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Continental News

UN: At Least 40 Civilians Killed by Al-Qaida-Linked Rebels in Burkina Faso Town

At least 40 civilians were killed last weekend by al-Qaida-linked rebels trying to take

services.

The militants in the latest attack, which happened on Sunday, also wounded 42 people

State-run RTB Television ran images – which The Associated Press couldn't verify – that showed large groups of people riding motorcycles as they appeared to flee aerial bombardment.



An aerial view shows a camp of internally displaced people in Djibo, Burkina Faso

control of a besieged town in Burkina Faso's hard-hit northern region, the United Nations' rights office said, calling the attack a war crime.

In one of the largest clashes in recent years in the West African nation under threat from fighters linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group, a large number of fighters tried to take control of Djibo near Mali's border.

The town, located 210 kilometers (130 miles) from the capital, Ouagadougou, has been under blockade by rebels for more than a year, often struggling to provide essential

and set fire to three camps for internally displaced people, U.N. Human Rights Office spokesperson Seif Magango said in a statement on Tuesday that blamed the attack on JNIM, an umbrella coalition of armed groups aligned with al-Qaida. "Deliberately targeting civilians or individuals not taking direct part in hostilities constitutes a war crime," the U.N. department said, citing reports from its workers on the ground.

The Associated Press couldn't reach witnesses or survivors in the area, which has frequent internet cuts and where the military government is known to crack down on civil society.

"Attacks on civilians are inexcusable and must stop, and those responsible must be held to account following thorough, impartial and independent investigations by the authorities," the U.N. statement added.

Around half of Burkina Faso's territory remains outside of government control. The landlocked country has been ravaged by jihadi attacks. Fighters have killed thousands and displaced more than 2 million people, further threatening the stability of the country that had two coups last year. VOA

Child marriage: 'I was sold into marriage for £7 at the age of 12'

It is estimated that one in five girls across the world is married by the age of 18. Even countries that have laws against child marriage sometimes fail to enforce them. But in Malawi some are seeing the first signs of change.

The third time we visited Tamara we were told she had left for the nearby fields early in the morning, to till the soil.

At nine months pregnant, there was no rest for the 13-year-old.

Tamara (not her real name) had been sleeping on the floor of her aunt's small hut for several months after her husband, a man in his 20s, had run away.

He had heard that social services were coming to rescue Tamara from their illegal marriage and took off before they arrived, leaving her to walk to her aunt's village.

to leave school and live with him.

BBC 100 Women names 100 inspiring and influential women around the world every year

Meet this year's 100 Women

Child marriage has been illegal in Malawi since 2017, but it has long been culturally acceptable in the country, and still continues in rural communities like Tamara's, where about 85% of Malawi's population live. More than 40% of girls in the country are married under the age of 18, according to the NGO Girls Not Brides.

"Life was difficult because the man was older," Tamara says. "He used to physically abuse me by biting me every time I did something wrong."

She lived with him for three months, until someone alerted social services. Then, as arrangements were being made for Tamara to return to school, she noticed something. She'd missed a couple of periods.

Tamara was 12 years old and



Tamara's hope for Prince is that he will be able to finish school

British-Nigerian hacker pleads guilty to \$6m fraud in US court

A British-Nigerian man has confessed in a US court to defrauding and stealing more than \$6m (£4.7m) over seven years.

Idris Dayo Mustapha, 33, was part of a hacking ring that infiltrated email and brokerage accounts of US firms between 2011 and 2018, causing losses worth \$6m (£4.7m), officials said.

A dual national of the UK and Nigeria, Mustapha was extradited from the UK in August, two years after his arrest. His crimes carry a jail term of up to 20 years.

He has not yet been sentenced.

Mustapha pleaded guilty plea at a court in Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday to four charges: computer intrusion, securities fraud, wire fraud and access device fraud.

Authorities say Mustapha and his ring hacked into the

computer servers of financial institutions in the US to access confidential user data, such as users' personal identifying information.

They then used the stolen information and passwords to wire funds and transfer securities from the accounts of their victims to

accounts under their control.

They also used the hacked accounts to conduct stock trades without the knowledge of the account holder.

US authorities had been pursuing Mustapha for several years. BBC



Idris Dayo Mustapha was arrested in the UK in 2021 and extradited to the US in August this year

A lot has changed in Tamara's life in the past few years. Born into a rural farming community in southern Malawi's Neno district, her family lived below the Malawian government's poverty line, like 65% of others in the region. The war in Ukraine, a direct trade ally to Malawi, added pressure - halting wheat and fertiliser supplies and pushing up prices.

When Tamara's parents fell ill and died, in quick succession, their only child was taken in by her grandmother. But after a month, when Tamara returned from school one day, her grandmother had some news. "She told me I had to get married," Tamara says. "She had already received money from a man." A man whom Tamara had never met had paid 15,000 Malawian Kwacha for her - around \$9, or £7.

Tamara's grandmother had already spent the money on maize for the family and the man was now impatient. He wanted the girl he had paid for

expecting a baby.

Short presentational grey line
Almost 100km (62 miles) away from Tamara's aunt's hut, a short drive from the border of Mozambique, a small bright green building blares out Malawian pop music. It's the office of Radio Mzati, a local radio station.

A group of glamorous young women in their 20s are gathered in a radio studio, adjusting their microphones and laughing as they get ready to go on air. "Hello! Hello! Welcome to another edition of Ticheze Atsikana," booms host Chikondi Kuphata, "a programme that stands as a platform for us beautiful girls to discuss issues affecting us!"

Kuphata and co-host Lucy Morris switch between English and Chichewa - the programme's name means "let's chat" in Chichewa. It's a weekly show, sponsored by AGE Africa, an NGO that supports rural and vulnerable girls to stay in education, and it reaches more than four million listeners across Malawi. The majority of the audience are women in rural communities like Tamara's. BBC

EDITORIAL

Working in concert for the common good

In a working session Friday, 24 November President George Manneh Weah challenged officials of the Joint Presidential Transition Team (JPTT) to demonstrate honesty and love for country in their deliberations to ensure smooth transfer of power from his administration to incoming President Joseph Nyumah Boakai and his team.

“Today, we are on the verge of passing this symbolic staff to another democratically elected leader, marking yet another important chapter in our democratic journey; let us ensure an effective, efficient, and seamless transfer of power to President-Elect Boakia and his team”, President Weah urged.

The call truly demonstrates Mr. Weah’s unwavering commitment to delivering a smooth transition, which has won him huge admirations across the globe and placed Liberia on the spotlight for all good reasons.

The football icon-turned-politician is going down in history, as the first African president in recent history to concede defeat and congratulate his main rival even before the announcement of final poll results by the National Election Commission.

Members and supporters of his outgoing Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) are yet to digest and accept the quality of democratic pedestal their standard bearer has established for Liberia, and there can be no reversal.

The leader has spoken and must sink down the spines of CDCians that power does not belong to a particular political party or government, but the people. Hence, whenever the people decide in an election who should govern their affairs to enable them enjoy peace, prosperity, and happiness, nothing else but to obey.

It is in this light that President Weah is urging members of JPTT to prioritize and focus on the national interest above selfish interests by placing the general good of the Liberian people first and foremost in their deliberations on the road to handing over power in January 2024. In other words, these are moments of stock-taking and proper reporting other than what some may think is a last-minute opportunity to scrip what is left of the national coffers to line their pockets and leave.

But Mr. Weah informed JPTT members that his administration’s democratic achievements have set a new and enviable standard, not just for Liberia, but for Africa and the global community, saying that “By graciously conceding and congratulating President-Elect Boakai ahead of the final tally, we have also earned global recognition and admiration.”

This is so true and it is the main reason why nothing should be done or no one should be allowed to make the road thru the transition rocky. A smooth landing of the incoming administration will pay off in dividends that we must strive to achieve, for as President Weah notes, this monumental achievement is a victory not just for one political entity but all Liberians and the entire country.

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COMMENTARY

By Lucrezia Reichlin

The New Normal for Central Banks

LONDON - Central banks have drastically changed the way they implement monetary policy.

Since the 2008 global financial crisis, the US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank have been providing liquidity directly to banks and other financial institutions - an activity that used to be the preserve of money markets - and massively expanding their balance sheets.

Is it time to reverse these changes, reviving interbank money markets and shrinking central-bank balance sheets, or is this the new normal?

To be sure, central-bank balance sheets are already set to get somewhat smaller. The Fed and the ECB have made clear that they intend to roll back quantitative easing by gradually reducing their bond holdings.

But the other cause of central banks’ balance-sheet expansion - the provision of abundant reserves to the financial sector - remains up for debate. Though the Fed has formally adopted this approach as its new operational framework, the ECB has launched a review of the policy.

The fundamental question that must be answered is whether the benefits - that is, the added financial stability - warrant the risks. Here, the first thing to consider is why central banks started providing reserves to banks in the first place.

During the 2008 crisis, trust in financial institutions’ creditworthiness collapsed, and the threat of contagion caused interbank money markets to freeze, forcing central banks to step in. By providing liquidity directly to each market participant, monetary authorities effectively substituted their balance sheets for the money market.

But there had to be a division between this new activity and the implementation of traditional monetary policy. Both the Fed and the ECB solved this problem in the same way: by paying interest on reserves.

Rather than using market operations to increase or reduce the volume of reserves in the banking system, thereby steering its target interest rate, the central banks used the interest rate on reserve balances to steer the effective overnight rate.

This enabled them to provide reserves to the point of satiation for financial-stability purposes, while continuing to guide short-term interest rates for monetary-policy purposes.

Not surprisingly, this “ample reserves” approach caused central-bank balance sheets to balloon. It is also worth noting that, under this system, the size of the central bank’s balance sheet depends on market demand for liquidity, which has proved to be both variable and unpredictable.

Some now say that enough is enough. The post-crisis monetary-policy regime, they say, was a justified response to a generalized credit crunch, but that it is not suited for normal times. Sustaining it is leading to the

death of interbank money markets - which did have a valuable role to play in the economy - and causing banks to become dependent on central-bank liquidity.

But these risks might be overstated. Central banks can, after all, offer liquidity at zero cost. Evidence suggests that strong demand for central-bank reserves is a new structural feature of a market in which financial institutions have a strong preference for safety, and regulations that made them safer also made it very costly for them to hold less liquid assets.

Why risk creating liquidity problems by abandoning a framework that has proved so robust?

The real issue is fiscal risk. Since large reserves must be backed by assets, mostly Treasuries, the new system implies larger interest-rate risks, implying that central banks’ actions now have a greater fiscal impact. Fluctuations in central banks’ net incomes have grown larger, and for some institutions, total net capital has moved into negative territory.

Is this a problem? In a unitary system, such as the United States or the United Kingdom, it merely implies a redistribution of risk within the government, between the central bank and the finance ministry. While this could create uncertainty about the institutional framework and potentially even undermine central-bank independence, these risks are probably not particularly acute.

The situation is different in the eurozone, where there is no single fiscal authority or euro-denominated safe asset (a safe bond backed by the eurozone’s joint fiscal capacity), so the risks are not evenly distributed across countries. This is a fiscal problem, not a monetary one.

Nonetheless, it raises doubts about whether the eurozone, with its current governance structure, can meet the high demand for safety among market participants.

Ultimately, the debate over the “normalization” of the post-crisis monetary-policy approach should focus on two questions. The first, which is relevant for all jurisdictions, is whether central-bank independence will go unchallenged when flows between the financial system and the Treasury are large. The second, which is relevant only for the eurozone, is whether the monetary union’s fragmented governance structure is fit for purpose in the post-financial-crisis world.

It is not a new question. In the past, fragmentation emerged as an obstacle to stabilizing fiscal policy; today, it is re-emerging as a potential problem for the design of an ECB operational framework that can ensure financial stability and efficient monetary policy.

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OP-ED

By Sameh Shoukry, Amy E. Pope

Justice for Climate Migrants

CAIRO/GENEVA - In recent years, climate change has emerged as one of the leading drivers of migration. Shifting weather patterns, together with the growing severity and frequency of extreme weather events, have affected millions of people around the world, posing a significant threat to their lives and livelihoods.

In March, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published its sixth assessment report (Ar6), revealing that for every additional 1° Celsius rise in global temperatures, the risk of involuntary displacement due to flooding is expected to increase by roughly 50%. In Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America, slow-onset climate disasters such as water stress, crop failure, and rising sea levels could displace 31-72 million people by 2050 under a low-warming scenario. In a high-warming scenario, the number of displaced people could surge to 90-143 million. In Sub-Saharan Africa, flood-related displacement could rise by 200-600% by the 2070s, depending on the rate of population growth and anticipated temperature increases ranging from 1.6°C to 2.6°C.

While the Global South is disproportionately affected by the catastrophic effects of climate change, no part of the world is immune. The climate crisis will have far-reaching implications for global stability, security, and sustainable development, affecting not only migrants' countries of origin but also transit and destination countries.

The COP27 Presidency and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are committed to addressing the challenge of climate-induced migration with the goal of fostering a more just and equitable world. Over the past year, we have collaborated with governments, civil-society organizations, other UN agencies, and various stakeholders to develop and promote sustainable approaches to climate-related mobility, including displacement.

To reduce the adverse effects of climate change that compel migrants to leave their countries of origin, we advocate the full implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. With the support of the IOM, the COP27 Presidency has highlighted Egyptian programs like the Climate Responses for Sustaining Peace and the Decent Life Initiative as models that could be replicated worldwide. Taken together, these initiatives offer a roadmap for sustainable development, enabling governments to improve living standards and maintain peace in the face of climate-related threats. We have actively promoted these initiatives in various formal and informal forums, including the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

For sure, there is still much work to be done. To address the urgent threat posed by climate change, the international community must support adaptation efforts, particularly in the Global South. Strengthening resilience is crucial to empowering populations to make informed decisions about whether to relocate or remain where they are. Achieving this, however, requires immediate and substantial financing for adaptation initiatives, including the much-anticipated Loss and Damage Fund for developing countries announced at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh. Other crucial steps include ensuring the complementarity and accessibility of climate-funding instruments and incorporating human-mobility considerations into climate negotiations.

As we approach COP28, we must focus on climate-related migration and displacement and develop concrete solutions that promote the safety and well-being of affected communities and individuals. This involves supporting the implementation of effective initiatives and the integration of migrants' perspectives and experiences into decision-making processes.

Climate change often exacerbates existing challenges and vulnerabilities, forcing communities to confront compounding crises. Therefore, it is crucial to recognize and address these underlying factors, including conflict, poverty, and inequality. To this end, we must adopt a holistic approach that promotes peace and security, reduces poverty and inequality, and fosters sustainable development.

Displacement is a complex and daunting challenge that requires a comprehensive, coordinated, and forward-looking response. By enhancing international cooperation, we could significantly improve the lives and livelihoods of those displaced by climate disasters and develop sustainable solutions that enable them to rebuild and contribute to their communities' development. This approach is not only the right thing to do; it is also a crucial step toward building a more peaceful, just, and sustainable future for everyone.

The stakes of the current climate crisis are, or should be, obvious. The Mediterranean region, in particular, is no stranger to devastating environmental changes, as historical evidence suggests that extreme weather events may have triggered mass displacement and led to the downfall of great civilizations during what is now known as the Late Bronze Age Collapse.

To address climate-related displacement effectively, we must first understand and acknowledge the scale and complexity of the challenge. Only then will we recognize the need to engage all relevant stakeholders to develop proactive and sustainable solutions, avert the catastrophic effects of climate change, and build a world that is both prosperous and just.

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OPINION

By Daron Acemoglu

What Anti-Trumpism Is Missing

BOSTON - These are unique and troubling times for the United States. A twice-impeached former president who now faces four separate indictments for serious crimes is the de facto leader of one of the two main political parties. Having remade the Republican Party in his image, Donald Trump will almost certainly be its nominee in the 2024 presidential election, despite mounting evidence of his financial misdeeds and role in an attempted coup. While Democrats fared well in various elections this month, polls show Trump leading US President Joe Biden in key battleground states. Clearly, something is rotten in the American Republic.

A second Trump presidency would be a much greater threat to democracy than the first. Trump's own outlook and rhetoric suggest that he has been radicalized further, and his supporters have now learned from their failed attempt to overturn the 2020 election. Friendly think tanks are drawing up plans to dismantle the US government's checks and balances, allowing Trump to usher in a police state targeting his political opponents. The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 aims to "create a playbook of actions to be taken in the first 180 days of the new administration to bring quick relief to Americans suffering from the left's devastating policies." Central to that effort will be to staff key positions with Trumpian cadres.

While Trump and his enablers in the political establishment obviously bear the blame for this dire state of affairs, so do the American left and the fact-based media, which have failed to develop a well-calibrated response. Reactions vary from implicit normalization (who can deny a major party's choice of nominee?) to showing zero tolerance toward Trump's supporters. But a practical blueprint for addressing the situation is missing, even though the future of American democracy is at stake.

The most promising response would feature two seemingly contradictory stances. First, the center and the left must unite in declaring Trump and his inner circle a mortal threat to the American Republic. His top lieutenants should be treated as such, rather than as ratings-boosting talking heads. Trump's clearly stated plans for destroying American democracy must be highlighted constantly.

But the center and the left also must recognize that most Trump supporters have legitimate grievances. This is the part of a successful response that has been lacking. While there are undoubtedly strong white-nationalist and racist elements in the MAGA movement, they are far from representing most people who will be voting for Republicans in the next election.

A significant share of the US population has suffered economically over the last four decades. Real (inflation-adjusted) earnings among men with only a high-school degree or less have declined since 1980, and median wages had all but stagnated until the late 2010s. Meanwhile, incomes for Americans with college degrees and specialized skills (such as programming) have risen rapidly.

There are many reasons for this labor-market transformation, and several of them are rooted in economic trends that establishment politicians and the media long sold as benefits to workers. The wave of globalization that was supposed to lift all boats has stranded many. The automation that was supposed to make US manufacturing more competitive and help workers is the biggest factor in declining earnings among workers without a college degree. Meanwhile, labor unions, minimum-wage laws, and norms protecting low-pay workers have weakened.

Many workers who have suffered from these trends also sense that they have lost ground socially. Legal, political, and cultural changes that have helped previously disadvantaged groups (minorities, women, the LGBTQ+ community) have flustered others. In the process, many Americans have grown resentful as they feel their viewpoints and grievances are being ignored by the mainstream media and the educated, technocratic elite.

In a recent paper, the economists Ilyana Kuziemko, Nicolas Longuet-Marx, and Suresh Naidu document a divide between the economic preferences of less-educated workers, on one hand, and the well-educated and the Democratic Party, on the other. Whereas ordinary workers have a strong preference for minimum wages, job guarantees, protections against trade, and stronger unions, elites oppose such programs as unwarranted interference with the market. The Democratic Party's preferred method for helping the less advantaged has been to push for redistribution via the tax and transfer system.

This disconnect between workers and center-left policymakers is not confined to the US. As the economists Amory Gethin, Clara Martínez-Toledano, and Thomas Piketty show, a similar political realignment has occurred across 21 Western democracies. In the 1950s and 1960s, the working class reliably voted for center-left and socialist parties, while wealthier and more highly educated citizens voted for the right. But by 2010, the more educated were voting overwhelmingly for center-left parties, and workers had shifted to the right, partly because center-left parties had moved away from policy positions aligned with workers' material interests and other priorities.

Reversing this trend requires changes not just to the specific policies that center-left parties endorse, but also to the language they use. It also may require proactive efforts to promote workers to leadership positions within parties, rather than letting highly educated elites capture most top positions.

In the US, bringing workers back to the Democrats is not just an imperative for defeating Trump and the acolytes who will do his dirty work. It is also essential for America's economy. Regulating the tech industry and supporting workers will be key issues in the coming decade and beyond. A center left that is devoid of workers' voices cannot hope to rise to the occasion.

Americans who still support democracy must expose Trump for what he is and work hard to prevent him from returning to power. But to do that, they also must be more accommodating and responsive to workers - including those who have not benefited as much from globalization and technological changes and may not share all their positions on social and cultural issues.

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ON 2ND THOUGHTS



with Othello B. Garblah

Weah departs with dignity

President George Mannah Weah has set for himself a new record. The Africa only Ballon d'Or will go down in history as the first African incumbent President who concedes defeat to his fierce rival with a narrow margin of 1.16% in a tightly contested election that could have witnessed a prolonged political crisis in other democracies.

And in conceding defeat, he was quick to draw such distinction, that he is not an African President who hijacks elections that cause the death of many innocent people. "I won't be a part of it," he said.

The former Ballon d'Or winner, best known for his football prowess in Europe, particularly at Monaco, Paris Saint-Germain and AC Millan sent heartfelt congratulatory messages to President-elect Joseph N. Boakai with 99.5% of the polls result which put Boakai at 50.89% and he (Weah) at 49.11%.

Mr. Weah did not just call President-elect Boakai to congratulate him, but in a speech broadcast on national radio, the President showed great statesmanship and was gracious in defeat informing the nation that his party had lost the November 14, Presidential runoff, but Liberia had won.

"My fellow Liberians, ladies and gentlemen, tonight the CDC has lost the election, but Liberia has won. This is a time to be gracious in defeat, a time to place our country above personal interest," President Weah said, adding that unity was more paramount for the "Love of Mama Liberia."

Meanwhile, the action taken by Mr. Weah in such a tightly contested poll remains unimaginable in Africa. Although his administration was marred by corruption allegations, unsolved murder mysteries, and high unemployment rate, his unprecedented action draws out a pathway for his redemption.

His administration had promised to respect the will of the Liberian people, and he indeed demonstrated it through peaceful means.

Mr. Weah showed sportsmanship in conceding defeat, something which also demonstrated how his government had ensured the conduct of a free, fair, and transparent election.

Not only did Mr. Weah concede, but his subsequent pronouncements following his concession strongly confirmed his commitment to maintaining the country's fragile peace, while nurturing its young democracy.

"Now, more than ever unity is paramount for the Love of Mama Liberia. To the members of the Mighty Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) fellow partisans, I understand this is not the outcome of the election we all desire. Your support has been the backbone of our campaign and for that, I am deeply grateful. I (now) urge you to follow my example and accept the result of the election. I want you to go home tonight knowing that our ideas and vision for our nation remain strong. We are a young moment, and our time will come again.

Tomorrow, resume your daily activities in a normal way. You can join me at our party headquarters to reflect on our journey and plan for our return to political leadership in 2029," Mr. Weah stated.

As the new government prepares to take over on January 22, 2024, President Weah would drive away with dignity beaming with smiles, that he has set an unprecedented example on the continent.

But the question that remains is who's next to walk in his footsteps.

It has been nearly three decades since he won Africa's first Ballon d'Or, no African player has ever won that since. Will his latest action in politics again put him in a class of his own, or will another African leader emulate his example, it remains to be seen as we watch on.

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Towards a Brighter Tomorrow: India's G20 Presidency and the Dawn of a New Multilateralism

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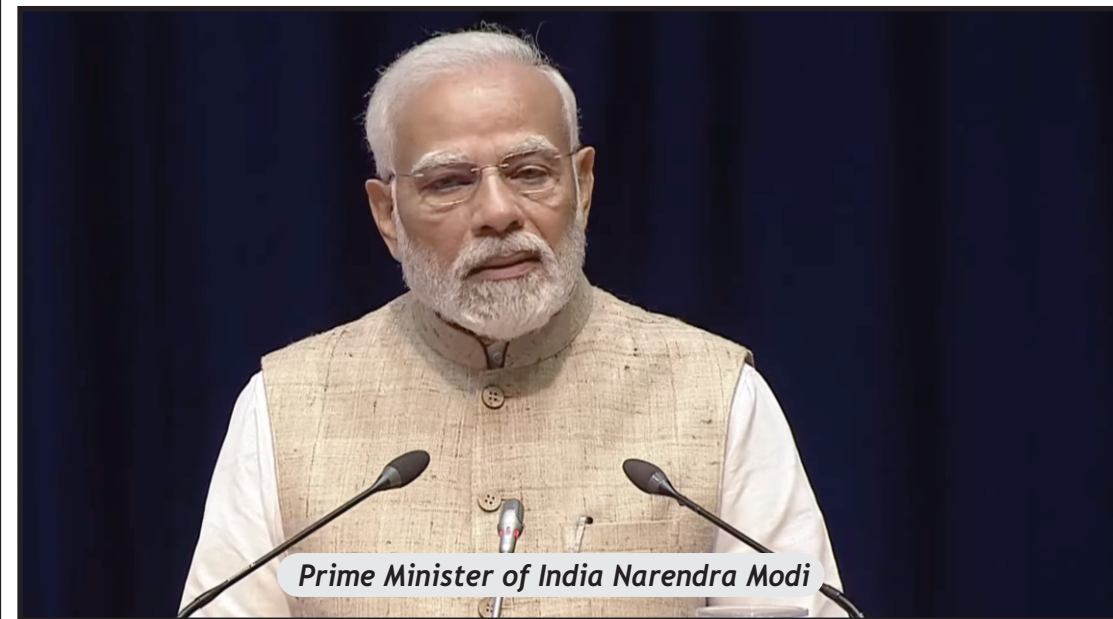
As we undertook this responsibility last year, the global landscape grappled with multifaceted challenges: recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, looming climate threats, financial instability, and debt distress in developing nations, all amid declining multilateralism. In the midst of conflicts and competition, development cooperation suffered, impeding progress.

Assuming the G20 Chair, India sought to offer the world an alternative to status quo, a shift from a GDP-centric to human-centric progress. India aimed to remind the world of what unites us, rather than what divides us. Finally, the

that international attention was directed to broader developmental aims, aligning with G20's mandate.

At the critical midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, India delivered the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), taking a cross-cutting, action-oriented approach to interconnected issues, including health, education, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

A key area driving this progress is robust Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). Here, India was decisive in its recommendations, having witnessed the revolutionary impact of digital innovations like Aadhaar, UPI, and Digilocker first-hand. Through G20, we successfully completed the Digital Public Infrastructure Repository, a significant stride in global technological



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi

global conversation had to evolve - the interests of the few had to give way to the aspirations of the many. This required a fundamental reform of multilateralism as we knew it.

Inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive—these four words defined our approach as G20 president, and the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD), unanimously adopted by all G20 members, is testimony to our commitment to deliver on these principles.

Inclusivity has been at the heart of our presidency. The inclusion of the African Union (AU) as a permanent member of the G20 integrated 55 African nations into the forum, expanding it to encompass 80% of the global population. This proactive stance has fostered a more comprehensive dialogue on global challenges and opportunities. The first-of-its-kind 'Voice of the Global South Summit,' convened by India in two editions, heralded a new dawn of multilateralism. India mainstreamed the Global South's concerns in international discourse and has ushered in an era where developing countries take their rightful place in shaping the global narrative. Inclusivity also infused India's domestic approach to G20, making it a People's Presidency that befits that world's largest democracy. Through "Jan Bhagidari" (people's participation) events, G20 reached 1.4 billion citizens, involving all states and Union Territories (UTs) as partners. And on substantive elements, India ensured

collaboration. This repository, featuring over 50 DPIs from 16 countries, will help the Global South build, adopt, and scale DPI to unlock the power of inclusive growth.

For our One Earth, we introduced ambitious and inclusive aims to create urgent, lasting, and equitable change. The Declaration's 'Green Development Pact' addresses the challenges of choosing between combating hunger and protecting the planet, by outlining a comprehensive roadmap where employment and ecosystems are complementary, consumption is climate conscious, and production is planet-friendly. In tandem, the G20 Declaration calls for an ambitious tripling of global renewable energy capacity by 2030. Coupled with the establishment of the Global Biofuels Alliance and a concerted push for Green Hydrogen, the G20's ambitions to build a cleaner, greener world is undeniable. This has always been India's ethos, and through Lifestyles for Sustainable Development (LiFE), the world can benefit from our age-old sustainable traditions. Further, the Declaration underscores our commitment to climate justice and equity, urging substantial financial and technological support from the Global North. For the first time, there was a recognition of the quantum jump needed in the magnitude of development financing, moving from billions to trillions of dollars. G20 acknowledged that developing countries require \$5.9 trillion to fulfil their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2030.

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Speaker Chambers to attend African Parliamentary Union conference

Liberia's House Speaker Bhofal Chamber has been extended an invitation to participate in the 80th Session

factors of political instability and recession" and "The development of intra-African trade with a view to the effective implementation of

shaping the future of the African continent, particularly in addressing key challenges and advancing the agenda of regional integration.

House Speaker Bhofal Chamber is honored to receive the invitation and looks forward to actively contributing to the discussions and initiatives that will emerge during the conference. The event serves as a crucial platform for fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and collectively working towards a more secure, stable, and economically integrated Africa.

The African Parliamentary Union (APU) is a continental inter-parliamentary organization set up in Abidjan on 13th February, 1976 with the goals of promoting unity of action among parliamentary institutions of all African States; Dedicating the APU as forum of National Parliaments of the African continent and as instrument of dialogue and parliamentary cooperation in the service of peace, democracy, good governance and sustainable development; striving for the systematic establishment of an authentic law-based African community founded on the political, economic, social and cultural realities of the continent; encouraging contacts among African Parliamentarians, on the one hand, and between African Parliamentarians and Parliamentarians of other continents, on the other hand and among others.

the African regional integration agenda." The APU Committee of Women Parliamentarians, led by President Mabel Memory Chinomona, is scheduled to convene on December 13, 2023. The focus of their discussions will center on "Promoting the role of African women in stimulation of intra-African trade," emphasizing the crucial role of women in driving economic development and regional integration.

The invitation, signed by President Mabel Memory Chinomona, expresses the desire for the active presence and participation of House Speaker Bhofal Chamber. This recognition underscores the significance of Liberia's role in

of the Executive Committee and the 45th Conference of Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies of the African Parliamentary Union (APU). The event is scheduled to take place from December 11 to December 15, 2023, in the vibrant city of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Under the distinguished leadership of Mabel Memory Chinomona, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe and Chairperson of the APU Executive Committee, the conference is expected to will address critical issues facing the African continent. Two central themes will be under discussion: "Combating insecurity and terrorism,



Speaker Bhofal Chamber

PATEL urges Boakai to prioritize Liberian-owned businesses

By Lincoln G. Peters

The National Patriotic Entrepreneurs of Liberia (PATEL), Mr. Dominic Nimely has called on President-elect Joseph Nyumah Boakai to prioritize Liberian-owned businesses in his administration.

Speaking with a team of journalists on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 in Monrovia, Nimely begged President-elect Boakai to not forget about the business community as it was in the last regime.

According to Nimely, during a meeting, President-elect Boakai promised to implement the Liberianization Policy.

"Liberian businesses have suffered for the past decades. Chinese and Lebanese store boys live better lives than a Liberian business CEO," he alleged.

Nimely argued that Liberia is the only country where interest rates for businesspeople is at the highest level (35%, 25%, 20%) and payback time is full within three to four months, or one year.

According to him, the business community is very sure that the President-elect will bring changes in the private sector.

The PATEL Chairperson alleged that Liberian-owned businesses have been marginalized by foreign businesspeople in the country to the extent that APM Terminals does not take Liberian dollars during business transaction.

"We have a lot of challenges as Liberian-owned businesses, especially the incidental. In every economy, the small businessman is the backbone of that economy," he lamented.

He noted that over the last decade in Liberia, the businesspeople have not been

respected.

Nimely said the government, including the past governments, have shown no interest in helping to build the country's economy by impacting local businesspeople that could save the nation from so many disadvantages.

He narrated that one of the problems Liberian-owned business face is access to finance.

Nimely, however, retracted a 100-day ultimatum that was given to the Unity Party (government in waiting) by the

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Mr. Dominic Nimely

Solidaridad constructs first post-war cocoa greenhouse for CARI

Solidaridad has constructed the first post-war modern cocoa greenhouse that will be used by the Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI) in its drive to improve the quality of cocoa production.

Agriculture is the biggest sector of the Liberian economy and provides livelihood for majority of the people.

However, the sector has faced the huge challenge of proper research that will drive its activities upward to meet the growing demand and set the country on par with other industrialized neighbours who are thriving in the sector.

Improvement in agriculture has proven to be very important

"A Strategic Plan developed by the institute is based on the vision that CARI will become a center of excellence for agricultural research, innovation, and capacity building for development. With this, we are taking a leap to achieving our desires," he said.

He added that the institution has a mission to contribute to increased productivity, commercialization, and competitiveness of the agricultural sector through the development, promotion, and dissemination of demand-driven knowledge, information, technologies, and innovations and build capacity for sustainable food and agro-industrial commodities productivity and profitability to enhance livelihoods.



for the development of the entire country, at a time when the extractive industry, that it heavily depended on, is seeing a dip in its potential.

The cocoa sub-sector in one place, along with several other cash crops, that the national government has shifted to, to stabilize its struggling economy.

Being a proven champion in the crop, Solidaridad West Africa is supporting the national effort by providing technical support to the CARI, which is the country's only sectoral research institute.

The initiative is undertaken with support from the European Union, and through the Cocoa Value Chain Development Program (COVADEP).

CARI's Director General Dr. Victor Sumo says the action from its development partners is now addressing some of the many challenges that the institute has experienced.

"CARI has been faced with various problems including, the lack of research infrastructure, inadequate staff capacity, and weak research extension linkages."

The greenhouse is a boost to achieving the goals of the research institute as outlined in the plan.

COVADEP Program Manager Marvin Samuel says this is a huge achievement of the program.

"Supporting the country's only agriculture research institution to improve its activities along the cocoa value chain is an important part of implementing the COVADEP."

"The provision of a cocoa greenhouse to CARI will positively impact the crop studies, and create ways that will lead to new and improved agronomic practices."

"We are glad that we can be a part of this huge contribution that will directly benefit cocoa producers and processors who are our primary beneficiaries, and positively impact the quality of the cocoa and finished products that they produce," he said.

The total cost of the project is put at US\$163,000.00, and will complement research activities around cocoa, providing knowledge and innovation on how producers can improve their farming activities. —Press release

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Senate passes US\$22m investment bill

By Ethel A Tweh

The Liberian Senate has unanimously concurred with the House of Representatives in passing an investment incentive bill valued at US\$22

million between the Republic of Liberia and Gboni Enterprises Incorporated. Gboni Enterprises Incorporated is a 100% Liberian-owned investment. The move has created a significant step for the construction of a modern petroleum storage terminal here to boost the economy. Prior to the rectification of the bill on April 21, 2023 by

the House, its Joint Committee on Investment & Concessions, Judiciary, and Ways, Means, Finance & Development Planning revealed that the construction of the petroleum storage terminal is expected to create approximately 500

direct jobs and 1,500 indirect jobs. Gboni Enterprises Incorporated is a 100% Liberian-owned oil and gas importation and distribution company with over twelve years of successful operation in the country and is set to spearhead the ambitious project. In plenary on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the

Senate's Committee on Ways, Means, Finance and Budget, headed by defeated Bomi County Senator Morris G. Saytumah, assured that the deal was properly scrutinized and is in the best interest of the Liberian people. The Committee also stressed that the deal is not only expected to generate direct and indirect employment opportunities but will also serve as a catalyst for economic growth. The legislative instrument is expected to make a lasting positive impact on the economy by contributing to job creation and enhancing long-term energy security. Following the plenary deliberations on the floor, the body took a unanimous vote triggered by Montserrado County Senator and Chair on the Committee on Executive, Saah Hardy Joseph, concurring with the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, the Senate Pro-tempore and Grand Kru County Senator, Albert Tugbeh Chie, mandated the Secretary of the Senate, Nanborlor Singbeh to communicate the decision of that august body to the Executive for further constitutional consideration by the President of the Republic of Liberia. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



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ECOWAS Sends High-Level Delegation to Sierra Leone following the disturbance in the country

A high-level delegation from ECOWAS Commission and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has visited Freetown, Sierra Leone following a plot by certain individuals to acquire arms and disturb the peace and constitutional order in the country.

The delegation which met with President Julius Maada Bio of Sierra Leone on November 27, 2023, comprised the President of the ECOWAS Commission H.E Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, Nigeria's National Security Adviser Malam Nuhu Ribadu, Nigeria's Chief of Defence Staff General Christopher Musa and Nigeria's Chief of Defence Military Intelligence Major General Emmanuel Udiandeye.

The group conveyed a message of solidarity from the Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government and President of Nigeria, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Commitment of ECOWAS towards preserving democracy and good governance across the sub-region while assuring President Bio of their readiness to support the Government and people of Sierra Leone to deepen democracy and good governance, consolidate peace and security as well as foster socio-economic development.

Receiving the delegation, His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio expressed his appreciation for the outpouring of support from key allies across the region and the

world. He emphasized his government's unwavering commitment to democracy and justice as well as the well-being and safety of its citizens.

President Bio further stated that Sierra Leone's leadership position in key institutions across the globe will be preserved and the government shall continue to work towards preserving and promoting the priceless peace enjoyed as a country since the end of its

unfortunate decade long civil war 21 years ago.



Poverty shouldn't disqualify you to serve

By Naneka A. Hoffman

Defeated Margibi County senatorial candidate from the October 10, 2023 elections, Vandalark R. Patricks notes here that during elections, politicians appeared like political angles, distributing cash, rice and initiating quick impact projects to impress voters, other candidates or competitors with less finance in a disadvantageous position.

According to Mr. Patricks, politics in Liberia right now is different, disclosing he has embarked on a revolution to educate both citizens, particularly those desirous of public service that you don't have to be rich or poverty shouldn't unqualified anyone for

[that] voted in the second round of the election", he points, adding that during election we saw people bringing people from different county coming into Margibi County to vote and they admitted it on radio.

"I was the only senatorial candidate; I made it very clear to my team that I will not involve in trucking, if I will lose, I will lose on principal and if I will win, I will win on principal. People are poor, imagine people are trucking from Margibi to different county."

Mr. Patricks says in the context of Margibi, the people are poor and there is something he describes as stomach infrastructural, adding that there is a tenancy of political elusion; it keeps the people very poor.

He explains that after an



leadership.

"Physically, I might not have the resources but mentally, I am a million, I told people don't judge me on the size of my pocket; judge me on the size of my vision because it is the internet that draws people that brings money", he argued.

Speaking Tuesday on "OK Morning Rush", he also observed that issue of candidates trucking people from one constituency to another to vote for them is a fundamental problem that Liberia is dealing with and will continue to triple, disadvantaging a lot people in a political process.

"If you look at the statistics of people who voted in Margibi in the first round of the election, it was not the same group of people

election, successful leaders go for competent people, rather than uneducated people to run the government, because they prefer theocrats to place them in strategy positions because education is power and knowledge is power.

He notes that Margibi is one of the industrial counties in Liberia with investments such as Firestone, China Union, Salala Rubber Company (SCR), and Jetty Plantation that just entered the county. But the rights activist continues that despite the presence of about seven companies in the county, the main public hospital there C.H. Rennie Hospital that was gutted by fire still lies in ruins, while the local administration and the citizenry look up to government. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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Français

Un militant de la CDC inculpé de meurtre en lien avec les décès tragiques de partisans de l'UP

Monrovia, Libéria - Suite aux récentes célébrations de la victoire à la présidentielle, la Police nationale du Libéria troublant, la LNP a déposé des chefs d'accusation le lundi 27 novembre 2023, englobant plusieurs infractions, dont le meurtre, l'agression aggravée et

novembre.

Selon les rapports, des partisans et des sympathisants joyeux de l'UP s'étaient rassemblés au siège de leur parti à Monrovia lorsque Williams aurait délibérément foncé sur la foule, entraînant la perte de vies et des blessures chez plusieurs personnes.

Les enquêteurs de la police ont identifié Williams comme un partisan dévoué du CDC et membre de sa brigade militante depuis plus de deux ans. Ils affirment que ses actes étaient intentionnels, dénotant une indifférence à la vie humaine, et qu'ils cherchent un motif lié à des avantages financiers et psychologiques présumés en provenance d'une source non divulguée. L'enquête de la police indique que Williams aurait ciblé délibérément les partisans innocents et les sympathisants du parti de l'Unité lors de leur rassemblement festif, suggérant un acte calculé avec un agenda caché. À la suite de l'enquête, un tribunal magistral de Monrovia a émis un mandat d'arrêt à l'encontre de Williams en lien avec l'incident brutal devant le siège de l'Unité.

Selon les documents judiciaires, Williams aurait conduit un véhicule en excès de vitesse à travers la foule, entraînant trois décès et des blessures chez vingt-cinq autres personnes. L'ordre

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(LNP) a formellement inculpé Lawrence K. Williams, membre de la brigade militante de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC), de meurtre. Les accusations découlent d'une attaque intentionnelle présumée contre les partisans du parti de l'Unité (UP) qui célébraient le triomphe de l'ambassadeur Joseph Nyumah Boakai.

Après une enquête approfondie sur l'incident

la mise en danger délibérée d'autrui. Selon les autorités chargées de l'application des lois, Williams est accusé d'avoir délibérément causé la mort de trois personnes - Peter Gray, Mariama Kromah et Varney Sulieman - lors des événements survenus dans la nuit du 21 novembre 2023. Cet incident tragique s'est produit quelques heures après que la Commission électorale nationale (NEC) a déclaré l'ambassadeur Boakai vainqueur du second tour de l'élection présidentielle du 14

La Bataille pour la Présidence de la Chambre des Représentants s'intensifie

La compétition pour le poste convoité de Président de la Chambre des Représentants atteint des sommets avec le soutien de quarante nouveaux députés, y compris ceux récemment réélus, en faveur de la candidature de Jonathan Fonati Koffa.

Le représentant Koffa, membre fervent de la Coalition pour le Changement Démocratique (CDC), a été réélu lors des élections présidentielles et législatives du 10 octobre 2023. Notamment, il a occupé le poste de vice-président du Président sortant, le représentant du comté de Maryland, Bhofal Chambers, une autre personnalité éminente au sein de la CDC. Chambers conteste actuellement ses résultats électoraux devant la Commission Électorale Nationale.

La lutte pour la direction du Capitol Hill s'est

intensifiée alors que les législateurs chevronnés et nouveaux s'alignent, formant des alliances politiques pour influencer la sélection du prochain Président de l'Assemblée.

Cllr. Koffa, représentant le district électoral n°2 du comté de Grand Kru, s'est officiellement lancé dans la course pour succéder à M. Chambers en tant que Président

de la 55e Législature. Sa campagne a pris de l'ampleur lorsqu'il s'est exprimé devant la presse lors d'une retraite d'une journée tenue à Virginia, dans le comté de Montserrado, le dimanche 26 novembre 2023.

Exprimant sa gratitude pour le soutien indéfectible de ses collègues, le député

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Cllr. Jonathan Fonati Koffa

Éditorial

Travailler de concert pour le bien commun

Lors d'une session de travail le vendredi 24 novembre, le président George Manneh Weah a exhorté les responsables de l'Équipe conjointe de transition présidentielle (JPTT) à faire preuve d'honnêteté et d'amour pour le pays dans leurs délibérations afin d'assurer un transfert de pouvoir en douceur de son administration au président élu Joseph Nyumah Boakai et son équipe.

"Aujourd'hui, nous sommes sur le point de passer ce bâton symbolique à un autre dirigeant démocratiquement élu, marquant un autre chapitre important de notre parcours démocratique ; assurons-nous d'un transfert de pouvoir efficace, efficient et sans heurts au président élu Boakai et à son équipe", a exhorté le président Weah.

Cet appel démontre véritablement l'engagement indéfectible de M. Weah à assurer une transition en douceur, ce qui lui a valu de nombreuses admirations à travers le monde et a mis le Libéria sous les feux de la rampe pour toutes les bonnes raisons.

L'icône du football devenue homme politique entrera dans l'histoire en tant que le premier président africain de l'histoire récente à reconnaître sa défaite et à féliciter son principal rival même avant l'annonce des résultats définitifs par la Commission électorale nationale.

Les membres et partisans de sa sortie de la Coalition pour le Changement démocratique (CDC) peinent encore à digérer et à accepter la qualité du piédestal démocratique que leur porte-étendard a établi pour le Libéria, et il ne peut y avoir de retour en arrière.

Le leader a parlé et doit pénétrer l'esprit des CDCiens que le pouvoir n'appartient pas à un parti politique particulier ou au gouvernement, mais au peuple. Ainsi, chaque fois que le peuple décide lors d'une élection de qui devrait gouverner ses affaires pour lui permettre de jouir de la paix, de la prospérité et du bonheur, il ne reste rien d'autre que d'obéir.

C'est dans cette optique que le président Weah exhorte les membres de la JPTT à donner la priorité et à se concentrer sur l'intérêt national plutôt que sur des intérêts égoïstes, en plaçant le bien général du peuple libérien au premier plan dans leurs délibérations sur la voie du transfert de pouvoir en janvier 2024. En d'autres termes, il s'agit de moments de bilan et de rapports appropriés plutôt que de ce que certains pourraient considérer comme une opportunité de dernière minute pour piller ce qui reste des coffres nationaux pour s'enrichir et partir.

Mais M. Weah a informé les membres de la JPTT que les réalisations démocratiques de son administration ont établi une norme nouvelle et enviable, non seulement pour le Libéria, mais pour l'Afrique et la communauté mondiale, affirmant que "en reconnaissant gracieusement et en félicitant le président élu Boakai avant le décompte final, nous avons également gagné une reconnaissance et une admiration mondiales."

C'est tellement vrai et c'est la principale raison pour laquelle rien ne doit être fait et personne ne doit être autorisé à rendre la route de la transition cahoteuse. Un atterrissage en douceur de la nouvelle administration portera ses fruits, et nous devons nous efforcer de le réaliser, car comme le souligne le président Weah, cette réalisation monumentale est une victoire non seulement pour une entité politique mais pour tous les Libériens et l'ensemble du pays.

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Un militant de la CDC inculpé

d'arrestation, basé sur une plainte déposée par la LNP auprès du ministère de la Justice, décrit les actes de Williams comme illégaux, cruels et illégitimes, violant des sections spécifiques du Code pénal révisé de la République du Libéria.

Le tribunal a souligné que Williams conduisait un SUV Hyundai gris avec les phares éteints et la porte passager avant ouverte, ciblant délibérément la foule joyeuse des partisans de l'Unité. L'accusé fait maintenant face à des accusations de meurtre, d'agression aggravée et de mise en danger délibérée d'autrui. Le lundi 27 novembre 2023, la LNP a officiellement inculpé et transféré Williams devant le tribunal de la ville de Monrovia, l'accusant des décès et des blessures

présumés. La feuille d'accusation de la police révèle que les actions de Williams ont incité une foule en colère à piller et incendier le véhicule abandonné. Malgré l'affirmation de Williams selon laquelle un dysfonctionnement de la boîte automatique serait à l'origine de l'incident, la police a noté qu'il n'a pas respecté l'article 9.1 de la loi sur la circulation routière, qui exige un signallement immédiat à la station de police la plus proche en cas d'accident entraînant un décès ou des blessures graves. Williams, après avoir fui les lieux avec l'aide d'un motocycliste, aurait tenté de dissimuler sa position en offrant une somme de 280 dollars américains au motocycliste. Les procédures judiciaires examineront les graves accusations portées contre Williams, soulignant la gravité de l'incident survenu au milieu des célébrations à Monrovia.

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La Bataille pour la

Koffa a déclaré que son ambition de briguer la présidence repose sur son engagement à être une force redoutable sur le plan législatif, exploitant sa riche expérience.

Confiant en sa candidature, Koffa a exposé sa vision pour la présidence et a assuré à ses collègues qu'il apporterait une grande expérience à la fonction.

La majorité des représentants présents à la retraite étaient issus de la CDC, comprenant des personnalités éminentes telles que Dixson Seebo, Frank Saah Foko et Edward Papie Flomo, tous représentant le comté de Montserrado. Des partisans notables incluaient également James Kolleh, Moima Briggs Mensah et Samuel Enders, entre autres, qui ont tous promis leur soutien au député Koffa.

Dans une déclaration officielle, les quarante députés ont exprimé leur engagement indéfectible

envers le représentant Koffa, soulignant leur objectif commun d'introduire des mécanismes de contrôle et d'équilibre dans la 55e Législature.

Alors que le Vice-Président Koffa consolide sa base de soutien, il fait face à une forte concurrence de la part des législateurs alignés sur l'administration entrante du Parti de l'Unité (UP) dirigée par le Président élu Joseph Nyumah Boakai. Les représentants Richard Koon du district électoral n°11 du comté de Montserrado de l'UP et Musa Hassan Bility des Partis Politiques Collaborateurs (CPP) dans le comté de Nimba sont tous deux en lice pour le poste de Président de l'Assemblée.

Bien que le CPP ait soutenu la CDC lors du second tour de la présidentielle le 14 novembre, il reste incertain si cette collaboration se manifesterait dans la course à la présidence, ajoutant une couche supplémentaire de complexité à la dynamique politique en cours.

Alex S. Noah promet une amélioration des secteurs de la santé et de l'éducation dans le Comté de Sinoe



Alex S. Noah, élu représentant du district électoral #3 du comté de Sinoe, a pris l'engagement solennel de transformer les secteurs de la santé et de l'éducation dans le comté, mettant en avant l'impact positif qu'une telle revitalisation aura sur ses citoyens. "Pendant toute notre campagne, nous avons promis de répondre aux besoins pressants de santé et d'éducation de notre peuple, et nous sommes déterminés à honorer cet engagement en prenant nos fonctions", a déclaré Alex. Le législateur élu a réitéré cet engagement le week-end dernier lors d'une interview avec des journalistes au RLJ Keneja Resort le long de la Robertsfield Highway, juste à l'extérieur de Monrovia. L'occasion était une formation de deux jours sur l'élaboration de budgets sensibles au genre organisée par Integrity Watch Liberia, avec le soutien d'ONU Femmes, pour les législateurs entrants et réélus. "Nous sommes déterminés à rénover ces secteurs car notre peuple est confronté à des circonstances difficiles ; les écoles ont besoin d'un

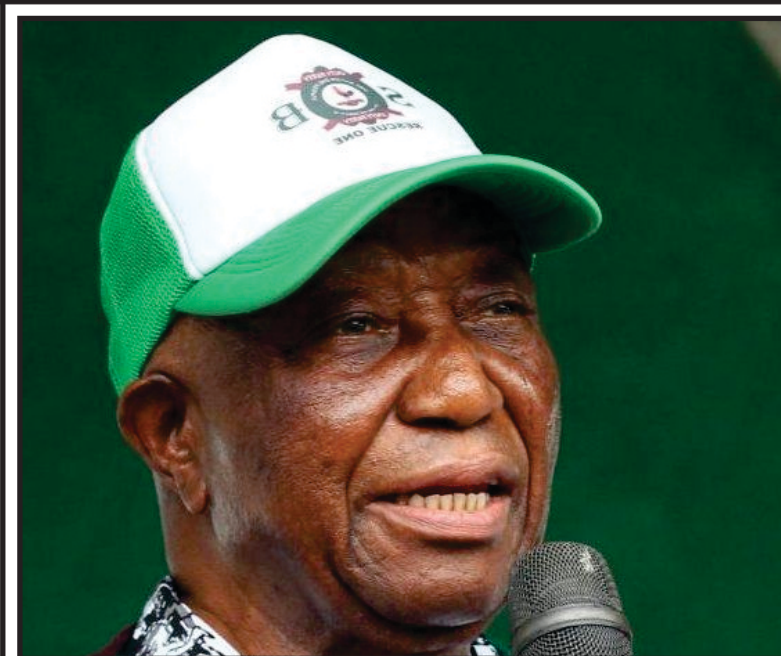
équipement adéquat, les routes ont besoin d'accessibilité, et nos jeunes ont besoin d'être autonomisés. Ce sont des points clés de ma campagne, et je suis impatient de m'atteler à la réalisation de ces objectifs", a-t-il affirmé.

Alex a souligné les enjeux importants, reconnaissant : "Je me concentrerai sur ces priorités car ne pas tenir ces promesses signifierait la possibilité d'être remplacé lors de la prochaine élection".

S'appuyant sur son expérience de plus de huit ans au Sénat libérien, le législateur élu a mis en lumière la nature collaborative des deux chambres et a exprimé son intention de travailler en étroite collaboration avec ses collègues pour obtenir leur soutien afin de concrétiser ses promesses, en particulier pour les électeurs du district électoral #3. En tant que membre

fervent de la Coalition pour le Changement Démocratique (CDC), Alex S. Noah a fait part de sa conviction que l'arrivée de jeunes législateurs à la première branche du gouvernement entraînera un changement par rapport aux pratiques habituelles. "J'ai voyagé dans divers endroits et rencontré des personnalités éminentes. À cette époque, j'étais une personne ordinaire. Maintenant, en tant que législateur, cela souligne comment je ferai pression pour concrétiser mes promesses à mon district et à ses habitants", a-t-il ajouté. Interrogé sur son point de vue concernant l'élection d'un nouveau président de l'Assemblée, le législateur élu a indiqué son allégeance à la CDC et a déclaré qu'il écouterait les conseils du parti avant de prendre une décision sur qui soutenir dans l'élection à la présidence qui devrait avoir lieu en janvier 2024.

Un Libérien basé aux États-Unis, expert en sécurité, appelle Boakai à réformer le système judiciaire



Amos Gbanee Jeffery, un expert en sécurité libérien basé aux États-Unis et ancien officier du Service de Protection Exécutive (EPS) sous l'administration de l'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a appelé le président élu Joseph Nyumah Boakai à entreprendre une réforme complète du système judiciaire et de sécurité du Libéria. Lors d'un entretien téléphonique avec cette institution le dimanche 26 novembre 2023, M. Jeffery s'est dit préoccupé par l'état du secteur de la sécurité au Libéria, soulignant la nécessité urgente de restaurer l'intégrité par des pratiques justes. Selon M. Jeffery, le système judiciaire est compromis et injuste et entrave non seulement la croissance et le développement du Libéria, mais représente également une menace pour la paix et la prospérité économique du pays.

Il a spécifiquement mis en avant des institutions clés telles que l'Autorité des Revenus du Libéria (LRA), la Société de Raffinage du Pétrole au Libéria (LPRC), les Services Nationaux de Correction et de Réhabilitation, ainsi que la Police Nationale du Libéria (LNP) comme des domaines nécessitant une attention immédiate. Selon M. Jeffery, le secteur judiciaire est une zone critique du gouvernement qui devrait être pourvue de professionnels expérimentés et intègres. Ces derniers temps, le système judiciaire du Libéria a fait l'objet d'un examen accru, les critiques exprimant des préoccupations concernant des préjugés présumés et une inefficacité au sein du cadre juridique, associés à un manque de sécurité et de protection pour les citoyens et les professionnels.

M. Jeffery a déploré la hausse du nombre de décès dans des ministères cruciaux et des entités stratégiques telles que la LRA, le MoFA et l'Agence d'Audit Interne du Libéria (IAA). L'ancien officier de l'EPS espère que le gouvernement entrant du président Boakai apportera un changement positif qui servira les intérêts de nombreux Libériens. M. Jeffery recommande également au gouvernement entrant de Boakai de donner la priorité à la transparence pour aborder les problèmes systémiques et renforcer les efforts visant à garantir un accès équitable à la justice pour tous les citoyens libériens.

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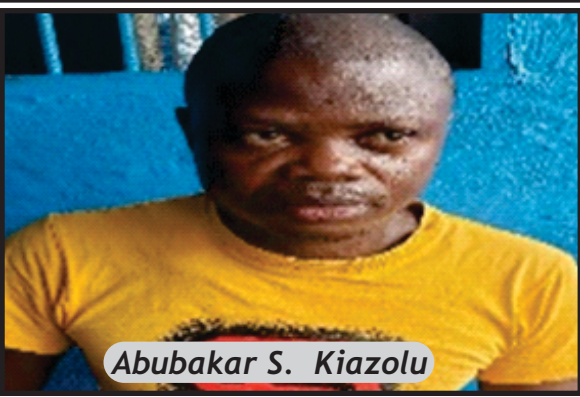
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Topic: President-Elect Joseph Boakai's First 100 Days' Deliverables

By Naneka Hoffman

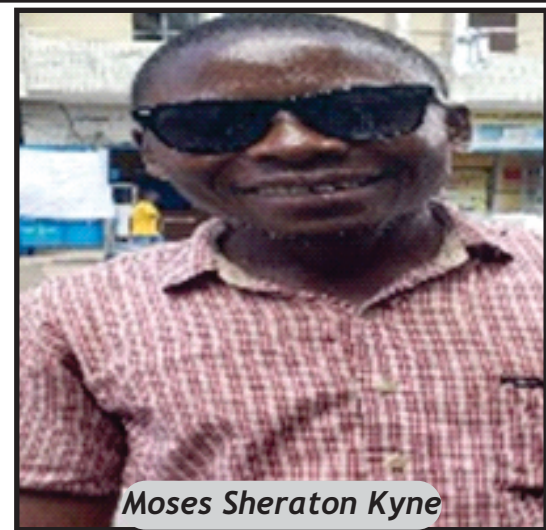
President-Elect Joseph Nyumah Boakia has promised that as part of his first 100 days' deliverables, no car will get stuck on major roads in the country. But reactions from Liberians are mixed on Mr. Boakai's pledge to make major roads across the country passable in one hundred days, as you may read below.



Abubakar S. Kiazolu

Montserrado or other counties, I can say yes, granted that it can be implemented before those times but, for the entire country, major roads is also relative because there are roads leading to counties and capital cities and they are very deplorable and in two years they can't be completed. So by saying hundred days yes, it is impossible for the entire country but some parts of the country is possible like in the case of Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount counties. It can be implemented before the hundred days, but for the entire country, it is challenging."

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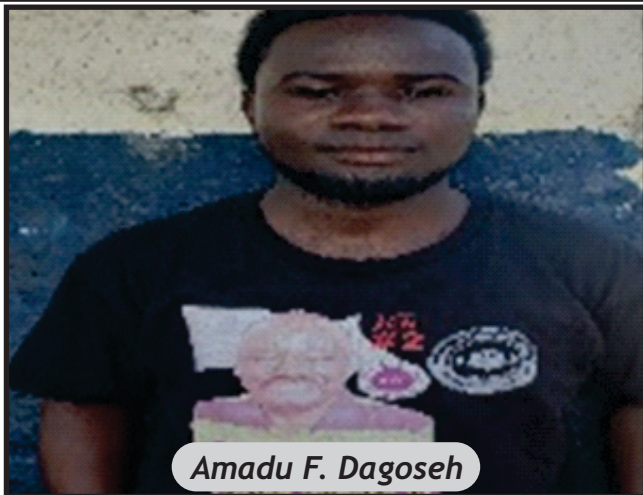


Moses Sheraton Kyne

"We all are seeing things. We saw Madam Ellen-led administration made some promises and when she got in office, those promises were not achieved. But as for me, we look toward that promise. Making Liberia paved in the first hundred days, is a challenging job. But we hope that he will achieve it. I don't know but we pray that it will happen. But for me, the deplorable condition of roads in Liberia, if you tell me, in hundred days that the roads in Liberia will be paved and I will ride kekeh from here to Maryland county, I think it is impossible. But as it may, he is the one holding his plan so we are looking forward to see how possible that arrangement

will be. But for me, I see it to be a difficult thing for President Boakai to achieve in hundred days and I see it as something very impossible."

"President-elect Joseph N. Boakia was not wrong by saying that the first hundred days no car will get stuck in the mud on major roads, because he came with an agenda to the Liberian people, so he means it and he is going to work in line with the Ministry of Public Works to make sure that they can pave all those deplorable pathways so that cars with not stuck in the mud. Yes! I support him 100% percent and we are in dry season. He is



Amadu F. Dagoseh

going to work with major roads to Ministry of Public nearby counties Works to see how that are not best they can start developed in their work in terms terms of roads of connecting connectivity."

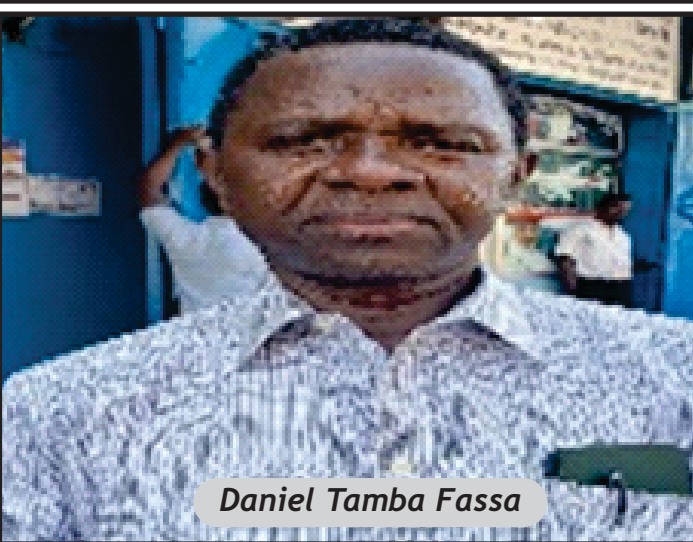


Razzak Kanneh

"Yes, it's possible that no car will get stuck in the mud on major roads, in the first hundred days, because this administration is going to get involved with the rural development

system that's the reason he made such a statement. And all where mud are, they will bring machines to those various places in making sure that those places will be cleared during raining season so there will be no sticking. If you observed the twelve years of Madam Sirleaf, from here to the southeast was possible though it was not paved as compared to present, where cars can't go to the southeast.

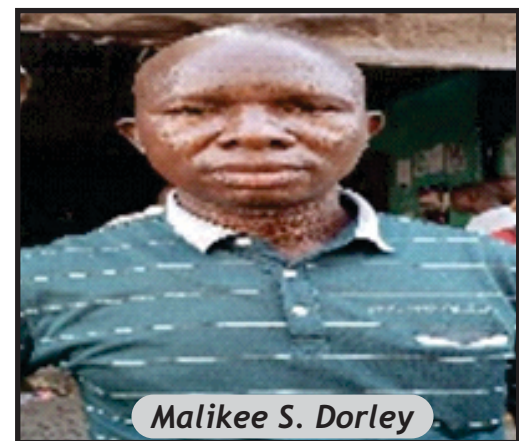
So that is the same aspect in which President Boakai is speaking that the first hundred days, no car will get stuck in the mud on major roads."



Daniel Tamba Fassa

holes were there, but when you put crushed rocks to make sure that it stops. So, the statement itself doesn't imply putting street coal tar and everything. We will put crushed rocks and make sure that no cars will stuck and all those major roads for instance, Rivergee and Maryland, go see the mud. We can able at least to put rocks to make sure that the cars will be able to pass through; that's what the old man meant. But Liberian people will not understand it. They are just thinking everything in hundred days will be bread and butter; I say no."

"One thing I will tell you, the statement doesn't mean in first 100 days they're going to put coal tar on it. It simply means that all those pop holes will be closed even by putting crushed rocks there. We saw it three, four months of George W e a h ' s administration; we saw people putting crushed rocks from Via Town all the way to Logan Town; that's one of the dry roads there you see because when it rains all those pop



Malikee S. Dorley

"I agree with this statement from President Boakai, that in his first hundred days, no car will get stuck in the mud on major roads because where certain areas cars stuck and where the cars will have to stuck, you clear the mud and put crushed rocks and compile it so cars can get easy access. It is possible; it can happen and it is not a big deal. So, his first hundred days, no car will get stuck in the mud on major roads and that's what they don't understand. They are saying that the man will fix the roads no, but where the cars stuck in the mud, Ambassador Boakai will fix that

place, clear it and put crushed rocks there and compile it so people can get easy access."



Prince Brown

"I must appreciate Ambassador Boakai because the statement made about first hundred days, no car will get stuck in the mud on major roads, I think that statement

is welcoming, because the issue is very clear that we are faced with a lot of road challenges in the country, and coming up with such statement from the President-Elect, Ambassador Boakai, I think in my mind that particular statement means that Ambassador Boakai will make sure that the corridor with be paved, not to tell the Liberian people indeed that they will put coal tar, but to open the corridor so at least cars can have easy access to their destination - that is the reason President Boakai made such a statement. But other people are looking at it from different direction."

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Weah clears Boakai's roadblock

The World Bank has lifted the suspension imposed on Liberia which prevented the West

World Bank has received all the overdue payments referred to in the suspension notice and all other payments owed by the Member Country that have

suspending the George Weah administration denying it access to with withdrawal of loans due to delay in servicing its debt obligation.

The decision to suspend access was conveyed in a letter on November 15 to Liberia's Finance Minister Samuel Tweah, from the Vice-President of the Western and Central Africa region at the World Bank, Ousmane Diagana.

But the Weah administration succeeded in settling its obligation, something that would have served as a roadblock for the incoming Boakai administration in gaining access to unwithdrawn loans.

How long Liberia was suspended?

The World Bank suspended Liberia's access to "unwithdrawn loans" was for 60 days, but the Weah administration was able to react

promptly to avoid further damages to its image.

What does the World Bank suspension mean?

The External Debt Service Suspension introduces a suspension of servicing of all affected external public debts, for an interim period pending an orderly and consensual restructuring of those obligations, in a manner consistent with an economic adjustment program supported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).



Pres. Weah

President-elect Boakai

African nation access to unwithdrawn loans.

Liberia's right to withdraw from the Disbursing Loans and specific Trust Fund grants was temporarily halted until the debt to the Bank was serviced.

"In reference to the notice issued by the International Development Association ("World Bank") to the Republic of Liberia ("Member Country") dated November 15, 2023,

suspending withdrawals under the Suspended Loans referred to in said notice, we are pleased to inform you that the

fallen due since the Suspension Date referred to in said notice.

The Member Country is therefore now current on all payments owed by them to the Bank under the Suspended Loans. Consequently, the suspension of withdrawals under the Suspended Loans has been lifted as of November 24, 2023," the World Bank said in its notice lifting Liberia's suspension.

It could be recalled that on November 15, the International Development Association "World Bank" issued a notice

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the local police depot (Zone 6, Brewerville), where the first and second intrusions occurred on 8th and 9th of February, 2023. Detective Curtis B. Koffa, who responded to the distress call at Justice Scott's home after the 8th and 9th February incidents, could not exhibit before the court any report of his investigation, but only told the court and jury verbally that Justice Scott destroyed the evidence by repairing the part of her house where intruders are

believed to have used to enter the house, and that she (Scott) had also ridden her vehicle that was reportedly searched and ransacked by the suspected criminals. Meanwhile, there are growing concerns about the whereabouts of Mr. Valee Telleh, the man that was accused by former Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Chairman, Cllr. Jerome Verdier of killing Charloe.

The concerns over Mr. Telleh's prolonged silence and absence from public view come in the wake of speculations that the defense

team is close to requesting the court to subpoena him.

Sources close to defense lawyers say they (lawyers) would be asking the court in coming days to subpoena Mr. Telleh to testify to his alleged involvement in the murder of Charloe, and another possible subpoena on the Liberia National Police to also testify to what they've found out of their surprisingly brief interaction with Mr. Valee Telleh in March this year. News of Mr. Varlee Telleh's possible subpoena also comes amid rumors that he has fled the country. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

PATEL urges Boakai to prioritize

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businesspeople of Liberia to give the incoming government time to address some challenges in the country. The Chair of Trade and Commerce at the Liberia Business community said, "We crafted a document about two years ago when the Liberia Business Association

(LIBA) engaged business groups and nearly every union complained of access to finance." "So we want the government to put in its budget U\$50 million for Liberian businesses to be empowered," he said.

At the same time, the PATEL Chairperson has praised President Goerge

Manneh Weah for accepting the just-ended 14 November presidential run-off election. Nimely also used the occasion to congratulate President-elect Boakai for winning the presidency. He said Liberian businesses are willing and ready to work with the incoming government.

CDC picks bones with police

Just before the inks can clear off the fingers of voters or even before President-elect Joseph Boakai can be sworn in as President, the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) has begun picking bones with the police for labeling suspect Emmanuel K. Williams is a 'Staunch supporter of the CDC'.

"Today's edition of the New Dawn Newspaper, quoting Police charge sheet, claims suspect Emmanuel K. Williams is a 'Staunch supporter of the CDC'. The paper, again quoting Police charge sheet, is alleging further that this 'UP Headquarters crash murder suspect' is also a member of a CDC auxiliary called 'Militant Brigade'.

which has been gaining traction since the recent presidential campaign. That the Patrick Sudue-led Liberia National Police will continue to flush out its 'Neutrality' in support of a subtle but nefarious agenda of the Unity Party, is not too much of a surprise.

Here is why. While we support justice for our brothers and sisters, unfortunate victims of the tragic crash at the Unity Party Headquarters, we cannot also be silent when the nation's Chief law-enforcement agency becomes cannon fodder to stereotype hundreds of thousands of members of the Coalition for Democratic Change. Since the police will inevitably come out arguing to the contrary, what other counter argument is there to justify the



Jefferson-T.-Kojjee

All the above insinuations, unfortunately coming from a police charge sheet, are absolutely false and misleading, leaving one to wonder who in the police is doing the bidding of the Unity Party!" The CDC stated in a statement issued on Tuesday, November 28. The CDC in its response argued that in countering this disinformation campaign, the New Dawn Newspaper, being a medium only, needs no pardon since it is guiltless. The CDC: "Firstly, apparently in a hurry to accomplish a coordinated disinformation campaign against the CDC, an agent provocateur at the Liberia National Police has chosen to disregard irrefutable proof of Mr. Williams support to JNB & the Unity Party. It is clear that suspect Williams is not only a supporter of the Unity Party but was visibly and actively engaged in campaigning (in recent elections) against the CDC and its standard-bearer, H.E. George M. Weah (see proof attached). Secondly, the CDC may have thousands of auxiliaries, but not a single one bears the name 'MILITANT BRIGADE' as is being falsely claimed by the police's charge sheet. The CDC cautions against this creeping politicization of the Liberia National Police,

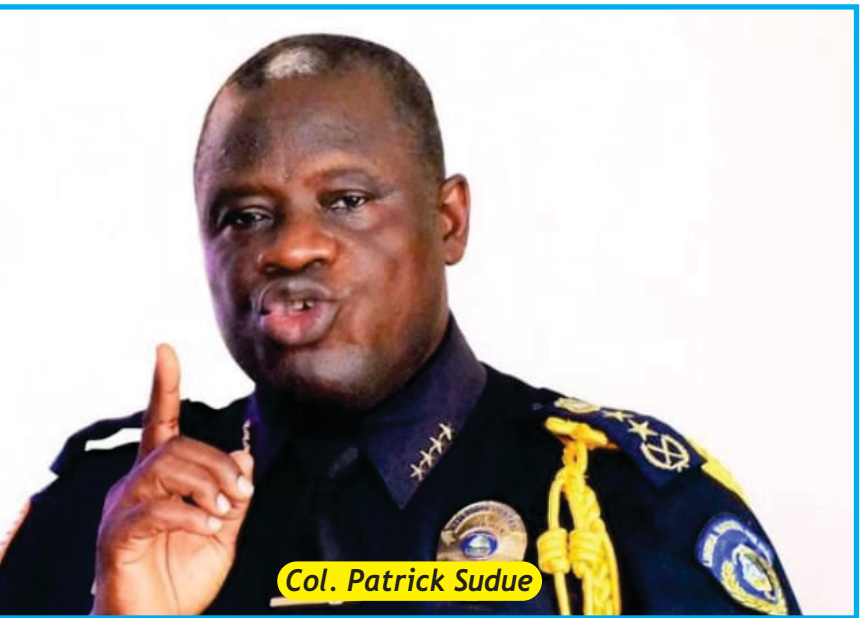
Patrick Sudue-led police's mishandling of the Foya tragedy when members of the CDC were brutally murdered by suspects openly dressed in Unity Party T-Shirts? Of the many persons arrested, released before being re-arrested and reluctantly charged under public pressure, not a single charge sheet labels any of the suspects as a Unity Party supporter, despite the preponderance of evidence linking them to the barbarities against our people.

As the police suspiciously dance in the shadows of the Unity Party, it is even being alleged that notorious former Police Director for Operations, Abraham Kromah, allegedly paid a secret visit at the Liberia National Police to manipulate preliminary findings into the UP-Headquarters crash case. The imminent recycling of names of the sort who stand indictable of serious crimes committed against the Liberian people is a precursor of the pending evil, one we stand ready and prepared to confront. As already stated, let it be known to the anti-CDC sleeper cell at the Liberia National Police that, as it goes into active service against the people, the mighty Coalition for Democratic Change is quite capable of confronting and defeating its partisan, sinister vices.

Police Chief faces court subpoena

-in the murder trial of Justice Scott

As the murder trial for 2022 on incident of Justice the late Charloe Musu Gloria Musu Scott's missing continues at Criminal license plate, and the ledger Court 'A', Temple of Justice, testified to on Monday, Police Inspector General, Col. November 27, 2023, by Col. Patrick Sudue, has fallen in Sudue's representative,



Col. Patrick Sudue

missing license plate, while she was defending the Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence-led faction of the Liberty Party and Gbarpolu County Senator Botoe Kanneh, at the National Elections Commission, as well as the reported intrusion incidents of the 8th and 9th of February, 2023, at her Virginia residence where Charloe Musu was murdered.

But he (Sudue) was represented by a police officer, Curtis B. Koffa, who could not present nor produce any report or documentation regarding the two separate incidents mentioned.

The first subpoena sent to Inspector General Sudue required or mandated him to appear before the court to produce and testify to the communication from Justice Scott, informing the LNP about the removal of her license plate mysteriously on April 25, 2022, and the police investigation report from

trouble with the court after being subpoenaed to appear before the court or face contempt and/or other appropriate punishments under the law. In his ruling on Monday, November 27, 2023, Judge Roosevelt Z. Willie ordered the Clerk of Court to do a subpoena Ad Testificandum Decu Tecum to the Police Inspector General to produce the report of April 25, Detective Curtis B. Koffa. Inspector General Sudue is ordered to appear today, Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 10:00am, and make available said document to the court or risks contempt of court. The Police Chief had earlier been subpoenaed by the court to appear in relation to Cllr. Scott's mysteriously

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