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2025

noting that the LTA's audit findings have been widely discussed in public.

During a press conference at the Unity Party headquarters in Monrovia on January 22, 2025, National Chairman, Rev. Luther Tarpeh, pointed out that the audit report implicated the suspended Commissioner and Acting Chairperson of the LTA, Abdullah Kamara, in the mismanagement of funds.

He emphasizes the need for fairness and consistency in addressing findings of the audit to ensure accountability.

"We call on you, Mr. President, to look into this audit report and all those implicated in these various audit reports submitted by the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) and the Ministry of Justice. We kindly urge that you investigate and subsequently prosecute any member of the government, who tries to steal from the Liberian people", Tarpeh urges.

He warns that if President Boakai failed to hold public officials accountable, the Liberian people will not only be disappointed but their hope will also be dashed, noting that swift and decisive action is necessary to restore public trust and demonstrate the government's commitment to fighting corruption.

Chairman Tarpeh also calls for an intensified fight against narcotics in Liberia, urging the government to be proactive and genuine in its efforts as it enters its second year.

He says drug cartels, who are ruining the future of

the younger generation, must be dealt with severely through the country's laws.

Subsequently, he points out that drug-related issues in the ghettos, which were multiplied under the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) government, remain persistent.

The Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA), according to him, should take serious action against the drug menace, while calling for monitoring of school campuses, as well as involvement from community leadership and local officials to fight this societal problem.

On the issue of unemployment, Tarpeh cautions the government to address the growing frustration among its partisans, who helped bring it to power but are now without jobs.

"Citizens are increasingly losing patience and

want basic needs like food, education, and healthcare to be met", he notes and calls for leaders to work harder to meet these expectations. Additionally, he issues a stern warning to the

President, stating that any official who is not performing to support the success of the ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID) should be fired and replaced.

He reiterates, "The Liberian people expect concrete actions, not political promises."

Tarpeh urges government officials to perform above and beyond to ensure the success of the agenda and to improve the lives of ordinary citizens. Editing by Jonathan Browne

Senator McGill commissions Ma Juah Health Center

Margibi County Senator, Nathaniel Falo McGill, commissions Ma Juah Memorial Health Center here.

By: Wise Wesseh

government-owned 14- Military the county. Hospital, a major referral For his part, the Chief Executive address their health needs.

Senator Nathaniel Falo McGill, on Wednesday, 22nd January healthcare system. service.

Addressing the commissioning system. program, Senator McGill Meanwhile, the Chief Medical Margibi.

pledges.

argibi, Liberia, January Senator McGill reaffirms his 24, 2025 - Healthcare unwavering support for the Ma Service remains a major Juah Memorial Health Center, challenge in lower Margibi describing the facility as the County an elsewhere in Liberia, largest health center and second as dozens of residents visit the only to the 14 Military Hospital in

hospital here, seeking to Officer of the Ma Juah Memorial Health Center, Amb. Charles Howbeit to mitigate healthcare Sleyon, pleads for financial challenge across lower Margibi, assistance to enhance productivity within Liberia's

2024, commissioned Ma Juah He emphasizes that the Memorial Health Center, to establishment of the health boost the county's health center represents a significant milestone for Liberia's healthcare

assured his commitment to Officer of the Center, Mrs. Korpo ensuring access to quality Pewee, drilled through the healthcare services across various services that the institution offers, including



"I want to assure you, that this surgery, laboratories testing, standard health service", he Jonathan Browne

is just another boost to our maternity procedures, diagnostic county health system. But we imaging (CT scans and X-rays), are not going to stop there, among others. The facility has until every single citizen, every over 75 inpatient beds and community, has equal access to private rooms. Editing by

Catholic Hospital's victim to be buried Saturday As family vows to pursue justice

The late Student Isaiah Benedicto Williams, who died at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital as a result medical procedural error, will be interred here tomorrow, Saturday, January 25.

By: Wise Wesseh January 24, 2025 - The the deceased's family. remains of the late Isaiah Benedicto Williams, victim of a Medical procedure error at St. Joseph's Catholic hospital are expected to be interred this Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Fendall Cemetery, along Kakata-Monrovia highway, NEW DAWN on Thursday.

The late Williams, was a candidate for enrolment at Lav Adventists University, Kigali, Rwanda. He died as a result of a medical procedure error in the operation theater at the Catholic Hospital in Monrovia.

The former graduates of St. of a failed anesthesia machine and Dental Council (LMDC) investigation revealed.

The 21-year-old victim had been admitted at the hospital to treat a hydrocele condition, before his accidental death. His family claims wrongful medication and overdose, but investigation points to mal-functioning anesthesia machine inside the operation theater caused his sudden death.

Liberia Medical and Dental Council subsequently fined the St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital

US\$ 30,000, for damage, onrovia, Liberia, including burial facilitation for

> Dr. NGOY-MULUME Thadee, who was in charge of the pending surgery, was fined US\$1,500 for presiding over a surgery without an active Medical license.

In her eulogy, the mother of the family sources confirmed to the deceased, Veronica Tayeah, laments that her son was students, including Williams' "murdered at the hands of the friends are calling on the St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital" and "robbed of his dreams and conduct a thorough aspirations" by Doctor investigation into the death of Thadee.Family spokesperson their colleague. Mohamed F. Fofana, confirms that the late Williams will be buried tomorrow, Saturday, 25 January after they concluded Edward's Catholic School with their legal team to bury succumbed to death as a result him before pursuing justice. Fofana reiterates that in the hospital, Liberia Medical the bereaved family will pursue justice by whatsoever means to

ensure that such incidents do not repeat here.

"We are not taking a cent from the hospital, and we are burying our son. After this, we will pursue justice by whatever means", Fofana says.

Meanwhile, the remains of the Besides, Congolese-Pediatric, late Isaiah B. Williams will be removed from the JFK Morgue at 7:00 am Saturday, January 25, 2025, and taken to Christ Redemption Ministries in Logan Town, Gbandi town community for funeral service at 9 am.

> At the same time, dozens of Ministry of Health (MOH) to

> "We believe our friend died from the consequence of a missed injection that was critical to his operation, and we believe a thorough investigation is essential to justice", Ben C. Johnson, head of the group says. Editing by Jonathan Browne



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evidence. "So, the scene is still preserved execution thereof, which we just as it was," he said, adding, have evidence that the burning "When the foreign experts is arson" he stated. the cake (he suggests that the regarding the names of persons knew that the occurrence was Council. consistent with that of arson," Col. Coleman said.

evidence to speak to by Othello B. Garblah

facilitation, conspiracy, and

come, they will put the icing on Commenting on the question foreign experts will agree with of interest, he said that the their preliminary findings). investigation is classified for However, from the day that now, and they can't disclose incident occurred and based on names, but that will be done the expertise on the ground, we based on the National Security

"We will brief you all again fully when the briefing has been done He noted that the final at the level of the National investigation is also being done Security Council, and some of in line with criminal our findings are declassified, investigation. "In this and we will be able to give them investigation, we have sufficient out to the press," he said. -Story



EDITORIAL

How St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital ignored professional medical standards, leading to death.

he incident that led to the death of a 21-year-old patient, Isaiah Benedicto Williams, at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Monrovia could have been avoided if the doctor and staff had taken dedicated care on duty. The unfortunate situation unveils the level of sheer recklessness by health authorities and health institutions across the country, resulting in countless deaths that usually go unchallenged.

But the family of the late promising Isaiah Benedicto Williams stood their ground in demanding the cause of death, especially so when there was no surgery performed on the patient for which the hospital had scheduled him to remove a hydrocele. The family complained to the Liberia Medical and Dental Council (LMDC) for wrongful medication and overdose that might have caused the death of their son, who was a candidate for enrolment at Lay Adventists University in Kigali, Rwanda,

Though the Catholic Archdiocese Secretariat of Liberia, coordinated by Ms. Yah Wynn-Gaus, subsequently met with the bereaved family and regretted the incident, findings released by LMDC uncovered the depth of recklessness by administrators at the St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital. The final verdict was released on Friday, January 17, 2025, by Chairperson of the Liberia Medical and Dental Council, Pediatric Doctor Benetta Collins Andrew, who found the hospital liable due to a lack of standard operation procedures.

According to Doctor Andrew, there was a serious medical error by the hospital, revealing that Patient Isaiah Benedicto Williams died as a result of a malfunctioning Anaesthesia Machine. According to her, the St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital did not have a properly functioning Anaesthesia Machine to perform a standard surgery.

"We also want to hold the hospital liable because even the doctor who was in charge of the operation, Dr. Thadee's license has expired, and as a doctor, you do not practice Medicines for even a second without an active license", Doctor Andrew explains. The LMDC reveals that complications arose after the late Isaiah received anesthesia administered by a nurse anesthetist, resulting in a severe reaction that ultimately led to his death.

Accordingly, the Saint Joseph's Catholic Hospital has been found liable and fined US\$30,000 for damages in the wrongful death of 21year-old Isaiah Benedicto Williams.

We can vividly recall similar incident when the Management of John F. Kennedy Medical Center (JFK) in Monrovia was found liable and ordered to pay US\$1 million lawsuit as general damages and US\$3.1m special damages for a wrongful surgical operation performed on one of its patients identified as Karen Gaydou Sehkehporh of Paynesville City. The trial was held in the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Civil Law Court at the Temple of Justice in Monrovia, but JFK Management pleaded not guilty and challenged the verdict that it argued was based on sentiments.

These lapses and more that go unreported should claim the attention of health practitioners and administrators on the need to exercise utmost | due diligence and care in handling cases to curtail avoidable deaths in our health institutions, inflicting pain on families and loved ones.

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By Jayati Ghosh

Decommodify Electricity

and in recent years many governments have distortions. pledged to reach net-zero greenhouse-gas long as they treat electricity, which is regulations, social norms, and subsidies any other market good.

factors, such as energy intensity, generated, distributed, and consumed.

framed the energy transition as a question intervention. of relative prices. In recent decades, wind the Ukraine war sent oil and gas prices to exit the sector. soaring.

Meanwhile, both developed and developing from the US and Norway to India. countries continue to increase fossil-fuel production and invest heavily in exploring Instability undermines the "bankability" of new reserves.

incomplete.

problem lies in the failure to confront two US. fundamental truths about the limitations of intervention.

Unlike conventional goods explicitly renewable energy.

EW DELHI - The international produced for trade, the commercialization of community has long recognized the fictitious commodities leads to inefficient urgent need to reduce dependence and unstable market transactions and on fossil fuels and shift to renewable energy, inevitably results in economic and social

emissions, albeit over extremely long To operate, these markets rely on extensive timeframes. But they will never get there so public intervention in the form of laws, central to the clean-energy transition, like both explicit and implicit. Such interventions create the illusion of a functioning market, even though prices and profits are ultimately The green transition is driven by several shaped by public and social mechanisms.

investment flows, consumption patterns, For much of its existence, Christophers and distribution systems. But its success notes, electricity was treated as essential hinges on humanity's ability to move away public infrastructure, with its production and from "dirty" fossil fuels toward clean, distribution operating outside the market. In renewable energy sources, particularly recent decades, the pursuit of profits has solar and wind. And that requires a profound fueled a global push to unbundle and transformation in how electricity is commercialize generation, distribution, and consumption. But, despite the façade of competitive markets, the sector still depends Economists and policymakers have long heavily on various forms of state

and solar costs have plummeted, driven by Electricity's unique characteristics pose technological advances - especially in significant challenges for the clean-energy China, where government interventions transition. Wind and solar power are have helped scale up green industries and inherently intermittent, resulting in drive down the so-called levelized cost of fluctuating output and price volatility. energy (LCOE). According to this widely used Compounding the problem, public subsidies metric for comparing power sources, for "green" investments can lead to renewables have consistently outperformed overcapacity during periods of low demand, fossil fuels, even before external shocks like while their withdrawal often causes investors

Moreover, although renewable energy has In theory, these developments should have become cheaper than fossil fuels, the profits expedited the global transition away from it generates are low and unreliable. fossil fuels. In practice, however, Christophers vividly describes this selfrenewable-energy sources merely cannibalizing dynamic, highlighting how it supplement the total power supply. has played out across different economies,

green projects, making it harder to secure financing for renewable energy. It should be The discrepancy cannot be fully explained no surprise, then, that the much-hyped by market forces or relative prices. Over the Glasgow Alliance for Net Zero, launched in years, many have blamed political leaders April 2021 at COP26 and championed by for the lack of climate progress, especially former Bank of England Governor and UN after climate-change denialists rose to Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance power in countries like the United States Mark Carney, has already begun to falter and Argentina. But this explanation, too, is after the six largest US banks withdrew from it in quick succession. This was before Donald Trump's return to the White House further As economic geographer Brett Christophers disincentivized such investment by issuing an argues in his book The Price is Wrong: Why Executive Order that effectively terminates Capitalism Won't Save the Planet, the real efforts to achieve a Green New Deal in the

open markets. First, the driving force But the solution is not to subsidize green behind private-sector investment and capitalism by derisking investments, production is not output prices but relative although such measures are unavoidable if profitability. Second, the nature of renewable energy is to remain viable. electricity makes it ill-suited to being Instead, the key is recognizing that "governed by the market," inevitably electricity is not a commodity. Consequently, leading to suboptimal outcomes in the we must restructure all aspects of energy absence of massive government production and distribution, encompassing renewables and fossil fuels alike.

Electricity, Christophers notes, aligns with Most importantly, achieving true economic historian Karl Polanyi's definition decarbonization requires governments to of "fictitious commodities." In his seminal adopt a more proactive approach. Instead of work The Great Transformation, Polanyi acting as behind-the-scenes market argued that land, labor, and money were not facilitators, policymakers must take direct intended to function within market systems. responsibility for producing and distributing

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Lord, what happening to ley Rescue Train na?

Dear Father:

So, they say whatin happening to ley Rescue Train na. You wan tell us it will reach to our owner junction na? I thought they say, it wor coming with speed? Oh, my son, you na hear ley news?

What news Father? Da whatin happening?

You na hear they say ley Rescue Train engine get some problem? Tehy say ley Train na start leaking oil.

You say whatin! So soon?

Oh, you jest hearing it. They say ley Rescue Train mon be dragging again-lol. Look all da speed thing you used to be hearing they say da vla.

You joking!

Okay, be there. they say ley Recuse Train engine started smoking before it could even geh on ley main road. You wan see ley Rescue crew fighting for their own survival on le Train?

Da lie...hahaha, are you killing me?

Be there, be talking leh you jest from Uncle Sam's village. You will soon know whether goat can start from G.

Father, what dog care about family planning-ehn da jest to born and leave it with ley owner to take care of it?

Where? Da na in this rescue era oo. You hear ley people say ley oil seal and ley gasket maker on ley Rescue Train fini, they telling everybody to be patient da ley play ley dog mon come lee him children eh.

Father, ley thing you talking ay making me scarry na oo. In fact, next week I will hustle to geh small money to carry my dog dem for family planning, because right now those three women dogs when they try it, it will na be small thing.

Oh, you na wait for ley Resuce Train to come for you again. The play weh ley people fighting to rescue themselves eh da ley play you want com be waiting and expecting-you will balance.

Father, dis one da true oo.

Be there, they will wait for you. The play ley man dem eh their teeth dem sharp, sharp.

Hmm, no wonder my man wor telling me ley other day that him wor going to Pekin man village to get some quick, quick spare parts.

Yes, oo. If ley village people na do something, they will really stay long inside oo.

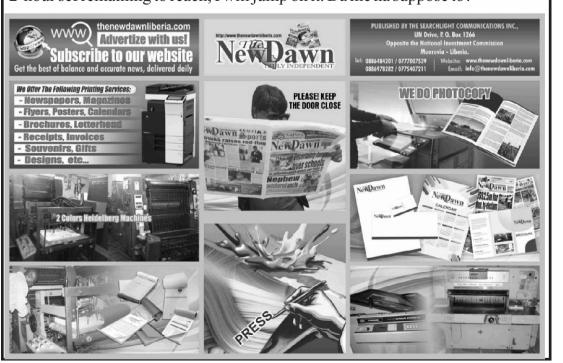
Hmm, this our village-kpo. So, all ley delay ley train on, not knowing our man dem fighting for themselves inside there instead of helping to make sure ley train pick up very fast.

Hmm, you know Father, I was listening to ley Pekin man dem light ley other day, I wor too shame for ley. Ley man jest looking for all kina means to geh ley kina attention he used to have before bor no way.

Ley thing ley people can say empty drum can make plenty noise da true. How our man will make noise na when him gut full.

You know, when we were growing up, our people used to tell us to stop talking when we eating. They used to tell us ay na civilized, Da na I understand. How you will talk sef, when your mouth full-ley food will be falling from your mouth.

Hmm anyway, me I will na give up I still waiting for ley Rescue Train, even if da 2-hour sef remaining to reach, I will jump on it. Da me na suppose to?





By Antara Haldar

COVID's Lessons Have All Been Forgotten

AMBRIDGE - In December 2019, as the world was looking ahead to a new year, a novel virus was quietly spreading in China, having most likely made the leap from animals to humans in a Wuhan "wet market." Soon, the COVID-19 pandemic would bring the world to a grinding halt, forcing billions of people into unprecedented lockdowns and shuttering economies worldwide. Five years on, we are still grappling with the effects of this "gray rhino": a high-probability risk that was nonetheless neglected or ignored.

What did we learn? For starters, the pandemic exposed fundamental flaws in the design of the global economy. In such a tightly interconnected world, the virus was able to spread globally in the space of just a few weeks, and governments, focused on short-term economic goals, were reluctant to do what was necessary to prevent or stop it. While the World Health Organization issued warnings, it lacked the resources or authority to take decisive action. As hospitalizations mounted, not a single health-care system in the world proved to be a match for the virus.

Moreover, inequality - both between and within countries - fueled heightened social tensions during lockdowns, exacerbating class and gender struggles, but also conflict between the Global North and South. In the wake of the vaccine rollout, wealthier countries hoarded doses while billions of people in poorer countries had to wait months or even years for access.

This "vaccine nationalism" was a strategic as well as a moral failure. New variants of the virus soon emerged, prolonging the pandemic and undermining the global recovery. The pandemic also exposed, and fueled, a loss of trust in institutions, as mis- and disinformation campaigns led to disaffection with government pandemic responses. Commonsense measures like social distancing and masks soon became deeply divisive political issues.

The pandemic also lent urgency to questions that can seem remote to the quotidian functioning of the economy. Should we think of the economy as independent of its host society, and can there even be a global economy without global institutions?

For a fleeting moment, it looked like COVID could be the wake-up call that would finally bring about greater economic solidarity. When the severity of the crisis became apparent, many governments did move relatively quickly to enforce lockdowns, protect vulnerable populations, and roll out fiscal and monetary interventions on an unprecedented scale to prevent an economic freefall. It was the first time in living memory that policymakers started listening more closely to epidemiologists than economists, prioritizing people over profits.

The virus illuminated the character of the "commons," blurring the line between individual and shared interest. It posed a collective-action problem that only a coordinated effort could address. Briefly, the widespread confrontation with death seemed to bring out a kinder, gentler side of society.

But a scientific breakthrough abruptly ended this moral state of exception. As the economic historian Adam Tooze argued, the mRNA vaccine allowed global capitalism to escape a reckoning once again. The pandemic clearly demonstrated that our current economic systems, with their myopic focus on short-term interests, are fundamentally ill equipped to deal with what the ecologist and microbiologist Garrett Hardin called a "tragedy of the commons." But this inherent fragility was soon papered over.

While the impetus for reform was lost, it is still obvious that we need international institutions that can align longer-term global interests with shorter-term incentives. The vaccines allowed COVID to be treated as an aberration, but we must not forget what it really was: A preview of the kind of planetary challenges that await us. In the face of climate change, uncontrolled artificial intelligence, and other developments, cooperative cross-border solutions are not a starry-eyed indulgence, but an existential necessity.

Since the pandemic lockdowns were lifted, we have largely gone back to business as usual, averting our gaze from the frailty of global supply chains that resulted in shortages of basic goods - the consequence of "just-in-time" manufacturing and overreliance on concentrated production hubs in the name of efficiency. Rather than reinventing our production networks to make them more resilient and decentralized, we are once again on a quest for the cheapest possible "world factory."

The "essential workers" whom we briefly honored, clanging our pots and pans, remain a largely non-unionized precariat lacking the assurances of a strong social safety net. The inequalities that we decried have grown only worse, with Oxfam observing that the pandemic left five billion people poorer, while doubling the fortunes of the world's five richest men.

Similarly, the outcry over racial injustice following the murder of George Floyd is now being dismissed as part of the "woke" agenda that US voters rejected at the ballot box in November. After two years of negotiations, the draft of a global pandemic treaty remains unsigned, and the seven million people killed directly by the virus have become mere

The sobering truth to remember for the new year is that threats like the climate crisis, unfettered AI, and rising geopolitical tensions, not to mention public-health risks like bird flu and mpox, are quietly gathering force - just as the virus was doing five years ago. There

are only so many times that science will come to the rescue. When it doesn't, will our institutions be able to protect us?

It is worth remembering that COVID-19 was a single "gray rhino," and it was enough to

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paralyze us. A herd of rhinos - the risk we face in 2025 - is called, fittingly, a "crash."

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Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE)

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Summary of the LACE Service Delivery Charter

The Service Delivery Charter (SDC) of the Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE) outlines its mission to alleviate poverty and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through community-driven development. This Charter serves as a social contract, defining LACE's service standards, objectives, and commitments to citizens of Liberia for the period 2025-2027.

Key Objectives:

- Foster a culture of responsive and high-quality service delivery.
- Define roles and responsibilities to enhance accountability.

 Promote transparency, continuous improvement, and ethical practices
- Strengthen public trust and align services with Liberia's national development goals.

Core Services: LACE provides infrastructure and social services to vulnerable communities focusing on poverty reduction and capacity building. Key programs include:

- implementation of community projects across Liberia.
- Economic infrastructure development for income generation. Support for women's participation in all projects.
- Assistance to community-based organizations in technical and managerial skills.

Customer Commitments: LACE guarantees:

- Timely and accurate service delivery.
- Professionalism, transparency, and confidentiality. Equal access for all citizens, including individuals with disabilities

Feedback Mechanism: Citizens can provide feedback or lodge complaints via in-person visits online forms, emails, or suggestion boxes. Complaints are acknowledged within 48 hours and resolved within 21 days, with an escalation process for unresolved issues

Values and Vision: LACE upholds respect, integrity, fairness, and continuous improvement. Its vision is to empower Liberian communities to lead their own development, ensuring equitable access to essential services.

Scope: The Charter applies to all LACE departments and locations, ensuring consistent service

LACE invites public engagement to improve its services and fulfill its mandate of community empowerment for sustainable development

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Finally, our deepest appreciation goes to our many hardworking and dedicated staff, particularly the frontline employees, who daily represent the Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment interfacing with our valued customers and providing quality services to meet their needs. Your efforts and professionalism will bring to life the spirit of this Service Delivery Charter.

Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE)

Starts from Back page Egyptian Aquaculture Delegation To Begin

the groundwork for high-level transformation in the sector.

The Liberian Fisheries Director General Meanwhile, Dr. Mohammed Sadek disclosed that Liberia is highly impressed with the gesture from the people of Egypt and looks forward to strengthening the partnership it has developed with the government of Egypt to boost agriculture development across the country.

At the same time, the head of the visiting Egyptian delegation to Liberia, Dr. Ahmed Saneveldin Mohammed Sadek assured that the Egyptian Government will ensure that the MoU signed in 2024 will yield positive results as they are in Liberia to gather facts on the aquaculture sector and later help development a workable strategy.Dr. Mohammed Sadek who is a member of the Lakes and Fish Resources Protection and Development Agency of Egypt disclosed through a PowerPoint presentation that the mission of the delegation is to conduct an assessment of water quality, assessment of the current several measuring tools.

have come with the sole purpose of laying situation of hatcheries and farms, and assessment of aquaculture facilities management among others.

mentioned upgrading aquaculture farms and hatcheries to achieve the best water quality and selecting suitable fish species for culturing as one of the goals of the Egyptian delegation. Others according to him, include improvement of aquaculture facilities designed, improvement in the management of aquaculture facilities, improvement of aquaculture workers' skills, and selection of suitable sites to implement new aquaculture activities.

Commenting on the methodology that would be employed to achieve the goals of the delegation Dr. Mohammed Sadek pointed out field visits to several aquaculture sites, communicating and meeting with stakeholders to evaluate the current situation, and connecting water samples to analyze the most important parameters for aquaculture by

Concerned United Methodists seek support for US\$156K school project

By Ramsey N. Singbeh, Jr., in Margibi argibi, Liberia, January 24, 2025 -The Weala District Superintendent V of the Concerned United Methodist Church in Liberia seeks support from philanthropists, well-meaning Liberians and supporters of the church in construction a junior high school that the purpose.

Rev. Augustine S. K. Dakepine, speaking at the 28th district conference of the Weala District under the Concerned United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January

costs US\$156,000.

junior high school that is being supported by members of the Annual Conference of the Concerned United Methodist Church. He assures well-wishers, philanthropists and supporters as well as members of the church that all funding raised for the school project will definitely be used for

He says they are deeply involved in development, building up manpower, infrastructure and ministerial institutions.

In a related development, Rev. Dakepine



22, 2025 in James Dennis Farm, Weala, Margibi County, where the project is being implemented, said "As you can see, like we said, we don't have anybody and you guys who are the watchdogs of the society, we also ask you to do a clarion call for us that those who can help people like us can come to help us."

The builders are however laying the first courses of the project from foundation

According to him, the project costs about one hundred and fifty-six thousand United States Dollars and some cents but it does

not have a specific timeframe because they have not raised the budget yet. Rev. Dakepine explains the project is a

buttresses the Concerned United Methodist Church Bishop, Rev Alexander Dolo Kerkulah's statement of reconciliation.

He notes that their arms are opened to those who are distancing themselves from the United Methodist Church because of its 'Regionalization Plan'.

The United Methodist Church here has been engulfed by protests and opposition to same-sex marriage and ordination of gay pastors and gay bishops, concerns the Bishop of the Liberia Annual Conference, Samuel Jerome Quire, Jr., has dismissed as unfounded. Editing by Jonathan **Browne**



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING



VANCANCY ANNOUNCEMENT **CODE:** MFDP/MCC/24/01/25

EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

POSITION NATIONAL COORDINATOR **APPLICATION START DATE:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 : FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 **APPLICATION END DATE**

CONTEXT

The Government of Liberia (GoL) and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) are embarking on a roughly three-year process to develop a five-year investment and policy program (Compact) to reduce poverty through economic growth. The NATIONAL COORDINATOR will lead these efforts, in close coordination with other members of the Liberia Compact Development Core Team and with the MCC Team in Washington, DC.

NATIONAL COORDINATOR

During the development of a compact program, each eligible country must mobilize significant financial and human resources, data and information, and critical inputs from its public sector, private sector and civil society. The National Coordinator leads these processes by managing the detailed day-to-day work of the specialized staff on the Compact Development Team and by engaging key stakeholders across government ministries and agencies, the business community and civil society organizations.

To be successful, a National Coordinator must be able to manage and respond to demands from multiple stakeholders, including politicians, business leaders and other influential segments of the public; coordinate multiple streams of complex tasks; delegate tasks without losing sight of details; communicate clearly and effectively; and inspire and motivate stakeholders and staff. A National Coordinator must be authorized to make decisions on compact-related matters and must have access to the highest levels of decision-makers within the Government in order to ensure compact development proceeds efficiently.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's or Doctorate Degree in management, business administration, public administration, finance, economics, law, communications or another relevant professional field.
- Ten (10) or more years of prior experience in senior management positions in a high-profile or strategic public sector or private entity.
- Demonstrated ability to manage a large institution, program or project with a staff of ten or more personnel and a budget of more than \$1 million annually.
- Outstanding leadership and organizational skills and the ability to work in large, multi-cultural teams. Ability to work well under the pressure of ambitious deadlines and high expectations.
- Prior experience in briefing high-level Government officials and supporting complex public-sector decision-making processes. Strong capacity to identify solutions to competing priorities.
- Significant prior experience working on economic development planning or the execution of economic development projects is strongly preferred. Experience working with international donor organizations and a combination of experience inside and outside Government also preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

DESCRIPTION OF MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate closely with senior Government officials to understand and effectively represent Liberia's priorities in the development of a compact program.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for the exchange of critical operational information between the Government and MCC, to include developing a clear and complete understanding of MCC's compact development process, requirements, and investment criteria.

Manage the entire compact development process on behalf of the Government,

to include guiding the initial analysis and assessment of economic development

- challenges; leading the identification of concept projects that will address those challenges, promote poverty alleviation and raise economic growth; coordinating the development and design of agreed projects that satisfy MCC's investment criteria and other requirements.
- Recruit well-qualified, specialized staff for a Compact Development Team and provide high-level executive leadership, management and coordination over its day-to-day work.
- Build, maintain and leverage effective relationships with key officials, offices, individuals and staff throughout the Government to ensure the dissemination of information, secure the commitment of all necessary information and resources, and motivate the timely completion of critical tasks.
- Report periodically to the Minister of Finance and Development Planning and to the President of Liberia as may be appropriate to provide timely updates on the status of the compact development process, obtain high-level support and approval for key decisions, and identify and resolve issues.
- Actively engage important political stakeholders, private business leaders, civil society organizations and international donors throughout the compact development process, and otherwise serve as a visible public representative of the Government's compact development efforts.
- Plan and implement periodic visits by MCC personnel and senior officials.

LEVEL OF EFFORT:

The **National Coordinator** should be available on a fulltime basis throughout the compact development process, which generally lasts up to three years. The role is rigorous and demanding, and for that reason, the National Coordinator should not have significant competing responsibilities during this time.

COUNTERPART STAFF:

The National Coordinator will work directly with MCC's Country Director (CD) for Liberia.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

applications MUST All be submitted via email mcc recruitment@mfdgov.lrby Friday, February 7, 2025, at 5:00pm GMT electronically ONLY.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING



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EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

SENIOR ECONOMIST POSITION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 APPLICATION START DATE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 APPLICATION END DATE

CONTEXT

The Government of Liberia (GoL) and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) are embarking on a roughly three-year process to develop a five-year investment and policy program (Compact) to reduce poverty through economic growth. The SENIOR **ECONOMIST** will help lead these efforts, in close coordination with other members of the Liberia Compact Development Core Team and with the MCC Team in Washington, DC.

SENIOR ECONOMIST

During the development of a compact program, each eligible country must assess its macro- and micro-economic environment to identify binding constraints to economic growth and their associated root causes, select projects that are likely to reduce poverty through economic growth, and identify the specific economic impacts and beneficiaries of each proposed project. The Senior Economist will support these efforts by gathering and assessing evidence on impacts of proposed projects, leading the development of the economic justification for selecting one or more proposed projects, and participating in the beneficiary analysis and economic rate of return calculation for agreed projects.

The **Senior Economist**vill also work closely with technical and monitoring and evaluation specialists to develop a results framework, define indicators, document existing baseline data for relevant indicators and project targets, and assess existing data quality

and data needs. Ultimately, the Senior Economist will be responsible for ensuring that each project in the compact program meets MCC's strict requirements for expected increases in economic growth and poverty reduction, with a particular emphasis on how proposed projects are likely to impact poor households and disadvantaged groups—including women—i.e., how projects will alleviate poverty through economic growth.

To be successful, the Senior Economist must be able to work collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams; lead and organize complex analytical exercises; gather, synthesize, and assess large amounts of data and information; reach conclusions in an environment of uncertainty and tight timelines; and communicate and write clearly and effectively.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's or doctoral degree in economics, public policy or administration, or a closelyrelated discipline.
- Five (5) or more years of experience in an economics or monitoring and evaluation position, preferably including work with international donors.
- Demonstrated ability to acquire, assess the quality of, and analyze data from local institutions such as government ministries and statistical agencies.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and analyze the factors determining or constraining economic growth, employment, firm investment and productivity and/or to analyze. and quantify the economic benefits of development projects in different sectors.
- Experience conducting economic research, cost-benefit analysis and beneficiary analysis is desirable
- Capacity to manage a variety of analytical tasks and demands with limited supervision and in a responsible and flexible manner, and to interact productively with government officials and other stakeholders.
- Demonstrated experience in Excel and in one or more of the following software packages for statistical analysis or database management, such as STATA, SPSS, R, SAS, CSPRO, or Access.

DESCRIPTION OF MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with MCC Economists and other staff to conduct growth diagnostics to identify the key constraints to economic growth in Liberia (and potentially, to growth of specific sectors), including accessing and working with government/ministry data and other data. Subsequently, work with MCC to carry out root cause analysis (through stakeholder focus groups and interviews) to understand the factors behind the constraints.
- Build an economic justification for any potential projects to address the constraints and their root causes, including a clear explanation of the ways in which projects will

increase economic growth and reduce poverty. Provide a rationale for the use of public funds and a clear explanation of the ways in which projects will impact economic growth, poverty, and regional trade.

- Contribute to the development of a detailed project logic (theory of change) for the proposed projects, working in close collaboration with other members of the MCC and Compact Development Teams.
- Work with MCC Economists to conduct a detailed analysis of the economic impacts of any proposed projects, including assessing the likely economic costs and benefits associated with each, disaggregated by income level/poverty status, social group, and gender.
- In collaboration with the MCC Economists and other members of the MCC and Core Teams, gather all required data and evidence to develop a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) model for each proposed project. Based on the CBA model, articulate a rationale explaining how proposed projects will impact intended beneficiaries. In particular, provide quantitative estimates of how the benefits of proposed projects are likely to be distributed among various beneficiaries, particularly poor households and disadvantaged groups—including women. For all of these tasks, liaise with MCC Economists to ensure that methods and approaches used are consistent with best available evidence and local context.
- Lead the Compact Development Team in identifying key indicators to measure the expected outputs and outcomes of proposed projects. Document baselines and targets for the indicators, based on sector-specific evidence, work plans, the CBA model, and anticipated results.
- Review existing data sources, particularly administrative data collected by government entities, for potential monitoring and evaluation indicators to assess availability of data, quality of data, frequency of reporting, and levels of disaggregation. Assess the quality of existing data systems and prepare any necessary proposals for addressing data quality gaps.

COUNTERPART STAFF:

The Senior Economist will work directly with MCC's Economics Analysis staff.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

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Réformer la LPRC : Le sénateur Chie appelle une restructuration du secteur pétrolier

Tugbe Chie, a plaidé pour une réforme structurelle de la Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC) et du sous-secteur pétrolier en aval, afin d'améliorer la

e sénateur du comté rôles de la LPRC, qui agit à la actuellement le sousde Grand Kru, Albert fois comme régulateur, décideur politique et opérateur commercial. Selon lui, cette situation constitue un conflit d'intérêts institutionnel qui freine le développement du secteur énergétique et l'accès des citoyens à une énergie

secteur pétrolier en aval. Elle agit à la fois comme arbitre et joueur en assumant les rôles de définition des politiques, de supervision réglementaire et d'opérations commerciales », a déclaré le sénateur Chie.

Il a critiqué le fait que la LPRC délivre des licences aux importateurs de produits pétroliers tout en opérant elle-même sur le marché. « Comment une institution peut-elle à la fois fixer les prix pour les importateurs et être un acteur commercial? », a-t-il interrogé, dénonçant une situation qui favorise un terrain de jeu inéquitable et freine la croissance du secteur privé.S'inspirer des normes internationales

Pour remédier à cette situation, le sénateur Chie a proposé une réforme alignée sur les meilleures pratiques internationales, où les rôles

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transparence et abordable. l'efficacité du secteur. S'exprimant le 21 janvier lors de la séance plénière du Sénat, le sénateur Chie <u>a dénoncé le cumul des</u>

Une organisation problématique « Nous proposons un débat national pour dissocier les fonctions de <u>la LPRC, qui contrôle</u>

L'épouse de Prince Y. Johnson pressentie pour l'élection sénatoriale partielle dans le comté de Nimba terminer le mandat entamé par son mari. »

peine le sénateur Prince Y. Johnson Ainhumé, les spéculations sur son remplaçant au Sénat s'intensifient. Son épouse, Mme Amira Boyidee Johnson, est pressentie comme candidate idéale pour briguer le poste vacant et poursuivre le mandat de neuf ans laissé par son défunt mari.

Dans une interview exclusive accordée ce Jeremiah Z. Whapoe, leader politique du Vision for Liberia Transformation Party et ancien candidat à la présidentielle, a plaidé en faveur de Mme Johnson, estimant qu'elle est la mieux placée pour perpétuer l'héritage politique de son époux.

Une candidate légitime et qualifiée

Le Dr Whapoe a souligné que Mme Johnson possède toutes les qualités requises pour poursuivre la vision et les projets de développement de son mari. « Elle est éduquée,

intelligente et proche des préoccupations des habitants. Elle comprend mieux que quiconque l'engagement de son défunt mari envers le comté de Nimba », a-t-il affirmé.

Il a ajouté : « Une question fondamentale se pose : qui remplacera le sénateur Johnson au Sénat? Avant que la vacance ne soit officiellement déclarée, de nombreux noms seront proposés. Cependant, je pense sincèrement que nous devrions soutenir Mme week-end à Nimba, le Dr Johnson. Elle mérite de

terminer le mandat entamé

Un appel à l'unité du comté Le Dr Whapoe a révélé que plusieurs habitants, don't des aînés, l'ont approché pour lui suggérer de se porter candidat. Toutefois, il estime que le comté de Nimba devrait témoigner du même soutien à Mme Johnson qu'il a toujours manifesté envers le sénateur Johnson. « Cette élection partielle est une opportunité pour le comté de s'unir et de montrer sa

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Éditorial

La négligence médicale à l'hôpital I St. Joseph coûte la vie à un jeune patient

Par Daron Acemoglu

Le décès tragique d'Isaiah Benedicto Williams, un patient de 21 ans, à l'hôpital catholique St. Joseph de Monrovia, illustre une grave défaillance dans le respect des normes médicales professionnelles. Ce drame, qui aurait pu être évité, reflète une négligence alarmante dans le système de santé du pays, entraînant des pertes humaines qui restent trop souvent impunies.

Isaiah devait subir une intervention chirurgicale visant à retirer un hydrocèle. Cependant, l'opération n'a jamais eu lieu. Face au manque de clarté sur les circonstances de sa mort, sa famille a exigé des réponses et porté plainte auprès du Conseil médical et dentaire du Liberia (LMDC), dénonçant une médication inappropriée et une surdose possible. Le jeune homme, sur le point d'intégrer l'Université adventiste de Lay à Kigali, au Rwanda, voyait son avenir prometteur brutalement interrompu.

Malgré une rencontre entre la famille endeuillée et Mme Yah Wynn-Gaus, représentante du Secrétariat de l'Archidiocèse catholique du Liberia, durant laquelle des regrets ont été exprimés, les conclusions de l'enquête menée par le LMDC ont révélé des fautes graves.

Le vendredi 17 janvier 2025, le verdict a été prononcé par la présidente du LMDC, le Dr Benetta Collins Andrew. Les conclusions sont accablantes: l'hôpital a été reconnu responsible en raison de l'absence de procédures opérationnelles conformes.

Selon le rapport, une erreur médicale majeure a été commise. La machine d'anesthésie utilisée pour préparer Isaiah à l'opération était défectueuse, ce qui a compromis la sécurité de l'intervention.

« Nous tenons également l'hôpital pour responsible car le médecin chargé de l'opération, le Dr Thadee, exerçait sans licence valide. En médecine, il est inadmissible de pratiquer sans une licence en règle, même pour une seconde », a déclaré le Dr Andrew.

Par ailleurs, l'anesthésie administrée par un infirmier anesthésiste a provoqué une réaction sévère chez le patient, conduisant à son

À l'issue de l'enquête, l'hôpital catholique St. Joseph a été condamné à payer une amende de 30 000 dollars américains pour dommages liés à cette mort évitable.

Cette affaire rappelle tristement un précédent impliquant le centre médical John F. Kennedy (JFK) de Monrovia. En 2022, l'établissement avait été jugé responsible d'une opération chirurgicale incorrecte sur une patiente, Karen Gaydou Sehkehporh, de Paynesville. Le tribunal avait condamné le JFK à verser 1 million de dollars en dommages généraux et 3,1 millions en dommages spéciaux. Malgré ce verdict, l'établissement avait contesté la décision en la qualifiant de sentimentale.

Ces cas, malheureusement fréquents, appellent une prise de conscience urgente. Les autorités sanitaires, les professionnels de la santé et les administrateurs hospitaliers doivent redoubler de vigilance pour garantir des soins sûrs et conformes aux normes. Il est impératif d'éviter de tels drames qui brisent des familles et ébranlent la confiance du public dans le système de santé.

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Réformer la LPRC : Le sénateur Chie appelle Starts from page 8 d'opérations commerciales seraient confiés à des institutions distinctes.

Il a évoqué les réformes réussies du secteur pétrolier en amont, où le cadre juridique a permis de répartir les fonctions entre l'Autorité de Régulation Pétrolière du Liberia (LPRA) pour la régulation, le ministère des Mines et de l'Énergie pour la définition des politiques, et la NOCAL pour les opérations commerciales. « Dans le soussecteur pétrolier en aval, cependant, les réformes recommandées par la Politique énergétique nationale de 2009 n'ont pas été mises en œuvre. La LPRC continue d'assumer des fonctions qui se chevauchent, créant un déséquilibre qui nuit au secteur », a-t-il souligné.

Appel à une action législative

Le sénateur Chie a invité les comités sénatoriaux compétents à examiner les lois existantes, notamment la charte de la LPRC de 1978 et l'Acte de 1989 qui lui confère un monopole sur l'importation et la distribution des produits pétroliers.

« Nous devons envisager la création d'une entité indépendante pour la régulation, ou attribuer cette fonction à une institution existante autre que la LPRC. Parallèlement, la LPRC pourrait se concentrer uniquement sur les opérations commerciales », a-t-il suggéré.

Il a également recommandé que la

de régulation, de définition des politiques et définition des politiques soit explicitement confiée au ministère des Mines et de l'Énergie, conformément aux principes établis par la Politique énergétique nationale.

> Une réforme en attente depuis 2009 Le sénateur a rappelé que la Politique énergétique nationale publiée en 2009 avait déjà identifié la nécessité de dissocier les rôles dans les secteurs énergétiques. Il a souligné les avancées réalisées dans le secteur de l'électricité, où les fonctions de régulation, de politique et d'opérations commerciales ont été clairement réparties entre différentes institutions.

« Dans le secteur de l'électricité, la réforme a permis de confier la régulation à la Commission de Régulation de l'Électricité du Liberia (LERC), tandis que le ministère des Mines et de l'Énergie définit les politiques, et la Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) se concentre sur les opérations commerciales. Ces réformes doivent désormais s'étendre au soussecteur pétrolier en aval », a-t-il déclaré.

Garantir un avenir énergétique équitable En conclusion, le sénateur Chie a appelé à une action rapide pour moderniser le soussecteur pétrolier, afin de garantir une gestion transparente et efficace, tout en offrant des services énergétiques accessibles et équitables à la population.

Un agent de la NSA traduit en justice

Dolewon, un employé de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA), a été traduit en justice pour avoir divulgué des informations sensibles à J. Fonati Koffa, président de la Chambre des représentants en difficulté.

Le terme « mole » désigne un espion ou un agent infiltré au sein d'une organisation, et Dolewon est accusé d'avoir trahi la NSA en agissant de manière déloyale.

Lors de l'enquête, Dolewon a révélé que Koffa, son oncle, avait reçu des informations confidentielles de sa part. L'enquête a également révélé que, depuis décembre 2024, Dolewon aurait utilisé son compte WhatsApp pour partager des informations sensibles sur la NSA, y compris des détails concernant des hauts responsables de l'agence, notamment leurs identités et leurs rôles.

Les accusations formulées à l'encontre de Dolewon

Dolewon, âgé de 40 ans, est accusé de divulgation illégale d'informations confidentielles, de mauvaise gestion de documents sensibles, de mise en danger d'autrui et de coercition criminelle.

Une enquête de la police a révélé que l'employé de la NSA aurait conseillé à son oncle de ne pas faire confiance à certains responsables de l'agence, notamment Steven Dolo, le directeur adjoint, qu'il aurait décrit comme impliqué dans des pratiques douteuses. Dolewon est également accusé d'avoir transmis des informations sur les positions et les activités des agents de la NSA, compromettant ainsi la sécurité de l'agence et de son personnel, ce qui a suscité des inquiétudes majeures concernant la sécurité nationale.



Violation des règles de la NSA

La divulgation non autorisée d'informations classifiées constitue une violation grave des règlements internes de la NSA, qui interdisent strictement de telles actions.

L'enquête a également révélé que les actions de Dolewon avaient non seulement mis en péril la réputation des responsables de la NSA, mais aussi compromis leur sécurité et entravé les efforts visant à préserver représentants, le Président enquêtes en cours visant plusieurs son entourage, Cllr. Koffa a la sécurité nationale. Lors de son interrogatoire par la police, contesté de la Chambre, Cllr. collaborateurs de Cllr. Koffa, fermement nié toute Dolewon a admis sa culpabilité et a imploré la clémence de ses supérieurs. Cependant, l'enquête a révélé que ses accusations de mauvais traitements par le directeur adjoint Dolo étaient sans fondement.

Autres développements concernant l'incendie du Capitole

Le gouvernement libérien a également inculpé Thomas Isaac Etheridge, chef de cabinet de l'ancien président Koffa, ainsi qu'Eric Susay, pour leur implication présumée dans l'incendie survenu le 18 décembre 2024 au Capitole. Les deux hommes ont été renvoyés devant le tribunal municipal de Monrovia pour leur procès.

Koffa lui-même avait été interrogé par la police concernant cet incident, qualifié d'incendie criminel, avant d'être relâché. Rédaction par *Jonathan Browne*

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L'épouse de Prince Y. Johnson pressentie pour l'élection

déclaré.

Selon lui, Mme Johnson devrait achever le « La remise du bâton à Samuel Kogar est un prochaines échéances électorales.

Samuel Kogar

loyauté envers la mémoire du sénateur. Kogar, représentant du district #5, le Dr C'est également un moment de continuité Whapoe a minimisé l'importance de cet pour son héritage politique », a-t-il acte, précisant qu'il ne s'agit pas d'un processus électoral.

mandat de son mari avant que d'autres rituel culturel et non une élection candidats ne se présentent lors des officielle. Cela n'accorde en aucun cas un pouvoir sénatorial. Si Mme Johnson décide Réaction à la nomination symbolique de de se porter candidate, M. Kogar devrait se retirer par respect pour elle. Elle incarne Interrogé sur la récente décision des aînés une figure maternelle pour lui et pour tout de remettre le bâton traditionnel à Samuel le comté de Nimba », a-t-il affirmé.

Le Président Koffa assistera-t-il au scours sur l'état de la nat

invité à assister au discours sur l'incendie du Capitole. l'état de la nation du Président Deux membres du personnel de identifier et poursuivre les éventuelle présence reste incertaine.

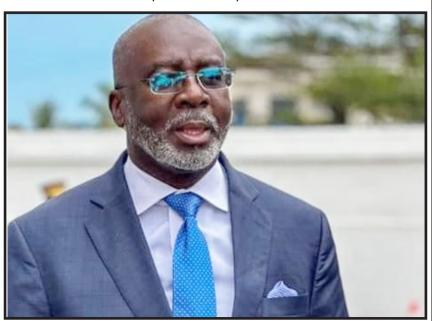
Bien que les députés suspendus, en grande majorité des partisans de M. Koffa, aient été interdits d'accès au Capitole, des sources indiquent que ce dernier figure parmi les invités officiels de l'événement.Le Président Boakai doit prononcer, comme l'exige la Constitution, son deuxième discours sur l'état de la nation (SONA) ce lundi 27 janvier 2025. Toutefois, en raison de l'incendie qui a ravagé récemment la Chambre conjointe, l'adresse sera exceptionnellement donnée en plein air, dans l'enceinte du

Capitole.

lors que les tensions Une invitation dans un climat janvier pour des chefs persistent autour de la tendu Cette invitation intervient d'accusation liés à cet incident. direction de la Chambre des dans un contexte marqué par les Malgré les soupçons pesant sur Fonati Koffa, a été officiellement suspectés d'implication dans responsabilité et a demandé une

Joseph Boakai. Cependant, son son bureau ont été inculpés le 20 responsables.

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House summons LTA, Mopt, and GSM companies and coordination, including mobile money services.

Over poor network in Southeast

Two lawmakers from the southeast have asked the House Plenary to ensure that telecommunications service providers and the state's regulators propose concrete solutions to resolve the network challenges in the southeast.

By Bridgett Milton

Telecommunications (MoPT), issues as an urgent concern. and the two GSM companies Williams explained how they network operators.

The two lawmakers have He lamented that many of the onrovia, January 24, highlighted the severe impact of affected residents in the 2025: The House of unreliable telecommunications southeast rely heavily on mobile Representatives has services on the lives of citizens technology for personal and summoned the Liberia and businesses in the southeast. business needs. Rep. Williams Telecommunications Authority In the letter to the Plenary, Rep. and his colleague emphasized (LTA), the Ministry of Post and Williams described the network the need for technical clarity



GSM companies

Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Representative Austin Taylor.

network problems affecting the hindered economic activities, residents. southeastern region of and caused untold The upcoming hearing Liberia. The state institutions hardships. "The southeastern underscores growing have been summoned along with region has been experiencing frustrations with the persistent network issues that performance of Lonestar Cell MTN and Orange have severely impacted the telecommunications providers Liberia are to appear on daily lives of our citizens," said in Liberia, particularly in Mr. Williams.

communication submitted by network has disrupted business pressure on the LTA as the Maryland County District 2 operations, leading to financial regulatory body to ensure that Representative Anthony losses for entrepreneurs and operators meet their obligations Williams and District 3 traders who rely on stable to provide reliable and communication for transactions equitable services.

mobile money services.

The communication noted broader implications of the network failures, including reduced access to essential services and difficulties in communication for residents.

from the LTA and the mobile

"Given the gravity of the situation, it is imperative that we seek a comprehensive understanding of the technical issues and the measures being taken to address them," they noted.

The lawmakers are requesting that the LTA, Lonestar Cell MTN, and Orange Liberia provide detailed explanations of the technical problems.

They want the institutions to propose concrete solutions to resolve the network challenges in the southeast. The plenary session is expected to address these concerns and seek immediate interventions to here to address persistent have disrupted daily life, ease the burden on affected

underserved rural areas.

The decision follows a joint He detailed that the unreliable It also highlights the increasing

will be a peacemaker

-UL President Dr. Maparyan

University of Liberia newly appointed president, Dr. Layli Maparyan, pledges to address student politics at the institution. By Stephen G. Fellajuah

onrovia, Liberia, January 24, 2025 - The newlyappointed President of the University of Liberia, Dr. Layli Maparyan, pledges to address issues surrounding student politics at the institution, particularly disturbances that are often linked to students' activities.

She expresses commitment to fostering peace and ensuring that the University becomes a more harmonious environment for learning. As a peacemaker, Dr. Maparyan aims to bring stability within the university, emphasizing the importance of peace for academic success.

Over the years, the University of Liberia has experienced recurring disruptions caused by studentbased organizations, leading to frequent class cancellations, violent confrontations, property damage, and disruptions to public movement. These disturbances have resulted in numerous protests, significantly impacting unacceptable. Such behavior, she notes, is harmful and undermines the institution's mission of providing a peaceful and productive learning environment.

Dr. Maparyan further continues that it is possible to express political views without resorting to harmful behavior. She expresses commitment to cultivating a culture at the University of Liberia where students can engage in political discourse responsibly and peacefully. This, she believes, will help create an environment where differing opinions can coexist without disruption or violence, fostering a more respectful and constructive campus atmosphere.

Dr. Maparyan made it clear that while she deeply cares for all students, whom she regards as her children, she must also set boundaries and hold them accountable for their actions. She stresses that while students are entitled to express their political



Purges Boakai to swiftly act o

President Boakai's ruling Unity Party wants the President to swifty act on audit report linking the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) to corruption.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah January 24, 2025 - The contract. ruling Unity Party (UP) urges President Joseph Nyuma Boakai to take swift action following audit report from the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA).

The party wants President Boakai to exert pressure on Justice Minister Oswald Tweh, and other relevant government bodies to prosecute officials found responsible for corruption.

The appeal is aimed at ensuring accountability and transparency in the wake of the audit findings.

A compliance audit of a Special Investigation at the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) conducted by the General Auditing Commission (GAC) revealed that the LTA failed to remit government revenue, and

illegally awarded its laws. onrovia, Liberia, headquarters construction The UP acknowledges

> December 31, 2023, was Boakai to take decisive action conducted in compliance with on the audit reports, relevant laws and regulations particularly regarding the LTA, consistent with the Auditor General's mandate as provided

for in Section 2.1.3 of the GAC Act of 2014, as well as in accordance with other relevant

government's efforts in The compliance audit, for the combating corruption, but year January 1, 2023 to emphasizes a need for President

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the academic environment and reputation of the UL.

During an appearance on State Broadcaster ELBC on January 22, 2025, Dr. Maparyan said that she values the diversity of opinions and political views within the university, noting that such diversity is beneficial for society, as it fosters a healthy exchange of ideas.

"The clash of differing opinions often leads to the emergence of truth, and this process is crucial for the intellectual growth and development of both individuals and the institution", she says.

Dr. Maparyan: "I think that is something that universities are meant to nurture, particularly in youth." However, she made a clear distinction between the expression of political views, organizing, or engaging in activities, and disruptive behavior.

She explains that while diverse opinions are valuable,

disrespectful, violent, and

views, harming others, destroying property, or disrupting the educational process is unacceptable.

The University of Liberia, she underscores, is an educational institution, and its primary function is to provide a conducive environment for learning.

She also emphasizes the importance of deepening students' political understanding through the university's educational process, expressing interest in engaging with student organizations to better understand their perspectives, asking them about the figures they admire and the sources of their political views.

Accordingly, she is eager to facilitate discussions and activities that promote value clarification, decision-making, and effective change-making.

Dr. Maparyan also acknowledges that college is a time for students to explore new ideas, express themselves, and develop their destructive actions are identities.

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Embattled House Speaker Cllr. J. Fonati Koffa has reiterated his claim of innocence in relation to the ongoing investigation into the Capitol Building fire incident.

onrovia, January 24, 2025/In a post on his official Facebook page

Fonati Koffa.

A day after the incident, Col. Coleman announced the arrest hours after authorities at the of 73 persons who were part of Liberia National Police listed an Antti-government



him among several lawmakers identified as persons of interest in the ongoing investigation, the embattled Speaker insists that he is innocent.

"I must reiterate that I am and remain absolutely innocent of any involvement in this event," Cllr. Koffa wrote, adding, "I again encourage the authorities to seek international partners' assistance to ensure a fair and impartial investigation."

Embattled Speaker Koffa, who is currently out of the country, further stated: "I understand that by a communication with the House of Representatives majority bloc, the Liberia National Police has invited me and others to assist in the investigation of the fire incident.

Since the unfortunate occurrence of this event, I have consistently cooperated and ensured the cooperation of all persons under my employ," he argued, insinuating that there was no need to invite him and others

through the opposing bloc. The Police invited Cllr. Koffa, along with Representatives. Saah Foko, Abu B. Kamara, Priscilla A. Cooper, J. Malvin Cole, and Jacob Debee are all members of his minority bloc. Fire gutted the Rotunda of the Capitol Building here early Wednesday morning, December 18, 2024. The Rotunda is the Joint Chambers of the Liberian Legislature. Until what has now been confirmed as an arson attack, it was being used by members of the majority bloc from the House. The fire incident occurred in the wake of an unresolved political turmoil between members of a majority bloc led by Representative Richard N. Koon on the one hand and a minority bloc headed by embattled House Speaker

demonstration at the Capitol a day before the fire incident in addition to a dozen others considered persons of interest among them was Representative Frank Saah Foko, who embattled House Speaker Koffa also accompanied.

The LNP invitation

Fast forward, in a letter dated January 21, 2025, addressed to Majority House Leader Richard N. Koon, Police Inspector General Col. Gregory Coleman explained that the embattled Speaker Koffa and the listed members of his minority bloc's insight into the fire incident could be crucial to uncovering the circumstances surrounding the incident.

"Given the sensitive nature of this investigation and the need for transparency, we would like to inform you that we have identified members of your House of Representatives as persons of interest to this ongoing investigation and will be calling them for questioning," Col. Coleman

Col. Coleman further noted that the LNP is committed to conducting the investigation professionally to ensure that all individuals' rights are respected.

"We are confident that the cooperation of the House of Representatives will significantly enhance our effort to prevent future occurrence of such incidents.

Col. Coleman "We respectfully request a meeting with the identified representative at a convenient time to discuss terms and framework of their participation in this investigation. The LNP is prepared to provide any necessary support and coordinate closely with your office to ensure a smooth and effective process."

Background

Police Inspector General Coleman's letter to the House's

Majority bloc leader requesting to speak with embattled Speaker Koffa and his supporters follows his recent pronouncement at a joint press briefing that the police have sufficient evidence to speak to facilitation, conspiracy and execution thereof. He says this evidence could prove that the burning of the capitol building was a result of arson.

"At this point, we are here to officially inform the nation that we have sufficient evidence to call the act at the Capitol Building an act of arson," Police Inspector General Col. Gregory Coleman told journalists here on Wednesday.

"Those people of interest have been reached and sent clear messages to come in and continue the investigation, and if they don't show up, they will be arrested. We will not tolerate such lawlessness," IG Coleman added.

"Those who did the act know themselves," he said, "and so, I hope that they will start to come in because, if they don't come or corporate, we will go for them," Col. Coleman went

The Investigation

Col Coleman narrated that as part of the investigation, which was jointly conducted by the police and the National Fire Service, the team analyzed the electrical system of the Capitol Building and found out that it had an automatic breaker system. The breaker switches off and shuts down the power system in the building whenever there is a shock.

He argued that up to the time the building was still in flames, the breaker did not switch off, instead it was still supplying power to the building. Col. Colman said this alone dismissed the fear of an electrical shock.

He explained that another thing investigators found out, which led to them dismissing the electrical shock fear, was that the smoke of the fire was consistent with an arson attack because it (smoke) was heavy and thick black.

Expanding on the investigation, Fire Chief Barwoul disclosed that the color of the flame on that day and the movements of the fire in separate directions of the smoke led investigators to conclude it was an arsonist attack.

The Fire Chief further explained that evidence gathered from the scene by the Liberia Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Liberia Petroleum Refining Corporation (LPRC), and their forensic team shows a container that had flammable substance within it on the

Foreign experts

Col. Coleman revealed during the briefing that the government had invited foreign experts to investigate the

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Senators oppose Boakai's CBL pick

Following President Boakai's pick of CBL Executive Governor, three Senators have raised objections because they said he didn't show that the Bank's suspended Executive Governor has resigned.

By Lincoln G. Peters

expressed disappointment over President Joseph Nyuma Boakai's appointment of a new Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) Executive Governor when the Bank's suspended Executive Governor has not resigned.

Those objecting to Boakai's CBL pick are Maryland County Senator J. Gbleh-bo Brown, Margibi County Senator Nathaniel McGill, and Nimba County Senator Nyan D. Twayen, Jr.

Their objection comes after President Boakai addressed a communication to the Liberian Senate on Thursday, January 23, 2025, seeking the confirmation of Mr. Henry Saamoi as the new CBL Executive Governor.But the objecting senators have insisted that there was no accompanying letter showing that the CBL's suspended Executive Governor J. Aloysius Tarlue had resigned.

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, President Boakai, in a communication to the Senate, nominated Acting Central Bank of Liberia Governor Henry Saamoi as Governor of the Bank and Mr.

regarding the status of the hree senators have suspended Central Bank Governor duly settled," pleaded.

Following his motion, Maryland County senator J. Gbleh-bo Brown urged that the communication be rejected until the issues that the Senate has with the Central Bank of Liberia can be duly addressed.

'This Senate has issues with the Central Bank of Liberia and everyone of us knoyw about it," Sen. Brown noted.

"Now, my amendment to this motion made by my colleagues is that the Communication should not be sent to the Committee until the issues we have with the Bank can be satisfied," Senator Brown stated.

For his part, Margibi County Senator Nathaniel McGill said that if the letter should be received and accepted by the Senate, the President should tell the tenure of the nominees.

"The Positions at the CBL are all tenure positions. What I didn't hear the president saying in his communication is the time limit for each of them," McGill said.



James B. Wilfred as the Deputy Governor.

"I'm pleased to submit these names for senate confirmation and they are Mr. Henry Saamoi as Executive Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia and Mr. James B. Providing clarification to the Wilfred as Deputy for Operation," President Boakai wrote.

"Now, it's my hope that this be given immediate consideration to make their operation fully operational," President Boakai stated.

Following the reading of President Boakai's communication, Nimba County Senator Nyan D. Twayen proposed that the communication be accepted and received by the Liberian Senate. However, he proposed that all issues regarding the suspended Central Bank Governor, J. Aloysius Tarlue be settled."Madam Presiding, I move that this Communication be accepted and received by the Liberian Senate and sent to the

Committee on Banking and

Finance but with all issues

By the law and status, he said he knows that the governor has a status tenure.

"And so, let the President tell us how long they are going to be there for," he concluded.

matter, Grand Bassa County Senator and President Pro-Teepro Nyonblee Kangar-Lawrence said that the communication can't be rejected.

Rather, she suggested that it can be sent to the committee room while issues regarding the bank are settled." What you do is to receive and accept the communication from the President and make a request regarding the concern which should be dealt with by the committee and brought back on the flow for you to debate and vote," she argued.

" If that is not done, you have the right to reject it," she added.



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ptian Aquaculture Delegation To Begin Tour of Potential Facilities Across Liberia

Egyptian Aquaculture Delegation is expected Friday, January 24, 2025, to begin touring aquaculture facilities in Grannd Cape Mount, Bomi, Montserrado,

three-man high-level Ibrahim, General Manager for Headquarters on Bushrod Fish Resources of the Authority Island, the Director General for Fish Resources Hon. Emma Metieh Gllassco Development, and Dr. Dawlat disclosed that the cardinal Ali Hassanin Mohamadin, purpose of the Egyptian Veterinarian of the Lake and Delegation's visit to Liberia is Fish Resources Protection and to gather first-hand

onrovia, Liberia- A Hany Mohammed Mabrouk held at NaFAA's Corporate



Lofa, and other Counties to Development Agency of Egypt. start assessing Liberia's aquaculture needs.

Aquaculture delegation is headed by Dr. Ahmed Saneyeldin Mohammed Sadek a member of the Lakes and Fish Resources Protection and Development Agency of Egypt. Others on the delegation include Engineer

According to a NaFAA Press Release, the Egyptian The three-man Egyptian Agriculture Experts will specifically tour potential aquaculture facilities at the Bong Mines Reservoir, Lake Piso, Gbedin Lowland, the Foyah Lowland in Lofa County, and other places.

Moreover, speaking Thursday during a welcoming ceremony

information on the country's Aquaculture state of affairs and to develop a comprehensive Aquaculture strategy for food sufficient. Hon. Glassco further stated that Liberia's Aquaculture solution will be developed with the help of Egyptian Aquaculture Experts who

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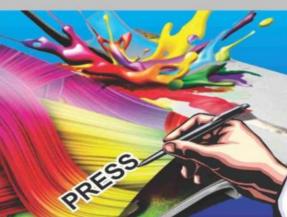
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