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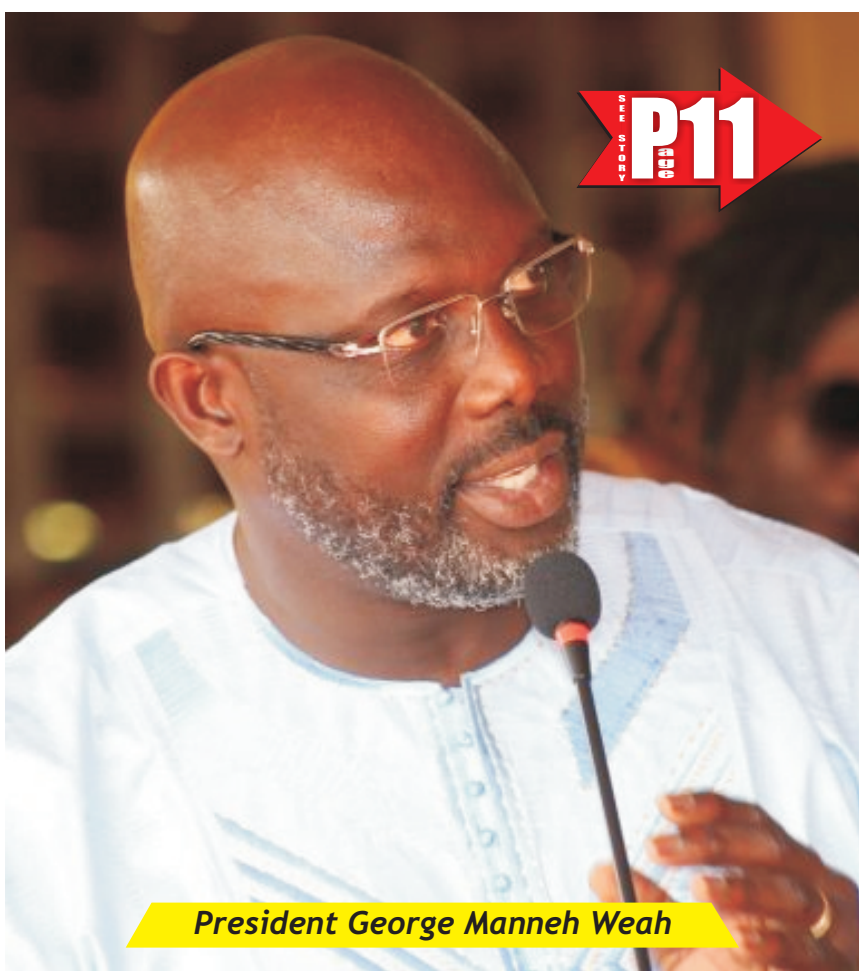
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# Continental News

## Two more Guinea opposition supporters shot dead

In Guinea's capital, Conakry, two more opposition supporters have been killed by soldiers, eyewitnesses say.

This brings the number of opposition supporters killed in demonstrations and other political actions to 100 this year.

Both victims were said to have been crossing the street in an opposition stronghold on their way to watch a European Champions League football match.

Their killings come barely 24 hours after Prime Minister Kassory Fofana told the ministers of security and justice to open an inquiry into the deaths of the previous 98 victims.

Last month, Amnesty

International criticised the growing violence in the country saying that "protests in Guinea have been marked by

appalling violence from all sides, including excessive use of force by the security forces". -BBC



AFP: Image caption: Last week, there was a demonstration against the killing of opposition supporters.

## Kenyan MPs demand 'five-star' food



AFP: The food is not up to the standards the MPs expect

Kenyan parliamentarians have demanded that better quality food be served in the national assembly's cafeteria.

The legislatures want catering services outsourced so they can enjoy five-star hotel-style catering, local media report.

Parliamentary majority leader Aden Duale called for the implementation of a report that recommended radical changes in catering services.

"We must outsource this service. The legislature cannot do business of cooking food. This should be given to the right people," said Mr Duale.

The report, which compared what was available in other parliaments, also recommended construction of two more cafeterias as well as renovation of the kitchen, restaurant, bar and members' lounge.

Kenyan MPs are among some of the best paid lawmakers in the world. -BBC

## Ethiopian opposition leader returns from exile

Prominent Ethiopian opposition politician Birtukan Mideksa has returned home from exile in the United States.

She was one of several opposition leaders imprisoned for life, accused of instigating protests following the

controversial 2005 election.

Around 200 demonstrators were shot dead by the Ethiopian police at what was the start of a sustained crackdown on the opposition.

Ms Birtukan, a former judge, was released in 2010.

Correspondents say her return from exile is the latest

sign of how the political landscape has been radically reformed since Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed came to power in April.

At her family home in Addis Ababa, Ms Birtukan said she had long feared she would never see her family again. -BBC



AFP Image caption: Birtukan Mideksa was released from prison in 2010 but then went into exile

## 'Men don't want to hear the word equality'



A Nigerian female politician has lambasted her male counterparts in a speech at a special meeting in the British parliament.

Aishatu Dukku, who is a member of the Nigeria's House of Representatives for a constituency in the north of Nigeria, told the gathering of women politicians from around the world that there is "not a level playing ground" when it comes to getting involved in politics.

She said that there are

only 21 women out of 360 members of the House of Representatives.

"For us in Nigeria you cannot mention the word equality, the men do not want to hear it," she added.

Ms Dukku is the first woman to represent her constituency in the north-east of the country and she said she broke the taboo of women being involved in politics only with the support of her husband and father. -BBC



# EDITORIAL

## Our advice in the Ja'neh's impeachment proceeding

**LAWMAKERS ON CAPITOL** Hill have been working out plans to impeach Associate Justice Kabineh M. Ja'neh since July this year under the administration of President George Manneh Weah.

**THEY CLAIM JUSTICE** Ja'neh committed proved misconduct, abuse of public office, wanton abuse of judicial discretion, frauds, misuse of power and corruption. Two lawmakers from the governing Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) Representatives Moses Acarous Gray and Thomas Fallah in July this year submitted an impeachment bill against Associate Justice Ja'neh in the House.

**HOWEVER, BASED ON** Justice Ja'neh's petition for a writ of prohibition against the proceedings at the House, the Supreme Court of Liberia issued a Stay Order and cited the lawmakers to address issues raised by Ja'neh's legal team.

**BUT MEMBERS OF** the House of Representatives flatly refused. Instead, they drafted, passed and submitted to the Liberian Senate, the impeachment bill so that Justice Ja'neh can now face trial for the charges levied against him.

**OUR ATTENTION HAS** been drawn to the drama on Capitol Hill firstly because of the public outcry from some quarters that the lawmakers are proceeding outside of Article 43 of the Constitution of Liberia that says, "The Legislature shall prescribe the procedure for impeachment proceedings which shall be in conformity with the requirements of due process of law."

**WE ALSO TAKE** note of counterargument by some of the lawmakers, especially Senators who think it is okay to just go ahead with the instrument submitted by the House of Representatives to try Justice Ja'neh, because the Liberian Senate has amended Rule 63 of its standing rule that addresses impeachment proceedings.

**WE CAUTION THE** Senate, which the Constitution solely gives the power to try all impeachment proceedings to respect the rule of law by following the stipulated steps as enshrined in the organic law. The point is, this landmark case should lead the Legislature here to set bad precedent that others might want to rely upon tomorrow to continue to violate the Constitution.

**ALREADY, THERE SEEMS** to be splint in the Senate, with one group of senators warning that to proceed "unconstitutionally would cause chaos", while other senators think that this warning is nothing but mere scare tactics, stressing the need to proceed with because they have already amended Rule 63 of the Senate's standing rules on impeachment.

**WE THINK IT** would be fair enough that wherever the law may have been ignored, as some senators are flagging, it is not late to peruse and respect the right procedures to the letter before even commencing an impeachment trial.

**WE LIKE TO** remind that those who wrote our laws prior to the election and seating of some of those on Capitol Hill today were not wrong when they enshrined in Article 43 of Our Constitution that "The Legislature shall prescribe the procedure for impeachment proceedings which shall be in conformity with the requirements of due process of law." As has been argued by some senators, if the meaning of the "Legislature" is the combination of the House of Representatives and the Liberian Senate, then we hold that this definition should be upheld in this case.

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# COMMENTARY

By Kenneth Rogoff

## The Global Impact of a Chinese Recession

*Most economic forecasts suggest that a recession in China will hurt everyone, but that the pain would be more regionally confined than would be the case for a deep recession in the United States. Unfortunately, that may be wishful thinking.*

**C**AMBRIDGE - When China finally has its inevitable growth recession - which will almost surely be amplified by a financial crisis, given the economy's massive leverage - how will the rest of world be affected? With US President Donald Trump's trade war hitting China just as growth was already slowing, this is no idle question.

Typical estimates, for example those embodied in the International Monetary Fund's assessments of country risk, suggest that an economic slowdown in China will hurt everyone. But the acute pain, according to the IMF, will be more regionally concentrated and confined than would be the case for a deep recession in the United States. Unfortunately, this might be wishful thinking.

First, the effect on international capital markets could be vastly greater than Chinese capital market linkages would suggest. However jittery global investors may be about prospects for profit growth, a hit to Chinese growth would make things a lot worse. Although it is true that the US is still by far the biggest importer of final consumption goods (a large share of Chinese manufacturing imports are intermediate goods that end up being embodied in exports to the US and Europe), foreign firms nonetheless still enjoy huge profits on sales in China.

Investors today are also concerned about rising interest rates, which not only put a damper on consumption and investment, but also reduce the market value of companies (particularly tech firms) whose valuations depend heavily on profit growth far in the future. A Chinese recession could again make the situation worse.

I appreciate the usual Keynesian thinking that if any economy anywhere slows, this lowers world aggregate demand, and therefore puts downward pressure on global interest rates. But modern thinking is more nuanced. High Asian saving rates over the past two decades have been a significant factor in the low overall level of real (inflation-adjusted) interest rates in both the United States and Europe, thanks to the fact that underdeveloped Asian capital markets simply cannot constructively absorb the surplus savings.

Former US Federal Reserve chair Ben Bernanke famously characterized this much-studied phenomenon as a key component of the "global savings glut." Thus, instead of leading to lower global real interest rates, a Chinese slowdown that spreads across Asia could paradoxically lead to higher interest rates elsewhere - especially if a second Asian financial crisis leads to a sharp draw-down of central bank reserves. Thus, for global capital markets, a Chinese recession could

easily prove to be a double whammy.

As bad as a slowdown in exports to China would be for many countries, a significant rise in global interest rates would be much worse. Eurozone leaders, particularly German Chancellor Angela Merkel, get less credit than they deserve for holding together the politically and economically fragile single currency against steep economic and political odds. But their task would have been well-nigh impossible but for the ultra-low global interest rates that have allowed politically paralyzed eurozone officials to skirt needed debt write-downs and restructurings in the periphery.

When the advanced countries had their financial crisis a decade ago, emerging markets recovered relatively quickly, thanks to low debt levels and strong commodity prices. Today, however, debt levels have risen significantly, and a sharp rise in global real interest rates would almost certainly extend today's brewing crises beyond the handful of countries (including Argentina and Turkey) that have already been hit.

Nor is the US immune. For the moment, the US can finance its trillion-dollar deficits at relatively low cost. But the relatively short-term duration of its borrowing - under four years if one integrates the Treasury and Federal Reserve balance sheets - means that a rise in interest rates would soon cause debt service to crowd out needed expenditures in other areas. At the same time, Trump's trade war also threatens to undermine the US economy's dynamism. Its somewhat arbitrary and politically driven nature makes it at least as harmful to US growth as the regulations Trump has so proudly eliminated. Those who assumed that Trump's stance on trade was mostly campaign bluster should be worried.

The good news is that trade negotiations often seem intractable until the eleventh hour. The US and China could reach an agreement before Trump's punitive tariffs go into effect on January 1. Such an agreement, one hopes, would reflect a maturing of China's attitude toward intellectual property rights - akin to what occurred in the US during the late nineteenth century. (In America's high growth years, US entrepreneurs often thought little of pilfering patented inventions from the United Kingdom.)

A recession in China, amplified by a financial crisis, would constitute the third leg of the debt supercycle that began in the US in 2008 and moved to Europe in 2010. Up to this point, the Chinese authorities have done a remarkable job in postponing the inevitable slowdown. Unfortunately, when the downturn arrives, the world is likely to discover that China's economy matters even more than most people thought.

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## Lord, they say, Daboo say, she can't remember anything about money?

*Dear Father:*

*Have you heard the latest news about our village money business? They say Daboo says she is too old to remember anything.*

*Aha, my son, this one da geese oo. It too heavy for my mouth sef. Oh, they say the other day the people who looking into our "missing" village money went to Daboo, to ask her what she knew about the ongoing money saga.*

*They say the Old Lady said she already 80 years old, so she can't remember anything again. And in fact, she never took any document from the mansion, she left everything there, so they should go and ask the Country Giant for the papers, everything they want to know is inside.*

*Tell me something my son!*

*Oh, Father that fire! The Old Lady says, she too old to remember anything about our village money. Da one, da na gossip oh.*

*Wait which one of the investigators she was telling that one to so? They say da the other group the Country Giant put together and not the one from Uncle Sam's village oo. You know the ones from Uncle Sam's village just arrive in town so we don't know if the Old Lady would be given some membrane pills to be able to talk to them, since they are from Uncle Sam's village na.*

*But have you also heard the news concerning the ones from Uncle Sam's village?*

*No, my son.*

*Oh, but wait oo, then you are really behind time oo. I heard and they say our Paramount Chief from the Traditional Council says nobody will go before them to answer any question.*

*You don't mean it!*

*Ah, Father da what I heard oo. They say our man was very serious in saying that. The man say nobody moh talk anything.*

*But my son, you think the people serious to really know what happen to this money?*

*Father, the way things are going, I think that short man like myself and those two people from the Traditional Council who signed those letters have plenty explaining to do oo.*

*Who short man, you mean the former Big Man from your Village Money House?*

*Yes, Father, from the way I am looking at things-the Old Lady says she can't remember, the Chiefs are talking about bearing gee, the only people who can really tell us what went on are the two people from the Traditional Council and my short friend. Ah my name oo!*

*So what about the Town Criers?*

*Oh, I heard the Blue Uniform people have sent for one of our friends to meet with them tomorrow. But we are listening with all ears as to why they want him to go and meet with them.*

*But overall how are things in your village?*

*Aah, Father, hmmm, to tell you the truth it na easy. This money palaver na make everybody to see us as some kina common criminal so it na easy. Then our pro poor agenda working too so its na easy.*

## OPINION

*By Ian Buruma*

# What Now for America?

NEW YORK - At least it wasn't a disaster. If the Democrats had failed to secure a majority in the US House of Representatives, President Donald Trump would have felt almighty, with all the dire consequences that would entail. But the Republicans still control the Senate, and that means that the judiciary, including the Supreme Court, will be pushed further to the right. And the election of Republican governors in major states like Ohio and Florida means that electoral districts can be finessed to boost Trump's reelection chances in 2020.

One of the most common political clichés ahead of these midterm elections was that they were a "battle for America's soul." It is easy to imagine Republicans and Democrats standing for two different versions of the country: one is overwhelmingly white, modestly educated, not very young, strong in rural areas, often male, and proud to own guns; the other is better educated, younger, urban, racially diverse, more female, and keen to control guns. These are caricatures, but they express a very recognizable reality.

Though both sides believe they are patriotic Americans, their idea of patriotism could not be more different. The writer James Baldwin put the case for "progressive" patriotism well: he loved America more than any country in the world, and for that reason insisted on the right to criticize her perpetually. Trumpian patriots would have denounced Baldwin as a traitor.

The big temptation for the Democrats, now that they have won control of the House, is to make the most of what they see as their greatest strengths: racial and gender diversity, and a shared loathing of Trump. This would be a logical position. Trump is indeed dreadful, and the Democrats could legitimately claim that older, rural white men are less representative of America today than the young, the urban, the nonwhite, and newly empowered women.

And yet, to focus the Democratic agenda on Trump and diversity would be a mistake. There will be pressure, especially from younger Democrats, fired up by their success, to impeach the president. But as long as the Senate, which would have to convict him, is in Republican hands, an indictment by the House would be practically meaningless. Even if impeached, he would still be president, and Republicans would be inclined to defend him even more fiercely.

It is certainly a good thing to have more women and nonwhite, non-Christian representatives in the legislature. This provides a refreshing and necessary contrast to the Republican Party, which has remade itself in the image of its leader: angry, white, and often openly racist. But to fight Trump's identity politics with an equally aggressive form of identity politics would make political tribalism worse, and could make it harder for the Democrats to win national elections.

There is always a danger that the Democrats will be divided, with younger radicals pitting themselves against the mostly white establishment. But the Republicans, who seem utterly united behind their leader, have a problem, too. The socially liberal, highly educated Republicans who used to be the backbone of the party have been pushed so far to the margins that they are almost invisible. John McCain was perhaps the last of those Mohicans.

The Democrats should capitalize on that. And the way to do it would be to put less stress on sexual, racial, or gender identity, and more on the economy. This might seem a naive strategy during an economic boom, when Republicans can boast of record-low unemployment. But even many traditional laissez-faire conservatives should recognize that a yawning divide between rich and poor is not good for business. Henry Ford, who was not a fount of wisdom on many matters, recognized that if you want to sell cars, you have to put enough money into people's pockets so that they can buy them.

This, too, is an issue close to America's conflicted soul. For some, American identity is based on red-blooded capitalist enterprise and rugged individualism, unhindered by excessive government regulation in the pursuit of material happiness. But for others, America stands on an ideal of greater social justice and economic equality - which nowadays should include a commitment to address climate change (a barely-discussed issue in the midterms), given that global warming will harm the poor more than the rich.

There have been boom times for the very wealthy, such as the Gilded Age in the late nineteenth century, when 2% of American households owned more than a third of the country's wealth, or indeed our own time, when the top 1% owns almost half the wealth. And there have been periods of reform, when governments tried to redress the balance. The most famous example is Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930s.

It is clearly time for New Deal II. Instead of promising more tax breaks for the richest citizens, a more equitable fiscal policy could pay for necessary bridges and other public goods and services that would improve everyone's life. Affordable health care for all citizens is a mark of a civilized society. The US is still a long way from that goal. The same is true of high-quality public education. It is grotesque that so many people who stand to benefit from such "socialist" policies are still persuaded to vote against them because they are supposedly "un-American."

Concentrating on egalitarianism would appeal to liberals, of course, but it should not alienate moderate voters either, because more equality would be good for the economy. And it might even persuade some angry, poor Trump supporters to recognize that his pseudo-populism is not about helping the left-behind folks in Rust Belt cities and rural hinterlands. It is about giving even more money to the very few. The Democrats' core message for the next two years should be that in a plutocracy, everyone else loses.



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# LRA sensitizes worshippers on Real Property Tax

The Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) continued its tax awareness at worship centers on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Philadelphia Central Church in Congo Town, making presentation to hundreds of worshippers.

Assistant Commissioner for Real Estate Tax Division Isaac

wants members of the church to make taxpaying a key priority, which will help to develop the country.

The events are being held under the auspices of the Real Estate Tax Division. The presentation on various property tax kind gave worshippers a broader understanding on tax matters

to fully comply with the LRA by meeting their respective tax obligations. Rev. Balboa wants members of his church to set good examples by paying their fair share of lawful revenue to the state.

He thanked the LRA for making the Philadelphia Central Church a part of its campaign agenda by educating its members on tax matters.

The move by the LRA to educate worshippers at



A partial view of worshippers at the Philadelphia Central Church in Congo Town during Sunday's worship

B. Stevens told the congregation that taxpaying is a national obligation and urged members of the congregation to be fully compliant by paying their taxes.

"The taxes you pay, will help to build our roads, hospitals, schools and provide other basic social services," he said. Commissioner Stevens

and the procedures in tax payment as well. Discussions highlighted Real Property Tax, with emphasis on commercial, residential and industrial properties as well as withholding on rents.

Meanwhile, the Resident Pastor of the church, Rev. Abilio V. Balboa, encouraged members of the congregation

various churches across the country is aimed at expanding its tax base and to increase revenue generation in an effort to improve domestic resource mobilization. -Press Release

# Bong residents cry for clinic, safe drinking water

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan in Bong

Residents of Mafelah Town in Bong County are calling on the Government of Liberia through

the Ministry of Public Works and the WASH sector to help provide safe drinking water for them in the area.

Mafelah Town is located in Suakoko District, Bong County and is represented at the House of Representatives by Edward Karfiah for a second term.

The Town has a population of approximately 1,250 inhabitants with only one functional hand pump which runs out of water during the dry season.

Our correspondent says when the hand pump runs out of water, residents survive from an opened well which is not safe for them.

According to our correspondent who toured the area recently, the lack of safe drinking water has led to many people becoming ill as a result of drinking from nearby creeks.

Some of the residents are currently suffering from diarrhea, cholera and other waterborne diseases.

The affected people, many of whom are children are also finding it difficult to seek



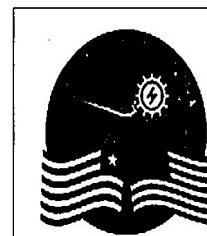
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## CANCELLATION OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

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Supply and Delivery of Wood Poles for Overhead Power and Telecommunications Lines for Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC)

## Background and Context

The Government, acting through Millennium Challenge Account - Liberia (the "MCA Entity"), funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), issued an Invitation for Bids for the Supply and Delivery of Wood Poles for Overhead Power and Telecommunications Lines for Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC).

In view of the receipt of non-responsive bids, MCA-Liberia hereby cancels bidding process for the Supply and Delivery of Wood Poles for Overhead Power and Telecommunications Lines for Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) in accordance with ITB 39.1 of the Bidding Document.

MCA-Liberia will re-examine the delivery requirements & technical specifications of the poles and intends to re-launch it at a future date.

Additional information may be obtained at the address below:

## MCA-Liberia

Attention: Procurement Agent – MCA Liberia  
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63 United Nations Drive  
Mamba Point, Coconut Plantation  
Monrovia, Liberia  
Email: [MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com](mailto:MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com) with copy to [slewionj@mca.gov.lr](mailto:slewionj@mca.gov.lr)

medication as a result of the lack of public clinic in the area.

"We are suffering for safe drinking water in this community and our children die on a daily basis from strange diseases. No clinic, no roads. Even when our children get sick, we find it difficult," some of the residents stressed.

Speaking on behalf of the citizens of the area, the Youth president of the town David

Flomo appealed to the

The youth leader says he wants the Bong County lawmaker to construct hand pump and latrine facilities for the community dwellers.

The local residents also appeal to the government, partners and non-governmental organizations to assist with the construction of hand pumps to save lives in that part of the country.--

Edited by Winston W. Parley



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# Sheikh Kromah threatens legal action against detractors

**T**he Executive Director of the Ahlu-Bay (AS) Assembly for Development in Liberia Sheikh Askary Musa Kromah threatens to take “detractors” who are undermining effort of his institution to court.

Ahlu-Bay is an Arabic phrase that literally means, “People of the House” or “Family of the House”. Within the Islamic tradition, the term refers to the family of Prophet Muhammad.

Sheikh Kromah says Ahlu-Bay (AS) Assembly for Development in Liberia operates several academic institutions across the country with affordable fees that enable parents and guardians who cannot afford to send their children to schools that are charging exorbitant fees.

According to him, detractors are also discriminating against them because they are Shi'a



Sheikh Askary Musa Kromah Executive Director of the Ahlu-Bay(AS) Assembly for Development in Liberia

Muslims, something he notes, is completely wrong.

He says no one has power to dictate to anyone who to worship or how to worship as Prophet Muhammad himself believed that freedom of religion and civic rights are

important components of religion.

Sheikh Kromah, who is also Country Representative of Ahlu-Bay (AS) Assembly for Development of the World here, issued the threat on Monday, 05 November on the

campus of the Nobel Prophet Islamic and English school in Dual Community, Bushrod Island during program marking 40-day anniversary of the

Martyrdom of Imam Hussein.

According to him, while they are trying their very best in providing almost free education to Liberian children, detractors are edgily going to their various schools, allegedly discouraging students already enrolled to leave the institution for reasons best known to them.

He calls on parents and guardians, including students not to give credence to these calls because they not in the interest of the future of Liberia.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Kromah is appealing to government for subsidy because the Ahlu-Bay (AS) Assembly for Development in Liberia school system is also buttressing the Liberian government educational system. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

## 52 arrested

### -For vandalizing MNG-Gold facilities

By Joseph Titus Yekeryan in Bong

**P**olice in Bong County have arrested over 52 persons including men and women for allegedly vandalizing mining company MNG - Gold's facility.

Speaking to journalists in Gbarnga, Bong County recently from a tour in David Dean Town in Kokoyah District, Police Commander Frederick Neppay said the suspects arrested are not yet being formally charged.

However says some of them are helping with an ongoing investigation.

The Bong County Police Chief says the arrests from the gold camp and Sayeweh Town does not in any way suggest

that they are responsible for vandalizing the company's facilities.

According to him, those that are not linked to the violence inflicted on the company's facilities will be allowed to go home.

He notes that those who will be connected to the destruction of the company's properties will be charged and sent to court for prosecution.

Commander Nappay did not state the extent of the damage done to the MNG-Gold's facilities, but maintains that several valuables, including some gold, were looted.

Some of the alleged looted items have been retrieved by police following a vigorous search.

The Bong County police commander has clarified that police officers that are currently searching for stolen MNG - Gold properties are not forcibly entering into people's houses as being reported by some citizens in the county.

Commander Neppay told this paper that the police are only searching for the stolen properties at the outskirts of the nearby towns where they believe many of the items are hidden.

He urges citizens to stop spreading rumor because the police are doing non- political work and they do not want it to be politicized.

The Police describe those making the claim as liars who want to obstruct their work.

There has been huge outcry from citizens of Sayeweh Town, David Dean Town as well as surrounding towns and villages that police are allegedly forcing their way into people's homes in search of MNG - Gold's properties.

They claim that police were taking their personal belongings.

It all started in Sayeweh Town around 4 P.M. on Monday, 5 November when a vehicle belonging to a sub- contracted Chinese company hired by the Turkish Mining Company (MNG-Gold) allegedly killed four persons.

The driver of the company's vehicle reportedly escaped the scene for fear of being killed by an angry mob that allegedly set the Toyota land cruiser four-door pickup ablaze.

## Livestock owners risk prosecution in Maryland

By Emmanuel Mondaye

**T**he Mayor of Harper City, in Maryland County, southeast Liberia Madam Ellen B. Howe has ordered City Police in Harper to arrest cattle roaming the city and turn them over to the magisterial court in the county.

Speaking with reporters Tuesday, 6 November in Monrovia, Mayor Howe discloses that owners of livestock would also face prosecution for failing to adhere to city ordinance, which prohibits livestock from roaming the city and destroying crops and gardens of residents with impunity.

She says the decision to order the arrest of livestock comes in the wake of several complaints filed to her office by aggrieved residents, lamenting that their crops are being destroyed by cattle.

Mayor Howe also notes the move was predicated upon deliberate refusal of livestock owners to remove their

animals of the streets of Harper.

She emphasizes that it is unrealistic for livestock to roam the city while their owners do nothing to put them under restrictions, adding that anyone whose livestock is arrested would appear in court to show reasons why they should not held libel for the action of their farm animals.

Mayor Howe continues that she sees no reason why owners of livestock in the city would not build places to keep them but rather allow them to loosely move about the city as though they are without owners.

However, she did not say what will happen if owners of farm animals failed to appear in court, but reminds that they should know the presence of domesticated animals in the streets shows don't care attitude in keeping them enclosed. **-Editing by Jonathan Browne**

## #Stop prioritizing foreign businesses over Liberian businesses!#

Citizens of the District vandalized the company facilities and looted several valuables, including explosives

intended for blasting rocks at the company.--**Edited by Winston W. Parley**





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## Suspended security chief decries case's delay

By Winston W. Parley

**A** Liberian security personnel suspended by a Chinese run Lee Group Enterprises rubber company in Nyanforla, Salala District, Bong County, Col. Michael M.D. Fortune is complaining over the alleged delay of his case, blamed solely on the company's assistant manager Shekur L. Donzo.

Col. Fortune who says he has been working with Lee Group (LG) Enterprises, Inc. since 2009 has told the NewDawn newspaper in an interview Thursday, 7 November that he was suspended indefinitely in September 2015 for alleged payroll padding.

He was working with LG as Chief of Security up to the time of his indefinite suspension.

Court documents presented to this paper during the interview indicate that both the Ministry of Labour and the National Debt and Labour Court in Bong County separately ruled that Col. Fortune's suspension was illegal, awarding him US\$25,250.00 on grounds that the company failed to prove payroll padding.

In spite of losing the case both at the Labour Ministry and the Labour Court, Col. Fortune complains that company still appealed to the Supreme Court of Liberia to drag the matter further against his interest.



Col. Michael M.D. Fortune

"I have serious qualm because I know if the general manager ... had known that this case had won them at the circuit court level, they wouldn't have gone at the Supreme Court because instead of paying \$50,000.00 USD for bond, he's supposed to pay the \$25,000.00 dollars," he says.

He complains that it affects him "because the case is prolonging at the Supreme Court."

He claims that the case has been dragging for years because he thinks the man representing the LG Company in court Mr. Shekur Donzo has not informed the Chinese General Manager C.W. Cheung.

Col. Fortune says he has

tried to meet with Cheung, but his efforts have allegedly been denied by Assistant Manager Donzo, adding that due to the case, Donzo doesn't allow anyone to see Cheung without his approval.

He alleges that three persons have been paid off because of this case, inclusive of a security who allowed him (Fortune) to park his car in the compound after his suspension and another who allowed him to sit in the security booth while seeking to meet with the General Manager.

Col. Fortune laments that it pains him that the case is being delayed by his avers party's appeal to the Supreme Court instead of being given his money as ordered by the lower

courts.

He says the case is already on the docket of the Supreme Court, but it is now left with the lawyers to prepare their briefings and send them to the Supreme Court to prepare for hearing either this term of Court.

He recalls that following hearing at the Ministry of Labour in Gbarnga, Bong County, the case was ruled in his favor on 9 February 2018 and he was awarded US\$25,250.00, instead of US\$27,000.00 that he demanded.

When the company appealed to the National Debt and Labour Court in the County, he further indicates that the Court on 7 June 2018 also affirmed the decision of the Ministry, prompting the LG's appeal to the Supreme Court.

According to him, the National Debt and Labour Court ordered the LG Company to file a US\$50,000.00 bond, which he says it did.

However, Mr. Fortune says he lately detected some issues with the bond, but he was outside of the required time of three days within which he should have filed a bill of information with the Supreme Court against the bond.

According to a letter authorized by LG General Manager C.W. Cheung on 25 August 2015, the Company invited the Liberia National Police (LNP) Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to intervene in an alleged payroll padding case in Lee

Group Company's security department.

The company alleged that the case involved its chief of security Mr. Michael Fortune and Peter Somah, a junior security officer.

The Management indicated in the letter that it had suspended Mr. Fortune due to his alleged failure to submit himself to an internal investigative panel since June 2015.

But 9 February 2018 Labor Commissioner Jackson P. Quoigbian ruled against the Company for its failure to prove the charge through a court of competent jurisdiction, saying the action was "tantamount to illegal dismissal under the Decent Work Act or Labour Law of Liberia..."

It ordered the company to reinstate Mr. Fortune and pay him his salaries and benefits amounting to US\$25,250.

Further, the Debt and National Labour Court in Bong County on 7 June 2018 similarly ruled that it "did not discover from the records of the hearing before the Labour Commissioner any proof that Michael M.D. Fortune, as head of the security department carried on any payroll padding."

The court affirmed the ruling of Labour Commissioner Quigobain and said that Mr. Fortune was entitled to all other benefits that he would have had [as] he remained on the job up to 9 February 2018, the day on which the Labour Commissioner ruled.

## Tramadol wine on sale in Paynesville

By Emmanuel Mondaye

**A** locally produced Liberian beverage, Palm Wine, is being mixed with Tramadol, and sold to the public, including school children at the Gobachop Market in Paynesville, suburb of Monrovia.

Tramadol is an oral medication that is usually administered in hospitals to help relieve severe pain in patients. When taken without Doctor's prescription, it causes serious side effects, including constipation, nausea, dizziness, headache,

drowsiness, and vomiting, among others.

During a visit to the palm wine station, this reporter observed dealers of the product has two types, one mixed with Tramadol, while the other is freed of mixture.

Dozens of kids, including students from some of the junior and senior high schools in the area are regular customers of palm wine mixed with Tramadol.

One liter of the drink is sold for 250 Liberian Dollars, while a small bottle costs 125 Liberian Dollars, respectively.

Meanwhile, a pharmacist, Boima Jallah, who operates a drug store in the Gobachop area, explains that whenever consumers take in the local wine and get intoxicated, they misbehaved by spewing invectives and engaging in fistfight, sometimes using knives.

Jallah narrates criminals drink the substance and attack business people leaving their various market places under

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the cover of darkness, forcing them to surrender personal valuables or risk being stabbed with knife.

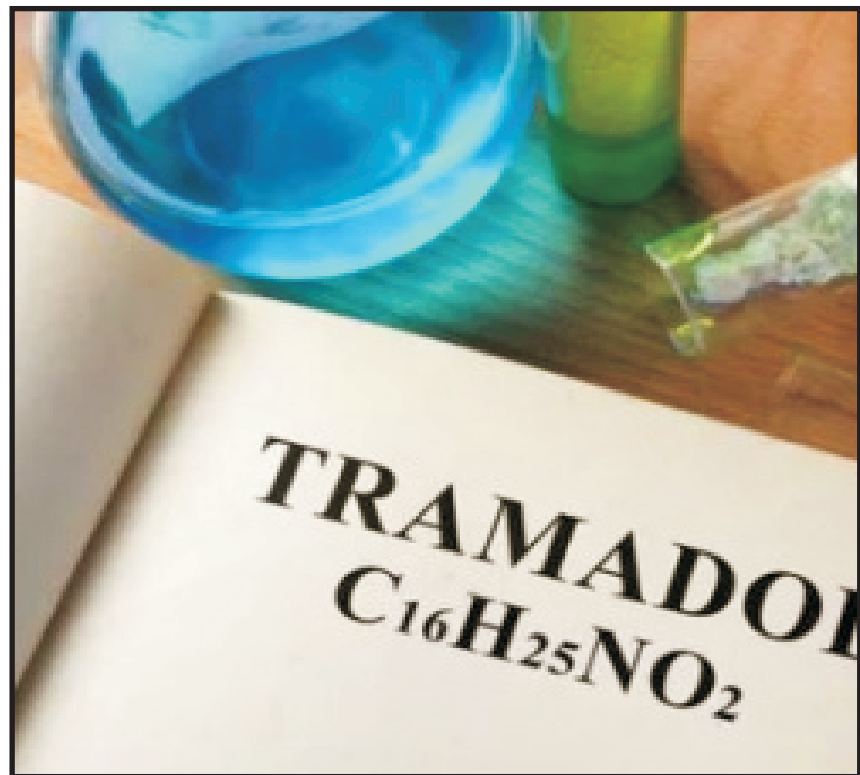
He called on government to deploy security forces at the center the Ministry of Health to vigorously launch a campaign aimed at riding the substance from the market to save lives.

He notes that some drug stores owners are allegedly selling the drug to dealers of

the drink, which violates regulations of the Pharmacy Board of Liberia.

Criminals commonly referred to here as "Zokos", spend time mixing the medication with marijuana and other substances to take.

Tramadol is available under the following different brand names: Ultram, Ultram ER, Ryzolt and ConZip. -Editing by Jonathan Browne





# Français

## « Le pouvoir législatif libérien est inutile » (Grand Imam du Libéria)

**L**e Grand Imam du Libéria, Cheikh Ali Krayee, estime que le pouvoir législatif de l'Etat est inutile, d'où la nécessité de le supprimer purement et simplement.

"... Ainsi, à mes yeux, le pouvoir législatif de le pouvoir le plus inutile de l'Etat du Libéria parce que, tout au long de son histoire, nous ne les avons vus que faire ce que décide l'exécutif", a déclaré le grand Imam Cheikh Krayee sur une radio de la place le mercredi 7 novembre à Monrovia.

L'Imam Krayee était en train de réagir à la proposition du président George Manneh Weah d'abroger les postes permanents. Il a fait savoir que cela ne l'intéresse pas car lorsque l'ancienne Présidente Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf a demandé que ces postes soient créés « l'Assemblée législative les a créés », et maintenant que le président Weah veut que ces mêmes postes soient éliminés, l'Assemblée législative les abolira également.

« Et pour ceux qui



comprennent, nous parlons des dizaines de millions de dollars américains dépensés sur des personnes pour exécuter l'ordre du président, alors pourquoi ne seraient-ils pas abolis? Ces postes seront abolis comme l'a souhaité le président », a dit l'Imam Sheikh Krayee.

Dans la mesure où les législateurs ne peuvent que défendre ce que dit le président, ce corps n'existe donc que pour alourdir le fardeau des contribuables libériens en procédant à des dépenses inutiles pour les maintenir à l'Assemblée législative.

qu'ils disent est ce qu'ils disent toujours », a-t-il ajouté.

Le Grand Imam ne nie pas le rôle du pouvoir législatif dans la Constitution, mais il croit que c'est un sujet de débat national, même s'il n'a pas évoqué la question de la nécessité d'un référendum sur l'abolition du premier pouvoir de l'Etat.

Il est aussi conscient que ce pouvoir ne peut être supprimé parce qu'il le souhaite, c'est pour lui une façon d'interpeller les législateurs pour qu'ils se mettent au travail. « J'ai dit, je ne m'attends pas à ce que la législature soit abolie sur la base de mes propos. Je sais que c'est une question constitutionnelle. Mais je

parle de cette façon pour qu'ils prennent leurs responsabilités », a-t-il fait comprendre.

Pour Cheikh Krayee, le peuple n'est nullement impressionné par le fonctionnement de l'Assemblée législative. Il s'est dit prêt à expliquer ce qu'il pense s'il est convoqué par l'Assemblée législative pour avoir tenu ce langage. Il fera savoir aux parlementaires que l'image générale de l'Assemblée législative tout au long de son histoire n'a été encourageante, quand bien même qu'il y ait parmi eux des personnes intègres qui méritent d'être honorées. « Mais nous disons que l'image générale de l'Assemblée législative au cours de notre histoire n'a pas été encourageante et qu'elle doit y travailler », a-t-il ajouté.

Selon lui, un rapport rendu public il y a un an indique que 44% des [personnes interrogées] estiment que la performance de l'Assemblée législative est médiocre. Il a exprimé sa profonde déception quant au fonctionnement de l'Assemblée législative dans le pays. L'imam Krayee dénonce également le fait que les députés et les sénateurs élus, dès après les élections, tournent le dos aux partis au sein desquels ils militaient et sur les billets desquels ils ont été élus pour rejoindre le parti au pouvoir.

## « Il faut une action sévère contre les drogues illicites », (député)

Le président du comité parlementaire sur la sécurité nationale, le représentant Alfred B. Koiwood du comté de Gbarpolu, veut des mesures draconiennes dans la lutte contre l'importation des drogues et des substances illicites au Libéria, car ces

substances menacent la paix et la sécurité du pays.

Dans un entretien mercredi dernier avec un groupe de journalistes à Monrovia, le député de Gbarpolu a appelé à un mécanisme de contrôle et à une application stricte des lois, à savoir par exemple

poursuivre en justice les personnes impliquées dans l'importation et la distribution des drogues illicites.

Il demande au gouvernement de prendre des mesures sévères pour minimiser le déversement quotidien des substances dangereuses sur le marché libérien.

Le représentant Koiwood a fait observer que depuis l'ascension au pouvoir de George Weah et sa Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC), la Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency (LDEA) a procédé à plusieurs arrestations de trafiquants de drogues illicites, dont certains ont été mis en prison pour possession illégale de substances dangereuses, mais pour des raisons qu'on ignore, ces suspects sont aussitôt libérés de prison sans même faire l'objet d'une rééducation.

Il faut des mesures sérieuses et une révision urgente des lois sur la drogue, car si rien n'est fait dès

maintenant, cela aura de graves conséquences aussi bien sur les citoyens que sur le gouvernement, a-t-il prévenu.

Le président du comité parlementaire sur la sécurité nationale a pris part à une conférence extraordinaire des experts internationaux en matière de drogue à Bruxelles sur l'abus et l'importation des drogues illicites en Afrique. Le continent noir est considéré comme un terrain propice au trafic de drogue et aux abus pouvant toucher des millions de vies, selon les experts.

Le député de Gbarpolu a indiqué que l'ordre du jour de la rencontre a mis un accent particulier sur la discussion des questions relatives à l'abus de

drogues. Certains pays, selon lui, ont tenté de légaliser le commerce et l'importation des drogues dans leurs pays.

Il a souligné la nécessité d'organiser une conférence nationale sur la drogue où les principales parties prenantes seront invitées afin de partager leurs expériences et faire des suggestions sur la voie à suivre.

Le représentant Koiwood a aussi exhorté les jeunes Libériens, qui sont la cible privilégiée de la toxicomanie, à cesser de prendre les substances dangereuses car celles-ci risquent de détruire leur avenir. Il les a exhortés à rester concentrés et déterminés afin de mener une vie productive.



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# Français

## Fin de la retraite des ligues des jeunes des partis politiques

Le Forum des ligues des jeunes des partis politiques, une agglomération de jeunes leaders issus de partis politiques enregistrés au Libéria, a clôturé sa première retraite nationale. La retraite visait à consolider une meilleure relation entre groupements de jeunes afin de promouvoir la paix et la non-violence avant, pendant et après les périodes électorales. Lors d'un entretien avec un groupe de journalistes en marge de la retraite le week-end dernier, les responsables de l'organisation ont déclaré que le forum visait à sensibiliser le public à des élections exemptes de violence et à promouvoir la participation des jeunes à la gouvernance et aux débats politiques du pays.

Le Forum des ligues des jeunes des partis politiques a été créé il y a quelques mois à la suite de la dissolution de l'Association

des ligues politiques de la jeunesse d'opposition, une organisation qui chapeautait auparavant tous les jeunes aspirant à devenir dirigeants, par le biais de leurs partis politiques respectifs ou de leurs ambitions politiques individuelles.

Le congrès national qui a duré toute la journée a eu lieu à l'hôtel Eco de Sinkor et a rassemblé un échantillon de jeunes leaders des partis politiques et des représentants de la quasi-totalité des institutions politiques enregistrées et reconnues au Libéria.

Sampson Kamayan, dirigeant du mouvement de la jeunesse de MOVEE, a été élu président national tandis que le président de LINU Andrew M. Cooper s'est vu confier le rôle de vice-président chargé de l'administration, et Yancy Gegeh de RDC le rôle de vice-président chargé de la mobilisation.

## Mali : l'armée rétablit la situation à Banamba après une poussée jihadiste

Arrestations de présumés jihadistes, réouvertures d'écoles... L'armée malienne a déployé un important dispositif à moins de 200 km à l'ouest de Bamako où la pression de terroristes présumés avait contraint à la fermeture de quelques dizaines d'écoles qui dispensaient les cours en français.

C'est le chef d'état-major des armées maliennes lui-même qui a coordonné les préparatifs de l'intervention militaire. Le général M'Bemba Moussa Keita a dépêché des troupes dans les environs de Banamba. L'opération a été qualifiée « de grande envergure » : les témoins civils sur place parle de « plusieurs dizaines de militaires », ainsi que du matériel.

Ecoles sécurisées

Dans deux localités, très rapidement, les écoles fermées par de présumés jiahdistes, ont été

sécurisées par les forces armées maliennes. Selon des témoins, dans une autre localité, l'armée a piégé l'ennemi en arrivant de l'est, alors qu'elle était attendue à l'ouest. L'ennemi rapidement pris ses jambes à son cou. Apied ou à moto, ce fut une véritable débandade.

Maintenir le calme

Au moins quinze personnes soupçonnées d'avoir participé aux opérations qui ont conduit à la fermeture des écoles ont été arrêtées et conduites à Bamako. Ce mercredi, des élèves ont repris calmement le chemin de l'école, pour retrouver leurs enseignants.

Afin de maintenir le calme retrouvé, le ministère malien de la Défense a décidé d'installer un dispositif de sécurité dans plusieurs localités de l'ouest, notamment à Toubakoro Dandougou et Balala.

## COMMENTAIRE

Par Kenneth Rogoff

## L'impact mondial d'une récession chinoise

CAMBRIDGE - Quand la Chine connaîtra enfin sa récession de croissance inévitable - qui sera presque sûrement amplifiée par une crise financière, compte tenu de l'endettement massif de l'économie - comment sera affecté le reste du monde? Alors que la guerre commerciale du président américain Donald Trump frappe la Chine juste au moment où la croissance était déjà en plein ralentissement, il ne s'agit pas d'une question fictive.

Les estimations typiques, par exemple celles qui figurent dans les évaluations du risque pays du Fonds monétaire international, laissent penser que le ralentissement économique en Chine affectera l'ensemble du monde. Mais la douleur aiguë, selon le FMI, sera plus concentrée au niveau régional et confinée que dans le cas d'une récession profonde aux États-Unis. Malheureusement, cela pourrait être un vœu pieux.

Tout d'abord, l'effet sur les marchés internationaux des capitaux pourrait être considérablement plus grand que ce que ne laissent penser les liens avec le marché des capitaux chinois. Quel que soit le niveau de nervosité des investisseurs mondiaux concernant les perspectives de croissance des bénéfices, un choc de croissance chinoise rendrait les choses bien pires. Bien qu'il soit vrai que les États-Unis sont de loin le plus gros importateur de biens de consommation finale (une part importante des importations de produits manufacturés chinois est composée de biens intermédiaires qui finissent par être incorporés dans les exportations vers les États-Unis et l'Europe), les entreprises étrangères continuent néanmoins à faire d'énormes profits sur les ventes en Chine.

Aujourd'hui, les investisseurs sont également préoccupés par la hausse des taux d'intérêt, qui non seulement amortit la consommation et l'investissement, mais aussi réduit la valeur de marché des entreprises (en particulier les entreprises technologiques) dont les valorisations dépendent fortement de la croissance des bénéfices à long terme. Une récession chinoise pourrait encore aggraver la situation.

J'apprécie la pensée keynésienne habituelle selon laquelle, si toutes les économies ralentissent partout, cela réduit la demande globale mondiale et impose donc une pression à la baisse sur les taux d'intérêt mondiaux. Mais la pensée moderne est plus nuancée. Les taux d'épargne asiatiques élevés au cours des deux dernières décennies ont été un facteur explicatif important du faible niveau global des taux d'intérêt réels (corrigés de l'inflation), tant aux États-Unis qu'en Europe, à cause du fait que les marchés de capitaux asiatiques sous-développés ne peuvent tout simplement pas absorber de manière constructive tout l'excédent d'épargne.

Les travaux célèbres de l'ancien président de la Réserve fédérale américaine, Ben Bernanke, ont caractérisé ce phénomène bien connu en tant qu'élément fondamental de la « surabondance de l'épargne mondiale ». Ainsi, au lieu de conduire à une baisse des taux d'intérêt réels mondiaux, un ralentissement chinois qui se propagerait à travers l'Asie pourrait paradoxalement conduire à une élévation des taux d'intérêt dans les autres régions - surtout si une deuxième crise financière asiatique conduisait à une forte diminution des réserves des banques centrales. Ainsi, pour les

marchés mondiaux de capitaux, une récession chinoise pourrait facilement se révéler être une double peine.

Aussi mauvais que soit un ralentissement des exportations vers la Chine pour de nombreux pays, une hausse significative des taux d'intérêt mondiaux serait bien pire. Les dirigeants de la zone euro, en particulier la chancelière allemande Angela Merkel, reçoivent moins de reconnaissance qu'ils ne méritent pour maintenir l'intégrité de la monnaie unique, qui est fragile politiquement et économiquement face aux risques économiques et politiques importants. Mais leur tâche aurait été presque impossible sans les taux d'intérêt mondiaux ultra bas, qui ont permis aux responsables de la zone euro, paralysés politiquement, d'éviter les dépréciations et restructurations de dette nécessaires dans la périphérie.

Lorsque les pays avancés ont eu leur crise financière il y a dix ans, les marchés émergents ont récupéré assez rapidement, grâce à un faible niveau de dette et à la vigueur des prix des matières premières. Aujourd'hui, cependant, les niveaux d'endettement ont augmenté de manière significative et une forte hausse des taux d'intérêt réels mondiaux étendrait presque certainement les crises qui se préparent aujourd'hui au-delà de la poignée de pays (dont l'Argentine et la Turquie) qui ont déjà été touchés.

Les États-Unis ne sont pas non plus immunisés. Pour le moment, les États-Unis peuvent financer leurs déficits, se chiffrant en billions de dollars, à un coût relativement faible. Mais la maturité relativement courte durée de leurs emprunts - moins de quatre ans si l'on intègre les bilans de la Fed et du Trésor - signifie qu'une hausse des taux d'intérêt aurait pour conséquence que le service de la dette évincerait rapidement les dépenses publiques nécessaires dans d'autres domaines. En même temps, la guerre commerciale de Trump menace également de saper le dynamisme de l'économie américaine. Sa nature quelque peu arbitraire et politiquement motivée la rend au moins aussi nuisible à la croissance des États-Unis que les réglementations que Trump a si fièrement éliminées. Ceux qui ont fait l'hypothèse que les prises de position de Trump sur le commerce étaient pour la plupart des fanfaronnades de campagne devraient être inquiets.

La bonne nouvelle est que les négociations commerciales semblent souvent impossibles jusqu'à la dernière minute. Les États-Unis et la Chine pourraient parvenir à un accord avant que les tarifs punitifs de Trump n'entrent en vigueur le 1er janvier. Un tel accord, on espère, refléterait une arrivée à maturité de l'attitude de la Chine envers les droits de propriété intellectuelle - semblable à ce qui s'est passé aux États-Unis au cours de la fin du 19e siècle. (Dans les années de croissance élevée de l'Amérique, les entrepreneurs américains ne se privaient pas de voler des inventions brevetées au Royaume-Uni.)

Une récession en Chine, amplifiée par une crise financière, constituerait la troisième étape du supercycle de la dette qui a commencé aux États-Unis en 2008 et a atteint l'Europe en 2010. Jusqu'à présent, les autorités chinoises ont fait un travail remarquable pour retarder le ralentissement inévitable. Malheureusement, lorsque la récession arrivera, le monde est susceptible de découvrir que l'économie chinoise est encore plus importante que ce que la plupart des gens ne pensaient.



# CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT



With Ben Polee Wese

## LMA releases full list of its 2018 Award nominees

After so many years of hosting the award in America, the Liberia Music Awards (LMA) releases full listing of nominees for the 2018 Awards ceremony slated here for December 22, 2018 at the Executive Pavilion in Monrovia.

"The LMA will like to thank everyone that worked with our Artists and Musicians over the year 2018. We also will like to thank our 2018 Nominations Committee that made this possible", a press release from the LMA reads.

According to the release, the voting dates will be announced shortly. Read below the various categories:

### 1. Artist of the Year

C.I.C.  
Kobazzie  
Deng  
F.A  
Bucky Raw

### 2. New Artist of the Year

Lortonio  
Jaredo  
Revolution  
Ace Cape  
C Jay

### 3. Male Artist of the Year

Kobazzie  
C.I.C.  
Eric Geso  
Teddy Ride  
Stunna

### 4. Female Artist of the Year

Faithvonic  
Pillz  
Mz Menneh  
Angie Tonton  
DaVero

### 5. HipCo Artist of the year

Tru Storry  
C.I.C.  
Christoph the Change  
Pascal  
Kpanto

### 6. Gbema Artist of the Year

Kzee Big Name  
Wulah Gan  
Friday Cellphone Man  
Taweh da Great  
CoincCoins

### 7. Traditional Artist of the Year

Casimoney  
Fullest 4  
T crack  
Mz Menneh

### 8. R&B / Afro Soul Artist of the Year

Stunna  
Kizzy W  
Jaredo  
Lortonio  
C Jay



### 9. Gospel Artist of the Year

Miracle Kettor  
Amb. Kanvee G. Adams  
Semah Weifur  
Evon Karweh  
Alvin Soeh

### 10. Song of the Year

Weekend - C.I.C. ft. Iyanya  
Bounce - Kobazzie  
Nobody - Jaredo ft. Stunna  
Baby O - Stunna  
Boss Chick - Cjay

### 11. R&B / Afro Soul Song of the Year

Don't Go - Jeredo ft. C.I.C.  
Baby O - Stunna  
Gimme Love - Kizzy W.  
Like Me - Lortonio  
Boss Chick - Cjay

### 12. AfroPop / Afro Dance Song of the Year

Samba - Tamba Hali  
Weekend - C.I.C. ft. Iyanya  
Nobody - Jaredo ft. Stunna  
Go Down - PCK & L'Frankie  
I Want Follow You - Big Hands ft. Ruff N Smooth

### 13. Gospel Song of the Year

Most High - Semah Weifur ft. Flavour  
Don't Conclude My Case - Evon Karweh  
Liberia Is On The Rizing - Kanvee Adams  
Zero To Hero - Miracle Kettor  
Bow Before The Your Throne - K-Praise ft. Sayon Mayson

### 13. Gospel Song of the Year

Most High - Semah Weifur ft. Flavour  
Don't Conclude My Case - Evon Karweh  
Liberia Is On The Rizing - Kanvee Adams  
Zero To Hero - Miracle Kettor  
Bow Before The Your Throne - K-Praise ft. Sayon Mayson

### 14. Hip-Hop Artist of the Year

CO.Z  
Geno  
C-Note  
Cypha D'King  
2C

### 15. DJ of the Year

DJ Theo  
DJ Nelly  
DJ Bossman  
DJ E.Z.  
DJ Zeo Mac

### 16. Producer of the Year

Infectious Michael  
Duke Blac  
Stone Luckshine  
Kizzy W  
Charlie Gold

### 17. Video of the Year

Back - F.A ft. Seyi Shay  
Hello - C.I.C. ft. Joey B.  
Balance - Stunna ft. Iyanya  
Spending the Money- Rise-B  
Samba - Tamba Hali

### 18. Video Director of the Year

Lolly Ox  
Lorenzo LoveLand  
Ush  
Rowland Williams

Jackie Russ

### 19. Collaboration of the Year

Shoutout Remix - C.I.C. ft. JB & Bucky Raw  
Put It Inside - 2Win  
Bae - DJ Blue ft. C.I.C., Cypha D'King & Geno  
Taya - Eric Geso ft. Kizzy W  
Weekend - C.I.C. ft. Iyanya

### 20. Album of the Year

CS2 - Bucky Raw  
Bonnie Dust - Christoph the Change  
Sugar Daddy - TeddyRide  
Mailbox - Benevee

### 21. Afro Pop Artist of the Year

Eric Geso  
AG Da Profit  
Flex  
D12  
DenG

### 22. International/African Artist of the Year

Flavour  
Davido  
Iyanya  
Kuami Eugene  
Serge Baynaud

### 23. Best Group of the Year

PCK & L'Frankie  
Kro Brother  
Big Hands  
Dezishun

### 24. Reagae/ Dancehall Artist of the Year

Nasseman  
AK Feeling Man  
J Younkonde  
Ne-oh William  
Shadow Man

### 25. Life Time Achievement Award

Tony Kabedeh

### 26. Legendary Achievement Award

Steve Tequah

## CIC calls on artists to look at themselves as VIPs

Branding and Marketing yourself as an artist is one of the most valuable things every artist should take advantage of in order to add taste and gain profits from the game, because image serves as an integrity of brand.

Like folks would say: "If you cooked yourself in tomato cup, they will dish you out with broom sticks."

This was the point made by Lonestar Cell Brand Ambassador CIC, who took to his Facebook Page, cautioning artists to stop floating around and instead, make use of their image. "You float all over the way say, da one da I can see anytime to all lay zinc round entertainment center nen. Birthday party and all there. Da dirty artist down there and da lay reason they na geh respect seh" You relax Yor lil hustle and be on your low key and boommmm... " Da one like to act leh say he too special leh to say he some kindda good human being seh. He's proud.... and can't even make sound, sound music nen seh"



# Weeks left hanging to dry

By Bridgett Milton

Former government officials providing evidence before the Plenary of the House of Representative on Thursday November 8, denied knowledge about the printing of the extra 10.5 billion Liberian bank notes, leaving Ex- Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) Governor Milton Weeks hanging dry.

The House had called in the former CBL governor and several other former government officials under the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf regime to give testimony before it in connection with the alleged missing billions of Liberian bank notes.

Amongst those who testified on Thursday were former House Speaker Emmanuel Nuquay and former Justice Minister Cllr. Fredrick Cherue and ex-CBL boss Weeks. Both Nuquay and Cllr. Cherue denied knowledge or giving any authorization to the CBL to print additional money following the printing of the initial 5bn Liberian bank notes.

Former House Speaker Nuquay told the House that the

53rd Legislature gave authorization for the printing of the initial 5bn in 2016 which were meant to replace mutilated notes on the

authorization from the Legislature.

Former Justice Minister Cherue also testifying denied knowledge about the printing



Liberian market.

He further told the House hearing Thursday that he had no knowledge about the additional 10.5bn, which the CBL had claimed they got

of the additional 10.5 billion bank notes, adding that he only heard about the additional printing on the radio and in the newspapers.

But providing further

information on the “missing money”, former CBL boss Weeks maintained that there is no missing money and that all the money that were printing were received in the bank’s vaults and insisted that they received a letter of authorization to print the additional money.

The former Governor recalled that in May 2017, the CBL wrote both the Senate and the House of Representatives, stating that “in order to replace the Legacy Note,” it would have needed 10bn Liberian Dollars.”

He said the need to print the additional bank notes was based on the premise that the 5bn was not enough to replace all the Legacy notes which were already in circulation and therefore there was a need to print additional money in the tune of the 10 billion.

He says the CBL estimated a cost of about 10.4 million US Dollars to cover the printing and shipping cost.

Mr. Weeks recalls that the CBL further requested that it might also be necessary to have the cost of the printing of the additional notes to replace all of the Legacy Notes included in the 2017/2018 National Budget of the Government.

But he says it was subsequently determined that it could not be included in the National Budget due to budgetary constraints.

He said the bank received a letter from the Legislature in July 2017, “authorizing it to replace the Legacy Notes with new printed banknotes.”

According to him, the CBL therefore determined to fund the printing of the new notes from its reserves.

“...We had already provided the statistics to the Legislature about the total amount of old notes in circulations,” he continues.

According to Mr. Weeks, “...It was on that basis that an

amount of ten billion Liberian Dollars was ordered to be printed,” adding that the same printer, who printed the initial 5 billion, Crane Currency in Sweden, was used to print the additional bank notes.

The former CBL boss over and over repeated that he could not provide the exact information as it relates to dates and other documents required by the House because he had since left the employ of the bank and had no documents in his possession.

He argues that the additional money arrived in the country and delivered in Liberia between October 2017 and sometime in early 2018.

Mr. Weeks says he “knows nothing about missing currency” and he has cooperated with ongoing investigation by an investigative panel.

He says the total currency ordered by the CBL over two years period was 15 billion dollars, adding that all of the currency that was ordered during his tenure was received and accounted for by CBL “and none of it was missing.”

But despite his long prepare text which he read before the House defending his position on the authorization and printing of the money there was no document in his possession to justify his claims. And this he defended pretty well when he said he no longer had access to the bank and that all documents were left there.

This explanation still did not cut him loose as lawmakers still insisted that the bank may have acted on its own to print the money. The former CBL boss is expected to reappear next week along with members of his board for further questioning on the issue.-  
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## Weah concedes

President George Manneh Weah has told members of his cabinet that time is not in their favor as they race to meet the needs of the Liberian people in the face of growing hardship during a cabinet meeting Thursday November 8, in Kakata, Margibi County.

An Executive Mansion release quoted Mr. Weah as telling his cabinet ministers to double up in tackling their various tasks and responsibilities, adding, “Time is not in our favor.”

According to the Executive Mansion, the Cabinet convened the special brainstorming session outside of the city to take stock of

pending development initiatives and challenges and to explore methods and strategies that would hasten the delivery of critical governance services to the much-expectant Liberian populace.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Weah was quoted as describing previous cabinet retreats as successful but cautioned members of his administration to do their best because “time is not in our favor”.

In a similar tone two weeks ago during a special cabinet meeting in Gbarnga, Bong County, President Weah admonished cabinet members to fast track efforts being made in the interest of the

Liberian people, stating that “time is of essence.”

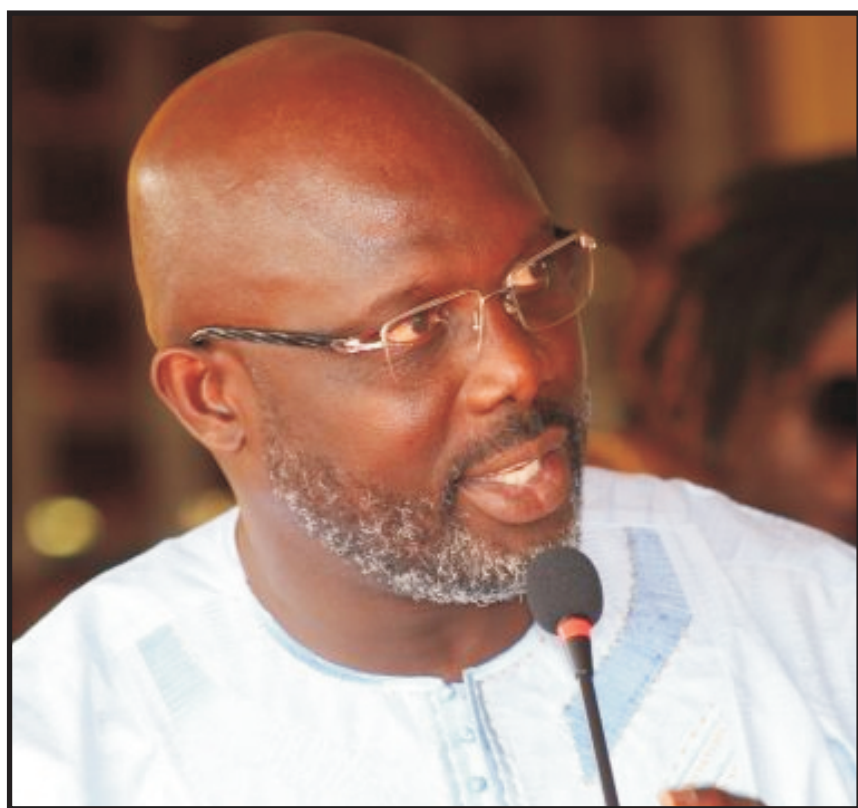
President Weah asserted: “Our government was inaugurated just in January and now we are talking about one year. The Pro-Poor Agenda needs to be achieved and the only way to achieve this is to keep checking on the gains we have made and how we can overcome the challenges on the way.”

The Liberian leader stressed the need for more cohesiveness and effective coordination amongst cabinet members, something he said is indispensable to the expeditious achievement of the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD).

The Liberian leader thanked the cabinet for their resilience and courage in progressively delivering upon Government’s promises to the people of Liberia.

The one-day working session was graced by cabinet members, heads of autonomous agencies, and heads of other sectors of government.

The Cabinet session is also meant to develop an effective framework and common approach so that in the next two months eclipsing the Government’s one year in power would see accelerated actions from every ministry and agency in meeting their respective deliverables consistent with the PAPD.



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## Mourinho explains ear gesture



Jose Mourinho has admitted he lost his cool and should not have reacted to the taunts of Juventus supporters whom he accused of insulting his family.

The Manchester United manager cupped his hand to his ear and snarled at the Italian fans as he milked the moment after seeing his team complete a dramatic Champions League smash-and-grab at the Allianz stadium.

Mourinho's reaction drew

criticism from former United midfielder, Paul Scholes, who accused the Portuguese of a lack of class and trying to make the win all about himself.

And Mourinho later suggested he regretted the episode but had risen to the bait after claiming the Juventus fans had denigrated his family and his former colleagues at Inter Milan, where he managed between 2008 and 2010.

"I didn't offend anyone at

the end, I just made a gesture that I wanted to hear them louder," he said. "I probably shouldn't have done it, and with a cool head I wouldn't have done it, but with my family insulted, including my Inter family, I reacted like this.

"On a beautiful Italian day, I made a little thing. I know millions are happy with the win. But I respect Juventus and the quality they have. I am really proud of my boys because they did everything."

Mourinho had also reacted to the taunts of Juventus fans at Old Trafford a fortnight earlier, when United lost 1-0, by raising three fingers to denote the treble he won with Inter in 2009/10.

Scholes, a strident critic of Mourinho, was unimpressed by the manager's latest antics. "This is everywhere he goes," the BT Sport pundit said. "You need to win with a bit of class sometimes, shake the managers hand. I don't think there's any need for it but that's the way he is."

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## Conte taking Chelsea to court

Antonio Conte has refused to meet with Chelsea and is insisting on taking them to court for the rest of his salary, Sky Sports News understands.

The Italian, who recently turned down the Real Madrid job, feels he should be paid what he is contractually owed out of respect, following his sacking earlier this year.

Conte's lawyers have been working on two separate cases for weeks; one for an employment tribunal and the other for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Chelsea have been trying to set up face-to-face talks with Conte in search of an out-of-court solution, but he has refused to attend those meetings.

Newspaper reports on Wednesday claimed Conte

wants £8.7m worth of damages on top of his remaining year's salary of £11.3m - taking his claim to £20m.

But it has also been reported that Chelsea are refusing to pay because of his behaviour while at the club, including treatment of Diego Costa, failure to turn up to sponsorship events, late arrival to press conferences, and parking in the wrong



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