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Continental News

Nigeria snubbed at White House summit, opposition blames Tinubu

Nigeria's opposition alliance blamed President Bola Tinubu for not being invited to the African summit in the White House on Wednesday, according to a statement by the opposition's Publicity Secretary, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi. The newly formed opposition coalition, the African Democratic Congress (ADC), stated that Nigeria's absence from the meeting constituted a "damning international indictment" of the country's poor economic health and weak foreign policy under Tinubu, as reported by Nigeria's Vanguard media. "Although we are Africa's largest economy, with the largest

consumer market and the continent's most influential diaspora, the United States chose to bypass us in favour of nations which combined GDP is only a fraction of ours," Abdullahi said in the statement.

U.S. President Donald Trump will meet with the leaders of Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, and Senegal in Washington from July 9 to 11.

Trade, investment and security will be the key topics for the summit as the Trump administration pivots to a 'trade not aid' development strategy in Africa.

It is unclear why Trump chose to invite the five relatively small West African states, but the day before the summit was announced, U.S.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that American engagement in Africa would favour nations "that have demonstrated both the ability and willingness to help themselves".

As the largest economy and most populous country in West Africa, Nigeria's exclusion from Wednesday's meeting is noteworthy.

Diplomatic relations between the U.S and Nigeria have worsened in recent weeks culminating on Sunday when Trump on Truth Social announced an additional 10% tariff on Nigeria and other countries aligned with BRICS. In the post, the President criticised BRICS policies for being 'anti-American'.

In January, Nigeria joined the alliance of emerging economies as an official partner country. Speaking at the 17th BRICS Summit in Brazil earlier this week, President Tinubu called for "a reevaluation of the current global governance structure", in an assumed jab at the U.S.

Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi warned that the new BRICS tariff against Nigeria was evidence that the country's global reputation was slipping, noting that a few years ago, it would have been unthinkable that a meeting like Wednesday's would be held without Nigeria.

"It shows just how far our global standing has declined under this administration," he said.

"Great economic potential in Africa": five African leaders have lunch with Trump

U.S. President Donald Trump opened his White House lunch with African leaders, says "there's a lot of anger on your continent."

The surprise meeting with the leaders of Liberia, Senegal, Gabon, Mauritania and Guinea-Bissau comes as the Trump administration has taken radical steps it said are meant to reshape the U.S. relationship with Africa.

As the lunch began, Trump invited the assembled African leaders to speak individually – then seemed to regret how long it was taking.

Up first was Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani who spoke for several minutes, lavishing Trump with praise, including, "I would like to let you know that we are delighted to see Trump's commitment to our continent."

Praise for Trump... and a vague promise of a visit

The West African leaders, speaking one at a time, praised

Trump for his efforts to try to foster peace deals around the world.

Senegal's President Bassirou Diomaye Faye suggested his country also offered investment opportunities for tourism, including, he suggested, a golf course. Faye said the course would only be a six hour flight from New York and suggested Trump could visit to show off his skills. After President Joseph Boakai wrapped his brief remarks at the start of the White House meeting, Trump asked the Liberian leader where he learned to speak so "beautifully."

Trump seemed surprised when Boakai responded he learned in Liberia. "I have people at this table can't speak nearly as well," Trump added.

The US president also said that he would "very much like" to go to Africa "at some point", although he added that he would need to check his schedule first.

Trump's predecessor, President Joe Biden, promised to go to Africa in 2023.

But he only made good on that commitment by visiting Angola in December 2024, just weeks before he left office.



FILE - Nigerian President Bola Tinubu listens to French President Emmanuel Macron during a statement

Legal complaint targets family of DRC's Félix Tshisekedi for looting

A complaint has been filed in Brussels against nine family members of Félix Tshisekedi, the president of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), according to La Libre on Tuesday.

The accused, who are Belgian nationals, face allegations of stealing from mines located in the provinces of Lualaba and Upper Katanga in the southern part of the country. Those named in the

complaint include Tshisekedi's sister-in-law, sons, brothers, cousins, and even the first lady of the country.

They are referred to in the complaint as "accomplices to acts of corruption and other criminal activities."

The complaint was presented to federal prosecutor Ann Fransen by lawyers Bernard and Briec Maingain on behalf of several NGOs from Katanga and four former directors of Gécamines, the Congolese

state-owned mining company. The lawyers clarify that the nine individuals mentioned are not the only ones they accuse of theft.

However, this complaint is focused solely on those with Belgian nationality who can be prosecuted in our legal system. "Further charges may soon be filed in other countries where the looters of our resources are from," one of the prosecutors remarked.



President Donald Trump speaks during a lunch with African leaders from Senegal, Liberia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Gabon at the White House, 9 July 2025.

UN report reveals 4.6 million people struggling with food insecurity

Somalia is currently facing severe food insecurity, with 4.6 million individuals experiencing food shortages, as reported by the United Nations on Tuesday.

Stéphane Dujarric, the UN Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, informed reporters that "1.8 million children under five are anticipated to be acutely malnourished this year."

Dujarric also mentioned that food assistance has decreased by 50% compared to the previous year, and nearly 150 clinics have been impacted, resulting in "hundreds of thousands of

individuals lacking access to essential healthcare."

The suffering of an increasing number of Somalis unable to provide for their children is compounded by the distress of health workers witnessing the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. support during the Trump administration.

According to previous reporting by the AP, the U.S. Agency for International Development once contributed 65% of Somalia's foreign aid, as stated by Dr. Abdiqani Sheikh Omar, the former director general of the Ministry of Health and now a government advisor.

Much of that financial support has now vanished.

A spokesperson from the U.S. State Department told the AP, "several lifesaving USAID humanitarian assistance programs are operational in Somalia, including those that provide food and nutrition support to children," and they are striving to ensure these programs persist when such aid transitions to the State Department on July 1.



Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel, and DRC President Felix Tshisekedi, center left, during an arrival ceremony at the Egmont Palace in Brussels, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019.

EDITORIAL

Questioning GoL's decision on HPX Rail Access amidst AML's ongoing MDA

The recent decision by the Government of Liberia (GoL) to grant HPX (High Power Exploration) access to the national railway, while ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) continues to hold an active Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) with the government, raises several questions about national interest and strategic priorities.

At the heart of the matter is whether the GoL's actions serve Liberia's long-term goals, or whether they prioritize foreign interests over national interests or those of its own people.

Granting HPX access to the railway while AML MDA is still in effect creates a climate of uncertainty for current and potential investors.

AML's existing agreement with the government represents not only a legal commitment but also an implicit promise to prioritize the company's expansion and its resultant contributions to Liberia's economy.

While it is true that the railway is a state asset, by signing an access agreement with HPX, GoL appears to compromise the spirit, if not the letter, of its ongoing agreement with AML. This raises critical questions:

How does GoL justify entering into a new, potentially conflicting arrangement while its prior commitments remain unresolved?

What assurances exist to prevent operational or legal clashes between AML's expansion plans and HPX's anticipated access?

The optics of this new agreement suggest that foreign iron ore shipments are being prioritized over Liberian developmental interests.

AML's expansion is not merely a matter of corporate growth; it represents an opportunity for increased employment, local procurement, tax revenue, and infrastructural development.

This move may set a concerning precedent for future negotiations, signaling to both domestic and international actors that Liberia's commitments are manipulable and that foreign pressure can yield preferential treatment, even at the expense of national development.

This perception could impede AML's ability to finance future expansions, as investors may question the reliability of GoL's assurances and the stability of their investments.

It is no secret that HPX has been mounting pressure, pushing GoL to sign this agreement, but not necessarily with Liberia's broader interests at heart.

Rather than develop, the company's strategy appears driven by the prospect of securing a lucrative deal, one that would enhance the value of the Guinean concession granted to HPX, thereby enabling it to “flip” the asset for significant profit.

In this regard, HPX's persistent lobbying can be seen less as a commitment to contributing to Liberia's long-term growth and more as a calculated move to maximize short-term gains, potentially at Liberia's expense.

These developments suggest a troubling narrative: Liberia, despite being the landlord and custodian of its own resources and infrastructure, is at risk of being the net victim in a zero-sum game orchestrated by external actors.

The benefits accrued by HPX, facilitated by GoL's acceptance, come at the cost of Liberia's own interests and the aim of AML to expand and deepen its economic impact.

In conclusion, the GoL's decision to sign a rail access agreement with HPX/Ivanhoe, while an existing agreement with a major investor remains unresolved, raises fundamental doubts.

Unless adjusted, this deal with HPX/Ivanhoe threatens to leave the nation at a disadvantage, undermining both sovereignty and future prosperity for the fleeting advantage of others.

COMMENTARY

By Ana Palacio

The US and China's Competing Security Visions

MADRID – It is indisputable at this point that the United States is disengaging from global leadership. While America's retreat has so far been largely a choice – spearheaded by President Donald Trump's “America First” administration – it may well become irreversible. And if the Communist Party of China (CPC) has its way, the People's Republic will emerge as the new global hegemon.

China's recently published [white paper](#) on national security, its first ever, offers a glimpse into the CPC's plans. Reflecting President Xi Jinping's “holistic national security concept,” the document articulates an expansive, integrated approach, encompassing political, economic, military, technological, cultural, and societal domains. And unlike previous defense-focused [white papers](#), it establishes political security – specifically, the CPC's leadership – as the foundation of national stability, essential to enable China to act as a stabilizing force in a turbulent world.

That turbulence, China asserts, can be blamed largely on Western powers – especially the US – which have fostered disorder through containment and interference. China has a point here: even America's current withdrawal from global leadership has been conflicted and chaotic.

That chaos begins with the Trump administration's embrace of economic nationalism and continues through Trump's rejection of decades of US foreign-policy principles. Trump's willingness to leverage American power to shape [global affairs](#) according to his whims is another incitement to instability, with his unilateral decision to [bomb Iranian nuclear sites](#) being the most [obvious example](#).

To be sure, in the Trump administration's view, the US operation in Iran was a bold, one-off maneuver aimed squarely at ending the Iranian nuclear threat and advancing peace in the Middle East. It was thus perfectly aligned with the administration's [commitment](#) not to become embroiled in new “forever wars.” But not only is the operation [unlikely](#) to have achieved its objectives; it undermines US soft power by inviting accusations of arrogance and hypocrisy.

This appears to matter little to the Trump administration, which seems convinced that national security depends not on global outreach, but on [military deterrence](#), advances in [cybersecurity](#), and [economic protectionism](#), exemplified by [high tariffs](#), efforts to secure [critical-mineral supply chains](#), and limits on the [export of advanced technology](#) to China. In fact, the Trump administration has scaled back cultural diplomacy and [slashed development aid](#) – hallmarks of America's post-Cold War influence.

This has provided a critical opening for China to position itself as a stable and certain actor in regional and global affairs, a champion of multilateralism, an investor in and defender of the Global South, and a just peacemaker. Within Asia, this vision has [materialized](#) in “treaties of good-neighborliness and friendly cooperation” between China and nine countries, and in China's promotion of greater regional security cooperation, including [with the ASEAN countries](#).

More broadly, China is touting Xi's [Global Security Initiative](#) (GSI), which was launched

in 2022 as an alternative to Western-led security frameworks that can support broad-based, “win-win” cooperation on “complex and intertwined security challenges.” The message has resonated widely: according to China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, more than [120 countries](#) have endorsed the GSI.

China is further nurturing its soft power through cultural outreach – from its network of Confucius Institutes to its recent [dialogues](#) with the African Union – and economic engagement, including trade, lending, and investment. In May, the country [introduced](#) a \$9 billion credit line for Latin America and the Caribbean. More broadly, China has been allocating [huge amounts of funding](#) for infrastructure and energy projects across the Global South, including through its [ambitious](#) Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The GSI, the BRI, and other projects form the pillars of what China [calls](#) a “global community of shared future.”

But, like the US, China's claim to the moral high ground is not always aligned with reality. Its message is clear: China, with the CPC at its helm, is the just, stable, non-hegemonic power the world – especially the Global South – needs. But its rhetoric of justice and multilateralism is belied by its coercive domestic policies and aggressive regional maneuvers, such as the [militarization](#) of the South China Sea. In fact, while China presents its security posture as entirely defensive – aimed only at ensuring its own sovereignty – it has been pursuing various territorial claims with increasing assertiveness. Regarding [Taiwan](#), the CPC [makes](#) “no promise to renounce the use of force” and “reserves the option of taking all necessary measures” to “reunite” China.

Following through on these threats would be far less justifiable than the US operation in Iran, which was at least aimed at neutralizing a perceived threat. Taiwan poses no threat whatsoever to China or its neighbors. But for many countries in the Global South, America's history of double standards, including its inconsistent human-rights advocacy, has so decimated its moral authority that its interventions stand out as uniquely problematic, especially as it turns its back on soft power.

The US and China have very different ideas of what it means to underwrite global stability. For the US, the objective – at least before Trump's presidency – had been to quash or deter threats to a rules-based order, including through selective interventions.

But as Trump's America abandons that approach and alienates more of the world, China's vision, focused on fortifying CPC control and building alternative frameworks for global engagement, has gained greater appeal. If the US wants to remain a decisive player in the emerging multipolar world order, it will need to reaffirm the postwar foreign-policy principles that underpinned the rules-based order that it helped build but now threatens.

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Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services to Develop an Artificial Intelligence Framework and Create Awareness:
Ref No.: LTA/SBA/QCBS/REOI/002/2025
Date of Issue: July 9, 25
Closing Date for Submissions: July 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

1. Introduction

The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), as the independent regulatory body for Liberia's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector, invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified consultancy firms to provide services for the development of a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulatory Framework document.

Recognizing the pervasive and rapidly evolving impact of Artificial Intelligence on the global telecommunications landscape and broader society, the LTA seeks to proactively regulate and leverage AI for the benefit of Liberia's digital economy and citizens. This initiative aims to foster ethical AI development, ensure regulatory clarity, promote fair competition, safeguard consumer safety, and stimulate innovation within Liberia's telecommunications sector.

2. Objectives of the Consultancy

The overall objective of this consultancy is to provide the Liberia Telecommunications Authority with a strategic and regulatory framework for Artificial Intelligence that promotes responsible innovation, protects consumers, ensures fair competition, and aligns with international best practices.

Specifically, the objectives are to:

- Conduct a thorough assessment of Liberia's current AI landscape, including its regulatory environment, infrastructure readiness, and institutional capacity.
- Engage a diverse range of stakeholders across public, private, academic, and civil society sectors to gather comprehensive inputs for the AI Framework.
- Review and integrate international best practices in AI governance and regulation from comparable markets.
- Design a comprehensive AI Framework addressing core principles (ethics, transparency, accountability), risk-based regulatory models, data privacy and governance, regulatory sandbox considerations, and telecom-specific AI use cases.

3. Minimum Qualification Criteria for Firms

Interested firms must meet the following mandatory requirements to be considered for pre-qualification. Firms must provide clear and verifiable evidence for each criterion with their Expression of Interest:

- Extensive Experience in AI Strategy, internet governance and/or policy formulation:** A minimum of seven (7) years of proven experience in Artificial Intelligence strategy development, policy formulation, or regulatory design.
- Proven Track Record in Framework Development:** A proven track record of successfully developing national or sectoral AI or Digital Strategy frameworks. Evidence must include:
Brief descriptions of at least three (3) similar assignments and CVs of key personnel to be assigned to the project, along with credentials.
Client references (Name of organization, contact person, and email/phone number). Dates of completion for each assignment.
- Deep AI Technical Understanding:** Demonstrable deep understanding of core AI technologies, including Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP), Computer Vision, and other relevant AI sub-fields.
- Developing Country Context Experience:** Prior experience working in developing-country contexts, with a strong preference for experience within the African telecommunications sector.
- Communication Proficiency:** Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Company Profile:** Submit a comprehensive company profile outlining the firm's history, mission, organizational structure, and core competencies.
- Legal Registration (Liberia):** A valid Business Registration Certificate from the Liberia Business Registry (LBR) [if applicable for local firms, or commitment to obtain if international and awarded contract].
- Tax Compliance (Liberia):** A valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA).
- Procurement Compliance (Liberia):** A valid Vendor Business Registration Receipt from the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC).

Note: Only firms that meet all the above minimum qualification criteria will be pre-qualified and invited to participate in the next stage of the selection process (Request for Proposals).

4. Submission Requirements

Firms interested in this assignment are requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) along with a cover letter precisely indicating their interest. The EOI package must clearly address and provide verifiable documentation for each of the minimum qualification criteria listed in Section 5.

5. Submission Procedures

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in three (3) hard copies and one (1) soft copy (PDF format on a USB drive or CD-ROM) in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

"Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services to Develop an Artificial Intelligence Framework and Create Awareness"

Submissions should be addressed and delivered to:

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Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA)
2nd Floor, Room # 029
Menetamba Road, Cooper's Beach Community
ELWA Community, RIA Highway
Paynesville City, Liberia
Mobile Nos:0777589047/0886564210
Email Address: procurement@lta.gov.lr

Electronic submissions will NOT be accepted for this REOI stage.

6. Closing Date for Submissions

The deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest is **Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM**. Bid Opening will be done promptly after closing at 2:00 PM, in the main Conference Room on the 3rd Floor, in the presence of bidder's representatives or those who choose to attend. Any EOI received after this deadline will not be considered.

7. Selection Process

Upon receipt of EOIs, the LTA will conduct a thorough review and evaluation based on responsiveness to this REOI and the fulfillment of all stated minimum qualification criteria. Only firms deemed pre-qualified will be formally invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which will include the submission of detailed technical and financial proposals.

8. Clarifications

Any requests for clarification regarding this REOI should be submitted in writing via email to procurement@lta.gov.lr no later than **Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM**. Responses to all queries will be shared with all interested firms that have requested the REOI or expressed initial interest, to ensure fairness and transparency.

The LTA reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI and to annul the selection process at any time, without incurring any liability to the affected firm(s).

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T. Franniel Powell
Acting Procurement & Logistics Manager

Approved:
Hon. Clarence K. Massaquoi
Acting Chairperson, LTA/BoC



Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Management and Development of Liberia's Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) (.LR)
Ref No.: LTA/SBA/QCBS/001/2025
Date of Issue: July 9, 2025
Closing Date for Submissions: July 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM

1. Introduction

The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), as the independent regulatory body for Liberia's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector, invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced and professional firms to provide consultancy services for the management and development of Liberia's Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD), .LR.

The .LR ccTLD is a critical national asset for internet governance, digital identity, and cybersecurity. Its effective and efficient management is essential for a secure, resilient, and inclusive digital infrastructure that supports Liberia's ongoing socio-economic development.

2. Objectives of the Consultancy

The primary objective of this consultancy is to provide expert guidance and support to the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) in the comprehensive redelegation process of the .LR Country Code Top-Level Domain, ensuring its effective management, enhanced security, compliance with international best practices, and promotion of a multi-stakeholder governance model.

Specific objectives include:

- Facilitate the successful redelegation of the .LR ccTLD in accordance with ICANN policies and international best practices.
- Develop robust policy frameworks for the sustainable and inclusive management of the .LR ccTLD.
- Provide technical guidance for optimizing operational efficiency and security of the .LR ccTLD infrastructure.

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- Strengthen stakeholder engagement and foster a multi-stakeholder governance model for the .LR ccTLD.
- Identify and propose solutions to key constraints hindering the growth and utilization of .LR ccTLD services.

3. Minimum Qualification Criteria for Firms

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- Company Profile:** Submit a comprehensive company profile outlining the firm's history, mission, organizational structure, and core competencies.
- Extensive Experience:** Provide evidence of extensive experience of the firm with a minimum of **seven (7) years** in:
 - Telecommunications consulting, **AND/OR**
 - Internet Governance concepts, **AND/OR**
 - Multimedia content production in the context of digital infrastructure.
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- Proven Track Record:** A track record of successfully supervising or completing at least **three (3)** similar assignments related to ccTLD redelegation, ccTLD administration, internet governance policy development, or critical internet infrastructure development management. Evidence must include:
 - Brief descriptions of the assignments plus Curriculum Vitae of key personnel to be assigned to the project along with credentials.
 - Client references (Name of organization, contact person, and email/phone number).
 - Dates of completion for each assignment.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MONTSERRADO COUNTY

IN THE DEBT COURT FOR MONTSERRADO CO.
SITTING IN ITS JUNE TERM, A.D. 2025.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: JAMES E. JONES, JUDGE, DEBT COURT, MO. CO

The Management of Master Trading Center, by & thru its General Manager, Khaled Ismail of Randall Street, Monrovia, Liberia

VERSUS

The Management of Ginko Energies Liberia, by & thru its Managing Director, Mr. Jack Yu, of the City of Monrovia, Liberia

ACTION OF DEBT

GREETINGS:

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
BAILIFF RUTH C. SUMO
ACTING SHERIFF, DEBT COURT, MO. CO.

RE-SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION & MAILING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON BY PUBLICATION & MAIL: The Management of Ginko Energies Liberia, by & thru its Managing Director, Mr. Jack Yu, of the City of Monrovia, Liberia, DEFENDANT to appear before the Debt Court for Montserrado County, sitting in its August Term A.D. 2025, same being the 12th day of August A.D. 2025, at the hour of 10: 00A.M. at the Debt Court House, Temple of Justice Building, City of Monrovia, Liberia, to answer to the complaint of Plaintiff in the above captioned cause of action and to notify the said Defendant that upon it failure to appear, judgment will be entered against it by default.

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER COMMANDED to notify the said defendant to file its formal appearance/answer in my office on or before the 18th day of July A.D. 2025. Meanwhile, you will return this Writ in my Office on or before the said 18th day of July A.D. 2025 with your Official returns endorsed on the back thereof as to the form and manner of service.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION & MAILING:

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, A.D.2025.

SEAL

Marcathys S. Hne, Jr.
CLERK OF COURT
DEBT COURT, MO. CO.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE DEBT COURT FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY
MONTSERRADO COUNTY) SITTING IN ITS MAY TERM A.D. 2025

BEFORE HIS HONOR: JAMES E. JONES, RESIDENT JUDGE DEBT COURT

The Management of Master Trading Center
By and thru its General Manager of Mr. Khaled Ismail of Rendell Street Monrovia, Liberia

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
The management of Ginko Energies
Liberia by and thru its Managing Director
Mr. JACK YU of the city of Monrovia

DEFENDANT

ACTION OF DEBT

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

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1. Plaintiff says that it is a registered business entity operating under the laws of the Republic of Liberia and is authorized to bring this action of debt against the Defendant, and attached and marked as P/1 is a copy of the plaintiff's document to substantiate this claim.
2. Plaintiff says that he runs a Moto Garage and spare parts store of which defendant has been taking parts and drawing down on account for spare parts and services of the defendant's vehicle.
3. Plaintiff says that the defendant left his 2010 black Toyota Land Cruiser SUV, which the defendant left with the plaintiff for repairs, and the defendant is yet to pay the repair cost. Attached and marked as P/2 is a copy of the Black Jeep title to substantiate this claim.
4. Plaintiff says that the defendant paid some of the money and has an outstanding balance of (US\$2,610.00), two thousand six hundred and ten United States dollars as the amount owed. Attached and marked as P/ 3 is a copy of the statement of accounts.
5. Plaintiff says that since the 2nd day of February A.D. 2024, the defendant refused to answer the plaintiff's calls, refused to settle his debt with the plaintiff, and refused to pay for the servicing of the vehicle.
6. Plaintiff says that in May of 2024, the plaintiff hired his lawyer to collect his debt from the defendant. The defendant's lawyer then sent a demand letter to the defendant but was told that the defendant is out of the bailiwick. Attached and marked as P/4 is a copy of the demand letter.
7. Plaintiff says that based on the facts stated above, the action of debt will lie.

WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the plaintiff prays your honor and this honorable court to adjudge the defendant liable to the Plaintiff and also dispose of the collateral or assets that is the Jeep of the defendant that is in the possession of the Plaintiff.

A). (US\$2,610.00), Two Thousand Six Hundred and Ten United States Dollars as debt owed.

B). Six percent statutory interest C) 2% of successful attorney fees. D) 6 % percent sheriff collection fees.

Respectfully Submitted
the within named Plaintiff by and thru
His legal counsel

CLLR: BENJAMIN B. STEWART, JR.
Tel: 0886413930/0777413930

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
MONTSERRADO COUNTY) FOR AND IN MONTSERRADO COUNTY

The Management of Master Trading Center
By and thru its General Manager of Mr. Khaled Ismail of Rendell Street Monrovia, Liberia

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
The management of Ginko Energies
Liberia by and thru its Managing Director
Mr. JACK YU of the city of Monrovia

DEFENDANT

ACTION OF DEBT

PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVITS

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME a duly qualify Justice of the Peace in and for Montserrado county CLLR. BENJAMIN B. STEWART, JR, who, made oath and swore that the attached Complaint of the Plaintiff is correct to and as to the facts he verily believed them to be true to the best of his knowledge and beliefs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEALS THIS
7TH DAY OF JULY, A.D.2025

Signed:
CLLR: BENJAMIN B. STEWART, JR..
AFFAINT

Schools in defiance

Two private institutions among dozen others recently closed by the Government of Liberia for poor standards are still operating here in defiance.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

Monrovia, Liberia; July 10, 2025 - The SABEGNA School of Travel and Tourism and the African International Institute of Science and Technology (AIIST), both in Monrovia, are definitely conducting regular classes despite the recent suspension of their licenses by the National Commission on Higher Education for failing to meet regulatory standards.

SABEGNA School is situated on Gurley Street, while African International Institute of Science and Technology operates on Benson Street.

Both tertiary institutions are listed in categories C & D among 57 tertiary institutions, colleges and universities red flagged by the Commission on Higher

However, two weeks after the closure of these institutions for breaching educational policies, The New Dawn has established that SABEGNA School of Travel and Tourism and the African International Institute of Science and Technology (AIIST) are among the violators that have deliberately failed to heed the notice, as their doors remained open.

They are still conducting normal academic activities, including administering exams, despite being formally suspended and closed by the state.

When contacted, both SABEGNA and AIIST argued that the decisions or actions by the National Commission on Higher Education were misplaced, describing them as a form of political gameplay.

AIIST Chief Executive Officer (CEO)



Education.

The Commission, through its Director General, Dr. Edward Lama Wonkeryor, had reported academic fraud at the affected institutions after a nationwide assessment of post-secondary institutions that are below academic and operational standards.

Dr. Wonkeryor announced the suspension and immediate shutdown, following evaluation that uncovered widespread deficiencies across Liberia's higher education sector.

He identified and listed at least 31 unaccredited schools found to be operating illegally across the country, which fell below regulatory standards. Of these, 22 were immediately shut down, and their operational licenses were suspended.

The Commission's axe also fell on 57 universities and colleges with similar poor standards. De. Wonkeryor said the Commission's action is part of efforts to ensure compliance with basic academic and operational standards across all post-secondary institutions.

Kemoh Sekou Konneh defended his institution, stating that it is not in violation and questioned the actions taken by the Commission.

"We surprisingly saw our institution's name listed, and we are in compliance, not in violation, so the NCHE is misplaced, and they must be credible", he argued.

Konneh clarified that AIIST is not offering a degree program, but an assistant program, and is not under the supervision of the Higher Education. Still, rather the Ministry of Education (MOE), which is responsible for regulating them, maintaining that they are fully licensed by the Ministry.

"We are not given degrees; we do an assistant program, and not under the NCHE, so they should evaluate well."

Meanwhile, the African International Institute of Science and Technology (AIIST) is listed as number 16 on the list of suspended institutions. At the same time, the Sabegna School of Travel and Tourism, ranked Category D, is listed at number 12.

Editing by Jonathan Browne

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Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE)
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/014/2025

July 3, 2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of Office Equipment & Furniture of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of Office Equipment & Furniture.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

5. Specification and Quantity:

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	ASSORTERD	Pieces

6. Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Company's Profile to include: Name of Professional Personnel for Installation and assembling
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 15, 2025 – August 15, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 15, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"(OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE)"

IFB NO.: UL/NCB/014/2025


Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address

In the middle of the envelop, print the address below:

Procurement Department
 Administrative Building, Right Wing, Room #: AC1-09
 University of Liberia
 Fendall Campus, Liberia
 Cell# 0777525575/0776455647/0886682379

- Note that Electronic bids will not be accepted, and that late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Signed: 
 Fatu Ruth Tipoteh (Mrs.)
 DIRECTOR/Procurement Dept.

Approved: 
 Mrs. Benetta Joko Tarr
 Vice President for Administration/UL

Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS)
IFB NO.: UL/ICB/002/2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in and out of the Country.

5. Specification and Quantity:

LOT- 1

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	General Building Materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

Lot 2.

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Painting Materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

6. Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Must follow full Technical Specification as requested in the bidding document
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 4, 2025 – August 5, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 5, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"GENERAL BUILDING MATERIALS"

IFB NO.: UL/ICB/002/2025

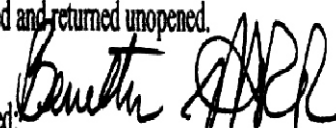
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 Vice President for Administration

Section I. Invitation for Bidders**FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS****(THE PROCUREMENT OF 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS)****IFB NO.: UL/NCB/009/2025**

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.
- Specification and Quantity:**

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Generator (200KVA)	1	Pieces
2.	Hydrometers	4	Pieces
3.	De-humidifier	4	Pieces
4.	Stabilizers for Stabilizers for Equipment (Heavy Duty)	7	Pieces

- Qualification requirements include:**
 - Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
 - Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
 - Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
 - Must follow full Technical Specification as requested in the bidding document
 - Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
 - Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.
- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 8, 2025 – August 6, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.
- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 6, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:
In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:
"THE PROCUREMENT OF 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS"
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/009/2025
Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address
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Section I. Invitation for Bidders**FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS****CIVIL WORKS- 1 (RENOVATION OF RESTROOMS OF MAIN BUILDINGS)****IFB NO.: UL/ICB/001/2025**

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Renovation of Restrooms of main buildings located on the campuses of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Renovation of all Restrooms, main buildings located on the campuses of the University of Liberia.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Restricted Bidding (RB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.
- Specification and Quantity:**

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Renovation of Restrooms, main buildings located on the four (4) campuses of the University of Liberia	211 Restrooms	Pieces

- Qualification requirements include:**
 - Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
 - Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
 - Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
 - Article of Incorporation
 - Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Certificate
 - Association of Liberian Construction Company (ALCC) Certificate
 - Detailed work schedule for work implementation
 - Current Bank Statement
 - Company's Profile to include: Name of Professional Personnel
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
 - Audited Financial Statements over the last 2 years.
 - Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.
- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 3, 2025 – August 7, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.
- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 7, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:
In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:
"CIVIL WORKS (RENOVATION OF RESTROOMS OF MAIN BUILDINGS)"
IFB NO.: UL/ICBa/001/2025
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DIRECTOR/Procurement Dept.

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Vice President for Administration/UL

Section I. Invitation for Bidders**FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS****GENERATOR SPAREPARTS****IFB NO.: UL/NCB/004/2025**

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Renovation of Restrooms of main buildings located on the campuses of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Renovation of all Restrooms, main, GENERATOR SPAREPARTS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.
- Specification and Quantity:**

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	GENERATOR SPAREPARTS	ASSORTERD	Pieces

- Qualification requirements include:**
 - Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
 - Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
 - Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
 - Company's Profile to include: Name of Professional Personnel (Mechanic)
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
 - Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation. Bid document must include a table of content.
- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning July 8, 2025 – August 6, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.
- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before August 6, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:
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IFB NO.: UL/NCB/004/2025
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Français

Le gouvernement et l'ambassade des États-Unis livrent des versions contradictoires sur un contrat ferroviaire de 1,8 milliard USD

Un flou persiste autour de la nature réelle de l'accord ferroviaire signé à huis clos entre le gouvernement libérien (GoL) et la société Ivanhoe Atlantic, propriété américaine.

américains ; de l'autre, les autorités libériennes peinent à s'accorder sur la portée juridique de la cérémonie. Une annonce qui soulève des questions Lundi 8 juillet, l'ambassade des États-Unis a publié un communiqué sur sa page

président Boakai. Selon l'ambassade, le contrat, qui permet à Ivanhoe Atlantic d'accéder au réseau ferroviaire libérien, représente un jalon important vers le développement économique du pays.

Pourtant, dès le lendemain, le ministre libérien des Mines et de l'Énergie, Wilmot Paye, a minimisé la portée de la cérémonie, la qualifiant de simple « manifestation d'intérêt » non contraignante, en attente de futures approbations pour devenir juridiquement valable.

Contradictions au sein du gouvernement

Quelques heures plus tard, le ministre de l'Information, Jerolinmek Piah, a tenu une conférence de presse dans laquelle il a affirmé que l'accord avait bel et bien été

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D'un côté, l'ambassade des États-Unis à Monrovia salue un contrat « signé » d'une valeur de 1,8 milliard de dollars

Facebook officielle qualifiant l'accord d'« étape cruciale » dans la politique de développement des infrastructures ferroviaires du

Libéria : Le Sénat face à un dilemme concernant l'application de la Loi sur la Gouvernance Locale

À l'approche de l'échéance fixée pour la dissolution des districts statutaires et la possible reclassification de certaines villes, le Sénat libérien se trouve à un tournant crucial dans la mise en œuvre de la Loi sur la Gouvernance Locale (Local Government Act - LGA) adoptée en 2018.

Le sénateur du Maryland, J. Gbleh-bo Brown, président de la Commission sénatoriale des Règles, de l'Ordre et de l'Administration, a exprimé de vives inquiétudes concernant les articles 2.15a et 2.16c de cette loi. Ces dispositions exigent la dissolution des districts statutaires ainsi que la réévaluation des villes ne disposant pas du statut de capitale de comté ou de capitale nationale.

Dans une communication officielle adressée le 30 juin 2025 à la présidente du Sénat, Pro-Tempore Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, le sénateur

Brown a rappelé que la date limite du 19 novembre 2025 marquera les sept ans depuis l'adoption de la loi, période transitoire prévue pour la mise en conformité.

« La période de grâce accordée à tous les districts statutaires expirera le 19 novembre 2025. Au-delà de cette date, ils seront automatiquement dissous », a-t-il prévenu, soulignant que cette mesure affectera des milliers d'employés actuellement en poste dans ces districts.

Les articles en question :

- Article 2.15a : Tous les districts statutaires

continueront d'exister pendant sept ans après l'adoption de la loi. À l'issue de cette période, ils seront dissous. Le ministère des Affaires intérieures est chargé de superviser la mise à la retraite des employés concernés.

- Article 2.16c : Les villes qui ne sont ni des capitales nationales ni des capitales de comté doivent être réévaluées selon les critères définis par la loi. Celles qui ne satisfont pas aux exigences seront rétr

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Éditorial

La doctrine Trump

NEW YORK – En à peine quatre mois de deuxième administration du président américain Donald Trump, les premiers signes d'une doctrine en matière de politique étrangère apparaissent d'ores et déjà. Comme bien d'autres aspects de la présidence Trump 2.0, cette doctrine marque une rupture majeure par rapport au passé.

Les doctrines jouent un rôle de premier plan dans la politique étrangère américaine. À travers la doctrine Monroe formulée en 1823, les États-Unis ont affirmé qu'ils s'imposeraient comme la puissance prééminente sur le continent américain, et qu'ils empêcheraient tout autre pays d'établir des positions stratégiques concurrentes dans la région. De même, au début de la guerre froide, la doctrine Truman a promis un soutien des États-Unis à tous les pays qui lutteraient contre le communisme et la stratégie de subversion soviétique. Plus récemment, la doctrine Carter a énoncé que les États-Unis ne resteraient pas spectateurs si une force extérieure cherchait à prendre le contrôle de la région du golfe Persique, riche en pétrole. La doctrine Reagan a promis assistance aux mouvements et pays opposés au communisme. Celle de George W. Bush, axée sur la liberté, a notamment adressé le message selon lequel ni les terroristes, ni ceux qui les protégeraient ne seraient à l'abri d'une intervention armée.

Point comme entre ces doctrines, elles font toutes savoir à différents destinataires quels sont les intérêts fondamentaux des États-Unis, et ce que le pays est prêt à faire pour les promouvoir. Les doctrines visent à rassurer amis et alliés, à dissuader ennemis réels ou potentiels, à galvaniser les agences en charge des questions de sécurité nationale, ainsi qu'à informer les citoyens.

Non formulée explicitement pas Trump, une nouvelle doctrine américaine émerge pourtant actuellement, que l'on pourrait qualifier de doctrine des « yeux fermés », du « rien vu, rien entendu », ou du « cela ne nous regarde pas ».

Quelle qu'en soit l'appellation, cette doctrine semble énoncer que les États-Unis ne chercheront plus à influencer ni à réagir à la manière dont les autres pays se comporteront à l'intérieur de leurs propres frontières. C'est ainsi que l'administration américaine s'est abstenue de condamner l'arrestation arbitraire d'un opposant politique de premier plan par le président turc Recep Tayyip Erdogan, les manœuvres répétées du Premier ministre israélien Benjamin Netanyahu pour affaiblir le pouvoir judiciaire dans son pays, ou encore la manière dont le Premier ministre hongrois de longue date, Viktor Orbán, ne cesse de malmenier les institutions démocratiques en Hongrie.

De même, Trump dénonce certes la politique étrangère du président russe Vladimir Poutine, ainsi que la politique économique du dirigeant chinois Xi Jinping, mais ne s'indigne en aucun cas de la répression que mènent l'un et l'autre contre leur propre population. L'administration Trump a par ailleurs décidé d'affaiblir voire de démanteler bon nombre des instruments – Voice of America, Agence des États-Unis pour le développement international, ou encore Dotation nationale pour la démocratie – employés depuis longtemps pour promouvoir la société civile et les mouvements démocratiques à travers le monde.

Ce qui se rapproche le plus d'une [formulation](#) publique de cette nouvelle doctrine a eu lieu en Arabie saoudite, le 13 mai dernier. Trump a en effet exprimé son admiration pour ce qu'il décrit comme une formidable transformation du Royaume, ajoutant que cette évolution n'était pas le fruit des efforts « d'interventionnistes occidentaux [...] qui vous donnent des leçons sur la manière de vivre et de gouverner vos propres affaires [...] Ces dernières années, trop de présidents américains ont considéré à tort qu'il était de notre devoir de sonder les âmes des dirigeants étrangers, et d'user de la politique américaine pour absoudre ou non leurs péchés ».

Les agissements de Trump, notamment sa recherche d'accords commerciaux avec plusieurs gouvernements autoritaires du Golfe et d'ailleurs, soulignent le poids de cette déclaration. À la différence de Reagan, de Carter, de Bush, de Barack Obama et de [Joe Biden](#), Trump adresse ici clairement le message selon lequel les États-Unis n'ont plus l'intention de défendre les droits de l'homme et la démocratie, de condamner les méfaits de dirigeants étrangers autoritaires, ni de faire pression pour la libération d'opposants politiques.

Cette doctrine du « rien vu, rien entendu » évite certes aux États-Unis une dérive caractéristique de la présidence Bush, durant laquelle le zèle dans la propagation de la démocratie avait conduit à une invasion irréfléchie et coûteuse de l'Irak. Elle facilite par ailleurs pour les États-Unis un travail constructif auprès de gouvernements appliquant chez eux des politiques qui, en temps normal, constitueraient un obstacle aux relations commerciales ou à la coopération sur des questions bilatérales, régionales ou mondiales essentielles.

Ce sont néanmoins les retombées négatives de cette approche qui l'emportent. La doctrine Trump accroît la probabilité que les gouvernements engagés sur cette voie redoublent d'efforts de répression intérieure et de subversion de la démocratie – régime politique caractérisé par davantage de liberté pour les individus, mais également par des marchés libres, soutenus par l'État de droit, et par une politique étrangère généralement moins agressive. La promotion de la démocratie est par conséquent bénéfique pour les investisseurs américains, et limite le risque que l'Amérique s'enlise à l'étranger dans des conflits coûteux ou prolongés.

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Français

Le gouvernement et l'ambassade des États-Unis livrent des versions

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é par le gouvernement. Selon lui, le document attendrait désormais l'examen du président Boakai, actuellement en déplacement aux États-Unis, avant d'être transmis à la Législature pour ratification.

« Oui, un accord a été signé avec HPX ce week-end. Il n'a pas encore été remis au président Boakai ni soumis à la Législature. Tant que cela n'est pas fait, l'accord n'est pas encore exécutoire », a déclaré le ministre Piah. Il a toutefois ajouté que, une fois ratifié, l'accord pourrait générer des milliers d'emplois et stimuler considérablement l'économie nationale.

Indignation des parlementaires

Ces déclarations contradictoires interviennent alors que plusieurs députés libériens dénoncent le caractère secret de la signature. Parmi eux, le représentant de la circonscription #3 du comté de Grand Bassa, Matthew F. Joe, s'est insurgé sur les réseaux sociaux :

« Je ne parle pas de ratification. Je parle de la cérémonie de signature, qui aurait dû être publique et en présence des commissions parlementaires compétentes. Pour un accord de cette ampleur, l'opacité est inacceptable », a-t-il écrit, avant de conclure : « Nous attendons de voir ce que contient réellement cet accord. »

Face à ces critiques, le ministre Wilmot Paye a tenté de clarifier la situation par téléphone. Il a réaffirmé que ce qui avait été signé n'était qu'un engagement non contraignant relatif à l'usage des infrastructures ferroviaires, et non un contrat définitif.

« À ce stade des négociations, la Législature n'a aucun rôle à jouer. Ce que

nous avons signé n'est pas un accord juridiquement contraignant. Notre Constitution et la Loi sur la Commission des marchés publics (PPCC) définissent clairement les procédures de contractualisation », a-t-il insisté.

Le ministre a également précisé que les discussions étaient conduites par un Comité interministériel des concessions, dirigé par la Commission nationale d'investissement, qui négocie avec HPX depuis plus de 18 mois.

Réactions de la société civile

Du côté de la population, les Libériens expriment leur méfiance et leur frustration. Nombreux sont ceux qui remettent en question la transparence du gouvernement dans la gestion de ce dossier. Le flou autour de la nature exacte de l'accord renforce les soupçons.

« Comment se fait-il que l'ambassade des États-Unis parle d'un accord signé, alors que notre propre gouvernement évoque une simple manifestation d'intérêt ? Il y a quelque chose de caché derrière ce contrat, et nous exigeons de la transparence », a déclaré un citoyen lors d'un micro-trottoir à Monrovia.

Conclusion

Alors que les versions divergent entre ministères, diplomates et élus, l'accord avec Ivanhoe Atlantic reste enveloppé de confusion. La question cruciale demeure : s'agit-il d'un véritable contrat contraignant ou d'un simple pas vers une négociation plus large ? Une chose est certaine : la pression publique et parlementaire pour plus de clarté ne fait que commencer.

Samuel Tweah annonce le retour de George Weah

L'ancien ministre libérien des Finances, Samuel D. Tweah Jr., s'est exprimé ce lundi à Monrovia sur l'état de la gouvernance nationale, critiquant vivement l'administration du président Joseph Boakai, tout en affichant son espoir dans un retour au pouvoir de l'ex-président George Weah.

S'exprimant lors d'une conférence de presse, M. Tweah — actuellement poursuivi dans une affaire de corruption présumée — a déclaré que la situation du pays se détériorait sous la direction de l'actuel gouvernement. Il a exhorté les Libériens à « garder espoir » en George Weah, qu'il voit comme une alternative crédible pour résoudre les problèmes du pays.

« Les Libériens méritent mieux. Nous reviendrons — mais pas avec le même programme. Nous reviendrons pour servir le peuple libérien et le libérer du mal. Nous allons corriger les injustices et répondre aux souffrances de notre peuple avec une nouvelle vision », a-t-il affirmé.

Attaques contre l'administration Boakai-Koung

M. Tweah s'est montré particulièrement virulent à l'encontre de l'administration en place, qualifiant la



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Libéria : Le Sénat face à un dilemme concernant

dées au rang de bourg (town), ce qui pourrait entraîner la suppression de nombreux postes liés à l'administration municipale.

Le sénateur Brown a rappelé que la philosophie de la LGA repose sur la décentralisation administrative, politique et fiscale, en vue de réduire les divisions arbitraires et d'instaurer une gouvernance locale plus efficiente.

« L'objectif fondamental de cette loi est de renforcer l'unité nationale en garantissant à chaque citoyen une pleine participation à la gouvernance à travers la dévolution du pouvoir », a-t-il déclaré.

Afin d'éviter des pertes d'emplois massives et un désordre administratif à l'échelle nationale, le sénateur Brown a recommandé que le Sénat charge son

Secrétariat d'engager un dialogue formel avec le ministre des Affaires intérieures, Francis S. Nyumalin. L'objectif : définir un plan de retraite pour les employés des districts ainsi qu'une méthodologie claire pour la réévaluation des villes, conformément aux dispositions des articles 2.15a et 2.16c.

« Il est vivement souhaité que le Sénat agisse sans délai pour atténuer les impacts négatifs que pourrait entraîner l'application tardive ou maladroite de cette loi », a-t-il conclu.

Le dossier est désormais entre les mains de la plénière du Sénat, qui doit se prononcer rapidement. Des observateurs mettent en garde contre les risques de perturbations administratives et de vives protestations populaires dans les localités concernées,

gouvernance de « frauduleuse et destructrice ». Il accuse l'équipe Boakai-Koung d'avoir, en quelques mois, causé des dégâts considérables au pays.

« Ce sont des imposteurs. Ce dont ils se vantent aujourd'hui — routes, électricité, accords financiers — ce sont des projets que nous avons négociés et signés sous la présidence de George Weah. Ils récoltent les fruits de notre travail », a-t-il lancé.

Il cite notamment un accord historique de dix ans avec la Banque mondiale pour le développement de l'électricité, conclu, selon lui, sous le régime de M. Weah. Il revendique également des accords majeurs pour les infrastructures routières à travers le pays.

Une riposte contre les accusations

Face aux accusations de mauvaise gestion et de corruption visant d'anciens membres du gouvernement, Samuel Tweah dénonce ce qu'il qualifie de « manipulation malveillante de l'information » orchestrée contre les ex-responsables du régime CDC (Coalition for Democratic Change).

« L'administration Boakai s'adonne à une campagne délibérée de déformation des faits. Ils utilisent la désinformation comme une arme politique contre ceux d'entre nous qui avons servi sous George Weah », a-t-il déploré.

« Ceux qui sont devenus les cibles de ces manœuvres doivent résister. Nous allons nous défendre par tous les moyens à notre disposition : intellectuellement, politiquement, et bien sûr, juridiquement », a-t-il ajouté avec détermination.

Un regard tourné vers 2029

L'ex-ministre n'a pas caché son optimisme quant à une nouvelle candidature de George Weah à l'élection

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32-Yr-old miner drowns in Rivergee

The body of an illegal miner has been found after reportedly drowning near a goldmine.

By: Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Rivergee, Liberia; July 10, 2025 –A 32-year-old man identified as Fred Moses, commonly called Kolokolo, who reportedly drowned at a local gold mine in River Gee County, has been found.

The situation occurred on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, after the late Fred Moses reportedly fell into an abandoned gold pit in Joquiken, one of Rivergee's major gold mines. The deceased was a Marylander, but resided in Fishtown, Rivergee, as one of the familiar figures in the mining community.

Family sources say the deceased had worked in the Joquiken goldfields for over four years, describing him as a hardworking and dedicated miner who led Jalloh's mining crew. However, the family revealed that the late Moses had suffered epilepsy

but regularly took his medication, and occasionally consumed alcohol. Relatives, including Mr. Moses Youty and Mr. Amos T. Sunday, disclosed that Moses had been brought from Maryland to live and work in Joquiken. They confirmed his long-term employment under Mr. Jalloh, noting that he managed his health despite the risks. They narrated that the deceased had gone to bathe near the pit at the goldfield when he experienced a seizure and fell into the water unnoticed.

His death has once again raised concern about growing danger of unregulated and abandoned gold pits, which continue to pose threats to miners and residents in gold-producing regions. The deceased's body was turned over to the family for burial, pending further investigation by the Liberia National Police.



Meanwhile, Rivergee County Superintendent, Mike T. Swengbe, has issued a directive to end illegal mining in the county amid growing concerns about practices that harm the environment and adversely affect the local economy, including death.

Superintendent Swengbe's directive is in response to several consequences associated with illegal mining, emphasizing that local authorities will not tolerate actions that damage the natural resources of Rivergee County. He stated that all perpetrators would face strict legal punishment, while calling on relevant bodies, including the Ministry of Mines and Energy and local security forces, to enhance monitoring and verification efforts at mining sites to ensure compliance with legal standards.

Supt. Swengbe specifically condemned the use of "dragging," an unauthorized and destructive mining technique that severely damages riverbanks and surrounding ecosystems. He highlighted the urgency of apprehending individuals who engage in this harmful practice.

The Superintendent's directive aims to restore order in the mining sector and protect Liberia's natural resources for future generations. He has assigned people to monitor and ban unlawful mining activities that affect both the county, and the country at large. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

UL launches master's and PhD programs in Gender and Security

By Lewis S. Teh

Monrovia, Liberia; July 10, 2025 - The University of Liberia (UL) has officially launched a Master of Science (M.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programs in Gender and Security Studies.

The launch of these programs on Thursday, July 8, 2025, at the UL Capitol Hill campus paves the way for the College of Gender Studies and Interdisciplinary Research at the University to now offer M.Sc. Degree and Ph.D. in Gender and Security Studies, while recruitment of candidates to enroll will commence shortly.

UL President Dr. Layli Maparyan, speaking at the launch, lauded the IAGP and all stakeholders for their relentless efforts that culminated in the launch of the programs. Dr. Maparyan believes that studies in Gender and Security will provide regional and continental leadership to diverse groups of people, especially youth.

"It is impossible to discuss and attain security without discussing gender," she cited. She reaffirmed the UL's commitment to support scholarship, research, and innovation. Performing the official launch of the programs, the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of El-Tahdam Group, Engr. Adamu Tah, described the programs as the UL's commitment to advancing knowledge and

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promoting security in Africa. new African Center for Advanced "These programs are designed to Studies on Gender and Security address the pressing issues of will continually serve as the gender and security in our region, academic hub of Africa in these and I am confident that they will knowledge areas," Engr. Tah make a meaningful impact," Mr. affirmed.

Tah stated. He announced a financial contribution of USD\$25,000 to the bestowd upon him as Chief African Center for Gender and Launcher of the programs, which, Security Studies at the UL, as his according to him, will provide contribution to ensure the success additional inspiration to young of the programs.

people seeking knowledge in gender and security studies. Meanwhile, Engr. Tah has urged African leaders and development par tners to include support for Africa to higher standards, and the



Global leaders end women and child's conference in Sa Leone

By Lewis S. Teh

Freetown, Sierra Leone; July 10, 2025 -Global leaders across Africa gather at the 7th Edition of Strengthening Families Conference (SFC) to foster women's empowerment and child protection across Sierra Leone.

The Conference took place in Freetown, as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and collaborators joined government leaders, faith communities, and civil society to champion women's empowerment and child protection in the country, held recently at the Bintumani National Conference Centre in Freetown under the theme "Building Stronger Communities through Women Empowerment and Child Protection."

The First Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Madam Fatima Maada Bio, stated that the

shared mission. Archbishop Edward Tamba Charles, President of the Inter-Religious Council, described empowerment as a spiritual responsibility and, consequently, must be spearheaded by religious institutions.

"Religious institutions must champion gender equality and child welfare," he noted.

Traditional leader Sheku Amadu Tejan Fasuluku-Sonsiama, III, similarly said, "It is in our homes, towns, and villages that true transformation must begin. Nothing that when women are given a seat at the table, nations prosper."

Representing Liberia at the Strengthening Families Conference, Ambassador Bob Sheriff and Amir Musa Mewa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission here, in a show of regional



conference presented a unique platform to drive lasting change and consequently challenged stakeholders to turn dialogue into action.

"Let me use this as a call to us all, not to let this be just a conference. Let us use this platform to design policies that will make women change-makers in our society," she urged.

She emphasized that promoting women's empowerment should not be reduced to tokenism, as genuinely empowering women has tangible and far-reaching effects.

"Women are agents of transformation. They build up the families, and our families are what build up our society," the Sierra Leonean First Lady added.

Representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elder Isaac K. Morrison, General Authority Seventy and Second Counselor in the Africa West Area Presidency, echoed this conviction, highlighting the role of women in the home and across various facets of society.

"Women create harmonious and resilient communities. We need more women of virtue, purity, and empowerment, and this begins with the family," he said.

Other dignitaries reinforced the solidarity, extolled the organizers and called on leaders across the region to adopt strategies that promote women.

Also speaking was Elder Alfred Kyungu, President of the Africa West Area of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who underscored the benefits of dedicated care for the young.

"Children are shaped by their experiences; hence, families must create a conducive environment that contributes not just to their physical well-being but to their emotional and spiritual health," he added.

Speakers such as Tonya Waite of Protect Child Health Coalition-USA, Jennifer Hogge Ellsworth of Engage Now Africa, and Sharon and Greg Slater of Family Watch International offered practical strategies for safeguarding children's well-being.

Panelists Daniel F. H. Kettor, Blessing Kutubu, and Christiana Ogbemoye Oliko shared insights on regional collaboration and community-based support systems.

"Protecting children starts with building trust between families and the institutions designed to help them," Mr. Kettor said.

Trump surprised by Boakai's English

Damages inflicted on the Capitol during the December 18, 2024, arson attack have been put at more than US\$3 million, according to the Grand Jury of Montserrado County, Liberia.

Washington, DC, USA, July 10, 2025: U.S. President Donald Trump was impressed by the eloquence of Liberian President Joseph N. Boakai during their opening meeting on Wednesday, prompting him to ask the Liberian leader where he had learned to speak so beautifully. “Where did you learn to speak so beautifully?” Trump asked, prompting laughter. President Boakai responded, “I

great again, and we go a long way with you in your diplomacy that promotes economic development and commercial friendship.” “We are committed to peace, and we've been very lucky within our region,” he stated. “We are a country that has had a series of democratic elections, and our country has been cooling down.” “One of the things we ask, as good friends for a long time, is the opportunity to do a survey of our minerals,” Boakai



was educated in Liberia.” “That's very interesting. It's beautiful English.” Replied Trump. Liberia is a country founded by freed American slaves with American English as its official language. Meanwhile, President Trump's admiration of Boakai's “beautiful English” follows the President's opening statement at the Trump Summit with five African presidents, including Boakai, which seeks to explore “commercial opportunities” between the American people and the African countries. Mr. Boakai had made a direct appeal to Trump, calling for increased American investment in Liberia, listing the country's rich natural resource potential as an opportunity for American investors. He also boasted of Liberia's stability in the region, citing successive democratic elections that have left the country peaceful and ready for business. Boakai also reminded Trump of Liberia's historic ties with the United States, while commending President Trump's policies. “Liberia is a longtime friend of the United States,” President Boakai said. “We believe in your policy of making America

continued, adding, “We'd like to see that happen.” President Trump is hosting President Boakai along with leaders of Gabon, Mauritania, Senegal, and Guinea-Bissau at the White House to discuss commercial investment, part of the Trump administration's effort to recalibrate its trade approach to the region. President Trump is seeking to strike deals with African countries to expand the United States' access to critical minerals and to counter China's rising influence on the continent. The African summit comes at a time when Trump is dismantling the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which has left African countries whirling. U.S. aid to Liberia, for example, amounted to 2.6 percent of the country's gross national income, the highest percentage of any nation in the world, according to the Center for Global Development. The Summit is expected to last till July 11, with the anticipation of striking a mutually beneficial deal for all parties at the Summit. -Writes Othello B. Garblah.

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these programs in their annual budgets and stay committed to achieving the desired results on gender and security issues. “It is now my honor to officially launch the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Gender and Security Studies. I declare these programs open, and I wish the University community all the best in this new endeavor,” Engr. Tah concluded. The official launch was followed by an inaugural lecture presented by Dr. Ahmed Abubakar Audi, Professor of Gender and Security Studies, on the topic “Breaking the Silence: A gendered approach to security sector reform and ending violence in Africa. Prof. Audi highlighted the critical role and power of gender in reforming Africa's security sector. He said that post-independence security institutions in many African states

were established and expanded in the context of political instability, civil war, and authoritarianism, which contributed to a persistent focus on regime survival rather than the survival of citizens. According to Prof. Audi, this authoritarian legacy fostered an environment in which security forces often act with impunity, are disconnected from the populations they serve, and sometimes become perpetrators of the very violence they are meant to prevent. Prof. Audi believes a gendered approach to Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Africa is essential for breaking the silence surrounding gender-based violence and fostering sustainable peace and security. He particularly stressed the compelling need to include women at every level of security sector initiatives.

Starts from Back page Ellen decries Monrovia's filthiness.

bing them as a “good step” toward addressing the country's long-standing divisions stemming from its civil war. She recalled that a similar initiative was launched during her administration in 2006, when she publicly apologized to the nation. Although it did not achieve its full goals, she expressed hope that the current administration will build on those efforts. “Let's hope there's a follow-through now, to make reconciliation real; we still have a very divided society, politically,

ethnically, and even religiously, when we shouldn't. It will take committed leadership to bring us back together”, said Mrs. Sirleaf, who served as the first democratically elected female President in Africa, for two six-year terms. She led Liberia to democratic governance following the country's 14-year bloody civil war that left at least 250,000 people killed, including women and children. Editing by Jonathan Browne

“Why Should I be Implicated Wrongly”

The Chief Executive of City Lion, Alhaji Omaru Sheriff, has questioned his inclusion on the Liberian Anti-Corruption Commission's (LACC) temporary travel restriction list, stating that he is unaware of any ongoing investigation involving him.

Monrovia, July 10, 2025: Alhaji Sheriff told journalists here on Wednesday, July 10, that his only encounter with the LACC was a request for him to provide information on the Gbarpolu County earth moving equipment his company procured for the county, which he did and showed the physical machines at the Freeport of Monrovia. Displaying documents before journalists, Alhaji Sheriff argued that his Company acted in accordance with the procurement contract awarded to it by the Gbarpolu County authority. “The LACC invited me over two times; first, it was one Abel, who called me and stated that a Whistleblower had informed them about how City Lion was awarded a contract and did not perform. According to the City Lion boss, he provided all the clarity that the LACC needed to know about the equipment. When the LACC requested to see the machines in

contract through the Ministry of Internal Affairs in October 2023 to procure the equipment. The county authorities, in consultation with residents, signed a resolution for US\$425,000 to be taken from their County Social Development Fund (CSDF) for the purchase of three road construction equipment, including bulldozers (\$150,000), excavator (\$135,000) and motor grader (\$140,000) to open and rehabilitate deplorable roads in the county. However, upon arrival in the country in 2024, as agreed, the county authorities were to utilize their duty-free privileges to clear the machines from the port, which was never fulfilled. The machines' clearance from the port was delayed nearly a year, accruing a demurrage of about US\$100,000 in port charges. Considered abandoned at the port, the machines were turned over to authorities at the NPA as abandoned property. However,



person, he took them to the port, where they observed the equipment and expressed satisfaction. Alhaji Sheriff and others, including Gbarpolu County Superintendent, Sam K. Zinnah, County Project Management Committee (GPMC) Superintendent, J. Keyah Saah, Anthony Yorker, Fiscal Superintendent, GPMC; and Mr. Robert Benda, Chairman, GPMC, were slapped with a temporary travel restriction in relation to the stalled Gbarpolu County yellow Machine Saga. The LACC announced last week, informing LIS Commissioner General Elijah F. Rufus to prohibit individuals from departing Liberia while the Commission prepares to issue indictments. The case involves a 2023 procurement announcement for the purchase of three earth-moving pieces of equipment for the county to be used in road construction projects. City Lion was awarded the

they were reclaimed by the City Lion for a fine of US\$15,854.40. According to Alhaji Sheriff, upon reclaiming the machines, the Superintendent of Gbarpolu County, without consulting the company, went ahead to clear the machines. Superintendent Zinnah, Alhaji Sheriff, explained that he had only called him to release the title so that the authorities could release the yellow machines to him. Alhaji Sheriff said the machines in question are currently parked at the Superintendent's compound in Gbarpolu County. Alhaji Sheriff wonders why he would be listed on a temporary travel ban when his company delivered the machine as requested. He blamed the delay on the clearance of the equipment, citing the failure of Gbarpolu County officials to clear the machines using duty-free privileges.

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