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by French troops in 1945 massacres

80th anniversary of its triumph over fascism and the end of World War II, Algeria is remembering a darker massacres that erupted the same

s Europe celebrates the More than 500,000 tirailleurs (light infantry) from North Africa, West Africa, and Madagascar fought for France during World War II. Some volunteered. Others were forcibly anniversary: the colonial-era conscripted. Many, including more than 100,000 Algerian tirailleurs,



In ceremonies in Guelma, Kherrata and Setif, the cities where the massacres took place, Algerians paid homage to those who were killed.

In a message this week, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune framed the event as a matter of national pride and prelude to the country's fight for independence after 132 years of French colonialism.

Algeria's ministry of war veterans is marking the anniversary with a series of events under the slogan, "A people without memory is a people without a future."

The fight for independence

hoped their sacrifices would secure them greater rights.

But when the war ended, Algerians who dared to demand them were met with repression and violence, even as then-Gen. Charles De Gaulle exalted how "the cause of liberty and justice" had prevailed in a radio broadcast throughout France and its colonies, including Algeria.

On May 8, 1945, Algerians filled city streets in Ain Temouchent, Guelma, Kherrata and Setif, waving flags and reviving pre-war calls for independence. Protesters were met with police fire. Violent anti-French riots broke out, killing more than France subsequently launched an air and ground offensive that killed thousands of Algerians — 45,000 according to Algerian authorities and around 3,000 according to French statistics.

No official apology from France Tebboune and French President Emmanuel Macron announced a truth commission-style "dossier de memoire" in 2022, led by a committee of historians from both countries. Yet, its activities have stalled amid deteriorating relations over issues such as immigration and how France juggles ties between Algeria and its regional rival Morocco.

Daho Djerbal, an Algerian historian who has written extensively on the events of May 8. 1945 and interviewed many survivors, said that day was a turning point in the country's history when Algerians began to seek independence.

And, he said, France "has never acknowledged that they committed a mass murder. That's the current term; we can call it a crime against humanity or a war crime. There was no declared war against the Algerian people. And we sent the air force, the navy, and field artillery to suppress a demonstration."

French leaders, including Macron. have called for truth and recognition but stopped short of fulfilling Algeria's demands for a formal state apology.

A delegation of around 30 French lawmakers from left and centrist parties arrived in Algiers on Wednesday to participate in the commemorations of the massacres.

geria commemorates thousands killed Africa accelerates towards energy and economic sovereignty with DRC mining growth {Business Africa}

investor interest and dominated industry. partnerships.

confidence and will drive a growing green economy. management."

mining codes, improved for the company. resilient energy investments Dependence

he Democratic In Nairobi, a historic milestone Republic of Congo was marked with the launch of (DRC), already Africa's first all-women electric home to some of the world's vehicle (EV) assembly line by largest reserves of cobalt Spiro, the continent's largest EV and copper, is entering a manufacturer. This dynamic new phase. Recent groundbreaking initiative merges geological surveys have clean energy innovation with unveiled new mineral-rich gender empowerment, zones, drawing renewed challenging norms in a male-

strategic international The facility not only champions eco-friendly transport solutions Djimpe Landry, a partner at but also offers new employment Innogence Consulting in and upskilling opportunities for Kinshasa, notes that "these women in STEM and technical new Geological Research trades. Spiro's initiative is seen as Zones are key to unlocking a blueprint for inclusive long-term investor industrialization in Africa's

more transparent, regulated "This is not just about EVs, it's approach to resource about rewriting the narrative of what women can do in heavy The government's latest industry and in the climate reforms include clearer transition," said a spokesperson

contract oversight, and Afreximbank's \$3B Energy initiatives to attract climate- Facility to Curb Fuel Import

to power mining operations. Meanwhile, Afreximbank has



the boom.

Landry added.

EV Assembly Line in Kenya

threats in the east of the facility aimed at reducing Africa's country continue to raise dependence on imported fuels, a concerns. Analysts major drain on national budgets emphasize the importance and trade balances. The initiative of fair and sustainable supports regional refining hubs foreign partnerships to and infrastructure projects, ensure Congolese including Nigeria's Dangote communities benefit from Refinery and Angola's Lobito and Cabinda refineries.

"Managing partnerships The facility is expected to equitably will be essential. catalyze intra-African energy The DRC must insist on trade, boost self-sufficiency, and technology transfers, local help stabilize fuel prices across job creation, and the continent. From mineral-rich environmental standards," provinces to solar-powered cities, Africa is asserting its potential, Women Driving the Future: one reform, innovation, and Spiro Launches All-Female empowered workforce at a time.

DR Congo: Kabila's party says resuming work in defiance of ban ormer Congolese M23, the rebel group In April, Kabila who ruled President Joseph controlling North and South Congo until 2019 made a Kabila's party said King provinces

Kabila's party said Kivu provinces. the interior ministry.

The government order in the country's east. freezing the activities of the People's Party for Reconstruction and Democracy (PPRD) has not been lifted. But the party's lawyers argue that without a court order, the suspension automatically expires after 15 days.

An Interior ministry statement justifying the ban on the PPRD accused Kabila of of 'overt' activism.

It said the 53-year-old had been reluctant to condemn

Tuesday it was resuming Kinshasa has accused country. activities following a Kabila, in self-imposed He arrived in the rebel-held suspension last month by exile since 2023, of city of Goma through supporting armed rebellion Rwanda. Kabila has not

low key return to the

been seen in public since.



DITORIAI

National Bar and Supreme Court must ceasefire

clear divide is emerging in the Liberian Judiciary, with action and counter-action between the Liberian National ▲Bar Association and the Supreme Court of Liberia. Following the Bar's recent public criticism of the Supreme Court's ruling into the leadership crisis at the House of Representatives, the Court has retaliated by boycotting a Law Day celebration organized by the Bar.

The entire bench of the Supreme Court of Liberia was visibly absent from Friday's Law Day commemoration held by the Bar, where Her Honor, Chief Justice Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh, had been invited to speak. Unfortunately, neither did Her Honor, Chief Justice Yuoh nor any member of the bench show up, in what seems a complete snub of the Bar.

It was a national occasion reserved for members of the legal profession, including lawyers, judges, law school students, Justices of the Supreme Court, and the Chief Justice or a designee. But the highest echelon of the Liberian Justice System and Final Arbiter of justice distanced itself, right before the eyes of international partners.

It took former Chief Justice, Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott, to save the day by delivering the key note speech, strongly rebuking the LNBA President's public condemnation of the Supreme Court. "Whether we like it or not, we must respect the opinion of the Supreme Court," Cllr. Scott said, and emphasized, "When the Court speaks, it is final!"

She warned against politicizing legal institutions and cautioned the Bar against stepping into political territory under the guise of legal advocacy. "You don't reject or disrespect the Court's decision," she emphasized. "The law clearly states that no lawyer shall do anything to undermine the integrity of the Court."

This is occurring at a time the High Court faces politic maneuvering to cast doubts on its recent opinion rendered on the controversy surrounding the Speakership of the House of Representatives, where the Executive, backed by group of lawmakers, who styled themselves "Majority Bloc", illegally removed Speaker J. Fonati Koffa, replacing him by a ruling party lawmaker, Richard Nagbe Koon that Court does not recognize as Speaker.

It is saddening and quite unfortunate that the bodies clothed with authority to protect and interpret the law of the land would be in so deep disagreement and distance apart, as a result of clear political maneuvering.

But then we are not so surprise. This is what the Executive, purely obsessed with wielding political power, had wanted all along – to have its way in judicial matters for selfish interest, while playing lip-service to respect for the rule of law.

Rather than constitutionally enforcing the ruling of the Supreme Court by restoring the amenities of Speaker Koffa, as the legitimate Speaker of the 55th Legislature, President Joseph Boakai has made it clear that the ruling from the High Court is not enforceable, and therefore, the matter remains unresolved.

We call on both the Bar and the Supreme Court to avoid a tit for tat scenario over this situation, because this is the aim of politicians. We urge both sides to see the compelling need to uphold the sanctity of the legal profession and the Constitution of Liberia, come what may, by ceasing any further action against each other, and allow posterity to judge which side truly is in support of the rule of law, the Judiciary or the Executive.

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By Wing Thye Woo

Middle Powers in the US-China Trade V

cut off entirely from international trade, with London and New York. delivering an unexpected victory for US President Donald Trump, who would undoubtedly claim credit for this new Great

short-term policies that align with its longterm goal of building a global governance harbors no illusions that it will be the twentybecome a superpower by mid-century. might-is-right worldview seems poised to accelerate and deepen European integration.

The current Sino-American standoff seemingly reflects a shared understanding that avoiding the Thucydides Trap – when tensions between an incumbent hegemon and a rising power lead to conflict – will require an eventual agreement on respective spheres of influence. Both sides' defensive efforts to expand their global reach have devolved into a crude form of imperialism. Trump has designs on Canada, Greenland, Panama, and Gaza, while China's territorial claims in the South China Sea have brought its maritime border to the doorstep of several Southeast Asian countries.

But it remains to be seen how the trade war will factor into this contest. The tariffs that the US and China imposed against one another have effectively decoupled their trade. Will countries hit by his "reciprocal" tariffs be cowed into joining the US sphere of influence as part of bilateral trade deals?

The answer is no, so long as China respects its trade partners' right to befriend all superpowers. In such a scenario, the benefits of trading with China remain too large to forgo. But to take advantage of these benefits and maintain their autonomy, middle powers will need to pursue multilateral cooperation.

As a first step, middle powers must convince the potential fire sale of goods intended for government must also focus on boosting domestic consumption by lowering income *hukou* household registration system – which regulates access to social services – in major coastal cities. Moreover, China can generate higher demand for services by attracting more foreign tourists and students, and by incentivizing Chinese tourists to travel domestically.

the budget deficit in the medium term, China should double down on supply-side structural reforms and overhaul the financial sector, which would unleash new productive forces.

UALA LUMPUR - As US tariffs For example, if market-driven medium-size begin to reshape global trade flows, private banks were permitted to emerge, they many countries are worried that a could nurture the employment-intensive small tsunami of discounted Chinese goods, and medium-size enterprises that large stateoriginally destined for America, will hit their owned banks have traditionally discriminated shores. To keep them out, especially as against. Loosening capital controls would also recessionary pressures mount, some may be support the renminbi's internationalization to inclined to impose their own tariffs on the status of the dollar and Shanghai's Chinese imports. In that case, China would be emergence as a global financial center on par

The escalating US-China trade war, and the competing technological standards that stem from deeper geopolitical fragmentation, will cause substantial damage to middle powers. To avert this scenario, China must pursue Being forced into a sphere of influence would erode these countries' sovereignty and limit their export markets. To avoid becoming architecture for a multipolar world. China pawns in a proxy war, middle powers should form a union of independent buffer states first century's hegemon. India will inevitably based on the same principles as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization.

Europe might join their ranks, too, as Trump's Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), together with Japan and South Korea, should propose an Atlantic-Pacific Sustainability Pact to the European Union and the United Kingdom. Practicing open regionalism, APSP would have three main tasks. The first would be to create a freetrade area that is open to all countries, with an eye to building the biggest possible integrated market. ASEAN members, Japan, and South Korea could then merge the main Asia-Pacific trade agreements under the economic umbrella of APSP.

The second task would be to institute a nonpartisan peace caucus in the UN and other global and regional forums to prevent tensions between the US and China (as well as Russia) from impeding international coordination on shared global problems such as climate change and pandemics. Lastly, APSP would do well to establish a development agency whereby richer members could provide technical and financial support to poorer members' efforts to achieve net-zero greenhouse-gas emissions, protect their biodiversity, and accelerate economic growth. This would offset the assistance that competing superpowers use to influence poor countries.

As ASEAN economies catch up with those in the Global North, their combined GDP could equal that of the EU and the UK by 2045. In such a scenario, APSP's economic might would be so great that the US and China would China that it is in its long-term interest to stop have to join the trade partnership or else risk defeat from self-isolation.

the US market, which means voluntary Cooperative multilateralism is middle powers' export restraints. But the Chinese best hope for mitigating the fallout from the Sino-American cold war; and it might even eventually crowd out this conflict. At a and value-added taxes, expanding social- minimum, cooperative multilateralism by welfare programs (especially for health care, middle powers would ensure peaceful global childcare, and pensions), and easing the governance as the international order transitions from a unipolar world to a multipolar world.

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Manufacturing-Led Export Strategies Still Make Sense

ANTERBURY/WASHINGTON, DC – With the specter of deglobalization looming large, developing economies are scrambling to devise new growth strategies. The most effective path to development in recent history – specializing in export-oriented, unskilled labor-intensive manufacturing – now appears to be blocked. The model that once propelled the economies of South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, China, and Vietnam is becoming less accessible for countries in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

What made the traditional development model so successful was its reliance on exports, which enabled countries like South Korea to tap into virtually unlimited global demand, freeing them from the constraints implied by narrow domestic markets. Exporting also fueled supply-side efficiency, and reliance on unskilled labor meant that the benefits of growth were widely shared.

Another key strength of the manufacturing-led growth model was that it ensured productivity gains were aligned with available labor resources, largely owing to the learning-by-doing dynamic that enabled countries to boost efficiency within existing sectors while gradually moving up the value chain. Economies could start with low-productivity exports and, as the workforce became more educated, shift to more skill-intensive and sophisticated export sectors. Consequently, growth was both rapid and inclusive, and thus more sustainable.

But those days are long gone, or so it seems. As the world braces for an era of protectionism and deglobalization, two alternative development strategies have come to the fore. The first, proposed by Rohit Lamba and Raghuram G. Rajan, suggests that developing countries – India in particular – should focus on skill-intensive exportable services.

While Lamba and Rajan's proposal retains some of the advantages of the old manufacturing-led model – tapping into global demand and promoting efficiency – its biggest drawback is that only a minuscule fraction of the workforce can directly benefit from it. Even India – the posterchild for this strategy among developing countries – employed less than 2.5% of its workforce in the sectors that could be considered skill-intensive and tradable in 2024. For most poor countries, where skilled labor is scarce, such a strategy is simply not viable. And even where it is, pursuing it risks exacerbating inequality rather than fostering economic inclusion.

The second strategy, <u>proposed</u> by <u>Dani Rodrik</u> and <u>Rohan Sandhu</u>, contends that the window for labor-intensive exports has narrowed dramatically, and that emerging technologies like AI and automation will further erode manufacturing's ability to generate new jobs. In response, they advocate focusing on productivity gains in non-tradable services. Since the bulk of economic activity and employment in developing countries is concentrated in these sectors, this approach has the potential to foster more inclusive growth.

The limitations of such a strategy are twofold. For starters, new technologies are just as likely to displace workers in non-tradable service sectors as they are in manufacturing. Moreover, as we have shown in <u>previous research</u>, non-tradable services are not uniformly low-skilled. Some sectors – such as telecommunications, finance, and real estate – are highly skilled and productive. By contrast, sectors like retail trade and caregiving are more accessible to unskilled workers but tend to have limited potential for productivity growth.

This dynamic, famously captured by the so-called <u>Baumol effect</u>, means that non-tradable services are unlikely to become engines of sustained, inclusive economic growth in the way that manufacturing once did. To be sure, there may be some exceptions: construction and tourism, for example, are labor-intensive sectors that could become more productive. But these gains typically depend on adopting new technologies that are inherently labor-displacing, thereby limiting their capacity to drive inclusive development.

So, where does this leave developing countries? Surprisingly, while the traditional manufacturing-led strategy is not as effective as it once was, it remains a viable path for today's poor countries – provided that middle-income countries vacate the export space they currently dominate.

Simple arithmetic helps illustrate this point. For example, Brazil, China, South Korea, Taiwan, and Mexico account for about two-thirds of low and mid-skilled manufacturing exports, which amounted to about \$5.3 trillion in 2023. Over the coming decade, rising wages and geopolitical shifts — especially growing anti-China sentiment — will likely push these countries to move up the value chain or reduce their reliance on exports altogether.

Such a shift could open up space for low-income countries to step in. If they were able to capture even half of the vacated export markets, along with a share of China's growing domestic demand, which we <u>estimate</u> to be at least a half-trillion dollars, they could more than double their current exports to \$2-2.5 trillion.

And if low-income countries can do this, it could create <u>50-60 million new jobs</u> in their economies – even if the employment potential of export-led manufacturing is only half of what it once was due to labor-displacing technological change. For perspective, China's manufacturing workforce of roughly 150 million helped lift the living standards of the country's 1.4 billion people. Similarly, expanded export opportunities could improve the fortunes of up to 500 million people in today's poorest countries.

Admittedly, the path has become more challenging – particularly for countries that rely heavily on the United States as a trading partner. But that does not make the manufacturing-led growth model obsolete. Instead, it underscores the need for strategic adaptation. Poor countries must diversify their trade relationships and engage more with middle-income economies to nudge them to vacate the export markets that low-income economies could

Deglobalization and technological change have accelerated the search for viable alternatives to export-led development. But a sober assessment reveals a difficult trade-off: high-skilled exportable services may offer dynamism or durability but not broad inclusion, while non-tradable services offer inclusion but limited dynamism. Even if the growth miracles of China, South Korea, and Taiwan can no longer be fully replicated, the traditional strategy of focusing on unskilled, labor-intensive manufacturing exports remains a promising path – and may still offer the best chance of achieving shared prosperity in the world's poorest regions.

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Letter to God Lord. Let them leave my

friend

ear Father:

They say everybody just on my man back ooh. Can you imagine since ley man went and put him mouth on ley people at ley Palava Hut, him life has not been easy.

They say da whatin him do?

Father, ley man say why ley elder them at ley Palava Hut mon say, ley thin ley chief them from ley Traditional Council doing ay wrong. Him say da bad example there so. Him say, how they will talk da kina thin, when ley Rebel them pass ley ingredients for ley Village cake, da ley elder them are eating their own-no noise.

Him say, if they say it leh da, den they mon bring their owner cake back, since ley Rebel them who fixed it na have ley right to fix it.

Hmm, my son, ley thing your friend talky small sense inside oo.

Yes, oo Father, my learned friend say da bad example ley people from ley Palava Hut na set so. Him say why they mon say all ley thing them ley rebel chief them doing at tey Traditional Council bad, den they mon bring their share of ley cake back. Da ley fire ley man put in ley hole so oo.

Um, my son, you sure nathin behind this whole thin here.

Aah, Father my name ooh. Bor I hear say small money bisnay inside oo. You say whatin!

Aah, Father, da ley reason il na wan talk for ooh. You know dis whole wahala here da so, so money bisnay inside. Ehn you remember da chief from ley borough -"You eat, I eat" and ley other one I will see what to do."

Hmm, ley people them.

Yes, oo Father, ehn da them there they just chopping our village money leh da. All ley noise on da Hill, particularly to da Traditional Council there da so, so money bisnay.

Father, ley people money bisnay too strong leh goat peppe. And all da thing den they doing so ley suffering da inside dis village here ay na easy.

Da small thin!

Yes, ooh Father, ay na easy in dis village here ooh, da only God manning us here oo. Imagine, people work no money to take pay.

Hmm, den you can just imainge ley people den who na doing nathin, just sitting down home.

So, da whatin ley Oldman doing na?

Father, da small fuel ley Papay putting inside ley fire. Ay na small fuel oo. All ley thing den ley Oldman used to be talking against, da ley thin dem him doin. In fact, even worse things.

Bor da who dem advising him so?

Father, who know to him? Him gat so, so him children around him, no good advice. They just want for their pockets and their girlfriend dem.

Bor we inside, ehn we say, we na wan short man, we side good, good. We just pray for God to continue manning us oo-ay na easy.



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NEW DAWN 5 FEATURE

LEC warns public of legal action

public, cautioning against Industrial Property. the unauthorized use of its Property Office (LIPO).

Recently, numerous social media platforms have been using the logo and name of the Liberia Electricity Corporation, with many spreading misinformation about the institution to the public.

However, in a press statement released this week, LEC confirmed that its logo is now protected under Registration No. LR-T-2025-65, granting the corporation exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, and display the symbol across all platforms print, digital, broadcast, merchandise, and others.

The Corporation emphasized that any unapproved use of its logo now constitutes a violation of both national and international intellectual

onrovia, Liberia: property laws. These include the The Liberia Trademark Act of Liberia (2008), Electricity the World Trade Organization's Corporation (LEC) has TRIPS Agreement, and the Paris issued a stern warning to the Convention for the Protection of

corporate logo, which has "It has come to our attention that now been officially some individuals are illegally registered as a trademark using the LEC logo to defraud with the Liberia Intellectual valued customers and mislead the



public on important matters concerning the Corporation," the release noted. "Effective immediately, any unauthorized use—including on social media, websites, promotional items, or merchandise will be met with legal action."

LEC warned that under Section 37 of Liberia's Trademark Act, wilful counterfeiting of a registered trademark is a criminal offense punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

To prevent legal repercussions,

the Corporation is urging all persons and entities currently using the logo without approval to cease immediately. It also called on those wishing to use the logo for legitimate purposes uch as promotions, media coverage, or public education campaigns to seek official permission, and that the

> Requests must be submitted in writing to the Legal Services Department of the Liberia Electricity Corporation Waterside, Monrovia, Liberia or through i 1 m a mbrown@lecliberia.c

According to LEC, all applications will be reviewed according to its Brand-Use Guidelines, and Successful applicants will receive a formal licensing agreement specifying terms of use, duration, and any applicable fees.

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The Corporation concluded by urging the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious or unauthorized usage of its brand identity, reinforcing its commitment to protecting both its reputation and its customers.

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Idren died in Matadi's fire LEAD Project donates to Liberia's Ombuds

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Residents of New Matadi Community in Monrovia are reeling the death of four kids from a fire outbreak early Thursday.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh 9, 2025 - Four a fire outbreak reportedly caused

onrovia, Liberia May Kamara, 2, were burnt to death at responsible for the victims's 1:21 A.M. on Thursday.

children have died in Community dwellers tried to assist in offing the blaze but their



by a mosquito coil, in New efforts were fruitless, as the eyewitnesses told The NEW recognition. DAWN here on Thursday.

8; Marcus Momolu, 12; Warsuwah Barvoul, noted that

Matadi Community, Monrovia, children burned beyond

The Director of the Liberi The victims, Emmanuel Flomo, National Fire Service, Col. G. Jonathan Browne

lack of roads into the Elizabeth Momolu, 6; and Lusu community was largely death, as firefighters could not access the area.

> "The fire team arrived promptly but could not reach the house due to structures obstructing the pathway. This delay unfortunately contributed to the loss of young lives," said Col. Barvoul.

> He urged the public to refrain from constructing buildings in alleyways, stressing that such actions hinder emergency responses and can lead to preventable tragedies.

> In a preliminary report, Col Barvoul also revealed that the fire is believed to have been sparked by a mosquito coil left unattended.

The incident has renewed calls for stricter enforcement of urban planning regulations and increased public awareness about fire safety and emergency access routes. Editing by

By: Kruah Thompson

Development (LEAD) Project has institution's limited resources. donated items valued at "We are deeply appreciative of approximately USD\$70,000 to the this donation. It comes at a crucial Office of the Ombudsman.

The donation which includes two constraints," Kangar said. "While vehicles, two laptop computers, we regret the short tenure of the and a range of office furniture and LEAD Project, we remain equipment, was formally presented hopeful that the tools provided during a ceremony held on will enhance our effectiveness in Thursday May 8th, 2025, in addressing issues of Monrovia.

It aimed at bolstering the Office of governance." the Ombudsman, operational He added that the donated items capacity and reinforcing its anti- officially valued at \$70,000, corruption mandate across the although some of the equipment country.

Akl, Chief of Party for the LEAD implementation, The LEAD Project, highlighted the importance Project, which has been of the donation as the project instrumental in promoting approaches its closure.

institutions like the Ombudsman's concluding its operations.

Kangar, Head of the Office of the The Liberia Local Ombudsman, expressed gratitude Empowerment for for the timely support, which he Accountability and described as a major boost to the

time when our office is Monrovia, Liberia, May 9, 2025: challenged by logistical accountability and good

may have depreciated due to Speaking at the handover, George usage during the project's governance reforms and He noted that supporting key transparency in Liberia, is

Bong County: Rep. Cole raises alarm over illegal mining

By Edwin N. Khakie, **N** barnga, May 8, 2025 Bong County District #3 Representative J. Marvin Cole has raised fresh concerns over illegal mining activities in Jackson Village, Gbarmue Community, calling on national authorities to take immediate action.

In a formal complaint submitted to Mines and Energy Minister Wilmot Paye on March 28, 2025, Rep. Cole warned that unauthorized mining operations are exploiting the area's rich mineral resources while depriving both the local community and the nation of critical revenue.

"These miners are depriving our community and the Republic of Liberia of its just revenue," Rep. Cole stated in his letter. "These

broken economy."

House Committee on Rules, about environmental damage, Order and Administration also the erosion of livelihoods, and underscored the broader impacts the lack of tangible benefits of illegal mining, cautioning that from the mining boom. unchecked activities threaten Rep. Cole's latest action reflects local development, degrade the mounting frustration among environment, and undermine the Bong County leaders over what government's efforts to rebuild they see as weak enforcement Liberia's struggling economy.

"The continued allowance of such mining zones. His call for swift unauthorized activities not only intervention has been undermines community welcomed by local development but also hampers stakeholders, who hope it will our collective national agenda to prompt decisive action from the rebuild the economy," he Ministry of Mines and Energy.

The Gbarnga Mining District, has yet to publicly respond to particularly the Jackson Village Rep. Cole's complaint or area, is known for its abundant outline specific steps to address mineral deposits. However, it has the situation in Jackson Village. long struggled with the The New Dawn will continue to

and community leaders have The embattled chairman of the frequently voiced concerns

> by national authorities in rural As of press time, the Ministry

Office is essential for sustaining the He says, As part of its closure progress made in promoting process, assets are being transparency and accountability in distributed to key partners and Liberia.

are pleased to leave behind vital supporting its mission. tools that will strengthen your "This is not a goodbye, but a capacity to carry on with your continuation of the legacy we mandate," Akl said. "We are both built together," Akl concluded. sad to be concluding this important "We will remain partners and initiative, but also happy to ensure friends in the fight for that our partners are better accountability and integrity in equipped to continue the work we Liberia." began together."

would not only benefit the the donated resources to enhance Ombudsman's Office but also its oversight functions, support other key institutions that particularly in investigating and have partnered with the LEAD addressing cases of corruption Project throughout its and abuse of power in Liberia. implementation.

Receiving the items, Cllr. Findley

civil society organizations that "As the project comes to an end, we have played pivotal roles in

Meanwhile, The Office of the Akl emphasized that the donation Ombudsman is expected to use Edited by Othello B. Garblah.





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Starts from Back page Liberia signs deal to build airport city Liberia celebrates Red

trade and sustainable economic activity across the aviation technologies.

The launch of the ASEZ initiative coincides with the Liberia Airport Authority's upcoming modernization program for Roberts International Airport. Planned infrastructure upgrades include,

Modernized terminal facilities, Enhanced runway and taxiway conditions, Upgraded firefighting and safety systems, Improved power supply infrastructure, and Deployment of advanced

2025

These developments are expected to improve operational efficiency, increase passenger and cargo capacity, and create a more attractive and competitive investment climate.

The Liberia Airport Authority remains committed to playing a central role in Liberia's economic transformation by developing airport infrastructure that supports trade, investment, and regional integration.

LERC approves Penalties Regulations

-To strengthen electricity sector compliance

The Liberia Electricity Regulatory Commission (LERC) endorses Penalties Regulations aimed at enhancing compliance and accountability within the electricity sector here.

Regulatory Commission (LERC) country. Thursday, May 8, said the take timely and appropriate obligations. Penalties Regulations, developed action against infractions, The regulation was developed

establish a clear and transparent landscape. framework for addressing "The Commission is committed stakeholders, including licensed violations by licensees and other to enforcing standards that operators, among others. This sector participants.

9, 2025 - The Board of of LERC's mandate to ensure a foster a fair business Commissioners (BoC) reliable, efficient, and safe environment," he said. of the Liberia Electricity electricity supply across the The regulation outlines

has approved Penalties Chairman of the Board of framework for imposing Regulations aimed at enhancing Commissioners, Claude J. Katta, administrative penalties for both compliance and accountability emphasized that the adoption of single and repetitive violations, within Liberia's electricity sector, the Penalties Regulations and failures to comply with The commission in a statement empowers the Commission to regulatory requirements or

in accordance with the 2015 thereby upholding the integrity following an inclusive and Electricity Law of Liberia (ELL), of the electricity regulatory consultative process, incorporating input from key

> that the regulation is balanced, effective, and aligned with best practices in utility regulation.

effect immediately and will be implemented in accordance with the LERC's mandate to regulate and oversee the electricity sector

The Commission encourages all

onrovia, Liberia, May These regulations are a vital part protect consumer interests, and

procedures and establishes

encourage responsible behavior, collaborative approach ensures

licensed operators, stakeholders, and consumers to familiarize themselves with the regulation, which is available on its official website. Editing by Jonathan **Browne**

An alliance of the ruling Unity hold national convention in organized by a committee chaired October.

By Naneka A. Hoffman

onrovia, Liberia, May 9, 2025 - The historic .True Whig Party (TWP) announces plans to go to national convention in October to elect new corps of officers, who will steer the Party into 2029 presidential and legislative elections.

Reverend Aldophus Capehart, a that a recent senior member of the TWP's National Executive Committee, removing revealed during a press conference Reginald B. on Thursday that a formal communication has been written National the National Elections Chairman Commission (NEC), notifying the of the TWP Commission the Party's intent to remains in hold convention this year.

According to Reverend Capehart, warned the

by Seton Sackor.

Reaffirming the TWP's support for the Unity Party Alliance and its flagship ARREST Agenda, Rev. Capehart commended the current government for progress made in national development and maintaining peace in Liberia.

At the same time he confirmed resolution Goodrich as effect, and

the convention is scheduled for public to desist from doing the Party.

> decision has also been formally communicated to the NEC.

> He said the TWP has a blueprint for Liberia's reconstruction, declaring, "The elephant has woken up in the forest." Editing by Jonathan Browne



Cross, Red Crescent Day

The Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) joins the global Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to mark World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2025 under the theme: "On the Side of Humanity".

Society (LNRCS) has joined the past year, the Liberian Red Cross global Red Cross and Red Crescent has made notable strides in Health Movement to mark World Red and Care, Crisis and Disaster Cross and Red Crescent Day 2025 Response, Climate and under the theme "On the Side of Environmental Action, and

According to a press release, this Human Dignity. year's theme underscores the unwavering commitment of "We remember and pay tribute to

onrovia, Liberia, May 9, Fundamental Principles this year, 2025 – The Liberia the LNRCS is proud to continue National Red Cross its vital work across Liberia. In the Promoting Values, Inclusion and



around the world, particularly those who have lost their lives in the working in conflict zones, natural service of others. 34 of our disasters, and public health crises. colleagues working in conflict As part of the global celebration, the zones paid the ultimate price for The Penalties Regulation takes LNRCS has activated its local helping humanity in 2024 and so offices across the country, far this year 2025, 10 additional organizing indoor events, providing colleagues of ours have again paid community services, and the ultimate price. Their courage humanitarian aid donations—all and sacrifice remind us why we reflecting the spirit of must protect the humanitarian humanitarianism and the seven space so aid can reach those in Fundamental Principles, need, without fear or restriction," particularly the principle of Mr. Blamoh added. Humanity, which forms the He urge global and national cornerstone of the Red Cross' work. leaders to uphold humanitarian The Secretary General of the principles and ensure protection Liberia National Red Cross Society, of aid workers who risk their lives Mr. Gregory Blamoh, emphasized daily to serve others. the importance of continued The LNRCS calls on humanitarian action in the face of communities, partners, and global and local crises. "On this day, authorities to recognize and we reaffirm our commitment to support the critical role of Red stand with the vulnerable, the Cross volunteers and staff, most of Party, TWP announces plans to October 30, 2025, and will be business with him, in the name of displaced, and the distressed. Our whom come from the very theme, 'On the Side of Humanity', is communities they serve. Their Reverend Capehart added that this not just a slogan—it is a call to dedication remains a symbol of action", h said. As the Movement celebrates the Release

60th anniversary of the

millions of volunteers and staff the brave humanitarian workers

hope, unity, and resilience. Press



Ellen Johnson Sirleaf souligne l'importance de l'investissement du secteur privé

du Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a réaffirmé le rôle central du secteur privé comme moteur de la croissance économique et de la création d'emplois dans le pays.

FRIDAY

Intervenant lors de l'inauguration officielle de la société de microfinance

'ancienne présidente privé pour la transformation libériennes, les commerçants nationale et la prospérité économique.

« La plus grande part de la croissance d'une société repose sur le secteur privé. C'est le pilier de la transformation de notre société », at-elle déclaré, soulignant les avancées remarquables observées dans certaines régions d'Afrique de l'Ouest, où les citoyens investissent



Modern Savings & Loans Microfinance Deposit-Taking Institution, le mercredi 7 mai à Congo Town, Mme Sirleaf a insisté sur l'importance du

activement dans leurs économies nationales.

La nouvelle institution de microfinance, imaginée en 2014 par le Conseiller George B. Kailondo,

locaux et les citoyens ordinaires, en améliorant l'accès au crédit à des conditions abordables. Sa mission est de stimuler l'activité économique, favoriser le commerce et renforcer les petites et moyennes entreprises (PME).

Mme Sirleaf a salué cette initiative comme un modèle de contribution au bien commun, appelant les Libériens à soutenir ce type de projets orientés vers le développement des économies locales. « C'est une excellente manière de redonner à la société », a-t-elle déclaré, ajoutant que « l'autonomisation des petites entreprises constitue la base d'un développement national durable ».

L'établissement est dirigé par Mme Chantell Kailondo, directrice générale. Sous sa conduite, l'institution s'engage à réduire considérablement les taux d'intérêt, les faisant passer de la moyenne nationale de plus de 18 % à moins de 10 %, afin de rendre le crédit plus accessible et moins contraignant pour les

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développement du secteur vise à soutenir les entreprises Le gouvernement lance une série de réunions

ace à la propagation croissante de la désinformation et des tentatives de manipulation de l'opinion publique, le gouvernement libérien, par le biais du ministère de l'Information, des Affaires culturelles et du Tourisme, a lancé une nouvelle initiative baptisée « Gouvernement Town Hall – Kakpa Kulon No » (Venez, Parlons-en).

Ce programme vise à promouvoir l'inclusivité, la transparence, la responsabilité, l'accès à l'information et la gouvernance participative à travers l'ensemble du pays. Conçu comme un forum de dialogue décentralisé, il ambitionne de rapprocher les citoyens de l'action gouvernementale.

La cérémonie officielle de lancement s'est tenue le mercredi 7 mai 2025 au complexe ministériel Ellen Johnson Sirleaf à Congo Town, sous le thème : « Dépenses intelligentes, croissance partagée : Construire un Libéria inclusif sous le programme AAID ».

L'événement a réuni de nombreuses personnalités, parmi lesquelles la ministre des Affaires étrangères, Son

bliques pour contrer la désinforn Excellence Sara Beysolow Nyanti; le sénateur Abraham Darius Dillon, président de la commission sénatoriale de l'information, de la culture et du tourisme ; le ministre des Finances et de la Planification du développement, Hon. Augustine K. Ngafuan ; le directeur général de la LRA, Hon. Dorbor Jallah; le commissaire fiscal Aldollah Kamara ; des représentants de l'UE et de l'ambassade de Chine ; la Troupe culturelle nationale; ainsi que des leaders communautaires et des représentants de la société civile. Le ministre de l'Information, Jerolinmek M. Piah, a assuré la modération.

> Un panel de haut niveau a débattu du thème « Transformer le budget et

les politiques pour un progrès équitable », avec des interventions du ministre Ngafuan et du commissaire Jallah sur des sujets cruciaux : ventilation du budget national, mobilisation des recettes, fiscalité équitable et soutien aux PME locales.

Les participants ont ensuite pris la parole pour poser des questions sur des sujets variés, allant de la lutte contre la drogue à la répartition des ressources et au financement de l'éducation. Les panélistes ont apporté des réponses jugées constructives pour orienter les priorités

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Éditorial

Les objectifs climatiques de l'Europe nécessitent un réseau électrique vert

d'augmenter, la nécessité d'agir est indéniable. L'année dernière a été la <u>plus chaude</u>

ONDRES – L'Europe arrive à un moment charnière dans la lutte contre le

changement climatique. Les phénomènes météorologiques extrêmes

devenant de plus en plus fréquents à mesure que les températures continuent

jamais enregistrée, et la première où le réchauffement climatique a dépassé (temporairement) le seuil de 1,5° Celsius établi par l'accord de Paris sur le climat. En réponse, l'Union européenne a fixé des objectifs ambitieux en matière d'énergies renouvelables, afin de se sevrer des combustibles fossiles. Comme l'électrification est nécessaire pour remplacer le charbon, le pétrole et le gaz, elle constitue un pilier essentiel de la transition énergétique. Si des progrès considérables ont été accomplis dans l'augmentation de la part des énergies renouvelables dans le bouquet énergétique de l'UE, qui représentera près de la moitié de la production totale d'électricité en 2024, la demande d'électricité augmente également rapidement. L'adoption des véhicules électriques et l'électrification des systèmes de chauffage et de refroidissement dans les bâtiments entraînent une augmentation de la demande d'électricité. En outre, les <u>centres de données</u> en Europe consomment actuellement environ 3 % de l'approvisionnement en électricité, mais ce chiffre devrait presque doubler d'ici à 2030, en raison de l'augmentation de la demande en matière de traitement et de stockage des données. Rien qu'en Irlande, les centres de données

consommeront 21 % de l'électricité totale mesurée dans le pays en 2023, dépassant ainsi les ménages urbains (18~%). Cette augmentation de la consommation a exercé une pression énorme sur le réseau irlandais, laissant présager des défis énergétiques similaires dans toute l'Europe. Pour atteindre les objectifs ambitieux de l'UE en matière d'énergie propre, il faut moderniser le réseau électrique vieillissant du continent, qui est mal équipé pour faire face à la croissance rapide de la demande. Le réseau électrique de l'Union européenne est le plus ancien du monde, avec une moyenne de 45 à 50 ans. La congestion du réseau – lorsqu'une surcharge empêche l'électricité d'atteindre le consommateur – entraîne déjà un gaspillage de l'énergie renouvelable, et des milliers

de gigawatts de projets renouvelables restent bloqués dans des files d'attente de connexion. En l'absence d'améliorations significatives, les ambitions de l'Europe en matière de climat resteront hors de portée. Bien que l'UE ait mis en œuvre un <u>plan d'action pour les réseaux électriques</u>, il ne s'agit que d'une première étape. L'Union investit actuellement <u>33 milliards d'euros</u> par an dans les réseaux de distribution d'électricité, mais les experts estiment que la modernisation et l'extension du réseau nécessiteront au moins <u>584 milliards d'euro</u>s d'ici à 2030. L'Europe doit donc doubler son investissement annuel pour le porter à 67 milliards d'euros dès cette année. Des fonds supplémentaires sont indispensables pour garantir que l'énergie renouvelable puisse être acheminée là où elle est le plus

nécessaire et pour éviter les goulets d'étranglement qui freinent les projets

d'électrification.

Heureusement, l'Europe peut s'inspirer d'autres pays. En décembre, le Royaume-Uni a dévoilé un <u>plan d'action pour une énergie</u> propre qui vise à atteindre 100 % d'énergie propre d'ici à 2030, en débloquant 40 milliards de livres sterling (53 milliards de dollars) d'investissements annuels. Dans le cadre de cet effort, la société britannique National Grid s'est engagée à consacrer 35 milliards de livres au transport de l'électricité, dont 15 milliards pour augmenter la capacité du réseau. De même, l'année dernière, les États-Unis ont lancé l'<u>initiative fédérale-étatique de</u> déploiement d'un réseau moderne, qui se concentre sur les technologies de transmission avancées afin d'accroître la capacité du réseau.

Comme le montrent ces initiatives, le problème est d'ordre politique et non technologique. En Europe, les processus d'autorisation et de planification des réseaux sont extrêmement lents. Le déploiement du réseau de transport peut prendre jusqu'à dix ans, même si la construction elle-même ne prend qu'un an ou deux. Et comme des estimations récentes indiquent que l'Europe devra doubler sa capacité d'interconnexion actuelle au cours des 10 à 15 prochaines années pour atteindre ses objectifs en matière de climat et d'énergie, l'accélération du processus d'autorisation est devenue une question de sécurité énergétique. Pour y remédier, les décideurs politiques devraient rationaliser les processus d'autorisation et adopter une approche coordonnée de la planification du réseau dans l'ensemble de l'UE. Il est essentiel de fixer des objectifs législatifs afin de donner de la visibilité aux investisseurs et d'éviter les goulets d'étranglement dans la chaîne d'approvisionnement.

Un autre domaine clé à améliorer est l'optimisation et l'allocation du réseau. Les décideurs politiques de l'UE devraient donner la priorité aux demandes de connexior au réseau émanant des projets les plus mûrs, et proposer des orientations et des délais clairs aux gestionnaires de réseau. Le fait d'exiger des engagements financiers pour réserver la capacité de réseau allouée permettrait d'éviter la spéculation et de garantir un déploiement en temps voulu. Suivant l'exemple du Royaume-Uni, la Commission européenne devrait remplacer le modèle obsolète d'attribution du réseau "premier arrivé, premier servi" par une attribution équilibrée de la capacité.

Au-delà des changements politiques et de l'augmentation du financement, l'Europe doit adopter l'innovation. Les solutions traditionnelles, comme l'évaluation dynamique des lignes (technologies d'optimisation de l'utilisation) et la construction de nouvelles lignes de transport, ne suffisent plus. L'avenir réside dans les technologies de réseaux "intelligents", comme les applications d'intelligence artificielle, qui peuvent aider à résoudre les problèmes de congestion, et dans le stockage d'énergie de longue durée (batteries) qui peut pallier l'intermittence des énergies renouvelables. L'IA pourrait également améliorer l'infrastructure de réseau existante, ce qui permettrait dans certains cas d'éviter des travaux de construction fastidieux. Mais pour libérer le potentiel de cette technologie, il faudra investir massivement dans la recherche et le développement, et offrir des incitations aux jeunes pousses du secteur.

Sans une modernisation majeure de son réseau, l'Europe risque de gaspiller son potentiel en matière d'énergies renouvelables et de compromettre ses objectifs climatiques. Le temps des demi-mesures est révolu. Le pacte industriel propre de l'UE et son <u>plan d'action pour une énergie abordable</u> ont tous deux <u>mis en évidence</u> la nécessité d'investir massivement dans le réseau. Pour transformer son infrastructure énergétique, l'Europe doit doubler son financement, rationaliser ses processus d'autorisation et adopter l'innovation.

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entrepreneurs libériens.

Mme Kailondo a également précisé que l'établissement ambitionne de réformer un système de crédit centenaire et restrictif, qui a longtemps freiné le développement des petites entreprises au Liberia. En proposant des conditions de prêt plus favorables, l'institution entend dynamiser la croissance économique et améliorer les conditions de vie.

La cérémonie de lancement a rassemblé des représentants de la Banque centrale du Liberia,

des hauts responsables gouvernementaux, des membres du Parlement national, ainsi que des figures majeures du secteur privé. Les participants ont unanimement salué cette initiative et exprimé leur soutien aux objectifs de l'institution.

Modern Savings & Loans Microfinance Deposit-Taking Institution est désormais ouverte au public libérien, prête à fournir des solutions financières en phase avec les priorités de développement national.

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futures du gouvernement.

Dans son discours de lancement, R. Tolbert, qui utilisait ce format L'ambassadrice de l'Union la ministre des Affaires pour expliquer les politiques européenne, Nona Deprez, a étrangères Nyanti a salué le publiques aux chefs encouragé les participants à soutien constant au ministère et traditionnels. Aujourd'hui, a-t-il dialoguer et à exiger des souligné l'importance de cette ajouté, les citoyens réclament comptes. Son homologue plateforme qui permet d'écouter davantage d'interactions directes chinois, Yin Chengwu, a exprimé les préoccupations réelles des avec leurs dirigeants. Ce son soutien en soulignant les citoyens. Elle a insisté sur la programme vise donc à favoriser avancées réalisées dans le cadre nécessité d'une gouvernance un dialogue constructif et à du programme AAID et en inclusive fondée sur la moderniser les mécanismes de partageant l'expérience chinoise concertation. « Ce n'est pas pour c o m m u n i c a t i o n en matière de gouvernance dire que le gouvernement fait gouvernementale. siens », a-t-elle déclaré.

l'unité : « Si nous nous ONG à soutenir cette initiative. un meilleur Libéria.»

Le ministre de l'Information, le nom de DJ Blue, aujourd'hui politiques menés par Jerolinmek Piah, a quant à lui engagé en politique, a salué le l'administration Boakai au cours expliqué que le programme projet comme un levier de de l'année écoulée. Town Hall s'inspire d'une crédibilité gouvernementale, en

1950, sous le président William faire entendre.

tout parfaitement, mais pour « Le Gouvernement Town Hall L'ambassadeur du Soudan au discuter ensemble des réussites permettra aux citoyens et Liberia a qualifié l'initiative de « et des défis, car chaque pays a les décideurs d'échanger en face à début d'un véritable dialogue face sur les enjeux majeurs », a-t- entre le gouvernement et son Représentant la vice-présidence, il souligné, appelant les peuple », tout en promettant le elle a exhorté les Libériens à partenaires internationaux et les soutien de son pays.

tradition remontant aux années permettant aux citoyens de se

participative.

La cérémonie s'est conclue par la rassemblons, nous pouvons bâtir Parmi les interventions notables, projection d'un documentaire Bernard Benson, plus connu sous vidéo récapitulant les projets et

Inauguration d'une nouvelle instit de microfinance au Liberia croissance économic création d'emplois.

mercredi 7 mai à la coupure du commerce à travers le pays. ruban marquant l'ouverture Saluant l'initiative, l'ancienne entreprises libériennes.

Conçue dès 2014 par le Conseiller », a-t-elle déclaré, appelant les George B. Kailondo, cette Libériens à soutenir cette initiative institution de microfinance a pour destinée à renforcer le tissu des ambition de faciliter l'accès au petites entreprises.

'ancienne présidente du citoyens ordinaires, dans l'objectif Liberia, Ellen Johnson de stimuler la croissance Sirleaf, a procédé ce économique et d'encourager le

officielle de la Modern Savings & cheffe d'État a exprimé sa Loans Microfinance Deposit-reconnaissance envers M. Taking Institution, une nouvelle Kailondo pour sa vision et son structure financière dédiée à la engagement à contribuer au promotion de l'inclusion développement du Liberia. « Ce financière et au soutien des petites projet constitue une manière exemplaire de redonner à la nation

croissance économique et de la création d'emplois. Elle a par ailleurs comparé la situation du Liberia à celle d'autres pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest, notant les progrès rapides enregistrés grâce à des investissements citoyens stratégiques.

La Modern Savings & Loans Microfinance Deposit-Taking Institution s'est engagée à rompre avec les systèmes traditionnels de crédit souvent contraignants pour les entrepreneurs, en proposant des taux d'intérêt compétitifs. Alors que les taux pratiqués par les institutions financières libériennes avoisinent les 18 %, la nouvelle

La NTA posera la première pierre de son nouveau siège administratif le 31

e ministre de l'Information, des Affaires culturelles et du Tourisme, Jerolimek Mathew Piah, a annoncé que l'Autorité nationale des transports (NTA) procédera, le 31 mai 2025, à la pose de la première pierre de son nouveau bâtiment administratif.

Pour rappel, le siège de la NTA avait été ravagé par un incendie criminel le 5 mai 2022, selon les conclusions d'une enquête menée par les services nationaux d'incendie. Depuis cet incident, l'institution fait face à d'importantes difficultés opérationnelles en raison de l'absence d'un espace administratif permanent.

En réponse aux sollicitations de la NTA, le gouvernement avait lancé un processus d'appel d'offres pour la reconstruction du bâtiment. Toutefois, celui-ci avait été suspendu par la Commission des marchés publics et des concessions (PPCC), invoquant des irrégularités de procédure.

Malgré ce contretemps, le président Joseph Boakai est intervenu pour relancer le processus. Grâce à une nouvelle phase de consultations, un appel d'offres a pu être lancé avec succès, aboutissant à la sélection d'un entrepreneur pour exécuter les travaux.

Lors d'une conférence de presse tenue le mardi 6 mai 2025 au ministère de l'Information, M. Piah a confirmé que le contrat de construction a été signé. Les ministères de la Justice et des Finances ont également validé l'accord. Selon lui, ce nouveau bâtiment devrait permettre de rétablir l'efficacité administrative de la NTA et d'améliorer la qualité des services pour les usagers des transports publics à travers le pays.

Dans un autre volet de sa déclaration, le ministre Piah a annoncé que la NTA, dans le cadre de son plan national de modernisation du transport public, a conclu un contrat via le ministère des Finances et de la



Planification du développement avec un fournisseur privé pour l'acquisition de 55 nouveaux autobus et cinq camions de transport de marchandises.

Il a précisé que les modalités de ce contrat ont été approuvées par le Comité de gestion de la dette, et qu'une résolution finale d'autorisation devrait être adoptée d'ici la fin de la semaine. « Une fois cette résolution approuvée, le processus d'acquisition pourra officiellement démarrer », a-t-il précisé.

La livraison des véhicules est attendue dans un délai de 60 jours.



EATURE

India explains operation Sindoor

Mumbai attacks.

FRIDAY

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On May 7, 2025, the Government of India Investigators have confirmed that the initiate

targeted military operation in Pahalgam, carried out by Lashkar-e-Taiba Lresponse to the April 22 terrorist operatives, was marked by unprecedented attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, brutality. Victims, including families, were shot which claimed the lives of 26 civilians, at close range, often in front of their loved ones. including one Nepali national. The Misri noted that the attack appeared calculated assault, carried out by Pakistan-based to disrupt normalcy and economic recovery in terrorists, marks the deadliest terror Jammu and Kashmir, particularly its booming incident on Indian soil since the 2008 tourism sector, which drew over 23 million visitors in the past year.

India has launched a measured and The April 22 massacre in the tourist town of history of harboring and enabling terrorists," Misri asserted. "There has been no demonstrable action taken against terror infrastructure within its territory."

Joining the briefing were Colonel Sofia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh of the Indian Armed Forces. They confirmed that nine terrorist sites were targeted under Operation Sindoor, all of which were used to train or house militants operating against India.



ration Sindoor, a counter-terrorist strike aimed at dismantling terrorist infrastructure inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Indian authorities have described the operation as "measured, non-escalatory, proportionate, and responsible."

Foreign Secretary Mr. Shri Vikram Misri, in a press briefing, emphasized that India's actions were necessary not only to hold perpetrators accountable but also to deter further attacks.

"These actions were focused on disabling terrorists likely to be sent across to India," Misri stated. "India's latest actions should be seen in the context of the April 25 UN Security Council press statement, which called for the accountability of perpetrators, organizers, and sponsors of the Pahalgam attack."

designated terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility for the attack. India has long maintained that TRF serves as a front to mask Pakistan's support for terrorism.

Misri highlighted India's repeated efforts to alert the UN Security Council's 1267 Sanctions Committee about TRF's operations in previous reports in 2023 and 2024.

India has accused Pakistan of not taking any meaningful action against terrorist groups operating from its territory. Misri reiterated that despite international pressure and UN condemnations, Islamabad has responded only with denials and attempts to deflect blame.

He cited the example of Sajid Mir, a key figure in the 2008 Mumbai attacks, whom Pakistan declared dead for years, only to later acknowledge his existence under global scrutiny.

"Pakistan has a long and well-documented

"said Colonel Qureshi. "This was a focused counter-terrorism strike. The operation was

carefully calibrated to avoid escalation." India's response, while firm, is positioned as a defensive and preventive measure. The Indian government has reiterated its commitment to acting against terrorist threats with strength and precision, without provoking broader military confrontation.

Foreign Secretary Misri concluded by stating that India remains resolute in its determination to ensure that those responsible for the Pahalgam attack, both planners and executors, are brought to justice.

"The failure of Pakistan to act compelled India to respond. These measures are not just retribution—they are a defense of the safety, stability, and dignity of our nation and its people."

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By Lincoln Peters

formerly the Medical Nimba County, has been dismissed from his position as President of the Liberia Medical and Dental Council (LMDC).

LMDC roster, effective graduated from recognized and immediately.

practicing medicine within Liberia implementation of the Director at Esther & and warned of potential legal credentials audit of Dr. George Jereline Medical Center in Ganta, persecution should he attempt to he was officially requested to continue unauthorized medical populate his file with the initial activities.

> The decision to revoke Dr. George's licensure over the years. license was approved by several He was said to have made some

credible medical institutions". r. Peter Matthew George, Dr. George is prohibited from Meanwhile, following the

credentials that qualified him for

presentation but failed to present his undergraduate medical degree which is the actual foundation for further professional advancement in the field of medical practice.

According to the LMDC, Dr. George later presented an "Award Verification Letter" as his proof of obtaining a maiden medical degree from the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom after which his meeting with the credential committee was rescheduled for Friday, April 18, 2025, for evaluation and possible authentication of his award letter. "You declined to appear before

the credentials committee on grounds as stated in a LMDC. Evaluation of your credentials were however still conducted by the committee based on the documents you presented to them. Of utmost concern is that investigation showed that the only University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom does not currently offer a medical degree" the LMDC stated.

The LMDC further indicated that the University of Hertfordshire is now making plans to commence medical degree program beginning 2026 at the end of which a Bachelor of Medicine. degree will be offered in line with the British medical education context as opposed to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) offered in the American medical education

disclosed that the University of Hertfordshire opening of the Hertfordshire Medical School is currently on hold pending approval from the General Kingdom.

another major point of contention is the fact that Dr. George "letter of award" shows that he obtained an MD and postgraduate medical degree all in the space of 4 years which is not possible by any national or international standard as the minimal time to study general medicine including up to postgraduate level will span not less than 10-12 years depending on the individual country of

study. The LMDC pointed to an attached notice from the University of Hertfordshire with information regarding the pending launch of its Hertfordshire Medical School slated for 2026. Attached also is your letter of award with the discrepancies mentioned supra.

Authorities of Nathan E. Gibson High School in Monrovia says media reports that a teacher of the school raped a female student to death is "misleading and exaggerated."

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

to serious allegations surrounding allegation. He stressed that the the death of one of its students, school itself did not directly employ Musu Tarpleh, and her reported Stephen Jackson. relationship with a computer According to Kamara, the school's science teacher, Stephen Jackson.

social media and local news, has Interband, which independently generated public outrage and hires its staff. Instructor Stephen prompted a formal statement from Jackson was contracted by the institution.

mother of the late Musu Tarpleh, High School, according to the disclosed that her 17- year-old administration. daughter had been sick since early However, Kamara confirmed that April. Medical reports from SOS the school contributed financially to Hospital indicated that the late Musu Tarpleh's funeral in Bomi Musu's liver was damaged, believed County and has cooperated with the to be the result of ingesting an investigation. He said that upon unknown substance. An 8th grader, hearing the allegations, he she died on April 26, 2025 at the 14 contacted Alvin Smith, the Military Hospital.

Following her daughter's death, Ms. arranged a meeting between the Konneh reviewed Musu's phone family, Interband, and Police from and discovered messages Zone 5 Station in Paynesville. exchanged between her daughter Authorities have since been and Instructor Stephen Jackson, involved, and the case has been suggesting a romantic relationship referred to Zone 5 Police Station for between the two.

by asking if she was pregnant and ensure justice is served.

Monrovia, Liberia, May 9, 2025 - Kamara emphasized that the The Administration of Nathan E. incident, while tragic, is still under Gibson High School has responded investigation and remains an

computer lab services are The incident, widely discussed on outsourced to a private company, Interband and was not officially On Wednesday, Sayma Konneh, employed by Nathan E. Gibson

administrator of Interband, and

further investigation. Kamara In one message, the late Musu indicated that both the school and complained of stomach pain, to Interband are prepared to cooperate which Jackson allegedly responded fully with law enforcement to



'It would be removed "

to the school and showed them to the student's death and reaffirmed the Principal and some teachers," Ms. school's commitment to student Konneh explained and added, safety. messages and then walked out and has contributed significantly to fled."

result of a failed abortion, possibly situation like this in our history." encouraged by the teacher.

Thursday, May 8, 2025, the 14 Military Hospital. condemning all forms of sexual "We are grateful for the opportunity exploitation, particularly statutory to clarify our role in this unfortunate exaggerated.'

what they would do. Musu replied, David S. Dahn, Chief Executive Officer of Nathan E. Gibson High "I took the phone with the messages School, expressed sorrow over the

"While there, Stephen read the "This school, established in 1983, Liberia's education sector," he said. She believes her daughter died as a "We've never encountered a

Dahn explained that Musu had not However, Momo B. Kamara, been attending school for an Supervisor at Nathan E. Gibson extended period before her death High School, addressed the claims and had reportedly been treated at during a joint press interview on multiple medical centers, including

rape, and describing media reports matter and will continue supporting that a teacher raped a student to the investigation to ensure the truth death as "misleading and is uncovered", he assured. Editing by Jonathan Browne



the revocation of his medical LMDC; Dr. Stephen Kennedy, license, effectively barring the Chairman Credential Committee, communication to Dr. Augustus former Medical Director of Vice Dr. Benetta Collins-Andrews, G. Quiah, Registrar General of President Jeremiah Koung's Chairlady Liberia Medical & Medical Center from ever Dental Council (LMIX) and practicing medicine or engaging in Augustus G. Quah, Registrar any medical-related activities General Liberia Medical & Dental within Liberia. This drastic Council (LMIX) measure was taken due to The incident has raised critical allegations of fraudulent medical questions about the integrity of

dated April 21, 2025.

your claim of being a Medical LMDC. Doctor could not be substantiated In view of this, the LMDC has certificate which are the absolute documentation for some Doctors. prerequisites for obtaining license It has therefore mandated all immediately. Kindly consider this 30, 2025.

The communication, titled the communication noted. Practice Medicine in Liberia," documentation required to qualify revocation of his license.

According to the LMDC, Dr. According to the LMDC, the George had been requested on moved is in line with the statutory March 18, 2025, to submit mandate of the institution as per its documentation to the Credentials 2010 Act of National Legislation, Committee for re-evaluation of his sub-chapter B-Functions of the licensure status.

The LMDC records, at the time, that "The Council shall register all indicated that there were no Physicians, Surgeons, Dental credentials available for Dr. Surgeons and Allied Medical George, raising serious concerns Professionals within the Republic about the validity of his medical of Liberia" qualifications.

noted the following:

The dismissal is accompanied by high-ranking members of the

medical professionals and the The Liberia Medical and Dental efficacy of credential audits within Council (LMDC) announced its Liberia's healthcare system. decision through a communication Fraudulent medical credentials not only compromise the quality of care "The Credential Committee has provided to patients but also erode officially informed my office that trust in regulatory bodies like

by the documents you provided. announced the commissioning of Particularly so that you've failed to credential audit, saying the audit Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) provide your undergraduate has become necessary because its medical certificate and internship current records show incomplete

to practice medicine in Liberia. The Doctors and Dentists to populate Credential Committee has therefore their files with updated credentials in its Friday, April 18, 2025, sitting to align with their current recommended the REVOCATION professional rankings beginning The investigation further OF YOUR LICENSE effective Monday May 5, to Monday, June

communication as LMDC's official "Doctors and Dentists will endorsement of the thereafter be called in by the recommendation by the credential Credentials Committee in no committee based on the findings of specific order to justify their claims Medical Council of the United its investigation" a letter signed by on documentation they provide Dr. Benetta Colins Andrews said. beginning Monday, July 7, 2025" The LMDC disclosed that

"Revocation of Your License to The LMDC listed the minimum outlined the reasons for Dr. to face the Credentials Committee George's dismissal and the as Internship Certificate and undergraduate Medical Degree.

Council, section 61.4, which states

Also, the authority provides that The communication specifically "The Council shall issue licenses to qualified and deserving Physicians, The license number 654 previously Surgeons, Dental Surgeons and assigned to Dr. George has been allied medical professionals within removed and revoked from the Republic of Liberia, that have



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Liberia signs deal to build airport eity

A new deal aim at transforming Liberia's International Airport into a modern airport city has been reached.

argibi County, Roberts International Airport in Liberia, May 9, Margibi County, brought 2025-The Liberia together key executives from Airport Authority (LAA), in both institutions and underscores partnership with the Liberia the government's commitment to

Special Economic Zones transforming the aviation sector (LSEZ), has signed a into a powerful engine for

(MoC) to establish the diversification. country's first Airport Special Economic Zones (ASEZ) at Roberts International Airport (RIA), marking a major milestone in the Government of Liberia's infrastructure-led development strategy.

The signing ceremony, held Thursday, May 8, 2025, at

Memorandum of Cooperation economic growth and

The ASEZ initiative is designed to convert designated airport lands into modern business and industrial hubs that promote light manufacturing, logistics, infrastructure development, and commercial activity.

The zones are expected to boost foreign direct investment (FDI)

generate new jobs, and stimulate sustainable economic growth in Liberia and the broader West African region.

"This agreement lays the foundation for a vibrant airport city," said Hon. Jero Mends-Cole, Managing Director of the Liberia Airport Authority. "By designating airport lands as Special Economic Zones, we're creating a space that attracts investment, drives economic diversification, and enhances Liberia's position in regional and global markets."

The MoC represents a joint strategic effort to leverage Liberia's unique geographic advantage and existing airport infrastructure to establish a globally competitive economic zone.

"Liberia's geographic position offers a gateway to West Africa," said Hon. Prince A. Wreh, Executive Chairman of the Liberia Special Economic Zones Authority. "This initiative leverages that strength, alongside our airport infrastructure, to create an environment that supports

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