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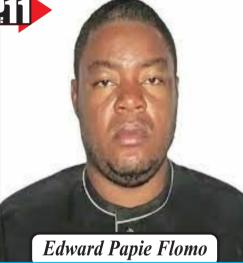














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Chad foils attempt to destabilise country - minister any specific information about those who had carried out the assault saving that there now

security forces had thwarted an alleged effort to destabilise the country on Wednesday night, after a group of people attacked the presidential

palace in the capital, N'Djamena. "An attempt at destabilisation has been foiled. Nineteen people died and six were injured, including 18 assailants and one soldier," Foreign Minister Abderaman

had's government has said out by people who were intoxicated. "They stabbed four guards, killing one and seriously injuring two others. A fourth guard was also injured, but his life is not in danger," the minister added.

He said that the attackers managed to penetrate a short distance into the premises of the presidency before being neutralised by security forces."I arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, and I was



Koulamallah told state TV.

He added that 24 individuals armed with knives, rather than guns, had attacked the guards around the presidential palace. Calm has now returned to N'Djamena.Earlier, sources close to the government had said clashes had occurred between security forces and "terrorist elements". But Koulamallah described the attack as a "disordered and incomprehensible attempt" carried

impressed by the military deployment. We have a very good army, and the Chadians can sleep soundly. Our country is well guarded," he said."We found that they had a lot of alcohol, small bottles of water filled with alcohol. It looks like whiskey or something like that. Also some drugs, they were completely drugged, at least the survivors."Six people have been arrested in connection with the attack but the minister did not give

assault saying that there now needed to be an investigation. Following the incident on Wednesday, tanks were seen in the area and all roads leading to the palace were closed, the AFP news agency reported.

Chad is a landlocked country in northern-central Africa which, since gaining independence from France in 1960, has seen frequent periods of instability and fighting, most recently between government forces and those of Islamist group Boko Haram.It is led by President Mahamat Déby, who was installed by the military in 2021 after his father, Idriss Déby, was killed in a battle with rebel forces after 30 years in power. Wedensday's incident came just hours after a visit to the former French territory by China's Foreign Minister, Wang Yi, who met Déby and other senior officials.Late last month, Chad held a set of parliamentary elections that the government touted as the first step in a transition from military to civilian rule.Opposition groups, however, urged their supporters to boycott the vote over concerns about voter fraud.Chad previously hosted a French military base, which France used to provide logistical and intelligence support to Chad's army as well as take part in regional counter-terrorism operations.In November, it ended its defence co-operation agreement with France, a move that Koulamallah said would allow Chad to "assert its full sovereignty".

US accuses RSF of Sudan genocide and sanctions its leader followed [with regards to the crisis]," Hemedti's adviser, El-Basha Thaeg, said in a post on

being punished for his role in and the double standards it "systematic" atrocities against the Sudanese people during the 20-month conflict. He said the RSF and allied militias were responsible for the murder of "men and boys - even infants", as well as brutal sexual violence against women on ethnic grounds.

The militias have also targeted fleeing civilians and murdered innocent people escaping the conflict, Blinken said."Based on this information, I have now concluded that members of the RSF and allied militias have

he US has accused the committed genocide in Sudanese paramilitary Sudan," he said.In response, Rapid Support Forces the RSF accused the US of (RSF) of committing genocide double standards and failing to and imposed sanctions on its effectively address the ongoing crisis.

US Secretary of State Antony "The decision... expresses the Blinken on Tuesday said failure of the [US President Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, Joe] Biden administration to also known as Hemedti, was deal with the Sudanese crisis

Basha Tbaeq, said in a post on his X account.

He added that this may complicate the Sudanese crisis and hinder negotiations to address the root causes of the conflict.The RSF has been fighting the Sudanese military since April 2023, and there has been a growing outcry about its conduct during the war.



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Mozambique tense as opposition leader returns from exile

Mozambique's opposition leader Venâncio Mondlane have been injured as police tried to break up the crowds who had come to meet him after his return from self-imposed exile on Thursday.

He had left the country saying he thought his life was in danger following October's disputed presidential election that sparked deadly protests. Mondlane landed at the main airport in the capital, Maputo, amid tension and heavy security, with thousands having gathered to welcome

His return came ahead of next week's swearing-in of Daniel Chapo as president. He was the candidate of the ruling Frelimo party, and was confirmed as the winner of October's poll by the constitutional court.

The final official results from declared by the country's highest court just over a fortnight ago gave Chapo 65%

upporters of which dozens of people have been killed.On Thursday, three people were shot and injured at one of the capital's markets following a brief rally held by Mondlane, police spokesperson, Orlando Mudumane said. Witnesses said that as the police were trying to disperse the crowd shots were fired. Those injured were then taken to hospital. There are other unconfirmed reports of fatalities.

The police spokesperson also told journalists that two off-duty officers had been attacked and killed in another province - Nampula.In his first comments on arrival in the country, Mondlane said that he was ready to talk about how to resolve the tension over the disputed poll, which he says was stolen from him.

"I'm here in the flesh to say that if you want to negotiate... I'm here," he said.

He added that he had come back to speak out against "atrocities" which he said were being committed against his supporters and to defend himself against allegations of criminal responsibility.

He also said he would "continue



Venâncio Mondlane maintains he won last year's presidential election alleging that the poll was rigged

of the vote and Mondlane, in fighting for this country and second place, with 24%.

Frelimo has been in power for current situation". Mondlane has the past five decades since been organising protests through independence from broadcasts on Facebook, but over Portugal. After having emerged from the airport building, video shows Mondlane kneeling on the ground with a Bible in his hand being cheered by supporters.

The 50-year-old Pentecostal preacher began to pray and then said that he had won the election.

"I, Venancio Mondlane, president-elect by the Mozambican people... elected by the genuine will of the people - swear on my honour to serve the Mozambican homeland and its people," he declared.

He said he was returning to be closer to the protest movement

that has seen weeks of

nationwide demonstrations in

head of his landing, the airport was heavily guarded with police officers trying to prevent Mondlane's supporters from reaching the area. Mondlane said his return was "a unilateral decision" that did not result from any political agreement. He has previously said he would install himself as president on 15

January.BBC

preventing the continuation of the

the weekend announced his

impending return, saying they "don't

In a defiant message he said: "If [the

authorities] want they can kill me,

need to chase me anymore".

but the fight will continue".

Since the October election, waves of protests have left more than 270 people including protesters, children and members of the security forces dead, according to rights groups.

DITORIAL

The Sethi incident: Government How to Achieve Universal Access to Digital Should share some blames too. To ONDON/BRASÍLIA – We often take necessary data for each transaction, enablished to achieve to access to Digital to a shill to the sh

t is hardly believable that a huge steel manufacturing company like Sethi Steel Factory would operate in Liberia without license and other requisite operational documents. Sethi also faces concerns over safety issues that its employees have protested against for time in memorial.

The glaring deficiencies came to public attention when an Oxygen explosion at the factory killed an employee on Monday, February 19, 2025, with reports of injuries, though the company says there was no injury besides the death of an employee, Saah Samukai.

Perhaps what is even more disappointing and disgusting about the incident is disclosure by the Environmental Protection Agency that Sethi that enjoys a monopoly on building materials such as steel, zinc, nails and others, has been operating in the country without license.

"This is a serious matter, because a Liberian's life has been taken away, so my team of the EPA has come to observe and find out exactly how the accident took place.

And we have gathered in our preliminary findings a bit of safety concerns; there are several things: some are good and some are bad, and we must take the bad ones very seriously", EPA Executive Director, Dr. Emmanuel Urey Yarkpawolo, told reporters last week.

But how come that the EPA, under the watch of Dr. Emmanuel Urey Yarkpawolo did not know that Sethi Steel Factory has been operating in | the country without license and safety gears for its workforce, most of whom are Liberians, who do the physical labor-intensive aspect of the job.

We are getting to know now that it took Dr. Yarkpawolo and the EPA more than a year since he took office in 2024 to visit Sethi Steel Factor which is less than an hour's drive from central Monrovia to Japan Freeway in Gardersville to know that the company has been operating outside of Liberian law.

"The first thing, when we heard about the accident, our team came immediately and shut down the factory; another thing, we have observed Sethi Ferro has been operating without license, and we are going through the investigation for a stringent action", he added.

The Government of Liberia has reportedly fined the company US\$5,000 and shut it down, for operating without license and standard safety policies. However, it took the death of a fellow Liberian to have Dr. Yarkpawolo and his team at the EPA do their job of proper monitoring and enforcement of required safety regulations.

We wonder how many companies out there across Liberia that are having their way, violating the laws of the country and endangering public lives, especially Liberians that work in those places just to earn a living at the expense of their lives.

We are hearing that the House of Representatives has summoned the Ministers of Labor, Commerce, Bureau of Concession, Environmental Protection Agency and Serthi Ferro Fabrik Steel Factory to appear before it this Tuesday, 25 February to address the oxygen explosion at the factory that led to the death of an employee.

Plenary took the decision last Thursday, 20 February based on a communication from Rep. Ivar K. Jones of Electoral District 2, Margibi County.

In his communication, Rep. Jones cites Article 8 of the 1986 Constitution, which guarantees just and humane working conditions for all citizens, stressing that the government must ensure that factories operating in Liberia adhere to strict safety standards.

"When people leave their homes in the morning to go to work, their families expect them to return safely. If safety measures are not enforced, and these investors continue to operate without regard for human life, then this is a concern for all of us", he emphasized.

However, it is glaring that both the Legislature and the Executive are paying lip-service when it comes to safety and enforcement of laws on the book, leaving the citizenry vulnerable. The two important branches of government are preoccupied with achieving their selfish desires at the detriment of the people they claim to serve.

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key to accessing essential services like health through secure verification methods. care, banking, and registering property Second, governments must work closely with

in person and online.

digital IDs by 2030 is within reach.

On the demand side, digital IDs promote civil society and media professionals. Platform have shown that such programs can dependence on proprietary vendors. be implemented cheaply and efficiently.

unique needs and cultural norms.

regulate digital IDs, also pose a risk of misuse effective implementation. responsibly.

experts on digital infrastructure under the sustainable business models. auspices of the 17 Rooms initiative to develop manage these systems.

maintain credibility, and build public trust. internationally supported solutions. Similarly, setting transparent, independently scalable development.

and designed to minimize data collection. expressed here are the authors' own. Taiwan, for example, collects only the

ONDON/BRASÍLIA – We often take necessary data for each transaction, enabling the ability to prove our identity for users to disclose personal information ✓ granted, but a government-issued ID is selectively – a practice known as meronymity –

ownership. And not everyone has one. That is civil-society partners to mitigate risks and why United Nations Sustainable Development develop compelling use cases. One possible Goal (SDG) 16.9, which aims to "provide approach is to create public-facing mechanisms legal identity for all" by 2030, is so important. that allow civil-society organizations to test ID Digital IDs are even more valuable. Unlike systems and identify potential issues early on. physical documents, they cannot be lost, Jamaica's experience with digital IDs serves as stolen, or destroyed. Digital IDs have been a cautionary tale. A lack of engagement with especially important in war-torn Ukraine and non-government stakeholders has led to flood-ravaged Brazil, where they enabled widespread distrust, slowing adoption and citizens whose physical documents were lost reducing the system's effectiveness. By or destroyed to receive critical support - both contrast, the West Africa Journalists Association has bolstered state accountability Despite these advantages, an estimated 850 by training journalists to use digital public million people around the world lack legal infrastructure (DPI), including digital IDs, to identification. But growing demand and monitor and report on government actions. emerging technological solutions suggest that Other initiatives, such as SlashRoots in the the goal of achieving universal access to Caribbean and Taiwan's g0v movement, underscore the importance of engaging with

financial inclusion, increase economic Third, reducing the cost of digital IDs is vital, participation, and help curb benefit fraud. particularly for smaller countries with limited According to McKinsey, digital ID programs resources. This requires an ecosystem of opencould boost a country's GDP by 3-13% in source solutions that can be deployed using 2030. On the supply side, the past decade has local talent, infrastructure, and preferred provided valuable insights into the technologies. Off-the-shelf systems are less opportunities and challenges associated with flexible, but they offer a cost-effective way for digital ID systems. Notably, low-cost tools governments to implement digital IDs while like the Modular Open Source Identity maintaining national sovereignty and avoiding

Fourth, establishing stronger global technical But significant challenges remain. For and governance standards is crucial. The UN starters, nearly one billion people without Development Programme's DPI safeguards, digital IDs are spread across dozens of endorsed by all 193 UN member states as part countries with different governance of the Global Digital Compact, provide a solid arrangements, demographic structures, and foundation for designing safe and inclusive technological capacities. A one-size-fits-all DPI, including digital IDs. But translating approach is neither practical nor desirable, as guidelines into action requires practical toolkits ID systems must be tailored to each country's to help governments establish multistakeholder governance structures, introduce Governments, which typically issue and balanced privacy and data controls, and ensure

or abuse. In the absence of legal frameworks Lastly, emerging economies need sustained for a standardized global approach, international support to develop and maintain policymakers must establish robust digital ID systems, while civil-society safeguards to ensure ID systems are used organizations also require training to monitor implementation effectively. By directing To this end, we recently convened senior resources toward strengthening open-source policymakers, civil-society leaders, and software, international donors could help foster

These five approaches can and should be strategies for improving and expanding digital tailored to national contexts. Large countries ID systems. Participants sought to identify like South Africa and Indonesia are best "good patterns" for digital IDs that – if equipped to develop customized, large-scale reinforced by international organizations and digital ID systems that can serve as models for funders - could help governments deploy and others. Governments of mid-size economies must cultivate an ecosystem of civil-society National statistics agencies offer a useful actors to help guard against state overreach and model. In many countries, these agencies are misuse. And smaller countries with limited relatively insulated from political pressures, state capacity and weaker private-sector enabling them to protect data privacy, incentives would have to rely on low-cost,

The SDGs recognize legal identity as the defined standards for the design, foundation of societal inclusion and economic implementation, and maintenance of digital opportunity. We now understand the key ID systems can facilitate responsible and strategies that governments, civil-society groups, companies, and funders must adopt to We propose five approaches to designing achieve universal access to digital IDs. It won't reliable digital ID systems. First, both digital be easy, but the potential benefits are enormous. and physical IDs are more trusted when they This commentary draws on insights generated are testable, tailored to individual preferences, through the 17 Rooms Initiative. The views

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Lord, is this now a "House of Cards"?

ear Father: You know, for the last few months, our chiefs at the Traditional Council have been busy trying to remove their Paramount Chief. Some say, they want to move him because he na want to play ball, others say, ley man can't act like society man, so him mon go.

But ley man too say, him na going anywhere. But ley man da Kru man na. Ley way Kru people get hard hay. Da small pepper they put in da boy noise.

Aah, da lay thing sef there.

But Father, leh put all joke aside, this thing ay serious ooh. They people na turn our Traditional Council into a House of Cards?

Tell me something!

Yes, oh Father. Do you know that ley Footballer people thought they wor going to sacrifice ley Paramount chief, because they say ley man dana their own man?

So, they went to do their math na, they say for ley sake of the Kountry Giant return in 2029, ley Paramount chief being there will put sand in their gari. So, ley best thing to do was to remove him and put him deputy paramount chief there who is from their camp.

Now, while they were doing this, they went in bed with ley Oldman children them, not knowing say one of ley Oldman sons was being prepared to take over as Paramount chief.

Now, you na see ley way power is playing? So, everybody was playing everybody, until boom! Ley Footballer children come to know say that all ley thing them they were doing was to put ley Oldman son in power.

Da where ley Footballer children them having ley problem na. They know say they na come too far to go back.

So, to make things happen quick, quick, ley Papay na step inside-him say ley Paramount chief mon resign.

You say whatin!

Father, da benny seed popping in my mouth! Ley people doing everything to make sure da hard hay Kru man move from there.

What they na do?

Father, haven't you heard da they na remove all ley Blue Uniform people them from around him?

You joking!

Father da na joke ooh. They say even ley Papay and him people them say da ley Chief them who want remove ley Paramount Chief they want to do business with.

Ley other night, ley Papay na go call ley man to him official residence stopping place just to tell him to resign?

You say whatin?

Da Fire, be sitting down there let people be lying to you da ley Papay innocent-puaah because he can act like slow poison?

They say ley Papay say, he na wan work with this Paramount Chief, he wan him own Paramount Chief.

The other day, they mon come go to ley Palavar Hut again. Ley Elder them say, all ley thing them ley chief them doing to remove their Paramount Chief ay wrong.

The next week, ley Papay say, da their own they talking, all him know, he na wan see this man as Paramount Chief-ley man mon resign.

Da lie!

Father, da na joke oo. Ley Papay say, him people say, they wan ley Paramount Chief job for their party so anything they say that what him will go bye-see trouble.

So, what happen to ley people from ley Footballer camp na?

Father, ley people from ley Footballer camp na stick in ley middle. Shame na grab them. So, to put up some dry face, they say, they na suspend their man.

And all this one, ley Kru man say he na going nowhere. Da Kru man hay hard like iron rock. Oh, you na hear ley thing him say ehn. Him say if they leh, they mon move all him security them, all him know, him still Paramount chief.

Hmm, da na small thing happening in your village oo.

Yes, oh, Father. But ley thing here is, ley people na know Kru man. Ley people hay so hard da during ley slave trade, ley slave owner them used to make announcement and say-they mon na bring Kru man because ley Kru people use to bear gee on ley ship and make all ley other slave them to bear gee too.

So, ley only way they had peace was to put ley Kru man in charge on him friend themda how ley started playing their guitar them and today we have highlife music.

You can play with Kru man?

Father da na joke ooh-ley people hay hard.

But ley Oldman too ya, him na see nobody to go mess with but Kru man...

OPINION

by Steffen Hertog, Faris Al-Sulayman

A New Gulf Growth Model

ONDON – Over the last three years, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) has signed agreements with leading multinational companies to build new manufacturing facilities in the Kingdom. Yet, despite sufficient oil wealth to entice global players, past attempts at this type of industrial policy did not bear fruit. Is this time different?

There are signs it might be, owing to multiple factors, such as improvements in state capacity and infrastructure and the declining cost of renewable energy. Perhaps even more important is the Gulf monarchies' growing ability to understand and manipulate the shifting geo-economic landscape to carve out a place for themselves in global value chains, which have become increasingly contested with the rise of major rival blocs.

It is not just Chinese companies that have started to engage with the region. In the United Arab Emirates, Microsoft recently signed a \$1.5 billion agreement to invest in the state-owned tech company G42, and the Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri has formed a joint venture with the Emirati technology and defense conglomerate EDGE Group to export naval vessels to non-NATO partners.

These developments are occurring against a backdrop in which states in the region have become prolific entrepreneurs — a phenomenon that is particularly visible in Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Seeking to industrialize and modernize through a distinctly state-capitalist model, domestic sovereign wealth funds have established or acquired dozens of firms in a variety of sectors, and these have become the preferred partners of foreign industrial players looking to set up shop in the Gulf. But while the vast resources and capacity provided by the state have created a host of new opportunities, it remains to be seen whether there is sufficient market discipline to establish a sustainable, export-oriented industrial strategy.

Combined with the expansion of this state capitalist model, today's shifting geopolitical landscape may offer new opportunities. Multipolarity and the rise of alternative blocs such as the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, plus five other emerging economies) have given relatively autonomous middle powers like Saudi Arabia and the UAE a stronger negotiating position, allowing them to muscle in on global value chains that previously lay beyond their reach. Talk of a BRICS currency and de-dollarization of some of the Gulf's trade with China may be little more than a trial balloon for now, but nonetheless reflect shifting geopolitical winds.

This new dynamic has been on display in trade talks between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and counterparts like the European Union and the United Kingdom, in attempts to attract global finance, technology, and sport to the region, and in the economic relationship with China – the GCC's most important trade partner. Saudi Arabia's recent hosting of preliminary talks between US and Russian diplomats is an early sign of the central role to which Gulf states are aspiring under US President Donald Trump's second administration.

These changes in the international system, combined with a more muscular industrial strategy aimed at attracting multinationals, have fueled a rapid change in fortunes. As recently as 2019, Toyota publicly declined to invest in a manufacturing facility in Saudi Arabia after lengthy talks, citing high labor costs, a small domestic market, and the absence of a local supply chain. Yet since then, as competitively priced green energy, automation, a low cost of capital, and geo-economic fragmentation have become more important, Saudi Arabia's west coast has emerged as a nascent electric-vehicle hub. Foxconn, Hyundai, and Lucid are investing in manufacturing facilities aimed at serving the Gulf, Africa, and European markets.

Similarly, while Microsoft is investing in the UAE, Lenovo recently broke ground on a manufacturing facility in Saudi Arabia. There has also been a substantial increase in investment commitments targeting the region's digital infrastructure, especially green data centers, owing to the cheap cost of solar, abundant land, and low-latency connectivity to a wide range of markets.

Following a slow start, renewables are now being deployed at a rapid pace across most of the region, and this trend is helping Gulf states localize important parts of these value chains. Already, two of the world's largest solar panel manufacturers – China's LONGi and JinkoSolar – are planning assembly lines in Saudi Arabia in partnership with the PIF. Moreover, the proliferation of cheap renewables supports the case for an export-oriented green-hydrogen strategy. The world's largest such facility should open in the Saudi northwest in 2026, and the UAE and Oman have plans to host other, similarly notable projects.

As the AI race has elevated the importance of low-cost green energy, capital, and land, Gulf policymakers have already been able to sharpen their industrial strategies. If an escalating trade war ensues, they could narrow their focus further. Governments in the region will be in a strong bargaining position if China wants to use manufacturing investments in the Gulf to continue selling to markets that are closed off to direct Chinese exports. Trade tensions between great-power rivals – and, apparently, friends – will tend to benefit middle-power markets that have ample capital and infrastructure, even if they are not always the most cost-competitive.

Betting on this kind of industrial strategy is not without risks, though. Globally, it is not yet clear that newly fashionable industrial policies are working out so well. The United States and Europe might take steps to keep Chinese products out of their markets even if they are produced outside of China. And some Gulf countries are trying so many things that their capital and managerial expertise is being stretched thin. Nonetheless, the coming months and years may represent the best chance the region has ever had to develop a viable post-oil growth model.

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SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Bids [IFB] for Works

IFB Number: NIC/ADB/SAPZ/OCB-I/001/2025

Employer: National Investment Commission of Liberia (NIC)

Project: Liberia Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ)

Contract title: Construction Works for a 4.27km non-existing Access Road to the

> Buchanan SEZ/SAPZ Site, Construction of perimeter fencing with a signature gate, and Site grading for the 210-ha piece of land for

the SAPZ.

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The Government of Liberia, GoL, has received financing from the African Development Bank (ADB) hereinafter called the Bank towards the cost of the Liberia Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Construction Works for 4.27km nonexisting Access Road to the Buchanan SEZ/SAPZ Site, Construction of perimeter fencing with a signature gate and Site grading for the 210-ha piece of land for the SAPZ. "For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing."]

Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)

The National Investment Commission of Liberia (NIC) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Construction Works 4.27km non-existing Access Road to the Buchanan SEZ/SAPZ Site, Construction of perimeter fencing with a signature gate and Site grading for the 210-ha piece of land for the SAPZ for a construction period of 18 months.

Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), OCBI procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework. The new procurement Framework is effective as of the 1st of January 2016 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the National Investment Commission of Liberia, Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Andrew Anderson, Project (aanderson2024@gmail.com, aanderson@investliberia.gov.lr boimahgibson@gmail.com) and inspect the Bidding document during office hours from (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the address given below: (National Investment Commission of Liberia, M&E Professional Building, UN Drive/ 2nd Floor Room-15, Project Implementation Unit).
- The Bidding document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of USD300.00. The method of payment will be through Cash, Cheque, or Wire Transfer (A/C Title: National Investment Commission/ A/C No. 002USD21223005201/ Bank Name: Liberia Bank for Development & Investment LBDI). The document will be sent only by Electronic Mail (email).
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 2:00 pm on April 10th, 2025. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below;

National Investment Commission of Liberia Conference Room, 1st Floor, M&E Professional Building, UN Drive, Monrovia, Liberia

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- "Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document."
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IN RE: THE PETITION OF GERALD PADMORE AND JAINE PADMORE STEGALL, PRAYING YOUR COURT TO ADMIT INTO PROBATE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE GEORGE ARTHUR PADMORE OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA.

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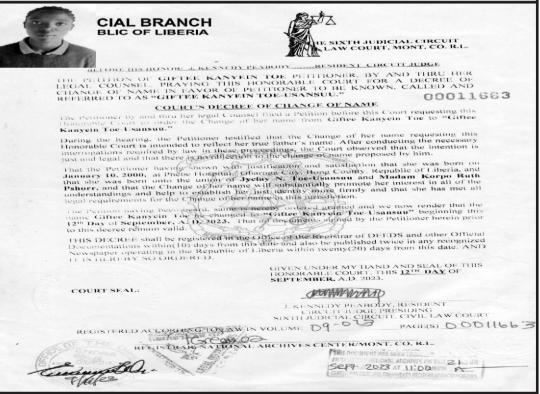
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Farmer Cooperative in Nimba optimistic of boosting yields with support from partners.

in Gbedin, Nimba county, Jefferson Mealor grateful," Mr. Mealor notes. says support received from the Accelerated In its first phase of rice production, the (ACDP) has transformed his cooperative.

received farm equipment and implements, equipment to reach their target. development, and handling and headds.

management of agrochemicals. "For instance, the cooperative received new 101 acres of

onrovia, Liberia; February 28, office space. We can properly maintain our 2025- The co-chairperson of machines following training opportunities Dokodan Farmers' Cooperative provided by UNDP. For this, we are

Community Development Programme Dokodan Cooperative targeted over 400 acres with 309 acres already cultivated. He According to UNDP, Dokodan Farmers mentioned that they need additional

post-harvest processing machines, "The cooperative aims to cover about 410 improved rice seeds, fertilizer, basic acres but needs additional equipment. farming tools to increase productivity, and Right now, we can only manage 309 acres. capacity-building training at different But if we receive additional support, levels of governance, business especially from UNDP, we could expand,"

He says expansion will cover an additional

machines and even improvements to our undeveloped CONT'D ON PAGE 11

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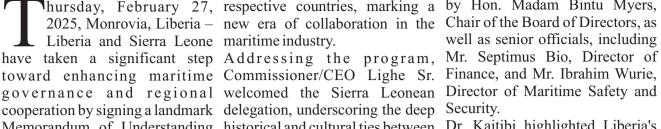
beria and Sierra Leone sign maritime collaboration pact

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hursday, February 27, respective countries, marking a by Hon. Madam Bintu Myers, Liberia and Sierra Leone maritime industry. their maritime sectors.

2025, Monrovia, Liberia - new era of collaboration in the Chair of the Board of Directors, as

toward enhancing maritime Commissioner/CEO Lighe Sr. Finance, and Mr. Ibrahim Wurie, governance and regional welcomed the Sierra Leonean cooperation by signing a landmark delegation, underscoring the deep Security. Memorandum of Understanding historical and cultural ties between Dr. Kaitibi highlighted Liberia's (MoU) aimed at strengthening the two nations. He emphasized global reputation as a leading the importance of maritime maritime nation and expressed



Sierra Leone's eagerness to learn from its expertise. "This collaboration with Liberia is significant due to its reputation as a major maritime nation. Sierra Leone can benefit from Liberia's wealth of experience and enriched maritime history," he stated. For his part, Mr. S. Tornorlah

Varpilah, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Liberia Maritime Authority, echoed similar sentiments, affirming the Board's full support for the initiative.

He stressed the importance of strengthening bilateral relations and looked forward to a future where the partnership evolves into a fully autonomous framework for maritime progress.

The agreement is expected to pave the way for greater cooperation in key areas, including information sharing, marine environmental protection, and maritime security. As both nations strive to expand their maritime industries, the MoU is seen as a strategic move to leverage regional cooperation for sustainable growth and development.



The agreement, signed today at the cooperation in improving headquarters of the Liberia livelihoods and fostering Maritime Authority (LiMA) in sustainable development. "The between the two West African industries of both nations," he nations.

Neto Zarzar Lighe Sr., and the resilient." Executive Director of the Sierra Leading the Sierra Leone

Monrovia, establishes a purpose of this partnership is to framework for capacity building, enhance capacity building and technology exchange, and technology transfer while improved maritime governance strengthening the maritime said. "Collaboration in these areas The Commissioner/CEO of the will ensure that our maritime Liberia Maritime Authority, Cllr. sectors become more robust and

Leone Maritime Administration, Maritime Administration (SLMA) Dr. Daniel Kaitibi, signed the delegation was Executive Director agreement on behalf of their Hon. Daniel Kaitibi, accompanied

Capt. Jerry Kollie describes Rep. Kolleh leadership as a disgrace.

By: Edwin N. Khakie ong County, February

28, 2025/ In a scathing criticism of District #2 Representative James M. Kolleh, Captain Jerry Kollie, a resident of the district and former representative candidate, has described the lawmaker's leadership as a disgrace to the people of District #2 and Bong County by extension.

According to Captain Kollie, Rep. Kolleh has failed to fulfill his promises to the people of over the needs of his raised by Captain Kollie. constituents.

though Kolleh has been in office the situation. for years now.

people of District #2. He has failed to bring any meaningful development to our district and has instead enriched himself at the expense of our people," Kollie stated.

expressed disappointment and frustration with Rep. Kolleh's leadership.

They are calling on the lawmaker to step up and fulfill his duties to the people or step down and allow someone else to represent the district and prioritize the people's

In response to the criticism, when contacted by a journalist, Rep. Kolleh's office stated that "we are not in the position to respond to any nonsense."

District #2 and has instead However, the statement failed to prioritized his personal interests address the specific concerns

The people of District #2 continue Kollie pointed out that the to suffer due to their district lacks basic amenities representative's lack of leadership such as good roads, healthcare and development, and they are facilities, and schools, even calling for urgent action to address

Mr. Kollie also criticized Kolleh "Rep. Kolleh has abandoned his for his lack of transparency and duty to represent and serve the accountability in handling the district resources.

> He alleged that Rep. Kolleh has been mismanaging funds meant for development projects and using his position for personal gain.

Senate passes Act to create Western Region University

n the wake of President Joseph economic growth in the is among Liberia's mineral-Boakai's calls for authorities to Western Region by rich areas, with a growing raise the standard for university developing a skilled population of approximately accreditations, the Senate continues population to support key four hundred and eight

Monrovia, Liberia, February 28, mining, healthcare, etc. 2025): The Liberian Senate has Established in 2005 and majority of whom are young passed an Act to repeal the 2012 Act formally enacted in 2012, people. that established Bomi Community Bomi Community College is The Senate's decision to College and create Western Region Liberia's oldest government- repeal and pass this Act is in University.

by a report from its joint committee (A.A.) degrees in various Liberia, which grants the on Education and Public fields over a two-year period. Legislature the authority to Administration, Judiciary, Claims The Western Region, which and Petition, and Ways, Means, includes Bomi, Gbarpolu, and Finance and Budget recommending Grand Cape Mount Counties,

the passage of the bill. The report cited its potential to improve access to higher education and contribute to development in the western region.

When the bill is concurred with by the House of Representatives, Bomi Community College will be transformed into Western Region University, based in Tubmanburg, Bomi County, with authority to offer bachelor's and professional degrees.

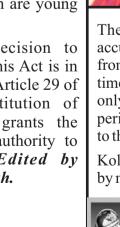
Additionally, it aims to drive

to pass acts establishing universities. sectors such as agriculture, thousand, five hundred and

owned community college, accordance with Article 29 of The Senate's decision was triggered awarding Associate of Arts the 1986 Constitution of

sixty-seven inhabitants,

enact laws. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah.





The frustrated resident also The people of District #2 say they accused Kolleh of being absent are fed up with Kolleh's leadership from the district for most of his and are calling for a change. "We time in office, saying that he need a representative who will only visits during campaign prioritize the people's needs and periods to make false promises work toward bringing to the people. development to our Kollie's sentiments are shared communities," Captain Kollie by many in District #2, who have stated.-Edited By Othello B. Garblah





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nforce establishment of WECC Sen. Snowe eyes hosti

-Cllr. Gongloe tells Boakai-Koung By: Edwin N. Khakie

Interacting with a team of journalists in Gbarnga on February 27, 2025, Gongloe highlighted the importance of holding accountable those responsible for heinous crimes committed during Liberia's civil wars, including warlords, government officials, and leaders of armed groups.

arnga, Bong County, February 28, 2025. / Former Presidential Candidate Cllr. Tiawon Gongloe has emphasized that justice must be served for the victims and survivors, adding that the establishment of a court would help bring closure to the country's painful past.

Cllr. Gongloe said there is also a need to address economic crimes that have hindered the country's development and contributed to widespread poverty.

He urged the government to investigate and prosecute those who have embezzled public funds and engaged in corrupt practices.

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The former 2023 Presidential candidate also called on the international community to support the establishment of the court and provide resources to ensure its effectiveness.

He emphasized that the court should be independent and impartial and have the necessary resources and mandate to carry out its duties.

The call for a war and economic crimes court in Liberia has been ongoing for years, with various human rights organizations, civil society groups, and victims' associations advocating for its establishment.

However, the previous administrations of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and President George M Weah failed to implement the court, citing a lack of resources and political will.

However, Cllr. Gongloe and other advocates are hopeful that the current administration will take decisive action in ensuring justice is served for the crimes committed during the civil wars.

Cllr. Gongloe told newsmen that the establishment of a war and economic crimes court is crucial for Liberia's future, as it would promote accountability, uphold the rule of law, and prevent future atrocities.

He called on the government and international community to act swiftly and make the court a reality.

The human rights activist also stressed the need for the government to prioritize the establishment of a strong and independent justice system in Liberia to ensure accountability and protect the rights of all citizens.

The resolution of the war and economic crimes court was signed by the Executive branch of government, the House of Representatives, and the House of Senate. It aims to address issues that have hindered Liberia's progress and development in the past. Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

-Wants Liberia to launch official bid

By Lincoln G. Peters

Weeks after Liberia locally launched its bid for a non-permanent member seat on the UN Security Council, discussions are underway for the country to launch its bid to host an ECOWAS institution here locally.

government ministries and agencies economic development. to ensure that Liberia bids to host some of ECOWAS' institutions.

Sen. Snowe's appeal was contained in a communication to Presiding Officer and Grand Bassa County Sen. Nyonblee Karngar-Lawrence on Thursday, February 27, in open session.

The Bomi County Senator argued that the withdrawal of Burkin Faso, Niger and Mali from the regional body has left institutions hosted by

apitol Hill, February 28, addition to the leadership that Liberia 2025/ Bomi County Senator would assume by hosting an 'Edwin M. Snowe has begun ECOWAS institution or agency, the rallying support of colleagues at the country would benefit from jobs that Senate to work with relevant would contribute immensely to its

> " In view of the forgoing, I therefore, respectfully request Plenary to mandates the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways, Means & Finance to work with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance & Development Planning to achieve this goal of Liberia being a host of, if not all, but one of these ECOWAS institutions and/or agencies that would help provide jobs for Liberians, thereby contributing to economic





The National Transit Authority's management reports that a brand new fleet of buses is expected to resume public transport services across the country soon.

Transit Authority (NTA), Edmund F. are operational. Forh, says all necessary procedures He outlines a five-year strategic plan According to the NTA, fare for months.

He says the buses are being procured across the country. through a Liberian-based company, The NTA director reveals that three AB International.

on February 27, 2025, at the National Monrovia and its surroundings. Transit Authority headquarters along Routes for these buses include: Japan Freeway, Mr. Forh detailed specifications of the vehicles, which comprise 35-seated buses and 20seated buses, along with three cargo trucks.

The total value of the procurement is approximately US\$3.9 million.

He emphasizes that the introduction of these buses will significantly address transportation challenges faced by Liberians, who frequently stand in long queues under harsh weather conditions, waiting for transport vehicles.

"We have also developed a plan to cater specifically to the transportation needs of the elderly

onrovia, Liberia, February and students," Mr. Ford says, 28, 2025 - The Managing indicating that these demographics Director of the National will benefit greatly once the vehicles

have been completed through the encompassing standard operating passengers traveling from ELWA Public Procurement and procedure, human resource Concessions Commission (PPCC) procedure, and financial for the arrival of brand new buses in management practices. These Liberian Dollars. the country within the next three reforms aim to enhance efficiency Mr. Forh expresses his intention to

Speaking in an exclusive interview will soon commence operations in mismanagement attributed to the

By: Naneka A. Hoffman

- 1. Duala to Po River
- 2. ELWA Junction to Boy Town (Margibi County)
- 3. Red Light to Broad Street, central Monrovia.

Junction to Boy Town and from Duala to Po River will be 100

and reliability of transit services honor dedicated staff for their unwavering support over past year. He took the helm of the NTA in new Tata buses, recently acquired, March last year, following a period of previous administration under the former ruling CDC.



those countries in limbo.

In January of 2024, Military Authorities in Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso announced their withdrawal from ECOWAS.

Snowe stated that the withdrawal of the three countries has also affected the jobs of about 130 ECOWAS staff who are citizens of those countries, suggesting that bidding to host some, if not all, of those institutions could help create jobs for Liberians

According to him, currently, ECOWAS provides 77 jobs from Burkina Faso, 23 from Mali and 32 from Niger. The institutions currently being hosted in those Furthermore, he named the Regional Sports Development Centre (EYSDC) also in Burkina Faso, ECOWAS Regional Animal Health in the three Member States.

"Madam President Pro-Tempore and distinguished colleagues, while we hopefully anticipate that authorities in the three Member States will reconsider their decision to withdraw from the community, we equally believe that should the withdrawal goes through, Liberia is in the best position to bid for the hosting of one of the affected ECOWAS institutions or agencies, or benefit from some of the programs and projects that could be stalled as a result of their

withdrawal" Senator Snowe argued. He further mentioned that in development," he explained.

Sen. Snowe also informed the Plenary that he had written to Foreign Minister Sara Beyslow Nyanti and Finance Minister Augustine Ngafuan on October 9, 2024, as part of efforts to help secure a national interest in officially launching Liberia's bid.

Snowe noted that in his said communication to both Foreign Minister Beyslow-Nyanti and Finance Minister Ngafuan, he urged them as members of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers to give due consideration to this proposal and, if necessary, initiate the process of organizing Liberia's bid and lobbying efforts in this regard.

countries are the West African Support Program for Pastoralism in Health Organization (WAHO) in the Sahel (PRAPS, financed by the Burkina Faso, ECOWAS Youth and World Bank), USD 215 million for the three States, and the Sahel Regional Irrigation Support Program (PARIS, Financed by the World Bank), USD Centre in Mali, and regional offices 103.43 million for the three States, as stalled projects.

> Senator Snowe also mentioned the USD 230 million Regional Food System Resilience Support Program (FSRP) funded by the World Bank for the three states.

"West Africa Single Identity and Regional Integration and Inclusion (WURI) project. The ECOWAS Regional Electricity Market (West Africa Power Pool) project that links all member states to a regional electricity grid for improved access to electricity involves the three member states," he added. edited by Othello B. Garblah.

Nyonblee Karngar-Lawrence menacée de destitution en tant que Présidente du Sénat

a Présidente du Sénat, Nyonblee Karngar-✓ Lawrence, fait face à une menace croissante de destitution, alors que les spéculations et les manœuvres s'intensifient au sein de

l'Unity Party (UP), actuellement au pouvoir, une décision qui aurait tendu ses relations avec le Vice-Président Jeremiah Koung.

Des rapports indiquent que M. Koung, se sentant menacé par l'influence croissante de Mme

Une influence politique en question

La question de son éviction était déjà évoquée dans les coulisses du Sénat, mais le soutien qu'elle a récemment gagné auprès de plusieurs sénateurs, notamment après son annonce mettant fin à la collaboration entre le LP et l'UP, semble avoir ravivé les tensions.

Lors de la récente convention de réconciliation du Liberty Party à Congo Town, Mme Karngarsein de la hiérarchie de l'UP.

perçoit cette prise de position comme une menace et serait à l'origine d'une tentative de "coup de palais" pour l'écarter de son poste. Il chercherait ainsi à affaiblir son influence et à limiter son ascension politique à

Lawrence a déclaré que tous les accords ayant réuni les deux formations politiques en vue des élections de 2023 étaient désormais caducs. Cette déclaration aurait suscité un profond mécontentement au Des sources au Sénat affirment que le Vice-Président Koung

l'approche de 2029.

Des tensions internes et des accusations

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l'hémicycle.

Selon des sources parlementaires, la sénatrice du comté de Grand Bassa a récemment retiré le Liberty Party (LP) de son alliance avec distances et chercherait activement à orchestrer sa destitution, notamment par crainte de son poids politique en vue des élections de

Karngar-Lawrence, prendrait ses

Affrontement entre l'armée et la police à Paynesville : un climat de chaos et de défiance

ne violente confrontation entre des membres des Forces armées du Liberia (AFL) et de la Police nationale libérienne (LNP) a éclaté à Paynesville, mettant en évidence un climat d'anarchie au sein des forces de sécurité, censées pourtant faire respecter la loi.

Une escalade de tensions

L'affrontement s'est produit sur SD Cooper Road, après qu'un militaire de l'AFL, circulant à moto, a violé une conducteurs de mototaxis par la police. Identifié comme le Des blessés et une inquiétude sergent Loyarty S. Garven, l'officier était en civil au moment de son interpellation et aurait refusé de s'identifier, ce qui a conduit à son arrestation musclée par des agents de la circulation.

L'arrestation brutale du sergent Garven, largement diffusée sur les réseaux sociaux, a déclenché une réaction immédiate de plusieurs soldats de l'AFL. En signe de représailles, des militaires ont affronté les policiers qui appliquaient l'interdiction de circuler aux conducteurs de motos commerciales.

Violences, tirs et panique

Selon des témoins, la tension est identifié comme William K. montée d'un cran lorsqu'un soldat de l'AFL aurait frappé un policier, déclenchant une bagarre générale. Des échanges de coups ont suivi, et la situation s'est rapidement détériorée, des tirs ayant été signalés des deux côtés.

« Les soldats passaient à moto sur la route principale lorsque les policiers ont tenté de les arrêter. C'est alors qu'un militaire a giflé un agent, et la bagarre a éclaté », a raconté un témoin, Flomo Piah.

Les habitants de Paynesville, pris de panique, ont assisté impuissants interdiction imposée aux à ce conflit entre deux institutions censées garantir leur sécurité.

grandissante

Au moins un agent de la LNP,

David, a été blessé et hospitalisé au John F. Kennedy Medical Center à Sinkor. D'autres policiers auraient également été agressés avant de fuir la scène.

Des rapports indiquent que plusieurs autres blessures ont été recensées, les soldats ayant pris le dessus sur les policiers lors des affrontements.

Cet incident met en lumière un grave problème de discipline et de coordination entre les forces de sécurité libériennes. Il soulève des inquiétudes quant à l'autorité de l'État et la capacité des institutions à faire respecter l'ordre dans un contexte déjà marqué par des tensions sociales et politiques.



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<u>L'anarchie s'impose au Capitole</u>

Par Daron Acemoglu

a crise qui secoue la Chambre des représentants du Liberia a franchi un nouveau seuil d'escalade avec ✓ l'intrusion violente des députés majoritaires dans les bureaux du président contesté, J. Fonati Koffa. Destitué dans des circonstances controversées, ce dernier a vu son espace de travail investi de force par des élus déterminés à imposer leur autorité, sans aucun mandat judiciaire.

Soutenu par l'Exécutif, le bloc majoritaire a ainsi agi en marge du cadre légal, affichant un mépris flagrant pour l'État de droit et la Constitution. Une telle démarche, indigne de législateurs, remet en cause les principes démocratiques qu'ils sont censés défendre. L'incident survenu lundi marque un précédent préoccupant pour la gouvernance du pays.

Le président de la commission des règles, de l'ordre et de l'administration, James Kolleh, a tenté de justifier cette action en invoquant des demandes répétées adressées à M. Koffa pour qu'il libère les lieux. Toutefois, il a omis de préciser si l'usage de forces de l'ordre armées, en l'absence d'une décision judiciaire, respectait l'État de droit.

Cette intervention survient malgré un récent avis de la Cour suprême du Liberia qualifiant d'ultra vires – donc illégales – les actions menées par les deux camps dans cette lutte pour le contrôle de la Chambre. Pourtant, les députés majoritaires persistent à imposer Richard Nagbe Koon à la tête de l'institution, en violation des procédures établies.

Face à cette situation, J. Fonati Koffa a averti que ses opposants pourraient employer les mêmes méthodes illégales pour l'évincer physiquement de son bureau, comme ils l'ont fait en imposant un nouveau président alors qu'il revendique toujours la légitimité de son mandat.

Ces événements soulèvent de sérieuses inquiétudes quant au respect des principes démocratiques et de l'État de droit au Liberia. De nombreux citoyens s'interrogent : le pays est-il encore gouverné par la loi ou par des ambitions personnelles dictées par la soif de pouvoir?

Le silence de la Cour suprême, qui se distance de cette crise institutionnelle, témoigne de la gravité de la situation. Les députés majoritaires mesurent-ils l'impact de leurs actions sur l'image des institutions?

Au-delà de cette querelle politique, c'est un message dangereux qui est adressé aux générations futures : contourner la loi pour satisfaire des ambitions personnelles serait un mode de gouvernance acceptable. Or, quelles que soient les victoires que certains pensent avoir remportées, une vérité demeure : ce qui est obtenu en dehors du cadre légal ne saurait être considéré comme légitime.

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Starts from page 8 Nyonblee Karngar-Lawrence menacée de

Outre les dissensions politiques, la gestion de Mme Karngar-Lawrence au Sénat fait l'objet de critiques internes. Des membres du personnel sénatorial l'accusent de favoritisme et de corruption. Ils affirment notamment qu'elle aurait, à deux reprises, retenu des indemnités supplémentaires destinées aux employés, notamment lors d'une session sénatoriale à Grand

Certains sénateurs, sous couvert d'anonymat, ont également dénoncé une mauvaise collaboration avec leurs collègues, qualifiant Mme Karngar-Lawrence de "peu généreuse" et affirmant qu'elle s'octroierait une part disproportionnée des

avantages financiers liés à ses fonctions.

Vers un remplacement imminent?

Dans ce contexte, plusieurs noms émergent comme potentiels successeurs à la présidence du Sénat. Parmi eux figurent les sénateurs Emmanuel Nyque, Gabahnzogay Milton Findley, Prince Moyee (président de la commission des Finances et du Budget) et Alex Tyler, représentant du comté de Bomi.

L'avenir politique de Mme Karngar-Lawrence reste incertain, mais les récentes manœuvres au Sénat laissent présager une bataille intense pour son maintien à la tête de l'Institution.

Bras de fer imminent entre la police et les motocyclistes commerciaux

ampleur

libérienne (LNP) et les Unies à Monrovia. à leur circulation dans plusieurs protestation. zones clés de Monrovia.

Une interdiction controversée Un véhicule ayant subi une panne », a-t-il déclaré.

Cependant, cette mesure suscite Un sentiment d'injustice un profond mécontentement L e s parmi les conducteurs, qui motocy estiment qu'elle entrave leur clistes activité et complique la mobilité dénonc des citoyens, notamment aux ent une heures de pointe où la moto violatio demeure l'un des moyens de n d e transport les plus rapides en leurs raison des embouteillages droits et chroniques.

Les motocyclistes se mobilisent t qu'ils Mercredi 26 février, des n membres de l'Union des devraie motocyclistes du Liberia ont nt pas organisé une marche depuis ê t r e

es conducteurs de motos- ELWA Junction jusqu'au punis collectivement pour les taxis annoncent une ministère de la Justice pour actes de quelques individus. « Un manifestation de grande notifier les autorités de leur crime n'est pas transférable », a intention de manifester. Une insisté leur porte-parole, tout en Un affrontement potentiel se copie de leur pétition a également condamnant les violences ayant profile entre la Police nationale été déposée au siège des Nations conduit à la restriction.

conducteurs de motos-taxis, ces S'exprimant après cette policiers avaient, par le passé, tué derniers menaçant d'organiser démarche, le président du des citoyens innocents sans que une manifestation massive lundi syndicat a annoncé que tous les toute la police ne soit 3 mars 2025 pour protester contre conducteurs suspendraient leurs sanctionnée, affirmant qu'il en les restrictions récentes imposées activités lundi en signe de devrait être de même pour leur

«Cette interdiction nous cause de Un mouvement qui pourrait graves difficultés. Nous n'avons s'étendre La LNP a instauré cette d'autre choix que de nous Les leaders du mouvement

L'Incident a déclenché une vague gouvernementales, notamment pays. de violences, des conducteurs en en enregistrant leurs véhicules Alors que la tension monte, une restriction », a-t-il ajouté.

estimen

Il a également souligné que des profession.

interdiction le 20 février 2025 à mobiliser en masse pour faire assurent que la manifestation la suite d'un tragique accident pression sur le gouvernement prévue sera pacifique, mais survenu la veille à Crown Hill. afin qu'il revienne sur sa décision préviennent que si le gouvernement n'accède pas à mécanique a percuté une moto, Il a rappelé que les motocyclistes leur demande, ils pourraient entraînant la mort d'Emmanuel avaient déjà accepté de se élargir la mobilisation à Trokon Pajibo, un motocycliste. conformer aux exigences l'ensemble des 15 comtés du

colère s'en prenant à des postes malgré le coût élevé. « Certaines question demeure : la police de police et vandalisant plusieurs de nos motos valent à peine 200 restera-t-elle ferme sur sa infrastructures le long de dollars, mais nous avons payé position ou cédera-t-elle aux Tubman Boulevard, du centre de 300 dollars pour les revendications des conducteurs Monrovia et de Freeport. En immatriculer, simplement pour de motos-taxis ? Certains réaction, la police a décidé de respecter les règlements. Il est observateurs estiment qu'une restreindre la circulation des injuste que le gouvernement répression excessive pourrait motos-taxis dans certaines zones nous impose maintenant une telle aggraver la crise sociale et avoir un impact négatif sur une économie déjà fragile.



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e ministère de la Santé accusé. d'ingérence et de compromission

-Dans le processus d'appel d'offres

e ministère de la Santé est au cœur d'une controverse liée à des allégations d'ingérence et de manque de transparence dans le processus d'appel d'offres et d'attribution de contrats de construction.

Kingdom Business Incorporated, une entreprise privée locale, accuse le ministère de manipulations et d'irrégularités dans la passation de marchés

Le directeur général de Kingdom Business Inc., L. Swansey Fallah, dénonce une influence croissante de hauts responsables gouvernementaux dans l'attribution de ces contrats, qui, selon lui, devraient faire l'objet d'un appel d'offres ouvert et compétitif.

Soupçons de favoritisme et d'irrégularités M. Fallah affirme que le processus d'appel d'offres du ministère de la Santé a, depuis plusieurs années, été l'objet d'ingérences de la part de certains hauts fonctionnaires du parti au pouvoir, l'Unity Party. Il soupçonne ces interventions d'être motivées par des intérêts personnels, certains responsables cherchant à favoriser des entreprises spécifiques en échange de pots-de-vin. Il allègue notamment que deux projets majeurs ont été attribués à American Eagle Construction Company et Interior Perspectives LLC sans appel d'offres compétitif, en violation de la loi sur les marchés publics. Ces projets comprennent la modernisation du Bo-Waterside Health Center dans le comté de Grand Cape Mount, la construction d'un hôpital psychiatrique et l'achèvement du bâtiment des partenaires du ministère de la Santé.

Plaintes ignorées et conflit d'intérêts M. Fallah indique avoir adressé plusieurs courriers à la ministre de la Santé, Dr. Louise Kpoto, et au directeur exécutif de la Commission des marchés publics et des concessions (PPCC), Bodger Scott Johnson, pour demander un recours, mais en vain. Il



affirme que ses préoccupations ont été ignorées en raison du lobbying exercé par des hauts responsables du ministère.

Il dénonce également un conflit d'intérêts flagrant lors d'une visite de chantier à Bentol City, où le ministre adjoint de la Santé chargé de l'administration, Richard D. Kollie, aurait transporté dans son véhicule officiel des employés d'Interior Perspectives LLC pour une inspection.

Interrogé sur cet incident, M. Kollie aurait justifié son action en affirmant que l'entreprise ne disposait pas de véhicule pour se rendre sur le site.

Un appel à plus de transparence Kingdom Business Inc. avait demandé au service des marchés publics du ministère de notifier les résultats de l'évaluation des offres et d'expliquer pourquoi certaines entreprises avaient été sélectionnées ou rejetées. Selon la réponse officielle adressée à Kingdom Business Inc., son offre, bien que notée 97,89/100, aurait été disqualifiée pour absence d'un certificat de chef de chantier. M. Fallah remet en question la transparence du processus, accusant le ministère de traitement préférentiel en faveur d'Interior Perspectives LLC.

Réactions des parties concernées Interrogé sur la légitimité du processus d'appel d'offres, le ministre adjoint Richard D. Kollie a refusé de commenter l'affaire, expliquant qu'elle était en cours d'examen par la Commission des marchés publics et des concessions (PPCC). « Cette affaire a été soumise à la PPCC, et je ne ferai aucun commentaire. Veuillez attendre l'issue de l'enquête, car je ne peux pas influencer la procédure », at-il déclaré.

De son côté, Rylis Kollie, directeur adjoint d'American Eagle Construction Company, a nié toute implication dans un processus d'attribution frauduleux.« Notre entreprise a participé au processus d'appel d'offres et a remporté le contrat légalement », a-t-il affirmé.

Le responsible de la communication du ministère de la Santé, Augustus Walker Jr., a reconnu que certains candidats avaient été transportés sur le site des projets en voiture ministérielle, invoquant une indisponibilité des véhicules de service.

« Oui, nous avons conduit certains soumissionnaires sur le site du projet, car nos véhicules étaient en panne. Mais je peux vous assurer que le processus était libre, juste et transparent », a-t-il déclaré. Pendant ce temps, la Commission des marchés publics et des concessions poursuit son enquête sur ces allégations de manque de transparence et de favoritisme dans l'attribution des contrats par le ministère de la Santé.

L upgraded Buchanan Hospital ets new Surgeon General

he ArcelorMittal Liberia Hospital demonstrated a commitment to excellence System about two years embarked in both clinical practice and education.

on a transformational journey with As Chief of Surgery, Dr. Mahteh will series of strategic initiatives aimed at oversee all surgical operations at the AMI enhancing patient care and optimizing Buchanan hospital. His leadership is service delivery. These include upgrades expected to foster a collaborative



Buchanan, investment in advanced quality, and innovation. technologies, and building of a highly skilled and professional workforce.

Aligned to this plan, the company recently welcomed to its Buchanan Hospital team, Dr. Nathan F. Mahteh, a General Surgeon, ahead of the official start of surgical operations at the hospital. He is one of two surgeons recently hired by AML to head its surgical theaters in Buchanan and Yekepa. The move marks a significant step forward in the company's commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services including minimal emergency surgical procedures, as part of efforts to improve He also assured of better patient care, as services at its hospitals.

Dr. Mahteh, a highly respected surgeon with over eight years of experience in the field, brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the AML Hospital. He is renowned for his innovative approaches to surgical procedures and his dedication to patient-centered care.

at Achille Mario Dogliotti College of Medicine at the University of Liberia, and the Liberia College of Physician and international qualifications. He has held various leadership positions in surgical departments across the country, including Chief for surgery at the Esther & Jereline Medical Center in Ganta and the 14th Military Hospital in Margibi. emergency surgical procedures, both He also previously served at C.B. Dunbar surgeons are keen on starting as soon as Maternity Hospital in Bong, Jackson F. possible," said AML Chief Medical Doe Memorial Hospital in Nimba, Officer Dr. Garfee Williams. Redemption Hospital in Montserrado, J.J. Dr. Williams said the team is well on Dossen Hospital in Maryland, and John F. course with the schedule to begin handling Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Monrovia and managing surgical procedures at both among others, where he consistently the Buchanan and Yekepa hospitals.

Enthusiastic about his role and joining AML, Dr. Mahteh has assured of patients confidence in the healthcare system.

"It's a pleasure coming over to ArcelorMittal Liberia. AML is a nice family that I have found, again. The working spirit here is very good and cooperative. As we prepare to begin surgical operations, I can assure that we will have a good coverage of cases here with positive outcomes. We have a lot of good equipment here that we can work with to produce good results."

cardinal to post surgical healing.

"One thing I tell people about surgery is it's not just to go and cut, but it's the patient care after you have done that surgery. I see a lot of good nurses here who have been offering patient care. So, I as a doctor as I work, those nurses can also be my support system so that we can achieve good care Dr. Mahteh completed his medical degrees for our patients before and even after surgery. That's a very good reliance for me."

The official commencement of surgical Surgeons, and also acquired other services at AML Hospitals in Buchanan and Yekepa is set to take place in the coming weeks, with a range of procedures planned to be offered, including general surgery.

"As far as plans to begin offering minimal



IB backs Africa Finance Corporation \$750

million Infrastructure Climate Resilient Fund resilient, low-carbon solutions across transport (ICRF). This landmark initiative will and logistics, clean energy, digital accelerate climate adaptation and sustainable infrastructure, and industrial development, infrastructure across Africa.

institutional backing on the continent and solutions. internationally.

assessment and adaptation, aligning with the across Africa. European Union's Global Gateway initiative The GCF will play a critical role by providing and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

collaboration between the EIB, AFC, and attracting private capital. other strategic partners.

vulnerable to climate change," EIB Vice- risk assessment and adaptation solutions. President Ambroise Fayolle stated at the Further Information ceremony today. "This partnership with the Africa Finance Corporation and the launch of Leveraging Partnerships finance."

strengthening logistics, trade, and infrastructure across Africa. industrialization, and accelerating the Mobilizing Climate Finance continent's digital and energy transition.

supporting job creation across the continent. Africa. We are glad to partner with the EIB and other

investors who are committed to increasing the impact of climate finance."

Developing Climate. Resilient Infrastructure

The ICRF focuses on Africa, the world's most climatev u l n e r a b l e continent, by

he European Investment Bank (EIB) investing in infrastructure that can withstand has committed to join Africa Finance the impacts of climate change while reducing Corporation (AFC) in financing a \$750 carbon emissions. The Fund prioritizes ensuring sustainable growth.

As part of this commitment, the EIB today ACP's investment strategy evaluates climate confirmed it will invest \$52.48 million in the risk across both physical and transition Fund, which is managed by AFC Capital dimensions, including emissions and climate Partners (ACP), the asset management arm of governance. The Fund is committed to ensuring AFC. ACP has already secured a \$253 million that infrastructure assets are designed, built, commitment from the Green Climate Fund and operated to withstand and adapt to evolving (GCF), marking GCF's largest-ever equity climate conditions. To achieve this, ACP will investment in Africa. In addition, the Nigeria conduct rigorous climate risk screenings and Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) and assessments for every investment, establishing two private African pension funds have also a new benchmark for selecting and committed to the Fund, demonstrating robust implementing the most effective adaptation

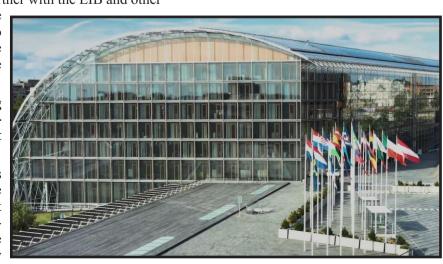
The Fund leverages a powerful partnership The Infrastructure Climate Resilient Fund between three major institutions—EIB, AFC, aims to accelerate climate adaptation in Africa and GCF—uniting their expertise, capital, and by embedding resilience measures at every commitment to climate resilience. Aligned with stage of infrastructure development-from the EIB's Climate Bank Roadmap, ACP will design and construction to operation. Using draw on the proven track records and deep blended finance to de-risk private investment, technical expertise of both EIB and AFC in the Fund also integrates innovative tools such infrastructure investment, creating a as climate risk parametric insurance to compelling platform to attract additional enhance protection against climate-related investors. Through this strategic collaboration, risks and losses. In addition, the Fund will the \$750 million fund is poised to unlock up to provide technical assistance to enhance the \$3.7 billion in financing, accelerating the capacity of countries seeking climate risk deployment of climate-resilient infrastructure

technical assistance for due diligence and The EIB formally signed the agreement at the climate resilience monitoring while also Finance in Common Summit (FICS) in Cape covering the first-loss tranches on new Town today, demonstrating the close investments, effectively de-risking projects and

Once operational, the Fund aims to invest in a "The EIB is committed to supporting private diversified portfolio of 10 to 12 projects across sector investment in climate-resilient Africa. It will also assist countries and entities infrastructure, especially in regions most in capacity building and deployment of climate

ACP's Infrastructure Climate Resilient Fund The Fund is built on a powerful partnership are a significant step towards accelerating between three major institutions: the European Africa's green and digital transition and Investment Bank (EIB), Africa Finance ensuring a sustainable future for all. The EIB's Corporation (AFC), and the Green Climate investment is not just about the initial capital Fund (GCF). Through its asset management injection; it is also intended to have a arm, AFC Capital Partners (ACP), AFC is multiplier effect by attracting more investors, collaborating with the EIB to deploy the Fund, reducing risk, showcasing successful projects, leveraging both institutions' proven track and promoting best practices in climate records and technical expertise in infrastructure investment to attract additional investors. The ACP's fund aims to demonstrate that Africa partnership is further strengthened by the can pursue a climate-resilient and sustainable GCF's critical role in providing first-loss development path by addressing market protection and technical assistance, ensuring a failures, mitigating environmental risks, robust framework for scaling climate-resilient

The EIB's \$52.48 million commitment is a "This Fund is crucial for bridging the funding strategic step toward the Fund's \$750 million gap for climate adaptation in Africa," Samaila target, aimed at catalysing additional Zubairu, AFC's President & CEO, said at the investments from both private and public sector launch event today. "By focusing on climate- partners into climate-resilient infrastructure. resilient infrastructure, we are not only This commitment is expected to help mobilize securing our economic future but also creating approximately \$3.7 billion in total financing, opportunities for sustainable growth, and driving tangible, on-the-ground impact across



Suspended members of the House of Representatives resisting the illegal removal of embattled Speaker Fonati Koffa filed a petition before the Supreme Court here, praying for restoration of their salaries and benefits being withheld by the executive.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh onrovia, Liberia, February 28, .2 0 2 5 — S e v e n suspended members of the House of Representatives loyal to embattled Speaker J.

government to the Supreme Court for withholding their salaries.

The current "leadership of the House", headed by selfdeclared "Regime Speaker" Rep. Richard N. Koon,



Fonati Koffa have taken the Government of Liberia to court over unpaid salaries and unlawful treatment.

The lawmakers include Montserrado County District# 9 Representative Frank Saah Foko, Representatives Edward Papie Flomo of Montserrado County District #13, Abu Bana Kamara (District 15), and J. Marvin Cole of Bong County (District#3). Others are Eugene Kollie of Bong County (District#5), Alex Noah of Sinoe County (District #3), and Zinnah Norman of Gbarpolu County (District #1).

They have taken the

suspended the lawmakers dubbed the minority bloc for refusing to report for sessions and asked the executive to withhold their salaries.

But the aggrieved lawmakers say they are being unfairly punished, thus seeking redress before the Supreme Court.

"Our salaries have been held for no reason, and this is unfair in keeping with the law; this is why we have come to the court", one of the aggrieved Representatives explained.

The lawmakers complained that the Ministry of Finance and the Comptroller of the House of Representatives were illegally withholding their salaries and benefits.

They claim this decision was not based on any legal ruling but was influenced politically by the "Majority Bloc," a group of lawmakers who illegally removed Speaker J. Fonati Koffa.

They argue that they were lawfully elected on October 10, 2023, and officially sworn in office on January 15, 2024, so by law, they should receive their full compensation as outlined in the national budget.

But instead, their paychecks have stopped coming.

Feeling cheated, they turned to the Supreme Court, filing a petition for a writ of mandamus, asking the court to force the Ministry of Finance to release their salaries.

The Minority lawmakers are insisting that the Minister of Finance and the Comptroller of the Legislature have a clear duty to process payments for all lawmakers, regardless of political differences.

On record, the Supreme Court of Liberia had termed the actions taken by the Majority bloc in removing embattled Speaker Koffa as "ultra vires," mandating it return to status quo ante and proceed within the confines of the law, which the majority members have ignored.

With the backing of the executive under the watch of President Joseph Boakai, the Majority continues its illegal operation, including forcibly bursting into the offices of Speaker Koffa and throwing his belongings outside without a current warrant and suspending and withholding their colleagues, which the Minority bloc is contesting before the High Court. Editing by Jonathan **Browne**

dan Cooperative to boost yields in N Starts from page 5

land they have acquired.

"In the past, farming was better yields, processing has improved and produce stored in the warehouse has doubled with more farmers bringing their crops in for preservation. UNDP/ACDP has also elevated the capacity of farmer cooperatives by hiring trainers to educate farmers on better farming techniques," Jefferson acknowledges.

Water supply is serious challenge the cooperative faces. "If we had a better irrigation system, we could plant and harvest several times a year instead of just once. This would significantly increase our agriculture production and income. For curriculum," the example, if someone produced cooperative co-

sustainability.

The Dokodan Farmers' Cooperative is working with 2,050 farmers hoping to recruit additional members to cover land space secured for agricultural purposes. Mealor is people. optimistic that the agriculture sector will improve

with support from government and its partners.

"We are witnessing steady progress, with colleges and universities also improving their 50 bags of rice per acre, with chairperson notes.

improved water access, they He encourages other could harvest three times a communities not to depend on difficult, and our yields were year—bringing in up to 160 the government for everything very low. Some farmers bags. The government could but to engage in agriculture harvested only a small amount also help by setting fair prices because it provides selfper hectare. Now, we produce for farmers, ensuring employment. "You can sustain yourself, support your family, and even send your children to school from farming."

Gbedin community in Nimba County, has an estimated population of three thousand



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The President of FOMTUL is rejecting a plan protest by some of his members stating that the plan protest is being politically motivated.

By Kruah Thompson

onrovia, Liberia - The President of the Federation of Motorcycle and Tricycle Unions of Liberia (FOMTUL), John Abel Kenyor, has vowed never to support He further asserted that the any form of protest, especially when it is politically motivated.

On February 26, 2025, members of the Motorcycle Union of Liberia were seen marching from ELWA Junction to the Ministry of Justice

individuals he identified as members of other political parties, requesting to join the aggrieved riders in planning the protest. However, he declined to support the movement.

announced protest is not being independently organized by the motorcycle union but is something that has been politically motivated.

While expressing regret over the current situation, he condemned



their planned protest scheduled for tarnish the country's image. Monday, May 3, 2025.

temporary restrictions on the current government. movement of commercial motorbikes in key areas of Monrovia.

20, 2025, following a tragic instability in the country?" he incident on February 19, when a questioned. vehicle suffered a mechanical failure while coming down Crown Hill and collided with a motorbike, resulting in the death of Emmanuel Trokon Pajibo, a motorcyclist.

In response to the accident, some To address the ongoing concerns, aggrieved motorcyclists went on a FOMTUL revealed that discussions rampage, vandalizing police booths and other properties along Tubman Boulevard, Central Monrovia, and Freeport. This unrest prompted the LNP to enforce the restriction.

A few days after the ban, a group calling themselves "Motorcycle Union" took to the streets to inform the government and its international partners about their planned protest.

demonstration.

According to him, after their first

began receiving calls from

to notify government officials about any attempt to use the issue to

Speaking to the media, Mr. Kenyor According to the protesters, the clarified that since they did not demonstration aims to pressure the stage such protests under the Liberia National Police (LNP) and previous administration, it will not the government to lift the recent happen under his leadership in the

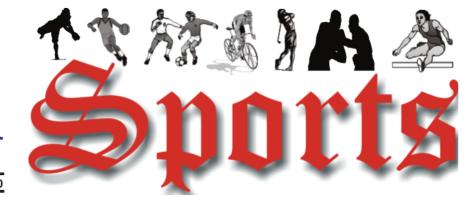
He also criticized political parties for allegedly taking advantage of young people to organize protests. The ban was imposed on February "What should it profit us to cause

> "It will do you no good if people use you for the wrong reasons. Please help us in this endeavour for positive change, not through violence," he added.

> are underway with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Legislature, and other relevant stakeholders to find a peaceful solution to the issue.

He further announced that if their plea is heard, several measures will be implemented to prevent such occurrences in the future, including the registration and proper insurance of motorcycles.

Additionally, he warned other However, responding to the protest motorcycle riders to refrain from at the MICAT regular press briefing participating in any politically on Thursday, February 27, 2025, motivated protest, emphasizing that Mr. Kenyor stated that he was FOMTUL is working behind the unaware of any such scenes with the government and other stakeholders to lift the ban and restore their operations. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah. press conference a week ago, he



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en. Ducan wants commercial officials cited

presses frustration over skyrocketing prices

The rising prices of commodities on the Liberian market have earned an invitation for commerce officials before Senators.

By Lincoln G. Peters

apitol Hill, February 28, 2025/ Sinoe County Senator Crayton O. Duncan has written Plenary requesting that the commerce minister and Commerce Inspector General be invited to frustration over the skyrocketing prices of commodities on the Liberian market.

Sen. Ducan, in his communication dated February 27 and addressed to Senate Pro-tempore Nyonblee Karngar-Lawrence, reminded his

He further indicated that the lack of measures to curb the rising prices of commodities in the country, coupled with the daily devaluation of the Liberian Dollar, has brought economic hardship for citizens.

Senator Duncan explained that for the Senate to possibly institute legislation that could remedy the situation, it is important that Plenary invite the commerce officials to appear before it to explain the cause of the current persistent rise in prices of commodities and also to tell them the plans put in place to solve this national problem.

He recalled that when the Minister of Commerce, Madam Magdalene Shelley-Dagoseh, assumed the role of Minister of Commerce and Industry, she vowed economic transformation.

"We have come to work. It is time to work. Let us prepare ourselves to deliver on the expectations of our consumers and our President," she declared at the time. The expectations of consumers and perhaps our President seem to be dashed. Inviting them, therefore, is my plea," he concluded. Edited by Othello B. Garblah.





prices of commodities on the Liberian market and remedial action being put in place.

Sen. Ducan, who is Vice Chairman of Ways, Means, Finance & Budget and chair of the subcommittee on Expenditures, expressed serious

explain the causes of rising colleagues that the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, responsible for the growth and development of Liberia's economy and international trade and with a regulatory mandate to handle the issue of commodity prices, seems to be reneging on its role when it comes to price







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