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Continental News

Ghana president suspends chief justice in unprecedented move away from catastrophe - UN

John Mahama has has not been made public and president Nana Akufosuspended the she is yet to comment, while Addo. It is her responsibility country's Supreme Court Ghana's former attorney to oversee the chief justice - a move that general has claimed her administration of justice in

hanaian President The content of the petitions nominated in 2023 by former Ghana.

According to news agency Reuters, Ms Torkornoo survived a removal request earlier this year when former President Akufo-Addo said a petition to have her dismissed had "several deficiencies".

Copies of the three recently filed petitions against Ms Torkornoo were not initially made available to her.But some lawyers argued that withholding the documents was a violation of Ms Torkornoo's right to a fair hearing. Copies of the petition were subsequently made available to the chief justice, allowing her to respond to the allegations privately and in writing.

Ms Torkornoo will be invited by the five-member committee to respond again to the petitions before a final decision is reached as to whether she should be removed from office or not.BBC



marks a first in the country's history. An investigation has been launched and three undisclosed petitions have been filed making allegations against Gertrude Torkornoo, calling for her permanent removal.

Chief justices in Ghana enjoy security of tenure - meaning they can only be removed from office on a few grounds, which include incompetence and misbehaviour.

suspension is an attempt to undermine the judiciary.

"I think it is a complete charade," Godfred Yeboah Dame told the BBC.

"It's the biggest assault on the [judiciary] in the nation's history, the greatest assault on the independence of the judiciary under the constitutional dispensation of this country."

Ms Torkornoo is Ghana's third female chief justice and was

head of the UN's food aid agency in Ethiopia has said millions in the away from falling into a catastrophe".Zlatan Milišić's statement came as he announced that because of a lack of funding the World Food Programme (WFP) "is being forced to halt treatment" for more than half a million malnourished women and children starting next month.

without more money all donors".

n a stark warning, the children will not be getting what it calls "life-saving" help from May.Looking beyond next month, Mr Milišić said country are "one shock that without more funding "we will not be able to deliver any food assistance to the most vulnerable families we support in three months from now".The WFP said it was facing a shortfall of \$222m (£166m) for the April-September period in Ethiopia, "despite the generosity of many governments and individual donors".

The WFP has not been affected by the Trump Those affected are administration's cuts to its among 3.6 million people foreign aid programme, a UN who would no longer spokesperson told the BBC, have access to food aid in adding that "we have not the coming weeks received enough funding from

coming in, the WFP has In addition to financial



The UN's World Food Programme has said it has reached three million people so far this year "in the face of immense challenges"

Main opposition leader removed from Ivory Coast electoral list

vory Coast's main opposition office. judiciary which says he is Laurent Gbagbo, have been planning minister before the ineligible to run in October's barred from running. Reacting to PDCI was ousted from power in a presidential election.

run for president, but a court voters continues to grow. argued on Thursday that the "After 15 years in power, RHDP Thiam has held senior positions French citizenship in 1987.

His disqualification comes just a week after he was confirmed as the only contender for the centre-right Democratic Party the PDCI.Last week Thiam was nominated as the PDCI's candidate after winning 5,321 votes out of 5,348 cast.

The governing RHDP party has not yet announced its candidate, but the current president, 83-year-old Alassane Ouattara, is likely to run for what would be a fourth term in

leader has been removed Three other prominent figures, Coast and took up politics. from the electoral roll by the including former President In 1998, aged 36, he became the ruling. Thiam said: "It's no coup the following year. He then Tidjane Thiam renounced his surprise that this court ruling moved abroad and pursued a French citizenship in order to comes as our support among largely successful business

forfeited his Ivory Coast want to monopolise power businesses like Aviva, Prudential nationality when he acquired rather than face the judgement and Credit Suisse, though he quit of the electorate."

was an "act of democratic to pass the entrance exam to has been cleared of any vandalism, which will France's prestigious involvement.BBC disenfranchise millions of Polytechnique engineering

school, he returned to Ivory

career.

from the latter in 2020 following Thiam said the court's decision After becoming the first Ivorian a spying scandal - although he



warned.

is also ongoing violence in the two most populous regions, Amhara and Oromia, that has forced hundreds of thousands from their homes. Plus conflicts in neighbouring countries has led to an influx of refugees. An onsouth-east of the country malnutrition are on the Eritrea.BBC rise" in the country of 130 million people, the WFP said 650,000 women and

constraints, the WFP said its Ethiopia is still feeling humanitarian operations have the after-effects from a been disrupted by the ongoing two-year civil war in the violence and insecurity in former Credit Suisse boss leaders are running scared. They in leading international northern region of Tigray Amhara, "threatening our that ended in 2022. There ability to reach over half a million vulnerable people in the region"."Criminal activities such as car hijacking, threats, and theft, are on the rise and pose serious risks to staff safety and impact the delivery of life saving assistance," it added. Ethiopia, a country of a going drought in the population of around 130 million people, has also been is also causing concern. In receiving thousands of a statement which refugees from Sudan, outlines that "hunger and Somalia, South Sudan and

EDITORIAL

2025

Allow President Doe to rest in peace

eeming words of war ensued recently between Madam Nancy B. Doe, widow of slain President Samuel Kanyon Dow and a family, Senator Zoe Emmanuel Pennue over a memorial ceremony of her late husband, President Doe.

Senator Pennue, an ethnic Krahn, and family member of the slain President, reportedly initiated a military traditional memorial ceremony for the late President recently in Caldwell, Montserrado County.

But this is not go well with Mrs Doe, who contended that she and her children, as the immediate family, should have been the one to lead such exercise.

We think that brewing confusion in the once first family over what should be a last respect and memorial for a husband, father and renowned statesman, who was decapitated by rag-tag rebels is absolutely unwarranted.

President Doe died a very painful and humiliating death in the hands of rebels commanded by late Senator Prince Yormie Johnson after he was attacked and captured in September 1991, on the base of the regional peace monitoring group, ECOMOG inside the Freeport of Monrovia. He had gone to welcome the peacekeepers when he met his

We call on Madam Doe to ceasefire and focus on keeping the family united especially, in the wake of plan by the government to give the late President a national memorial thru reburial.

We believe that as widow and mother, she is in a unique position to carry the family along irrespective of who does what. Rather that issuing public statement, washing their dirty clothes in the press, such disagreement should be addressed in family meetings.

The late President was a very decent and loving president, who positively impacted Liberia is many ways. His love for sports kept the nation united. His agriculture program, Green Revolution, put citizens to work, including his officials, who were required to cultivate private farms for self-sufficiency in food.

President Doe was also development-oriented. He modernized the National Police Headquarters. As a military man himself, he gave the Armed Forces of Liberia top priority, increasing salary of servicemen, building barracks and equipping troops. All that is history now.

This is why we think it is important that the family should unite and I look up the current government that has announced a reburial plan, not only for President Doe, but late President William R. Tolbert, so that the two leaders, whose leaderships ended, leaving dark clouds over the nation, can rest in final peace, and allow Liberia to forge ahead.

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By Timothy Radcliffe

A Society Without Charity Is Doomed to Failure

disciples and saying, "This is my him. body given for you." This act of hope extended into Easter To turn away from the poorest is to giving over human grasping.

harvest.

fundamental to our faith.

That role will become even more and more than 142,000 children.

Judaism and Islam also insist that charities express what is commitment to charity. fundamental to our human dignity: receive gifts without shame.

people in a culture of dependence. December 9, 2024.

OME - Every Easter, Christians But this is not how most of these remember how at the Last charities work. Instead, they Supper, on the eve of Jesus's recognize that the most vulnerable crucifixion, hope seemed to be and fragile among us bear witness to lost. Most of Jesus's closest friends oft-forgotten aspects of human were about to deny and desert him. dignity: resilience, solidarity, All that lay ahead was torture and a mutual dependence, trust in God hideous death. But in this moment and each other, and gratitude. Jesus of despair, Jesus made himself a says that whoever reaches out to gift for all, giving bread to the "one of the least of these" gives to

morning, when life triumphed over reject God. Above all, aid sustains death, love over hatred, and divine family life, especially the women and children whom it should be unthinkable to abandon. Nikolai As we mourn the death of Pope Berdyaev, the Russian existentialist Francis, our hope following this philosopher, wrote: "Bread for Easter Sunday is that even the myself is a material question; bread smallest acts of kindness can bear for my neighbor is a spiritual fruit beyond our imagining. Let's question." For Christians, the remember that when faced with ultimate act of giving is shown in 5,000 hungry people, all the Christ's shedding of his blood on the disciples could muster were five cross. For all of us, whether religious loaves of bread and a couple of fish. or not, charity is life-giving blood, But it was enough to feed everyone, which circulates in the body of with the blessing of the Lord of the society, nourishing life with its kindness.

Our world is plagued by poverty and Given this, recent reports in violence - problems that seem Reuters, Bloomberg, the New York impossible to solve - at a time when Times, and the Financial Times that the postwar global order is in the US government may impose new danger of collapse. Christian curbs on charitable giving are charities - Catholic Relief Services, profoundly worrying. The ability of World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, charities, funders, and and Jesuit Refugee Service come to philanthropies to operate and mind, among many others - are deliver support unhindered in the US playing an admirable role in helping and globally is vital not only to those alleviate this suffering. When so who benefit from aid, but also to many people have no hope for the those who give it. A society in which future, these charities' efforts in charitable giving is deliberately the United States and globally are restricted would be doomed to poverty itself, both financial and moral.

important in the coming years, as Pope Francis devoted his life to major economies cut their foreign-serving the poor and tackling aid budgets, inflicting profound injustice. His final Easter "Urbi et damage on vulnerable people, each Orbi" message is worth reflecting one made in the image of God. on: "I appeal to all those in positions Boston University's new digital of political responsibility in our tracking initiative estimates that world not to yield to the logic of fear the near-total freeze on US foreign- which only leads to isolation from aid funding and programming since others, but rather to use the January has already resulted in the resources available to help the deaths of more than 68,000 adults needy, to fight hunger, and to encourage initiatives that promote development."

charitable giving is essential to a Hope, faith, and charity are the life of faith, rather than an optional foundational virtues of Christianity. extra. The word "charity" comes Although many of us were running from the Latin caritas, which low on hope this Easter, our faith means "love." In that sense, remains strong, as must our common

the ability to give freely and to Timothy Radcliffe, the first Englishman to be elected Master of the worldwide Dominican Order in True, some aid can be patronizing its 800-year-history, was created and humiliating, imprisoning Cardinal by Pope Francis on

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FEATURE

"From grass to grace"

-A disabled girl praises destiny helper for transformed l

By: Edwin N Khakie

WEDNESDAY

22-year-old girl from Gbarnga-Siaquelleh Town, Panta District#4, Bong County, departed her rural village for a better life in the United States of America.

This positive change was made possible through the efforts of a dedicated son of Gboawuta Town, Harrison Kpartipa, through his effort and his church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Tipton and Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

She learned to walk on her knees to complete such tasks as 'fetching' water, gathering firewood for cooking, thrashing rice, and 'walking' to school when she could attend.

However, Harrison Kpartipa, who grew up in the adjacent village of Gboawuta based in the USA, stated, 'children born in Liberia with a handicap are often treated as outcasts due to their inability to carry their own weight'.

course of treatment. At the time, all the documents were in transit to Cedar Rapids," he added.

Moreover, Mr. Harrison Kpartipa said upon receipt of the aforementioned documents, he was in a position to begin making travel arrangements to bring Thinking Paye to Cedar Rapids in the US.

These arrangements included having him fly to Liberia to escort Thinking Paye back to the USA. At the same time, with these documents in hand, he

> was able to schedule Thinking's preliminary consultation evaluation with the Shriner's Hospital.

"During the period from when Mis Paye arrived in Cedar Rapids until she is admitted to the Shriner's Hospital, I intend to immerse her into 'life in the USA.' This included enrolling her in ESL classes, teaching her basic (to us) life skills, such as NEVER bringing electrical devices near water, how to flush a stool, cooking on a gas/electric stove, operating a micro-wave oven, turning a light switch on, how and when to make a call to 911, etc. I even have to quit my job to take care of her," he stressed.

Remember, this is a young lady coming from the rainforest of remote Africa who lived through the horrors of life in Liberia. Try to imagine the world she was leaving, then think about the world

she was being entered into.

Mr. Harrison Kpartipa told the media that one of Thinking's first medical reviews of her life was made in early 2016, where she was reported to be extremely malnourished but otherwise to be in relatively good health.

He said Thinking Paye, who could not walk when she was in Liberia, can now walk, and her health condition has improved in the US.

Meanwhile, in an exclusive interview with Thinking Paye via mobile phone from the United States of America lauded the efforts of Mr. Harrison Kpartipa for transforming her life from darkness to light.

Thinking Paye told our reporter that she can walk now, and she completed her high school studies in 2023, and she is currently in university.

"If Mr. Harrison Kpartipa was not going to bring me to the United States of America, probably I may have been dead long ago because life was very difficult for me as a person who couldn't walk. There was no care for me," Thinking Paye explained her ordeal.



Iowa, United States of America.

Town, located in northern Bong County, Liberia. Due to a 'probable' neurological condition, knees down.

She was born during a very difficult period in Rapids. the country's history, being born in year eleven impacted the first fourteen and one-half years as crutches, wheelchairs, or a PET tricycle. of her life.

With no electricity, running water, or nearby medical clinics/hospitals, Thinking's birth came under less-than-ideal circumstances, probably aided by the village's elder women (traditional midwives). With the war raging, the people of Liberia, especially in the rural villages, had virtually no financial means to travel, and thus to seek medical treatment.

same tasks as her able-bodied peers.

According to Mr. Kpartipa, while on a mission trip to Thinking was born on October 11, 2002, in the Gbarnga-Siaquelleh in the spring of 2015, he was remote farming village of Gbarnga-Siaquelleh introduced to Thinking, with the question asked of him, "Is there a way someone in the United States can help Thinking?" Upon his return to Cedar Rapids, Thinking has never had use of her legs from the lowa, where he currently resides, as an eight-year US citizen, Mr. Kpartipa approached the mission support committee of his church, Trinity Lutheran, Cedar

of what ended up being a devastating fourteen- He revealed that he asked the question of how they year civil war. While the war may not have could assist Thinking Paye, adding at first, the caused her medical affliction, it certainly has conversation centered around mobility devices, such

> According to Mr. Kpartipa, the committee asked him (Kpartipa) to find a Hospital that would cater to Thinking Paye's health condition, so he contacted the Shriner's Hospital in the Twin Cities, to inquire whether the Shriner's would accept Thinking Paye to be evaluated and then offer a course of treatment.

"In January 2017, I received news from the Shriner's Hospital that they would accept Thinking as an international patient. That set the wheels in motion As a result, Thinking was forced to adapt to her to secure Thinking's birth certificate (no small feat), circumstances as she grew. This meant to to apply for a passport and VISA, and lastly, obtain become a contributing part of her notarized POA and guardianship documents, as family/village unit, she had to carry out the Thinking's parents do not have the means to accompany her for this year-long expected medical



The cry against Mob Justice: Addressing the root causes and advocating for equal justice

t is often said that when the legal system cannot serve everyone equally, it leads to distrust and frustration in the system, something dangerously exploited by the marginalized who, in return, take the law into their own hands. The resulting outcomes are usually mob violence.

Lack of equal justice in any society often has the propensity to brew mob justice or mob violence. This act of lawlessness, which sometimes results in the death of innocent victims, is frequently the outcome of unequal justice or the lack of confidence within a justice system.

Earlier this month, the Government of Liberia declared April a month of Anti-Mob Violence, announcing that the practice has become very prevalent and widespread in Liberian society.

The campaign was launched at a colorful program attracting local and foreign dignitaries. A banner displaying an anti-mob violence campaign bore several slogans, some of which read: "Do you know that Mob Justice undermines our human dignity and creates a lawless society? Do you know that Mob Justice frustrates good governance and respect for the rule of law? Do you know that Mob Justice sends a message that drives investors away?" However, what was lacking among these messages was a slogan guaranteeing equal justice for all, a lack of which has led to the prevalence of mob violence in the country.

The current justice system doesn't seem to guarantee justice for the poor. Criminals roam the streets daily, attacking ordinary citizens and getting away with impunity. In most instances, they attack their victims in public with onlookers watching in dismay—everyone fearful of intervening. This lack of intervention and the perception that justice is out of reach for many leads to the practice of mob violence.

In other scenarios where most of these criminals are apprehended, they are regularly back on the streets in no time continuing with their trade. This repeated failure to protect ordinary citizens also lead to distrust and frustration in the justice system and of course the resulting out come is the formation of vigilante groups-which end up in taking justice into their own hands.

The repercussions of mob justice are far-reaching. It undermines the rule of law, disrupts social order, and instills fear within communities. Moreover, it tarnishes the image of the nation, deterring potential investors and stalling economic progress.

But again, in the absence of equal justice, citizens feel compelled to take matters into their own hands, resulting in chaotic and often tragic outcomes. Mob-justice has a far-reaching repercussion on societies just as unequal justice. Therefore, addressing the root causes of mob justice is as important as launching a campaign against the practices itself.

In this regard, it requires a multifaceted approach. Just by engaging communities and warning them against the practice of mob-violence is not the only way to reduce the practice but ensuring that the justice system is accessible and fair to all citizens is paramount.

When the campaign only focuses on the act but don't address the underlining factors that lead to the practice of mob-justice, it would yield no result The communities must also have access to equal justice and that too should be promoted alongside anti-mob violence.

In so doing, the government, alongside civil society organizations, must work collaboratively to restore faith in the justice system. Initiatives should focus on transparency, accountability, and the swift resolution of cases. Public awareness campaigns can also play a significant role in changing attitudes towards mob justice.

In conclusion, the cry against mob justice is a call for the restoration of trust in the legal system. By ensuring equal justice for all, society can move towards a more lawful and harmonious existence.

The month of Anti-Mob Violence is a step in the right direction, but it must be accompanied by concrete actions and reforms that address the underlying issues fuelling this dangerous practice. Only then can we hope to see a decline in mob violence and the emergence of a just and equitable society for all.

Tribute to Pope Franci

By B. Elias Shoniyin

oday, the world is draped in solemn silence as we mourn the passing of a moral titan, a shepherd of peace, and a fierce defender of the forgotten, His Holiness Pope Francis. His departure marks not just the end of a papacy, but the closing of a profoundly transformative chapter in the history of the Catholic Church and the global human family.

I was deeply privileged to meet Pope Francis in 2014 when I accompanied President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on an official visit to the Vatican. That moment remains etched in my To millions of people, whether for the striking humility a father, a friend, and a voice of

but to the prison yard, the refugee camp, the homeless shelter, and the war zone. He taught us that faith is not measured by pomp but by presence, by how far we are willing to go for those the world often overlooks. In his papacy, doctrine met dignity, and theology found its hands in the dirt of human suffering.

His legacy will forever echo in his relentless pursuit of justice, his bold calls for environmental stewardship, and his insistence that the Church be a field hospital, not a fortress.

memory, not for its grandeur, but Christian or not, Pope Francis was



firmness of compassion and injustice. simplicity that defined his life, message thundered through: we are all equal before God.

what it meant to lead—choosing people over power. From the slums of Buenos Aires to the remained a humble servant to the poor, the persecuted, the migrant, and the marginalized.

Pope Francis brought the light of

Christ not merely to the pulpit,

witnessed firsthand. As I reached conscience in an increasingly out to shake Pope Francis' hand, fractured world. He reminded us I instinctively began to bow, as that mercy is the highest form of protocol and reverence dictate. strength, and that love, real love, But Pope Francis, with the is never neutral in the face of

quickly raised me up with his We grieve today not only because steady hand. No words were we have lost a Pope, but because spoken in that gesture, yet the we have lost a rare moral force whose heartbeat for the vulnerable of this world.

That moment wasn't just May the legacy of Pope Francis symbolic. It captured the continue to guide our conscience, essence of a man who redefined challenge our comfort, and awaken within us the courage to compassion over ceremony, and serve with humility, love, and unwavering faith.

corridors of the Vatican, he Request in pace, Holy Father. You will be deeply missed, not just in Rome, but in every corner of the world where pain yearned for compassion.

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Govt, begins performance training for over 100 Focal Persons their respective institutions,

By Lewis S. Teh

public service delivery and smart 2025 performance meet overall goals of target that are aligned with government's Arrest Agenda the AAID, institutional for Inclusive Development or mandates and national AAID, the ministry of state for priorities.

institutions. The objective of the training is to provide onrovia, Liberia, April institutional PMCS focal 22, 2025 - In a bid to person with hands-on strengthen effective technical support to finalize



presidential affairs through The Director General of the the cabinet secretariat has Cabinet, Mr. Nathaniel T. kicked off two days intensive Kwabo, explains that the technical training on training is meant for the for over 100 focal person's persons, who are actually across government dedicated or designated by

Performance Management performance management Compliance System or PMCS compliance system of to work with the cabinet secretariat, in implementing the performance management and compliance system.

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"As you know, last year we did a training for about 280 persons and I think the same number of persons that we're dealing with this year. Last year the training was focused on just target settings, just as this one. But last year we had two targets, so to speak. As I always said, it was just meant to get people used to the system, familiarize themselves with the system. So two targets were set", he says. According to him, one of the targets is development and publication of the service delivery charter that is those things that you set out to do as an entity in government based on your mandate. And then the second target was to develop and build the systems, the capacity of the institutions to implement the service delivery charter.

Now this year, which is the second cycle, 2025, the training is focused also on target setting. But now it is

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Explore new innovat move Liberia forward sustainable ventures today. He points internal party dynamics,

-Allen tells President Boakai

National Patriotic Party Chairman emeritus, Chief Cyril Tuesday's Nimba County Senatorial Allen, advises President Boakai to prioritize leveraging the By-election, emphasizing the country's natural resources and fostering local industrial importance of maintaining party development.

April 21, 2025 - agricultural outputs. Chairman Emeritus He highlights Liberia's strengthen its electoral prospects. development to boost the advocating for similar

In an exclusive mobile interview, Allen emphasizes the need for Liberia to shift from dependency on foreign aid toward establishing factories and processing plants for its abundant natural wealth, including gold, diamonds, timber,

economy.

and fisheries.

He urges the government to revisit successful past initiatives like the Lofa and Bong County Agriculture Development

By: Naneka A. Hoffman Projects, which he recalls, future. onrovia, Liberia, created jobs and increased He emphasizes unity and strategic

country's natural industry during jailed value locally and create jobs. local industrial Taylor's administration,

organization within the NPP to

of the National Patriotic potential in the fishing Chairman Emeritus Allen advocates Party (NPP), Chief Cyril industry, given its for a shift from reliance on external Allen, wants President extensive coastline, and funding to inward investment in Agriculture. Gender and The proposed initiative Joseph N. Boakai to focus recalls successes of the manufacturing and resource Commerce and Industry. on leveraging the timber and plywood processing, which he says, could add Throughout the day, governance, cooperative

resources and fostering former President Charles He calls on the government to structural and institutional management. Moreover, a 50%

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Stakeholders Unite to Empower Women in Agriculture at National Policy Dialogue

takeholders from across more inclusive and equitable Liberia's agriculture and sector. development sectors Participants strongly who gathered in Monrovia on recommended that the Monday, April 14, 2024, for a Ministry of Agriculture work One-day Inclusive Gender with financial institutions and Policy Dialogue on development partners to Agriculture emerged from develop and operationalize a

directed at the Ministry of farmers and agribusiness Agriculture to mainstream owners. gender and ensure that The Gender-Responsive women are empowered Agricultural Financing Facility

agricultural value chain. attracted a diverse group of capital.

from the Ministries of based organizations.

the forum with a strong dedicated financing consensus and a set of mechanism tailored to the actionable resolutions specific needs of women across all levels of the (GRAFF) should provide accessible credit, grants, and The dialogue was organized guarantee schemes, featuring by the Liberia Agricultural simplified loan requirements, and Environmental flexible collateral terms, and Journalists Network (LAEJN) gender-sensitive risk in collaboration with the assessments. The aim is to UNIDO/Grow 2 Project, break down longstanding funded by the Embassy of financial barriers and increase Sweden in Liberia. The event women's access to productive

participants, including The Ministry of Agriculture was women farmers, leaders of also urged to implement a agricultural cooperatives, national mentorship and civil society actors, capacity-building program development partners, designed to elevate women private sector players into leadership roles within including key representatives cooperatives and farmer-



barriers that limit women's leadership quota for women access to resources, decision- was endorsed to ensure making platforms, and gender-balanced decisioneconomic opportunities making within cooperative within the agricultural value structures.

and sustainable growth.

of bold resolutions and action This includes establishing at transforming Liberia's agricultural landscape into a

includes training modules on discussions centered on the development, and financial

chain. Participants Another significant resolution underscored the need for calls for the revision of the deliberate policies and National Agriculture practical mechanisms that Investment Plan (NAIP) and foster gender equity, other sectorial policies to economic empowerment, mainstream gender in their design, implementation, and The event culminated in a set monitoring processes.

points directed at the gender-specific goals and Ministry of Agriculture, aimed indicators, allocating budget

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International partners visit AML Buchanan and Yekepa Operations

2025

Thanks to her H.E., the Head of the EU Delegation to Liberia Nona French Ambassador Isabelle Le Deprez and French Ambassador Isabelle Le Guellec for their recent visit to our Yekepa and Buchanan operations.

onrovia, April 23, 2025: the mines. This visit highlights the The Ambassadors and strong international delegation shared the collaboration we continue to following reflections on their forge and underscores our visit.

shared commitment to EU Ambassador Nona Deprez: "I



development, and economic term commitment to Liberia. growth for Liberia.

opportunity to tour our sites in will create more jobs and Buchanan and Yekepa where domestic revenue for the they engaged with our team Liberian people." Their visit and were fully briefed about also included a tour of the our operations, especially the ArcelorMittal Liberia Training Phase II Expansion Project and Academy where hundreds of the massive investments and young Liberians are being improvements we have made offered world-class vocational to critical infrastructures such education and training to as the railway, the port, and empower them for the future.

sustainable practices, local commend ArcelorMittal's long-Its substantial investments in The ambassadors had the the railway and concentrator

Guellec: "The visit of AML was essential for me to better understand the tremendous and unwavering engagement of the company in Liberia since 2005, even though painful crisis like Ebola: the heavy investment in the railway, up to today, the job opportunities for thousands of Liberians, the broad support to local communities and the development of the vocational training, have strongly impressed me. I thank and congratulate AML for all that." Dimitri de Pues, Diplomatic Attache, Private Sector Dev., Finance & Trade, EU Delegation:

"We welcomed the invitation from AML to see their investment in Liberia and commend them for the infrastructure built over the years and sticking by Liberia throughout the COVID pandemic and for the job creation and developing of skills of their workers which stands at approximately 7000 staff."

ArcelorMittal's operations in Liberia are guided by a vision of creating long-term, positive impacts for our communities, the government and people of Liberia. Together, we aim to build a brighter, more sustainable future.

"Redirect your energy to something useful,"

-Information Minister tells STAND ahead of planned protest

The Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Information have advised those planning protests here to redirect their energies to something useful.

By Kruah Thompson

Affairs and Tourism ■ Minister Jerolinmek Matthew Piah, speaking directly to the pro-grassroots advocacy group, Solidarity and Trust for a New Day (STAND), to redirect its energy toward more constructive efforts instead of what he described as attempts to exploit the Liberian people under the guise of civil society activism.

His statement comes in response to a recent announcement by STAND's National Chairman, Mulbah Morlu, who revealed plans to lead a nationwide peaceful protest in July 2025.

government action on a ten-

He alleged that the initiative nformation, Culture is a disguised effort by members of the former ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) to destabilize the country by posing as civil society actors.

"There are people in our society who get angry when the country is making progress," Piah said. "Most of them are self-centred individuals who only care about what benefits them. Some of these same people, who now parade as civil society leaders, were political actors in the past administration and have simply changed their banner."

Piah accused these individuals of previously The protest according to him, advocating for the aims to demand the establishment of a war and



presented by various groups, the Sirleaf administration, including petty traders, only to abandon those calls motorcyclists, vendors, and once in power. civil servants.

Morlu stated that the planned protest would highlight critical issues such as police brutality, corruption, and the lack of respect for the rule of law.

He also planned to call for the dismissal of Liberia National Police Inspector General Col. Gregory Coleman and his Deputy for Operations, citing harassment of petty traders and restrictions placed on motorcyclists in certain zones of Monrovia.

But responding to Morlu at a press conference on Tuesday, April 22, Minister Piah dismissed the protest plans as politically motivated.

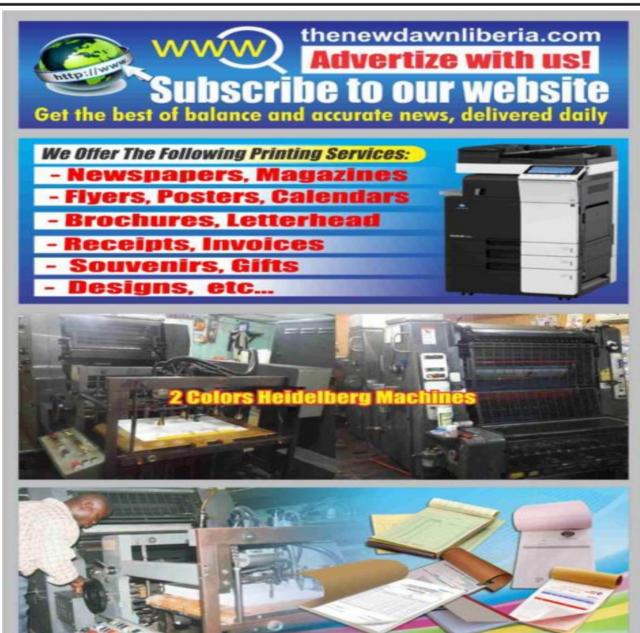
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"They dropped the advocacy garment and put on the political one, killing the whole vision for justice. Now that they've lost power, they've switched back again, trying to exploit situations involving motorcyclists and traders to fuel unrest." the minister added.

He urged STAND and other organizers to use their influence to support national development rather than stoke division.

"Redirect your energy to something useful," he said, emphasizing that Liberia is





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dans les années ArcelorMittal.

civile dévastatrice étranger fit son entrée : du secteur minier du fer,

2000, le Libéria se trouvait Vingt ans plus tard, la présence l'engagement ferme de à la croisée des chemins : d'ArcelorMittal Liberia est réhabiliter les redresser une économie en indissociable des progrès infrastructures minières ruine, reconstruire des réalisés par le Libéria dans les détruites par la guerre.

u sortir d'une guerre majeur de l'investissement accord marquait la relance jadis florissant, avec



redonner espoir à une population profondément traumatisée.

entamait ses premiers pas démocratiques vers la paix et la stabilité, un acteur

infrastructures détruites et domaines économique, social et L'entreprise a rapidement infrastructurel.

ArcelorMittal fut le premier grand investisseur étranger à En 2005, alors que le pays signer un Accord de Développement Minier (MDA) avec le gouvernement libérien

lancé les travaux de réhabilitation du corridor minier reliant Yekepa à Buchanan, en mettant l'accent sur la remise en

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Cour donne raison à Grace Kpan dans e affaire de démolition à Tweh Farm

Des documents judiciaires obtenus par The NEW DAWN confirment que la récente démolition de plusieurs habitations à Tweh Farm, dans le comté de Montserrado, a été légalement exécutée sur la base d'un ordre d'expulsion émis par le tribunal civil de la sixième circonscription judiciaire. La décision judiciaire, rendue par le juge Scheaplor R. Dunbar lors de la session de mars 2022, accorde la pleine terrain situés à Tweh Farm l'expulsion. à l'ancienne surintendante du comté de Montserrado, Madame Grace T. Kpan, et à son époux, M. Oliver Kpan, à l'issue d'un litige foncier les opposant à Gibson Mayor, Theresa Segbo et consorts.

Selon la décision du tribunal datée du 20 mai 2021, les plaignants - les époux Kpan - ont été reconnus propriétaires légitimes du terrain litigieux. L'ordonnance de mise en possession stipulait que les défendeurs devaient être expulsés, et que les plaignants devaient être magistrat L. Ben Barcon du installés dans la pleine

jouissance de leur propriété. La démolition des habitations a eu lieu le 12 avril 2025. Une équipe composée de représentants du ministère de la Justice, du service de résolution alternative des conflits et de l'Autorité foncière du Liberia s'est rendue sur les lieux le 25 juin 2022. Une réunion a été organisée sur le campus de l'école musulmane Amandia avec une vingtaine de membres de la communauté, afin de les informer de la possession de 9,25 acres de décision judiciaire autorisant

> Cependant, alors que l'expulsion était en cours, le

tribunal municipal de Monrovia a émis un mandat d'arrêt à l'encontre de Mme Kpan, suite à une plainte déposée par un résident, M. Benson Kun, et d'autres habitants, accusant Mme Kpan d'avoir détruit leurs habitations.

Les plaignants affirment sous serment que Mme Kpan a fait venir un opérateur de bulldozer pour démolir leurs maisons, estimant les pertes à 83 795 USD et 157 655 USD respectivement, soit un total de 241 450 USD de dommages.

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Éditorial

Nous sommes l'Océan »

u 9 au 13 juin 2025, la France accueillera la troisième Conférence des Nations unies sur l'Océan (UNOC3). Ce rendez-vous sera un moment décisif : il réunira, à Nice, une centaine de chefs d'Etat et de gouvernement, et plusieurs dizaines de milliers de participants, chercheurs, scientifiques, acteurs économiques, militants associatifs et citoyens du monde entier. A cette occasion, la France portera un objectif clair : protéger l'Océan par des actions concrètes.

L'Océan est notre bien commun. Il nourrit les peuples et les protège. Il nous fait rêver et voyager. Il nous offre de l'énergie durable, des moyens de commercer, des ressources et des connaissances scientifiques infinies.

Un être humain sur trois dépend de l'Océan pour vivre, et pourtant, ce dernier est en danger. C'est un espace encore largement méconnu, qui ne dispose ni d'une gouvernance globale, ni des financements nécessaires à sa préservation. Les chiffres sont inquiétants : plus de 8 millions de tonnes de plastique sont déversées dans l'Océan chaque année, selon une étude de la revue Science. A cela s'ajoute la surexploitation, qui touche plus d'un tiers des stocks de poissons, mais aussi l'acidification des eaux, la montée du niveau de la mer et la destruction des écosystèmes marins. Et ces phénomènes s'accélèrent, conséquences directes du dérèglement climatique.

Il est temps d'agir. Plus que jamais, nous devons faire en sorte que l'action multilatérale soit à la hauteur des enjeux liés à la protection de l'Océan.

Dix ans après la COP21 et l'Accord de Paris, qui a permis d'établir un cadre mondial contraignant pour limiter le réchauffement climatique, l'UNOC3 représente une opportunité historique. Les « Accords de Nice » constitueraient un véritable pacte international pour la conservation et l'utilisation durable de l'Océan. Ce pacte serait ainsi directement en ligne avec les objectifs de développement durable (ODD) adoptés par l'ONU, en 2015.

Pour y parvenir, les discussions à Nice devront être concrètes et tournées vers l'action. Il s'agira d'œuvrer pour une meilleure gouvernance, davantage de financements et une plus fine connaissance de la mer.

En matière de gouvernance, le traité sur la protection de la biodiversité en haute mer (BBNJ) est un levier essentiel. La haute mer – plus de 60% des Océans est aujourd'hui le seul espace qui n'est pas régi par le droit international. L'absence de surveillance et de règles communes entraîne un véritable désastre socio-environnemental: pollutions massives d'hydrocarbures et de plastiques, méthodes de pêche illégales et non régulées, captures de mammifères protégés. Pour mettre un terme à ce vide juridique, nous devons obtenir la ratification de 60 pays et ainsi permettre au traité BBNJ d'entrer en vigueur.

La protection de l'Océan passe également par la mobilisation des financements publics et privés et le soutien à une économie bleue durable. Pour continuer à bénéficier des formidables opportunités économiques de l'Océan, nous devons faire en sorte que les ressources marines puissent se régénérer. A Nice, plusieurs engagements seront annoncés en matière de commerce international. de transport maritime, de tourisme et d'investissement.

Enfin, comment protéger ce que l'on ne connaît pas – ou pas assez ? Nous devons accroître notre connaissance de l'Océan et mieux la diffuser. Aujourd'hui, nous sommes capables de cartographier la surface de la Lune ou celle de Mars, mais le fond des Océans nous demeure inconnu. Ils recouvrent pourtant 70% de la Terre! Ensemble, mobilisons la science, l'innovation et l'éducation pour mieux comprendre l'Océan et sensibiliser davantage le grand

Face au changement climatique qui s'accélère et à la surexploitation des ressources marines, l'Océan n'est pas un enjeu parmi d'autres. C'est l'affaire de tous. La remise en question du multilatéralisme ne doit pas nous faire oublier notre responsabilité commune. L'Océan est un lien universel, il est au cœur de notre avenir. Ensemble, nous pouvons faire de l'UNOC3 un tournant majeur pour nos peuples, pour les générations futures et pour notre planète.

Le Libéria a engagé le processus de ratification du traité, avec l'espoir de le conclure avant le 9 juin. Plus que jamais, nous devons nous mobiliser collectivement et faire de l'UNOC3 un tournant. Votre engagement est décisif pour la gestion durable de la haute mer. La France sera heureuse d'accueillir S. E. M. Jeremiah Kpan Koung à Nice, engagé en faveur de la protection de l'Océan, pour la célébration de l'entrée en vigueur du traité BBNJ. Nous comptons sur vous.

S.E. Madame Isabelle Le Guellec Ambassadrice de France au Libéria

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Retour sur deux décennies de soutien d'ArcelorMittal Starts from page 8 état complète du chemin de fer et de l'ingénierie minière. La grande

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endommagé. La voie ferrée entre Nimba et Grand Bassa a été rénovée, tout comme le port de Buchanan, laissé à l'abandon pendant plus de dix ans. Ces infrastructures vitales sont aujourd'hui essentielles non seulement pour les opérations d'ArcelorMittal, mais également pour d'autres activités commerciales dans le

Au fil des ans, ArcelorMittal Liberia s'est imposée comme l'un des plus grands employeurs du secteur privé, avec plus de 7 000 emplois directs et indirects, et des milliers d'autres prévus grâce à ses soustraitants et partenaires. Des familles entières, notamment dans les comtés de Nimba, Grand Bassa et Bong, ont pu retrouver des moyens de subsistance durables.

En 2021, la signature du projet d'expansion de la Phase II a marqué un tournant. Elle prévoit la construction d'un concentrateur de minerai de dernière génération à Yekepa, ainsi que l'extension du port et du chemin de fer. Des milliers d'emplois supplémentaires sont attendus, comme en témoigne l'embauche récente de 236 jeunes Libériens formés en artisanat et en exploitation minière à l'Académie de formation d'ArcelorMittal, entièrement financée par l'entreprise.

Depuis 2007, à travers son Fonds de développement social, ArcelorMittal a versé plus de 50 millions de dollars aux comtés concernés, à raison de 3 millions par an. Ces fonds ont permis la construction d'écoles, de centres de santé, de routes et d'espaces communautaires. A Grand Bassa, une aile moderne de l'hôpital gouvernemental a été construite. À Nimba, les habitants bénéficient de nouveaux marchés, maisons d'hôtes et routes secondaires. Malgré certains défis dans la gestion locale de ces ressources, la contribution de l'entreprise demeure constante.

Consciente de l'importance de l'investissement humain, ArcelorMittal a lancé l'Académie de formation d'AML à Yekepa, inspirée des meilleurs instituts techniques mondiaux. Des centaines de jeunes Libériens y ont été diplômés dans les domaines de la mécanique, de l'électricité

majorité travaille aujourd'hui pour AML, munie de compétences certifiées et reconnues à l'international. L'entreprise finance également des bourses à l'étranger, notamment dans les filières des mines et de la métallurgie.

En tant que l'un des plus grands contributeurs fiscaux du Libéria, ArcelorMittal reverse chaque année plusieurs millions de dollars en taxes, redevances et droits de douane, soutenant ainsi le budget national, les projets d'infrastructure et les services publics.

Lors des crises d'Ebola en 2014 puis de la COVID-19, ArcelorMittal a été parmi les premiers acteurs du secteur privé à fournir une aide d'urgence, en distribuant du matériel médical, des équipements de protection et des denrées alimentaires aux communautés affectées et au personnel de

Plus récemment, l'entreprise a intensifié ses efforts en matière de gestion environnementale et d'engagement communautaire, en restaurant des terres dégradées, en menant des études sur la biodiversité et en veillant au respect des normes environnementales internationales. Compte tenu de son bilan éloquent dans la relance des infrastructures clés, la création d'emplois, les contributions fiscales substantielles et les investissements massifs dans le capital humain et le développement communautaire, le gouvernement libérien est invité à soutenir pleinement le projet d'expansion de la Phase II d'ArcelorMittal.

Cette initiative représente bien plus qu'un progrès industriel : elle constitue une opportunité stratégique de renforcer la résilience économique du Libéria, de moderniser son secteur minier et de positionner le pays comme acteur compétitif sur le marché mondial du minerai de fer.

Soutenir la croissance d'ArcelorMittal, c'est garantir davantage d'emplois pour les Libériens, accroître les recettes de l'État, et assurer un développement durable et inclusif porté par un partenaire industriel fiable, engagé depuis deux décennies dans la reconstruction du Libéria.

La Cour donne raison à Grace Kpan dans

comparaître devant le auplaignant. de Tweh Farm.

l'action de « criminelle, loi.

l'arrestation de Mme Kpan que Mme Kpan aurait

tribunal de Monrovia pour Toutefois, le Bureau répondre de faits qualifiés d'arbitrage institué par le de vandalisme criminel, en juge Dunbar a conclu que violation de l'article 15.5 les époux Kpan avaient bien du nouveau Code pénal du produit un titre de Liberia. Selon la plainte, les propriété valable. Une « faits se sont produits le 12 deed de garantie », signée avril 2025, aux alentours de par Sarah M. Jegede en tant 15h30, dans la communauté que vendeuse, a été dûment enregistrée et L'acte judiciaire qualifie validée conformément à la

illégale, délibérée et Le Bureau note également

Le mandat ordonnait intentionnelle », précisant que M. Koon - le supposé et de l'opérateur des engins ordonné la destruction de défendeurs - ne possède lourds, les sommant de deux maisons appartenant aucune parcelle dans la zone. « Les données du relevé topographique et l'examen des titres indiquent clairement que M. Koon, désigné comme cédant par les défendeurs, n'a aucun droit de propriété sur les terrains concernés. Pourtant, il a vendu la quasi-totalité des parcelles en litige », souligne le rapport d'arbitrage.Les plaignants ont été représentés devant la justice par le cabinet juridique Sayeh & Sayeh.

Le président Boakai met en garde contre la violence de foule : « Ce gouvernement n'est pas là pour

plaisanter »Le président libérien Joseph Nyuma Boakai a lancé, ce week-end, un avertissement ferme contre les violences perpétrées par des foules en colère, affirmant que son gouvernement prendra des mesures décisives contre les auteurs de tels actes.

Lors du lancement officiel de la campagne nationale contre la justice populaire à Sinkor, le président Boakai a déclaré que son administration n'était pas là pour faire de la figuration, mais pour s'attaquer de front aux maux qui minent la société libérienne.

« Ce gouvernement n'est pas là pour jouer à la présidence. Nous sommes là pour résoudre les problèmes sociaux, et chaque jour, nous entendons parler de violences de foule. Des gens incendient des commissariats de police, et nous nous y opposons fermement », a-t-il déclaré.

Le chef de l'État a souligné que la justice populaire constitue une menace pour tout citoyen, quelle que soit sa position, et freine considérablement les efforts de développement.

« Ce n'est pas un jeu. La violence de foule peut frapper n'importe qui. Nous devons donc intervenir au niveau des communautés, investir dans les questions sociales, sensibiliser et éduquer notre population », a poursuivi le président Boakai.Dans le même esprit, le ministre de la Justice, Cllr. Oswald Tweah, a réaffirmé la position intransigeante du gouvernement à l'égard de la justice populaire, qu'il qualifie de crime grave et de violation des principes démocratiques.



« Ce gouvernement ne tolérera aucune forme de violence de foule. Ces actes constituent une infraction aux lois de la République et sapent les valeurs fondamentales de notre démocratie », a déclaré le ministre.

Selon lui, les rumeurs, la méfiance et le manque de confiance dans le système judiciaire alimentent les troubles, mais le gouvernement s'engage à combattre toute forme de désordre.

« Nous ne fermerons pas les yeux sur la montée de l'anarchie dans nos quartiers. Je me tiens devant vous non seulement comme ministre de la Justice, mais aussi comme un citoyen préoccupé, profondément attaché à l'État de droit et à notre responsabilité collective de le défendre », a-t-il ajouté.

La campagne contre la violence de foule vise à restaurer la confiance dans le système judiciaire et à promouvoir une culture de respect de la loi. Elle entend également encourager les citoyens à rechercher justice par des moyens légaux, abandonnant ainsi les actes de représailles collectives et le vigilantisme. Cette initiative repose sur un dialogue actif avec les communautés, des activités éducatives et une mobilisation sociale renforcée pour éradiquer un phénomène qui menace l'ordre public et la cohésion nationale.

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Govt, begins performance training

more expansive because the development of charter", says Mr. Kwabo... targets will also be based on the arrest The Performance Management Compliance agenda and specific pillars within the arrest System or PMCS was endorsed and agenda.

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So, if you are the municipal of health, for October, 2024, with the aim to strengthening example, your institution will be setting government services delivery across the targets for the year; it will be based on how country. The PMCS also enhances you will deliver on the arrest agenda for accountability and enhancement in the inclusive development, in addition to your governance process of the country. Editing by mandate, which is the service delivery Jonathan Browne

subsequently launched by President Boakai in

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Stakeholders Unite to Empower Women

lines for gender-related and inclusive. activities, and conducting Representatives of women the decisions that shape our work. participatory gender farmer groups also These resolutions give us hope that audits and impact welcomed the outcomes our voices are finally being assessments to ensure of the dialogue. "For too acknowledged," said Monger Kebbeh policies are responsive long, we have worked the head of the Rural Women Structure.

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Tolbert, 13 officials memorialized

fathers, brothers, uncles, men, who meant it was not a tribal uprising, as often 'daddy' to many of us."

Cllr. Chesson-Wureh revealed that occurs again. construction is underway for a mausoleum at men who lost their lives.

She also spoke of on sweeping changes that have taken place in Liberia and across the globe over the last four and a half decades. From Liberia's own civil wars, which killed an estimated 250,000 people, to the election of Africa's first female president, Ellen Johnson past. "Our lineage will Sirleaf, and the devastating Ebola outbreak, the country has endured and evolved.

Globally, too, the world has changed with committed to building Liberia events like the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing geopolitical conflicts, and the rise of artificial intelligence. But amid all these day to examine the lessons transformations, she emphasized, the pain of April 22, 1980, remains etched in the hearts of the families affected.

"The trauma didn't end with the executions," she said. "Families were shattered, lives uprooted, and many of us became refugees, scattered across the globe. But those men, healing, historical our fathers, chose to serve Liberia when they accountability, and a could have turned their backs."

She reflected on the historical and political purpose. Editing by Jonathan context of the 1980 coup, stating clearly that Browne

the world to us," she lamented, continuing portrayed, but a class struggle, targeting the journey. "Those 13 men on the poles were simply ruling elite. She urged Liberians to learn from The statement jointly history and to ensure such violence never

"The execution of those men was a violation Ireland, France, India, the site, which will be accompanied by a of Liberian law," she said. "And their deaths memorial library to be completed in 2026. should not be in vain. We must hold fast to the and South Africa on The site is envisioned as a space of reflection, principles of justice, the rule of law, and the Monday, April 21, is in the history, and healing, a lasting tribute to the sanctity of human life."The memorial concluded with a powerful call for national introspection and a commitment to better governance. She stressed the importance of moving toward forgiveness and by-election on April 22,

reconciliation, while preserving the memory of the forgive, but we will not forget," she said. "We are and keeping their legacies alive. Let us use this grievous learned and change how we govern—for the better."

The April 22nd memorial served not just as a tribute to the fallen, but also as a rallying point for collective renewed sense of national

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Explore new innovation to

manage state resources head of the governing and expanding effectively, including council of the former successful sectors establishing processing ruling CDC until recently, like agriculture, plants for minerals and underscores the fishing, and timber. timber. Chief Allen, also importance of rebuilding Editing by Jonathan

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'Redirect your energy

making steady progress government remains citizens and ensure under President Joseph committed to maintaining Boakai's leadership.

law and order. Minister Piah concluded by "We are paying attention. and we will insure warning that while This government has a

peaceful protest is a constitutional duty to stressed. constitutional right, the protect the lives of its

public order, every day and every night, that it is done" he

Partners recommits to Liberia's democratic journey

he International 2025, we encourage all Community issues a stakeholders to abide by the Joint Statement terms of the Farmington River here, reaffirming its Declaration and all relevant laws



Liberia's democratic

issued by ECOWAS, United Nations, EU, Germany, United States of America wake of senatorial byelection in Nimba County today, Tuesday.

committed to supporting to foster a credible, free, fair, inclusive and peaceful electoral process", the statement reads.

> The International Community commends the National Elections Commission, the Liberia National Police and all security agencies for the work done so far and urges all institutions to remain impartial to build confidence in a credible and successful electoral process.

It urges all citizens to play their "As Nimba heads to the role in forging further democratic gains in Liberia. Press Statement

Death Announcement







The Tennie and Wandah families regret to announce the home going of their motner, aunty, grand mother, great grand mother Mrs. Martha Wandah Tennie in her 92nd years.

She leaves to mourn her lost seven children, four grand children and 30 great grand children's and two great great grand children, nephews, nieces, and a host of other relatives both at home and abroad.

This sad event occurred on April 18, 2025, at the John F. Kennedy memorial hospital in Monrovia after a period of brief illness!

Her remain, is currently deposited at the Samuel Striker funeral parlour in Sinkor Monrovia.

The second families meeting is slated for Sunday April 27th, 2025, at 2:pm at the home of her daughter Mrs. Beckie Tennie Moore in Tokpa camp, Divine Town, Sinkor Old Road Congo Town.

For further inquiries call the following numbers 0772627301 or 0770003808. This announcement was brought in by her daughter Mrs. Beckie Tennie Moore for and on behalf of the families.







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uthorities at the created a visual impression the first quarter of 2025. Liberia (CBL) have banking sector's rose steadily from L\$135 acknowledged errors in the performance, which does billion in 2022 to L\$198.7 bank's 2024 Annual report not accurately reflect the billion in 2023, L\$228.77 which created the actual financial position of billion in 2024, and L\$251 impression that the sector the banking industry." The billion in the first quarter



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graphical representation has made since 2022 up to Edited by Othello B. of key banking sector the end of the first quarter Garblah. balance sheet figures for of 2025:According to CBL, the years 2022 and 2024 total assets increased from were inadvertently L\$206 billion in 2022 to transposed in the 2024 L\$293.7 billion in 2023,

Annual Report. "This labeling issue exceeded L\$340 billion in

was in decline. But have CBL added. "The CBL of 2025. clarified that the banking appreciates the expertise The Bank also explained sector remains strong and of stakeholders who thar commercial bank profitable, adding that is analyzed the report and capital grew from L\$31.44 has revised the mistakes in sincerely regrets the billion in 2022 to L\$38.97 unintentional billion in 2023, L\$45.15 Monrovia, April 23, 2025: In misrepresentation. billion in 2024, and L\$47.6 the clarification sent to Immediate corrective billion in the first quarter this paper on Tuesday, April actions are being taken, of 2025." 22, CBL acknowledged that including the publication of It continued that the there were discrepancies a revised graph in the 2024 private sector, key to in the graphic data Annual Report on the economic growth, job presentation recorded in Bank's Website, and the creation, innovation, and implementation of revenue, also experienced These figures which the measures to prevent future steady credit growth, rising bank said were recurrence." The bank's from L\$76.22 billion in 2022

Report painted a picture of mistakes within the Bank's 2024. This accounted for a country's banking sector annual report, CBL over 95% of the banking in sustained and worsening emphasized that the sector's total credit CBL's clarification was stable and profitable, commercial bank triggered by an analytical adding that this profitability remains report published in the performance demonstrates strong, with net income New Dawn April 21, 2025, sustained growth in the rising from L\$4.20 billion in edition, quoting data sector over recent years 2022, L\$6.77 billion in published in the bank's and the first quarter of 2023, and L\$10.6 billion in

misrepresented the actual The Bank opined that the "The strong liquidity ratio financial position of the narrative analysis on pages of 49.29 percent and discrepancies identified in growth and strengthening over 34.29 percentage the graphical data of key balance sheet points and 23.8 percentage presentation on page 10 indicators, which points, are clear and in Table 19: Financial underscore the banking manifestation that Soundness Indicators on sector's continued stability Liberia's banking sector

statistics which show the inclusive medium-term The bank noted that the progress the banking sector growth." CBL concluded. -L\$314.4 billion in 2024, and

to L\$91.96 billion in 2023 into the 2024 Annual Meanwhile, despite the and over L\$100 billion in banking sector remains portfolio. It said 2024.

remains stable, liquid, and

Supreme Court decides Koffa-Koon fate today

Central Bank of of a contraction in the It said customer deposits Final ruling into a Bill of Information filed by embattled House Speaker J. Fonati Kofa regarding the Speakership of the House of Representatives is expected to be handed down today, Tuesday, by the Supreme Court of Liberia.

> By Lincoln G. Peters onrovia, Liberia, April 23, 2025 - The full bench of the Supreme Court of Liberia is expected to hand down comprehensive ruling today, April 23, 2025 in embattled House Speaker Cllr. J. Fonati Koffa's Bill of Information filed against "Regime Speaker" Richard N. Koon of the majority bloc.

> In its communication to BRIG./GENERAL AMOS B. KESSEH DICKSON, SR., MARSHAL, the Supreme Court instructs that he is to notify the parties to come and receive the

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to notify the Parties in the above Entitled Cause of Action or their Legal Representative(s) that the Honorable Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia will give RULING in said cause on the 23RD day of APRIL, A.D. 2025, at the hour of 12:00 noon. And that they are cited to be present for same. AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS NOTICE OF

Supreme Court's earlier opinion on the impasse in the House of Representatives.

His application to the Court followed Justice Minister Oswald Tweh's interpretation of the Supreme Court's opinion to President Joseph Boakai that led to the Executive Branch doing business with the Majority Bloc headed by Regime Speaker Koon.

On March 4, 2025, the Supreme Court of Liberia issued a writ in connection to the Bill of Information filed by embattled Speaker Cllr. Fonati Koffa, following a month-long delay.

The writ instructed "Regime Speaker" Richard Koon of the majority bloc and others to file their returns on or before March 14, 2025. The intent of the Speaker and others' return to the High Court is to show cause why embattled Speaker Koffa's request, as pray for, should not be granted as provided for by

The Full Bench heard both sides



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Tolbert, 13 officials memorialized

Families have held a memorial for late President William R. Tolbert, Jr. who was toppled in a military coup in 1980 with 13 of his officials executed by firing squad for rampant corruption and nepotism, among other charges.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah onrovia, Liberia, April 23, 2025 - The memory of Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., former President of the Republic of Liberia, and

place at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary in Paynesville City, drawing family members, friends, and loved ones of the slain leaders. Together, they



thirteen others who were executed on April 22, 1980, has been honored here in a solemn memorial ceremony held Tuesday by the April 22nd Memorial Group.

reflected on the immense toll the executions took on their lives and on the nation. The late President Dr. Tolbert, who had served as President of Liberia from 1971 until the military coup The commemoration took in 1980, was murdered in the

Executive Mansion by mutinous soldiers. Thirteen senior officials of his government and members of his presidential security team were publicly executed shortly afterward. The events marked a dark turning point in Liberia's history, setting the stage for years of political instability and civil unrest.

Tuesday's memorial service included symbolic acts of remembrance, such as planting of trees and memorial poles, as well as a solemn roll call of the fallen victims. These gestures underscored the personal loss felt by families and the national impact of the

Cllr. Yvette Chesson-Wureh, a prominent member of the April 22nd Memorial Group, opened the event with powerful remarks. She acknowledged the enduring grief carried by the families over the past 45 years, and highlighted efforts to honor the victims with dignity.

"We remember not just public figures, but our

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