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Continental News

At least 300 people killed during the post-election violence in Mozambique

Mozambique's security forces carried out a brutal, three-month crackdown on protesters after the country's election last year, a leading international rights group said Wednesday, citing local activists who alleged that more than 300 people were killed and more than 3,000 were injured in the unrest. In its new report, Amnesty International called on Mozambican authorities to investigate the killings and all rights violations in the wake of the election, and to bring law enforcement officials responsible to justice. Thousands of Mozambicans took part in waves of protests in the weeks after the Oct. 9 presidential and parliamentary election, where Daniel Chapo of the ruling Frelimo party was declared the winner amid allegations of rigging and election fraud raised by his challengers and international observers. The protests were in support of Venancio Mondlane, who ran as an independent candidate but was supported by the opposition Podemos party. The demonstrations intensified after the Oct. 18 killing of Mondlane's lawyer and a Podemos official, who were fatally shot by gunmen late at night while sitting in a car in Mozambique's capital, Maputo. Mondlane denounced the slayings as a political assassination and called for 25 days of protests — one day for each of the 25 bullets that were fired at the car. Mondlane, citing fears for his own safety, left the country for two months but returned in January. According to Amnesty's report, between Oct. 21 and Jan. 25, the Mozambique police and army used deadly force against largely peaceful marches and gatherings, shooting live ammunition, rubber bullets and tear gas canisters at protesters and bystanders.



A police officer aims his weapon at protesters in Maputo, Mozambique, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024.

Sudan: Rapid Support Forces leader announces rival government

The commander of the Rapid Support Forces, a paramilitary group fighting the Sudanese government armed forces for two years, has declared that he would establish an alternative government, two years after war broke out in Sudan in April 2023. “On this anniversary, we proudly declare the establishment of the Government of Peace and Unity,” Dagalo said in a recorded speech, adding that other groups have joined the RSF-led administration, including a faction of the Sudan's Liberation Movement, which controls parts of Kordofan region. The RSF government will rule over parts of the country, including the western Darfur region where the United Nations says recent attacks by the group have killed over 400 people. Sudan was plunged into chaos on April 15, 2023 when simmering tensions between the military and the RSF exploded into open warfare across the country. Since then, at least 24,000 people have been killed, though the number is likely far higher. The war has driven about 13 million people from their homes, including 4 million who have crossed into neighboring countries, and pushed parts of the country into famine. The fighting has been marked by atrocities including mass rape and ethnically motivated killings that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, especially in Darfur, according to the U.N. and international rights groups. Dagalo's announcement has come a few days after his forces and allied militias rampaged through two famine-hit camps, which shelter some 700,000 Sudanese who fled their homes, in North Darfur province. The multi-day attack on the Zamzam and Abu Shouk camps killed more than 400 people, including 12 aid workers and dozens of children, the U.N. humanitarian office said, citing local sources. U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Tuesday the attack forced up to 400,000 people to flee the Zamzam camp in recent days. He said the camp has become inaccessible after the RSF and its allied militias took control of it, “restricting the movement of those remaining, especially young people.”



Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, the deputy head of the military council speaks at a ceremony in the capital Khartoum, Sudan, on Aug. 4, 2019. (AP Photo, File)

Gabonese international Aaron Boupendza dies in China

Aaron Boupendza's death were the subject of an inquiry, a Gabonese TV channel reported. Boupendza only moved to China in 2025. Prior to his move, he played for American side Cincinnati FC where he stayed for just one season despite signing a four-year contract, and then to Romanian club Rapid Bucharest. Boupendza had made 35 appearances for Gabon since his debut in 2016, scoring eight goals. He also featured for clubs in France, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.



Gabon's Boupendza, left, vies for the ball with Burkina Faso's Soumaila Ouattara, during the African Cup of Nations round of 16 match in Limbe, Cameroon, Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

Boupendza is remembered as a great striker who made his mark during the African Cup of Nations in Cameroon,” said FEGAFOOT. The circumstances of Boupendza's death were the subject of an inquiry, a Gabonese TV channel reported. Boupendza only moved to China in 2025. Prior to his move, he played for American side Cincinnati FC where he stayed for just one season despite signing a four-year contract, and then to Romanian club Rapid Bucharest. Boupendza had made 35 appearances for Gabon since his debut in 2016, scoring eight goals. He also featured for clubs in France, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.

Kabila plans return to DR Congo amid growing crisis

On April 8th, former Congolese President Joseph Kabila broke his silence after several years, announcing his imminent return to the Democratic Republic of Congo. In a statement released to RFI, Kabila explained that he's returning due to the country's "out of control" situation—citing worsening security issues and the collapse of national institutions. While no exact date was given, sources close to Kabila suggest he could arrive in the coming days through the eastern region, which he describes as in critical danger. Kabila has been living in South Africa for a year, working on a thesis about Congo's relations with China. However, it seems that project is now on hold. Kabila's return also coincides with the political activities of his party, the PPRD, which recently rejected President Félix Tshisekedi's call for national unity talks.



Outgoing president Joseph Kabila sits during the inauguration ceremony for Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Thursday Jan. 24

EDITORIAL

We hold NOCAL CEO by his words

The National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL) recently presented an impressive progress report to President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr., at the Executive Mansion in Monrovia on a partnership with TGS NOPEC, a global geological and geophysical leader.

Reading the report to the President, cabinet minister, and industrial leaders, the Acting ECO of NOCAL, Fabian Lai, said the 23-year collaborative venture has positioned Liberia as West African’s most promising energy frontier, resulting in acquisition of multi-client 2D and 3D seismic survey program. The investment covers more than 15,000 square kilometers of the country’s offshore basin, CEO Lai detailed.

He also disclosed the economic impact of the partnership, stating that Liberia currently enjoys 80 percent of revenues from 3D data sales, which has significantly bolstered government’s financial resources, enhancing public services and development.

The report sounds very promising and motivating, but we think Liberians should celebrate with cautious, given past experiences at NOCAL under this very ruling Unity Party-led government then led by former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, when plunder, cronyism, lavish spending and uncontrollable corruption racked this promising public entity, and shattered dreams and aspiration of ordinary citizens.

NOCAL eventually collapsed under the watch of the former President with her son, Robert Sirleaf, serving at the helm of the entity. Madam Sirleaf took responsibility and that was end of story, for what should have been a great game-changer in post-war Liberia socio-economic development. The rest is history.

But here we are again, with a revised NOCAL under a new administration that has begun to inspire hope in Iberians amidst ongoing widespread corruption in the government, particularly so when the President and Chief Executive Officer Madam Rustonlyn Suakoko Dennis is under suspension over allegation of corruption, financial mismanagement and abuse of public office.

This followed recommendation by the Board of Directors that called for investigation into the purchase of SUV valued US\$75,000 and other financial irregularities when feces flows our streets like a mighty stream of river.

CEO Lai talked of corporate social responsibility efforts initiated by NOCAL as a result of the partnership with TGS NOPEC. Revealing an annual contribution of US\$200,000 for social welfare programs, which we think is a drop in the ocean. But our mind runs to the Sharon-sponsored recreation park right at the entrance of the Gabriel Tucker Bridge in Via Town that reportedly cost over US\$1million under the collapsed NOCAL. Every assessment of that place does not indicate that the facility even worth US\$500,000.

This is why we are sounding an early caution to the Lai-led NOCAL to exert a great departure from the previous NOCAL under Madam Sirleaf md her son, Robert, for that was not a pleasant experience. And we don’t want a re-occurrence.

We want hold CEO Lai by his words that the current partnership with TGS NOPEC is not just about data sales and profits, but empowering citizens and building a future that eluded them under former CEO Robert Sirleaf, so that Liberians can have an opportunity to lead their energy sector. This we believe strongly would frog-leap their socio-economic wellbeing.

Not that we do not have confidence in CEO Lai and his team of officials n managing our energy sector, but experience of the past are or should be very good lessons to propel us into the future that is filled with uncertainties and surprises.

COMMENTARY

by J. Bradford DeLong

Rudderless America

BERKELEY – Eight years after US President Donald Trump abandoned the Trans-Pacific Partnership and unilaterally disarmed the United States in the trade war that he would soon launch against China, his second-term Treasury secretary, Scott Bessent, wants to renegotiate the TPP and use it to form a united front against the Chinese.

As Bloomberg's Chris Anstey explains, Bessent has a “grand encirclement” plan, and if this “sounds familiar, that's because... [t]he Obama administration's big trade idea was using the Trans-Pacific Partnership to assemble a coalition of Pacific Rim nations that would increasingly be tied to the US, and not drift into China's orbit.”

The problem is that resurrecting Obama's strategy is probably no longer possible. The TPP now exists as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, none of whose members will regard Trump as a credible or trustworthy negotiating partner. Bessent wants to work with “Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, and India,” but while these countries will play nice, none would be so foolish as to concede anything meaningful to Trump. Mexico and Canada went down that path during his first term, when they agreed to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, and now they find themselves among the first countries Trump targeted for renewed bullying.

Moreover, Bessent is obviously either deluded or lying when he suggests that he is reflecting the administration's view. No one has a mandate to speak for Trump, whose decision-making changes minute to minute on the basis of “instincts” and whatever happens to be showing on his TV. Trump may instinctively agree to a policy proposal by Bessent, but if the next person he sees tells him no, Bessent may be left to explain why he cannot deliver what he promised. Such is life at the court of the mad king.

Former US Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence H. Summerssees it differently. “The sole preoccupation that I would have if I were in the government would be with what the president was saying. ... The president is entitled to have advisors who believe in his policies.... Individuals are entitled to follow their conscience.”

But this is “sanewashing.” As Summers knows, there are no policies to believe in. Policies embody clear goals, not to mention staff work, modeling, and analysis of various scenarios that may arise in their pursuit. What we have here is one ignorant man, surrounded by sycophants, wandering around spouting bullshit as the cameras roll.

This is business as usual for Trump, who is just playing the role he filled on the set of The Apprentice. The difference is that The Apprentice had highly capable

producers and editors who could render all the messy raw footage into a compelling, clean final product. The current White House has only a live feed.

The contrast between Trump and Ronald Reagan is instructive here. Reagan had a cogent governing philosophy. It reflected his enormous confidence in the American people – in their industriousness and generosity and goodwill – as well as his suspicion of the policies, programs, and bureaucracies that the Democratic Party had built up since 1933. Reagan (a former actor) also had enormous confidence in himself – in his ability to memorize and perform his lines, and to play the part of president.

But while Reagan had a philosophy and knew he was the star, he did not think that he was the boss. He trusted the network of professionals who were there to make him an effective leader. When his confidence was justified – when he had high-quality professionals in their proper places on the White House staff – the results were quite good. When his confidence was not so justified – when Colonel Oliver North was allowed to make a mess of Middle East policy vis-à-vis Iran – scandal ensued.

The Trump White House has no editor, only spin doctors. Trump will say something, and some adviser will rush to declare, “See! This was always the plan!” But these courtiers are not on the same page themselves. Sometimes, economic adviser Peter Navarro seems to have the upper hand; sometimes, Elon Musk does; and sometimes one detects the influence of Bessent, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, Stephen Miran of the Council of Economic Advisers, or Kevin Hassett of the National Economic Council. But these factions agree on very little, and Trump ultimately trusts none of them anyway.

What should be done? If the Republican Party had not turned sycophancy into a governing principle, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune would give Trump an ultimatum: Appoint qualified regents to oversee foreign and domestic policy and confine yourself to giving speeches that they write. Otherwise, a few of our members will align with the Democrats, and you will have to deal with a Congress led by Representative Hakeem Jeffries and Senator Chuck Schumer. These are the only options, because we have no confidence in your “policy process.”

If they were serious, Trump would knuckle under. He has already stopped casually insulting Canada now that its new prime minister, Mark Carney, has stared him down. My own vote for domestic-policy regent would go to Bessent, not because I think he would do well in the job, but because he might do less harm than anyone else who is actually willing to work for such a man. But none of this is going to happen. And that is why America and the world are in serious trouble.

OP-ED

By R.M. Manivannan

ASEAN Should Expand to Counter Trump's Tariffs

COLOMBO – When US President Donald Trump finally unleashed his long-threatened tariff blitz, the scale and scope were far worse than most governments expected. It came as no surprise that China would be the hardest hit, but the punishing duties imposed on most Asian countries were a profound shock. Fortunately, with financial markets reeling, Trump announced a 90-day pause on most of these “reciprocal” tariffs just hours after they took effect. Asian governments benefiting from this reprieve must now use the time they have gained to forge a more unified response and take bold initiatives that give them more leverage with the United States.

Consider that the tariff rate initially imposed on my country, Sri Lanka, which is only a few years removed from a political and economic crisis that forced our president to flee and pushed the economy to the brink of collapse, was a whopping 44%. Given that the US is Sri Lanka's largest export market by far, Trump's “Liberation Day” tariffs would deliver a massive blow to the country's recovery when (I hesitate to say “if”) they are imposed.

Other Asian countries fared little better, and a few were hit even harder, with rates of 49% for Cambodia, 48% for Laos, and 46% for Vietnam. So onerous were these proposed duties that one might wonder whether Trump is compensating for his avoidance of military service in the Vietnam War by waging economic warfare on the countries of Indochina that were involved in that conflict. Now that the Vietnamese government – which swiftly raised the white flag by offering to [eliminate all tariffs on US imports – has agreed to start trade talks during the pause, Trump must already think that he has won.](#)

Vietnam's attempt to appease Trump will yield few, if any, benefits for the country, because Trump never negotiates in good faith. Worse, the country's actions are setting a high bar – at least in the eyes of the US administration's trade negotiators – for what its partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will now be expected to deliver.

But the current ASEAN chair, Malaysian Prime Minister [Anwar Ibrahim, can still marshal the full power of the bloc to present a unified front and develop policy initiatives that can help shield members from the economic disruption caused by Trump's tariffs. This would be consistent with Anwar's efforts as ASEAN chair to deepen economic integration within the bloc and forge closer commercial links with the Gulf Cooperation Council and with other Asian economies.](#)

The ASEAN Summit that Anwar is hosting in May will provide a venue for advancing this agenda. The assembled leaders will likely talk about diversifying trade partnerships – one of the best things any country or bloc can do when facing the kind of pressure that the US is applying. But they should also look for other ways to advance regional cooperation and enhance their economies' resilience.

Here, ASEAN can take a page out of the European Union's playbook, despite not pursuing the same goal of an “ever closer union”: expansion as a way to enhance stability along its borders. Perhaps the clearest example is the EU's “big bang” enlargement of 2004, when it admitted ten countries, mainly in Central and Eastern Europe. The bloc's continued outreach to the Balkan countries and Ukraine, as well as its efforts to stimulate economic development in North Africa, are of a piece with this strategy.

ASEAN has already [embarked on accession negotiations with Timor-Leste, which, if admitted \(as many expect\), would be the bloc's poorest member by far. But membership would help Timor-Leste diversify its economy and allow it to work with new partners. It would also diminish lingering antagonism with Indonesia, which occupied Timor-Leste for more than 20 years, following independence from Portugal.](#)

Anwar and his diplomats have already made impressive headway on accession talks with Timor-Leste, and a breakthrough during Anwar's chairmanship would boost ASEAN's international prestige at a pivotal moment and help strengthen regional stability and security. But if Anwar wants to be even bolder, he should look outside the bloc's immediate vicinity for a new member: Sri Lanka.

True, Sri Lanka's GDP per capita would rank it in the bottom half of ASEAN members. But its location in the Indian Ocean would provide ASEAN businesses with access to the region's burgeoning economy. With the Indo-Pacific destined to become the world's economic center of gravity in the twenty-first century, Sri Lanka's strategic position can be a powerful fillip to trade and investment. And Sri Lanka itself offers plentiful investment opportunities for ASEAN construction, logistics, and tech companies.

Standing up to Trump – or any other superpower bully that may come along – requires engaging from a position of power. ASEAN enlargement – quickly accepting Timor-Leste and opening talks with Sri Lanka – would advance this goal. In Trump's notorious Oval Office meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, he repeatedly [told his guest, “You don't have the cards.” ASEAN, for its part, does have cards to play when dealing with the US administration, so long as it sticks together. Expanding the bloc would only strengthen its hand.](#)

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OPINION

By Mark Leonard

Europe After the End of the Liberal International Order

BERLIN – Throughout Europe, US President Donald Trump is seen as a chaos-monger with a reverse Midas touch: everything he touches ends up worse than he found it. Yet despite his anachronistic views on most issues, he is the perfect embodiment of our era.

In 2021, I authored [The Age of Unpeace, which argued that we need to start reimagining the rules of international relations for an era of hyper-connectivity. All the institutions and arrangements that were supposed to bring us together, I observed, were instead being weaponized. Today's global politics is like a marriage gone wrong. In a failed marriage, shared items like a holiday home, the pet dog, or children can be used by one estranged partner to harm the other; similarly, trade, the internet, energy sources, supply chains, migration flows, critical raw materials, and cutting-edge technology can be used to exercise geopolitical influence and inflict pain.](#)

In this new world, I noted, the boundaries between war and peace have been eroded. We were wrong to think that we had secured a golden age of peace at the end of the Cold War. In reality, there was violence everywhere, but it came in the form of sanctions, export controls, energy cut-offs, election interference, and weaponized migration – all of which stopped short of formal war.

Just a few months after my book came out, Vladimir Putin launched Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Since then, much of the world's attention has focused on the traditional elements of war and the need to defend against Russian tanks, planes, and missiles. Analysts and policymakers drew on the lessons of the past, rather than focusing on the novelty of the situation. Yet the war in Ukraine has always been unique – a strange hybrid of the nineteenth and the twenty-first centuries, featuring soldiers and trenches but also sanctions, drones, AI, and a contest for influence on social media.

US President [Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz responded to Russia's aggression by trying to recreate the old order. But especially since Trump's re-election, it has been obvious that we need a new way of looking at the world. The Trump administration has thrown all the old certainties into a blender and liquified them. Gone is any clear distinction between war and peace, allies and enemies, national and private interests, or left and right. With Trump launching a trade war against the rest of the world, attempting to extort minerals from Ukraine, and threatening the territorial integrity of Greenland and Panama, the old rules of international order no longer apply.](#)

Unfortunately, this is not just about “disorder,” which would imply that there is some basic agreement on what “order” looks like. There isn't. Thinking about international order has been completely overtaken by events. For years, governments muddled through crises rooted in hyper-connectivity and interdependence – from the 2008 market crash to the Syrian refugee crisis to the pandemic – leaving policymakers unable to win their citizens' confidence. Many resorted to emergency measures and states of exception; but now, so many exceptions have been made that the international rulebook looks like Swiss cheese. It has become an exceptions-based order, rather than a rules-based one.

Trump understood this. He tapped into the popular frustration with elites who pretended that they had all the answers, yet consistently failed to do what they had promised. Americans are catching up to many others around the world who had always thought that the liberal international order was a con – much like the Holy Roman Empire, which was neither holy nor Roman nor an empire. The liberal international order couldn't be called liberal after the atrocities at Abu Ghraib or Guantánamo Bay; it couldn't be called international when many parts of the world were still mired in civil wars; and owing to these failings, it couldn't be called an order.

As Europeans rearm to confront Russian aggression, they also need to figure out how to survive in the age of “unpeace” that Trump, Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and other strongmen are ushering in. One of the biggest challenges will be to make interdependence feel safe again. Supporting Ukraine and re-thinking our economic models to deal with trade wars may be necessary, but they are not sufficient. We also need to think hard about migration, welfare, and health policies, and how politicians communicate with their constituents. In other words, Europeans need a new way of doing politics – one that restores people's sense of control.

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Job VACANCY

Post Title : Chief Marketing Officer
Organization Unit : Business Development
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4.0 RESPONSIBLE FOR: ASSISTANT INTERNAL AUDITOR AND STAFF OF UNIT

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- Provides inputs and proposals for the update of standards, procedures and guidelines for internal audit in the Commission;
- Monitors Implementation of recommendations raised in internal audit reports on the Commission
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- Knowledge in Performance, Forensic and Environmental Audits;
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- Knowledge of Computer-Assisted Auditing Techniques (CAATS);
- Proficient in Performance, Forensic and Environmental Audits;
- Knowledge in industrial and labor relations;
- Excellent Computer proficiency
- Must be honest and maintain high standards of conduct

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Bishop Quire condemns attack on United Methodists

The President of the West Africa Central Conference College of Bishops, Samuel J. Quire Jr, condemns a recent violent attack on a United Methodist Church in Nigeria that took one life and wounded four others.

Monrovia, Liberia, April 17, 2025 - The President of the West Africa Central Conference, College of Bishops and the Resident Bishop of the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Samuel J. Quire Jr, says he is deeply saddened and gravely concerned by recent reports of a violent and deadly ambush of members of the United Methodist Church in Zailana Dorofai District, Nigeria. Bishop Quire condemns the violent attack on the United Methodist Church in Nigeria that took one life and wounded four others. According to an official statement from the United Methodist Church Nigeria Episcopal Area, members of the breakaway Global Methodist Church (GMC) forcefully invaded church property in Zailani and launched an unprovoked attack but were met with stiff resistance from United Methodist members in the area. Bishop Quire says this brutal act led to the tragic killing of Alhaji B. Sambo, a committed member, husband, and father of three. Additionally, Mrs. Victoria Bawa Michael, widow of a late pastor, was critically wounded alongside other faithful members: Gideon Hamza, Bolyo Bitrus, and Justice Mani. “As President of the West Africa Central Conference College of Bishops, I strongly and unequivocally condemn the use of violence as a means of conflict resolution. Such actions only lead to further harm, suffering, and division. I however call on the GMC to allow the United Methodist Church in Nigeria and elsewhere to freely do the work of God under the laws of the respective stat”, he urges. He calls on all followers of Jesus Christ and members of the United Methodist Church family to uphold peace, justice, and reconciliation as core values, noting that use of violence to settle ecclesiastical or property disputes is entirely unacceptable and contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. “I express my deepest condolences to the families of



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We'll not stand by and watch

-Women rally support for Edith Gongloe-Weh

Women of Liberia rise in support of lone female senatorial candidate in Nimba, Edith Gongloe-Weh.

Nimba, Liberia, April 17, 2025 - Ahead of Tuesday's (April 22, 2025) Senatorial By-election in Nimba County, women's groups under the banner “Women of Liberia” are engaged in a campaign styled “SheDeservesASeat” to support lone female Candidate Edith Gongloe-Weh.

“We are women from across Liberia; we come from towns and villages, markets and ministries, and today, we are coming together to say with one voice: Edith Gongloe-Weh deserves a seat at the table in the upcoming Nimba County senatorial by-election”, they said.

Reading a two-page press statement during a fundraising rally on April 15, 2025 at the Invincible Sports Park in Monrovia, Ms. Naomi Tulay Solanke, head of Community Healthcare Initiative, said Madam Gongloe--Weh is standing not just for herself, but for every girl, who dreams of leadership, for every woman who has been told “you can't,” and for every citizen, who believes democracy should reflect all.

She said they have seen what happens when women are

excluded from decisions that shape citizens' lives, adding that “laws don't protect us, budgets don't include us, and leadership doesn't reflect us.”

Ms. Solanke disclosed that it is against this backdrop that they came together as women from all corners of Liberia, with a decision to stand behind Edith Gongloe-Weh in the Nimba by-election.

“She is the only woman candidate in the race, and her campaign represents a rare and powerful opportunity to shift the balance toward fairness, respect, and inclusion”, she underscored. At the same time, she said the campaign has shown what women in politics are up against, saying “from harmful online attacks to

traditional power used to exclude, we know these tactics too well. But this time, we refuse to be silent. This is why we are launching the #SheDeservesASeat campaign—a movement to ensure Edith has the support, resources, and protection she needs to campaign safely and win.”

She said they are raising funds, mobilizing networks, and calling on all Liberians: women, men, young people, traditional leaders, civil society, and faith-based groups, to stand with them in their struggle for women's leadership.

Ms. Solanke said their convergence is not about backing a candidate because she's a woman, instead, it's a bout backing a leader, who is

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Edith Gongloe-Weh.

Tax, legal experts validate act to establish Liberia Tax Institute

Monrovia, Liberia, April 16, 2025] – Tax practitioners and legal experts convened on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Liberia Chamber of Commerce to kick off a two-day validation workshop of a draft Act seeking to amend the Public Authorities Law to create the Liberian Institute of Tax Practitioners (LITP).

The proposed establishment of the LITP is a timely and strategic response to the evolving global tax environment, driven by rapid technological advancements and increasing complexities in tax administration. The initiative seeks to bridge critical gaps in Liberia's tax ecosystem and support the Government's efforts to deliver efficient and taxpayer-centered services.

When enacted, the LITP will operate as a professional tax institution, with the mandate to train, educate, and regulate tax practitioners and advance tax services in Liberia. Its goal is to enhance voluntary tax compliance, improve revenue

critical step toward harmonizing our fiscal laws and strengthening public financial management,” he said.

Also addressing the forum was former LRA Commissioner General Elfrieda Stewart Tamba, who commended the resilience and dedication of the LITP's leadership. She encouraged members to remain committed to the vision of establishing a robust professional body that can serve as a reliable partner in the national tax ecosystem.

Mr. Arthur W. B. Fumba, Acting Vice President of LITP, confirmed the full support of LRA Commissioner General James Dorbor Jallah, who recognizes the Institute's potential to significantly improve tax compliance and domestic revenue mobilization. He also noted that the LITP currently holds provisional membership with the West African Union of Tax Institutes (WAUTI) and looks forward to full membership upon the legal establishment.



collection, and strengthen the overall fiscal policy framework of the country.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Cllr. R. McDonald Garnett, Sr. Acting President of the LITP, described the validation as a “key milestone” in institutionalizing the body and aligning it with international standards and practices. He urged participants to thoroughly review the proposed legal framework and provide substantive inputs to ensure the act's robustness and relevance.

Deputy Finance Minister for Fiscal Affairs, Anthony Myers, lauded the initiative, noting that it has been a long and thoughtful journey leading to the validation phase. He emphasized the LITP's vital role in supporting ongoing tax and fiscal reforms, particularly in addressing outdated provisions within the Liberia Revenue Code, which is now over 25 years old. “This is a

The validation exercise is being facilitated by the constitutional lawyer and Chair of the Law Reform Commission, Cllr. Jallah Barbu, whose expertise is guiding the legal framing of the Act.

Upon conclusion of the validation, the draft legislation will be submitted to the National Legislature for enactment, in accordance with Chapter 10, Article 89 of the Liberian Constitution, which provides for the creation of public agencies necessary for effective governance.

LITP stands to be a game-changer for Liberia's tax administration, offering a structured platform for professionalism, ethical standards, and technical support that will drive sustainable fiscal growth and economic transformation. -Press release.

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the deceased and injured for and on behalf of the West Africa Central Conference, College of Bishops. I stand in solidarity with the United Methodist Church in Nigeria and commit to praying for God's comfort, healing, and justice during this painful time.

I (Bishop Samuel J. Quire Jr, President WACC) also call upon the Nigerian government, the international Community, United Methodist church worldwide, and all peace-loving institutions to fully investigate and condemn this matter and ensure that those responsible for these attacks are held accountable.”

The Liberian prelate urges United Methodists in Nigeria to respond to this tragedy with peace, and not retaliate or respond to violence with violence, while remaining steadfast as beacons of hope and

love.

The WACC continues to pray for Bishop Ande I. Emmanuel, his family, and the entire church community, seeking for their safety, strength, and healing of the nation and the church.

Bishop Quire reminds that Paul's Epistle to the Romans says, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21), stressing that as followers of Jesus Christ, the Church will continue to be instrument of peace and agent of healing in a world torn apart by conflict and violence.

“In this time of trial, may the Prince of Peace reign in the hearts of Christians and guide all to paths of justice, healing, and unity”, the statement concludes. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

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qualified, committed, and courageous. It's about showing the world that Nimba—and Liberia are ready for change.

“We are also calling on male allies across the country to raise their voices. Gender equality is not a women's issue. It is a democracy issue. It is about fairness, peace, and progress. Real men make space. Real leaders lift others.”

Ms. Solanke further stressed that Liberia cannot move forward if women are left behind, saying, “And we will not wait for a crisis before we act. We are preparing now—because every election is a moment of risk, but also a moment of possibility.”

In remarks, former CPP vice standard bearer, Cllr. Charlyne Brumskine, said absolutely none of them will benefit if Madam Gongloe-Weh won the upcoming polls because she wouldn't put money in their pockets, instead, they are standing alone with her all because of their sons, husbands, and daughters.

“Not for us; it's for you. Ever since the state ever

started, if you look at countries in Africa, some of the well-led countries, the richest countries, the countries with the best government structures, are countries where women are leading or women have equal say as men. So let me tell you why we are doing it. Not for us. We will not benefit personally”, she told her fellow women.

Cllr. Charlyne Brumskine, is daughter of the late Liberian politician, two-time presidential candidate, and founder of the Liberty Party, Cllr. Charles Walker Brumskine, who died in November 2019, at age 68.

"Our sons will benefit. Our daughters will benefit. Our husbands will benefit. Our uncles will benefit. So, men, we are doing it for you too. We do not want to hear anymore", she added.

Accordingly, she said there is no longer a gender divide, cautioning her fellow women, saying it is time to close the gender divide. Edith is going against six male candidates in the race. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Nimba youth endorse Edith for senate

Youth of Nimba declare support for female senatorial candidate, Edith Gongole-Weh in next Tuesday's senatorial by-election.

*By S. Matthew M. Quoi Jr.,
Nimba County*

Nimba, Liberia, April 17, 2025 - A group under the banner “Youth of Nimba for Madam Edith Gongole-Weh Senatorial Bid” has officially endorsed her candidacy in the upcoming senatorial by-election scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

The endorsement was made recently in Ganta City, Nimba County, where the group described Madam Gongole-Weh as the most reputable candidate to replace the late long-time political figure of Nimba, Senator Prince Y. Johnson.

In their statement, the group emphasized Madam Gongole-Weh's unwavering dedication to public service, especially in the areas of education, justice, and youth empowerment.

They noted that her consistent track record speaks volumes about the kind of leadership she brings—one that is inclusive, accountable, and people-centered.

education, employment opportunities, and representation have often gone unheard—except Madam Gongole-Weh, describing her as one of the few national figures who has consistently placed youth engagement at the center of her agenda.

Her efforts include mentoring young leaders, creating platforms for dialogue, and pushing for policies that create opportunities for the younger generation.

During presentation of the endorsement, the group expressed full commitment and excitement to support Madam Gongole-Weh's candidacy.

They called her the best and most preferred candidate to lead Nimba County in the Senate, especially as a champion for women who have historically been left behind.

“We are the generation that inherited the dreams of our parents and the burdens of their unfulfilled hopes,” said the group's spokesperson during the endorsement event.

“We are tired of recycled politics and tired of being used during campaigns only to be forgotten after elections.



According to the group, Madam Gongole-Weh, a former Superintendent of Nimba County, demonstrated remarkable courage and competence in managing public affairs.

They praised her for prioritizing transparency and accountability during her tenure, especially in a time when these values were often neglected by previous male leaders.

The Youth of Nimba stated that Madam Gongole-Weh never used her position for personal gain but instead, leveraged her leadership role to drive meaningful transformation across the county. They highlighted her numerous efforts in advocating for development and in addressing pressing issues affecting the lives of everyday citizens.

The group pointed out that in villages, towns, and cities of Nimba, the youth remain the heartbeat of the region but have long been marginalized and underrepresented.

They lamented that calls for better

We want real change, and that begins with Madam Edith Gongole-Weh,” the spokesperson added.

The youth group also expressed disappointment in Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung, accusing him of misusing state resources to influence the senatorial by-election in Nimba.

They described the Vice President's alleged actions as shameful, undemocratic, and a betrayal of public trust, especially when national resources could be better used to address issues like education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

The group also cautioned current Senator Nyan Tuayen to focus on his constitutional duties of oversight and representation and to refrain from meddling in the upcoming April 22, 2025, by-election.

The youth leaders called on students from Upper and Lower Nimba to rally in support of Madam Gongole-Weh through civic education, peer engagement, and grassroots mobilization to ensure their voices are heard loudly on Election Day.

Editing by Jonathan Browne

Man dies from electrocution in swamp

A community service ends in tragedy, with a local electrician reportedly electrocuted in 72nd Boulevard Community in Paynesville.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

Monrovia, Liberia, April 17, 2025 - 27-year-old Phelps Othello Piah, has allegedly died from electrocution, while trying to connect electricity to zinc shacks around Roland Duo's Estate, 72nd Boulevard Community in Paynesville.

Eyewitnesses say the late Othello, as he was preferably known, died on Monday evening,

after being electrocuted when he fell off in a swamp.

“OT has been a good electrician; he has connected several homes, so we ourselves, are shocked by his death, a family member laments.

“It was about 9 pm, when Othello came and tried to connect the wire, but sincerely we don't know how the wire touched the zinc, and he fell in a pothole. We tried to rescue him, after he fell from

the ladder, but were unsuccessful”, Alex Boakai, a friend adds.

Electrocution is a 'silent killer' that occur when electrical current comes in contact with metal or iron, The New Dawn gathered.

The late Phelps Othello Piah is said to be a graduate of the Monrovia Vocational Training Center, where he studied electricity. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



Français

Le président Boakai déclare : « Je ne procéderai plus jamais à l'inauguration de pompes manuelles »

Le président de la République du Libéria, Joseph Nyuma Boakai, a annoncé qu'il ne participera plus à l'inauguration de pompes à eau manuelles, estimant que de tels projets ne sont plus à la hauteur des aspirations nationales, 178 ans après l'indépendance du pays.

système d'approvisionnement en eau à Bopolu, dans le comté de Gbarpolu. « J'ai dit que, pour moi, il n'est plus question d'inaugurer des pompes manuelles. Cela appartient au passé. En 178 ans, nous avons dépassé ce stade », a affirmé le président Boakai d'un ton ferme. Le chef de l'État a insisté sur la

déclaré qu'il ne souhaite pas voir son nom inscrit sur les projets publics, car il a été élu pour servir et non pour être célébré. « Notre mission est d'améliorer la vie de nos concitoyens, de leur offrir des infrastructures décentes. Je ne veux pas que mon nom figure sur quoi que ce soit. Ce n'est pas nouveau : nous avons agi de la même manière dans certaines parties du comté de Lofa et ailleurs », a-t-il rappelé. Le président Boakai a réaffirmé l'engagement de son administration à développer les infrastructures, en particulier les routes et l'accès à l'eau potable. Il a souligné que la priorité sera donnée aux routes agricoles, essentielles pour permettre aux agriculteurs de commercialiser leurs produits, subvenir aux besoins de leur famille et assurer l'éducation de leurs enfants. « Nous allons construire de bonnes routes, garantir l'accès à l'eau potable et investir l'argent du pays dans l'édification de notre peuple. Nous ne pouvons



Pres. Boakai

Cette déclaration a été faite lors de la cérémonie d'inauguration du marché rénové de Rehab Broad Street à Paynesville, quelques jours après l'inauguration d'un

nécessité d'engager le Libéria sur la voie d'un développement plus ambitieux, soulignant que l'heure est venue de mettre en place des infrastructures dignes pour le bien-être de la population. Il a également

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L'ALCOP se désolidarise de l'investiture de Samuel Kogar par l'alliance du Parti de l'Unité

Plus de seize mois après les élections générales et présidentielles de 2023, des tensions apparaissent au sein de l'alliance dirigée par le Parti de l'Unité (Unity Party), alors que l'un de ses membres, l'All Liberian Coalition Party (ALCOP), envisage un retrait potentiel. L'ALCOP, parti Influent au sein de l'alliance au pouvoir et représentant majeur de la communauté musulmane du pays, a rejeté l'annonce de l'investiture du candidat sénatorial Samuel Kogar dans le comté de Nimba, faite au nom de l'alliance. Le scrutin est prévu pour le 22 avril 2025, suite au décès du sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson. La Commission électorale nationale a validé huit candidatures pour cette élection partielle, don't celle de Kogar, actuellement soutenu par le Mouvement pour la Démocratie et la Reconstruction, dirigé par le vice-président Jeremiah K. Koung. Le week-end dernier, le Parti de l'Unité a publié un communiqué annonçant l'investiture officielle de Kogar en tant que candidat

commun de l'alliance pour le comté de Nimba, appelant tous les militants, sympathisants et électeurs à se mobiliser derrière lui. Cependant, cette annonce a été fermement rejetée par l'ALCOP. Intervenant dans une émission radio à Monrovia, le lundi 14 avril, M. Musa M. B. Kenneh, cadre du parti, a qualifié la déclaration du secrétaire général du Parti de l'Unité, Amos Tweh, de « fausse » et de « pure fabrication », affirmant qu'aucune décision collective n'a été prise en ce sens. « J'ai écouté Amos Tweh lire une déclaration d'investiture au nom de l'alliance. Je tiens à affirmer clairement que c'est totalement faux et trompeur. C'est une décision

unilatérale du Parti de l'Unité, prise sans consultation ni consensus. L'ALCOP ne reconnaît pas cette démarche et ne soutiendra pas Kogar », a déclaré M. Kenneh. Il a également dénoncé le non-respect de l'accord de partenariat signé entre l'ALCOP et le Parti de l'Unité lors des élections de 2023. Selon lui, le parti est profondément frustré par l'attitude de son allié au pouvoir. Lors de sa récente retraite nationale tenue le 12 avril à Monrovia, l'ALCOP a réuni son leader politique, son

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Éditorial

La décision de la Cour suprême doit inverser la tendance chaotique au Liberia

Par Raghuram Rajan

La Cour suprême du Liberia a récemment qualifié la crise de leadership en cours à la Chambre des représentants de “tendance chaotique” qui doit être corrigée. Nous ne saurions être plus en accord avec cette déclaration de la plus haute juridiction du pays.

Malgré la présence d’un président légitime à la Chambre, un groupe de députés se faisant appeler le “Bloc majoritaire” s’est réuni et a élu Richard Nagbe Koon, représentant du district #11 de Montserrado et membre du parti au pouvoir, l’Unity Party, comme président de la Chambre. Cette démarche a été menée en dehors du cadre constitutionnel du Liberia.

Bien que cette action soit illégale, elle a bénéficié du soutien de l’exécutif, qui a interprété à son avantage un avis précédent de la Cour suprême. Cet avis indiquait que les décisions prises à la Chambre étaient “ultra vires”, c’est-à-dire prises sans autorité légale. Cependant, au lieu de corriger cette situation, l’exécutif a permis l’induction du représentant Koon en tant que président de la Chambre, en dépit de la présence du président contesté J. Fonati Koffa.

Le président Koffa a contesté son limogeage illégal à deux reprises devant la Cour suprême, la plus récente étant une requête en information. Lors de cette audience, la Cour a mis en garde contre la “tendance chaotique” qui affecte le système de gouvernance du pays.

La Communauté économique des États de l’Afrique de l’Ouest (CEDEAO), à travers son organe parlementaire, a tenté par deux fois d’intervenir pour résoudre cette impasse. Cependant, ces efforts ont échoué en grande partie en raison de l’attitude non coopérative des membres du soi-disant “Bloc majoritaire”.

Dans leur quête du pouvoir, ces députés sont allés jusqu’à demander au Parlement de la CEDEAO le retrait de trois représentants libériens désignés sous la direction de Koffa. Toutefois, cette demande a été rejetée car contraire aux règlements de l’institution.

Nous sommes convaincus qu’aucune institution, en dehors de la Cour suprême, ne peut régler cette violation flagrante de la Constitution du Liberia. En tant que seule instance habilitée à interpréter les lois du pays, elle doit user de son autorité pour clarifier la situation sans ambiguïté et rétablir l’ordre constitutionnel.

Lors de sa dernière prise de parole sur cette affaire, la Cour suprême a laissé le public dans l’incertitude, une situation qui a été exploitée par l’exécutif pour justifier ses actions.

Cette fois-ci, nous exhortons la plus haute juridiction du pays à se prononcer avec fermeté et clarté sur cette affaire, en se fondant uniquement sur le droit. Il est essentiel que la Cour détermine de manière décisive quelle partie est dans son tort, afin que le peuple libérien puisse comprendre la loi et agir en conséquence.

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Français

Starts from page 8 Le président Boakai déclare : « Je ne procéderai

pas continuer à chercher une vie meilleure ailleurs. Dieu nous a tout donné ici. Il est temps de bâtir ce pays pour les générations futures », a-t-il déclaré.

Le président a invité tous les Libériens à s'impliquer activement dans le développement national, les exhortant à valoriser les bonnes initiatives et à soutenir les efforts en cours.

La cérémonie du 14 avril 2025 a réuni plusieurs hauts responsables gouvernementaux, notamment les autorités de la municipalité de Paynesville (PCC), les dirigeants de la Liberia Marketing Association (LMA), ainsi que de nombreux citoyens.

Cytarus G. Dahn, coordinatrice du Projet spécial présidentiel, a présenté les grandes lignes de la rénovation du marché, précisant que des commerçantes avaient adressé une requête au

président Boakai sollicitant son appui. En réponse, son équipe a mobilisé divers partenaires, don't NOCAL, l'Autorité portuaire nationale (NPA) et la NASSCORP, qui ont contribué à hauteur de 98 000 dollars américains.

Mme Dahn a indiqué que d'autres marchés à travers le pays bénéficieront également du Projet spécial présidentiel, mis en œuvre par l'initiative Cytarus.

Pour sa part, la présidente nationale de la LMA, Mme Elizabeth Finda Sambollah, a exprimé sa gratitude, qualifiant l'initiative de preuve concrète de l'engagement du président envers les femmes du secteur commercial. Elle a plaidé pour un appui supplémentaire, notamment la construction d'un nouveau marché pour ELWA ainsi que d'autres projets à Paynesville et dans d'autres localités.

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président, des membres du comité exécutif, d'anciens candidats, ainsi que des représentants des femmes, des jeunes et des aînés pour faire le point sur ses stratégies post-électorales.

Au terme de cette rencontre, le parti a décidé de revoir ses positions stratégiques en vue des élections présidentielles et législatives de 2029. Parmi les principales résolutions adoptées figurent :

Le rappel au respect intégral du protocole d'accord signé avec le Parti de l'Unité ;

Une dénonciation de l'échec du gouvernement à

honorer ses engagements, notamment en matière de nominations publiques ;

La revendication de la proclamation de jours fériés nationaux à l'occasion de la fin du Ramadan et de la fête de l'Abraham chaque année, par décret ou législation, dès la prochaine fête d'Abraham ;

L'exigence de la levée immédiate du moratoire sur les recrutements publics, jugé préjudiciable aux citoyens méritants.

Le fossé semble se creuser entre l'ALCOP et ses alliés au pouvoir, augurant d'une reconfiguration politique à venir.

Aucune institution médiatique ne sera arbitrairement fermée

Le ministre de l'Information Piah rassure la presse

Le ministre libérien de l'Information, Jerolinmek Matthew Piah, a réaffirmé jeudi l'engagement ferme du gouvernement du président Joseph N. Boakai en faveur de la liberté de la presse, assurant que « aucune institution médiatique ne sera arbitrairement fermée pour sa ligne éditoriale, aussi critique soit-elle. » M. Piah s'exprimait lors du tout premier Dîner présidentiel annuel avec la presse, un événement inédit destiné à renforcer le dialogue entre la présidence et les professionnels des médias, et à promouvoir la liberté de la presse au Liberia.

Devant une assemblée de journalistes, de directeurs de presse et de responsables de médias, le ministre a salué le rôle fondamental de la presse dans la démocratie, tout en soulignant l'importance du professionnalisme.

« Les éditoriaux, bien qu'ils puissent parfois créer des tensions, ont aussi le pouvoir de renforcer le dialogue et de servir d'outils pour gérer les divergences avec professionnalisme, » a déclaré M. Piah.

Ce discours intervient dans un contexte marqué par un passé récent de répression médiatique. Sous l'administration de l'ancien président George Weah, plusieurs organes de presse tels que Spoon FM, Roots FM, Fabric FM, et d'autres plateformes en ligne ont été fermés ou fortement restreints, officiellement pour des raisons liées à l'incitation à la violence ou au non-respect des exigences

réglementaires. Ces mesures avaient été largement critiquées par l'opposition et la société civile comme des atteintes à la liberté d'expression.

Conscient de cet héritage controversé, le ministre Piah a réaffirmé qu'aucune fermeture arbitraire ne serait tolérée sous le mandat du président Boakai. Il a toutefois mis en garde les professionnels contre les risques d'une presse non responsable, surtout dans une démocratie encore fragile comme celle du Liberia, qui se relève lentement de ses douloureux conflits passés.

« De nombreux journalistes aiment leur profession, mais elle

radio nationale ELBC est en pleine transformation : d'un simple relais gouvernemental, elle tend à devenir un véritable média public ouvert à toutes les voix, y compris celles de l'opposition.

« Il y a six ans, il était quasiment impossible pour un opposant de s'exprimer librement sur ELBC. Aujourd'hui, non seulement c'est possible, mais c'est encouragé, » a-t-il souligné.

Le paysage médiatique libérien a longtemps souffert d'un manque d'indépendance, avec peu ou pas d'accès des opposants aux médias publics. L'administration Boakai, élue en 2023, a promis d'instaurer un climat plus démocratique et inclusif, avec des réformes majeures dans les secteurs clés, notamment les



Mr. Jerolinmek Matthew Piah, Minister of Information

prudence. Si ce n'est pas le cas, elle peut nuire à la stabilité du pays, » a-t-il averti.

En tant que président du conseil d'administration du Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS), M. Piah a également indiqué que la

médias.

Dans ce cadre, le Dîner présidentiel avec la presse s'inscrit comme une initiative symbolique destinée à bâtir une relation de confiance entre les journalistes et l'État, tout en réaffirmant l'importance de la liberté d'expression et du

L'Ambassadrice du Rwanda exhorte les étudiants de Cuttington à promouvoir l'unité et la réconciliation

En visite à l'Université Cuttington, l'Ambassadrice du Rwanda accréditée au Ghana, Son Excellence Madame Rosemary Mbabazi, a exhorté les étudiants à adopter l'unité et la réconciliation comme piliers essentiels du progrès national.

Au cours d'une conférence spéciale organisée sur le campus de Suakoko, Madame Mbabazi a partagé l'expérience post-génocide du Rwanda, soulignant que les efforts collectifs pour construire une gouvernance responsable et inclusive peuvent transformer radicalement un pays marqué par le conflit.

« L'unité nationale et la réconciliation ne sont pas seulement des impératifs moraux, elles constituent des outils indispensables pour rebâtir un pays et garantir sa stabilité », a-t-elle déclaré devant un auditoire attentif d'étudiants et de membres du corps professoral.



Elle a mis en lumière le rôle fondamental de la réconciliation dans la guérison des blessures historiques et dans la construction d'une identité nationale tournée vers l'avenir. En s'appuyant sur l'exemple du Rwanda, elle a encouragé le Liberia et d'autres pays en développement à adopter des solutions locales et inclusives pour surmonter les divisions sociales et promouvoir une gouvernance équitable.

Parmi les exemples évoqués, l'ambassadrice a cité les tribunaux Gacaca – un système de justice communautaire inspiré des traditions rwandaises – qui ont permis aux citoyens de juger les crimes liés au génocide de 1994. Ce modèle a favorisé l'établissement de la vérité, la responsabilisation des auteurs, mais aussi la réconciliation entre les communautés.

« Le système Gacaca a non seulement mis en lumière les événements tragiques de notre passé, mais a aussi jeté les bases de la paix durable et du développement que connaît aujourd'hui le Rwanda », a-t-elle expliqué.

Elle a invité les étudiants à réfléchir à cette expérience et à envisager des approches ancrées dans leurs réalités culturelles et historiques pour relever les défis du conflit, de la justice et de la gouvernance.

De son côté, la présidente de l'Université Cuttington, Dr Romelle A. Horton, a exprimé sa profonde gratitude à l'ambassadrice Mbabazi pour sa visite enrichissante. Elle a encouragé les étudiants à intégrer les leçons tirées de cette rencontre dans leur parcours personnel et académique.

« L'histoire du Rwanda nous montre que, même après les pires tragédies, un peuple peut se relever lorsque l'unité, la justice et la vision collective guident ses pas », a conclu Dr Horton.

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LIBERIANS DEBATE

Topic: President Boakai's statement about criticism By Naneka Hoffman

At a dinner hosted for the Liberian media last week Thursday, April 10, 2025, President Joseph Nyuma Boakai said criticism against his government is not a threat to democracy, assuring that under his presidency, Liberia will have no political prisoner, no press suppression. But public reactions to the President's comments are mixed, as you may read below from a random sampling conducted by the NEW DAWN in Monrovia.



Samuel K.J. Pokai

"The president was right; criticism is not threat to democracy; criticism is a value for democracy. I mean you can't say you are a president and you

"The statement made by President Boakai on the media dinner night is anti-productive, and it doesn't match the actions of the government and Boakai himself. Boakai had dismissed people on the basis of criticisms; Boakai dismissed Matthew Nyanplu for criticizing the foreign ministry issue; the next day, he was dismissed. People went to Kanjor to protest on the basis of bad labor and Boakai instructed his police to go and kill people; people have been taken from jobs in the basis of criticism."



Rudolph G. Gborkeh

"I agreed with the President; criticism empowers you to build on your mistakes; it corrects the

don't expect for people to criticize; let's take for example, we as fathers, our wives sometimes disagreed with us; our children do, so if you come to national leadership, not everybody will be agree with you, of course they will criticize in some ways that you are going, and that criticism will also put you in check, so that you will recognize your mistakes President Boakai means it, which one of the political individuals being arrested because they criticize him? Of course not."



Robert Ibrahimovic

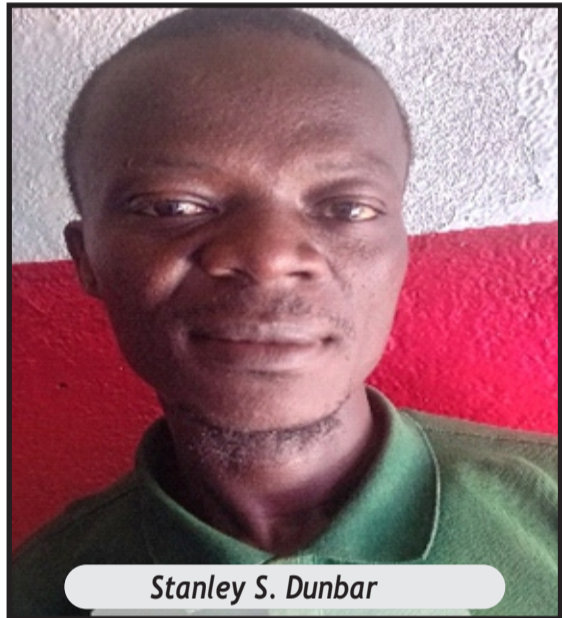
ills of the past, so I agreed with President Boakai 100%; criticism is no threat to democracy. Saying it, and doing it, is two different things. If President Boakai says criticism is not threat to democracy and he standby that then he is being democratic. But if he says criticism is not a threat to democracy and he doesn't want to encourage criticism then it means that we get it out of our back; I don't want to believe that he is encouraging it; Matthew Nyanplu criticized a minister in UP and UP suspended him."



Alfred Kromah

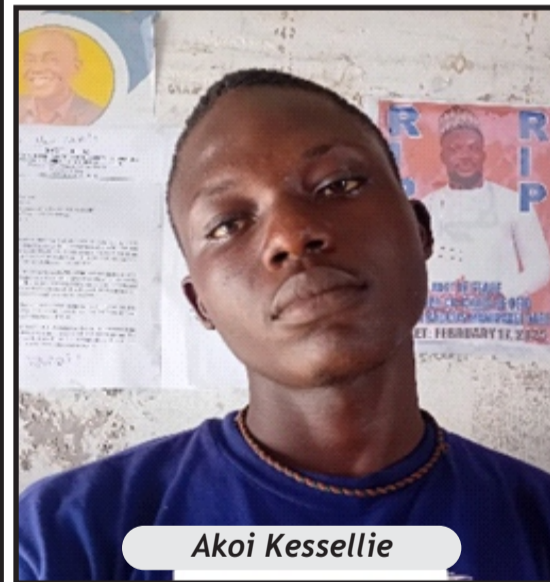
"It is not too strange to me, to hear that statement from President Joseph N. Boakai, because I know that type of man. We elected him to power to represent the Liberian people, so when you hear him making that statement, he is a man, who respects democracy. So the freedom of expression, he will allow that to happen among our people, so that all Liberians can live in peace and harmony. When it comes to journalists coming with issues against the government, we accept it because in life, if you don't accept criticism, you will not live a better life, so you need to accept criticism in order to live a better life. Joseph N. Boakai is

"President Boakai's statement that criticism is not a threat to democracy proves that the President is mature; he is honest and he is more civilized when it comes to Freedom of Speech. He has just proved to the world that he respects freedom of speech and he respects freedom of movement; and he respects rule of law that's why he made that statement."



Stanley S. Dunbar

always willing to learn from his critics, whatever suggestion his critics will bring up, he will work along with them."



Akoi Kessellie

"I will agree with President Boakai on his statement, on what he said at the media dinner, if only he will continue to do what he said that criticism is not a threat to democracy, because making statement and doing it is two different things. Presidents come to power and make so many statements that they can't go by, so we are stay waiting to see what President Boakai said, if he really means it by doing it in his regime."


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Finda Bundoo snubs Assets Recovery team

Former Chief of Protocol Amb. Nora Finda Bundoo says the government's Assets Recovery and Property Retrieval Task Force cannot be a player and a referee at the same time, snubbing an invitation to appear before the Task Force.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh
Monrovia, Liberia, April 17, 2025 - Former Presidential Chief of Protocol, Amb. Nora Finda Bundoo snubs invitation from government Assets Recovery and Property Retrieval Task Force (AREPT) here over allegations of corruption, economic crimes, and theft. Amb. Bundoo, criticizes the Assets Recovery invite as “absurd.” She decries unfairness and political turmoil aimed at damaging her hard-earned reputation. “I'm not going to subject myself to any assets recovery; you cannot be the opposing team and be the referee; why will you have invited me? Since you have evidence, use it, she tells the taskforce. “These are all mere political plays to damage my reputation, but I remain resolute and resilient.” She maintains. Amb. Bundoo has faced headaches for under 12 months after the Assets Recovery Task Force team made seizures of her transport service (Gracious Ride) vehicles, arguably accusing her of financial fraud. In an official communication issued Tuesday, April 15, 2025, the Task Force notified her of an ongoing probe into alleged acts of conflict of interest, theft of property, misapplication of public funds, economic sabotage, and money laundering. These allegations are reportedly linked to her involvement with

Anita Group of Companies and its subsidiary, Gracious Ride. According to documents obtained by the Task Force, Ms. Bundoo is believed to have affixed her name, signature, and official identity to corporate documents associated with the companies currently under investigation. These actions are alleged to have occurred while she was still serving in the Executive Mansion under former President Weah. The companies in question, particularly Gracious Ride, are accused of using illicit means to acquire a fleet of Suzuki vehicles that now operate as part of a transport service. The nature of these transactions, authorities allege, raises significant red flags regarding their legitimacy and financial sourcing. The investigation falls under the mandate of Executive Order #145, a continuation of Executive Order #126, which empowers the Liberian government to trace, identify, and recover assets suspected to have been unlawfully acquired by current and former government officials. But speaking to the NEW DAWN on Wednesday, Amb. Bundoo said the Asset Recovery team has not been neutral while calling for justice. She describes such invites as nothing short of a calculated smear political campaign aimed at tarnishing her reputation. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



NPP split over endorsement in Nimba by-election

Confusion has rocked the National Patriotic Party (NPP) over endorsement in the Nimba Senate Race, with one party executive leading the support for Kogar, while the party declares support for Edith Gongloe-Weh.

By: Edwin N. Khakie
Gbarnga, Bong County – In a surprising twist on Wednesday, the National Patriotic Party (NPP) plunged into internal controversy just hours after an apparent endorsement of Representative Samuel Gongben Kogar for the upcoming April 22, 2025, senatorial by-election in Nimba County. Speaking on a local radio station in Gbarnga, Atty. George S. Mulbah publicly declared support for Rep. Kogar, claiming the decision was reached following a high-level executive session of the party. Mulbah, who identified himself as the party's national chairman, cited Kogar's legislative experience, political maturity, and deep ties to the NPP as the rationale for the endorsement. “As we prepare for our convention, we are proud to throw our full support behind Hon. Samuel Kogar for the Nimba senatorial seat,” Mulbah said. “He is the only candidate with verified

legislative experience and commands the kind of respect the late Senator Johnson once did. His roots in the NPP speak volumes.” Mulbah also announced plans to send a delegation to Nimba County on April 17 to formally present the endorsement and rally support for Kogar's campaign. Party Convention Scheduled for May 30 During his radio appearance, Mulbah revealed that the NPP would hold an extraordinary convention on May 30 in Gbarnga to elect a new political leader—a position distinct from the standard bearer, who is selected during election cycles. Senators James O. P. Biney (Maryland County) and Melvin Snowe (Bomi County) have reportedly expressed interest in the role. “This is about charting a fresh political direction,” Mulbah said, promising a free and transparent process. Party leadership issues swift rebuttal

Ex-Montserrado Sup. Grace Kpan arrested and briefly detained

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named destroyed their properties on Saturday, April 12, A.D. 2025 about the hour of 3.30 pm and in the Tweh Farm Community, Bushrod Island, Montserrado County,” the writ read. The writ described the action as criminal, unlawful, purposeful and intentional, as she orders the yellow machine operator to break down and destroy private prosecutor property (Two houses. " Mr. Magau House value USD83,795.00, Madam Agnes Building value USD157,055 thereby bringing the total value of the property destroyed to USD241,450.00. This act

of you defendants being criminal, illegal and unlawful. The crime mentioned that you, the defendants, did do and commit, hence, this writ of arrest. Contrary to the form, force, and effect of the Statutory Laws of Liberia in such cases made and provided against the peace and dignity of this republic, and for so doing, this shall constitute your legal and sufficient authority and have this writ. Given under our hands and seal of court this 15th Day of April 2025," the writ concluded. - *Edited by Othello B. Garblah.*

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BEFORE HIS HONOR .. NECULAR Y. EDWARDS, RESIDENT JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT



IN RE: THE PETITION OF GERALD PADMORE AND JANINE 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.

NOTICE!NOTICE!!NOTICE!!!

THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTEES OF THE LATE GEORGE ARTHUR PADMORE (PEYTON PADMORE, ROCHEFORTE PADMORE, RAGNAR PADMORE, MICHAEL PADMORE, VIVAN PADMORE, JOHN PADMORE AND MRS. GEORGETTE CASSETTE) THAT THE INSTRUMENT PURPORTED TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE GEORGE ARTHUR PADMORE, WAS IN DUE FORM BROUGHT TO THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND SAME READ IN OPEN COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF LIBERIA ON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2025. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DISTRIBUTEES IS/ARE FURTHER INFORMED THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ALL PERSONS HAVING LEGAL OR FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED “PETITION” ARE TO FILE SAME IN THIS HONORABLE COURT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE AFORESAID COURT ON OR BEFORE THE 4TH DAY OF MAY A.D. 2025, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

FAILURE TO DO SAME WITHIN THE PERIOD INDICATED HEREINABOVE, WILL LEAVE THIS HONORABLE COURT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ORDER SAID “PETITION “GRANTED AND LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ISSUED TO THE EXECUTOR/TRIXES.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT
THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2025



HELENA SOGBE-STEWART
CLERK, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT
MONTSERRADO COUNTY, R.L.

-Over US\$241,450.00 properties demolition in Tweh Farm

By Lincoln G. Peters

Madam Kpan was dragged to the Monrovia City Court on a charge of criminal mischief following the alleged demolition of some properties.

She was arrested by Monrovia City Court presiding Magistrate L DEN BARCO and spent hours on the criminal defendant bench after being accused by Benson Kun and others for destroying their houses in the Tweh farm community.

The complainant under oath alleged that the former Montserrado County Superintendent

Madam Kpan on April 12 brought yellow machine operators that destroyed their h o u s e s . The costs of the houses were put at US83,795.00 Dollars and US157,655 Dollars, amounting to US241,450.00 Dollars.

The detention of Madam

Kpan was based on a WRIT OF ARREST issued against her on April 15, 2025, by the court under the complaine of the private prosecutor.

" You are hereby commanded to arrest the living bodies of Grace Kpan and yellow machine operator defendant/s to be identified, and forthwith bring them before the Monrovia City Court, Temple Of Justice Building Montserrado County to answer to the charge of criminal mischief based on the oath and complaint of the Republic of Liberia by & thru Mark Harris Private Prosecutor in which it is substantially alleged as follows in violation of section 15.5 of the New Penal Law of Liberia," the writ instructed.

According to the writ, the Private prosecutors/trix complained and said that the defendants within

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Vice Standard Bearer of the Liberian National Union Party, Madam Grace T. Kpan, was briefly detained on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, by the Monrovia City Court for the demolition of properties in the Tweh Farm Community valued at US\$ 241,450.00.



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