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# Continental News

# Burkina Faso military accused of killing over 100 civilians in 'massacre'

killed by Burkina Faso displaced, have continued agovernment forces and despite promises by the allied militia in March near the country's military leaders to deal western town of Solenzo, with the insurgency. Ahead of the



says in a new report.

It says the "massacre", Burkinabè special forces, resulted in widespread civilian deaths and displacement of ethnic Fulanis. The Fulani are a pastoralist, largely Muslim community who the government has often accused of backing Islamist militants an allegation denied by community leaders.

About 40% of Burkina Faso is under the control of groups linked to al-Qaeda and Islamic State operating in West Africa's Sahel region. The attacks, in

Human Rights Watch (HRW) release of the HRW findings on Monday, there were reports of more militant attacks over the following an operation led by weekend with dozens of military and civilian casualties. The BBC has not been able to confirm these reports and the authorities do not routinely comment on reported jihadist attacks. The BBC has approached the Burkina Faso government for comment on the HRW report. Last year, the government described as "baseless" another HRW report that had accused soldiers of a "massacre" in which 223 villagers were killed. It also said that any allegations of human rights abuses committed "in the fight which thousands of people against terrorism" were

tleast 130 civilians were have been killed and millions systematically investigated. The rights group says it interviewed witnesses, militia members, journalists and the civil society and analysed videos shared on social media to make the findings regarding the army's involvement in the March killings.HRW previously said the army was "implicated" in the killings, based on videos that were being shared online showing dozens of dead and injured people, although the findings were not definitive.

It now says further research has "uncovered that Burkina Faso's military was responsible for these mass killings of Fulani civilians". It adds that least 100 more civilians were killed last month in reprisal attacks by jihadist groups against those seen as helping the military. "Mass killings of civilians by government security forces, militias, and Islamist armed groups amount to war crimes and other possible atrocity crimes," it says. The rights group has urged the government to investigate and prosecute all those responsible for the crimes. This came as junta leader Capt Ibrahim Traoré returned from Moscow after a Friday meeting with Vladimir Putin on cooperation and security in the

## First group of white South Africans lands in US under Trump refugee plan

white Afrikaner South widely discredited.

US-funded flight targeted."Farmers are being killed, carrying the first group of they happen to be white, but 149 white South Africans whether they're white or black to be granted refugee status makes no difference to me," he has landed in Washington, after said. The US has criticised domestic leaving Johannesburg on South African policy, accusing the government of seizing land from Relations between South Africa white farmers without any and the US have been tense for compensation - something which months, after President Donald the southern African nation says has Trump said that members of not happened. One of Trump's the country's Afrikaner closest advisers, South African-born minority were victims of "racial Elon Musk, has previously said there discrimination". This was was a "genocide of white people" in dismissed by South Africa's South Africa and accused the Foreign Minister Ronald government of passing "racist Lamola, who said on Monday ownership laws". The claims of a "there is no persecution of genocide of white people have been

Africans", adding that police Figures from the South African reports debunk President police show that in 2024, 44 Trump's assertion. South Africa murders were recorded on farms says that any allegations of and smaller plots of agricultural persecution would not meet land, with eight of those killed the threshold "required under being farmers. South Africa does not domestic and international report on crime statistics broken refugee law". The BBC has down by race but a majority of the contacted the United Nations country's farmers are white, while



### **Top Cricket Malawi official** dies after 'heartless violence'

Arjun Menon on Saturday responsible are swiftly he was a mentor, leader, and night. A statement from the brought to justice," Dr an embodiment of Malawi National Council of Kamata added in a statement Singaporean values of Sports (MNCS) said that the posted on social media. residence in Blantyre.

African nation are yet to issue affected by this tragic loss." a statement following Menon's Menon had previously communities he uplifted who represented Singapore five times at senior level, was the operations manager of Cricket Malawi.

MNCS chief executive Dr Henry Kamata said Menon's contributions to the sport were "immense and farreaching" and that he had played a "pivotal role" in the growth and success of the national side.

"We strongly condemn this heartless act of violence and

mourning after the authorities to pursue all leads and Indonesia. death of top official to ensure that those "Arjun was more than a coach;

"brutally murdered" at his condolences to Arjun's family,the Singapore Cricket | friends, the cricket Association said. Local police in the Southern community, and all those "His legacy lives on in the

death. Menon, a wicketkeeper coached Singapore and also across continents. "BBC

alawian cricket is in urge law enforcement had stints in Chile, Botswana

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from other countries.

refugee agency, UNHCR, which other people living on farms, such confirmed it was not involved as workers, are mostly in this resettlement scheme, black. Afrikaner author Max du nor was it asked to take part in Preez told the BBC's Newsday radio programme that claims of Given the Trump persecution of white South Africans administration's hardline were a "total absurdity" and "based position on refugees, it is on nothing". He added that South notable the process did not Africans were "stunned" by the involve the UNHCR - showing resettlement scheme and that it how much the white Afrikaners had more to do with "internal have been fast-tracked and in a politics" in the US than South Africa. 48-year-old had been "We extend our heartfelt service," a statement from way that has not been done for Bilateral tensions between the US others. Democrat Senator and South Africa have been strained Jeanne Shaheen described the for some time as President Trump resettlement as "baffling" tasked his administration with given the "indefinite formulating plans to potentially suspension for thousands of resettle Afrikaners, a group with legitimate asylum seekers" mostly Dutch ancestry, in the US.

In March, South Africa's ambassador Senator Shaheen, who is also to the US, Ebrahim Rasool, was the ranking member of the expelled after accusing President Senate Foreign Relations Trump of using "white victimhood as Committee, said in her a dog whistle", leading to the US statement that "last year, the accusing Mr Rasool of "race-UN found no South Africans baiting". The US has also criticised were eligible for refugee South Africa for taking an status". Asked directly on "aggressive" position against Israel Monday why Afrikaners' at the International Court of Justice refugee applications had been (ICJ), where Pretoria has accused expedited compared to other Prime Minister Benjamin groups, Trump claimed a Netanyahu's government of "genocide" was taking place genocide against people in Gaza - a and that "white farmers" claim which the Israelis strongly specifically were being reject.BBC

By Angela Zhang and Alex S. Yang

## EDITORIAL

## We admire Speaker Koffa's fight

A man should live by his conviction, pay ultimate sacrifice, and even die for it, if it so requires. This is what Speaker J. Fonati Koffa has demonstrated by resigning after successfully challenging his illegal removal before the Supreme Court of Liberia and defeating the Majority Bloc in line with the rule of law.

The former speaker has left a precedent at the House of | Representatives for posterity to learn from in removing a speaker legitimately, as it should be done without any room for contention.

But this is what the so-called Majority Bloc (lawmakers of the House) failed to do in their greed and desperation to remove Speaker Koffa outside of a two-third majority.

Article 49 of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia says: "The | House of Representatives shall elect once every six years a Speaker who shall be the presiding officer of that body, a Deputy Speaker, and such other officers as shall ensure the proper functioning of the House. The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and other officers so elected may be removed from office for cause by resolution of a two-thirds majority of the members of the House." The House's rule also requires that such removal of the Speaker shall be executed with him presiding in session.

All these provisions were ignored by the Majority Bloc and they went ahead in elected Representative Richard Nagbe Koon as Speaker, who lacks legitimacy, as the Supreme Court declares.

We are glad that Speaker Koffa fought his illegal removal | before the law and he got justice, though the political system of the moment could not allow him to resume his duties amid flagrant violations and complete defiance to the Supreme Court's opinion on the matter.

He has given up the Office of Speaker, for the sake of Liberia, but did expose the wrong procedure followed by the Majority Bloc in carrying out their ill-fated coup.

The former Speaker has left a food for thought for law students and legal luminaries in their career sojourn, for there is a legal maxim that says: What is not legally done, is not done at all. Koffa, being a lawyer himself, proved this before the law without leaving any doubt.

And because members of the Executive-backed Majority know clearly that they are in the wrong, they are not returning to elect a Speaker that will have legal authority, | thanks to Fonati Koffa, a man that truly understands the law and fearlessly pursues it to the letter.

Koffa has gone down in legislative history as a Speaker who stood against unconstitutional acts, including his illegal removal by his colleagues and defeated them before the Highest Court of the land.

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### US-China Trade **Agreement Really Possible?**

their enthusiasm.

consequential.

This is particularly true when the US is seasonal demand. negotiating with China, which has both a riding a tiger, it is difficult to get off.

agreement between the world's two largest meeting. economies would be difficult to draft and measures.

one" trade deal in January 2020, Trump policy. declared it a historic victory, touting China's President Joe Biden - had little recourse.

Today, even if tariffs are to be lifted in the across global supply chains.

In fact, Trump's trade war has already done

ONDON - The White House announced lasting harm to global supply chains. Retailers on Sunday that the United States and have been scrambling to cancel orders, ■China will temporarily suspend or lift manufacturers and distributors have rushed to the import tariffs they imposed on each other reroute and stockpile inventories, and in April, pending further negotiations on a businesses have been operating in a climate of trade agreement. But while the heightened uncertainty. It is now clearer than announcement offers long-awaited relief to ever that small and short-lived fluctuations businesses and has boosted market can cause disproportionate and long-lasting confidence, investors would be wise to curb disruptions, or what supply-chain experts call the "bullwhip effect."

Taking cues from his background in business, This phenomenon is reflected in the outlook Trump uses tariffs as a bargaining chip, for Christmas this year. If a made-in-China toy seemingly convinced that aggressive is to reach store shelves in the US before the escalation will force US trading partners to holidays, the production process must begin offer significant concessions and enable him as early as March, when toy companies finalize to declare a major political victory. But product designs and place orders. negotiating a trade agreement is not the Manufacturing typically starts in April, with same as striking a real-estate deal. The goods shipping from Chinese factories by July, process is slower, messier, and far more so that they arrive in the US before fall distribution. Retailers depend on this long but tightly choreographed timeline to meet

huge economy (and thus substantial Fluctuating tariffs disrupt every stage of this leverage) and a strong interest in withholding process. Faced with unpredictable costs, concessions, because yielding to Trump's retailers hesitate to place orders, delaying demands could undermine national pride and production and shipment. Suppliers then trigger a domestic backlash. And while Trump reconfigure production lines to take has a record of declaring dubious victories, it advantage of any new opportunities, meaning would be difficult for him to claim success in that the reversal of tariffs alone may not be his trade war with China if he simply backed enough to get production back on track. So, down. As a Chinese saying goes, once you are even if the elimination of tariffs revives demand, the supply shortage would persist, driving prices higher - a possibility that Trump As one of us has previously written, a trade dismissively acknowledged at a recent cabinet

nearly impossible to enforce. We saw this Making matters worse, higher prices could clearly in 2018-19. Although the US and China send the wrong demand signal to suppliers, reached an agreement in principle in April aggravating the long-term problem of 2019, negotiations ultimately fell apart, oversupply that tariffs are meant to tackle. owing to differences over the specificity of This cycle of oscillation - a hallmark of the the terms. Whereas the US demanded a rigid, bullwhip effect - creates persistent 150-page contract detailing legal reforms to instability. After all, it's not the average that be enacted through China's national kills you; it's the volatility. We saw a version of legislature, China sought a more flexible, this dynamic during the COVID-19 pandemic, principles-based framework that could be when sudden shutdowns triggered cascading implemented through less visible regulatory shortages and gluts across global supply chains, with effects that were felt for years. The difference now is that the turmoil is not Then there is the enforcement challenge. the result of a natural disaster or public-When the US and China signed their "phase health crisis; it is the product of a deliberate

commitment to increase purchases of US Unpredictability may have worked for Trump goods and services by \$200 billion over two in his personal business dealings, but when years, along with other concessions. But applied to global commerce, it generates unlike typical trade agreements, the deal tremendous chaos, as supply chains thrive on contained no neutral third-party transparency and certainty, not bluffs and enforcement mechanism. Nor was it self- sudden policy reversals. The disruption enforcing, with both parties viewing unleashed by Trump's tariffs will not stop at compliance as more beneficial than the stock market; it will reverberate through defection. So, when China failed to meet its factories, ports, and storefronts worldwide. purchase targets, the US - then led by Investors, policymakers, and consumers have yet to reckon fully with the consequences of Trump's actions.

short term, China has little reason to believe Angela Huyue Zhang, Professor of Law at the that the US will honor its commitments or University of Southern California, is the author pursue meaningful enforcement, especially of High Wire: How China Regulates Big Tech given the tremendous mistrust that Trump and Governs Its Economy (Oxford University has sowed. Ultimately, any trade deal that Press, 2024) and Chinese Antitrust the US and China negotiate is likely to be Exceptionalism: How the Rise of China fragile, limited in scope, and vulnerable to Challenges Global Regulation (Oxford collapse. Businesses and investors should University Press, 2021). S. Alex Yang is thus be prepared for continued disruptions Professor of Management Science and Operations at London Business School.

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By Barak Barfi

### **Israel's Risky Syria Strategy**

ASHINGTON, DC - After months of sectarian violence, kidnappings, and crossborder clashes, the last thing Syria's fledgling government needs is a neighbor stoking tensions. But that is what Israel is doing, as it erects military bases in the countries' demilitarized "buffer zone," strikes military sites, and kills security officials - all part of a well-worn strategy of backing minority groups against Sunni majorities in the Arab world. But by pursuing it in Syria, Israel is risking strategic blowback.

Along with neighboring Lebanon, Syria has the most diverse population in the Middle East. While Sunni Arabs comprise 65% of the population, their majority is far smaller than in, say, Egypt (around 90%). The remaining 35% of Syria's population includes members of heretical Islamic offshoots, along with Sunni Kurds and Christians.

Managing this diversity has proved challenging for Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), which came to power after Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's ouster in December. Its cadres are drawn from al-Qaeda, which believes that Sunni Arabs should hold all the rights and all the power - in the Islamic world. And while the HTS leadership has tempered its religious zeal, some of its foot soldiers have not.

In March, clashes between HTS and Assad's Alawi sect, a heretical Shia offshoot accounting for around 12% of Syria's population, left more than 1,000 dead. The violence rattled Christians, who largely supported the toppled government. Meanwhile, groups loyal to Turkey have skirmished with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in the northeast.

But it is tensions with the Druze, another heterodox group, that are proving most vexing for Syria's young government. After a spurious audio recording attributed to a Druze leader blaspheming the Prophet Muhammad circulated on social media, masked gunmen descended on the Damascus suburb of Jaramana. After the melee drew in HTS security officials, Israel declared that it would protect the tiny sect. It has since targeted members of Syria's security forces who clashed with the Druze and mounted airstrikes near the presidential palace.

Israel's machinations in Syria are nothing new. Within months of Israel's birth, senior foreign ministry officials mused about sponsoring a coup there, in order to strengthen their position in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

More broadly, Israel has often used support of minorities to undermine Sunni power. In Lebanon, it was the Christians. In 1955, Army Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan floated the idea of convincing a Christian military officer to "declare himself the savior of the Maronite [Christian] population," before invading Lebanon to help install a Christian regime that would ally itself with Israel.

In the 1970s, Prime Minister Menachem Begin - claiming that Israel had a "duty" to prevent the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from committing "genocide" against Christians - supported a renegade Lebanese Christian sergeant-major, in the hopes of creating a buffer zone along Lebanon's southern border, where it could exert some control. In 1982, Israel invaded Lebanon, expelled the PLO, and installed a Christian president, Bashir Gemayel, soon assassinated by a member of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party.

Israel's efforts to undermine Sunni regimes have also entailed partnerships with Shia countries. Beginning in the 1960s, Israel worked with the Shah of Iran to support the besieged Iraqi Kurds in their fight against the central government. The resulting insurgency was so devastating that then-Iraqi Vice President Saddam Hussein ceded the Shatt al-Arab waterway to Iran, in exchange for its pledge to stop supporting the Kurds.

In light of this history, it is not surprising that Israeli leaders now seek to carve out a Druze enclave on the Syrian border, thereby creating a buffer between Israel and the Sunnis. Nor is it surprising that Israel has identified ambitious Druze figures eager to challenge both the central government and their own sect's traditional leadership.

This effort has broad support among Israeli politicians, from the prime minister to the opposition leader. In their view, a fractured Syria desperately attempting to put out regional and sectarian fires would lack the resources and capacity to threaten Israel.

But this vision is short-sighted. After all, upheaval and division could bring down the HTS government - and Israel might not like what replaces it. The Turks who back the group and support factions on the northern Syrian border may be persuaded to deploy troops deep inside the country. A resurgent Islamic State in Iraq and Syria could exploit the chaos of HTS's downfall to expand its influence, just as it did when the Syrian civil war erupted in 2011. After Gemayel's assassination in 1982, Hezbollah stepped into the breach in southern Lebanon. By 2000, Hezbollah had driven Israel from Lebanese territory, and in 2006 launched a devastating war that ended in a stalemate.

Following the Assad dynasty's collapse, Israel has attained near-supremacy in the Middle East. Destabilizing a nascent government that has no desire to tangle with a stronger neighbor will do nothing to strengthen this position. On the contrary, a policy based on reflexive hubris risks paving the way for the emergence of a formidable new threat.

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### REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA National Investment Commission (NIC) M&E Professional Building/ UN Drive

Monrovia, Liberia



#### Invitation for Bid(IFB)

Contract Identification No.: IFB No: ADB/NIC/SAPZ/NCB/001/'24

The Republic of Liberia through the National Investment Commission (NIC) has received Funding from the African Development (AfDB) to Finance the Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ) Project, and intends to apply part of the funding towards the Printing & Media Services for SAPZ Investment Promotion. for the project implementation through a National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method of the Public Procurement and Concession Act of 2010 (PPCA) of Liberia.

Schedule of Requirements

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Delivery	Delivery site
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1.	Printing Banners, flyers,	Assorted	Pieces	Four weeks (4)	NIC SAPZ
	leasing of Bill boards etc. and			after Contract	Project Unit
	Media services for SAPZ			signing	ŕ
	Investment promotion Project				

- 1. The National Investment Commission now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Printing & Media Services for SAPZ Investment
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in **Section 48(P. 52)** of the 2010 amended PPCA.
- All interested eligible bidders may obtain copy of the bidding document for a non-refundable fee of US \$ 100.00(One Hundred United States Dollars) and for any further information, please contact the Procurement Unit of the National Investment Commission (NIC) beginning Friday, May 12, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily (Monday-Friday).
- Sealed Bid (One Original and Four Copies) must be delivered to the address below. Absolutely Electronic bid will not be permitted.
- Deadline for the submission bids is Friday, June 13, 2025 at 1:30 PM. All Bids will be opened at 2:00 PM in the Conference room of NIC the same day in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late Tenders will be rejected and returned unopened.
- Tenders shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline of Tender submission.
- Bid Securing Declaration
- Details on Technical Specification are captured in the Bid Document.

The Procurement Unit National Investment Commission (NIC) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room – 1 M&E Professional Building UN Drive, Monrovia, Liberia

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### Invitation to Bid (IFB)

Procurement of Goods, Works and Services

#### April 23, 2025

- 1. The National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL) through its internal generated revenue has allocated funds for its Calendar Year Budget 2025 in United States Dollars.
- NOCAL intends to apply portion of the funds to payments for goods, works, and consulting services to be procured under this initiative. Bid received in excess of the approved contract budget shall be considered nonresponsive and will be automatically rejected at the bid opening.
- 4. NOCAL now invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for various contract packages as listed in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through different procurement method as specified in the PPCA and approved by the PPCC, and is open to all qualified and eligible bidders as defined in the PPCA and its accompanying regulations. Eligible and qualified Bidders can submit their bids as indicated in

S n	Code	Contract Package	Bid Price (US\$)	Bid Security	Bid Collection	Submission Deadline Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
1	IFB NO. NOCAL/SP/NCB /001/2025)	Furniture & Interior Decoration (Completion NOCAL Head Office)	\$150.00	2%	April 29, 2025	May 20, 2025 10:00 AM	May 21, 2025 10:30 AM
2	IFB#: NOCAL/NCB/00 2/2025	Solor Infrastructure	US\$150	2%	April 29, 2025	May 27, 2025 12:00 PM	May 27, 2025 12:30 PM
3	IFB NO. NOCAL/SBA/NC B/003/2025	Staff Medical Insurance	US\$100		April 30, 2025	May 27, 2025 1:30 PM	May 27, 2025 2:00 PM
4	IFB NO. NOCAL/SBA/NC B/002/2025	Air Ticket	US\$100		April 30, 2025	May 27, 2025 3:30 PM	May 27, 2025 4:00 PM
5	IFB N0. NOCAL/RB/001/ 2025	Repair & Maintenance of Vehicle	US\$100		May 29, 2025	June 19, 2025 10:00 AM	June 19, 2025 10:30 AM
6	IFB NO. NOCAL/NCB/00 1/2025	Construction of computer hardware, telecommunication, infrastructure network	US\$150		May 29, 2025	June 26, 2025 12:00 PM	June 26, 2025 12:30 PM
7	IFB NO. NOCAL/SBA/RF Q/002/2025	Catering Service			May 29, 2025	June 26, 2025 1:30 PM	June 26, 2025 2:00 PM
8	IFB NO. NOCAL/SBA/NC B/002/2025	Stationery & Supplies	US\$100		May 29, 2025	June 26, 2025 3:30 PM	June 26, 2025 4:00 PM
9	IFB NO. NOCAL/SBA/RF Q/001/2025	Supplies of Potable Water			May 29, 2025	June 12, 2025 1:00 PM	June 12, 2025 1:30 PM

Note! Bid security must be in an irrevocable Bank Guarantee/Manager Check/Bid Securing **Declaration** form from a reputable bank or insurance company in the Republic of Liberia.

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the National Oil Company of Liberia, Procurement Unit, and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday -Friday 9:00-5:00 beginning at the date specified in the table above.
- 7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in [English] containing Evaluation Criteria and other relevant requirements and details may be collected by interested bidders from the Procurement Unit of the address below for a non-refundable fee as specified in the table above.
- 8. All Tenders shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for Tender submission. All Tenders must be accompanied by its requisite Bid Security. Late Tenders will be rejected.
- 9. NOCAL reserve the right to accept, reject or negotiate any or all bids, to waive or not waive informalities or irregularities in bids or bidding procedures, to rebid the project/purchase, and to accept any bid determined by the NOCAL to be in the best interest of the Entity, regardless of price. The reason for rejection may include past performance issues, and compatibility with existing reality or technical nature of the bid. Bidders are required to consider every section of the bidding documents following this advert when preparing their bids.

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Qualifications requirements include: Technical, Financial, Legal and other requirements as stated in the bidding documents accompanying this advert. However, the minimum requirement includes:

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- Valid Business Registration Certificate (Specific Business Activity Code)
- Valid Article of Incorporation
- Bid Security in Bank Guarantee Form/Manager Check
- Social Security Certificate
- Prove of registration on the PPCC vendor database

#### 11. All bids must be address to:

#### Procurement Unit

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### Ngafaun regrets Liberia's MCC Compact pause

The Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Augustine Ngafuan, expresses frustration over abrupt pause of the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation, amid Liberia's qualification for MCC Compact.

#### By Lincoln G. Peters

Speaking on a midnight talk show, announced, it came positively and it means faster development. especially in infrastructure, energy, among others.

Board also discussed new argibi, Liberia, May 13, 2025 - opportunities that the Millennium Liberia's Finance and Challenge Corporation Candidate Development Planning Country Reform Act, provides for MCC. Minister, Augustine Kpehe Ngafuan "MCC is proud of our longstanding expresses serious disdain and history with Liberia and is enthusiastic frustration in the United States about embarking on a new partnership Millennium Challenge Corporation's to advance opportunities for the (MCC) immediate pause here, amid people of Liberia," said MCC's Chief Liberia's eligibility, while noting that Executive Officer Alice it's clear that the country may no Albright. Outlining domestic fiscal longer hope and relay on the MCC as a management and resources policy mobilization measures taken to address the gape, Minister Ngafuan The Heat recently, Minister Ngafuan said government is currently disclosed that when news about attracting resources from other Liberia's eligibility for the MCC was partners and raising domestic resources mobilization.

was largely greeted across, because He disclosed that despite the MCC Compact pause, Liberia too is trying to implement the Liberia First Policy, therefore, they are now focusing on key issues that will protect the nation's



the country authorization through linkages. it", he said.

on December 18.

democratic governance reforms. The added. Editing by Jonathan Browne

He recalled that in January 2024, the sovereignty and raise domestic MCC team visited Liberia and gave revenue to address gaps and financial

the Ministry of Finance to recruit "Now, last year, the country budget coordinator, senior economist, was in the amount of US\$738 million. private sector specialist and gender The domestic resources obligation we specialist for the program, totaling had was approximately US\$690 five vacancies, with hundred million. The Liberia Revenue Authority Liberians applying for these and other revenue generation positions."Well, we don't have institutions raised US\$698 million, control over the American which is eight hundred dollars more government and its democracy, as to than targeted. Also, last year, what happened there. We have a new domestic revenue was the highest ever government in America. It's possible in the country's history", he disclosed. that the MCC may not be a priority at He indicated that they are now this stage. We can't continue to hope focusing efforts to expanding domestic on the MCC. So, where we are now, resources and revenue for the country, unfortunately, everything that we and this will be fully implemented started, we have to pause it. We will through the technology advancement get over this, and we are getting over that the LRA is about to introduce. "The LRA is about to introduce a

On December 19, 2024, The technology program known as the Millennium Challenge Corporation payment switch, which will be (MCC's) Board of Directors selected installed at businesses so that receipts Liberia as newly eligible to develop a are generated. We are also thinking of compact during its quarterly meeting changing case and plucking linkages. There will be more audits. Technology Liberia was selected in recognition of will be leverage; the net effect is that progress the country has made to we are going to raise more money for strengthen its performance on the ourselves and it will help us. We are MCC scorecard and commitment to also in concession negotiations to pursuing critical economic and attract the best value for Liberia", he

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The local government leadership in River Gee County is currently smarting under pressure as the county's Steering Committee demands accountability for unaccounted funds.

By Isaiah K Nyenpan

iver Gee County, Liberia — consulted, or given any report the steering committee members A serious controversy has about how this money was used. erupted in River Gee We are demanding transparency



of the funds independently.

concerned committee member he insisted that the committee administrations across Liberia. stated during a recent meeting. was indebted to him. "Six hundred

raised concerns over the responsible for overseeing and unaccounted use of a significant managing county development the matter, with many accusing amount of money, totalling funds and other public financial the local leadership of 801,282.00 Liberian Dollars matters meant to improve the mishandling public funds (LRD). At the center of the welfare of the local intended for community says their action is aimed at dispute are the County Steering population. However, members development projects. Residents drawing the government's Committee Chairlady, Madam say they were completely expressed their frustration Malid Sugar Kollie, and River Gee sidelined in the handling of this through community radio County Superintendent, Mike T. amount, raising serious questions programs and town hall Swengbe. According to members about financial oversight and meetings, urging the county of the steering committee, this leadership practices within the authorities to come clean and substantial sum was allegedly county's administration. In account for every dollar. "This spent without their knowledge or response to mounting pressure money is meant to fix our roads, consent. What has further fueled from both the committee improve our schools, and build public frustration is the claim members and citizens, clinics. We cannot sit by and that Superintendent Swengbe, Superintendent Mike T. Swengbe watch it disappear without who is not an official member of defended himself by claiming answers," a prominent youth the county's steering committee, that the steering committee leader said during a radio reportedly took it upon himself owes him the sum of 600,000.00 interview. The controversy has to authorize and manage the use LRD. The superintendent did not sparked a wider debate on clarify the circumstances accountability, transparency, "This money belongs to the surrounding this claim or present and the misuse of public funds people of River Gee," one documentation to back it up, but within local government

thousand ooh," Superintendent bewildered about the nature and legitimacy of such a debt. The key "We were never informed, question now being asked by both and the broader River Gee County community is this: To County after members of the and accountability. "The steering whom did Superintendent Swengbe give this money, and who exactly spent it? Members of the steering committee categorically deny ever receiving any amount from the superintendent as a loan or credit, contradicting his slow action in protest against assertion of being owed such a sum."We don't know anything about any money he says we owe," another committee member said. "He never gave us a cent. He should explain to the people where this 801,282.00 The protest, which began in LRD went and stop bringing up claims without proof. "Citizens of county's steering committee committee serves as a body River Gee County have also joined in demanding clarity on

## Drivers' Union stages nationwide protest

Swengbe allegedly exclaimed in - Over alleged Police harassment and excessive ticketing

his defence, leaving the public Several travellers were stranded on Monday, May 12, 2025 as drivers staged protest against alleged police harassment and excessive ticketing. Travellers at Monrovia parking in Gbarnga, Bong County on Monday, May 12.

By Edwin N. Khakie

ong County, Liberia — Transportation services across Liberia are facing major disruptions as members of the Federation of Road Transport Union of Liberia (FRTUL) launched a nationwide gowhat they called excessive ticketing and continued harassment by officers of the Liberia National Police (LNP).

Bong County, has quickly spread to other parts of the country, causing delays and a sharp reduction in the availability of commercial transport. The drivers' union attention to what they

said its decision to stage the go-slow protest was made after repeated attempts to engage with authorities failed to yield results.

Commuters across Monrovia, Gbarnga, Kakata, and other major towns are already feeling the impact of the drivers' action, as public transport has become scarce. Many workers and students were seen stranded along main roads early Monday morning, as taxi and bus services ground to a near halt.

"This is serious," said Faith Kollie, a resident of Gbarnga who struggled to find transport to her school campus. "We hope the government and the drivers can find common ground



### th Judicial Circuit Court opens in Bong

ge reminds lawyers of Court Attendance Rule professionals of their role in authorities. Speaking to the Liberia National Police

The Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Bong County formally opened its May Term on Monday, marking the start of a new judicial calendar with a stern reminder from the bench about the professional responsibilities of Liberia's legal community.

By Edwin N Khakie

the opening ceremony, His remarks came amid As the session progressed, Judge and members of the public, Judge neglect this responsibility. Kontoe made clear that The ceremony drew a significant and upholding the rule of law.

lawyers to be present at the the judiciary's commitment to opening of each court term," justice and to remind legal Judge Kontoe stated. "This is not a

judicial officers, local officials, consequences for those who

attendance at such sessions is a gathering, with members of the critical aspect of maintaining judiciary, prominent local respect for the court's authority government officials, and citizens "Let it be known that the Supreme the court resume its operations Court has clearly set forth the for the term. The event also obligation of all practicing served as a platform to reaffirm

upholding the sanctity of the reporters in Gbarnga, Bong has yet to issue an official judicial process.

The opening of the May Term signals a busy period ahead for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, mere tradition but a binding duty, as it prepares to hear a docket of barnga, Bong County, May and failure to comply will not go civil and criminal cases in the unnoticed."

Resident Circuit Judge J. Boima noticeable absences among the Kontoe's call for renewed Kontoe underscored that lawyers are legally bound to attend the Judge Kontoe warned that the legal community, setting a court's formal openings — a duty noncompliance could result in tone of accountability and he emphasized is not optional but disciplinary actions, including respect for the law as the court mandated by Liberia's judicial possible contempt charges, which embarks on its new term. Edited system. Addressing an audience of could have serious professional by Othello B. Garblah.



increasingly frustrated over what he termed the "excessive and unjust issuance of traffic tickets" and "alleged harassment" at the hands of some LNP officers. "This is not just about tickets — it is about the daily intimidation and unfair targeting of our members," Johnson explained. "We are peaceful citizens contributing to the economy, but we are being treated like criminals on the roads."The Federation of Road Transport Union of Liberia, which represents thousands of commercial drivers across the nation,

describe as unfair treatment quickly because we are the traffic ones suffering."However, County, the Chief Driver of statement regarding the the Federation for the drivers' allegations or the County, Mr. Samuel Johnson, ongoing protest. However, said the drivers have grown sources within the LNP say that internal meetings are underway to address the escalating situation.

> Transportation experts warn that if the go-slow continues, it could have ripple effects on market activities and essential services, especially in rural counties where road access is already a challenge.

> As the protest unfolds, all eyes are now on the Liberian government to intervene and negotiate with the Federation to restore normal transportation services. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

## Le Dr Peter Matthew George radié pour falsification de diplômes

Centre médical Esther & Jereline à Ganta, a été révoqué de ses fonctions de Président du Conseil médical et dentaire du Libéria (LMDC). Cette décision s'accompagne de la

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e Dr Peter Matthew Cette mesure drastique fait suite à George, ancien de graves soupçons de falsification Directeur médical du de ses qualifications médicales. Le LMDC a officialisé cette décision dans une communication datée du 21 avril 2025.

> « Le Comité de certification a informé mon bureau qu'il n'a pu vérifier votre statut de médecin sur



révocation définitive de sa licence médicale, lui interdisant à vie d'exercer la médecine ou toute activité connexe sur le territoire

la base des documents fournis. Vous n'avez notamment pas présenté votre diplôme de médecine ainsi que votre attestation de stage hospitalier, pourtant indispensables pour obtenir une licence médicale au Libéria. En conséquence, lors de sa session du vendredi 18 avril 2025, le Comité a recommandé la révocation immédiate de votre licence », peut-on lire dans une lettre signée par la Dre Benetta Collins-Andrews, Présidente du LMDC.

Dans cette correspondance, intitulée « Révocation de votre licence d'exercice de la médecine au Libéria », le Conseil précise que le Dr George avait été invité, dès le 18 mars 2025, à soumettre ses documents de formation à la réévaluation de la Commission de certification. Faute de preuves tangibles et crédibles sur ses diplômes, le Conseil a pris la décision de le radier.

Le document souligne notamment:

Le numéro de licence 654, précédemment attribué au Dr George, est annulé et supprimé du registre officiel.

Il est strictement interdit au Dr George de pratiquer la médecine au Libéria sous peine de poursuites judiciaires.

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'administration du lycée Nathan E. ⊿Gibson, situé à Monrovia, a réagi aux graves accusations liées à la mort de l'élève Musu Tarpleh, 17 ans, sur fond de supposée relation amoureuse avec un enseignant de l'établissement. L'affaire, largement relayée sur les réseaux sociaux et dans les médias locaux, suscite une vive indignation au sein de l'opinion publique.

Selon Mme Sayma Konneh, mère de la défunte, sa fille était tombée malade début avril et a succombé le 26 avril 2025 à l'hôpital militaire du 14e admise à l'hôpital SOS où un diagnostic de lésion hépatique, possiblement causée par l'ingestion d'une substance non identifiée, avait été établi.

Mme Konneh affirme avoir découvert dans le téléphone de sa fille des échanges compromettants avec M. Stephen Jackson, enseignant en informatique, laissant présager une relation inappropriée. Dans l'un des messages, la jeune fille évoquait des douleurs abdominales. Jackson lui aurait demandé si elle était enceinte et ce qu'ils allaient faire. Musu aurait alors

répondu : « Ce sera retiré. »

« J'ai montré les messages au directeur et à quelques enseignants. Lorsque Stephen les a lus, il est sorti précipitamment de l'établissement et a disparu », a relaté Mme Konneh, soupçonnant que sa fille ait été victime d'un avortement raté, possiblement encouragé par l'enseignant.

En réponse à ces allégations, M. Momo B. Kamara, superviseur du lycée, a qualifié les informations relayées dans les médias de « trompeuses et exagérées », tout en condamnant fermement toute forme d'exploitation sexuelle, en particulier le viol sur mineur. Il a rappelé que l'affaire faisait toujours bataillon, après avoir été l'objet d'une enquête officielle et L'affaire a été officiellement qu'aucune conclusion définitive ne transférée à la police de Zone 5 pouvait encore être tirée.

Il a également précisé que M.

Stephen Jackson n'était pas un employé direct du lycée, mais travaillait pour une entreprise sous-traitante nommée Interband, responsible de la gestion du laboratoire informatique de l'école.

Néanmoins, M. Kamara a confirmé que l'établissement avait contribué aux frais d'obsèques de Musu Tarpleh dans le comté de Bomi et coopérait pleinement avec les autorités. Une réunion a d'ailleurs été organisée avec la famille de la défunte, la direction d'Interband, et la police du commissariat de Zone 5 à Paynesville.

pour une enquête approfondie. Selon M. Kamara, tant le lycée



# Editorial

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

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 d'augmenter, la nécessité d'agir est indéniable. L'année dernière a été la <u>plus chaude</u> 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 <u>consommeront 21 %</u> 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 <u>45 à 50 ans</u>. 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 <u>pacte industriel propre</u> 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.

## Starts from page 8 Le Dr Peter Matthew George radié

La décision a été validée par les principales autorités du LMDC :

Dr Stephen Kennedy, Président du Comité de certification Dre Benetta Collins-Andrews, Présidente du LMDC

M. Augustus G. Quiah, Secrétaire général du LMDC

Ce scandale jette une lumière crue sur les lacunes du système de vérification des diplômes dans le secteur de la santé au Libéria. Il met en évidence les risques que présentent les titres frauduleux pour la sécurité des patients et la crédibilité des institutions médicales.

Face à cette situation, le LMDC a annoncé le lancement immédiat d'un audit général des dossiers de tous les médecins et dentistes enregistrés. L'objectif est de mettre à jour les informations et d'assurer leur conformité avec les niveaux de qualification déclarés. Tous les praticiens sont donc sommés de soumettre leurs diplômes à jour entre le lundi 5 mai et le lundi 30 juin 2025. À compter du lundi 7 juillet 2025, ils seront convoqués individuellement par le Comité de certification pour justifier les documents présentés.

Les documents minimum requis pour cette vérification sont:

Le diplôme de médecine de premier cycle L'attestation de stage hospitalier Cette démarche s'inscrit dans le cadre des prérogatives légales du Conseil, telles que définies dans la Loi de 2010, chapitre B, section 61.4, stipulant que le Conseil a pour mission d'enregistrer et de délivrer des licences à tous les professionnels de santé qualifiés au Libéria, diplômés d'institutions

Dans le cas spécifique du Dr George, bien qu'il ait été invité à fournir ses diplômes initiaux, il n'a jamais présenté de diplôme de médecine valide. Il a plutôt soumis une lettre dite de « vérification d'attribution de diplôme » émanant de l'Université de Hertfordshire au Royaume-Uni. Suite à cette présentation, une rencontre d'évaluation fut reprogrammée pour le 18 avril 2025.

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Cependant, le Dr George a décliné l'invitation à comparaître devant le comité, invoquant des raisons communiquées au Secrétaire général Augustus G. Quiah. Le comité a malgré tout examiné les documents transmis. Leur enquête a révélé que l'Université de Hertfordshire n'offre actuellement aucun diplôme en médecine. Le Conseil a précisé que ladite université envisage d'ouvrir une faculté de médecine en 2026, avec un programme de type MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery), conformément au système britannique.

En outre, les documents présentés par le Dr George prétendent qu'il aurait obtenu un diplôme de docteur en médecine (MD) ainsi qu'un diplôme de spécialisation en seulement quatre ans — un délai jugé totalement irréaliste selon les normes nationales et internationales, qui exigent un minimum de 10 à 12 ans d'études pour atteindre ce

Le LMDC a annexé à sa communication une notice officielle de l'Université de Hertfordshire confirmant que la faculté de médecine est toujours en projet, ainsi que la lettre d'attribution de diplôme remise par le Dr George, comportant de nombreuses incohérences.

#### Iale sexuel secoue le lycee nathan E. G Starts from page 8 que la société Interband sont déterminés à Libériens. Nous n'avons jamais été confrontés à

collaborer avec les forces de l'ordre pour que toute la lumière soit faite sur cette tragédie.

Pour sa part, M. David S. Dahn, directeur général du lycée Nathan E. Gibson, a exprimé sa profonde tristesse et a réaffirmé l'engagement de l'école en faveur de la protection et du bien-être de ses élèves.

« Depuis sa fondation en 1983, notre école a toujours œuvré pour l'éducation des jeunes

une situation de cette nature », a-t-il déclaré.

M. Dahn a également précisé que la jeune Musu n'avait pas fréquenté les cours depuis un certain temps avant son décès, et qu'elle avait été traitée dans plusieurs centres médicaux.

« Nous remercions les autorités de nous donner l'occasion d'apporter des clarifications, et nous continuerons de coopérer pleinement à l'enquête afin que la vérité soit révélée », a-t-il conclu.

✓ Monrovia, est sous le choc » le sinistre aurait été provoqué par d'urgence et peuvent entraîner des d'accès pour les secours. une spirale anti-moustique laissée pertes humaines évitables. sans surveillance.

Momolu (12 ans), Elizabeth moustique restée active alors que densité urbaine. Momolu (6 ans) et Lusu Kamara (2 ans), ont été piégées par les flammes aux environs de 1h21 du matin. Malgré les efforts désespérés des habitants pour maîtriser l'incendie, les enfants ont péri, leurs corps étant retrouvés calcinés, méconnaissables.

Le colonel G. Warsuwah Barvoul, directeur du Service national des sapeurs-pompiers du Libéria, a pointé du doigt l'absence d'accès routier dans le quartier comme principal facteur ayant retardé l'intervention des secours. « L'équipe d'intervention est arrivée rapidement, mais l'accès à la maison était bloqué par des constructions anarchiques », a-t-il

a communauté de New déclaré. « Ce retard malheureux a les occupants dormaient. Ce drame Matadi, dans la capitale coûté la vie à de jeunes innocents. relance les débats sur la nécessité de renforcer la réglementation de après la mort tragique de quatre Le colonel Barvoul a appelé les l'urbanisme à Monrovia et enfants dans un incendie survenu citoyens à ne pas ériger de d'intensifier les campagnes de aux premières heures du jeudi. bâtiments dans les ruelles et voies sensibilisation sur les dangers des Selon les premiers témoignages d'accès, soulignant que de telles incendies domestiques, ainsi que sur recueillis par The NEW DAWN, pratiques entravent les services l'importance de garantir des voies

La tragédie de New Matadi laisse une Un rapport préliminaire confirme communauté endeuillée et pose une Les victimes, identifiées comme que l'origine probable de fois de plus la question cruciale de la Emmanuel Flomo (8 ans), Marcus l'incendie est une spirale anti- sécurité dans les quartiers à forte



## Le Libéria signe un accord pour la création

'Autorité aéroportuaire du Libéria (LAA), en partenariat avec l'Autorité des Zones Economiques Spéciales du ✓ Libéria (LSEZ), a signé un protocole de coopération pour l'établissement de la première Zone Economique Spéciale Aéroportuaire (ASEZ) du pays, à l'Aéroport international Roberts (RIA). Cet accord marque une étape stratégique dans la politique nationale de développement axée sur les infrastructures. La cérémonie de signature s'est tenue le jeudi 8 mai 2025 au sein même de l'aéroport, situé dans le comté de Margibi, en présence des hauts responsables des deux institutions. Elle symbolise



l'engagement ferme du gouvernement libérien à faire du secteur aérien un levier essentiel de croissance économique et de diversification.

L'Initiative ASEZ vise à transformer des terrains aéroportuaires désignés en pôles d'activités industrielles et commerciales modernes, favorisant la logistique, la fabrication légère, le développement d'infrastructures et les services. Ces zones sont appelées à stimuler les investissements directs étrangers, à générer des emplois durables et à renforcer la croissance économique du Libéria ainsi que de la sous-région ouestafricaine.

« Cet accord jette les bases d'une véritable ville aéroportuaire dynamique », a déclaré l'honorable Jero Mends-Cole, Directeur général de l'Autorité aéroportuaire du Libéria. « En classant les terrains de l'aéroport comme zones économiques spéciales, nous créons un environnement propice à l'investissement, à la diversification économique, et à l'intégration du Libéria dans les marchés régionaux et mondiaux.»

Pour sa part, l'honorable Prince A. Wreh, Président de l'Autorité des Zones Economiques Spéciales, a souligné que la situation géographique du Libéria représente un atout majeur : « Le Libéria constitue une porte d'entrée stratégique vers l'Afrique de l'Ouest. Cette initiative mise sur cette position ainsi que sur notre infrastructure aéroportuaire pour bâtir un espace favorisant le commerce et l'activité économique durable dans toute la région. » Le lancement de cette zone économique spéciale intervient en parallèle avec le projet de modernisation de l'Aéroport international Roberts, piloté par la LAA. Ce programme prévoit notamment:

La modernisation des terminaux passagers,

L'amélioration des pistes et voies de circulation,

La mise à niveau des systèmes de sécurité et de lutte contre l'incendie,

Le renforcement de l'approvisionnement en électricité,

Et l'introduction de technologies de pointe dans le secteur aéronautique.

Ces investissements visent à accroître l'efficacité opérationnelle de l'aéroport, à renforcer sa capacité d'accueil des passagers et du fret, et à rendre le Libéria plus attractif pour les investisseurs internationaux.

L'Autorité aéroportuaire du Libéria réaffirme sa volonté de jouer un rôle clé dans la transformation économique du pays en développant des infrastructures aéroportuaires modernes au service du commerce, de l'intégration régionale et de la prospérité

## LIBERIANS

### DEBATE

Topic: Finding a resolution to the House crisis By Naneka A. Hoffman

As the leadership impasse lingers despite ruling by the Supreme Court of Liberia, Liberians suggest ways to finding a common ground, as you may read below.



"I think the way the problem can be Fonati Koffa is the Speaker. They solved in the House is by Unity Party people dropping their ego. To be extra law in the Constitution. The honest, they supported President best way this can be solved is for the Joseph Boakai to come to power government to accept the fact that democratically. Joseph Boakai won the the Supreme Court has ruled and election and he took office, but they they are the final saying. Until they continue to support all the wrongs. can do that, it cannot be resolved When you listen to radio, you will hear by any other means."

"The problem is we have heard from

the Supreme Court. The legal aspect

has been done and it's left with the

guys from Capitol Hill to decide

whether they will follow the legal

process or do otherwise. But few

instances in 2007, we witnessed the

issue of former Speak Edwin M.

Snowe, and after Speaker Snowe

went to the court, he won all the

legal battles, but at the end of the

day, he has to resign because he

understood that the problem at

Capitol Building is not legality; it has

always been political, same as

Speaker Alex Tyler. But on Koffa

issue, Speaker J. Fonati Koffa is a

legal person; he understands the

law, but failed to understand that

of the government. You and I know that it is not good for Mr. Boakai himself. Six months now, there is crisis in the House of Representatives for the Speakership that cannot be resolved. A problem that yourself caused, and you satisfied with it. The Supreme Court has come out with ruling, but the Unity Party people don't want to agree that J. still want to pretend like they have

them supporting the negative steps

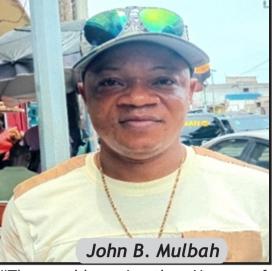


esteem for the way he governs himself in the law of the country and I hold Richard Nagbe Koon in highest esteem, as well. The truth is the fight on Capitol Hill cannot be resolved legally. I believe that the problem in the House isn't legal, it is political, and so I think it can only be solved politically."



"If you follow the genesis of the entire process the 55th Legislature, you soon get to know that all of the activities are based on politics, not rule of law. For the fact that Speaker J. Fonati Koffa was able to point out few provisions in the Constitution that clearly speaks the fact, I Leon Saydee also spoke of

constitutional provisions that clearly says where the right lies, but what we are seeing is deep and pure politics. So, how can we resolve this problem between J. Fonati Koffa and Richard Nagbe Koon? It is political because the House is built around politics that is the ground of politics. So, this identical issue can only be solved through politics and I think Richard Nagbe Koon is taken the trend of politics backed by the executive. Like the President said, we will not hold this country hostage. We will work with the quorum, but I think it needs to be resolved through politics."

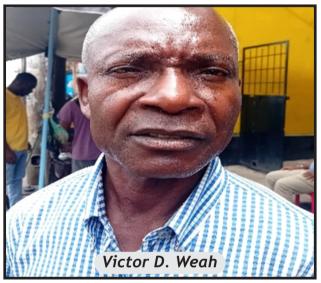


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"The problem in the House of Representatives can be solved by law. because the place is a place of law. They are the ones that make the law; they should follow the law; they make the law; they should be the ones to

live by the law. You cannot make the law and violate the law. When the common man violates the law, how will it be? The Supreme Court court granted Speaker J. Fonati Koffa the right. Now, his colleagues are saying they cannot sit under his gavel, because they have lost trust in him. What we expect him to do when the Supreme Court granted him the right, immediately he supposed to resign. That could have been the best thing for Koffa to do to save his face for tomorrow. As long Koffa does not resign, the problem will not be solved. It will continue because that place is a place of politics."

"The problem in the House can be solved first by law and this law can be exercised by the executive branch of government. When the Supreme Court came down with the ruling that they still recognize J. Fonati Koffa as the constitutional Speaker of the House of Representatives, it is banning on the executive to go with that decision; not for the President of Liberia to pick and say I will work with quorum. The Supreme Court didn't talk about quorum or who you should work with. It is the duty of the President to instruct the Ministry of Justice that everything Richard Nagbe Koon is enjoying as speaker, be taken away from him and given back to J. Fonati Koffa, as the legal Speaker; then you are adhering to the rule of law, and then you want for the country to be



stable. But because the President decided to choose side, which has to do with Richard Nagbe Koon, he brought about quorum, that is a clever way of interpreting the Supreme Court decision by disrespecting the Court. But they are doing what they feel like doing, and this is why the executive through the President is making this issue long. The President is the head of the country; if he wants things to remain like this, it's left with him; he got six years."



"I think the problem in the House can only be solved by law. Since the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of J. Fonati Koffa, I think the guys should abide by the Supreme Court's ruling and

forget about this whole politics

business, because those guys were voted by the Constitution and the law, so why they don't want to go by the law? We agreed that the House is a political ground, but we shouldn't mind that and violent the constitution or ignore the law, because they were voted based on the Constitution and law, so President Boakai should see reason and re-instate Koffa as Speaker and forget about this politics business. It is not helping us, the Liberian people and the country; it is just making things difficult for us, the common people."

# Ramsey N. Singbeh,

Jr., in Margibi argibi, Liberia, May 13, 2025 - While admonishing judges in Liberia to discharge their duties in accordance with Law of Liberia and order of

the Supreme Court of

authorities, development Supreme Court will partners and ordinary

"And I can tell your, I'm not boasting about it, but you all know me. I am not like people who are too busy protecting their titles and

promulgate a judicial order, circuit judges, specialized court judges and magistrates are not adhering to these orders and in this case, I am referring to Judicial Order Number (9)."

but they are not adhering to violations. this mandate.

Supreme Court was able to gather evidence on some of the specialized court judges, and took decisive actions by suspending them without pay.

Those suspended according to Chief Justice Yuoh, normally have their names removed from the payroll system with notifications sent to the Civil Service Agency and the Ministry of Finance to keep the record straight.

She maintains that circuit judges who are in the habit of just travelling abroad without any knowledge of the Supreme Court would be penalized. Editing by Jonathan Browne



Honor, Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh, going to do my job." says she does not care about She called on judges to get a her job rightfully.

those people, who are too not. busy protecting their titles, rather than doing their jobs.

Judicial Circuit Court.

The occasion on Monday, May 12, brought together judges, lawyers, court staff, She continues: the Liberia National Bar, Supreme Court has observed Margibi Local Bar, local and it is troubling that the

Liberia, Chief Justice, Her not doing their jobs. I am

protecting a title but to do copy of Judicial Order Number Nine (9) to read, The Chief Justice reminds understand and implement judges that she is not one of it accordingly, if they have

Chief Justice Yuoh notes that it is troubling that the She made the remark in Supreme Court of Liberia Kakaka, Margibi County will promulgate judicial during official opening of order, but it is not being the May-Term of the 13th honored by circuit judges, specialized court judges and magistrates across the country.

### AGRA Board Chairperson calls for 10% budget allocation

treated as a national priority. term food security. And we must move away from Minister of Agriculture, Dr. J.

AGRA's technical delegation, investment:

shift in national September 5, 2025. The government support. We mindset: "Agriculture is not program aims to scale up have to show our seriousness the responsibility of one agricultural value chains and about it." Chairperson Boshe ministry alone. It must be position Liberia for long-stated that Ethiopia, one of

Technical Expertise Mr. your message, Your quality control systems." Jonathan Saa, supports excellency, and let the Liberia in designing a flagship President hear it. This is the legacy program to be battle that we have here. unveiled at the Africa Food This is what we have been Senegal, from August 31 to not a substitute for agenda. - Press release.

the world's leading coffee producers, would explore

This high-level visit reaffirms AGRA's support and marks a turning point in Liberia's Systems Forum in Dakar, fighting for. Donor support is agricultural development

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### Shifting loyalty and **Constitutional violations**

Speaker Koffa says he resigns from the Speakership because of shifting loyalty and gross violations of the Constitution of

By Stephen G. Fellajuah onrovia, Liberia, May 13, 2925 - Following a V prolonged battle before According to her, the highest the Supreme Court of Liberia that court in the country requires upheld his speakership, circuit judges to visit embattled Speaker J. Fonati Koffa magisterial courts in their eventually resigns here, blaming circuits and make report at his decision on shifting political the end of their assignment loyalties and constitutional

Announcing his resignation in a The Chief Justice adds that press conference on Monday, May she has observed with 12, in Monrovia, Speaker Koffa dismay and disappointment noted that the political rules some circuit and specialized continue to change, making court judges abandoning governance unpredictable. "We their duties in the midst of a have to play the game by one set term. She explains that the of rules, but the rules keep changing," he says.

> He references the Supreme Court's decision of December 6. 2024, which affirmed him as Speaker, adding that they awaited a clarification via a Bill of Information. "Even the smallest child can understand what the Supreme Court said, that J. Fonati Koffa is the Speaker of the 55th Legislature," he emphasizes.

However, Koffa notes that the

to sell out, the ideal time would have been before the court hearing," he says, and clarifies, "There is no issue of money changing hands, only the legitimate salaries and benefits of our colleagues."

Commenting on last year's fire incident at the Capitol and allegations involving some of his office staff, Koffa maintains his call for international investigators. "I cannot resolve a criminal case through political negotiation; that would imply guilt."

On the question of whether the election of a new speaker was negotiated, he replies, "I cannot negotiate the law. A vacancy was created at 12 p.m. today, and by law, a new speaker must be elected."Meanwhile, the Grand Kru County District#2 Representatives announces his upcoming book titled "From 1-73: The Conspiracy at the Capitol."

The long road leading to his exit from the Office of Speaker started in 2024 just



subsistence thinking to Alexander Nuetah, ways to bring its "Coffee situation changed when President months after the inception of systems that build resilience, welcomed the AGRA Liberica" to the global stage. Joseph Boakai referenced dealing the Boakai Administration productivity, and delegation and echoed the "We can show the system with quorum, effectively shifting when some of his colleagues productivity, and delegation and echoed the sustainability."

"We can show the system with quorum, effectively snifting when some of his conteagues the basis of legislative authority. grouping themselves as call for more substantial quality assurance and Faced with escalating tensions, Majority Bloc, announced a everything else we need to including increased security vote of no confidence in his including Vice President for "I am very happy to hear make it happen, stressing presence and risk of violence at leadership, accusing him of the Capitol, Koffa explains that corruption, conflict of the caucus had to decide whether interest, among others. The to confront the situation or avoid Majority Bloc backed by the conflict. "We chose to avoid it," Executive, subsequently he adds. He also cites plight of announced his removal and about 60 unpaid legislative electing ruling Unity Party employees and loss of support Lawmaker, Richard Nagbe from committed members due to Koon as Speaker, but Koffa the President's remarks. "It rand to the Supreme Court of wasn't wise to continue holding Liberia, which described all the Speaker's title, while others actions by the so-called exercised its powers," he Majority Bloc as Ultra vires or justifying his decision to step beyond its authority and down. Addressing rumors that he therefore, illegal. Editing by accepted money in exchange for Jonathan Browne his resignation, Koffa firmly denies the allegation. "If I wanted



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## AGRA Board Chairperson calls for 10% budget allocation to Agriculture during landmark visit to Liberia

onrovia, Liberia -May 12, 2025 - On a strategic three-day visit to Liberia, His Excellency Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Alliance

for a Green Revolution in

Africa (AGRA), called on

the Liberian government to

demonstrate its

commitment to

agricultural

targets.

Speaking at a meeting with senior officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Chairman Boshe emphasized that financial commitment is a key indicator of political will and a prerequisite for

unlocking international

support and private sector

"If Liberia wants to

transform agriculture, the

commitment must be

investment in agriculture.

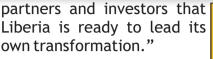
Liberia is ready to lead its own transformation."

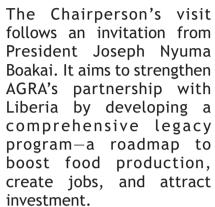
investment.

Drawing on his experience as former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Mr. Boshe highlighted the link between budgetary investment and tangible results:

Budgets do."

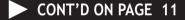
government approach and a





"Ethiopia once symbolized food insecurity. Today, we are a net food exporter. The shift didn't happen by chance—it happened because we backed our policies with resources, built institutions, and focused on implementation. Policies alone do not deliver results.

He also stressed that real change requires a whole-of-







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