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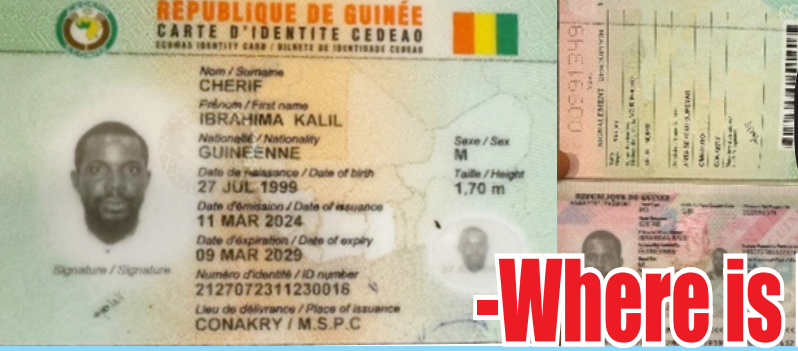
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

BEFORE HER HONOUR: **GOLDA A. BONAHELLIOTT**.....**ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE**

**THE COURT: MR. SHERIFF CALL THE CASE!** THE CASE: LIFE SAVING OF JESUS CHRIST INTERNATIONAL BY AND THRU ITS PASTOR, **PETITIONER**, VS. MR. ALOYSIUS JACKSON, FEDDENIS K. NAGBE, ET AL., **RESPONDENTS**. (SPRPRP) **FOR RULING, YOUR HONOR CASE CALLED:**

**REPRESENTATIONS:** The Petitioner is represented by Toun-Ya Legal Consultancy and Arbitration Chambers, and present in Court is Cllr. Kabineh M. Ja'neh. And respectfully submits.

**THE COURT:** The Petitioner's representation is hereby noted. The Court hereby appoints Cllr. Joseph P. Gibson to receive the ruling on behalf of the Respondents.

To which appointment, Cllr. Joseph P. Gibson accept.

**COURT'S FINAL JUDGMENT**

The Petitioner in these proceeding instituted the current action to have the Respondents ousted from property which they are acquired from the Township of West Point, rights to reside thereon. The property in question was previously being used pursuant to squatter's rights granted by the Township, by Charles K. Johnson et al.

In 2023, specifically May 8, the Petitioners were given the right to reside on the said property due to the previous occupants having transferred the squatter's rights to Petitioner.

This Court says, the squatter's rights given the Petitioner by the Township of West Point is clearly within the rights of the Township, and the said rights allowed the Petitioner to claim ownership of the said property even though said property is not legally owned by them. This right also allows the Petitioner the rights to take all necessary steps in ensuring the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the rights granted, and to institute proceeding against any third party who's interferes with such rights of possession.

The Petitioners alleged that the Respondents have illegally and without authorization occupied the property subject of the squatter's rights, and prays this Court to have the said Respondents ousted from the premises.

The records show that the Respondents were duly served and brought under the jurisdiction of this Court. Their failure to file an Answer in these proceedings following the expiration of the ten(10)-day period of the last publication, placed the said Respondents on a Bare Denial of the averments of the Petitioners' Petition.

The Notice of Assignment for the Disposition of Law Issues and for the trial of this case were all served by publication and at the call of the case on the date of the trial, the Respondents were absent from the bailiwick of this Court. At the request of the Petitioners, this Court entered an imperfect judgment of default against the Respondents, and the Petitioner was required consistent with law, to make perfect the Imperfect Judgment. The Petitioner presented two (2) witnesses in persons of Pastor Edwin F. Korpu and Mr. Harrison Jarka. Both witnesses testified that the Petitioner was a legally existing entity and each witness gave testimony as to how the Petitioner came to acquire the said property subject of this dispute, and for which a squatter's rights was granted, a squatter's right Certificate issued by the Township of West Point, and signed by its Commissioner. These were admitted into evidence upon the testimonies of the witnesses.

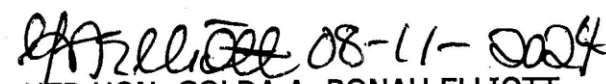
As already mentioned above, squatter's rights is a claim of ownership to a parcel of land or piece of property, and a squatter has a right to take legal action against any person who interferes with such right. As the property in question is real property, the said squatter's right is a form of title vested in the Petitioners. Section 62.21 of the Civil Procedure Law provides that "where title to real property is not in issue, Summary Proceeding to Recover Possession of Real Property may be maintained in the Circuit Court or a Court of the Justice of the Peace or a Magistrate. Section 62.22 (**ibid**) further provides that were summary proceeding to Recover Possession of Real Property is granted, the relief may include a Judgment for rent due and for damages for the wrongful withholding of the property.

This Court says, the imperfect judgment entered against the Respondents, and made perfect by the Petitioner based upon the testimonies of the witnesses and the documentary evidence adduced, the Respondents are hereby adjudged **LIABLE** in Summary Proceeding to Recover Possession of Real Property. Further, because the Respondents are wrongfully withholding the Petitioner's property, the said Respondents are hereby **LIABLE** in damages for wrongful withholding and shall pay the Petitioner the amount of One Thousand United States Dollars (US\$1,000.00) as damages for the said wrongful withholding the property.

**WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING**, the Petitioner's Petition is hereby granted and the Respondents are hereby ordered ousted, ejected and evicted from the property subject of these proceedings and **LIABLE** in damages for wrongful withholding in the amount of One Thousand United States Dollars (US\$1,000.00). The Clerk of Court is hereby ordered to issue the Writ of Possession and have same placed in the hands of the Sheriff to have the Respondents ousted, ejected and evicted from the Petitioner's premises. The costs of these proceedings are hereby ruled against the Respondents. **And it is hereby so ordered.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HANDS AND SEAL OF COURT THIS **8<sup>TH</sup>** DAY OF **NOVEMBER**, A.D. **2024**

**COURT'S SEAL:**

  
HER HON. **GOLDA A. BONAHELLIOTT**  
ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CIVIL LAW COURT  
MONTSERRADO COUNTY  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

To which ruling of Your Honor, Court's appointed Counsel excepts and announces an appeal to the Honorable Supreme Court sitting in its March Term, A. D. 2025. And respectfully submits.

**THE COURT:** Exception noted, appeal granted as a matter of right. However, as this is Summary Proceeding to Recover Possession of Real Property emulate from this Court, the Appeal announced for the Respondents does not serve as a stay to this Court's ruling. Accordingly, the Clerk of this Court shall proceed with the enforcement of this Court's judgment.

The Petitioner is hereby ordered to have copy of the ruling and the minutes of today's sitting published in the local daily for the notice of the Respondents. **And so ordered.**



# EDITORIAL

## Liberia's dealing with ECOWAS

In less than six months, the Economic Community of West Africa is back in Liberia for mediation amid the current leadership crisis in the House of Representatives at the Capitol Building. Forty-three of the 73 members of the House are opting to oust Speaker Fonati J. Koffa, accusing him of conflict of interest and corruption, charges the Speaker has denied.

On the other hand, 30 lawmakers are standing with the Speaker, though no side has been able to obtain a quorum to conduct business in the main chamber, holding the business of the Liberian people hostage.

About three months ago, ECOWAS was in the country following a bloody standoff between riot officers of the Liberia National Police and partisans and supporters of the former ruling Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) of Ex-president George Weah.

Though the regional bloc denied that its visit then had nothing to do with the fracas that left both police officers and stone-throwing rioters wounded, it came just after former President George Manneh Weah officially complained to the United Nations, African Union, and ECOWAS for alleged witch-hunt of his former officials by the government of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai. Mr. Weah also complained about the government denying him using the VIP Lounge at the Roberts International Airport, which caused his supporters to protest.

Despite the denial, the ECOWAS delegation met with President Boakai and former President Weah separately while in the country. This time, the ECOWAS Parliamentary Mediation Mission is visiting Liberia to mediate between the factions in the House.

On November 8, 2024, the Economic Community of West African States sent a formal communication to embattled Speaker Jonathan Fonati Koffa, informing him and his colleagues about the presence of its Parliamentary Mediation Mission in the country. The mediation, scheduled to take place from November 11 to 15, 2024, aims to address the ongoing political impasse within the 55th Legislature, specifically in the House of Representatives, that has stalled legislative work.

But how does Liberia, a member country, want to work with the regional bloc when, in one instance, the Government of Liberia arrogantly ignored a ruling from the ECOWAS Court and, in another instance, it seeks the body's intervention in its political impasse?

The House of Representatives under the former 54th Legislature impeached Supreme Court of Liberia Justice Kabineh Ja'neh. Ja'neh filed a complaint before the Court and received a ruling in his favor, calling for reparation. However, the Government of Liberia has yet to respond accordingly.

In its ruling, the regional court ordered the Government of Liberia to award Justice Ja'neh US\$200,000 as reparation for moral prejudice suffered in violation of his rights. However, the government has yet to pay.

Now it needs the intervention of the very body to resolve the crippling crisis in the House of Representatives that is stalling public hearings of the National Budget, leading President Boakai to beg the legislature for additional days to submit the budget.

It is important that we, as a country, learn to treat international bodies that we are a part of with respect to sustain such relationships because we will always need them, as in the current case, especially a body to which we have sent two justices to serve. Yet, we have continued to ignore its decisions.

# COMMENTARY

By: Togba-Nah Tipoteh  
Eminent Citizen  
ECOWAS Monetary Panel

## Cooperation not intervention

There is published news in the Liberian dailies to the effect that an ECOWAS Team of five ECOWAS Leaders, led by the ECOWAS Speaker, is coming to Liberia on tomorrow. According to the news, the ECOWAS Delegation is coming to Liberia from November 11 to 14 upon the directive of the ECOWAS President, the President of Nigeria Bola Tinubu. The ECOWAS President is of the view that the impasse in the National Legislature of Liberia is having a negative impact on the security and stability of the West African sub-region.

The Truth of the matter is that the impasses in the North of Nigeria with the Boko Haram, the various military regimes in West Africa with the support of Russia and the Ukraine-Russia war and the war in Lebanon and Israel are promoting insecurity and instability in the West African sub-region. The solution to the legislative wahala in Liberia is clear and that is to follow the Constitution of Liberia/the Rule of Law/Due Process. There is no need for the ECOWAS Delegation to come to Liberia now. ECOWAS must follow its legal mandate to promote cooperation not intervention.

This ECOWAS situation reminds one about the time on the eve of the release of Madiba Rolihlahla Mandela from the Roeben Island prison in South Africa when the ECOWAS Eminent Citizens Group was to have a meeting in Senegal to promote the use of an African currency to replace the use of a foreign currency in West Africa. The Deputy Foreign Minister of France came to Senegal ahead of the ECOWAS Monetary Union meeting to read the riot act to the Senegalese President who was to preside over the Monetary meeting.

France was holding some 80% of the Francophone external reserves in the Central Bank of France and wanted no intervention on the part of any other entity to stop the control of the Francophone countries by France, the neo-colonizer. So, the President of Senegal pretended to be ill and did not appear. But one professional photographer caught the President of Senegal out of Dakar playing golf. So, the Rev. Dr. Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria and a leading Pan Africanist mounted the podium and chaired the ECOWAS Monetary Union meeting.

This ECOWAS intervention rather cooperation will come to an end with the raising of awareness that is going on by peaceful citizens of ECOWAS. This awareness raising will bring to an end the impasses now faced by West Africans. It is only through this awareness raising that there can be a transformation of the unfair prevailing neo-colonial system into the fair enduring independence system that persons with good records can get elected to the Legislatures and Parliaments of West Africa to bring in the system of Justice, the indispensable ingredient for Cooperation, Peace, Progress, Security and stability in West Africa and elsewhere.

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR VACANCIES WITHIN THE SENIOR  
MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBERIA ELECTRICITY CORPORATION (LEC)  
November 11, 2024

**BACKGROUND**

The Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) is a public utility entity created in 1973 by an Act of the Legislature with a mandate to produce and supply economical and reliable electric power to the entire nation, while at the same time maintaining the Corporation’s financial viability. Essential to this mandate is the responsibility for improving and expanding the capacity of the National Grid system to meet present demand and prepare for future economic growth and development. Thus, the Corporation has the responsibility of ensuring that *efficient, reliable, and affordable electric power* is available not only to meet the increasing demand for electric energy in Liberia but also to serve as an indispensable catalyst for socio-economic development in Liberia.

The Government of Liberia, through the Board of Directors of the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), is seeking applications from qualified Liberians for the following Vacancies that exist within the Corporation’s Senior Management:

1. **Managing Director (MD);**

2. **Deputy Managing Director for Administration (DMDA);**

3. **Deputy Managing Director for Operations (DMDO); and**

4. **Deputy Managing Director for Technical Services (DMDTS)**

1) **MANAGING DIRECTOR (MD)**

**Key Functions:**

Pursuant to the foregoing, the **Managing Director (MD)** has the most critically significant role to play in fostering the Corporation’s purpose and mandate as vested in it by the Legislature. Accordingly, the Managing Director is required to perform the following core duties, functions and responsibilities:

- Serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Principal Officer of the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), representing the Corporation;

• Report to the Board of Directors on the operation of the Corporation;

• Coordinate the planning and execution of policies and decisions of the Board of Directors consistent with the Corporation’s mandate; and

• Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.

**Application Requirements:**

An applicant for the position of **Managing Director** must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a letter of application and resume which must be delivered in electronic copy;

2. Be a Liberian citizen;

3. Have a minimum of master’s degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Management, Electrical Engineering or related fields from a recognized university;

4. Have good understanding of generation, transmission and distribution of public electricity on industrial scale;

5. Have at least ten (10) years of relevant experience in the general management and operation of public utilities, engineering project management with a proven track record of leading teams;

6. Have a competent knowledge in the Liberian energy sector. He or she must have held a key senior-level executive or managerial role for at least ten (10) years;

7. Have a solid track record of successful delivery of large and complex energy projects;

8. Understand power utility infrastructure administration, planning, management and operation;

9. Submit a two-page summary that clearly outlines his or her vision for the next five (5) years in the wake of current challenges; and

10. Be able to work in a diverse and complex social-cultural environment.

**2. DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION (DMDA)**

**Key Functions:**

The **Deputy Managing Director for Administration** is required to perform the following core duties, functions and responsibilities:

- Oversee the general administrative, budgetary and financial functions of the LEC;

• Ensure proper accountability and adherence to public financial and procurement laws of Liberia;

• Manage the human resources of the LEC and ensure conducive work environment for staff; and

• Ensure the availability of needed critical supplies.

• Report to the Managing Director on the operation of the Corporation;

• Assist the Managing Director in coordinating the planning and execution of policies and decisions of the Corporation’s mandate; and

• Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Managing Director.

**Application Requirements:**

An applicant for the position of **Deputy Managing Director for Administration** must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a letter of application and resume which must be delivered in electronic copy;

2. Be a Liberian citizen;

3. Have a minimum of master’s degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Management, Electrical Engineering, or related fields from a recognized university;

4. Have good understanding of generation, transmission and distribution of public electricity on industrial scale;

5. Have at least ten (10) years of relevant experience in the general management and operation of public utilities, particularly in regard to the management of logistics and resources related to public utilities or industrial plant project management;

6. Have a competent knowledge of and experience in the Liberian energy sector and must have held a key senior-level managerial role within the power utility sector;

7. Be able to work in a diverse and complex social-cultural environment; and

8. Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Managing Director.



3. DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS (DMDO)

Key Functions:

The Deputy Managing Director for Operations is required to perform the following core duties, functions and responsibilities:

- Manage field operations of the LEC and ensure results for both LEC and customers
- Ensure effectiveness and efficiency in the operation of the LEC and supervise functional teams and field operations to include the handling of logistics;
- Report to the Managing Director on the operation of the Corporation;
- Respond to all situations that have the propensity to hinder the smooth operation of the LEC in its operation; and
- Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Managing Director.

Application Requirements:

An applicant for the position of Deputy Managing Director for Operations must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a letter of application and resume which must be delivered in electronic copy;
2. Be a Liberian citizen;
3. Consistent with the Engineering Act of Liberia, be a certified Electrical Engineer with a minimum of master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from a recognized university;
4. Have good understanding of generation, transmission and distribution of public electricity on industrial scale;
5. Have at least ten (10) years of relevant experience in the general management and operation of public utilities, particularly in regard to the management of logistics and resources related to public utilities or industrial plant project management;
6. Have a competent knowledge of and experience in the Liberian energy sector and must have held a key senior-level managerial role within the power utility sector;
7. Be able to work in a diverse and complex social-cultural environment; and
8. Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Managing Director.

4. DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES (DMDTS)

Key Functions:

The Deputy Managing Director for Technical Services is required to perform the following core duties, functions and responsibilities:

- Manage the internal and strategic technologies and systems of LEC;
- Ensure that state-of-the-art technical services and software and ICT systems of the LEC are up-to-date;
- Report to the Managing Director on the operation of the Corporation;
- Oversee the development of technical capacity for staff and manage the technical workforce and power utility infrastructure; and
- Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Managing Director.

Application Requirements:

An applicant for the position of Deputy Managing Director for Technical Services must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a letter of application and resume which must be delivered in electronic copy;
2. Be a Liberian citizen;
3. Consistent with the Engineering Act of Liberia, be a certified Electrical Engineer with a minimum of master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from a recognized university;
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7. Be able to work in a diverse and complex social-cultural environment; and
8. Perform all other duties as may be delegated by the Managing Director.

How to Apply:

Application opens from Monday, November 11, 2024 and closes at 17:00 GMT (5:00 p.m. Liberian Time) on Monday, November 18, 2024. Please note, however, that only shortlisted Candidates will be contacted.

All applications should be addressed to:

The Chairman  
Recruitment Committee  
Board of Directors, Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC)  
Ministry of Mines and Energy  
Buzzi Quarters, Capitol Hill  
Monrovia, Liberia

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ejallah@csa.gov.lr

Signed: Wilmot J. M. Paye  
MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY AND CHAIRMAN  
RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE



# Liberia Hosts 32nd Board of Governor s Regional Maritime University Meeting-In Pictures





# Liberia Hosts 32nd Board of Governors Regional





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# Tragedies in Kakata leave 2 persons dead

By Ramsey N Singbeh Jr

Margibi, Liberia, November 12, 2024 - The people of Margibi County have suffered two separate tragedies leading to loss of two persons. A five-year-old boy was

The attack occurred on Saturday, November 9, 2024, the same day the little boy was discovered dead in a well. This paper gathered that the minor, identified as Joshua, went missing on Thursday, November 7, 2024, and a

anything to do with the death of the child. On the other hand, Police are still probing the murder of the second victim, who was attacked to death. Several suspects are currently behind bars, pending outcome of



allegedly killed and his body dumped in a well in Telecom Community, while a man in his early 20s was gruesomely murdered for earpiece. Police in the county are investigating the incidents with several arrests made, including suspect identified as Prince Jalloh, for the murder of the earpiece owner. Suspect Prince Jalloh is reportedly ringleader of a gang that attacked the victim, Michael Freeman, around Dominic K. Henah School in Wenneh Town.

search was launched for him immediately, but was unfortunately found dead on Saturday. The deceased's neck was broken, his eyes damaged with cut on his tongue and lips. A jury team set up to probe the death of Little Joshua reported no foul play. However, medical report indicates that the boy's neck was broken as a result of falling. Some community residents are accusing owner of the well of allegedly killing the minor and dumping his remains in his well. But the accused denied having

current investigation. The late Freeman was returning from a graduation party of a family member when about 11 gangsters surrounded him. The attackers are said to include females. A source told this paper that the victim resisted his attackers from snatching his eyepiece when he was stabbed with a screw driver. Angry residents in Kakata are currently agitating for prime Suspect Prince Jalloh to be turned over to face mob justice. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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owned by them. Accordingly, it says this right also allows the Petitioner to take all necessary steps to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the rights granted and to institute proceedings against any third party who interferes with such rights of possession. Meanwhile, the court, in its

## Court rules in favor of Life

ruling, ordered the respondents to be ousted, ejected, and evicted from the property and ensured that Life Saving of Jesus Christ International reclaims its property. At the same time, the Court's final ruling also ordered the respondents to pay liable damages of US\$1,000.00 for

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## LiMA Boss underscores

to thrive."Commissioner Lighe assures Liberia's commitment to maritime training and notes the crucial role of the Liberia Maritime Training Institute (LMTI) in preparing future seafarers.He discloses that 23 Liberian students are currently enrolled at RMU and are thriving in their studies, a testament to the quality of education offered. Lighe stresses the importance of collaboration among member states in transforming RMU into a world-class institution. "The sustainability of RMU is not a

single government's task—it requires collective ownership, visionary leadership, and the continuous alignment of our goals."He urges all stakeholders to focus on the strategic role RMU plays in national and regional development, encouraging investment in capacity-building, innovation, and collaboration to ensure a bright future for the maritime industry across West and Central Africa."With a hopeful outlook, may the year ahead bring renewed opportunities for growth and cooperation", he says.The Chairman of the

Board of Governors of the RMU, Fanday Turay,, notes that the Regional Maritime University continues to be a beacon of hope for maritime training in the region.Turay urges members to maximize the benefits they acquire from the training and make good use of it.According to him, the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration is taking advantage to offer training to Sierra Leoneans through a memorandum of understanding with RMU, where trainers travel to Sierra Leone to conduct training.

# NPA & Marsa Maroc sign Port Modernization deal

National Port Authority of Liberia Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Marsa Maroc to Modernize and Expand Liberia's Port Infrastructure

Tuesday, November 12, 2024/The National Port Authority of Liberia (NPA) and Société d'Exploitation des Ports SA - Marsa Maroc has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Monrovia to strengthen Liberia's port infrastructure and enhance its regional trade potential. The MoU establishes a strategic partnership between NPA and Marsa Maroc, a leading Moroccan port operator, to modernize and expand key ports in Liberia under a comprehensive Development Master Plan.The signing ceremony which took place at the headquarters of the NPA early today, marks a milestone for both Liberia and Marsa Maroc, with two primary projects aimed at advancing port capabilities: Development and Operation of a New Multipurpose Terminal at the Port of Monrovia: The partnership will pursue a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) concession to develop a modern multipurpose terminal. This terminal will accommodate a diverse range of cargo, including dry bulk and general cargo, enhancing operational efficiency and service capacity at Monrovia's principal port.

H. Dukuly signing on behalf of the NPA stressed the importance of MoU and the partnership it fosters. "This MoU signals an exciting chapter for Liberia's port infrastructure, affirming NPA's commitment to transforming port services for sustainable growth and regional integration", he lamented. Hon Dukuly said, with the expertise of Marsa Maroc the NPA is confident in their ability of delivering projects that will position Liberia's ports as key logistics hubs in West Africa." Under the terms of the MoU, both NPA and Marsa Maroc will engage in mutual information exchange and collaborate on project assessments, moving towards detailed agreements that will further enhance Liberia's port landscape. The projects will adhere to rigorous standards in design, operation, and management to ensure world-class port services. For his part the Director of Port strategy and development at Marsa Maroc Reda Moukhli said the signing of the MoU sets the stage for a greater partnership and will play a pivotal role in achieving Liberia's vision for modernized, efficient, and competitive port operations, promoting economic development and elevating Liberia's position in regional trade. Director Moukhli



Concession Agreement for the Port of Buchanan: The partnership seeks to enhance the multipurpose terminal at the Port of Buchanan, including the design, construction, financing, and management of this critical infrastructure to facilitate efficient cargo handling and bolster economic growth in the region. The MoU, which spans an 18-month duration, establishes a framework for collaborative efforts between the two entities to assess current port operations, share expertise, and finalize concession agreements. Marsa Maroc, a subsidiary of Tanger Med Group with a strong presence in African port development, aligns its growth strategically with Liberia's ambitious development goals, bringing expertise in sustainable and innovative port operations. NPA Managing Director Mr. Sekou

also the signing of the MoU reflects the NPA's commitment to driving Liberia's economic progress by building robust partnerships with international stakeholders. Meanwhile, Liberia's Foreign Minister Sara Beysolow Nyanti strategic port and infrastructure development in Liberia plays a vital role in achieving the government's ARREST agenda. Minister Beysolow-Nyanti said Liberia, under the leadership of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, prioritizes the need for international partnership and development initiatives that will contribute to paving the way for continued growth and prosperity in Liberia. The Foreign Minister was speaking today when the visit international investors from Marsa Maroc and Tanger Med in Morocco paid a courtesy call on her at the Foreign Ministry today.



# Français

## Crise à la Chambre des représentants : la CEDEAO intervient pour pallier l'impasse politique

Les médiateurs parlementaires de la CEDEAO s'apprêtent à analyser les causes profondes de la crise qui paralyse la Chambre des représentants libérienne et à formuler des recommandations destinées à rétablir la stabilité politique et

CEDEAO vise à apaiser un conflit prolongé qui oppose le président de la Chambre, Fonati Koffa, à un groupe de 43 députés dissidents. Ces derniers réclament la destitution de M. Koffa, lequel a récemment introduit des mesures de transparence, dont un audit de la Chambre des représentants,

Cette impasse a également poussé le président de la République, Joseph Nyuma Boakai, à reporter pour la seconde fois la soumission du projet de budget national, en quête de conseils d'experts pour surmonter cette crise sans précédent.

Historiquement, la Chambre des représentants a résisté aux tentatives de renforcement de la transparence. Tout changement de cette tradition profondément enracinée requiert désormais un soutien politique et juridique.

Face à cette situation, la Cour suprême du Liberia a exhorté les parlementaires à trouver une solution politique.

Dans une correspondance datée du 8 novembre 2024, le Parlement de la CEDEAO a souligné la nécessité d'une résolution immédiate et durable pour cette crise institutionnelle, signalant ainsi une intervention parlementaire d'urgence.

« C'est dans ce contexte que le Parlement de la CEDEAO entreprend une mission de médiation à Monrovia à compter du 11 novembre 2024 », indique une lettre adressée au président de la Chambre, Fonati Koffa. Composée de cinq membres, cette mission vise à identifier les causes de la crise à la Chambre des représentants du Liberia, à évaluer ses conséquences sur la stabilité de l'État.



l'unité institutionnelle.

Le Parlement de la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO) a annoncé le déploiement d'une mission de médiation à Monrovia en vue de résoudre une impasse politique qui, depuis plus d'un mois, bloque le bon fonctionnement des instances législatives. Cette intervention de la

suscitant des tensions internes.

Bien que les députés dissidents n'aient pas recueilli les 49 voix nécessaires pour destituer le président, ils ont néanmoins réussi à bloquer les sessions législatives en tenant des réunions parallèles en dehors des jours de session officiels. De leur côté, M. Koffa et ses 30 partisans sont contraints de suspendre chaque séance, faute de quorum de 37 membres pour pouvoir délibérer.

## La Chine renforce ses relations de coopération avec le Liberia

La Chine a récemment marqué une étape importante dans le renforcement de ses relations avec le Liberia, en organisant un séminaire orchestré par son ambassade à Monrovia. Ce forum, placé sous le thème « Approfondir la coopération, travailler ensemble pour le développement », illustre la volonté de la Chine de consolider ses liens avec l'Afrique et de favoriser une collaboration plus étroite avec le Liberia, notamment dans des secteurs stratégiques tels que les infrastructures, le commerce, la santé, l'éducation et l'économie. L'événement, qui s'est déroulé au Golden Gate Hotel de Paynesville, a réuni une grande diversité de participants : anciens et actuels responsables politiques libériens, invités de marque, amis de la Chine, et de nombreux acteurs clés du pays. Cette rencontre a offert aux participants une plateforme

d'échange pour explorer des moyens concrets de renforcer les relations bilatérales et de promouvoir un développement durable grâce à des initiatives conjointes. L'ambassadeur de Chine au Liberia, Yin Chengwu, a salué l'initiative, soulignant qu'elle constitue une étape essentielle pour approfondir le dialogue sino-libérien. Il a exprimé sa gratitude aux nombreux partenaires présents, insistant sur l'importance de ces échanges pour identifier de nouvelles pistes de collaboration. Selon lui, l'engagement de la Chine va au-delà de l'assistance économique : il s'inscrit dans une vision de développement durable fondée sur le respect mutuel et l'intérêt commun. Cette volonté de coopération renforcée a récemment été consolidée par une rencontre

entre le président chinois Xi Jinping et le président libérien Joseph Nyuma Boakai en Chine, au cours de laquelle les deux dirigeants ont convenu de hisser le niveau de leur partenariat. Ce dialogue de

haut niveau constitue une avancée majeure dans les relations sino-libériennes, ouvrant la voie à des projets concrets dans les domaines du commerce, des infrastructures et du développement.

Cette année marque un tournant dans les relations sino-libériennes, caractérisé par une ambition commune de croissance durable et de prospérité partagée. Les récents accords traduisent une volonté accrue de collaboration, inscrite dans une vision stratégique à long terme. Les organisations chinoises, en particulier, sont appelées à jouer



## Éditorial

### Crise politique : La CEDEAO de retour en Libéria

Pour la deuxième fois en moins de six mois, la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO) est de retour au Liberia pour une mission de médiation. Cette fois, l'organisation intervient dans un contexte de crise de leadership à la Chambre des représentants, où 43 des 73 députés réclament la destitution du président de l'Assemblée, Fonati J. Koffa, l'accusant de conflit d'intérêts et de corruption – accusations qu'il dément fermement.

De l'autre côté, 30 parlementaires se rangent derrière le président Koffa, mais aucun des deux camps n'a jusqu'ici réussi à obtenir le quorum requis pour dénouer l'impasse et reprendre les travaux parlementaires, paralysant ainsi les affaires publiques du pays.

La CEDEAO avait déjà déployé une mission au Liberia il y a trois mois, après de violents affrontements entre les forces antiémeutes de la police nationale libérienne et les partisans du Congrès pour le changement démocratique (CDC), ancien parti au pouvoir de l'ex-président George Weah. Bien que la CEDEAO ait nié tout lien entre cette visite et les violences, elle est intervenue peu après que M. Weah eut officiellement saisi les Nations Unies, l'Union africaine et la CEDEAO, accusant le gouvernement du président Joseph Nyuma Boakai de persécuter ses anciens collaborateurs. L'ancien président avait également dénoncé le refus du gouvernement de lui accorder l'accès au salon VIP de l'aéroport international Roberts, déclenchant des manifestations de ses partisans.

Malgré ses démentis, la délégation de la CEDEAO avait rencontré séparément le président Boakai et M. Weah, marquant ainsi un effort pour désamorcer les tensions.

Aujourd'hui, la CEDEAO a envoyé sa mission parlementaire de médiation pour tenter de résoudre le blocage au sein de la Chambre des représentants. Le 8 novembre 2024, la CEDEAO a officiellement notifié au président Koffa et à ses collègues la présence de cette mission au Liberia, avec pour objectif de faciliter un dialogue entre les factions en conflit et d'apaiser l'impasse politique qui paralyse la 55e législature.

Mais une question de fond demeure : comment le Liberia, en tant que membre de la CEDEAO, peut-il à la fois ignorer de façon flagrante une décision de la Cour de la CEDEAO, tout en demandant son intervention pour régler ses crises politiques internes ?

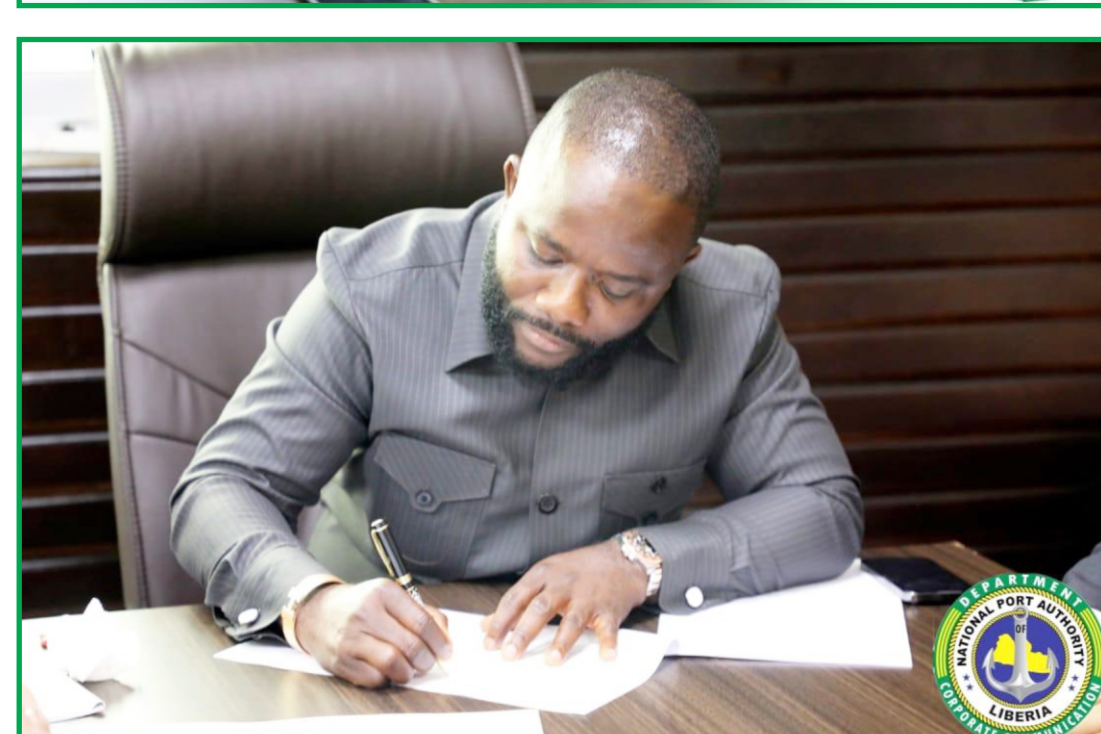
Sous la 54e législature, la Chambre des représentants avait voté la destitution du juge de la Cour suprême Kabineh Ja'neh, qui avait ensuite obtenu gain de cause auprès de la Cour de la CEDEAO, cette dernière ordonnant au gouvernement libérien de verser 200 000 USD en réparation pour violation de ses droits. À ce jour, cette décision de justice reste pourtant inappliquée.

Le paradoxe est donc manifeste : alors que le gouvernement libérien sollicite aujourd'hui la CEDEAO pour résoudre la crise interne à la Chambre des représentants qui bloque l'audience publique sur le budget national, il continue de négliger les décisions de la même organisation. Cette impasse budgétaire a d'ailleurs poussé le président Boakai à demander un délai supplémentaire pour soumettre le budget au parlement.

En tant que nation, il est impératif que nous respections les engagements que nous prenons avec les organisations internationales. Les traiter avec sérieux et respect est essentiel pour entretenir des relations de confiance qui nous sont bénéfiques, surtout lorsque nous faisons appel à leur soutien dans des moments de crise, comme c'est le cas aujourd'hui.



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# Dead or alive?

**Cllr. Ja'neh says the removal of his client from the Monrovia Central Prison was ordered by senior Liberian National Security Actors.**

Monrovia, November 12, 2024: Liberia's former Associate Justice Cllr. Kabineh M. officers and bulldozed their way into the Central Prison compound. Ja'neh claimed that without any reference to the



Ja'neh has accused Justice Minister Oswald N. Tweh and Police Chief Gregory Coleman of allegedly kidnapping his client, Khalifa Charif (Sheriff). Kidnapping is a first-degree felony crime in Liberia.

According to Cllr. Ja'neh, Charif's house was raided more than six weeks ago and was later committed to the Monrovia Central Prison by a court order.

However, Cllr. Ja'neh has further claimed that early Sunday morning on November 3, 2024, between 3 and 4 a.m., Col. Coleman headed a team of security

court, which committed Mr. Charif to detention, the security forces took Mr. Charif away.

Counsellor Ja'neh also said that the removal of his client from the Monrovia Central Prison was ordered by senior National Security Actors of the Liberian Government.

"Although my client, Khalifa Charif, spent most of his early childhood in the Republic of Guinea due largely to the Liberian civil conflict, that does not make him a Guinean national, as being falsely circulated by Liberian state Security officials," Ja'neh explained.

According to Cllr. Ja'neh, his client Charif's money was allegedly seized by a joint team of Liberia National Police (LNP) and National Security Agency (NSA) officers who raided his home.

The former Associate Justice alleged that the officers did not present any warrant during the raid.

"To date, the officers who raided Mr. Charif's premises under the instructions of the Inspector General of Police and the Solicitor General, Ministry of Justice, have continued to defy the court's orders to bring to court all of the items seized, including cash and two vehicles," Cllr. Ja'neh said.

This act, according to Cllr. Ja'neh is a concrete demonstration of lawlessness under the Boakai Administration.

Cllr. Ja'neh has vowed to ensure that Mr. Charif is released as ordered by the court without any further delay. The former Justice Minister said that he would personally organize public demonstrations against National Security officers as there is no longer any respect for the court orders under the current administration. "The demonstrations against police officers will continue, according to Cllr. Ja'neh, until the court's orders releasing Mr. Charif, are FULLY COMPLIED WITH," a release issued in Monrovia said.

# LiMA Boss underscores research and innovation

**Liberia calls for research and innovation to take maritime activities to another level in the subregion.**

By Emmanuel Wise Jipoh  
Monrovia, Liberia, November 12, 2024 — The Commissioner-General and CEO of the Liberia Maritime Authority, Neto Zarzar Lighe, stresses that research and innovation should be at the heart of maritime education to secure the industry's future in West Africa.

Addressing the 32nd Board of Governors' Meeting of the Regional Maritime University (RMU) recently in Monrovia, Commissioner Lighe emphasized that education is a game changer for the maritime sector in the region. "The maritime sector is evolving rapidly, for RMU to maintain its position as a premier institution, it requires continuous investment—not just in infrastructure but also in innovation, research, and human resource development", he says.

Lighe highlights the challenges facing the maritime industry, lamenting infrastructural gaps, changing global standards in maritime operations, and an increasing demand for skilled professionals.

The Liberian Maritime Commissioner-General calls on member states to take collective responsibility for the RMU's success, advocating for

coordinated investment and support from each nation to ensure the institution's flourishing.

"Our success hinges on the concerted efforts of each member state," he reiterates, and notes, "The continued viability and growth of RMU depend on contributions from all stakeholders, ensuring that the university has the resources and tools necessary

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# Cummings weigh in on House crisis

**The political leader of Alternative National Congress (ANC) Alexander B. Cummings has expressed fears that the current impasse at the House of Representative could undermine the country's stability.**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024/ In a statement issued on Monday, Mr. Cummings noted that the current stalemate at the House of Representatives poses the most serious challenge to Liberia's democracy and constitutional order. While acknowledging the right of each side in the ongoing conflict at the lower House of the National Legislature, Mr. Cummings stated that without respect for the rule of law, the country cannot claim stability. The former presidential candidate opined that respect for the rule of law and Constitutional order are the cornerstones of democracy and economic development which cannot and must not be sacrificed in the name of politics.

Over the last few weeks, legislative sessions at the House of Representatives have been disrupted by the majority bloc of Representatives opposing Speaker Koffa's leadership.

guidance of the law will only invite chaos and undermine development," Cummings added. Cummings: "Against this backdrop, we urge all parties to the conflict in the House of Representatives to put the interest of the Country and the Liberian people high above any and all other considerations by seeking recourse through the Constitution and laws which they have sworn an oath to uphold and defend. The crisis in the House of Representatives also requires a deep reflection on the part of our other Branches of Government as they discharge their duties and responsibilities under the Constitutional doctrine of "separate but coordinate". It behooves both Branches of the Executive and Judiciary to act to resolve and not complicate the current crisis.

They owe it to the Liberian people and to posterity. It must never be lost on all concerned that we live in a rapidly changing and competitive interconnected



The opposing lawmakers have succeeded mainly in crippling legislative functions through their conduct of separate meetings, while those backing Koffa's leadership lack a quorum to proceed.

The conflict among lawmakers at the lower House has forced President Joseph Nyuma Boakai to suspend the submission of the draft National Budget for the second time as he seeks expert advice on the crisis.

However, Mr. Cummings maintained that in the midst of this ongoing impasse where there is blatant disregard for the rule of law and constitutional order, it would make it difficult the country to attract foreign direct investment, boost donor's confidence and reassure citizens and residence of protection under the constitution. "It goes without saying that politics without

world. The actions or inactions of any one branch have serious implications for the perception of our shared determination and commitment to building a society governed by the rule of law. The speedy resolution of the current stalemate in the first Branch of Government will not only demonstrate leadership at home but will project a positive image abroad that we are a responsible member of the comity of nations capable of resolving our governance challenges without external intervention.

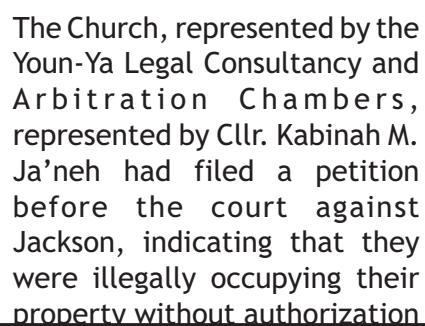
We will continue to encourage honest dialogue and negotiation, on all sides, within the perimeters of the rule of law. We must continue to give our citizens hope that change is possible, and progress is possible. We cannot continue to do the same things over and again and expect different results." -Writes Othello B. Garblah



## ***-Orders squatters evicted from West Point land***

The case involved the church on the one hand and Mr. Aloysius Jackson, Feddnis K. Nagbe et al. as respondents. The Church had accused the respondents of wrongfully withholding their property.

However, it indicates that the squatter's rights given to the Petitioner by the Township of West Point are clearly within the Township's right, and the said rights allowed the petitioner to claim ownership of said property even though said property is not legally



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