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Continental News

US Airstrike Kills 13 Al-Shabab Militants

The U.S. military in Africa (AFRICOM) reported a "collective self-defense" airstrike against al-Shabab militants – killing 13 fighters in Somalia.

The airstrike took place in

Shabab the largest and most kinetically active al-Qaida network in the world. Al-Shabab merged with al-Qaida in February 2012.

"[Al-Shabab] has proved both its will and capability to attack partner and U.S. forces and

al-Shabab issued a press release claiming to have "overrun" the base and killing 178 soldiers and capturing prisoners. That claim has not been independently verified.

The situation in Cowsweyne, 60 kilometers



the vicinity of Seiera, approximately 45 kilometers northwest of Kismayo. AFRICOM said Saturday's airstrike was conducted in support of Somali forces who were engaged by al-Shabab fighters. "Working with the Somali National Army, U.S. Africa Command's initial assessment is that the airstrike killed 13 al Shabab fighters and that no civilians were injured or killed," AFRICOM said in a statement. "The command will continue to assess the results of this operation and will provide additional information as appropriate. Specific details about the units involved and assets used will not be released in order to ensure operations security."

The U.S. considers al-

threaten security interests in the region," AFRICOM said.

Meanwhile, al-Shabab militants raided the recently liberated village of Cowsweyne in the central Galmudug state, killing government soldiers early Saturday, security sources told VOA. According to two security officials who asked not to be identified because they are not allowed to comment on sensitive military operations, the militants attacked the village using explosions from vehicle-borne explosive devices (VBIED) or car bombs, followed by armed militants who engaged in heavy gun battles with government forces. The state-run Somali National News Agency (SONNA) said government forces repelled the attack and destroyed the VBIEDs. However, extremist group

northwest of Ceel Dheer town, is still murky more than 24 hours after the attack. A local official described the attack in Cowsweyne as "painful."

Somali government soldiers liberated Cowsweyne on August 22 as the government resumed military operations against al-Shabab to remove the group from central Somalia and push the militants to the south.

Military officials said they are targeting two main towns in the state, Elbur and Galhareri. Elbur was captured without a fight Friday by a large column of Somali forces. Al-Shabab militants have been withdrawing from towns and villages and retreating into the bush with the intention of a prolonged guerrilla war. VOA

Cause of Kenya's Longest Power Outage In Memory Remains Unclear

The longest nationwide power outage in Kenya's memory remained a mystery Sunday as the government-owned power company blamed a failure at Africa's largest wind farm, which laid the responsibility on the power grid instead.

Some of Kenya's more than 50 million people, including in the capital, Nairobi, saw power return almost 24 hours after the massive outage occurred late Friday. It was an embarrassment to the East African economic hub that has sought to promote itself as a tech center on the continent but remains challenged by alleged mismanagement and poor infrastructure.

Hundreds of people were stranded in darkness for hours at Kenya's main international airport in Nairobi, leading to a rare public apology from a government minister in a country where tourism is a key part of the economy. "This situation WILL NOT happen again," transport minister,

power plant to automatically switch off." The plant had been producing nearly 15% of the national output at the time.

Such an interruption should be immediately compensated by other power generators in the system, the company said, but the continuing outages in the national grid were preventing the wind plant from being brought back online.

Kenya Power said it couldn't even turn to importing power from neighboring Uganda, a relatively fast option that for some reason had been unavailable.

"We are jointly working on having the Uganda interconnector restored so as to enhance our grid recovery efforts," it said.

President William Ruto, whose own office told The Associated Press on Saturday it was still running on generator power hours after Kenya Power announced it had restored electricity to "critical areas" of the capital, did not comment publicly on the crisis. Instead, he again criticized opposition calls for anti-government protests over the rising cost of living, calling them a



A Kenyan sips a cup of tea as she sits in her sitting room with an emergency light amid a power outage

Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan Resume Negotiations Over Disputed Dam

Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan resumed their years-long negotiations Sunday over the controversial dam Ethiopia is building on the Nile River's main tributary, officials said.

The resumption of talks came after President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi and Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said last month that they aim to reach within four months an agreement on the operation of the \$4.6 billion Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam on the Blue Nile. The Blue Nile meets the White Nile in Sudan's capital of Khartoum, before winding northward through Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea. Egypt fears a devastating impact if the dam is operated without taking its needs into account. It called it an existential threat. The Arab world's most populous country relies almost entirely on the

Nile to supply water for agriculture and its more than 100 million people. About 85% of the river's flow originates from Ethiopia. The Egyptian Irrigation Ministry announced the new round of talks in Cairo. Irrigation Minister Hani Sewilam said Egypt wants a legally binding agreement on how the giant dam is operated and filled. Sewilam said there are many "technical and legal solutions" for the dispute, without elaborating.

Tensions have heightened

between Cairo and Addis Ababa after the Ethiopian government began filling the dam's reservoir before reaching an agreement. Key questions remain about how much water Ethiopia will release downstream if a multi-year drought occurs and how the three countries will resolve any future disputes. Ethiopia has rejected binding arbitration at the final stage of the project. VOA



This handout satellite image obtained courtesy of Maxar Technologies on July 21, 2020, shows a view of northwestern Ethiopia that focuses on the status of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and the Blue Nile River

Kipchumba Murkomen, said.

The head of the Kenya Airports Authority was fired after a generator serving the main international terminal had failed to start.

Shortly before midnight Saturday, Kenya Power offered the first detailed explanation of the outage, blaming it on a loss of power generation from the Lake Turkana Wind Power plant, Africa's largest wind farm, causing an imbalance that "tripped all other main generation units and stations, leading to a total outage on the grid."

But Lake Turkana Wind Power in a statement denied it was to blame. Instead, it said it had been forced to go offline by an "overvoltage situation in the national grid system which, to avoid extreme damage, causes the wind

threat to investors.

"Shame of a nation," was the main headline of one of Kenya's leading newspapers, the Sunday Nation. It said the outage was costing businesses millions of dollars and leaving some major hospitals to run on generators.

Kenya gets almost all its electricity from renewable sources, a fact that the government will promote as it hosts the first Africa Climate Summit early next month.

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EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

By Justina Nixon-Saintil

Party militants are threats to peace

Advancing Environmental Justice with AI

Liberia's Attorney General and Minister of Justice Cllr. Musa Dean, is being diplomatic when he says militants of political parties should adjust their dress codes at rallies because they are symbolic of extreme militancy that could undermine integrity of free, fair elections in the country.

"We need to communicate to them that their actions are not beneficial to us. While they may believe their behavior supports their party's agenda, but it isn't benefiting the country, instead, it is eroding the foundation of our opportunities and progress", Minister Dean observed here Friday, August 25, while addressing the Women Peace Builders Inter-Generational Dialogue at the Monrovia City Hall.

We find it difficult to fathom when the Minister says parties should tell their militants to adjust their dress codes. The fact of the matter is that party regalia and militancy send wrong messages and they should not be encouraged in anyway whatsoever.

Instead, the Attorney General should come clear by taking a definitive action now against such political outfits that tend to promote violence and undermine the relative peace we all enjoy right now as Liberians.

The government should not be seen as pampering something that is dangerous for our electoral process and the stability of the state. Party militants and brigades serve no national interest other than their respective institutions and personal goals, which often conflict with the general good.

Militant style of campaign and rally instigate violence that are bent on diluting what supposed to be a clean and peaceful political process as this nation goes to elections.

The minister recounts that during a visit to the Monrovia prison center, he came across a girl, who was in juvenile detention for taking the life of a fourteen-year-old boy. Likewise, he shared that in his neighborhood a few years back, a twelve-year-old boy took the life of a fifteen-year-old boy, adding these kids claim self-defense when questioned about their actions

"We need to reach a point where we can assure them that they don't have to resort to defending themselves, because their protection is better served by the authority of Liberia. It's a message that needs to be instilled in them."

We urge the Attorney General to help spread such message by reminding all sides in our political divide about existence of the rule of law and penalties for violators whether political militants or ordinary citizens.

It is important that we call a spade a spade and move promptly in denouncing acts that are inimical to peace, stability and violence-freed elections by allowing the chip to fall not matter who is hurt to keep the Motherland on the peace caravan.

NEW YORK - Climate change is undoubtedly the defining challenge of our time, but its effects are not equally distributed. In both developed and developing countries, environmental degradation disproportionately affects communities marginalized because of race, ethnicity, religion, and poverty. More often than not, these communities are already confronting systemic inequalities such as water scarcity and greater exposure to pollution and extreme weather events - all of which are exacerbated by the climate crisis.

It is a reality with which I am intimately familiar. As a child, my family had a farm on Dominica, a small Caribbean island state that faces the threat of hurricanes each year. One tropical storm could knock out power grids and wipe out entire harvests, destroying local livelihoods.

According to the World Bank, climate-related disasters push 26 million people into poverty annually. And because the world's poorest people often depend on agriculture - a sector highly dependent on favorable weather conditions - to support themselves, they urgently need access to technical, financial, and institutional resources to prepare for and respond to ever more frequent and intense extreme weather events.

Given its capacity to innovate climate solutions, the technology sector could provide the tools we need to understand, mitigate, and even reverse the damaging effects of global warming. In fact, addressing longstanding environmental injustices requires these companies to put the newest and most effective technologies into the hands of those on the front lines of the climate crisis.

Tools that harness the power of artificial intelligence, in particular, could offer unprecedented access to accurate information and prediction, enabling communities to learn from and adapt to climate challenges in real time. The IBM Sustainability Accelerator, which we launched in 2022, is at the forefront of this effort, supporting the development and scaling of projects such as the Deltares Aquality App, an AI-powered tool that helps farmers assess and improve water quality. As a result, farmers can grow crops more sustainably, prevent runoff pollution, and protect biodiversity.

Consider also the challenges that smallholder farmers face, such as rising costs, the difficulty of competing with larger producers that have better tools and technology, and, of course, the devastating effects of climate change on biodiversity and weather patterns. Accurate information, especially about soil conditions and water availability, can help them address these issues, but has historically been hard to obtain.

One could imagine regional officials in a developing country deploying a machine learning algorithm to forecast future

population growth and corresponding change in energy demand using temporal and spatial data. With this forecasting model, policymakers could optimize the country's energy network, redirecting supply to where it will be needed most. That is also something that we are supporting today.

Developing AI-powered mobile apps and virtual assistants, and making them widely available, promotes equitable access to data and technical insights. With highly accurate weather forecasting, advanced agronomy techniques, and carbon-footprint calculations, as well as other predictions generated by AI, smallholder farmers can build greater climate resilience and boost both production and income by adapting to changing conditions more quickly and managing crops more sustainably.

At the same time, simply handing over these tools to disadvantaged communities will not solve the problem - apps alone are not an antidote to climate injustice. To implement AI-based technology successfully, tech companies must be willing to share knowledge with users, including instructions on how to take measurements that will yield data. They must build in the ability for users to collaborate independently with one another, and solicit feedback from farmers and other users. To that end, an AI chatbot that automates question-and-answer exchanges could help minimize user-training challenges while democratizing access to information. As companies develop AI solutions, we also need to support local tech firms and app developers, as they are best positioned to put these tools to use.

Beyond increasing access to new AI-powered tools, the tech community, together with NGOs, governments, and international agencies, can help build an equitable, resilient future for disenfranchised communities by providing training in the technical skills and knowledge required for green jobs. As the transition to a low-carbon global economy accelerates, demand for so-called "green skills" is projected to outstrip supply. Preparing workers for the jobs of the future, in combination with the widespread adoption of new technologies, will strengthen climate resilience, especially in developing economies.

All of us - individuals, corporations, organizations, and governments - share the responsibility to address growing environmental threats. Tech firms, in particular, must channel more resources to combat global warming. That means investing in the development and implementation of AI tools and ensuring that those in the greatest need can access them. Finding climate solutions - and achieving environmental justice - depends on the private sector mobilizing its expertise for the greater good.

OP-ED

By Raj Persaud

What Motivates Killer Nurses?

LONDON - Recently convicted of murdering seven babies and attempting to kill six others at the Countess of Chester Hospital between June 2015 and June 2016, neonatal nurse Lucy Letby has the grisly distinction of being the United Kingdom's most prolific child serial killer. Over the course of Letby's ten-month trial, believed to be the longest murder trial in UK history, prosecutors detailed how she had harmed the infants in her care by injecting air and insulin into their bloodstreams, infusing air into their abdomens, and dislodging their breathing tubes.

What would provoke a nurse - a caregiver by profession - to inflict such terrible suffering? Even after covering the trial and spending months in Letby's presence, BBC journalist Judith Moritz struggled to understand her motivations. One text message hints at a possible god complex: "...sometimes I think, how do such sick babies get through & others just die so suddenly & unexpectedly?" Letby wrote. "Guess it's how it's meant to be." But, in Moritz's view, this does not provide a satisfying answer.

An examination of similar cases could offer insights into Letby's psychological state. Serial-killer nurses, it turns out, are more common than many would like to believe. Consider Niels Högel, who admitted to killing 43 people while working as a nurse at two clinics in the northern German cities of Oldenburg and Delmenhorst between 2000 and 2005.

Högel, the most prolific serial killer in postwar Germany, embodies the gravity of the danger posed by a disturbed health-care professional. Officials suspect that as many as 300 patients may have died by his hand.

As a psychologist explained during the trial, Högel did not seem to enjoy killing, nor did he do it for financial gain. Rather, Högel admitted to acting out of boredom, as well as a deep yearning to flaunt his superior resuscitation skills. After misusing medication to trigger cardiac arrest, reviving a patient was an act of personal aggrandizement - he was even nicknamed "Resuscitation Rambo" by admiring colleagues.

In his ruling, the judge cited a psychologist's assessment that the former nurse was a narcissist who liked to portray himself as a hero. While Högel relished the excitement of resuscitation, and sometimes even succeeded in reviving patients, at least 87 died. Likewise, when Letby was on duty, infants in the Countess of Chester Hospital often inexplicably required emergency resuscitation.

Serial-killer nurses tend to use injectable medications like insulin, opioids, and potassium chloride because they can be difficult to identify after death, as most health-care professionals would know. Beverley Allitt, for example, killed at least two babies by administering large doses of insulin while working as a nurse at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital in Lincolnshire, England, between February and April 1991. She was ultimately convicted of murdering four infants in total, attempting to murder another three, and causing grievous bodily harm to six more.

One theory invoked in the Allitt case is that she suffered from Munchausen syndrome by proxy, a rare and controversial diagnosis in which a caregiver inflicts harm on a child to gain personal sympathy. It is similar to one of the possible motivations that the prosecution in the Letby case identified: the nurse was attacking babies to attract the attention of a doctor with whom it is alleged she had become infatuated.

Insulin injections were also Ontario nurse Elizabeth Wettlaufer's weapon of choice. In September 2016, Wettlaufer admitted to killing eight long-term care residents and attempting to murder six others. Wettlaufer's crimes were uncovered only because she spontaneously confessed while receiving drug-addiction treatment. She had never been under any suspicion, and it would have likely remained that way had she not implicated herself.

Wettlaufer may also have admitted the truth to a childhood friend, telling him: "A lot of what I've done has been triggered by my anger issues. "But how could killing people under your care become a means of acting out anger issues? Who hasn't experienced homicidal urges against frustrating colleagues, or maybe undeserving patients blocking your precious beds, if you are a clinician struggling to run an under-resourced service?"

The nature of their jobs put these health-care professionals in closer proximity to death than most ordinary people; regularly dealing with mortality could have warped their perspective. Or perhaps they were always drawn to the emotional intensity, and heightened bonding, produced in any team confronted with the ultimate crisis. In any event, because psychological screenings are secondary to technical skills when hiring in medical fields, and all these serial-killer nurses seemed to excel technically, dangerous pathology likely would not have been flagged when it's often difficult to find the basically clinically competent.

None of the experts giving evidence during the Letby trial presented a coherent theory explaining her motivation; maybe even expert clinicians remain in denial about the demons in their midst. Although other "angels of death" can provide clues about what gives rise to such evil, the most worrying implication of the "god complex" explanation is that the next "angel" more likely will be found among the better, or even the best, nurses. And it will always be counterintuitive to search for a killer among the healers you most rely on in an emergency.

ON 2ND THOUGHTS



with Othello B. Garblah

Bomi has sent a message to the rest of Liberia

Last week, citizens of Bomi County booed and shouted No, no, when President George Weah introduced Senator Morris Saytumah at the start of his re-election campaign in Western Liberia.

Sen. Saytumah is one of two senators from Bomi County. Like his colleague Sen. Edwin Melvin Snowe, both men are not members of the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change or CDC but have aligned themselves with the CDC for the 2023 October 10, Presidential and Legislative elections.

Unlike Sen. Snowe, Sen. Saytumah previously elected on the former ruling Unity Party ticket is seeking re-election in October and has thought to align himself with President Weah and CDC to boost his re-election chances.

However, the citizens are not buying into that and have been emphatic and very vociferous in making their feelings known when it comes to giving Sen. Saytumah another nine years in the Senate.

A former minister of state for Economic Affairs under former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's administration, Sen. Saytumah has become very unpopular with his people over time.

Sen. Saytumah, according to those opposing his re-election in the county has made little or no impact on the lives of the people in the county. His relationship with his people has been very poor to say the least-that is according to citizens in the area. Some say he lives in total isolation and wonder how he even got elected in the first place.

His upright public rejection by citizens against his re-election speaks volume of how far the Liberian voting populace have come in terms of electing their officials.

The booing and shouting of no, no, to the introduction of Sen. Saytumah by President Weah as someone who the electorate should vote for because of his alignment with him has sent a very clear message of how sophisticated Liberian voters are becoming.

It is a clear demonstration of their sophistication, that no matter whose shadow you hide behind, regardless of their loyalty and love for that person, they will outrightly reject you based on your own performance.

The upright rejection of Sen. Saytumah right before the very eyes of President Weah, though uncomfortable, but it's saying that Liberian electorates are beginning to think for themselves.

Many of the country's current legislators got elected because of placing their photos with that of an aspiring presidential candidate or say in the case of CDC lawmakers-President Weah.

Over time, majority if not all have performed dismally in their districts and counties but want to hide behind the popularity of President Weah to get re-elected. This is a message that should resonate with them as well.

Moreover, this should also be a warning to all presidential candidates who are roaming the country campaigning with candidates (sitting lawmakers) who have made little or no impact on the lives of their citizens but are now seeking re-elections and using their popularities to win voters over. These failed lawmakers could be thieves in their fest.

Meanwhile, the citizens of Bomi have sent a message that the rest of Liberia should take queue. That is, you cannot elect an individual because his or her hand has been lifted by someone you have explicit confidence in. Candidates should be elected based on their ability to deliver not on alignment.

Presidential candidates too should be very careful to avoid these failed politicians becoming an excess baggage for their campaigns. Politics, they say is about the numbers, but some numbers come in the form of subtraction, not addition.

There are presidential candidates in the current race whose alignment with some politicians is going to cause them a great due because Liberians would think that voting for these candidates would mean restoring them to state power.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

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MAMAL, IOM, and others conclude peaceful elections awareness in nine counties

By Lincoln G. Peters

The Migrants As Messengers Association of Liberia support existing peace infrastructures and community volunteers to conduct peer-to-peer engagement on conflict prevention and political

Nimba Counties, respectively.

Migrants As Messengers Association of Liberia is a not-for-profit institution that strives to provide accurate information to the public on pressing issues.

MAMAL on 3 August 2023, commenced phase 2 of its awareness campaign in Bong, Nimba, Lofa, and Montserrado counties. It conducted awareness against conflict triggers and electoral violence through interactive dialogue with community members, community leaders, and local stakeholders' engagement, door-to-door awareness, institutional engagement, and on-air awareness activities.

Migrant As Messenger Association of Liberia Executive Director, Ms. Catheryn Kenny is quoted as saying that "the awareness campaign aimed at discouraging hate speeches, conflict trigger, and electoral violence, thus, empowering youths and women to promote anti-violence messages through the media and communities' engagement activities.

Activities also informed the public and social groups about the Farmington River Declaration peace document signed by political parties' leaders to uphold peace during and after the elections.

support existing peace infrastructures and community volunteers to conduct peer-to-peer engagement on conflict prevention and political

participation in border communities across Liberia's fifteen counties. Currently, the project has reached nine counties.

Also, the project aims to ensure that Liberia's political environment is void of political and electoral violence, hate speech, and conflict as the nation goes toward the 10 October 2023 Presidential and Legislative elections.

The program climaxed recently both in Bong and



(MAMAL) with funding and partnership from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Peace Building Office has concluded phase one of its promoting peaceful electoral environment, and community security in Liberia.

The Promoting Peaceful Electoral Environment and Community Security in Liberia project seeks to engage and

We can't afford to see Liberia return to chaos --Peace advocates vow

By Lincoln G. Peters

Twenty-three graduates of the International Association of World Peace Advocates (IAWPA) have vowed to uphold the messages of peaceful election and coexistence, saying they can't afford to see Liberia return to chaos. According to the graduating class of 2023/2024, Liberia has tasted war, therefore, they can't sit and watch the country Liberia return to its ugly past that claimed the lives of many. The graduating class vowed to ensure that the "Peace Begins with Me" campaign is elevated and spread to all Liberians. The initiative seeks to protect Liberia and global peace.

IAWPA graduated over twenty-three Liberians as eminent peace ambassadors. Peace advocates awards were also presented, while some were appointed as eminent peace ambassadors.

The graduation comes following an intensive year of training in conflict mitigation,

peaceful elections, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

During the ceremony on Saturday, 26 August 2023 in Monrovia, political parties, religious leaders as well and representatives of the National Elections Commission, graced the graduation and award presentation of IAWPA. Following the program, IAWPA also presented and unveiled the "Peace Begins with Me" campaign in Liberia, an initiative of the United Nations Peace-Keepers 2023.

The Peace Begins with Me

campaign recognizes the service and sacrifice of United Nations peacekeepers, past and present, and the resilience of the communities they serve.

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They are ordinary people working in difficult and

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Scrap extreme abortion section in Public Health Bill

Public mounts pressure on Senators

The Liberian Government is facing growing pressure to remove the section of the Public Health Bill that it is estimated will lead to 40,000 babies being aborted in Liberia each year.

A number of senators have received a flood of correspondence from members of the public who are deeply concerned by the radical proposed change to abortion legislation in Liberia.

The Public Health Bill, which includes the extreme abortion provision, is currently before the Senate. Members of the public throughout Liberia are being encouraged to visit www.StopAbortionLiberia.com to ask their senators to ensure that the extreme abortion section be removed from the Bill. Under Liberia's current law,

the Public Health Bill.

This data demonstrates that this bill would introduce a drastic change to our legislation here in Liberia and would directly lead to the death of hundreds 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:

"Senators have received a flood of correspondence from



Bishop Kortu K. Brown

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 abortion section in 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. Based on this estimate, if this law change is made, it will lead to up to 400,000 innocent lives being lost to abortion over the next ten years in Liberia. Senators can avoid this mass loss of life now by removing this extreme abortion section from

members of the public who are deeply concerned by the proposed radical change to abortion legislation in Liberia." "People throughout Liberia have been rightfully horrified by this abortion section in the Public Health Bill which will lead to the death of thousands of babies each year in Liberia". "It's time for Senators to listen to the people of Liberia and remove the abortion section in the Public Health 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." "The extreme abortion provision in this Bill would introduce a drastic change to our legislation here in Liberia and would directly lead to the death of thousands of innocent babies through abortion in Liberia."

"Senators can avoid this mass loss of life now by removing this extreme abortion section from the Public Health Bill."



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B. Treasurer

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11	Telephone	
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13	Account number	002USD21920500501
14	Signatories	

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1. ASSETS

a. Real Properties*

DESCRIPTION <small>(e.g., Land, Buildings, Machinery, Crops, Minerals, & (any item permanently placed on or under a land)</small>	KIND <small>(e.g., residential, IIG, commercial, industrial, agricultural, land, and mixed use)</small>	EXACT LOCATION	ASSESSED? Y/N <small>If yes, state value</small>	CURRENT FAIR MARKET VALUE	ACQUISITION		ACQUISITION COST
					YEAR	MODE	
Building	HQ	Monrovia	N/A	\$65,000	2020	lease	\$70,000
Building	Busch	Buchanan	N/A	\$22,000	2021	lease	\$25,000
Office	Office	Gbarnga	N/A	\$5,000	2022	lease	\$5,000
Furniture		Mon, Busch, Gb	N/A	\$7,000	2022		\$7,500



Subtotal: \$110,000

b. Personal Properties*

DESCRIPTION <small>(E.g., Vehicles, Motor bikes, Tricycles, Furniture, boats, bank accounts (cash in bank), cash on hand, stock, bonds & (any item that can be carried)</small>	YEAR ACQUIRED	Exact Location	ACQUISITION COST/AMOUNT	Accumulated Depreciation (Where applicable)	Book Value Or Current balance (Where applicable)
Jeep	2023	HQ/Mon	5000	\$1,500	\$3,500
Pickup	2023	Buchanan	4000	\$500	\$3,500
Cash/Bank	2022	LIRD1	\$10,100		\$10,100
Medical Outfit	2023	Mon-Tang	\$6,050		\$6,050
Loan/Board	2023	Market	\$16,277.00		\$16,277.00
Campaign	2022	Mon, Busch	10,000		\$10,000
stipend	2022	Monrovia	\$5,500		\$5,500

Subtotal: \$54,927

Total Assets (a+b) \$164,927



\$164,927

2. LIABILITIES*

NATURE	NAME OF CREDITORS	ORIGINAL DEBT	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
	N/A		N/A

TOTAL LIABILITIES: X
NET WORTH: Total Assets less Total Liabilities = X

I/We hereby certify that these are true and correct statements of our Party/candidate's assets, liabilities, and net worth, to the best of our knowledge.

I/We hereby authorize the National Elections Commissions duly authorized representative to obtain and secure from all appropriate government agencies, including Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA), such documents that may show our assets, liabilities, and net worth, herein listed.

Date: August 25, 2023

Oniel Paasewe
(Signature of Party Chairman / Candidate)

Ruth Thompson
(Signature of Party/Candidate Treasurer)

Three (3) Witnesses & Signatures:

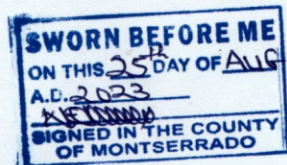
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Victoria Johnson



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James Freeman

* Additional sheet/s may be used, if necessary.




I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- SOLICITATION NO:** VA-669-23-000025
- ISSUANCE DATE:** August 25 2023
- CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** September 8, 2023
- POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov
- POSITION TITLE:** Computer Management Assistant.
- MARKET VALUE:** USD 27,502 to 44,008 [USD] equivalent to FSN- 09
In accordance with AIDAR Appendix J and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value. Note that all U.S. Embassy Locally Employed Staff are expected to observe and fulfill all tax obligations imposed by the Government of Liberia and you will be required to provide a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) before employment.
- PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** This contract will be for up to five (5) years depending on programmatic needs, funding availability, and satisfactory performance. This is considered a permanent position and employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
- PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia.
- ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
- SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility and computer access.
- STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION -

This position is in the Information Technology (IT) Division of the Executive Office. The job holder is responsible for assisting in the management of computer systems and automated programs. The incumbent of this position will be involved in the day-to-day operations, development, installation, repair, maintenance, support and management of Windows, LAN and PC hardware, software, peripherals, accessories, and automation. The incumbent is responsible for the development, installation, operation, and maintenance of the Mission's network and desktop installations. The work involves comparing the organization's work process to LAN system capabilities and developing methods to improve both, operating day-to-day network and maximizing system performance, providing management advisory services, user support and training. The incumbent is expected to develop, implement and manage computer-training programs on different applications and operating systems. The incumbent provides IT systems and application support to users. Application support incorporates the use and refinement of hardware, software and user expertise in Mission Standard Applications. The incumbent will work with other IT staff in furthering USAID/Liberia Intranet website development and coordination. The incumbent works under the supervision of the Computer Management Specialist and takes full charge of the computer center operations during his absence. S/he performs systems development and maintenance of applications related to USAID/Liberia operations. S/he will be responsible for maintaining the Mission's LAN hardware for approximately 105 users, 105 workstations, modems, routers, switches, scanners, printers, and various peripherals of computer equipment.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES -
1. LAN Administration and Security -30%

- Performs LAN administration routines such as adding/removing users, support of Windows Servers, PC/LAN and PC hardware, software, applications, peripherals (Workstations, printers, plotters, scanners, tape and disk drives, DVD Writers, etc.), data communication equipment (switches, Data Cryptor servers, routers, cards or controller, network cabling, etc.) and auxiliary equipment (Central UPS, small to medium UPSs, temperature and humidity monitoring systems etc.) Maintain disk directories for users, manage profiles and printer locations. Sets up user's Access Rights to system files and software applications in the Windows File and Print Server. Carries out the installation and setup of new equipment in a PC-LAN network which includes configuration of memory, installation of approved software, configure desktops and procedures. Installs equipment at user locations and configures cabling modifications if necessary.
- Manages network resources for Windows for accessing the print services & print queues.
- The incumbent is responsible for operating USAID information systems and information security to a level of "Least Privilege", "Separation of Duties", "Individual Accountability" and "Need to Know" as defined in ADS 545.3.2.1.
- Ensures IT and Mission staff are aware of and in compliance with Agency specific Information Resource Management policies and guidelines. Understands the content and applicability of USAID's Automated Directives System (ADS), chapters 541-551 and

577 and 578 which pertain to Information Resource Management. Verifies that IT and Mission staff follow the appropriate Rules of Behavior as defined in ADS 545.3.1.5.

- Monitors the security of Servers and workstations on the agency approved Vulnerability reporting system. Ensures that USAID ISSO Security, FMFIA and NIST guidelines are being followed and patches/hotfixes are applied immediately when vulnerabilities are logged and reported. Ensures antivirus software and security patches are updated promptly on the servers and workstations. Oversees that Software Copyright laws are strictly followed in the Mission.
- The incumbent takes the responsibility to perform the job of the Systems Administrator of secured systems.
- Installation, monitoring, testing and network management of, Windows servers/workstations, network security devices, PC/LAN and PC hardware, software, peripherals, data communication equipment and accessories, recommending and performing systems programming, fine tuning, upgrades, enhancements and re-configuration to attain optimum system efficiency and performance.
- Secondary contact person for all LAN questions. Works with the supervisor on LAN problems. Notes down the exact nature of the problem and attempts to solve. Prepares himself as a backup person for regular LAN operations which would include bringing the system up, backing up the hard drives and maintaining the system.
- Assists in planning and scheduling adequate technical support for all systems which includes Routine Preventive Maintenance schedule (RPM) for all equipment at least once every four months.
- The incumbent will be called on to install, upgrade, and maintain a wide assortment of commercial, locally developed, and agency developed or approved software applications. Updates and service patches must be loaded when the department approves them. Anti-virus definitions must be kept up to date. Unexpected problems must be diagnosed and de-bugged. The incumbent will work with her/his subordinate to create and maintain an orderly library of the Mission's software and reference material. Develops and maintains a systematic, preventive-oriented approach to routine network maintenance tasks.
- Provides software support services designed to maximize ADP systems utilization and increase office productivity. These services include telephone assistance, on-site technical assistance, software installation and reinstallation, update and fixes, recovery of operating system, hardware or software problem isolation/identification/resolution and ADP consultations.
- Carries out activities relating to the various telecommunications links of the USAID network. Duties include implementation and operation of the WAN connection including Local ISP and State DTSP system. Incumbent monitors all links and always ensures trouble free operation, takes corrective measures in an event of failure by coordinating repairs with providers and implements backup routes to maintain communications. Incumbent monitors communications logs,
- Remains vigilant about information security, including anti-virus software updates, network intrusion detection, and proper file security settings.
- Recommends to the supervisor the acquisition of professional engineering services from

outside contractors as needed.

2. System Development, Maintenance, and Implementation - 30%

- Primary person for all programs being used in the Mission along with applications to be developed and maintained for the better workflow in the Mission and Mission Programs. Develops an information system to prioritize and schedule the implementation of all possible and planned information systems. Writes the basis for such prioritizing and discusses it with the EXO and the Computer Management Specialist.
- With consultation with the Computer Management Specialist, the incumbent performs periodic maintenance activities required on servers and workstations to remove unnecessary files, release unused disk space, re organize databases, archive inactive documents, etc. with the ultimate goal of balancing workload, minimize system degradation, improve system performance, data integrity and maximum utilization of disk space.
- Develops/Maintains the mission intranet website.
- Identifies, analyzes and writes technical specifications for possible new information systems for eventual implementation. Estimates the hardware and manpower resources necessary to implement them.
- Evaluates and recommends PC & LAN hardware configurations, and software packages appropriate for Mission use. Tests and implements all automation software from AID/Washington and other Missions.
- Provides in-depth training to all the Computer Center staff on the Automation software being used in the Mission to back-up on technical issues during absence.
- Provides prompt repair and maintenance services to automation equipment by utilizing contractor engineers working under various repair and maintenance contract agreements.
- Makes recommendations to the supervisor as to how hardware resources should be balanced between offices, particularly whenever any significant percentage of hardware is down.
- Assists in the installation, testing and configuration of IT equipment. This will also include suggestions on relocation of PCs, Laptops, scanners, Document Senders, Smartphones, printers, etc.
- Performs development and maintenance services on applications that: electronically logs3 service requests; monitors repair and maintenance services; records of parts replaced; status and conditions of ADP systems; and preventive maintenance schedules.
- Compliant to Mission-adopted development and documentation standards, performs systems analysis and design of application and databases; programming coding, compilation, testing and debugging using approved programming languages, standard desktop publishing, forms designer software and related tools; parallel run using live data to beta test completed programs; implement application, input data, regular and ad hoc reports generation; maintains applications to cope with management and technology changes.

3. User Support and Training - 20%

- Provide IT support to around 100 users and various IT devices.
- Primary contact person for users with PC, Laptop, problems. Promptly investigates problems, if unable to solve the same day, writes a technical support notice, and initiates plans to solve expeditiously with the supervisor.
- Responsible for providing user support on the use, operation, features, capabilities of Windows OS, Google Apps, PC/LAN hardware; conversion of data, Word, graphics and images to various format and storage medium; archive and retrieval of data.
- Interacts with end users on a day-to-day basis and provides first line support on standard application software packages and other agency software installed on the various platforms.
- Contact person for users with any sort of PC problem including hardware, system software, application software and automated systems. Promptly investigates problems, attempts to solve them immediately, or initiates plans to bring to a solution. Reports the problem to the other members of the computer center and works on the solution as soon as possible.
- Contact person for users with any PC problem if the problem is beyond the individual PC and more on the network. Documents the exact nature of the problem and reports to the supervisor for action. Assists the supervisor to
- respond to the service needs of USAID end users, responding within reasonable time after receipt of a service request.
- The incumbent will provide customer support on Multimedia setups.
- The incumbent will conduct computer training to the LAN users. Generally training will be one-on-one; however, when there is a need s/he will organize larger, more formal classes. Training will include commercial applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Windows OS, My USAID and Google Apps. The incumbent will also be called on frequently to assist users in learning department specific software. S/he may also be called on to teach locally developed software.

4. Measurable Outputs - 10%

- In consultation with the Computer Management Specialist, performs critical tasks such as preventive maintenance, operating system upgrade and recovery, administrative support outside regular office hours when necessary and urgent, to keep system down time and inaccessibility to end-users to a minimum.
- Makes recommendations to the supervisor as to how hardware resources should be balanced between offices, particularly whenever any significant percentage of hardware is down.
- Performs other related tasks and duties that may be assigned by the Division Chief.
- The incumbent should suggest Budget Planning for yearly procurement of IRMS and should also plan the allocation of Hardware to the entire mission Users.

5. Administrative Functions - 10%

- Secondary contact person in Mission for all communications with CIO/Washington.
- Receive, inspect, and record all automation-related deliveries, warranty claims, short

shipment claims, out-of-office or out-of-country repairs, inter-office transfers, and disposal. Regularly updates the Mission inventory of automation hardware, software, peripherals, and auxiliary equipment.

- Manages the automation facilities implementing time-in and time-out log, pull-out and return log, spare parts control and issuance, physical security, cleanliness, non-smoking and other administrative policies applicable.
- Maintains an up-to-date listing of the automation resources Hardware, software auxiliary equipment, facilities, manuals, schematic diagrams and licenses of the Mission including its physical distribution and assignment, classification, condition, source of funding, related purchase orders, warranty coverage, etc.
- Prepares purchase requisition for any PC hardware and software necessary, keeps an updated inventory on it. Work with GSO and EXO on procurement of IT equipment.
- Assists supervisor, recommends and performs engineering improvements and modifications to improve the operation, safety and/or reliability of the ADP Systems recommended by the manufacturer and approved by Computer Management Specialist.

- Supervision controls:** This position is directly supervised by the IT Systems Manager.
- Supervisory Relationship:** None

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- Education:** A Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field is required.
- Prior Work Experience:** Three to five years of progressively responsible technical experience in the field of IT is required. At least three years of experience with a Non-Governmental Organization or International Organization is required. Experience with network installation and support along with web page experience is also desired.
- Work/Residency Permits:** For applicants who are not Liberian Citizens, valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia are required. This information should be clearly stated in the application package.
- Language Proficiency:** English proficiency requirements by level II, III and specialization (speak/read): Proficiency in speaking and writing English Level 4 is required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1: Please describe how your technical, administrative, and operations experience directly relates to the major duties and responsibilities of this position.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factors	50 points
Factor #1	50 points
Interview Performance	50 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's ability to:

- respond in a clear and concise manner to a series of questions about the applicant's experience, skills, and goals as they directly relate to the position duties and responsibilities described above.

Total Possible Points 100 points

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

- Eligible Offerors are required to complete and submit the form AID 309-2 (**Offeror Information for Personal Services Contracts with Individuals**) (please copy and search on your browser); and a current resume that provides detailed information as contained in

the AID 309-2 form.

- Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-23-000025 – Computer Management Assistant to LiberiaHR@usaid.gov**

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents or their applications will not be considered for this position:

- AID 309-2 Offeror Information for Personnel Services Contractors with Individuals form
- A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
- A minimum of three (3) professional references, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
- A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factors.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. Candidates must also meet the full work experience requirement and demonstrate in their application that they are an eligible offeror as required in I.9 above. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Français

Supprimer la section sur l'avortement extrême dans le projet de loi sur la santé publique

Le gouvernement libérien fait face à une pression croissante de la part du public pour supprimer la section du projet de loi sur la

santé publique, qui comprend une disposition extrême sur l'avortement, est actuellement devant le Sénat.

Les Libériens sont

danger, en cas de viol/inceste/rapports sexuels criminels et d'invalidité du fœtus. Ce sont des situations rares.

La section sur l'avortement du projet de loi sur la santé publique supprimerait la loi actuelle sur l'avortement au Libéria et la remplacerait par une loi extrême qui autorise l'avortement, pour quelque raison que ce soit, sur demande, jusqu'à ce que le bébé dans l'utérus ait atteint 14 semaines de gestation.

On estime que ce passage de l'autorisation de l'avortement dans des circonstances exceptionnelles à l'autorisation de l'avortement sur demande entraînerait la perte de la vie de 40 000 bébés à cause de l'avortement au Libéria chaque année. Il s'agit d'une estimation prudente, le nombre réel pourrait être bien plus élevé.

Selon cette estimation, si cette loi était modifiée, jusqu'à 400 000 vies innocentes seraient perdues à cause de l'avortement au cours des dix prochaines années au Libéria. Les sénateurs peuvent éviter ces pertes massives de vies humaines dès maintenant en supprimant cette section extrême sur l'avortement du projet de loi sur la santé publique.

Ces données démontrent que ce projet de loi introduirait un changement radical à notre législation ici au Libéria et conduirait

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Le soutien de la base de Cummings augmente

Le leader politique de la Collaboration des partis politiques (CPP), M. Alexander Cummings, a intensifié ses activités de campagne, allant de porte en porte dans les communautés, partageant des autocollants de campagne avec les conducteurs, les motocyclistes, les piétons et les commerçants dans le district n°6 du comté de Montserrat.

M. Cummings et sa colistière Me Charlyne Brumskine ont été rejoints par des centaines de nouveaux électeurs le samedi 26 août pour défiler de GSA Road à ELWA et la localité de Zubah Town, ont rencontré et salué les résidents et les automobilistes.

Les jeunes se sont rassemblés pour accueillir le leader politique de la CPP et sa colistière qui sont en tournée colorée à travers les rues principales dans le cadre de la campagne présidentielle. Le meeting a été organisé le candidat de la CPP à l'élection législative, M. Martin Kollah, dans le district n°6 du comté de

Montserrat.

Un propriétaire de magasin a crié : « Je veux voir cet homme merveilleux, Cummings, qui a promis d'aider les entreprises libériennes », tandis qu'un groupe de filles émerveillées et se précipitaient pour avoir un contact personnel avec le conseiller Brumskine, discutant de sa « jeunesse et de sa beauté » pour devenir la prochaine candidate du Libéria.

Cummings a exprimé sa gratitude aux jeunes pour leur participation massive et leur démonstration de soutien et de

solidarité pour sa candidature à la présidentielle et les a assurés d'une vie meilleure s'il est élu à la présidence le 10 octobre.

Les nouveaux votants sont des jeunes qui ont atteint l'âge de 18 ans et qui voteront pour la première fois aux élections générales et présidentielles du 10 octobre au Libéria.

La semaine dernière, le quartier densément peuplé de Duala, sur l'île de Bushrod, s'est momentanément arrêté,

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CPP Political leader Mr. Cummings

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 tuées, 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 la 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

Starts from page 8 **Supprimer la section sur**

directement à la mort des centaines de milliers de bébés innocents par avortement au Libéria.

La plupart des pays africains interdisent l'avortement, sauf dans des circonstances extrêmes, telles que la vie de la mère, le viol/l'inceste et l'invalidité fœtale. La plupart des pays du monde interdisent également l'avortement, sauf circonstances extrêmes. Seule une minorité de pays autorise l'avortement sur demande.

Le gouvernement suédois et d'autres ONG étrangères ont créé et financé des organisations au Libéria (en particulier l'Amplifying Rights Network) pour faire pression en faveur de la légalisation de l'avortement.

L'évêque Kortu K. Brown a déclaré :

« Les sénateurs ont reçu un flot de correspondance de la part du public profondément préoccupés par le projet de changement radical de la législation sur l'avortement au Libéria. »

« Partout au Libéria, les gens ont été à juste titre horrifiés par cette section sur l'avortement du projet de loi sur la santé publique, qui entraînera la mort de milliers

de bébés chaque année au Libéria ».

« Il est temps que les sénateurs écoutent le peuple libérien et suppriment la section sur l'avortement du projet de loi sur la santé publique. »

« Passer de l'autorisation de l'avortement dans des circonstances exceptionnelles à l'autorisation de l'avortement sur demande entraînerait chaque année la perte de la vie de milliers de bébés innocents à cause de l'avortement au Libéria. »

« La disposition extrême sur l'avortement contenue dans ce projet de loi introduirait un changement radical dans notre législation ici au Libéria et conduirait directement à la mort de milliers de bébés innocents par avortement au Libéria. »

« Les sénateurs peuvent éviter ces pertes massives de vies humaines dès maintenant en supprimant cette section extrême sur l'avortement du projet de loi sur la santé publique. »

"Les libériens peuvent agir maintenant et contacter les s é n a t e u r s v i a

www.StopAbortionLiberia.com et leur demander de supprimer la section sur l'avortement dans le projet de loi sur la santé publique." -

Starts from page 8 **Le soutien de la base**

le jeudi 24 août, lorsque les commerçants ont envahi la rue principale pour recevoir M. Alexander Cummings, qui est allé dans le district n°16 du comté de Montserrado provoquant une grande liesse des commerçants, des vendeurs ambulants, des habitants et des citoyens.

La foule immense a dansé sur la chanson de campagne de Cummings et scandé en chœur : « Dieu merci, je n'ai pas perdu ma carte de vote, mon seul vote fera gagner Cummings. » Cummings a été accueilli à son arrivée au pont de Bong Mines par des centaines de partisans, partisans et sympathisants, qui, ensemble, ont marché dans la rue et ont fait un bref arrêt dans sa maison rénovée pour sa petite enfance à Point Four. Cummings, protégé par des centaines de partisans et escorté par la sécurité de l'État, a traversé le marché de Duala jusqu'au à New Kru Town. Il a rencontré et salué les résidents, les commerçants, les piétons et les citoyens ordinaires New Kru Town est un bidonville densément peuplé, considéré comme un « bastion » du président George Weah.

Le porte-étendard de la CPP et son entourage ont été

accueillis avec enthousiasme par des partisans, et des sympathisants du district 16 du comté de Montserrado.

Cummings a exprimé sa gratitude pour l'accueil enthousiaste et la participation massive des partisans et sympathisants en faveur de sa candidature à la présidence en octobre. Il a promis aux Libériens que, s'il est élu président du Libéria, il ne décevra pas les espoirs des Libériens d'un changement réel qui améliorera la vie des masses qui souffrent.

Cummings a déclaré que s'il accède à la présidence, les Libériens commenceront à connaître un changement immédiat dans leurs conditions de vie, s'engageant à relancer une économie en difficulté grâce à la création massive d'emplois.

Il a déclaré que le gouvernement de la CPP s'efforcerait de réparer l'état déplorable des routes, de réparer les systèmes de santé et d'éducation et de rétablir d'autres services sociaux de base afin d'améliorer les conditions de vie de la grande majorité. Les visites de Cummings dans le district n°16 ont suivi des visites similaires dans les districts n°10 et 14, la semaine dernière, au cours desquelles il a interagi avec les citoyens pour rallier leur soutien à sa candidature à la présidence.

Niger: «À mesure que la junte s'installe au pouvoir, la perspective d'une solution diplomatique s'éloigne»



Au Niger, 20 000 partisans du coup d'État se sont réunis, samedi, à Niamey. Un rassemblement dans le stade Général Seyni Kountché alors que la junte a adressé, vendredi soir, un ultimatum de 48 heures à la France pour que son ambassadeur quitte le pays. La Cédéao, de son côté, prépare toujours son intervention armée dans le pays pour rétablir l'ordre constitutionnel et libérer le président renversé, Mohamed Bazoum, toujours retenu avec sa femme et son fils.

Un mois après ce coup d'État, on fait un point sur la

situation aujourd'hui avec Seidik Abba, journaliste, enseignant et président du Centre international de réflexions et d'études sur le Sahel. Il est auteur de Mali-Sahel, notre Afghanistan à nous.

RFI : Des milliers de Nigériens apportent leur soutien aux putschistes. Ils étaient donc 20 000 environ, samedi 26 août à Niamey. Aujourd'hui, quel est le sentiment dans la population ? Est-ce qu'une majorité de Nigériens soutient ce coup d'État ?

Seidik Abba : C'est difficile d'avoir une évaluation très exacte de la popularité dont jouit la junte. On note simplement sa capacité à mobiliser du monde pour montrer qu'elle n'est pas toute seule. Vous l'avez rappelé, il y a ce bras de fer avec la France et aussi, à côté, le bras de fer avec la Cédéao. Donc, pour la junte, il est essentiel de montrer qu'elle n'est pas toute seule et qu'elle peut mobiliser autant de monde.

Mais lorsqu'on mobilise une foule comme celle-là, elle n'est pas homogène. Il y a des gens qui viennent pour soutenir la junte, il y en a d'autres qui viennent parce qu'ils sont contre tout projet d'intervention militaire. Et il y a enfin une troisième catégorie de personnes qui viennent parce qu'elles considèrent qu'il faut affirmer la souveraineté du Niger et que le bras de fer de la junte avec la France mérite d'être soutenu.

La Cédéao prépare toujours cette intervention armée pour rétablir l'ordre constitutionnel dans le pays

Selon vous, cette crise peut-elle encore se régler par voie diplomatique ?

À mesure que la junte s'installe au pouvoir, la perspective d'une solution diplomatique et politique s'éloigne, puisque aujourd'hui, les positions sont tellement éloignées que je ne vois pas de compromis politique. La junte est inscrite depuis le dernier discours de son président, le général Abdourahmane Tiani, dans une perspective de transition. Cela veut dire que pour elle, la Ville République est derrière elle. Maintenant, il faut envisager la Ville République, mettre en place la transition alors que la communauté internationale et la Cédéao prônent un retour à l'ordre constitutionnel normal avec le président Mohamed Bazoum comme président.

Donc, vous voyez, les positions sont tellement éloignées que la perspective d'un compromis politique s'éloigne et à mesure que le compromis politique s'éloigne, la Cédéao n'aura aucune autre option que l'intervention militaire, puisque au-delà du cas du Niger, la Cédéao joue quand même sa crédibilité. Elle n'a pas réussi à avoir la main sur les transitions au Burkina Faso, au Mali et en Guinée, elle ne veut pas rater le cas du Niger. Parce que, pour elle, ce serait ouvrir la voie à une dévolution du pouvoir par les armes dans l'espace ouest-africain.

Selon les ordres de la junte, l'ambassadeur de France, lui, doit avoir quitté le Niger ce soir. Un ultimatum adressé vendredi. La France, qui ne reconnaît pas

l'autorité du Conseil national pour la sauvegarde pour la patrie (CNSP), ne souhaite pas rapatrier son ambassadeur. Samedi, lors de ce rassemblement de partisans du coup d'État, le CNSP a déclaré que « le combat ne s'arrêterait que le jour où il n'y aurait plus aucun militaire français au Niger ».

C'est clairement la prochaine étape pour vous ? Non, il va y avoir une confrontation puisque la posture de la France, avant même le dossier de l'ambassadeur, était de ne pas reconnaître la dénonciation de différents accords militaires, parce qu'il y a plusieurs accords militaires qui régissent la coopération entre le Niger et la France. La junte les a dénoncés et la France a dit qu'elle ne les reconnaissait pas. Là, nous sommes dans une nouvelle étape. La junte a demandé le départ de l'ambassadeur, Sylvain Itté, sous 48 heures. Le quai d'Orsay a répondu qu'il ne partira pas. Donc,



progressivement, on va s'acheminer vers une confrontation ouverte entre la junte et la France. Quel type de confrontation ? Comment va-t-elle s'organiser ? C'est cela qui est l'inconnu, mais il me semble aujourd'hui que nous sommes dans une posture de confrontation de part et d'autre. N'oublions pas que la France a des moyens militaires importants au Niger : 1 500 soldats. Est-ce qu'elle va les engager dans la protection de l'ambassade ? Est-ce que la junte va aller jusqu'à l'ambassade chercher Sylvain Itté pour le mettre dans l'avion ? Il y a une situation de conflictualité assez élevée entre la junte et la France. Et ça, ça risque d'être important dans les prochains jours.

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Westerners assure Weah of one-round victory

By Emmanuel wise Jipoh

Residents of Liberia's western region comprising Bomi, Gbarpolu, and Grand Cape Mount Counties have pledged to support President George

him for more developments. Senator Snowe said the Western Cluster region is happy with the achievements of Mr. Weah's administration so far and has resolved to overwhelmingly re-elect him.

make a good President. But five years later, he has turned the spectrum and has proven us wrong," said Senator Snowe.

Senator Snowe is a former ranking member of the opposition Unity Party (UP). He suggested that a second term must be a must for President Weah. Snowe said the people of Bomi, Gbarpolu, and Grand Cape Mount Counties will not resist President Weah's bid. For his part, James Toe, the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Gbarpolu County Coordinator described President Weah's developments as immeasurable.

Youth groups, women, and elders from across the region in separate engagements praised President Weah for his developments. They urged him to continue because they have resolved to stick with his administration.

In response, President Weah hailed the people of the region for the confidence reposed in him. Mr. Weah pledged his government's unwavering commitment to improving the lives and livelihoods of the people. He also guaranteed them more developments if he's re-elected.

"Give me my second term let me finish my work. And I promise, I won't let you down. If you cannot trust anyone, you can trust me. I'm your developmental President Weah. I talk and do," Mr. Weah pleaded. He promised to prioritize the pavement of the Gbarpolu road, more developments to Grand Cape Mount and Bomi Counties, and overall development of the region under his second term mandate.



Weah to get a one-round victory in the October 2023 elections.

Mr. Weah is seeking re-election for another six-year term against 19 rivals. Western Region Coordinator and Bomi County Senator Edwin Melvin Snowe led President Weah and his entourage to a series of town hall meetings and interactions with supporters in the counties. They interacted with residents in Tubmanburg, Clay District, Gbah Jacket, Bomi County as well as Gbarma, Bopolu City in Gbarpolu County. They also interacted with residents in Senje, Robertsports in Grand Cape Mount County.

Snowe said the westerners were satisfied with the developmental workings of President Weah and they have resolved to keep the tie with

Snowe pointed out tangibles of Weah's regime including free tuition, the Emirate Hospital in Gbarpolu County, empowerment for market women, and beneficiaries of the Western Clusters Social Development Funds, among others.

The Bomi County Senator emphasized that he has been among the doubting Thomases, arguing that Mr. Weah has done much for the country's development, especially for the western region in the last five and half years of his administration.

He said it has defeated the misinformation and persistent refusal of the doubting Thomases. "I was among the doubting Thomases and I told the people of Bomi County and Liberians in general that President George Weah will not

Liberia develops roadmap to bridge agricultural gap

By Naneka Hoffman

Liberia has completed the cardinal pillar of the second phase of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics (GSARS-II).

The initiative is aimed at integrating agriculture into the National Statistical System to ensure national data coherence and data comparability between countries.

Over the weekend, Liberia-SPARS focal person at the Ministry of Agriculture Mr. Aagon Yoko described the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO's) intervention as critical to overcoming the data gap Liberia experiences when making crucial national development decisions in the agricultural sector.

Also speaking, FAO Representation in Liberia, Emmanuel Kapee, stated that the development of the SPARS road map was happening at the right time in the country.

"I say so because the development of this strategic document is going on at the time when the government in collaboration with other partners that is FAO, IFAD, and the World Bank are already working together to see how a national agriculture census can be conducted in Liberia and hopefully we are looking up to November of this year, holding all factors constant," he said. Mr. Kapee further said that participants should take a serious note of the word rural, because most of the actors in the agriculture sector are the smallholder farmers who are basically found in rural



During a technical training in Monrovia, Mr. Yoko said the current phase has developed the roadmap and the next phase will assess the National Agricultural Statistical System followed by the planning phase, which will develop a National Plan of Action to implement the L-SPARS.

communities. FAO, he added, remains committed to working with and supporting the Government of Liberia in achieving its development goals. "The need for data in Liberia cannot be overemphasized. As we work in the sector, we see lots of

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dangerous conditions to help secure sustainable peace and progress - inspiring all to take action for peace.

IAWPA is an International Civil Society Organization operating as a non-profit making entity with a global mandate to promote peace and appoint Credible Personalities whose lifestyles are anchored in promoting Peace as Eminent Peace Ambassadors across the 193 member states of the United Nations.

Speaking on behalf of the graduating class, Amb. Prof. Momo Gborkow Kollie Douwee indicated that they are excited about the initiative and to be selected as ambassadors of peace.

"With the program 'Peace begins with me,' I want to say peace begins with us. With that I want everyone to know that peace is cheaper than war, enjoy it," he said.

"We assure you that we shall keep and uphold the five peace actions. We will seek peace in ourselves and others. We will reach out. Protect the environment, respect diversity."

For his part, Amb. Pastor Samm David, Country Director, expressed excitement about the new graduates, urging them to make a significant impact on the training and teaching they have acquired.

"This is the first of its

kind in Liberia and we are grateful for that. Without peace, there will be no school, hospital, or market and we will not sleep and wake up."

Also speaking, Amb. Dr. Per Stafsen, World Peace President, said that he is grateful for the preparedness of all the graduates, adding that they are now Ambassadors of peace.

"I want to thank the country director for promoting the aims of our organization in Liberia. We are in Liberia for the first time to kick start the 'Peace begins with me.

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Weah in Suehn Mecca

Districts respectively have pledged their unflinching support to the re-election bid of incumbent President George Weah.

Speaking one after another on Friday, August 25 in Suehn Mecca, local and traditional leaders including first-time voters pledged their support to Mr. Weah's re-election bid saying that of the 24th Presidents Liberia has had, he is the only one who has shown much concern for their plights.

They named the construction of the Emirates Hospital in Bopolu, WAEC fees payment and free enrollment at the State run University of Liberia and appointment of their sons in government as some of the imparts his administration has made under six years in their district. Suehn Mecca, a predominantly Muslim and highly traditional. The district overwhelmingly voted for President Weah in the last elections. In 2017, Weah won 17 out of 18 voting precincts in the district without personally campaigning there.

However, like many other districts outside of Montserrado County, Suehn Mecca lacks stable mobile connectivity and internet services, while economic activities are slow due to bad road networks.

In Bopolu, Gbarpolu County and the Districts of Gbarma and Kongba, citizens made similar pledges and commitments to give President Weah another six years again citing similar

including local women leaders cited the gradual developments they have started to witness in their areas under the Weah regime.

In Gbarma, for example, the President promised to construct a modern market hall during his 2021 county tour. That market hall was dedicated over the weekend when Mr. Weah made a brief campaign stop in the area.

But like citizens in Suehn Mecca, citizens of Gbarma and Kongba Districts also complained about road connectivity. Those in Kongba complained of health services and roads.

Addressing citizens and supporters in these districts, President Weah has been clear- "If you give us another six years, we will continue with what we have started with you in the last 5 years."

He told citizens in Suehn Mecca, that their overwhelming support for him will not go unnoticed as he pledged to pave the road from Brewerville in Montserrado County through Suehn Mecca to Gbopopolu.

"You gave other presidents 27 years, 12 years...they passed here and did not touch your road. We passed here and have touched your road. We say give us another six years and your road will be paved."

President Weah explained that the reason for constructing the Emirates

Hospital in Gbopolu as a referral hospital in the Western region is due to his plan to pave the roads connecting to the hospital to give citizens access.

Similarly, he promised that his administration once given a second term would work assiduously to pave the 12-mile road linking Tubmanburg to Gbarma and Kongba, while also considering the road from Gbopolu to Gbarma District.

In a brief swipe at his opponents, President Weah said most people are coming to voters and painting a gloomy childhood history as a way of identifying with voters. He said if that was anything to go by, everyone has had a rough upbringing, but it is what you do for the people when you are successful that counts.

Closing with the message of peace, President Weah described campaign messages as commodities being sold in marketplaces. But the market remained peaceful despite the outpouring cries of vendors.

He said it's the same with campaigns. Politicians, he said, would come to campaign selling their messages. He said this does not call for violence.

He also frowned on the tearing down of opponents' campaign posters. He said each of the candidates in the race is seeking opportunities to serve and that they are all Liberians.

Mr. Weah concluded his campaign in Gbah on Saturday and is expected to conclude his campaign which started in Bomi County last Monday in Grand Capemount County to bring to end his tour of the Western Region while leaving behind foot soldiers to continue his campaign.

The Western Region which comprises Bomi, Gbarpolu and Grand Capemount Counties has a combined population of 309,951, according to LISGIS 2022 National Housing and Population Census. -Writes Othello B. Garblah

agriculture, because it is the issue of food. "When you go to bed hungry, you know what it means. LISGIS will always work along with the MOA and all other relevant stakeholders to ensure that data gaps are bridged in this sector and that Liberia can become self-reliant in food production," he said.

Liberia sends five peacekeepers to South Sudan

By Lincoln G. Peters

Five officers of the Liberia National Police (LNP) are expected to depart the country today, 28 August 2023 for a six-month United Nations peacekeeping mission in South Sudan. The LNP officers are ACP. Alousious P. B. Mingle, CHP. Fred M. Freeman, II, Insp. Comfort W. Dennis, Part. Diana D. M. Korpo, and Alice M. Feteku. Police Inspector General Col. Patrick T. Sudue announced Liberian police's participation in the UN peacekeeping operation Friday 25 August 2023 at the LNP Headquarters in Monrovia.

Col. Sudue said the five officers are going to provide service in South Sudan as part of Liberia's commitment to helping restore global peace and security. "Well, like Liberia or any other country has had its share of 14 years of civil war. And we had the international group

training at the Police Academy which was inclusive of fire arms, driving, and report writing, among others. According to Col. Sudue, this is the second group that is leaving the country after the first group went and later returned following its service. He detailed that additional twenty three persons are also on the standby and are expected to depart the country after the international service of those on duties in crisis countries. "This means that Liberia is recognized fully as a country of peace and security. Because, this is the first of its kind since the birth of Liberia, 1847 for Liberia to attend peace keeping outside and so it's a big boost for this administration," said Col. Sudue. He said under the current government, the first team was nine, the second was a team of five members, and there will be a



like ECOWAS, and the United Nations peacekeeping mission coming into Liberia," said Sudue. He credited the UN for rebranding the LNP. Col. Sudue indicated that the LNP made a case to the UN and it has been granted an opportunity to provide security service to other countries.

The police chief explained that the program also has an extension. According to him, after the six months, officers can apply for extension and bring the average service to one year.

Col. Sudue revealed that the selection of the officers was based on merit after a vigorous exercise

team of twenty-three members anytime soon. Speaking in an interview with this paper on behalf of the group, Inspt. Comfort W. Dennis said they are excited to be selected to provide service in South Sudan. "The training was not an easy process but thank God we made it. We were trained and after the training, UN delegates came and tested us before approving our service. And so, we promise to do our best and make use of the knowledge and impact received," she said.

Cummings Grassroot Support

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at the Bong Mines Bridge by hundreds of Partisans, supporters and sympathizers, who, together, walked through the street and made a brief stop at his early childhood refurbished home in Point Four. Cummings, shielded by hundreds of partisans, and escorted by state security, walked through the Duala Market, to the Burrough of New Kru Town, met and greeted residents, shop owners, pedestrians and ordinary citizens. The Burrough of New Kru Town is a densely populated slum community, believed to be a "stronghold" of President George Weah. The CPP Standard Bearer and entourage were given a rousing welcome at a special indoor program organized by partisans, supporters and sympathizers in District

#16, Montserrado County. Cummings expressed gratitude for the rousing welcome and the huge turnout by partisans, supporters, sympathizers and well-wishers in support of his Presidential bid in October. He reassured Liberians that upon his election as the next President of Liberia, he will not disappoint or dash the hopes of Liberians for real change that will better the lives of the suffering masses. Cummings said on his ascendancy as President, Liberians will begin to experience immediate change in their living condition, vowing to revive the ailing economy through massive job creation. He said the CPP Government will endeavour to fix the deplorable road condition, fix the health and educational systems, and restore other basic social

services to improve the living condition of the vast majority. Cummings' visits to District #16, followed similar visits to District #10 and 14, last week, during which he interacted with citizens to rally their support for his Presidential bid. He said the CPP's focus is to fix the ailing economy, the broken health care and educational systems, and create massive job opportunities that will lift thousands of Liberians out of extreme suffering and poverty. The CPP Standard Bearer vowed that upon, his election, he will form an inclusive government of competent and qualified Liberians without political, religious affiliation or ethnicity.

Liberia develops roadmap

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gaps for planning and decision making." In remarks, Emmanuel Anderson, Research Assessment and Monitoring Officer at the World Food Program Office in Liberia said it was quite critical and important for all stakeholders to take this very seriously. For his part, Dr. Eementary Kpoe, Acting

Deputy Director for Statistics at the Liberia Institute for Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS), said the issue of data gap was a grave concern. To bridge the gap, he said LISGIS must work with the relevant stakeholders in all of the sectors, including

Cummings grassroots support swells

-Hundreds of First Time Voters, Marketers In Dist. #6, 16, Pledge Support

The Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties, (CPP), Mr. Alexander Cummings has stepped up campaign activities, moving from house to house and

greeted residents and motorists. Youths gathered in the hundreds to get a glimpse of the CPP Standard and Vice Standard Bearer in a colourful walk-through the principal streets, organized

marveled and rushed to get personal touch with Counsellor Brumskine, discussing her "youthfulness and beauty" to become Liberia's next Vice President. Cummings extended gratitude to the youths for the huge turnout and the show of support and solidarity for his Presidential bid and assured them of a better life upon his election as President on October 10. First-time voters are young people who have attained the age of 18 and will be voting for the first time in the October 10 general and presidential elections in Liberia.

Last, week, the densely populated Duala Market District on Bushrod Island came to momentary standstill, on Thursday, August 24, when marketers swarmed to the main street to get a glimpse of Mr. Alexander Cummings, who stormed District #16, Montserrado County amidst great jubilation by marketers, street peddlers, residents and citizens. The huge crowd danced to the campaign song of Cummings and chanted slogans in chorus "Thank God I didn't lose my voting card, my one vote will makes Cummings win."

Cummings, Standard Bearer of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), was met on arrival



community engagements to the streets, sharing campaign stickers, with drivers, Motorcyclists, pedestrians, and shop owners in District # 6, Montserrado County. Cummings, along with his Vice Standard Bearer, Counsellor Charlyne Brumskine, were joined by hundreds of first-time voters, on Saturday, August 26, who paraded the GSA Road to ELWA and the Zubah Town area, met and

by CPP Representative Aspirant Mr. Martin Kollah of District #6, Montserrado County. Youths chanted slogans, "Cummings, that the papay we want," as the huge crowd, followed by dozens of vehicles made its way from the GSA Road Junction to Zubah Town Road and ELWA Road. A shop owner shouted "I want to see this wonderful man, Cummings who has promised to help Liberian businesses," while a group of girls

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