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LTA Commissioners-Madam Bush 2nd from right

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Madam Emma Glassco and Major General AlHussein Farahat Mohamed, Executive Director signing the Technical Cooperation MoU in Cairo, Egypt.

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Continental News

Sudan in danger of becoming a failed state, aid chief warns the 'miracle' fertility scam

danger of becoming

ar-stricken Sudan is in their own people," he said.

For nineteen months, there has another failed state been a brutal power struggle



because civil society is disintegrating amid a proliferation of armed groups, the head of a leading international aid agency has told the BBC. As well as the two main warring parties in Sudan the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces - there are many smaller "ethnic armies" looting and going "berserk" on civilians, Jan Egeland, head of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), said. "The parties are tearing down their own houses, they are massacring

between the army and the RSF, that has forced over 10 million people to flee their homes and pushed the country to the brink of starvation."All that I saw confirms that this is indeed the biggest humanitarian emergency on our watch, the biggest hunger crisis, the biggest displacement crisis," Mr Egeland said, following a trip to Sudan.

In September, the World Health Organization (WHO) said starvation in Sudan "is almost everywhere".

Soup kitchens have been forced to close due to being

underfunded. Egeland said the lack of humanitarian response meant remaining sources of aid are simply "delaying deaths instead of preventing them."

"Most of Sudan is starving, it's starving," he said, adding that starvation has been used as a method of warfare. Some food security specialists fear that as many as 2.5 million people could die from hunger by the end of this year.Mr Egeland warned that the world is "failing Sudan completely" by not doing enough. He told the BBC if Europe wanted to avoid a refugee crisis, it needed to invest in "aid, protection and peace in this corner of the world"."It's an underfunded operation, even though it's the world's biggest emergency," he said. Thousands of people have been killed since a civil war broke out. Rights groups have also expressed fears that there may be ethnic cleansing and genocide in Sudan. Despite this, peace talks between the RSF and the army have been fruitless."The war will stop when these warlords feel they have more to lose by continuing fighting, than by doing the sensible thing' Egeland said.BBC

Hope, the baby boy she is holding in her arms, is her son. After eight years of failed attempts to conceive, she sees him as her miracle baby."I'm the owner of my baby," she says defiantly. She's sitting next to her husband, lke, in the office of a Nigerian state official who spends the best part of an hour interrogating the couple.As the commissioner for women affairs and social welfare in Anambra state, Ify Obinabo has plenty of experience in resolving family disputes - but this is no ordinary disagreement. Five members of Ike's family, who are also present in the room, do not believe Hope is the couple's biological child, as Chioma and Ike claim.

Chioma claims to have "carried" the child for about 15 months. The commissioner and Ike's family are in disbelief at the absurdity of the claim. Chioma says she faced pressure from Ike's family to conceive. They even

hioma is adamant that BBC Africa Eye has been investigating the "cryptic pregnancy" scam.

Scammers posing as doctors or nurses convince women that they have a "miracle fertility treatment" guaranteed to get them pregnant. The initial "treatment" usually costs hundreds of dollars and consists of an injection, a drink, or a substance inserted into the vagina. None of the women or officials we spoke to during our investigation know for sure what is in these drugs. But some women have told us they led to changes in their bodies - such as swollen stomachs - which further convinced them they were pregnant.

Women given the "treatment" are warned not to visit any conventional doctors or hospitals, as no scan or pregnancy test would detect "the baby", which the scammers claim is growing outside the womb. When it's time to "deliver" the baby, women are told labour will only begin once they are induced with a "rare and expensive drug", requiring further payment. Accounts of how the "delivery" happens vary, but all are disturbing. Some are sedated only



South African anti-apartheid writer Breytenbach dies he renowned antiremained true to his South interview with The New York

apartheid writer and activist Breyten Breytenbach, jailed for his beliefs in South Africa in the 1970s, has died aged 85, his family said. He passed away in his sleep, with his wife Yolande by his side in Paris. The dissident poet, novelist and painter was "an immense artist, militant against apartheid, he fought for a better world until the end," a statement from his family

Breytenbach's sharp intellect earned him widespread admiration, prompting the British satirical television puppet show Spitting Image to describe him as "the only nice South African" in a song during apartheid's darkest days. Jack Lang, French former education minister, shared a heartfelt tribute on X.

"A rebel with a tender heart, he was part of all the struggles for human rights," he wrote.

Born in the Western Cape on 16 September 1939, to a family of five, Breytenbach lived much of his life abroad, but always African roots.

He attended the University of Cape Town and joined a group of Afrikaans poets and writers called the Sestigers, who wanted to highlight the beauty of the language while critiquing the racist apartheid regime. Afrikaans evolved among white settlers and comes from the Dutch word for African. With Afrikaners in power during for a while before settling in apartheid, the language became France, where he met his ever more associated with the Vietnamese wife Yolande Ngo oppressive regime. In an Thi Hoang Lien.

Times, he said: "I'd never reject Afrikaans as a language, but I reject it as part of the Afrikaner political identity. I no longer consider myself an Afrikaner."

In 1960 he left South Africa for a self-imposed exile, mostly in Europe, but he continued to be a vocal critic of the apartheid regime. He worked in London

Breyten Breytenbach was a vocal critic of the apartheid regime

asked him to marry another woman.In her desperation, she visited a "clinic" offering an unconventional become mothers that involves the trafficking of babies.

The BBC was allowed by authorities to sit in on the commissioner's discussion with Chioma as part of our investigation into the cryptic pregnancy scam. We have changed the names of Chioma, Ike and others in this article to protect them from reprisal in their communities.Nigeria has one of the highest birth rates in the world, with women often facing social pressure to conceive and even ostracisation or abuse if they cannot. Under this pressure, some women go to extremes to realise their dream of motherhood. For over a year,

to wake up with a Caesarean-like incision mark. Others say they are given an injection that causes a drowsy, hallucinatory state in which "treatment" - an outlandish they believe they're giving and disturbing scam preying birth. Either way, the women end up on women desperate to with babies they are supposed to have given birth to.Chioma tells commissioner Obinabo that when her time to "deliver" came, the socalled doctor injected her in the waist and told her to push. She does not spell out how she ended up with Hope, but says the delivery was "painful". Our team manages to infiltrate one of these secretive "clinics" - connecting with a woman known as "Dr Ruth" to her clients - by posing as a couple who have been trying to conceive for eight years. This so-called "Dr Ruth" runs her clinic every second Saturday of the month in a dilapidated hotel in the town of Ihiala, in the south-eastern Anambra state. Outside her room, dozens of women wait for her in the hotel corridors, some with visibly protruding stomachs.BBC

EDITORIAL COM

Giving coins to children is dangerous

Children in homes across Liberia are not safe enough. Not least with newly minted 5 and 10 Liberian Dollar coins in their reach. This is because most kids take these coins as toys and usually placed them in their mouths, and eventually swallow them with health implications.

Children are exposed to coins both in homes, school campuses and outside where the metals are given as change when they go buy bread, juice, candy, biscuit and other snacks during recess.

The situation is scaring, leaving a health practitioner in Monrovia to alarm recently, alerting the public especially, parents. A concerned X-ray technician, Jackson Coleman, revealed that he has handled 28 cases, and 12 of them were children requiring surgery after swallowing coins.

The alarming discovery is sparking growing concern among l medical professionals and parents alike, as the ingestion of coins might lead to serious health risks, including choking, internal injury, or damage to the digestive system and other organs of the body.

As a parent, imagine yourself one day returning home from work or from business activity and being confronted with situation involving your little kid swallowing pieces of coins that could lead to unforeseen consequences. Surely this is not an experience you want to have.

The 5 and 10 Liberian dollar coins are part of a new family of currency issued by the Central Bank of Liberia, as part of a currency reform. The coins are made of nickel-plated steel and feature a latent image security feature.

Parents are being advised to be extra vigilant and ensure that these coins, which have become more common in daily transactions, are kept out of reach of children. This means they should not be kept or placed loosely in homes that children can easily access.

The Central Bank of Liberia is yet to comment on the situation, but we think there is a need for public education on radio, in communities and schools about keeping coins from reach of children to minimize risks.

All hands should be brought on deck to advert a potential health problem for our children. Remember, 'a stitch in time saves nine.'

The coins are necessary to make daily transactions easier especially in market places and when riding taxi or commercial tricycles. But keeping them away from children especially minors, is safer.



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A Better Approach to Climate Finance

AMBRIDGE - Two years behind development goals. schedule, in 2022 the world's beyond this milestone.

countries is bound to falter.

One reason for this is that most developing countries are near their external debt Increased exports, on the other hand, could external debts.

countries - home to just 16% of the world's minerals. population - are responsible for most of the this shift more attractive, rich-country "powershoring." governments committed to providing developing economies with cheap financing as an incentive to decarbonize.

costs, the project creates value.

countries using their limited borrowing sustainable development. capacity for climate-related projects developing countries' borrowing capacity.

But neither of these options is currently on decarbonizing global economy. the table. Regrettably, the focus remains on the total amount of climate finance By harnessing the capabilities of developing include, countries are left to pursue climate transition. projects at the expense of other

→ developed countries finally fulfilled Multilateral development banks illustrate their 2009 pledge to mobilize \$100 billion this dynamic. While MDBs increased their annually to support developing countries' total annual financing, nearly all of the climate efforts. But now it is time to look additional lending capacity has been directed toward climate finance, which reached a record-high \$125 billion in 2023, The clean-energy transition represents a leaving other essential development needs profound macroeconomic issue, yet we unmet. Consequently, developing countries continue to approach it as a microeconomic have been forced to shoulder the problem. Without a course correction, macroeconomic costs of decarbonization on support for decarbonization in developing their own, despite the 2015 Paris agreement's assurances of meaningful burden-sharing.

ceiling, limiting their ability to borrow. The significantly raise developing countries' debt ceiling is low because of the high interest ceilings, making the climate effort far more rates they face and their insufficient export beneficial. After all, carbon neutrality capacity, which is too weak to generate the requires not only a commitment to reducing foreign exchange required to service emissions but also access to the necessary tools for achieving that goal. This means scaling up global supply chains for clean-The original rationale for climate finance energy technologies such as solar panels, was straightforward: climate change is wind turbines, electric vehicles, and driven by carbon dioxide emissions. Wealthy batteries, all of which rely on critical

CO2 released into the atmosphere since the Since it is much more expensive to transport Industrial Revolution and still account for green energy than fossil fuels, it is more about 25% of annual emissions. To avert efficient to use it where it is produced. An climate catastrophe, we must achieve net- effective global decarbonization effort zero emissions, which requires the would thus seek to relocate energy-intensive remaining 84% of the global population to industries to regions with ample, affordable forgo the benefits of fossil-fuel use. To make clean energy - a strategy known as

To facilitate a more effective climate agreement, developing countries must play a much larger role in global mitigation efforts. Now that the \$100 billion target has finally There are two ways to achieve this. The first been met, can we truly say this promise has is to enhance these countries' ability to been fulfilled? The answer depends on how produce and export decarbonization we understand the cost of finance. A enablers and their components. The second is microeconomic perspective would examine to improve their green-energy each project individually, assessing its costs infrastructure, thereby encouraging major and benefits. If the benefits outweigh the emitters to relocate to newly established green industrial parks. Together, these steps could position developing countries as key By contrast, a macroeconomic approach suppliers in the clean-energy transition, would consider the opportunity cost of fostering both economic growth and

instead of other development goals like At Harvard's Growth Lab, we have been economic growth, education, and health studying green value chains to identify the care. The more a country borrows for most feasible and promising clean-energy climate initiatives, the less flexibility it has products and components, tailored to each to address other priorities - unless climate country's existing capabilities. With the finance can somehow expand its borrowing support of Azerbaijan's government, the host capacity. In theory, this should be possible. of this year's United Nations Climate Change By reducing the cost of debt or boosting Conference (COP29), we have created a exports - thereby saving or generating the green growth website called Greenplexity. foreign exchange needed to support a higher Together with our Atlas of Economic debt ceiling - climate finance could increase Complexity, which now covers green products, this tool allows countries to chart their own unique growth paths in a

committed rather than the size of the countries, we can accelerate global subsidy component that - barring a boost in decarbonization while creating new growth exports - could enable countries to secure opportunities. This approach would not only additional financing without breaching their advance crucial climate goals but also ensure debt ceilings. In the absence of such that a larger share of the world's population subsidies, which private finance does not can enjoy the fruits of the clean-energy

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By Jim O'Neill

Trump's Impossible Economics

ONDON - Given Donald Trump's nominees for key cabinet positions so far, it appears that the US president-elect is determined at least to try to deliver on many of his campaign promises. If so, the current news cycle may have come as a welcome surprise to those who have grown tired of elected leaders making promises they have no intention of keeping. But as a longtime student and practitioner of the dismal science (economics), I see no reason to believe that Trump's policies will do what he and his supporters think they will do.

For example, aggressively enforcing a country's immigration laws might well be a good idea. But aggressively pursuing illegal immigrants who are already in the country is another matter, and if it is done in a way that discourages immigrants more broadly, the United States could lose one of the key advantages that it has over many of its advanced-economy peers. With demographic trends putting downward pressure on the populations of Europe, Japan, and many other countries, the US must be careful to not join them. Additional workers who can preserve the size of the labor force need to be found somewhere.

Or consider Trump's two other major campaign promises: significant tax cuts and new 10-20% tariffs on imports from the rest of the world, with the rate rising to 60% for goods from China. While it is easy to find economists who will disagree with each other on just about any economic-policy question, tariffs might be the one big exception. Few economists think they are a good idea, mainly because there is zero evidence that they can help reduce a country's trade deficit. Worse, all the additional costs and other negative consequences that they produce are well known.

Martin Wolf of the Financial Timesdemonstrates this clearly in a recent commentary. A country's balance of payments, he explains, is an accounting identity (an equation that must always balance out). Thus, any deficit on trade (which typically dominates the current-account balance) must be matched by a surplus of capital inflows. That is how the overall balance becomes balanced.

While the US could use tariffs to reduce its imports from country A, it will have to import more from countries B and C unless it also reduces the consumption, investment, or government spending that drives its demand for those imports in the first place. In fact, this is exactly what happened after the US imposed tariffs on imports from China during Trump's previous term. The US continued to import the same goods, but from other countries, many of which increased their own imports from China. If Trump goes ahead and slaps punitive tariffs on those countries, too, the same pattern will have to repeat itself.

There is no way around it: If the US truly wants to reduce its aggregate imports, it will have to reduce overall domestic demand; or more precisely, it will have to raise domestic savings relative to its investment needs, which in turn would mean receiving less net capital from abroad.

Now consider Trump's promises to cut taxes and hand out various other goodies for those who helped elect him. Such measures, all else remaining constant, will boost domestic demand; and if they are applied together with tariffs, they will increase the cost of living. The inflation that soured so many voters on Joe Biden's administration has eased, but Trump's agenda could send prices soaring again. And that is before accounting for the retaliation by other countries, most of whom would introduce their own tariffs to hurt US exporters (as China and others did previously when they targeted US agriculture).

What can other countries' leaders learn from America's bizarre experiment? With Trump's unorthodox approach to politics now very much in vogue, we can expect to see more mini-Trump initiatives popping up around the world. But insofar as they are Trumpian, they, too, will fail to achieve their intended purposes. Since all other countries have the same balance-of-payments identity as the US, those with large trade surpluses necessarily export more capital relative to their current domestic investment needs.

Faced with Trump's return, wise foreign leaders would start thinking about how to tackle their countries' own long-standing domestic economic challenges. Those with excess savings, for example, ought to consider how to boost investment at home or reduce the domestic savings rate. Given their own current troubles, Germany and China both would be well served by such a strategy. Not only would it boost their economies and increase the appeal of their leaders; it also would reduce their exports of capital to the rest of the world, including the US.

Many other constructive policy changes could then follow. China, for example, could reform its financial sector and allow its currency to acquire more of the features that have been so central to America's ability to attract capital from the rest of the world. Future US leaders might then be less cavalier about dictating terms to others, not least because others would no longer be so dependent on the US and its currency.

By Simon Johnson,Oleg Ustenko

Trump Can Win Against China – in Ukraine

ASHINGTON, DC/KYIV - US President-elect Donald Trump is determined to confront China economically and strategically. This is a difficult problem because so many goods purchased in the United States have supply chains with deep roots in the Chinese manufacturing base.

If new US tariffs cause the Chinese renminbi to depreciate, as seems likely, Chinese products will remain competitive, at least in the short run; and if the cost of Chinese imported goods in the US actually rises, this will squeeze lower-income Americans and undermine the competitiveness of American manufacturers that currently use imported components. The proposed tariffs and associated bluster may induce global companies to shift manufacturing from China to Vietnam, Mexico, and other lower-wage countries, but will not bring many good jobs back to the US.

But Trump could score a quick and impressive win against China: by turning Russia entirely out of Ukraine and restoring the pre-invasion borders.

Such a dramatic diplomatic coup would boost US prestige around the world and strengthen Trump's hand in dealing with China on other issues. It would also be straightforward: Russia is heavily dependent on oil exports, and Trump can cut Russian net revenue from these exports to essentially zero from his first day. Without this revenue, the Russian war machine will grind to a halt.

Russia has a relatively small economy. Its GDP in 2024 will be around \$2.2 trillion, which is less than 8% of the US economy. Russia punches above its economic weight, literally and metaphorically, by allying itself with Iran (for drones and other military equipment), with North Korea (for artillery shells and soldiers), and with China (for essential components and consumer goods). In this Alliance of Aggression, China has by far the largest economy, and Russia has effectively become a client state.

Putin sought tacit approval from Chinese President Xi Jinping before invading Ukraine in 2022. According to credible sources, Xi asked Putin to wait until after the Winter Olympics in Beijing, and Putin did as he was told. He was wise to be deferential: in 2023, China supplied more than 50% of all Russian battlefield-related imports (including critical components for the Russian army) with a total value of some \$5.5 billion. Without the ongoing availability of Chinese components, Russia's stock of missiles would be quickly depleted, and air superiority should shift decisively in favor of Ukraine.

China does not provide these goods to Russia (or anyone) for free. Nor is it interested in Russian debt - China's leaders do not trust Putin's ability and willingness to repay. This means that running the Russian war machine on Chinese components requires cash on delivery (or even advance payments).

Russia generates that cash by selling oil for US dollars. Almost all other Russian exports are quite small, owing to sanctions. But the G7 and the European Union agreed to keep Russian oil on the world market, largely because Russia is such a large supplier - about eight million barrels per day (daily global consumption is about 100 million barrels).

On his first day in office, Trump can announce that he will impose heavy US sanctions on any company that pays more than \$15 per barrel for Russian oil (and on anyone who participates in any transaction above that level). Any country that is deemed not to be fully cooperative with this policy should expect to face punitive tariffs.

As Trump knows well, threats are sometimes most potent when no action is taken. During his first administration, he wanted Mexico to close its southern border with Guatemala, so he announced that he would raise tariffs every week until action was taken. The Mexican government saw this as a crazy threat, but one that was entirely credible, and they deployed their security forces to close the border. The additional tariffs stayed on the shelf.

President Joe Biden's administration worked long and hard to negotiate a G7-EU price cap on Russian crude, which currently stands at \$60 per barrel. But while this initiative was a welcome example of cooperation among Ukraine's allies, at this price Russia still earns substantial revenue, because its marginal costs of extraction are low (\$15-20 per barrel). Trump's preference for unilateral action backed by bombast and vague threats would fit the moment well.

To the extent that more oil moves from Russia to China, the "shadow fleet" of tankers that transport it should be harassed at every opportunity, pushing up operating costs and further squeezing Russian margins. Impound a few shadow tankers for suspected sanctions violations and watch the price of transportation for Russian oil soar.

Even at \$15 per barrel, Russia will likely continue to pump as much oil as it can, because Putin is so desperate for cash. But what if Trump's threats and actions push up the world oil price? This would please Trump's allies in the fossil-fuel industry immensely, while also encouraging and justifying more oil and gas exploration. (Yes, this is bad for the climate, but we are discussing Trump's realpolitik here, including what will get Congress fully on board with his "Drill, Baby, Drill" agenda.)

A much lower oil-price cap, backed up with stronger sanctions against companies and countries that trade illegally with Russia, would leave Putin with no choice but to withdraw from Ukraine. That, in turn, would send a powerful signal to the Alliance of Aggression, and to the Chinese leadership in particular: Anyone who attacks a neighbor

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will suffer crippling economic consequences.

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The Below Listed Sporting Associations/Organizations/Federations

From

Mr. Philipbert S. Browne

President, Liberia National Olympics Committee

Date

November 25, 2024

Subject

Deliberations on the Budgetary Allocations for Sports FY-2025

This is for the information of the executive committees of the below listed sporting associations and commissions that the budgetary allocations for sports as contained in the FY-2025 National Budget deserve urgent attention; therefore, the need is great that we convene to have a comprehensive review of the National Budget and collectively decide on an appropriate course of action to be taken as a measured response to the National Government's action, specifically targeting sports.

The enlisted associations and commissions are to be represented by their respective, presidents and secretary generals:

Liberia Football Association

Liberia Special Olympics Association

Liberia Basketball Association

Liberia Karate Association

Liberia Volleyball Association

Liberia Old-timer Association Liberia Wushu Association

Liberia Table Tennis Association Liberia Handball Association

Liberia Cannoning Association

Liberia Shooting Association

Liberia Rolling Association Liberia Taekwondo Association

Liberia Swimming Association

Liberia Boxing Association

Liberia Women Sports

Women-in-Sports

Liberia High-school Sports Ass. Liberia Long Tennis Association

Liberia Cheese Association

Liberia Cycling Association Liberia Athletic Commission Liberia Surfing Association Liberia Athletes Association

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Date

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Time

12:00 p.m.

Venue

Ministry of Youth and Sports, SKD Sports Complex, Paynesville

As we anticipate your presence, kindly accept our kindest assurances and consideration.

Regards,

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MCSS to launch STEM school

2024

The Superintendent of the MCSS, Mr. Momoh, has unveiled a series of transformative educational initiatives in the school system.

By Kruah Thompson onrovia, November 25, 2024: The Superintendent of the Monrovia Consolidated School System (MCSS), James A.S. Momoh, has announced plans

in science, technology, engineering, and math-key areas essential for Liberia's development.

Speaking with our reporter over the weekend, Superintendent Momoh



to establish a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) school in Liberia. It is meant to enhance the quality of education for MCSS students.

The proposed STEM school will equip students with additional skills in critical fields, aligning with the national curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education. This initiative aims to provide students with a stronger

educational foundation,

helping them gain expertise

revealed that MCSS is in discussions with Mrs. Marie Jilo Barnett, the Ambassador of Sierra Leone to Liberia, for the establishment of the school.In addition, Superintendent Momoh unveiled a series of transformative educational initiatives.

These include plans to enhance teacher training and expand vocational programs, all aimed at improving the overall quality of education for students across the system.

He further revealed that MCSS

has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Liberia Public School Project to supply essential school materials to the system.

Additionally, agreements have been reached with USAID and AMEU to provide training for Early Childhood Development (ECD) and elementary school teachers, ensuring they acquire at least a degree or certificate."Two MCSS staff members were recently sent to South Korea to attend the International Youth Fellowship Education Conference," Momoh noted.

"This is part of our broader effort to expose our educators to international best practices in teaching," he explained. Moreover, Superintendent Momoh mentioned ongoing discussions with local government officials, including Senator Craton Duncan and Representative P. Mark Juray, to secure support for MCSS' Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs.

He also revealed that Representative Yekeh Kolubah has pledged to assist in renovating and elevating the Rebecca J.N. Wilson Elementary School to a high school, utilizing funds from the district's development budget. To improve teaching standards, the Superintendent stated that a new training department has been

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Tapita District honors Medical **Doctor for service to country** Dr. Kaizer was appointed early this year by President Joseph

Nyuma Boakai as Chief Executive Officer of the Jackson F. Doe Hospital.

By Lewis S. Teh

onrovia, November 25, 2024: Residents of ▼ Tapita District, Nimba County, have bestowed honor on Dr. Victor Kaizer, chief executive officer (CEO) of the Jackson F. Doe hospital in the county.

Doctor Kaizer was honored on Friday, November 22, 2024, for transforming healthcare delivery across the district and the county at large. The wellattended ceremony was held at the Tapita city hall over the weekend.

The citizens in separate remarks, extolled and gowned the JFD Hospital CEO for his tremendous work.

They noted that Doctor Kaizer's work has restored sanity to the nation's second referral hospital in the county. Remarking at the gowning ceremony, elder John L. Yelegar described Dr. Kaizer as a true leader whose works and interactions with citizens

[of] our hearts."

"Today, on behalf of the people of Tapita, we confer on you the title "Gonkarnue," meaning man has come."Elder Yelegar stated that Doctor Kaizer is a great man with great thinking, evidenced by his works. For his part, the Tapita District Superintendent, Mr. Lombaye Barleah, thanked Dr. Victor Kaizer for his tremendous work at the hospital.

Mr. Barleah described Doctor Kaizer as a transformational leader with a deep sense of change and leadership. "We have seen the change that has taken place since you return to the hospital," Mr. Barleah said.

He noted that this is a big boost for the health system at the level of the district.

"We want to assure you that we are always available to work with you in whatever way for the forward match of the district's health system," he averred.

Also speaking, the president of the Youth of Tapita, Mr. Kelvin Gongbay, called on the JFD CEO



LRA honors several top tax-paying compa

As key contributors, Bea Mountain and ArcelorMittal-Liberia were applauded for setting an example for other businesses.

By Bridgett Milton

including Bea Mountain Mining Corporation and ArcelorMittal-Liberia, as the highest tax contributors for 2023 and 2022, respectively. The two companies were honored during LRA's Taxpayers Appreciation Awards Night recently.

The ceremony, held at the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Ministerial Complex in Congo Town, brought together government officials, business leaders, and development partners to celebrate outstanding taxpayers.

The event marked the first awards ceremony since the LRA postponed last year's

celebration due to the onrovia, November presidential and legislative 25, 2024: The Liberia elections. Businesses and Revenue Authority individuals across various (LRA) has honored several top sectors were recognized for tax-paying companies, their compliance and contributions to national revenue.LRA's Trixie Greaves highlighted the importance of acknowledging Liberia's most compliant taxpayers.

"These awards are not just about recognizing tax payments but also about fostering a culture of accountability and compliance," Greaves said. She detailed the categories awarded, including large taxpayers, small and medium enterprises, natural resource companies, government agencies, and nonprofits. Top

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are unprecedented. Elder not to be complacent. He urged the citizens of Tapita. He regains its lost dignity. described Dr. Kaizer as a true In a brief response, Dr. Kaizer hope to patients at the the honor bestowed upon him. hospital.

Elder Yelegar also called on Dr. Kaizer to push for the establishment of a training college that will aid in training young people who want to venture into the health sector. He maintained that when said training institute is established, it will be named in honor of Dr. Victor Z. Kaizer. "He is really a good leader! Since he took over the hospital, his works are clear and we need not to explain them," elder

Yelegar explained. "But please try to fight and establish the training. Gowning

him is something we are happy

and proud to do from the depth

Yelegar gowned Dr. Kaizer on Doctor Kaizer to continue to push behalf of his fellow elders and harder to ensure that the hospital

patriot whose work is restoring thanked the people of Tapita for

Kaizer assured them of his fullest commitment to ensuring that the Jackson F. Doe Referral Hospital regains its position in the nation's healthcare delivery system.

He also disclosed that a forty-foot container that contained drugs and other essential medical equipment is expected at the hospital in January next year from the United States.

Dr. Kaizer was appointed early this year by President Joseph Nyuma Boakai as Chief Executive Officer of the Jackson F. Doe Hospital.He served as chief administrator of the Jackson F. Doe Hospital from July 2017-

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honorees included Firestone Liberia, Ecobank, the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the Catholic Education Secretariat, and the Carter

Greaves praised the honorees for their exemplary contributions to the nation's development and urged others to emulate their commitment.

Speaking on behalf of the awardees, Marcus Wleh, Head of Sustainability and External Relations at ArcelorMittal-Liberia, emphasized the collective role of taxpayers in building Liberia's future.

"Being recognized as a top contributor is a reflection of our unwavering commitment to Liberia's economic growth," Wleh stated. "This partnership between the private sector and the government is critical to advancing national development goals."

to remain dedicated to their with a Value-Added Tax (VAT) fiscal responsibilities, by 2026. emphasizing the significance of These measures aim to Liberia's financial aspirations. In line with the theme "Moving

to Billions," LRA Commissioner General Dorbor Jallah outlined the authority's vision to significantly increase revenue collection.

Jallah emphasized that the country's economic transformation hinges on innovative reforms and strengthened compliance measures.

"To reach our ambitious target

of generating \$1 billion

annually, we are implementing

strategic initiatives to modernize our tax system," Among the outlined reforms

are the introduction of electronic fiscal devices to monitor real-time sales and the planned replacement of the

He encouraged all stakeholders Goods and Services Tax (GST)

collaboration in achieving enhance efficiency, transparency, and taxpayer convenience.

> The Commissioner General also announced plans to digitize vehicle registration and other government services by 2025, a move expected to improve compliance and broaden the revenue base.

> The awards ceremony underscored the critical role taxpayers play in funding Liberia's development agenda. As key contributors, Bea Mountain and ArcelorMittal-Liberia were applauded for setting an example for other businesses. "Together, we can move Liberia toward achieving sustainable growth and fiscal stability," Jallah remarked.Jallah urged all taxpayers to support the vision encapsulated in the theme.

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MCSS to launch STEM school

established within MCSS. This department will ensure that teachers receive regular professional development to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom.

"We are also working towards establishing our own agricultural farm, and a department has already been set up for this purpose.""Furthermore, we

bookkeeping programs in our schools," Momoh added. Finally, Superintendent Momoh announced that MCSS is in discussions with GLOBAL ARCUS for scholarships aimed

He also confirmed that an MOU has been signed with the Sierra Leonean government to assist

are introducing agriculture and MCSS with capacity building in various educational areas.

> According to Momoh, these new initiatives demonstrate a strong commitment to improving educational standards within the MCSS with a focus on teacher development, curriculum expansion, and infrastructure enhancement.

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negative repercussions.

He underscores the importance of maintaining peace and security to ensure that the nation's hard-won advancements in infrastructure, governance, and social well-being are not jeopardized by threats to stability. This careful handling of national security, he asserts, is vital for sustaining the country's progress and protecting its future. Piah clarifies that the extradition process was conducted transparently and in full cooperation with Guinean authorities. He further reassures the public that the rights of the individual would be respected and that Liberia would continue to work with regional partners to prevent a recurrence of similar threat to stability. The decision, Piah notes, was in the best interest of Liberia and the broader West African region. Recently, Criminal Court 'A' Judge Roosevelt Willie, issued a 72-hour ultimatum to the Liberian government to produce the living body of Ibriam Kahli Cheriff, a

Guinean mercenary that was

Gov't defends handover

allegedly in Liberian government custody. The decision came after Cheriff's lawyers filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, claiming that their client may have disappeared from his prison

In his ruling, Judge Willie instructed the state to provide a report on Cheriff's whereabouts and status before the expiration of the 72-hour period. The judge also emphasized that if the government fails to comply with the order, legal consequences may follow. The case has sparked concern over the transparency and handling of the extradition process.

Former Associate Justice Cllr. Kabineh M. Ja'neh, who represents Cheriff's interest, accused Liberia's Justice Minister Oswald N. Tweh, and Police Chief Gregory Coleman of allegedly kidnapping his client.In a serious charge, Ja'neh stated that his client was forcibly taken into custody and removed from his legal protections, which he described as a violation of both Liberian law and his client's rights.

Under Liberian law, kidnapping

is considered a first-degree felony, punishable by severe legal penalties. Justice Ja'neh's allegations have intensified the controversy surrounding the case, as they raise questions about the legality and transparency of the actions taken by the government regarding Cheriff's detention extradition. However, Minister Piah defends the government's actions by framing them within the broader context of national security. In an interview withstate broadcaster ELBC on November 25, 2024, he argued that the government's priority was to ensure the security and stability of Liberia.

He argues that no one would want to see a situation where even a small part of the country's territory is compromised by foreign incursions or destabilizing activities. He cites an example to illustrate his point: if a Liberian citizen were to engage in subversive activities in Guinea, and the Guinean government determined that the individual posed a threat, Liberia would expect that person to be returned.

National Road Fund Concludes Town Hall Meetings in Monrovia

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CEMESP Hosts Town Hall Meetings in Peace Island and Doe Community to Discuss National Road Fund Operations

onrovia, Liberia NRFL. Fund of Liberia (NRFL).

particularly focusing on its road network. maintenance across Liberia.

members, the Manager of the CEMESP's involvement aims to

November 25 202: Meanwhile, in Doe Community, Residents of Peace the town hall meeting saw a Island and Doe Communities detailed presentation from in Monrovia on November8th NRFL Chief Program officer and 15th respectively Albert Samukai and Media participated in two Relations Director Emmett informative town hall Coker. They explained the meetings organized by the various projects financed by the Center for Media Studies and NRFL and provided insight into Peacebuilding (CEMESP) on how the Fund is playing a behalf of the National Road significant role in road infrastructure improvements in These meetings were part of Liberia. They also discussed the an ongoing effort to engage strategic goals of the NRFL, such local communities in as ensuring that funds are understanding the operations efficiently utilized for the and impact of the NRFL, betterment of the country's

role in road development and The town hall meetings were organized by CEMESP as part of a At the Peace Island broader communication and Community Town Hall visibility strategy, following a meeting, which saw a strong consultancy awarded to the turnout of community organization by the NRFL.



address, she emphasized the development. Fund finances the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of vital road infrastructures across the country. "These roads are not just constructed; they are funded by the National Road Fund with contributions from various sources, including taxes on petroleum products therefore, critical for us all to take good care of these roads to ensure their longevity and the continued development of our country," she urged the residents. Her call to action ownership and care for the beneficial for all citizens. Peace Island community road

which was also funded by the

NRFL Madam Joseta Neufville- foster transparency, enhance Wento took center stage to public awareness, and ensure highlight the importance of that citizens understand the maintaining roads funded by workings of the NRFL and its the National Road Fund. In her contributions to national

role of the NRFL in generating As part of the strategy, the and expending funds for road sessions also gave residents a projects, detailing how the chance to voice their concerns and ask questions about the road projects and other related issues, strengthening the link between the government, the NRFL, and the communities they serve. These dialogues reflect a growing commitment by the NRFL and CEMESP to engage with the public, providing them with the information they need to and donor funds. It is, understand the critical role road infrastructure plays in Liberia's development. Through such initiatives, the NRFL hopes to build greater accountability and support for its projects, ensuring that Liberia's roads was to inspire community remain sustainable and

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Nouveau rebondissement dans la crise de leadership à la Chambre des représentants

la Chambre des ■représentants du Liberia a pris un nouveau tournant dramatique. La Cour suprême a ordonné à toutes les parties impliquées de revenir au

a crise de leadership à Une décision judiciaire L'ordonnance précise : « Vous contraignante

> Dans une ordonnance émise le 22 notifier le ministre de la novembre 2024, la Cour suprême a chargé son greffier, Me Sam Main Mu, de notifier le ministre de la Justice, Me N. Oswald Tweh, ainsi que les membres concernés

êtes en outre sommés de Justice et les membres concernés de la Chambre des représentants afin qu'ils soumettent leurs réponses officielles à cette requête



statu quo ante, soit à la situation en vigueur au 15 octobre 2024, avant le début du conflit concernant la destitution controversée de l'honorable J. Fonati Koffa de son poste de président.

Cette décision fait suite à une requête en mandamus déposée par M. Koffa, qui conteste la légalité de sa destitution et de l'élection de l'honorable Richard N. Koon comme nouveau président de la Chambre par le bloc majoritaire.

de la Chambre des auprès du greffier de cette représentants. Ces derniers sont invités à comparaître devant la Cour le mardi 26 novembre 2024. à 9 h, pour présenter leurs arguments concernant la recevabilité de la requête de M.

En attendant la résolution de l'affaire, la Cour a ordonné la suspension de toutes les actions ou décisions liées au leadership de la Chambre. Elle a également demandé que les parties reprennent leurs positions telles qu'elles étaient au 15 octobre 2024.

honorable Cour avant le 26 novembre 2024 et qu'ils reviennent à leur position initiale. Toute autre action ou procédure est suspendue jusqu'à ce que la Cour statue.

Contexte et ramifications

Le 21 novembre 2024, le bloc majoritaire de la Chambre a destitué M. Koffa et élu l'honorable Richard N. Koon, député du district n°11 de Montserrado, comme

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Le ministre Paye critique les coopératives minières et met en garde contre l'exploitation illégale

des Mines et de l'Énergie du Liberia, exprimé son mécontentement face aux pratiques des coopératives minières du Liberia.

Lors d'une réunion avec une vingtaine de coopératives minières, M. Paye a appelé à la cessation immédiate des partenariats avec des étrangers qu'il considère nuisibles au développement économique du pays. Il a dénoncé les pratiques minières illégales qui, selon lui, freinent l'autonomisation des Libériens et nuisent à la croissance économique.

Des pratiques préjudiciables à l'économie nationale

Le ministre a souligné que les activités illégales, telles que l'exploitation non conforme

lilmot Paye, ministre des ressources naturelles, ne positifs, alors qu'ils se nuisent peuvent se produire sans la complicité de certains Libériens, qui facilitent l'accès et assurent naturelles », a déclaré M. la protection des étrangers en échange d'avantages divers.

pays, les accusant de respectent pas les lois en vigueur problèmes, le ministère des collaborer avec des et confient leurs ressources Mines a mis en place un etrangers pour exploiter minerales a des etrangers. Ils illégalement les ressources s'attendent à des résultats

eux-mêmes et privent leur pays de ses richesses Paye.Des mesures concrètes pour assainir le secteur

minières opérant dans le « De nombreux Libériens ne Pour remédier à ces

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La mauvaise COP de Trump

Par Jayati Ghosh

EW DELHI - La victoire de Donald Trump à l'élection présidentielle américaine a jeté une ombre sur la Conférence des Nations unies sur le changement climatique (COP29) à Bakou. N'ayant jamais caché sa conviction que le changement climatique est un « canular », le retour au pouvoir de Trump menace de réduire à néant une grande partie des progrès accomplis dans la lutte contre la crise climatique, laissant les dirigeants mondiaux et les décideurs politiques avec de nombreuses raisons de se sentir découragés.

On s'attend à ce que Trump accélère la production nationale de combustibles fossiles. Lors d'une <u>réunion à Mar-a-Lago</u> en mai, il a <u>ouvertement demandé</u> aux dirigeants des compagnies pétrolières et gazières de contribuer à sa campagne à hauteur d'un milliard de dollars en échange de la promesse de supprimer les réglementations qui menacent leurs profits. Le candidat qu'il a choisi pour diriger l'Agence de protection de l'environnement, l'ancien membre du Congrès Lee Zeldin, a déjà promis de « déréglementer » l'EPA.

Au cours de son premier mandat, Trump a retiré les États-Unis de l'accord de Paris de 2015 sur le climat - une décision sur laquelle son successeur, Joe Biden, est revenu plus tard. On s'attend à ce qu'il se retire à nouveau de cet accord. Notamment, le président argentin Javier Milei, allié politique de Trump, a <u>rappelé</u> la délégation de son pays de la COP29 une décision qui pourrait signaler le départ imminent de l'Argentine de l'accord.

L'ambiance à la COP29 a été encore plus morose en raison de l'absence flagrante de dirigeants mondiaux tels que Biden, le président français Emmanuel Macron, le premier ministre indien Narendra Modi, le chancelier allemand Olaf Scholz et le président chinois Xi Jinping, qui ont tous fait l'impasse sur le sommet de cette année. Alors que l'escalade de la crise climatique affecte de manière disproportionnée les populations les plus pauvres du monde et que les guerres en cours au Moyen-Orient et en Ukraine continuent de générer des émissions massives de gaz à effet de serre, les perspectives d'une action significative en faveur du climat semblent de plus en plus lointaines.

Cependant, la lutte contre le changement climatique n'est pas nécessairement vouée à l'échec. La capacité à éviter la catastrophe dépendra de la réponse mondiale à l'obstructionnisme de Trump et de la capacité des autres pays à s'unir pour faire face à la crise, même sans le leadership des États-Unis.

Il convient également de noter que les États-Unis ont longtemps été un participant réticent aux initiatives climatiques mondiales, quel que soit l'occupant de la Maison Blanche. Cette réticence n'est guère surprenante, étant donné que les États-Unis sont le <u>plus grand producteur</u> et exportateur net de combustibles fossiles au monde.

Même sous la présidence de Biden, les politiques vertes des États-Unis ont été essentiellement additives, se concentrant sur l'expansion de la production d'énergie renouvelable plutôt que sur le remplacement ou la réduction de l'extraction des combustibles fossiles. Comme l'a <u>fait remarquer</u> le journaliste indien Nitin Sethi, l'approche américaine des négociations sur le climat a consisté à « conserver, renforcer et acquérir de nouveaux avantages économiques compétitifs », en utilisant « *le langage climatique comme un outil* » pour promouvoir ses intérêts nationaux.

Jayati Ghosh, professeuer d'économie à l'université du Massachusetts Amherst, est membre de la Commission économique transformationnelle du Club de Rome et coprésidente de la Commission indépendante pour la réforme de la fiscalité internationale des entreprises.

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nouveau président. Cette demande à la Cour de suprême, il a affirmé que cette », a-t-il déclaré. décision avait été prise en La bataille pour le leadership dénoncé le boycott des sessions résolution destituant M. Koffa. législatives.

Un enjeu constitutionnel de Bong. majeur

l'adoption du budget national s'est passé.» pour l'exercice fiscal 2025. Il La crise, qui divise législatifs de la Chambre.

Dans sa requête en six points, il

décision marque un tournant contraindre ses collègues à pour M. Koon, qui avait perdu assister aux sessions plénières face à M. Koffa lors de et de rétablir l'ordre l'élection à la présidence de la constitutionnel. « La désertion 55e législature en janvier 2024. des sessions plénières par le Toutefois, M. Koffa a bloc majoritaire enfreint la fermement contesté cette Constitution, les lois destitution. Dans sa requête statutaires du Liberia et les déposée auprès de la Cour règles internes de la Chambre

violation des procédures Le bloc majoritaire affirme légales et des règles internes avoir obtenu le soutien de 50 de la Chambre. Il a également représentants pour adopter la plénières par ses opposants, La résolution a été lue lors qui a conduit à une impasse d'une session présidée par le constitutionnelle en raison de greffier par intérim Comic l'absence de quorum requis Chea, avec une motion pour la tenue des délibérations présentée par l'honorable James Kolleh, député du comté

Cependant, M. Koffa reste M. Koffa soutient que l'impasse convaincu qu'il est le président provoquée par le bloc légitime de la 55e législature. majoritaire empêche la Sur sa page Facebook, il a Chambre d'exercer ses exhorté ses partisans à rester fonctions, notamment confiants, déclarant: « Rien ne

accuse ses opposants de violer profondément la Chambre, les articles 33 et 34(d) de la soulève des questions Constitution, qui garantissent constitutionnelles complexes le quorum et les pouvoirs que la Cour suprême devra trancher.

Le ministre Paye critique

soutien aux coopératives

rendre les services du ministère quitter les coopératives. pays. Des bureaux mesures correctives départementaux seront créés Le ministère des Mines a pris équipements, notamment des ressources minières du pays. véhicules et des motos.

que les étrangers ne peuvent active des vice-ministres et pas exploiter les ressources assistants du ministère des minières du Liberia sans la Mines, ainsi que des collaboration active des représentants de l'ONG communautés locales. Un appel allemande GIZ et de l'Agence de

ressources minières

processus de vérification des En réponse aux préoccupations titulaires de licences minières. des coopératives, celles-ci ont M. Paye a annoncé que tous les demandé au gouvernement de membres des coopératives leur permettre d'utiliser des présents lors de la réunion du 21 équipements lourds, tels que novembre 2024 feront l'objet des excavatrices, afin d'une vérification approfondie d'améliorer leurs opérations. de leur statut, et que cette Elles ont signalé que l'utilisation démarche sera étendue à tous de matériaux de contrebande les mineurs artisanaux et à par des mineurs illégaux a un petite échelle du pays.Le impact négatif sur le marché, ministre a également réaffirmé dissuadant les travailleurs son engagement à collaborer locaux de rejoindre les avec les coopératives pour coopératives.Les coopératives assurer un secteur minier plus ont également dénoncé transparent, durable et l'exploitation minière illégale bénéfique pour les Libériens. dans le parc national de Sarpo, Accessibilité des services et dans le comté de Sinoe, ainsi que les incitations offertes par Dans le cadre de ses réformes, le des mineurs illégaux pour ministre Paye a promis de convaincre les travailleurs de

plus accessibles à travers tout le Engagement à prendre des

pour traiter des questions telles note des préoccupations que le renouvellement des soulevées par les coopératives licences, le règlement des et a promis de mettre en place différends et la gestion des des mesures pour assainir le plaintes. Pour garantir le bon secteur. Des contrôles renforcés fonctionnement de ces bureaux, seront instaurés pour assurer le ministère fournira des une gestion plus stricte des

La réunion a également été Le ministre a insisté sur le fait l'occasion d'une participation à une meilleure gestion des Développement des Coopératives (CDA).

Le PAL exhorte les membres de la Chambre des représentants au respect de l'État de droit



'Association des Éditeurs du Liberia (PAL), qui regroupe les journaux et magazines en ligne du ■pays, a exprimé son soutien à l'appel de la Cour suprême du Liberia en faveur d'un retour au status quo ante dans le différend opposant les blocs majoritaire et minoritaire de la Chambre des représentants.

Dans un communiqué publié ce week-end, le PAL a exprimé sa profonde préoccupation face à l'impasse prolongée au sein de la Législature nationale, première branche du gouvernement. L'association a souligné que cette situation compromet non seulement le fonctionnement législatif, mais également la gouvernance globale de l'État. Appel au respect des décisions judiciaires Le PAL a rappelé que la Cour suprême, en tant que plus haute instance judiciaire du pays, doit être respectée par toutes les parties concernées. « Le respect des décisions de la Cour suprême est essentiel pour préserver l'État de droit et garantir la stabilité de notre démocratie », a déclaré l'association. Elle a également exhorté les médias à adopter une couverture responsable des événements, mettant en garde contre tout contenu susceptible d'exacerber les tensions. « La diffusion d'informations sensationnalistes ou biaisées pourrait mettre en péril la sécurité nationale et affaiblir davantage notre démocratie, déjà fragile », a averti le PAL. Contexte de la crise

Cet appel intervient à la suite d'une injonction émise par la Cour suprême, demandant un retour au status quo ante en date du 15 octobre. Cette décision fait suite à la destitution de l'ancien président de la Chambre des représentants, Cllr. Fonati Koffa, le 21 novembre 2024. Il a été remplacé par Richard N. Koon, élu sans opposition comme nouveau président de la Chambre.

Richard N. Koon, député du district #11 du comté de Montserrado et membre du parti au pouvoir, avait perdu face à Cllr. Koffa lors de l'élection initiale pour la présidence de la 55e législature en janvier dernier. Priorité à la stabilité et à l'apaisement

Dans son communiqué, le PAL a insisté sur l'urgence de résoudre rapidement et pacifiquement ce différend afin de rétablir la normalité dans les travaux législatifs. L'association a également réaffirmé le rôle crucial des médias dans la préservation de l'unité nationale et a exhorté toutes les parties prenantes à agir dans l'intérêt supérieur de la nation.

« L'État de droit est le fondement de notre démocratie. Respectons les institutions et veillons à renforcer la confiance du peuple dans nos processus démocratiques », a conclu le

L'Église Méthodiste Unie suspend le Rév. Dr. Jerry P. Kulah

immédiat le Rév. Dr. Jerry P. Kulah, vice-président de la Nairobi, où des membres de la GMC Bishop John G. Innis Graduate School of Professional Studies à l'Université Méthodiste Unie (UMU).

Cette décision fait suite aux recommandations d'un comité d'enquête et du Conseil ecclésiastique des ministres ordonnés, qui l'accusent de multiples infractions compromettant les enseignements, l'unité et les politiques de l'UMC.

Le Rév. Kulah, figure éminente de l'Église Méthodiste Globale (GMC), est accusé de violations présumées des paragraphes 2702.1 (c, d, e, f) du Book of Discipline de l'UMC. La GMC, une dénomination dissidente, s'oppose au mariage homosexuel et à l'ordination de personnes non célibataires ou homosexuelles, positions en désaccord avec celles de l'UMC.Principaux chefs d'accusation L'UMC reproche au Rév. Kulah de donner la priorité au Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline de la GMC, au détriment du Book of Discipline 2016 de l'UMC, ce qui contredit les enseignements et les lois de l'Église. Il est également accusé d'affiliation active avec la GMC, notamment en tant que coordinateur de projets financés par cette dernière, comme la Boway Development Association, soutenue par la Mt. Horeb Church basée en Caroline du Sud. Ces initiatives opèrent, selon l'UMC, sous la bannière de la GMC au

Liberia, en violation de l'autorité ecclésiastique. Le Rév. Kulah aurait également participé à une réunion

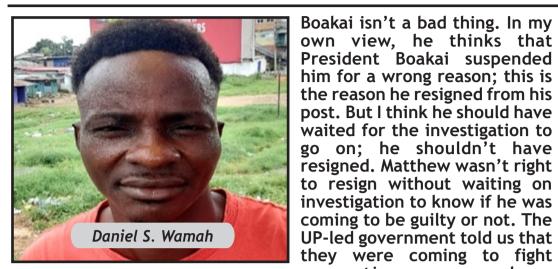
'Église Méthodiste Unie (UMC) a suspendu avec effet stratégique en septembre 2023 à auraient élaboré des plans pour encourager la désaffiliation des églises africaines de l'UMC. Cette stratégie viserait la formation de conférences indépendantes et l'élection de nouveaux évêques alignés sur les positions de la GMC. Atteinte à l'unité de l'Église

En tant que membre de la Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA), le Rév. Kulah est accusé de soutenir des initiatives contraires aux valeurs de l'UMC. Il aurait diffusé des informations trompeuses sur l'Église et coordonné l'Africa Initiative, un groupe critiqué par les évêques de l'UMC pour ses actions jugées sources de division. Ces initiatives, selon l'UMC, auraient gravement compromis l'unité de l'Église en Afrique, en violation de son engagement à préserver.

TOPIC: The resignation of Assistant Minister Matthew Nyanplu

By Naneka Hoffman

The resignation of Assistant Information Minister Matthew Nyanplu is receiving mixed reactions from the public, as you may read below in views expressed.



"I think for me, Assistant Minster corruption, so anywhere for Ministry of Information government officials find Matthew Nyanplu sent in his corruption smelling, they have resignation letter to President to say it out."

"Assistant Minister Matthew Nyanplu resigned from his position. As for me, I think he was in error, because President Boakai suspending him doesn't mean that he is guilty. I think he should have waited for the President to carry on the investigation to see what he said, if it were wrong or right but, he didn't do it; he sent in his resignation. Mine you, don't keep the public in doubt, because sending in his resignation doesn't prove that he is wrong or right."





"Matthew Nyanplu was right to resign. This government came to power with the mind to fight corruption, so if this

government is doing the wrong things, the ministers need to speak out, because they came with the agenda to fight corruption, so why corruption should be smelling all over the various ministries? This government told the Liberian people that they came to recuse us, but now it is worse than before. What are they waiting for to solve the bread and butter issues? The only thing we are hearing is corruption and misplace of government officials."

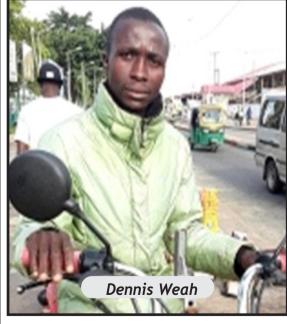




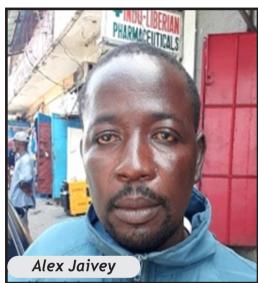
wrong to go on Facebook to make

"As for me, I think Matthew's that don't encourage resigning from his position is not a corruption in anything, so he strange thing to me. I've been was right to send in his following him from high school resignation." days. He is a man with integrity and a very kind being. He doesn't encourage corruption in anything he does. Matthew is a straightforward person, and when I heard that he is an Assistant Minister to Ministry of Information, I was very excited when I heard President Boakai selected him, because I know that he is a qualified man and person like him President Boakai needs to bring in his government. But on the other hand, I knew that he wasn't going to still in that position because he is one of the few people I know

his position even though President Boakai, didn't sack Matthew. President Boakai only suspended it's just a waste. President



such a statement about the ministry or minister. The reason is that you cannot be working in the regime and criticize the same regime that is putting food on your table. It doesn't make sense. Let me tell you; when you are working in government, you close your mouth because you are part of them, so it is not you will be criticizing. It is the opposition's work to do that; his work is to promote the government out "I think Matthew Nyanplu was there, not to criticize, so he was very wrong for that."



"I think he was right to resign from him. Matthew waiting for investigation to see if he was going to be found guilty or not, Boakai said no business as usual, so he shouldn't be suspending people if they are smelling corruption in any of the ministries and try to speak it out. Government work is for you to protect and defend, not to criticize, so he made a very big mistake on Facebook, and said bad things about the good. As long you accept the position to be an assistant minister for the Ministry of Information, you are a watchdog for the government. You are there to protect, promote and defend the government, so he was wronged for the decision he took to resign."



The ongoing controversy over the outcome of a recent bid at the Liberia Telecommunications Authorities (LTA) appears to be far from over.

onrovia, November 26, 2024/ The Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC) will today,

selection of the presumed bid winner.

Mr. Zayzay's argument is that on the day of the bid opening, only two companies were

Meanwhile, leaked video and voice conversations between senior LTA officials and one of



November 26, begin hearing into allegations of irregularities that led to the selection of a "Ghost" company as the winner of a recent cyber security bid at LTA. The investigation follows a formal complaint filed by Mr. Aloysius S. Zayzay Founder & CEO SATZ Group of Companies highlighting issues of irregularities and fairness surrounding the bid evaluation process. The investigation is expected to see LTA's Acting Chair at the time of the bid, Madam Angela Cassell Bush, who chairs the International Gateway System, answer questions regarding the process leading to the selection of the "Ghost Company." Sources have informed this paper that the LTA is expected to ask for a postponement of the hearing so that the entity's former head of procurement, Prince Goah, can return to the country to participate.

However, in addition to Mr. Zayzay's concerns about the bid, there are allegations of money changing hands amid the secrecy surrounding the

present-SATZ and Millennium. He has continued to insist that only two bids were opened on that day and that LTA should come back days later to declare a third party as a winner without a document pointing to a readvertised bid, which speaks volumes. This paper had written to the LTA authorities requesting information on the entire bid process, including the number of companies that bid, the number of companies present during the bid opening, the criteria used to select the winner, the name of the winner, which is yet to be made public, and whether there was a readvertisement, assuming that none of the initial bidders met the criteria the LTA was seeking.

LTA Commissioners-Madam Bush 2nd from right

For more than two weeks, LTA officials have pushed the New Dawn around on the grounds that the paper had earlier published the story without contacting them.

However, LIA Commissioner Kamara had despite agreeing to have the head of procurement respond to the New Dawn questions, the LTA would later decide to respond at their own time.

listened to by this paper is telling.

As if that was not enough, according to internal sources, the LTA leadership had sought to bypass the bidding process by requesting a no-objection for a consultant who was never part of the bidding.

This consultant is expected to undertake tasks that mirror the Terms of Reference outlined in the RFP.

Mr. Zayzay is challenging, among other things the Unfair Evaluation and Rejection of Proposal: Section 20 (Tender Evaluation Criteria) of the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the Liberia Telecommunications Authority which required bidders to provide CVs of the firm's three (3) key staff members and the Unfair Evaluation and Rejection of Proposal: Section 20 (Tender Evaluation Criteria) of the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the Liberia Telecommunications Authority which required bidders to provide CVs of the firm's three (3) key staff members, and SATZ Group submitted three CVs for our key staff.

The Director General of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority of Liberia, Emma Metieh Glassco Monday, November 25, 2024, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Technical Cooperation in Cario, Egypt with, Major General AlHussein Farahat Mohamed, Executive Director of Lakes and Fish Resources Protection and Development Agency of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

ario, Egypt, November 26, international plan of action to aguaculture development, through monitoring, control, and programs.

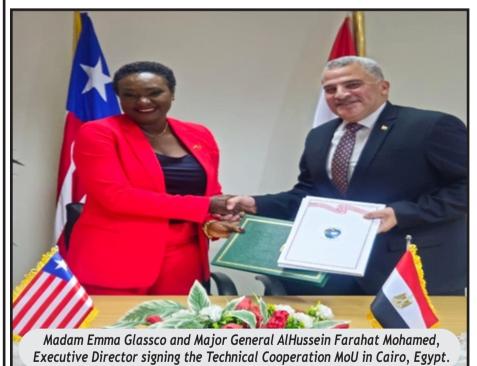
Cairo, the primary aim of the to transition from a dominated requirement. subsistence Fish Farming sector In addition, the MoU will allow and Aquaculture Sector of Liberia. experts exchange program for University of Liberia and other

collaborate on monitoring fishing. Meanwhile, in Aquaculture

amongst others.

2024/ The MoU focuses on prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, Unreported, and enhancing fisheries' governance Unregulated (IPOA-IUU) fishing and coordinate activities and cooperate surveillance (MCS), and directly and through relevant strengthening cooperation to Regional Fisheries Management conduct scientific research Organizations (RFMOs) in preventing, deterring, and According to a dispatch from eliminating IUU fishing activities. This will be implemented through MoU is to strengthen technical the exchange of data or cooperation between Liberia information in a standardized form and Egypt for mutual benefit and from records of vessels authorized facilitate trade thereby by both countries to fish in a increasing private sector manner consistent with any participation with a major goal applicable confidentiality

to full scale commercially viable enable Liberia and Egypt's respective Monitoring, Control, and To achieve this goal, the MoU will Surveillance practitioners or promote capacity-building enforcement personnel to opportunities for local farmers, cooperate in the investigation of students, researchers, and Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing activities and the Fisheries Department at the collect, maintain, and share data and information relating to such tertiary institutions, a scientific fishing. The two countries will fishery research program cooperate in transferring expertise and technology and cooperate to Moreover, a key objective of the make policies and measures MoU is to engage in trade compatible and develop facilitation and link the private cooperative mechanisms that allow sectors of Egypt to Liberia and inter agencies to respond to IUU



aquaculture.

and Egypt shall within their competence and by their respective relevant laws and regulations and also follow relevant international laws to cooperation in the areas of Fisheries Governance.

Moreover, under Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance, the joint analysis of data. -Liberia and Egypt shall develop, adopt, disseminate, and

implement the appropriate

control and surveillance services development, the MoU states that while at the same time sharing there will be technological skills technical knowledge and transfer in tilapia farming and the expertise and building development of native fish species institutional capacity in for commercial aquaculture operation, Expert exchange, and In the area of cooperation information sharing on Aquaculture according to the MoU, Liberia technological development, Best Management Practices (BMP), disease control and management and study and monitoring of the parameters of the rivers, coastal, and marine environment. encourage and promote Also, the MoU around Aquaculture

will look at the quality of fishery

and aquaculture products, and the

organization of working groups for

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2019. He was replaced by former Liberian President George Weah because of his long-standing relationship with President Joseph Boakai.

He has also served as the lead clinician of Elwyn in Philadelphia. Across different private health and psychosocial facilities, Dr.

Tapita District honors Medical

Kaizer has served as a in clinical Sociology from therapist and clinician.

Dr. Kaizer has over 15 years of solid experience in healthcare administration and clinical sociology.

He holds a Doctor of Healthcare Administration (DHA) from the Virginia University of Lynchburg in the United States and a master's

Marshall University with a concentration in Human Services. The program was attended by scores of citizens, including women, youth, elders, students, the district leadership, and staff of the JFD Hospital.



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ov't defends handover of Guinean national

The Liberian government reiterates that its recent handing over of a Guinean mercenary Ibriam Kahli Cheriff was in adherence to international law and protocol despite widespread criticism here.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah onrovia, Liberia, November 26, 2024-The Government of Liberia defends that its extradition of Guinean mercenary Ibriam Kahli

participation in mercenary groups, posed a threat to regional security. "By handing him over to Guinea, Liberia was upholding its commitment to

Guinea, including his regional peace and security, as

He cautions that all progress and development Liberia has made would be undermined if the country were to return to the instability and chaos it experienced in previous decades.Minister Piah stresses that government must exercise caution in its dealings with neighboring countries, especially on matters that affect their security, adding "Every decision made in relation to the extradition of the Guinean mercenary was done with the utmost consideration for Liberia's

negative effects.

While acknowledging that some details were not publicly disclosed, he reassures the public that the actions taken were in the country's supreme national interest, aimed at ensuring long-term peace and stability."Our priority is the security of Liberia and its people," he says, underscoring that every measure was carefully thought through to avoid any

national security."

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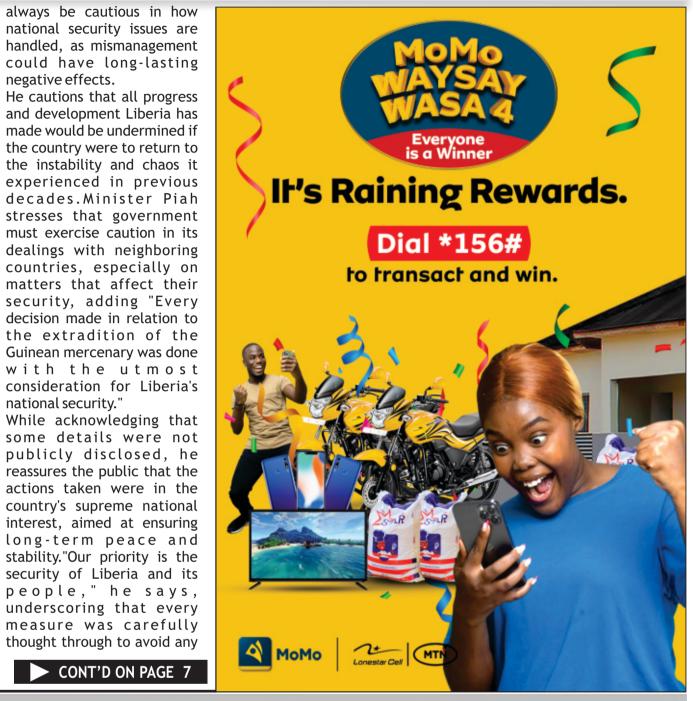


Cheriff was in line with well as honoring its obligations diplomatic protocols.

The Minister of Information, Cultural Affairs, and Tourism, Jerolinmek Matthew Piah, explains that Cheriff's alleged destabilization activities in

international law and under international treaties regarding the prosecution of criminals and preventing the use of Liberian soil for illegal activities", he maintains.

The government chief involvement in spokesman notes that Government of Liberia must





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