex after several months of growing young and qualified Liberians who were accepted by the judges. This year, the competition will feature both first and second place winners, unlike the previous.

The first-place winner will walk away with LD \$2 million record deal, a brand new car, and a cash award of three hundred thousand Liberian dollars. Also, the winner will receive a one-year performance contract with Lonestar Cell MTN and 1GB of data monthly for a year, among others. On the other hand, the

The program took place at the Mamba Point Hotel in Monrovia and brought together several entertainers, musical icons as well as staff and officials of Lonestar Cell MTN.

The talent hunt is meant to develop, explore and unleash the hidden potentials of Liberian youths across the country through musical art and entertainment.

The MTN Y'ello Star Season 3 Media launch kicked off the live or physical application process for interested young Liberians who want to participate in the next process by making themselves available for the audition in their respective counties.

With this process, it means that Lonestar Cell MTN is no longer accepting video applications from interested applicants.

At first, applicants could



youth development. With a deep passion for social causes, he possesses exceptional listening and communication skills, enabling him to influence and mobilize young people,

the impending elections, as all citizens celebrate the 176th Anniversary of the national emblem. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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## Emmanuel Dahn takes on

his school but wonders why these critics are unwilling to send their children to another school where the tuition is four hundred dollars higher.

He boasts that his school offers accessible education at affordable fees, which is why they have students enrolled on scholarships.

On the other hand, Dahn

recounts various sacrifices he has made for the community, such as running a drug store to address the district's needs. However, he expressed dismay at negative rhetoric surrounding his efforts, while consoling himself that people will acknowledge the positive contributions he and his team are making.

Besides, he also recounts

his involvement during the Covid-19 pandemic, including provision of free ambulance services to help spread medical assistance throughout the district. Turning to the impending election, he says residents the district will ultimately decide who is capable and committed to serving them. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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participate in providing security for the infrastructure.

"For sustainable service provision to your community, this infrastructure has to be well taken care of and protected," he emphasized. The LWSC boss called on the community leadership to assist the corporation in curbing, if not eliminating water theft which has the potential to stall the supply of pipe borne water to their community.

"Water theft hinders the sustainable supply of pipe borne water, as it is very costly to treat and distribute the water you see flowing through our networks; in this regard, we will leave our hotline numbers with your community to report this ugly act", Senator Gaye told the GSA

community leadership. He alerted the community residents to request the work order of individuals who will go into their community in the name of the corporation to execute various duties, including construction, repair and connection.

He disclosed that the LWSC is aware of unauthorized individuals attempting daily, with some succeeding in carrying out duties of the corporation for the sole purpose of pocketing monies that belong to institution.

Speaking earlier, GSA Rock Hill Community chairman, Patrick Gbeyenoh, requested the LWSC to reconstruct its distribution network in the community in order to increase access to water supply and distribution.

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# NEC releases candidates' campaign schedule

The National Elections Commission (NEC) has released campaign schedules for presidential candidates, an effort apparently and close on 6 October 2023. The schedule shows that Incumbent President George Manneh Weah, standard bearer of the

# Weah cannot win first round

By Lincoln G. Peters  
 Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) Presidential Candidate Alexander B. Cummings, says President George Weah and the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change cannot win first-round victory because he has performed dismally.

years. He reiterates that the Cummings -Cllr. Brumskine Ticket is rather the best ticket for the Liberian presidency thus, urging Liberian electorate to make the right decision at the polls.

Rather he says the only Presidential ticket for the 2023 Election that leads to a resoundingly successful one-round victory is a Cummings-Charlyne Brumskine Ticket, describing President Weah and his CDC one-round victory call as nonsensical.

The CPP Presidential Candidate says he is optimistic of a one-round resounding victory because he believes that Liberians are angry and they need real change, good governance, economic growth and opportunities.

Addressing supporters over the weekend at the CPP headquarters in Sinkor Monrovia, when he announced his full campaign team for the October 10th polls, he said the Cummings-Cllr. Brumskine Ticket is the only ticket for the Presidency that stands a chance for a resounding one-round victory.

The opposition politician terms as complete nonsensical narrative, President Weah and the ruling CDC's quest for a one-round victory, adding that the CDC has failed the people of Liberia and Mr. Weah has lost relevance and popularity.

The CPP candidate, who sits

"I know and hear President George Weah and CDC talking about one round victory. That is



meant to reduce clashes among rivals here. 20 presidential candidates including incumbent President George Manneh Weah are seeking the presidency in the polls due 10 October 2023. The 2023 presidential campaign started with violent clashes between supporters of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) and its main rival Unity Party (UP). Many have suggested here that the NEC's release of campaign schedules for different political parties could ease political tension during the campaign process of the much-

2023 campaigning in Montserrado, and followed by the UP which began visiting districts from 16 August to continue. The CDC is set to officially launch its campaign on 7 September 2023, while the UP will launch on 17 September 2023. The opposition All Liberian Coalition Party (ALCOP) will launch its campaign on September 10 and close campaign on October 8, 2023. The Liberia Restoration Party (LRP) will launch its campaign on 15 September

ruling CDC, and Amb. Joseph Nyumah Boakai, standard bearer of the UP, are projected as the two main rivals so far. The NEC campaign schedule does not include campaign schedules of the opposition Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) standard bearer Mr. Alexander B. Cummings. However, the Commission says the matrix will be updated as it receives additional campaign schedules from candidates.

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## LDEA officer allegedly

community. According to residents, dangerous narcotic substances including kush, are sold at the medicine bloc. Speaking in an exclusive interview with the NewDawn newspaper early Monday morning, 21 August 2023, Ms. Elizabeth Tweah, a resident and close friend of the victim, narrated that Officer Joefula allegedly killed her friend with a gun due to jealousy. According to her, the victim told Officer Joefula that she was no longer interested in the relationship she had with him she had settled things with another man. Ms. Tweah indicated that suspect Joefula got very angry with Janet, and out of jealousy and love, he allegedly shot the victim with a gun he had in his possession. "My friend went to work [in] Vai Town. When Officer Joefula came on [the]

medicine bloc, he began to call my friend to come on the bloc that he wanted to talk with her," Elizabeth explained. "She refused but after some time, she came and I was sitting outside on the road. They both had a conversation while others were outside," Elizabeth continued. "Later, all we heard was a gun sound and that's how he shot my friend straight at her side, close to her back," she noted. According to Elizabeth, her friend Janet usually complained about Joefula's attitude of beating and abusing women. Additionally, Elizabeth said her late friend also informed Officer Joefula about her boyfriend and the confusion that had existed

between them. Elizabeth said she was so disappointed that Joefula would behave in such a manner after her friend had told him the truth. Following the shooting incident, Elizabeth said suspect Joefula ran away and reported himself to the Liberia National Police (LNP) Logan Town Detachment. "After he escaped the scene, that's how we took our friend and carried her to the Redemption Hospital." "At the hospital, she was pronounced dead on arrival. This boy is very wicked and bad. My sister had complained about this for too long which is why she decided to quit the relationship, not knowing that he had the intention to kill. We hope justice will be served and he will be in jail," she lamented.



fourth place on the ballot, terms the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change and President Weah's one-round victory call as shameless and nonsensical on grounds that the President has lost relevance and popularity.

completely nonsense and it's will not happen. You know why? Because the President and his entire CDC government have failed the Liberian people. Therefore, no Liberian, and none of our international partners and the international community believe the nonsense about one-round victory from them", he adds. "Listen, that statement about one-round victory from President Weah and CDC can't hold water. This can't happen when he has a very bad record to defend and has failed the Liberian people. No way can the Liberian people ever vote him. We will not accept that narrative."

"Let me make this clear to you, in fact, the only person that has that possibility of a one-round resounding victory is Mr. Cummings-Cllr. Brumskine. I want to remind the Liberian people that when President Weah was in his most popular [period] and had a stronger coalition, he didn't win one-round victory therefore, it can't be now." Mr. Cummings argues.

Mr. Cummings assures Liberians that the CPP will defeat President Weah with a resounding one-round victory and send him back to his home town to relax. Editing by Jonathan Browne

He recalls that in the 2017 election, Mr. Weah received 38 percent of the total votes in the first round, less than 50 percent plus one extra vote required by the Constitution, so with 20 candidates in the race for the 2023 Election, it is not possible for the President to obtain first-round victory amid his dismal performance in the last five

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## LDEA officer allegedly kills spouse

By Lincoln G. Peters

A man believed to be an officer of the Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA) late Sunday night, 20 August 2023 allegedly shot his girlfriend Janet Sumo to death

Medicine Bloc to have a fine time. According to eyewitnesses, the late Janet Sumo is a resident of the Zinc Camp Community in Logan Town, while her boyfriend, Charles Joefula, lives in the Blamo Town Community.

Officer Joefula is noted for beating and abusing women. They said he abused his past relationship and at some point, wounded and disfigured his spouse's face. Due to his alleged brutality against his spouse,



Victim Janet Sumo



Suspect Charles Joefula

in Logan Town, Montserrado Electoral District #15.

The unfortunate incident took place at 9 pm at a popular ghetto known as 'Medicine Bloc.'

Sources say the deceased and her boyfriend suspect Charles Joefula, an officer of the LDEA, usually met at

Eyewitnesses and residents of the area disclosed that Officer Joefula allegedly used a single-barrel gun to kill the deceased.

They indicated that the late Janet Sumo was the only child of her parents and had a three-year-old son.

Eyewitnesses alleged that

the accused was allegedly suspended from the LDEA for months.

The residents also noted that the medicine bloc, the ghetto where Janet was murdered, is known for being a spot for confusion and destruction in the

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