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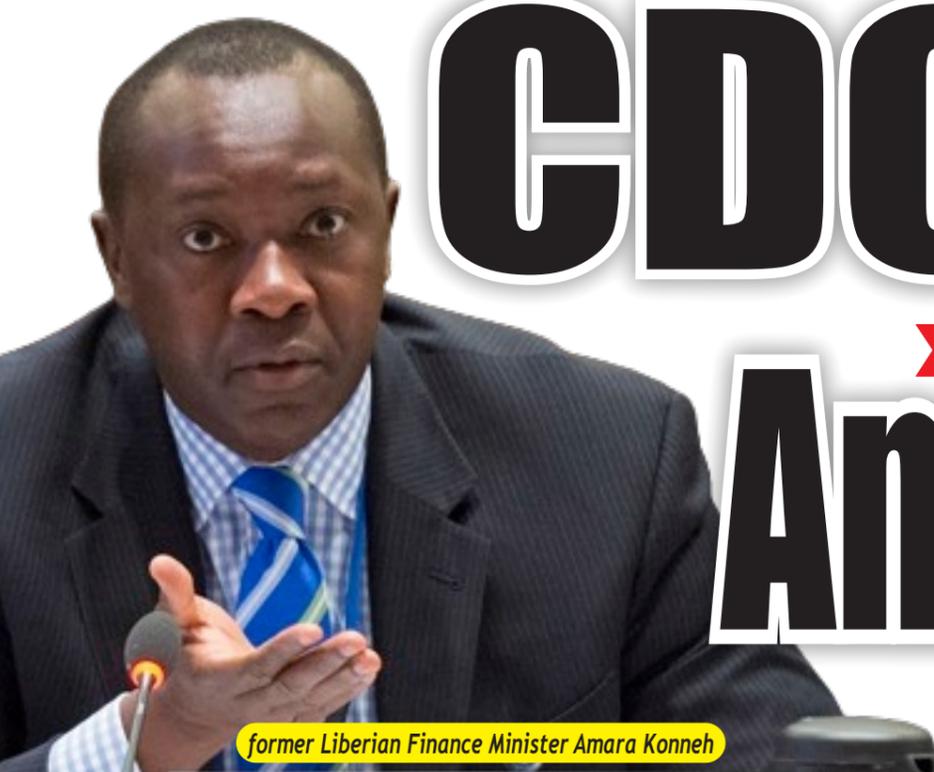
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Continental News

Gaza Aid Agency Near Financial Collapse

The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees in Gaza is teetering on the brink of financial collapse. Its chief says it might have to halt operations at the end of February without more funds.

Its third-biggest donor - the European Union - is due to make an 82-million-euro (\$88-million) payment at the end of the month. But the 27-nation bloc's executive branch has demanded an audit of the agency by EU-appointed

Josep Borrell wrote in a blog on Sunday, a day after discussing the issue with the bloc's foreign ministers.

"The lives of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, not only in Gaza, are at stake," Borrell warned.

Asked Monday which experts had been appointed, by whom, and what progress had been made on the audit, the commission could provide no clear answer. "We don't have additional information to share on this," spokeswoman Arianna Podesta said.

In a statement emailed to The Associated Press, UNRWA said it "is in regular contact with the European Commission on the way forward, including the audit." It said it's "thankful for the EU's essential support to the agency's humanitarian action in Gaza." Among the 27 EU countries, several have suspended funding. Germany, the second biggest UNRWA donor after the United States, said it "will temporarily not approve any new funds" until investigations are concluded. France, Italy and The Netherlands have taken a similar position. The combined weight of its member states and institutions makes the EU the world's biggest provider of assistance to the Palestinians; almost 1.2 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) was earmarked for 2021-2024. But the members are deeply divided over their support for Israel and the Palestinians.

The commission, which has senior staff drawn from across Europe, has at times been similarly split. VOA

Ghana LGBTQ+ Activists See Church Blessings as Distant Luxury When Community is Unsafe

In a country where religious leaders openly condemn homosexuality, and gay sex is punishable with jail time, a Ghanaian LGBTQ+ couple say they fear more for their lives and safety than whether a church will bless their clandestine same-sex union.

They have lived together for eight months, hiding their relationship by pretending to be sisters even as they face gossip that risks spilling into hostility due to suspicions about their sexual orientation.

"What happens if we can get our marriages recognized, but we are not safe? Then what's the use of getting married?" said one of the women, a lesbian who spoke to Reuters in the capital Accra on condition that her and her partner's identities not be revealed out of safety concerns.

Their precarious situation has not been helped by a landmark ruling from December, approved by Head of the Vatican Church Pope Francis, to allow Roman Catholic priests to administer blessings to same-sex couples.

The move, which has been

counterintuitive - biblically speaking, spiritually speaking, socially speaking. So this is what I refer to as the 'double-speak' of the document. You know, we have to be honest."

In January, Pope Francis said Africans were "a special case," in apparent acknowledgement of the pushback his decision unleashed.

One of the LGBTQ+ women - a former Methodist and an LGBTQ+ advocate - is not surprised by the backlash and sees church blessings as a luxury for the future, since Ghanaian gay people still struggle to live and identify as themselves openly.

There is no comprehensive data on the abuse LGBTQ+ people face in Ghana, but local news is filled with reports of suspected gay and transgender people suffering mob justice countrywide. Few such incidents make it to the courts.

The woman said opposition to the Pope's move had increased calls for the quick passage of a bill that would further criminalize same-sex relations and being transgender, as well as any advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights.

"One thing we would demand from people as a couple, is to love



Palestinians protest against the suspension of funds from several donor countries to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, UNRWA, in front of Agency's offices in the West Bank city of Beitunia February 7, 2024.

With the embattled U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees in Gaza teetering on the brink of financial collapse, one of its biggest donors is wavering over whether to extend it a lifeline worth tens of millions of dollars within the next few weeks. Israel's allegations that 12 employees of the aid agency known as UNRWA participated in the October 7 Hamas attacks in southern Israel shook the organization last month. Several countries suspended funding worth some \$440 million, almost half of the agency's annual budget. Two U.N. investigations are underway. UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said the agency might cease operations in late February without more money.

independent experts. The audit would focus "specifically on the control systems needed to prevent the possible involvement of (UNRWA) staff in terrorist activities," the European Commission said. The commission also insists on "a review of all UNRWA staff" to confirm they had no role in the attacks. Of the U.N. agency's 13,000 Gaza staff members, more than 3,000 continue working. Screening them within weeks would be impossible, and time is of the essence. The agency has been the main supplier of food, water and shelter during the war in Gaza, where around 85% of the population has been displaced.

"Should UNRWA cease or limit services, which may be the case as early as the end of February, it would significantly aggravate the ongoing dramatic humanitarian crisis," EU foreign policy chief

Mali Confirms It Will Leave ECOWAS Without Delay

Mali reaffirmed its exit from West African bloc ECOWAS, saying it was not bound by the organization's one-year timeframe for withdrawal, according to a foreign ministry document seen by AFP Wednesday.

Bamako's military government announced its withdrawal from ECOWAS on January 28, along with neighboring Burkina Faso and Niger.

But Article 91 of the bloc's treaty stipulates that member countries remain bound by their obligations for a period of one year after notifying their withdrawal.

"The government of the Republic of Mali is no longer bound (by the) time constraints mentioned in article 91 of the treaty," the foreign affairs

ministry said in a letter to ECOWAS.

The letter said that ECOWAS had rendered the treaty "inoperative" when it failed to meet its obligations by closing member states' borders with Mali in 2022, denying it access to the

sea.

Mali was a founding member of ECOWAS back in 1975 but the regional group suspended the country and imposed heavy sanctions after a military coup overthrew the elected civilian government.

VOA



Same-sex couple, Naa Shika, 37, a fetish priestess, and her partner Kay, 27, a human rights activist, sit together during a discussion on a Declaration approved by Pope Francis, that allows Catholic priests to bless same-sex couples, in Accra, Ghana on January 23, 2024.

met with particularly strong resistance, and in some cases rejection - from African bishops - has fueled resentment rather than acceptance among Catholics in Ghana, the woman said.

The Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference has said that it cannot comply. Father Dominic Maximilian Ofori told Reuters he feared the Pope's stance had annoyed many Ghanaian Catholics.

"Who are they trying to please?" he asked.

"When, say, a couple in a relationship that the church considers sinful, comes to a priest and asks the priest not to bless them as individuals who are struggling to live their lives, but to bless them within that relationship because they're not willing to walk out of that relationship, that is

your neighbor," she said.

"Because I believe that anybody, irrespective of your religion, understands what love is. And they practice it when they show love to other people. Why can't you show love to gay couples or gay people? Because they belong to families and they make up the community, the society that we live in."

Prison Sentence

Gay sex is already punishable by up to three years in prison. A coalition of Christian, Muslim, and traditional leaders has sponsored the new legislation, which is favored by most lawmakers that would punish the promotion of LGBTQ+ rights with up to 10 years in prison. The bill also encourages those accused of homosexuality to submit to conversion therapy, which attempts to change sexual orientation, in exchange for reduced sentences. VOA

EDITORIAL

Disagreement swells in Unity Party

Discontent, disagreement, protest and uneasy calm pervade the ruling Unity Party over jobs and appointments by President Joseph Nyumah Boakai as he forms his government to govern the state.

The glaring dissatisfaction is coming from both within the Unity Party itself and the UP Alliance, particularly the Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction of Senator Prince Yormie Johnson that produced Mr. Boakai's Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung.

Both men, Sen. Johnson and Vice President Koung hail from vote-rich Nimba County. They led the county to overwhelmingly vote for the Rescue Ticket of the Unity Party with Boakai and Koung as Standard Bearer and Vice Standard Bearer.

Now it appears that the dividends of the marriage is not being distributed as expected, with Senator Johnson physically upset. Besides, President Boakai's recent pronouncement at his inauguration to set up a special office on war and economic crimes court is piercing PYJ, who thinks the President is touching a grey area that should not be talked about at all.

He was very emphatic at his church on Sunday, 4th February that Nimba County deserves six to seven cabinet posts because it went all out and voted the Boakai-Koung Ticket overwhelmingly.

Attempt by the President Boakai to appoint an executive of the MDR, Cllr. Cooper Kruah, as Minister of Justice and Attorney General if the Republic, is being stalled by the nominee's private activity with a private company that borders on money, which the latter claims hasn't paid in full, bringing about integrity issue.

On the other hand, Unity Party partisans think they are being relegated in the job distribution exercise, with President Boakai nominating more outsiders to lucrative positions who, they argue, did not go in trenches and villages to solicit citizens' votes.

They engulfed National Chairman Rev. Dr. Luther Tarpeh recently and expressed their dissatisfaction, but the Chairman directed them to instead, take their grievance to the President's Rehab residence in Paynesville - the place of action, where appointments are being made.

These uproars have slowed pace of the formation of the new government, creating a tense atmosphere saturated with uncertainty and speculations something that should be of a party that governed for 12 years before returning to power.

What seems unclear however, is whether President Boakai is listening to these early outcries from within and outside the UP that we believe if not addressed head-on, could haunt the administration for a very long time and probably set the stage for disintegration.

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COMMENTARY

By Togba-Nah Tipoteh

Promises Made Must Be Delivered

To be credible, promises that one makes must be delivered. In the midst of the longstanding and widespread problem of poverty, the people of Liberia have high expectations of change for the better when a new State regime comes in.

Such expectations exist as Liberia has a new State regime with the incoming of the Unity Party (UP)-led government. But to the disappointment of the people, promises made by UP have not been delivered.

There are several examples of the promises made by the UP, but they have not been delivered. Starting with the eradication of poverty, the colonial system of the production of raw materials for export continues with no indication of termination.

Then there is the promise about assets declaration before taking up offices. Assets have not been declared as yet. There is the promise that no vehicle would be stuck on any road in Liberia within 100 days. With more than two weeks gone, there is no indication that this promise will be delivered in the remaining weeks.

Of recent concern is the issue about the balance of money left in the State coffers at the Centra Bank of Liberia (CBL).

Although public reports on all aspects of financial management through monetary policy are made quarterly by the CBL, the new government underreported the balance in the CBL by some 100 per cent (USD40.4 million versus USD20.5 million).

In fact, the media institutions in Liberia

have released the foregoing information, which is readily available to the public.

As for the information about the dominating system in Liberia, credible information has been available to the public locally and globally since the 1950s. One can find such information in: Robert Clower et al, Growth Without Development, Northwestern University Press, 1966; Thomas Piketty, Capital and Ideology, Harvard University Press, 2022 and Amos Sawyer, No Land No Vote, Wahala Publishing House, 2023.

The best way to deliver promises that have been made is the continuation of the awareness raising that the people who love Liberia are engaged in.

It is this awareness raising that is working well and stopping violence as well as preventing it. Most of the National Legislators who wanted to be re-elected were not re-elected because of their bad records. Violence is not the answer to the problems of Liberia or any Country. Therefore.

the answer to the problems in Liberia is the of the awareness raising to motivate the people to take actions within the Rule of Law to have persons with good records elected to bring in the system of Justice, the indispensable ingredient for Peace and Progress in Liberia and in any other Country.

This solution will be repeated in my Commentaries because poverty continues to prevail, and it has become the pretext for violence. Therefore, for people who are against violence and poverty, they have to keep on spreading the solution to these problems of society.

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OP-EDBy Jean Kaseya,
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Strengthening Africa's Community Health Programs

MONROVIA/ADDIS ABABA - In 2017, African Union heads of state pledged to deploy two million community health workers (CHWs), recognizing their role in advancing health for all. Seven years on, as African leaders prepare to convene in Addis Ababa, we must reflect on our progress. By 2030, Africa will face a shortage of six million health workers, making CHWs a key component and a fast solution to bridging the continent's health needs. Developing resilient community health-worker programs across Africa has never been more urgent.

We have witnessed how disease outbreaks can plunge a country into darkness - and how the power of CHWs can help pull it back into the light. As Liberia's experience shows, CHWs need adequate resources and financial support to be effective. In the early 2010s, Liberia's efforts to offer primary health care in remote areas faced significant challenges. There was a shortage of health workers, and where CHWs were deployed, they were under-compensated and did not have the necessary equipment or training to deliver the essential care that was so desperately needed. As a result, different community health initiatives run in parallel by the government and other stakeholders failed to have a significant impact on patients - a common problem in many African countries.

In 2016, the Liberian government launched the National Community Health Assistant Program to address these issues and apply the lessons learned from the Ebola outbreak that began in 2014. With proper supervision, adequate salaries, and enough supplies to reach every household in their communities, CHWs were empowered to provide standardized, integrated primary health-care services. The results speak for themselves. Liberia's 4,000 CHWs now deliver nearly 50% of all reported malaria treatments for children under five and consistently provide access to health services, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Programs that take a similar approach have yielded positive results in other African countries. Since Ethiopia implemented its community-based Health Extension Program, which has deployed 40,000 community health workers, vaccination rates have tripled and child mortality has fallen dramatically. The experience of these and other countries shows that supporting CHWs and integrating them into national health systems can save lives and create livelihoods. It should serve as a guide for expanding community health services across the continent.

A resilient community health workforce is key to overcoming existing and future health challenges in Africa, which currently range from alarming maternal and infant mortality rates to a high burden of communicable diseases. Equally worrying is the escalating climate crisis, which has underscored the urgency of improving access to care and building health systems that can adapt to a changing environment. Increasing the number of CHWs, and ensuring that they have adequate resources, is one of the most cost-effective and sustainable ways to achieve these goals.

Unfortunately, a daunting \$4.4 billion annual funding gap - compounded by fragmented financial flows - continues to slow our progress toward a healthier, safer, and more prosperous Africa. The solution is to adopt a "one plan, one budget, one report" framework, like that used by Liberia and Ethiopia. With this approach, governments outline their strategies for national community health programs, and partners coordinate resources and technical expertise to reduce the bureaucratic burden.

To that end, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and partners launched the first-ever continental coordination mechanism for community health in November 2023. Encouraging coordination among stakeholders will enable African countries to build effective and efficient CHW programs to tackle the challenges of high-burden communicable diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and non-communicable diseases, as well as to respond better to emergencies, including epidemics and climate shocks.

The Africa CDC remains firmly committed to strengthening the community health workforce, which dovetails with the New Public Health Order - the organization's health-security agenda - and the AU's initiative to deploy two million additional CHWs on the continent. As part of this effort, the Africa CDC has collaborated with Africa Frontline First to mobilize the financing needed to professionalize CHWs. Last year's Reaching the Last Mile Forum in Dubai was a success on that front: 12 partners committed to accelerating support for professional CHWs. This announcement also included \$900 million from the Global Fund over the next three years, 74% of which is earmarked for Africa.

The private and public actors in Africa must take coordinated action. As heads of state convene for the AU Summit, we urge them to make the development of an integrated professional community health workforce a top priority, with clear metrics of success to enable data and evidence to be shared with member states. This will foster a culture of continuous learning and standardization of CHW programs across Africa.

Community health is the key to a more prosperous, healthier Africa. We must seize the opportunity to train and deploy a robust corps of CHWs.

OPINION

By Carla Norrlöf

Settler Sanctions and the Liberal International Order

TORONTO - On February 1, US President Joe Biden signed an executive order imposing sanctions on four Israeli settlers in the West Bank, where extremist violence and property destruction have been rising. That comes after five new rounds of sanctions on Hamas since October 7, and after the sanctioning of financial networks funding the Houthis in December.

Biden's historic decision to sanction the private citizens of a close ally reflects both domestic and international political pressure. The administration seems to have recognized that Israeli extremist violence, and the settlements themselves, threaten US strategic interests and the broader liberal international order.

Critics of Biden's "democracy-defense credo" view the Israel-Gaza conflict as another example of him sidestepping the issue driving the conflict: territorial control and sovereignty. It is also worth highlighting that enforcing human rights and the rule of law should be integral to democracy promotion, and shared democratic values underpin US support for Israel, a key ally against Islamist extremism and terrorism. But given Israel's own democratic backsliding and the high civilian death toll in Gaza, Biden's unwavering support for Israel reflects a double standard that undermines America's credibility and global standing.

Of course, the settlements issue is not new. These government-sponsored communities have long been expanding in areas occupied by Israel since the 1967 Six-Day War, including the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights. A majority of countries, and the United Nations, considers them illegal under international law.

Since 1967, UN Security Council resolutions (such as 237) have urged Israel to observe humanitarian principles in the occupied territories; condemned extremist violence by settlers (271); deemed territorial acquisitions in Jerusalem inadmissible (252, 267, 298); and declared Israel's settlements to be illegal under international law, and an obstruction to peace in the Middle East (446, 465, 2334). Moreover, the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits an occupying power from transferring its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.

The new executive order targets individuals initiating riots, assaulting civilians and activists, setting fires, causing property damage, and contributing to the displacement or deaths of Palestinians. The sanctions allow for freezing assets, prohibiting transactions with individuals and entities, and restricting their entry into the US.

The US has a long history of enforcing international law, sanctioning terrorism, policing drug trafficking, and promoting democracy, human rights, and peace in support of the liberal international order it helped create. Sanctions are often swiftly implemented against US adversaries such as Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria, as well as terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda and Hamas. Belarus, China, Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Russia, South Sudan, and Syria have all been sanctioned specifically for human-rights abuses.

In other cases, the US has imposed sanctions on countries with which it previously had good relations. These are typically nearby countries whose policies affect the US directly, as in the case of sanctions against Colombian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan officials under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act. In other cases, the US soured on faraway countries, such as Myanmar and Zimbabwe, that failed to make a democratic transition.

Only in rare cases has the US sanctioned countries where it had major economic or strategic interests. In 1986, a bipartisan vote in Congress passed the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act (overriding President Ronald Reagan's veto), which sanctioned South Africa and demanded Nelson Mandela's release and an end to minority rule. By contrast, the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi led to sanctions against several individuals under the Global Magnitsky Act, but spared the Saudi leadership, despite CIA evidence of the Kingdom's direct involvement.

As a diplomatic matter, deciding to sanction Israeli settlers may have been as difficult for Biden as it was for Reagan to sanction South Africa or for Donald Trump to sanction the Saudis. Fundamentally, though, sanctioning Israeli settlers for human-rights violations in the Occupied Territories is fully consistent with US support for the liberal international order. Settler violence is illegal under international humanitarian law, as defined by the Geneva Conventions and its Protocols, which offer civilians protection during military strikes, prohibit indiscriminate attacks, and require military operations to be proportionate to the expected military advantage.

By imposing sanctions on individuals for behavior that is considered illegal under international law, or merely seen as an obstacle to peace, the US is reaffirming its commitment to resolving conflicts through law enforcement. The Biden administration is demonstrating US leadership in promoting peace and adherence to globally accepted norms, and ultimately strengthening alliances with countries that share similar values and have a stake in the existing global order.

But the US can and should do more to end the conflict. Ian Lustick, the founder of the Association for Israel Studies, notes that "Israel has never ended a war without being ordered to do so," suggesting that Israel is using an expansion of the war as a negotiating tactic. It fully expects, even needs, the US to intervene. Clearly, stopping the war should be US policymakers' top priority.



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Job Specialization: Field Coordination

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The National Elections Commission is seeking applications for the position of Logistics Officer for Grand Gedeh County. Successful applicant will be assigned to NEC Magisterial Office in Grand Gedeh County.

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- Assist in preparing inventory list for all Logistical materials/supplies at the local office;
- Assist in designing and establishing a material control system for electoral materials at the local office;
- Liaise with the rest of the magisterial team to ensure proper storage facilities for materials;
- Perform all other duties as may be required by the commission.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The post holder must possess a Bachelor's Degree in any of the Social Sciences or its equivalent;
- Fluency in English and excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to work harmoniously with people of different cultural backgrounds and
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- Must have computer literate.

All applications should be addressed to:
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- Assist in ensuring that correct materials for all elections in terms of definition, quality and quantity are procure for the elections;
- Assist in preparing inventory list for all Logistical materials/supplies at the local office;
- Assist in designing and establishing a material control system for electoral materials at the local office;
- Liaise with the rest of the magisterial team to ensure proper storage facilities for materials;
- Perform all other duties as may be required by the commission.

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Duties and Responsibilities:

- Check the vehicle condition on a daily basis and make sure that there is no damage;
- Keep up to date vehicle usage log sheets on a daily basis;
- Check tyres for dangerous abrasion and inflation ; and
- Carryout any other task required by NEC.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid driving license;
- Minimum 3 years of relevant professional experience in driving four wheel drive vehicle;
- Good interpersonal skills;;
- Fluency in English and excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to work with people of diverse background;
- Must be willing to work long hours under stress and pressure; and
- Must have minimum literacy.

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Job Position: Security /Headquarters

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- Ensure that the properties of the NEC are constantly protected at all times by providing routine patrols of the compound of the NEC;
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- Report every security threat to the commander at the appropriate time to ensure the NEC is protected from any further embarrassment ;
- Perform all other duties as directed by the Shift Commander; and
- Carryout any other task required by NEC.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have maximum 5 years of experience being a security;
- Must have certificate from the Police Academy;
- Good interpersonal skills;;
- Fluency in English and excellent oral and written communication skills;
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AASU president urges policy reforms for Africa

By Lincoln G. Peters

The president of the All Africa Students Union (AASU), Mr. Varney Alieu Jarsey has urged African leaders and

Mr. Jarsey, delivering his presidential message and outlining his strategic work plan and agenda for 2024 during the official opening of his office in Liberia.

"To sustain and consolidate

full potential.

"Our empowered African Students are our greatest asset, and we must use all our talents and resources to create a strong, and more sustainable future for all," he noted.

Mr. Jarsey was declared winner by the Electoral Commission of AASU and sworn in after defeating his rival, Osiogun Osikenyi Igwe of Nigeria.

The Liberian national was elected AASU president in December 2021 in Kibi, Ghana. The tedious congress was attended by 38 countries in Africa, 19 in attendance physically while the rest joined online.

Varney is an astute student leader and a committed freedom fighter who has continually championed the interests of youths and students in Liberia and the African continent.

Varney is the former president of the Liberia National Students' Union (LINSU) and the immediate past Vice President of the West African Region of the AASU.

In his position as Vice President of the West African Region of the AASU, he led the ASYS Planning Committee which organised AASU's highly successful 7th Africa Students and Youth Summit between 24th and 28th July 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda.



volunteers across the continent to redirect their advocacy to important policy reforms.

He stated that education and individual empowerment hold the key to unlocking Africa's full potential.

On Wednesday, 7 February 2024, the president of AASU Varney Alieu Jarsey officially opened his office in Monrovia.

AASU is a continental organization founded in 1972 to champion the interest of African students.

our gains over the years, I urge all members and stakeholders to take bold action in their communities, from volunteering to advocating for important policy reforms."

"Every effort counts, and together we can make a real difference in the lives of millions," he noted.

The young Liberian scholar further indicated that at the heart of AASU work lies the belief that education and individual empowerment hold the key to unlocking Africa's

Diaspora Liberians urge Boakai to declare assets

By Kruah Thompson

"Diaspora Alert," a group comprised of Liberian nationals residing abroad, has called on President Joseph Boakai to publicly declare his assets.

In an interview conducted via WhatsApp on Tuesday, 6 February 2024, the chairman of the group, Eric Pervist, said Montserrado County Electoral District #10 Representative Yekeh Kolubah has been accusing President Boakai of receiving bribes from Liberians wanting jobs in his government. Pervist raised concerns about the US\$5000 inaugural money given to each lawmaker to have an inaugural program with their various districts. At the same time, he questioned the source of funds used by President Boakai to donate money and rice to fire victims of Totota, Lower Bong County, despite informing the Liberian people he was living on loan.

"How come President Boakai is now an overnight humanitarian dashing out

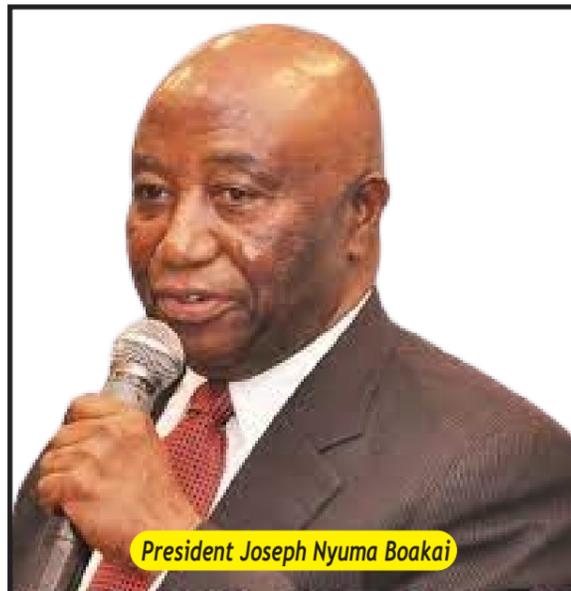
thousands of United States dollars and upgrading his house ...?" SAID Pervist. He noted that since his inauguration on 22 January 2024, President Boakai has neither denied nor confirmed Yekeh's allegation against him. Diaspora Alert has threatened to embark on a 26-day-hunger strike to pressure President Boakai to fulfill his promise of declaring and publishing his assets, as pledged during his campaign.

Pervist explained that the duration of 26 days was chosen symbolically to represent the 26 individuals who have held the office of president since the nation's independence in 1847.

At the same time, Pervist emphasized the need for President Boakai to commit to transparency a n d

accountability, as enshrined in his ARREST platform pillar six, captioned "Fighting Corruption." He urged President Boakai to lead by example by declaring and openly publishing his assets.

Meanwhile, the group has called on other Liberians to join in pressuring the president to take action, noting that lawmakers and appointees have already started declaring their assets, but the president allegedly remains hesitant.



President Joseph Nyuma Boakai

Gongloe pressures Boakai

--Over war, economic crimes court

By Lincoln G. Peters

Renowned Liberian human rights lawyer Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe has begun pressuring President Joseph Nyumah Boakai over the establishment of war and economic crimes courts.

The former presidential candidate of the Liberian People's Party (LPP) said what was wrong yesterday, is still wrong today.

Cllr. Gongloe's call for war and economic crimes court came Wednesday, 7 February 2024 during an official opening of the All Africa Students Union (AASU) president's office in Monrovia.

The LPP is one of several political parties that endorsed the presidential bid of Amb.

it," he noted.

"I tell you young men and women, what was wrong yesterday is still wrong today. Time does not change morality."

The Liberian lawyer stated that people adjust their argument when it faces them, saying this is wrong.

"We must not change our ideas, attitude, and way of life when we come close to power. Persistency and consistency [are] what give value to the struggle," Cllr. Gongloe noted.

He believes that if Liberia refuses to put a closure, those who suffered the war and their relatives will consider or collectively hold them responsible for their suffering.

Gongloe said ten and fifty years from now, they and their grandchildren might decide to rise and revenge and it may be a



Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe

Boakai during the second round of the elections involving former President George Manneh Weah and now President Boakai.

Cllr. Gongloe said many times, some people are inspired to progressive great ideas but when they take leadership, they change and replace the oppressor, corrupt official, and the very things that they advocated against.

Cllr. Gongloe called on his president and the Unity Party government whom he supported to give life to certain values that will change the direction of this country forever.

He added that there should be no adjustment to the fundamental thing that will change Liberia to make a few powerful people happy.

"The war and the economic crimes court must be established," he said.

"If we don't want to put closure to our conflict, maybe we can take the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) document and throw it in the sea or burn

conflict that might be very difficult to prevent and stop.

The Liberian lawyer lamented that Liberia must face the truth because there are eyewitnesses and perpetrators alive, and there are victims alive also.

"You can't say you will fight corruption when you can't fight anything about life. Life is the number one right that we protect," said Gongloe.

"It's the foundation of all the rights. I am calling on President Boakai again because the thing we must do is to address the issues about suspicious deaths that have been around the country," he noted.

Cllr. Gongloe reminded President Boakai that there must be a closure to the Liberia war and conflict.

He disagreed with those who argued that the war and economic crimes court should not be established and Liberians should forget and forgive.

"I can't plan to forget Cllr. Arthur Johnson's name, it happens by itself. Therefore, to tell us to forget is scientifically wrong," he said.

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Boakai passed drugs test

By: Emmanuel wise Jipoh

President Joseph Nyumah Boakai has passed the Anti-Drugs Test, as part of his to take the Anti-Drugs test after Mr. Boakai declared drugs a national health emergency during his recent state of the nation address (SONA) before the 55th Legislature.

President Boakai along with other health practitioners and disclosed that all test conducted on the President and Vice President Koung for THC Marijuana, Cocaine, Caffeine, Nicotine (tobacco) among other stimulants proved negative.

Speaking shortly after testing, President Boakai said this demonstrates Liberia's readiness to combat drugs abuse, and reiterated call to his officials to follow suit.

Mr. Boakai stressed that the drug war is far from over, saying "My combat against drugs starts now, with our commitment and seriousness to lead by example; I want to assure Liberians about our commitment and urge other officials to follow in our path, as we reaffirm our obligation to making Liberia a drug-free nation." He commanded health professionals for their commitment in conducting his test, while acknowledging the difficulties in tackling such issue, but urged Liberians to exercise patience as his government is committed to working in the interest of the people to deliver a better Liberia. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



commitment to tackling drugs abuse here.

The President also assured Liberians about his government's commitment to vigorously address substance abuse in the country with urgency, reaffirming his commitment to leading a drug-free state. President Boakai also said taking the drugs test is in keeping with his commitment to lead by example. The President and Vice President Jeremiah Koung on Wednesday led a team of government officials

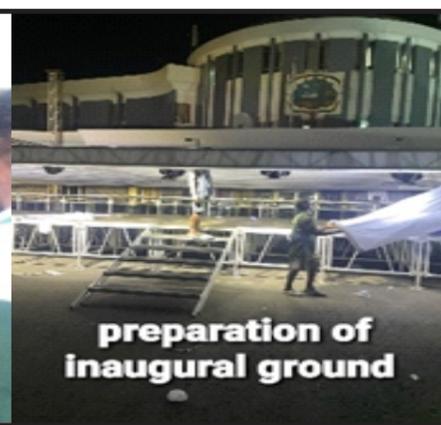
He told reporters that the action was in fulfillment of his promise to lead the Anti-Drugs campaign by being the first person along with his Vice President to take the test which will boost the fight against substance abuse. The test was conducted by the Wellness Partners Clinic here, a local health facility that reports the President and his Vice President tested negative and showed no trace of illegal substances in their bodies. Dr. Nicole, Chief Executive Officer of the Wellness Partners Clinic, tested

Madam Maureen Shaw congratulates Boakai

A senior partisan of the Unity Party and renowned women leader in Montserrado County Electoral District #7, Maureen Lavonne Shaw, congratulates President Joseph Nyumah Boakai and Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung, for winning the Presidency.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with The NEW DAWN Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at her residence on U.N. Drive in Monrovia, Madam Shaw said she is happy that the UP won the 2023 election, noting that she has explicit confidence in both leaders' ability to bring good changes to improve the country economically. She says as a business woman herself, she

Pavilion in the heart of Monrovia, instead. She explains that this thought was shared with ambassadors at the Foreign Ministry in Monrovia, who have worked in government before, adding that they visited the Pavilion to show that this could be the main venue for the inauguration because it was where previous inaugural programs were held. She says the Centennial Pavilion was built for such purpose and is fully air-conditioned with capacity to accommodate more than 2,000 people, and it would have required very little work to get the premises ready for that day, given there wasn't enough time. But unfortunately, she notes, because the Weah administration had gone at the Capitol Building,



Chief Allen frowns at job seekers

-Cautions Boakai not to bow to pressure

By Naneka A. Hoffman

The Chairman emeritus of the National Patriotic Party (NPP) and member of the governing council of the former ruling CDC, Chief Cyril Allen, has frowned at Diaspora Liberians for what he describes as being on a looting spree in Liberia for job opportunities in the Unity Party-led government.

Speaking in an interview on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, Chief Allen noted most of those coming for jobs worked in the Unity Party government under former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and the CDC government but they mismanaged whatever they earned, so they are back in town, seeking job opportunities again.

According to Chief Allen, most of the Diaspora Liberians are often spoiled characters of people whenever they are on their jobs.

He says they have now embarked on a seeking spree in the country, after mismanaging whatsoever they got in previous governments.

He urges President Boakai not to bow down to any pressure, once he wants to do the right thing for the Liberian

people in the next six years. The NPP chairman emeritus terms actions of such Liberians as unpatriotic and undemocratic, adding that it has the proclivity to paint the country ugly in the eyes of the International Community.

However, he wants the Liberian people to give President Boakai a breathing space, as he goes about nominating officials in government because he notes, that the President knows those who do not have the country at heart.

He also calls on Mr. Boakai not to bow down to pressure from any Liberian, as he goes

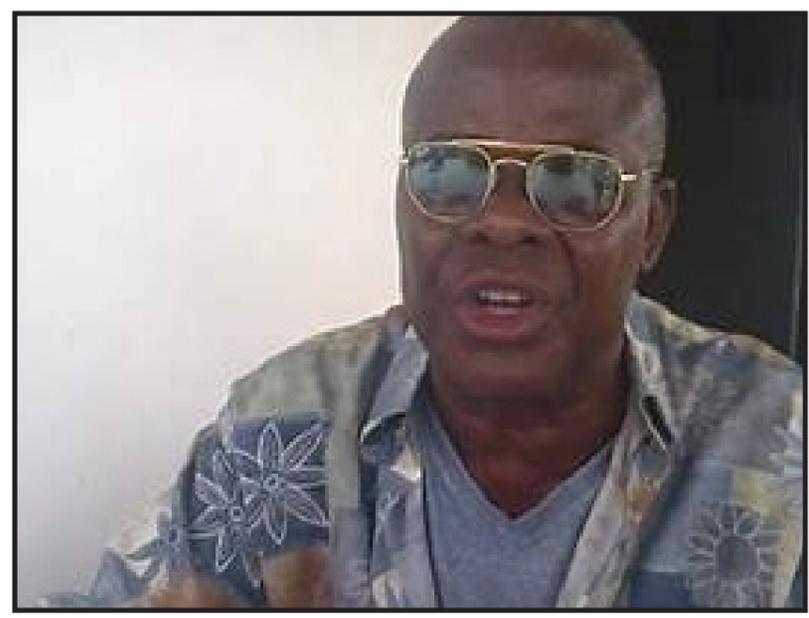
about nominating members of his Cabinet based on his experience in governments over the years.

Meanwhile, Chief Allen expresses confidence in President Boakai in picking the right Liberians who he thinks will serve the country well.

He notes that President Boakai is consulting with opposition political parties and alliances within the Unity Party, as he goes about nominating officials.

"He does not want to make some of the mistakes the previous government made in the past, including the CDC government that made them serve only one term as a result

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will be happy when every Liberian is provided an opportunity to earn money in the country and that they will love Liberia, think Liberia, and build a better Liberia.

According to her, President Boakai and Vice President Koung's inaugural program was very successful, adding that the inaugural team's focus for the day was to encourage the Unity Party and the former government to have held the program at the Centennial

some members of the inaugural team said the inauguration of President Boakai and Vice President Koung should be held on the grounds of the Capitol, which they had to follow. Madam Shaw reveals that she coordinated the catering aspect of the program and prepared for 44,000 invited guests, but the main challenge was dealing with the outgoing administration, the incoming government, the UP, and caterers, "so I had many

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CDC blasts Amara Konneh

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Senator Konneh. He accused Senator Konneh of being religiously and regionally insensitive by questioning the latest appointments made by the President. "Such a statement brings fresh memories of our dark past where we have the ULIMO -K, ULIMO -J, Lofa Defence Force, NPFL, INPFL, and warring factions founded to defend certain religions, tribal and regional affiliations," the CDC youth league noted. The Youth League condemned such acts of incitement on a religious and regional basis as reckless and thoughtless on the part of Senator Konneh, adding that these are the main reasons that led the country into 14 years of civil unrest.

The Youth League believes

Mr. Konneh, who who hails from a minority religious group (Muslim) should be a man who endeavors to promote peace and unity. The CDC youth league believes that Senator Konneh should not beat an early war drum by signalling out a specific group of religions or regions as being overlooked for ministerial positions. "We feared that the Kissi people or Lofaians might be offended by this as well and feel threatened by the statement of Amara," Mr. Johnson intoned. At the same time, the CDC Youth League stressed that the regional and tribal divisive rhetoric is creeping gradually, referencing a statement made by Nimba County Senator Prince Y. Johnson on the same day as Amara Konneh.

Johnson explained that the Nimba Senator attacked President Boakai for reportedly ignoring the citizens of his county during the appointments.

Français

Pepsi rejette la mise en garde du directeur de l'EPS, Sam Gaye, la qualifiant d'incompétente

Pepsi Yeke, ancien chef de la LACE, a rapidement rejeté la mise en garde émise à son encontre par le directeur du Service de protection de

détenir et contacter le Service de protection de l'exécutif (EPS)", a écrit Gaye, ajoutant : "Yeke est armé et dangereux".

Cependant, dans sa réponse rapide, également partagée sur

qualifiez hâtivement d'armé et dangereux.

Votre incompétence flagrante à respecter les procédures vous a conduit non seulement à agir de manière

Éditorial

Le Liberia se lance sur une trajectoire démocratique irréversible

Le Libéria a emprunté un chemin historique de transition démocratique fluide suite à deux élections pacifiques. C'est une randonnée clairement irréversible.

L'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson Sirleaf a pacifiquement transmis le pouvoir à l'ex-président George Manneh Weah en 2018, et six ans plus tard, M. Weah a remis le pouvoir à son successeur, le président Joseph Nyumah Boakai, ce lundi 22 janvier.

Le pays peut actuellement se vanter de trois anciens présidents vivants : Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, George Manneh Weah et Charles Ghankay Taylor, qui, lui, purge une peine de prison en Grande-Bretagne. C'est une distinction remarquable par rapport aux anciens présidents William R. Tolbert, Jr., et Samuel Kanyon Doe, qui ont, tous deux, été évincés violemment lors d'un coup d'État sanglant et d'une guerre civile.

Le Libéria se joint progressivement au Ghana, au Nigeria et à d'autres nations démocratiques de la région qui souscrivent à des élections libres et équitables ainsi qu'à des transitions pacifiques d'un gouvernement à un autre. Tous les Libériens devraient s'efforcer de maintenir le pays sur cette voie enviable.

Les anciens présidents Sirleaf et Weah étant en retrait et disponibles, le président Joseph Boakai n'a aucune raison d'échouer. Il n'a qu'à consulter ses prédécesseurs, surtout étant donné qu'il a été vice-président pendant deux mandats sous la femme qu'il appelle son "ancienne patronne".

La génération actuelle de dirigeants doit cela à la nation et à son peuple pour maintenir la patrie sur la voie des élections démocratiques et de transitions pacifiques, si l'on veut le pays progresse, car c'est le moyen le plus sûr d'attirer et de maintenir l'attention de nos partenaires internationaux.

Tant Madame Sirleaf que M. Weah ont révolutionné la manière dont les Libériens devraient rechercher le pouvoir politique. La voie à suivre est de passer par les urnes et d'accepter les résultats suite à un scrutin transparent qui ne laisse aucune place à la contestation et à la violence.

Dans son discours d'investiture lundi, le président Boakai a souligné que son élection par les Libériens est un appel clair à un nouveau Libéria, un Libéria différent, un Libéria qui pratique véritablement la primauté du droit et adhère aux principes de la gouvernance démocratique dans l'intérêt de tous. Nous croyons que cela devrait être l'essence de la recherche d'une fonction politique - servir le peuple plutôt qu'un agenda égoïste qui est le terreau de la corruption.

Tous les Libériens devraient se féliciter du chemin démocratique que le pays a pris. Nous devrions être fiers de veiller à ce que le Libéria reste sur le chemin de la démocratie en exerçant toujours notre droit de vote.

Par leurs votes, les Libériens ont facilité la tâche du président Boakai, car il sollicitera l'aide des gouvernements et des nations amis. La crédibilité de notre démocratie est importante dans nos relations avec nos partenaires mondiaux.

Il n'y a pas de retour en arrière. Nous devons continuer ce voyage de transition en douceur, car nous le devons non seulement à nous-mêmes, mais aussi à la postérité.



Pepsi Yeke

(EPS) Director Sam Gaye

l'exécutif (EPS), Sam Gaye, qualifiant cette démarche de "démonstration d'incompétence pure".

Le mardi 6 février 2024, le directeur de l'EPS, Gaye, a publié un communiqué de presse déclarant Pepsi Yeke recherché pour possession illégale d'un pistolet EPS Norinco 22 portant le numéro de série 97344.

"Tout agent des forces de l'ordre qui entre en contact avec Pepsi Yeke doit immédiatement l'arrêter, le

ses réseaux sociaux, Pepsi Yeke a invité Gaye à s'adresser à ses prédécesseurs plutôt que de faire preuve d'ignorance.

Pepsi Yeke a déclaré dans sa réponse :

"Monsieur Gaye, Si vous êtes incapable de comprendre vos fonctions, veuillez demander conseil à vos anciens collègues plutôt que de faire preuve d'ignorance. À ce jour, je n'ai reçu aucune demande officielle pour l'arme de l'EPS qui m'a été légalement attribuée, et pourtant vous me

impulsive, mais aussi à démontrer publiquement votre incapacité à gérer même les tâches les plus simples. Si vous manquez de compétences, soyez certain que je n'en manque pas ; veuillez soumettre une demande officielle et suivre la procédure appropriée pour la restitution de l'arme de l'EPS afin d'assurer une documentation méticuleuse.

Votre incapacité à assumer vos responsabilités ne vous

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Sénégal : arrestation d'opposants manifestant contre le report de la présidentielle

À Sénégal, quelques jours après le report de l'élection présidentielle au 15 décembre par le président Macky Sall, l'heure est à l'organisation de l'opposition et de la société civile qui contestent la légalité de cette décision.

Des militants de la coalition Bassirou Diomaye Faye, le candidat qui remplace la figure de l'opposition Ousmane Sonko, ont tenté de lancer une caravane de campagne dans le quartier des Parcelles assainies, en banlieue dakaroise, mardi 6 février 2024, explique notre correspondante à Dakar, Théa Ollivier. Mais à peine arrivés sur place, ils ont été bloqués et quelques personnes ont été arrêtées dont les députés Abass Fall et Guy Marius Sagna. Bloqué dans sa voiture, il disait à RFI juste avant son arrestation

qu'il « considérait que le report de l'élection était illégal et donc que le processus électoral continuait ».

Pendant ce temps, une grande partie des candidats à l'élection présidentielle se sont réunis toute la matinée afin d'organiser une « riposte collective ». L'objectif est de trouver de nouvelles stratégies avec des actions disparates sur tout le territoire alors que les tentatives de rassemblements ont

systématiquement été dispersés par les forces de l'ordre. Pour cela, les leaders de l'opposition sont prêts à élargir le combat et à faire participer tout le monde, que ce soient la société civile ou les syndicats. « Nous entrons dans un rapport de force qui n'exclut pas la grève générale », indique Cheikh Diop, responsable syndical qui explique que des synergies sont en train de se mettre en place.

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discrédite pas seulement vous-même, mais aussi l'intégrité du gouvernement Boakai. Quelle justification avez-vous pour me qualifier de tort d'armé et dangereux ? Il semble que vous soyez arrivé à votre nouveau poste avec une vendetta personnelle contre Pepsi Yeke.

Je considère cela comme une menace pour ma vie et vous demande de retirer votre déclaration dans les 24 heures et de suivre la procédure appropriée." Pepsi Yeke conteste donc la version de l'EPS et accuse Gaye d'incompétence et de manque de professionnalisme. Il affirme que l'arme lui a été attribuée légalement et qu'il n'a reçu aucune demande officielle de restitution. Il met en garde Gaye contre les conséquences de ses actions et exige le retrait de la mise en garde.

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Coupure de la chaîne privée WALFTV La chaîne de télévision très populaire Walf TV a d'abord été suspendue dimanche 4 février 2024, avant que sa licence ne lui soit définitivement retirée le lundi. Plusieurs organisations, dont Amnesty international, ont dénoncé une atteinte à la liberté d'expression et aux droits de la presse. Au 4e étage de l'immeuble du groupe de presse, les directeurs des trois supports - radio, print et télé - sont en pleine réunion de crise, raconte notre correspondante à Dakar, Léa-Lisa Westerhoff. Pour Cheikh Niass, PDG du groupe employant 200 journalistes, le retrait de la licence d'exploitation de Walf TV reste inacceptable : « Fermer une télévision, pour moi, revient à tuer la démocratie purement et simplement. »

Entre 2021 et 2023 déjà, la chaîne d'information, très populaire et spécialiste des directs, a été suspendue trois fois, mais jamais jusqu'à aller à une fermeture définitive. Pour Pierre Édouard Faye, directeur d'information, c'est la preuve qu'un cap a été franchi ces derniers jours : « Le Sénégal était devenu une vitrine démocratique. Là, c'est toute honte bue que nous rasons les murs actuellement dans notre pays. »

Assane Gueye, responsable de l'équipe du soir, écrit le conducteur de son journal sur du papier. Walf TV a été suspendue dimanche après la diffusion d'un direct sur la tentative de manifester de l'opposition, le journaliste défend la pertinence de sa chaîne : « Walf est une sentinelle, Walf fait son travail, montre ce qu'il y a sur le terrain, malgré les difficultés, quel que soit ce qu'il se passe. Pour eux, il fallait fermer Walf pour aveugler les Sénégalais. »

Le Sénat veut un audit pour vérifier les revendications de 40 millions de dollars

Le Sénat libérien a ordonné un audit pour vérifier les déclarations contradictoires des anciens et nouveaux présidents du pays concernant le solde du compte consolidé du gouvernement.

L'ancien président George Weah a déclaré que son administration avait laissé plus de 40 millions de dollars américains sur le compte, tandis que le président actuel Joseph Boakai a déclaré que le solde réel était de 20,5 millions de dollars.

Le Sénat a initialement chargé ses comités mixtes des comptes publics et de l'audit, ainsi que des banques et de la

monnaie, d'enquêter sur la question.

Cependant, les comités ont recommandé qu'un audit soit effectué par la Commission générale d'audit (GAC) pour établir les véritables soldes sur le compte du gouvernement.

Le rapport, lu en séance plénière par le secrétaire du Sénat Nanborlor Singbeh, a souligné que les anciens et actuels dirigeants du Libéria n'ont pas précisé si les montants rapportés étaient des soldes bruts ou nets.

Selon le rapport, l'audit par la GAC dissipera le doute sur le vrai solde hérité par le président Boakai.

Trahison de confiance : le CDC condamne les nominations de Boakai



Chairman Mulbah Morlu

La CDC accuse le président Boakai de trahir la confiance de ses partisans en nommant des personnes qui n'ont pas contribué à son élection. La Coalition pour le Changement Démocratique (CDC) qualifie les nominations du président Joseph Boakai de "trahison de la confiance" des personnes qui ont travaillé dur pour que le Parti de l'Unité accède au

pouvoir. Le président national de la CDC, Mulbah Morlu, a déclaré que les nominations de Boakai étaient une insulte aux "soldats de base" du parti qui ont "souffert" pour lui.

"M. Boakai a traité ses partisans comme des 'ouvriers de plantation' qui ne sont bons qu'à remplir son assiette", a déclaré Morlu. "C'est une trahison totale de la confiance du peuple."

La CDC a également annoncé une retraite massive du parti qui se tiendra à Buchanan du 24 au 29 avril 2024.

Le thème de la retraite est "TRANSFORMER LES REVERS EN REBONDISSEMENT". Morlu a déclaré que la retraite permettra au CDC de se regrouper et de développer des stratégies pour l'avenir.

La CDC est toujours en train de se remettre de sa défaite aux élections de 2023. Morlu a déclaré que le parti était "surpris" par les résultats et qu'il travaillait à "formuler des réponses politiques nationales qui résonnent avec les aspirations et les besoins du peuple libérien."

Le Sénat confirme 11 nominés à l'unanimité



Le Sénat libérien a confirmé à l'unanimité onze nominés du président Boakai à divers postes gouvernementaux.

Parmi les personnes confirmées figurent Bill Jones, nouveau ministre adjoint des Finances chargé de l'administration, et Elwood T. Nettey, nouveau contrôleur et comptable général au ministère des Finances et de la planification du développement.

Le Sénat a également confirmé Anthony G. Myers, ministre

adjoint des Finances chargé des affaires fiscales ; Dehpue Y. Zuo, ministre adjoint des Finances chargé de la gestion économique ; et Tanneh G. Brunson, ministre adjoint des Finances chargé du budget et de la planification du développement.

Les confirmations ont suivi les recommandations des comités sénatoriaux pertinents. Le colonel Gregory Coleman a été confirmé comme inspecteur général de la police nationale libérienne, et le colonel Abraham S. Kromah comme directeur de l'agence de lutte contre la drogue du Libéria. Sam Gaye a également été confirmé à l'unanimité comme directeur du service de protection de l'exécutif. Le Dr Jarso Meley Jallah a été confirmé comme ministre de l'éducation, le Dr J. Alexander Nuetah comme ministre de l'agriculture et Amin Modad comme ministre du commerce et de l'industrie. Le président du Sénat, Jeremiah Kpan Koung, a ordonné au secrétaire général du Sénat de communiquer formellement les décisions au président Boakai.

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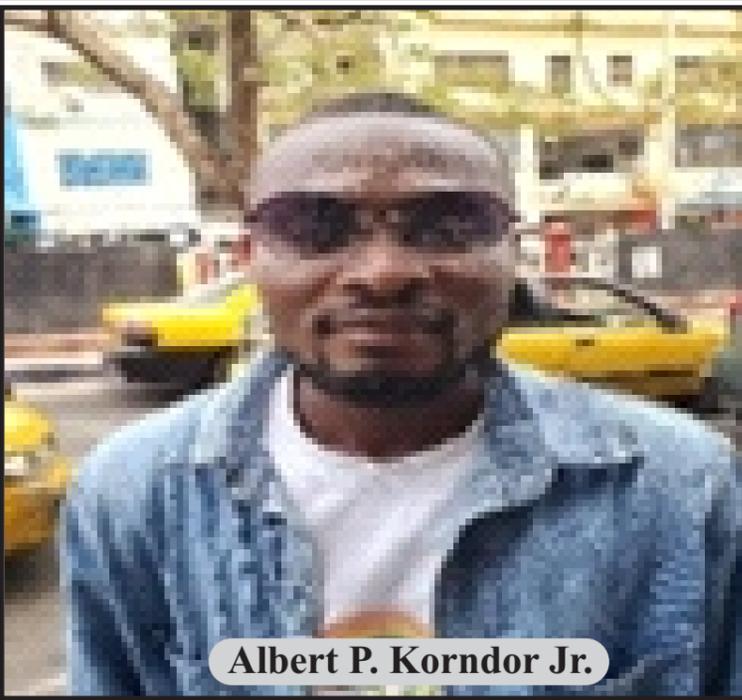
LIBERIANS

DEBATE

Topic: Boakai's appointments

By Naneka Hoffman

As President Joseph Boakai forms his government, nominating people to various ministries and agencies, there are outcries from outside and from within the ruling Unity Party about nepotism and lack of geographical balance. Some ordinary citizens have been expressing their views on the President's choices, as you may read below.



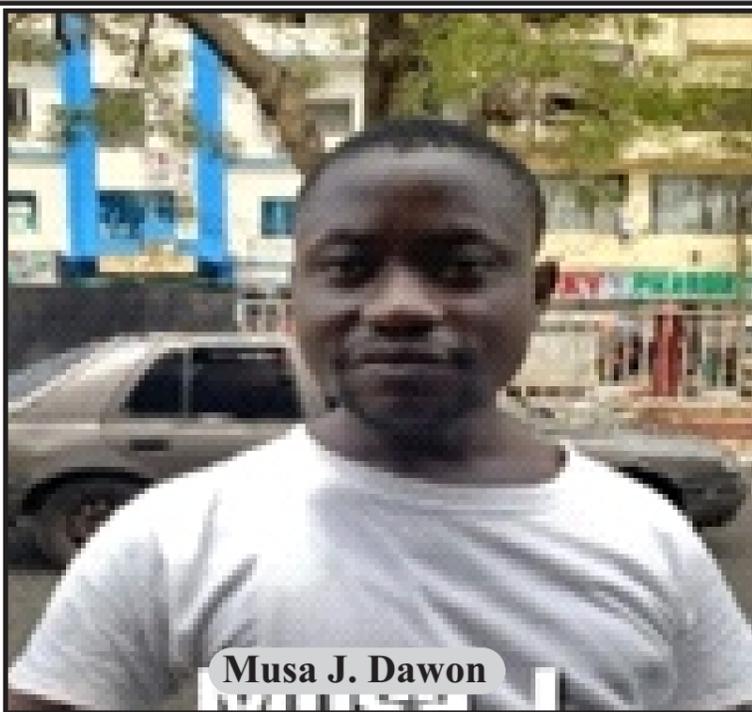
Albert P. Korndor Jr.

power, nobody should have a sense of entitlement. A lot of Unity Party partisans have the sense of entitlement. Since we were in the trenches, campaigning for Joseph Boakai, he has won, so we have entitlement to go in government? No! We want a government of inclusion and I think the President is on the right path

past regime that "Like President CDC government Joseph N. Boakai was not a said, this time government of around isn't inclusion. Now, we business as usual. have come to So we criticize the

to making our government inclusive because every sector, every political party should be involved, because it has to do with Liberia."

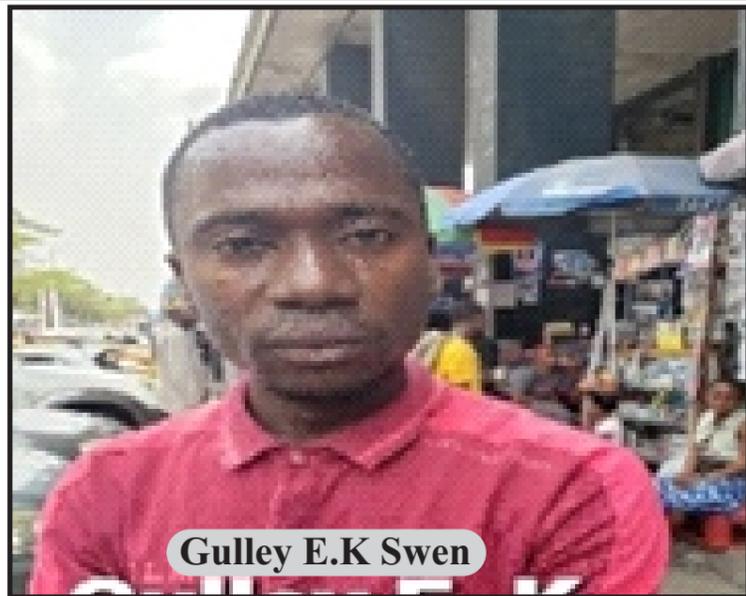
"It is true some of us campaigned for President Joseph N. Boakai; we went with Representative Yekeh Kolubah to 13 counties, and they promised us that we were going to benefit something. We went to those 13 counties and they didn't give us a dime to put in our pockets for cool water. We went freely and came freely. President Boakai is giving jobs to different people; some of us are still passing around, riding motorbikes. Some of us are



Musa J. Dawon

out of high school, we for somebody. It is learned trade and we not still soon for us are University the Unity Party dropouts. Still nothing partisans to start President Boakai's complaining." government has to do

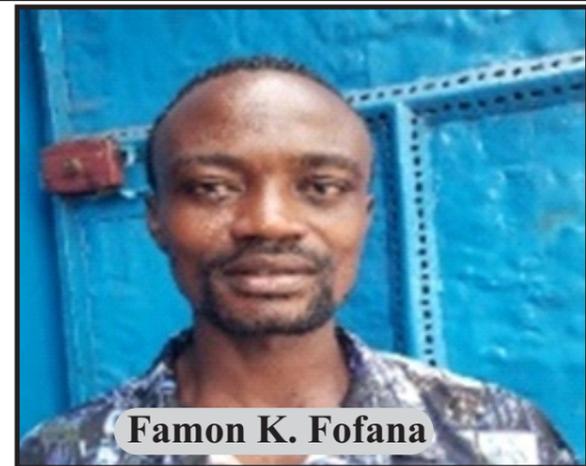
"I think it should not be an issue; I believe that more of the people nominated by the President have been vetted and they are qualified and experience people, so I think that it should not be a problem. My only disagreement there is if these people are not qualified and they are being giving priority then there should be an issue. The President spoke of inclusive government during his inaugural address and Liberia is not for one person; Liberia is for all of us, when you are qualified and you are capable of contributing meaningfully to your country, I think you should be given the chance. Maybe if you get there and start



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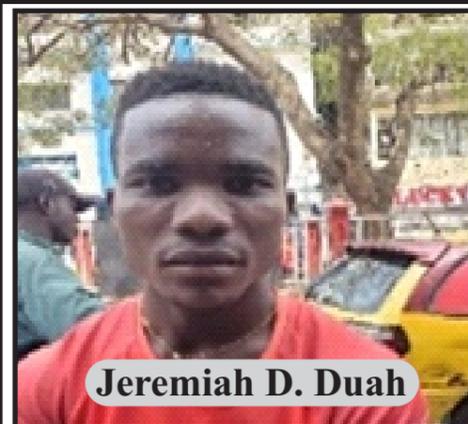
to do things unprofessionally, what is require of you as a public servant then we can have issue with you. Everyone should be given a chance to work, no matter which ethnic group you come from, you should be given the chance once you are qualified."

"President Boakai should be very much mindful because they need to employ or give people work that struggled with them. He is in the party because all the names that we are hearing at those ministries are people that didn't struggle with him. So just name me two or three persons that President Boakai ever gave work from the angle of the Unity Party. So you see the party chairman protesting because the branding of the party lies on the chairman. I support the chairman's protest or when they are carrying



Famon K. Fofana

protest to the President Boakai's house."



Jeremiah D. Duah

"For people saying President Boakai is appointing more outsiders than people within the Unity Party, I don't think that should be an issue. The issue should be who's qualified for the job; that should be the issue. To my own understanding, the level of people working in some areas and are not qualified to work there, only because being a Unity Party partisan that brought a lot of setbacks in years back. I don't think that President Boakai will want that to repeat; that is the reason he is very much careful but again, we have to look at it; yes, we

all were on the frontpage, struggling for the party but, if you did it for the benefit of the Liberian people and not for yourself, I don't think people will be complaining about positions, because if you are on the battlefield, you must be fighting for the betterment, not for your individual benefit, that shouldn't be. And while experiencing people that are seeking job, the President has almost 500,000 plus appointments to make and I don't think he has gone two or three hundred, so why they can't wait until this entire appointment can finished and see if their names will not be called for the position they are qualified for. So, let the Unity Partisans be patience because the list is very long 500, 000 plus is not a small list. When you are targeting a specific Ministry that means you have different intention, because you cannot be the one requesting for the Ministry you want to go to. What is your intention you want to go there? Why you cannot wait; there are other agencies and ministries around, why you cannot wait when you are learned and qualified? It's almost like experience player cannot suffer for jersey."

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Boakai directs GAC to audit CBL, EPS and NSA

President Joseph Nyuma Boakai has directed the General Auditing Commission (GAC) to conduct a comprehensive audit of three key government

The audit period spans the six-year stewardship of the erstwhile government, which President Boakai promised to audit as President.

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committed and recommitted to ensuring that a comprehensive audit of the previous government is done.

During his Annual Message, President Boakai announced that what his predecessor reported on the state of the country's financial standing at the CBL was far from reality based on documentary records and re-emphasized the need to audit the CBL and other agencies.

"The net international reserves position reported at the end of December 2023 was US\$220 million. The report of US \$40 million as the Gol's consolidated account balance as at January 19, 2024, is not supported by the fact. The balance reported by the CBL as of the same date was US\$20.5 million, highly encumbered, NOT US\$40 million," President Boakai announced during the Annual Message.

He furthered that "to this end, we re-emphasize our earlier commitment to audit and ensure that regular audits will be a culture across all branches of government, not only the Executive."

It will also be the first time in years that the EPS and NSA, two security entities that receive budgetary allocations, are being audited.

CDC blasts Amara Konneh

By Lewis S. Teh

The National Youth League of the opposition Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) has blasted Gbarpolu County Senator and former Liberian Finance Minister Amara Konneh for his recent Facebook post against President Joseph Nyumah Boakai.

Addressing a news conference held Tuesday, 7 February 2024 in Monrovia, the CDC youth league chair Emmanuel Mulbah Johnson described Senator Konneh as a consummate tribalist whose actions allegedly remind Liberians about the dark days.

"This is troubling, and for

former warlord Prince Yormie Johnson (PYJ) as in the ULIMO days, which wouldn't be strange to Liberians.

The Youth League Chair emphasized that as the Liberian people detest any form of looming tribal or religious conflict, they will hold Senator Konneh liable for any religious or tribal conflict, noting that it is allegedly being fuelled by him.

In a recent Facebook post, Senator Konneh who backed President Boakai's 2023 presidential bid, wrote that of the 15 Cabinet ministers appointed so far by President Boakai, there is only one Muslim, Mamaka Bility.

He added that President Boakai had promised a Minister from each county. But he observed that clearly, this promise will not be fulfilled.



President Joseph Nyuma Boakai

institutions, including the Central Bank of Liberia, the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Executive Protection Service (EPS), according to an Executive Mansion release.

The Executive Mansion quotes President Boakai as saying in a communication to the GAC, requests that the audit covers the period between 2018 and 2023, and that it the findings be reported in three months.

institutions marks the beginning of a holistic audit of government ministries and agencies in keeping with the President's commitment to fighting corruption as well as ensuring transparency and accountability in the governance of the country.

President Boakai at different public engagements, most notably, the campaign period, the inaugural address and the annual message

Starts from page 7 Chief Allen frowns at job seekers

of employing unqualified people, who failed to deliver to the Liberian people", he says.

He also urges Unity Party Chairman Rev. Luther Tarpeh, to govern himself, as President Boakai continues nominating his officials.

The chairman emeritus reminds that being chairman of a governing party is a full-time job, so there is no need for Rev. Tarpeh to have led a protestation at the home or office of the President, recalling that he (Chief Allen)

once served as governing party chairman before and he never asked for job but rather helped to guide the President in running his day to day affairs and keeping the party's structure intact across the country. He says Chairman Tarpeh and senior partisans of the UP should give those who are charged with the responsibility to vet nominees in government to do their work freely, as scramble for government jobs in the Boakai administration is intensifying.

He recalls that last week,

Chairman Tarpeh led a protest in front of President Boakai's residence because he (Tarpeh) has not been appointed, while on Sunday, Senator Prince Johnson took to the pulpit and said Nimba County deserves five to seven cabinet positions instead of one because the county played a pivotal role in Boakai's victory. Editing by Jonathan Browne

Madam Maureen Shaw congratulates Boakai

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bosses, including the chairperson of the inaugural committee."

According to her, she handled the inaugural program for former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in 2006, adding that she also catered for children's party under the late interim Chairperson of the Council of State, Ruth Sando Perry, held at the Monrovia City Hall, where she served the children for the entire day without any problem, but she had to answer to so many bosses during the inaugural program of President

Boakai. Madam Shaw further details that she was instructed to prepare food for 4,000 guests at the inaugural program, but went extra mile in catering for 8,000 people "because we were prepared, we had 15 caterers, and brought extra caterers in and many young people volunteered to help." According to her, she personally paid over 1,000 young people from the Unity Party, giving them US\$25 each, and they served well to the extent that there was enough food for

everybody. "I am so happy; until today people will tell you that everybody ate and nobody has reported that they were ill or had problem with the food, so we are happy that was achieved." Meanwhile, she notes the policy of outgoing government preparing or celebrating for the incoming administration, as it happened recently, doesn't make sense, adding that she was totally angry and kept telling advisers to the government and other people this will not work.



former Liberian Finance Minister Amara Konneh

Senator Amara Konneh to show a semblance of division by beating the war drum, talking about which tribe or religion is more viable than the other in the Boakai-led administration," said Johnson.

He suggested that this shows a partnership with Nimba County Senator and Liberian

The Youth League statement said in Senator Konneh's statistics about President Boakai's appointments, he has so far appointed a single Muslim in his government.

Mr. Johnson said the CDC youth league is extremely concerned with the new wave of divisive rhetoric that has allegedly been heralded by

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Chambers wants Maritime probed

By Bridgett Milton

The Former speaker of the House of Representatives Mr. Bhofal Chambers is calling on the Boakai-led government to

accountability for government to take a keen interest in this direction because it improved the livelihood of our people," Chambers said.

He told reporters that over the years, LISCR has been truly

blue-economic LISCR-Maritime is bringing because their livelihood has declined.

Chambers noted that Liberians have been complaining about some of the compensations and benefits from LISCR, adding that it is very small.

He said if they are not ready to provide for the people for what they are established, they should be closed.

Chambers continued that he has been doing some investigation and it appears to him that LISCR has been falling through the cracks in terms of reporting its honest earnings to the Republic of Liberia.

"What we want in Liberia is the survival of our people, what we want in our country is prosperity for our people and true accountability," said Mr. Chambers.

He asked the current Legislature to do justice to the Liberian people and urged lawmakers to go forward to know what is unfolding at LISCR.

At the same time, he called for the collective engagement by all Liberians as Liberia moves forward as a people.



Former speaker Mr. Bhofal Chambers

probe into the ongoing saga at the LISCR Maritime office.

Addressing a press conference Wednesday at his Rehab residence, Mr. Chambers urged the Government of Liberia to take a keen interest in scrutinizing LISCR.

Chambers said LISCR recently cracked down on reporting honest earnings to the Government of Liberia.

"What we want is

generating and rapidly improving the lives of the people, rising from being number two to number one in ascension ranking.

But he noted that it has seen a sudden decline, something he said has got Liberians wondering about their entitlement and what compensations and arrears the

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