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Continental News

DRC: M23 rebels expel civilians to Rwanda

Thousands of people believed to be illegals from Rwanda were expelled by the M23 from the key major town of Goma on Saturday.

On Monday, the M23 spokesperson, Willy Ngoma, presented 181 individuals claiming they were Rwandan subjects who were illegally in Goma.

Also presented were thousands of women and children believed to be family members of the culprits. According to witnesses, they were carried in trucks and their documents, issued by the Congolese

authorities, were burned to ashes. The group claimed that the documents were bogus.

The majority of the families are from the Karenga region, located in North Kivu, which had been under the control of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR). Both Kigalia and M23 accuse the Congo government of supporting the FDLR, which has also committed numerous atrocities in the region.

According to some sources, most families lived in a displacement camp in Sake, a few kilometers from Goma.

Some 360 people were

repatriated on Saturday into Rwanda, according to Eujin Byun, a spokesperson for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR].

For decades, mineral-rich eastern Congo has been ripped apart by violence from government forces and different armed groups, including the Rwanda-backed M23, whose recent resurgence has escalated the conflict and worsened an already acute humanitarian crisis.

The rebels are supported by about 4,000 troops from neighboring Rwanda, according to U.N. experts.



Gabon's military leader announces he will run for president

Almost two years after he led a coup to end more than five decades of Bongo dynasty rule, Gabon's military leader Brice Oligui Nguema has announced he will run in April's presidential elections.

After the ouster of President Ali Bongo in August 2023, Nguema had vowed to give power back to civilians following a transitional period.

Given the green light in January by the transitional Parliament, a new electoral code enables members of the military and magistrates to run in elections.

Nguema made the announcement at a speech in Gabon's capital. The 50 year old said his vision for the nation was a "Gabon rising from the ashes", as he called on the crowd to get behind his candidacy.

To throw his hat in the ring for

the role, the former head of the presidential guard will have to abandon his current role at least temporarily, according to Facebook page Infos CTRI officiel.

"If he's not elected, he will return to the barracks," the page added.

Elections in Gabon are due on April 12th.



Gabon's military leader, Brice Oligui Nguema

UK visa applications for Nigerians could be restricted

Visa applications from nationalities thought most likely to overstay and claim asylum in the UK could be restricted under a new government crackdown. Under Home Office plans, first reported in the Times, people from countries such as Pakistan, Nigeria and Sri Lanka may find it more difficult to come to the UK to work and study. Ministers believe there is a particular problem with those who come to the UK legally on work or study visas and then lodge a claim for asylum - which if granted, would allow them to stay in the country permanently. A Home Office spokesperson said: "Our upcoming Immigration White Paper will set out a comprehensive plan to restore order to our broken immigration system."

It is not clear which nationalities are most likely to overstay their visas as the Home Office has not published statistics on exit checks since 2020, due to a review into

2,841 Nigerian nationals claimed asylum in the same period.

Latest figures for 2023/24 also show there were 732,285 international students in the UK, with most coming from India (107,480) and China (98,400). The number of UK work and study visas dropped in 2024, compared to the year before.

Since becoming prime minister last year, Sir Keir Starmer has promised to reduce both illegal and legal migration - but has previously declined to offer a net migration target, saying an "arbitrary cap" has had no impact in the past. Labour's plans to reduce migration include making it a criminal offence to endanger the lives of others at sea, to target small boat crossings, and cutting demand for overseas hires by developing training plans for sectors that are currently reliant on migrant workers. Sir Keir has criticised the previous Conservative government, saying it failed to deliver lower net migration numbers "by design, not accident".

Net migration - the number of people coming to the UK, minus the number leaving - hit a record 906,000 in the year



the accuracy of the figures. Many exits from the UK can go unrecorded, meaning those without a departure record were not necessarily still in the country. Prof Jonathan Portes, a senior fellow at the academic think tank UK in a Changing Europe, said the impact that restricting visas would have on the number of asylum applications was "likely to be quite small". "I think the impact here is not designed primarily to be about numbers overall, it's designed to be about reducing asylum claims which are perceived to be abusive," he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme. "When you have someone who comes here ostensibly as a student and then switches quickly to the asylum route... that is an abuse of the system - the government is trying to reduce that."

Latest Home Office figures show that more than 108,000 people claimed asylum in the UK last year - the highest level since records began in 1979.

In total, 10,542 Pakistani nationals claimed asylum - the most of any nationality. Some 2,862 Sri Lankan nationals and

to June 2023, and then fell to 728,000 in the year to June 2024. BBC

New rules introduced by former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak in a bid to reduce migration levels appear to have contributed to the fall. The previous Conservative government increased the minimum salary for skilled overseas workers wanting to come to the UK from £26,200 to £38,700 and banned care workers from bringing family dependants to the UK. Labour was already under pressure to make changes to the immigration system - but that pressure may have grown after Reform UK's successes in last week's local elections.

Reform won 677 of around 1,600 seats contested on Thursday across a clutch of mainly Tory-held councils last contested in 2021.

In its general election manifesto, Reform said it would implement a freeze on non-essential immigration. Those with certain skills - for example in healthcare - would still be allowed to come to the UK.

Reacting to the results last week, Sir Keir said he shared the "sharp edge of fury" felt by voters leaning away from the major parties, arguing that it would spur him on to "go further and faster" in delivering Labour's promised changes to immigration and public services.

EDITORIAL

Discrimination is counter-productive to unity and progress

Liberian opposition leader, Alexander B. Cummings, has called for a change of mindset among Liberia's future leaders, especially the youth. Mr. Cummings says no one chooses which tribe, religion, or gender to belong to therefore, he emphasizes that discrimination along these lines must stop, if Liberia should make progress.

“We should never discriminate against each other based on tribe. Nobody choses to be Kpelle, Grebo, Mano, or Mandingo.” Mr. Cummings, also political leader of the Alternative National Congress (ANC) says.

Indeed, tribalism, sectionalism of any kind has never made a country great. On the contrary, such vices retard development and growth. It should have no place in a nation that genuinely wants to be make progress.

We need not to look much farther as a nation and people to realize how such vices have reversed our march to better health, education, infrastructure and economic prosperity since the 1980 bloody coup.

Mr. Cummings made this call to youths of his party, but this message should go to all Liberians, both young and old. A united Liberia is a stronger country that can beat all odds to success and greatness.

Treating our fellow compatriots based on ethnic, religious and social-economic backgrounds has robbed our dear country of its rich potentials for long. We cannot continue on this path as a people.

Sincerely, there needs to be a change in our mindset, if Liberia should make progress. The challenge is to all of us. It should start with our homes and schools by giving our young people the right frame of mind in treating one another as citizens.

As Mr. Cummings notes, religion should not be a basis for discrimination either, because most people are born into their religion without having a choice. He advises: “As young people, you have to think differently about religion.” We want to add that even some older folks, including parents make some denigrating comments about religions. We cannot dream of a new Liberia with the same mind segregation, and narrow-mindedness. Human advancement cannot thrive amid tribal and religious strife. We love and embrace one another in order to make progress.

We encourage political and religious leaders in our country, include parents to begin to preach and teach messages of love and oneness to build a better Liberia not only for this current generation, but generations to come make our nation stronger and steady. Divisive politicking is dangerous!

COMMENTARY

By Michael Spence

The Economic Consequences of the Trump Administration's Policies

MILAN – To call the current global economic environment “uncertain” grossly understates the confusion that has taken hold in recent months, and especially since US President Donald Trump introduced his “Liberation Day” tariffs in early April. He paused them almost immediately, after capital markets – especially US bond markets – were thrown into turmoil. But no one, except perhaps some administration insiders, knows whether Trump will reactivate the tariffs – suspended for 90 days as affected countries attempt to negotiate new bilateral trade agreements with the United States – sometime this summer, or replace them with a series of negotiated arrangements with trading partners. Nonetheless, we can predict some of the effects Trump's policies will have on the US and global economies.

Some short-term consequences are already unavoidable. Some areas of the US will face shortages of imported goods, especially from Asian countries. More broadly, aggregate demand is likely to be depressed, as virtually every economic actor – including firms, investors, and households – takes a “wait-and-see” approach to investment and consumption. Welcome as it is, the China-US agreement to suspend prohibitive tariffs for 90 days does not fully resolve the uncertainty.

But Trump's tariffs do not necessarily spell immediate disaster for the US. After all, the US economy is not particularly exposed to trade: including services, imports amount to only about [14% of GDP](#), and exports slightly over 11%. Moreover, the Trump administration's deregulation agenda, if pursued effectively, could spur growth by unlocking a wave of domestic investment in a wide range of sectors, as well as infrastructure.

The rest of the world, too, might be able to avoid the worst effects of Trump's tariffs in the short term. At 25% of global GDP, America's economy is large enough to cause widespread disruptions, with some countries and regions more vulnerable than others. But as long as other countries (accounting for three-quarters of the global economy) continue to trade freely with one another – while potentially wielding retaliatory tariffs against the US – the damage can be largely contained.

The International Monetary Fund [echoes this assessment](#), predicting that Trump's tariffs will have the largest impact on growth in the US (-0.9%), followed by Canada and China (-0.6%), then Japan (-0.5%). The IMF also predicts a 0.5% loss for the United Kingdom, but this does not account for the newly announced US-UK framework trade agreement. Finally, continental Europe's major economies are expected to face losses of 0.3% or less. Not ideal, but not fatal.

The longer-term effects of Trump's tariff policy are probably larger – and more predictable. Whatever its flaws, the US was regarded for decades as a reliable global actor, whether in trade and finance or foreign policy and security. No more. With political leaders, policymakers, and businesses now convinced that the US cannot be counted on, they are updating their strategies for resilience and security.

Europe is already increasing its defense spending sharply in response to the Trump administration's evident indifference to the security of long-standing US allies. Many economies will also diversify trade away from the US. For example, as Canada negotiates revisions to the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement – which Trump hailed as a great victory of his first presidency, but now wants to change – it will also move to [broaden](#) its trade and investment linkages, and [reduce](#) internal barriers to trade. Such diversification efforts will fundamentally alter the structure of the global economy.

The long-term stability of the US economy and financial system are also at risk, as the Trump administration weakens their institutional underpinnings. These include a commitment to capital-account openness and to price and fiscal stability; a US Federal Reserve that is not subject to short-term political pressures; and a legal and regulatory system that applies rules and adjudicates disputes fairly for foreign and domestic actors alike. If this trend continues, foreign investment flows may be diverted away from the US – precisely the opposite of Trump's stated goal.

In yet another potential blow to America's long-term prospects, top [scientific and technological talent](#) might be motivated to go elsewhere, owing to the Trump administration's defunding of [basic and applied research](#) in science and technology as part of their tense relations with universities over what they perceive as left-wing bias. While comprehensive data on an emerging “brain drain” are not yet available, anecdotal evidence suggests that a growing number of researchers are sending their resumes to Europe and Asia. European Commission President [Ursula von der Leyen](#) issued an [explicit invitation](#) to researchers to make Europe their home.

Yet another area where the Trump administration's policies will have long-term effects is global governance. To be sure, multilateral institutions and frameworks were facing a much-needed revamp well before Trump came on the political scene. But whereas Trump might be happy to scrap them altogether in favor of bilateral dealmaking, leaders of the other developed economies, as well as virtually all emerging economies, remain committed to a practical and adaptive version of multilateral engagement, at least in principle.

This means that efforts to build a new, more complex multilateralism – which addresses sustainability, digital trade and trade in services, and the intersection between economic policy and national security – will continue, only with little input from the US. Instead, the EU and the major emerging economies, especially China, will lead the way. Given Asian economies' dependence on trade with China, such co-sponsorship is essential to prevent the global trading system from fracturing into largely regional blocs.

America's prominent role in Asian security arrangements will complicate this process. But it will not prevent the multilateral system from evolving – or US influence from declining. This loss of influence will persist, even if the US later decides to return to the fold.

As the Trump administration sows confusion and uncertainty, it is understandable that short-term disruptions attract a lot of attention. But the longer-term effects of some of the Trump administration's policies are likely to be more significant and far-reaching – and they will probably be only partly reversible.

Michael Spence, a Nobel laureate in economics, is Emeritus Professor of Economics and a former dean of the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University and a co-author (with Mohamed A. El-Erian, Gordon Brown, and Reid Lidow) of [Permacrisis: A Plan to Fix a Fractured World](#) (Simon & Schuster, 2023).

Invitation for Bids [IFB]

Forestry Development Authority/TSF Project

IFB Number: LIB/FDA/PIU/SMEs/TSF/OCB-N/002/2024 & LIB/FDA/PIU/SMEs/TSF/OCB-N/004/2024

Purchaser: Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

Project: Scaling up the participation of SMFEs in Secondary Wood Processing Industry_ Phase II

Contract title: "Provision of Three (3) Kiln Dryers for each of the Three (3) Share Facility Centers" & "Provision of eleven (11) solar kiln dryers for each of the eleven association"

Country: Liberia

Grant No.: 5900155018403

Procurement Method: Open Competitive Bidding National (OCBN)

OCBN No: LIB/FDA/PIU/SMEs/TSF/OCB-N/002/2024 & LIB/FDA/PIU/SMEs/TSF/OCB-N/004/2024

Issued on: May 6, 2025

1. The Government of Liberia through the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) has received financing from the African Development Bank Group hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Scaling up the Participation of SMFEs in the Secondary Wood Processing Industry_ Phase II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the "Provision of Three (3) Solar Kiln Dryers for each of the Three (3) Share Facility Centers" & "Provision of eleven (11) Solar Kiln Dryers for each of the Eleven (11) Association". "For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing.
2. The Forestry Development Authority (FDA) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for supply of Solar Kiln Dryer

Lot No. 1	Description	Quantity
i	Solar Kiln Dryer	7 Units
ii	Solar Kiln Dryer	7 Units

3. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding National, (OCB-N) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Policy Framework for Bank's Group Funded operations ² dated October, 2015, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
4. The bidding document in English may be collected by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below
5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1:00 PM, June 3, 2025**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below
6. All Bids must be accompanied by a **"Bid-Securing Declaration"**.
7. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
8. For any further clarification, please contact:

Attn. Project Coordinator

Project Implementation Unit
Forestry Development Authority

Whein Town, Bernard Farm

Montserrado County
Liberia

Email Address: emmanuellew965@gmail.com
0775-841-431/0886-570-320

Link for Clarification:
Email Address: wynnbryant12@gmail.com
0776-063-643/0886-551-249



Republic of Liberia
LIBERIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
for Transaction Advisory Services for Airport Development
through Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Liberia Aviation Authority (LAA) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified Transaction Advisors to provide advisory services for the development and expansion of the Roberts International Airport (RIA) through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement.

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The RIA is a key infrastructure asset in Liberia, serving as the primary international airport. The LAA intends to develop and expand the airport to enhance its capacity, efficiency, and passenger experience. The project will involve upgrading airport infrastructure, expanding terminal buildings, and implementing modern airport management systems.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of work is divided into three phases to be executed intermittently, namely:

Phase I: Project Structuring

- Review the available airport master plan and develop a PPP project structure, including risk allocation and revenue models
- Conduct financial modeling and valuation of the project
- Conduct market sounding to gauge interest from potential bidders

Phase II: Develop Transaction Documents

- Prepare and submit Request for Proposals (RFP) and Bid documents to the client, and
- Support the client in managing the bidding process, including responding to bidder queries and conducting pre-bid meetings
- Prepare PPP agreement, Concession agreement, and other project agreements
- Ensure compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and international best practices, and
- Participate in carrying out the due diligence process

Phase III: Negotiation and Financial Closure

- Support the client with negotiating key terms of the PPP agreement with the selected bidder, and
- Ensure successful financial closure of the Project

4. REQUIREMENTS

- Proven experience in advising on PPP transactions in the aviation sector
- Strong understanding of PPP structures, risk allocation, and financial modeling
- Ability to manage complex transactions and negotiate with stakeholders
- Experience in working with governments and private sector entities

5. EOI SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested Transaction Advisors should submit their EOIs, including:

- Company profile and relevant experience
- Description of the proposed approach and methodology
- Team composition and key personnel profiles
- Relevant project experience and case studies

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

EOIs will be evaluated based on:

- Relevant experience and expertise
- Understanding of the project and proposed approach
- Team composition and qualifications
- Relevant project experience and case studies

7. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

EOIs should be submitted by **June 12, 2025** to:

Mr. Jero H. Mends-Cole
Managing Director
Roberts International Airport, Harbel, Liberia
Email: jero.mendscole@robairport.com

Telephone: +231 (0)770 555 009

Electronic submission is acceptable to:

jero.mendscole@robairport.com

and

jbliibo@investliberia.gov.lr

8. NEXT STEPS

The Shortlisted Transaction Advisors will be invited to submit detailed proposals, including a financial proposal and a detailed methodology.



National Oil Company of Liberia

2nd & 3rd Floor, F & F Building, 63 Coconut Plantation, UN Drive, 1000 Monrovia, 10 Liberia

Invitation to Bid (IFB)

Procurement of Goods, Works and Services

April 23, 2025

- 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.
- 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 the table below.

S n	Code	Contract Package	Bid Price (US\$)	Bid Security	Bid Collection	Submission 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/002/2025	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/NCB/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/NCB/002/2025	Air Ticket	US\$100		April 30, 2025	May 27, 2025 3:30 PM	May 27, 2025 4:00 PM
5	IFB NO. 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/001/2025	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/RFQ/002/2025	Catering Service	-		May 29, 2025	June 26, 2025 1:30 PM	June 26, 2025 2:00 PM
8	IFB NO. NOCAL/SBA/NCB/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/RFQ/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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- All bids must be address to:
Procurement Unit
National Oil Company of Liberia
F&F Building, 2nd & 3rd Floor
63 Coconut Plantation, UN Drive
Monrovia, Liberia
0770481851/0770323103

Signed:

Procurement Unit

Approved:

Head of Entity



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NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY OF LIBERIA

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA) /05/15/25- PR-NPA

THE NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY (NPA) INFORMS ALL PENSIONERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT IT WILL COMMENCE THE ANNUAL VERIFICATION PROCESS OF ITS PENSIONERS ON MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025.

THE 10 DAYS EXERCISE IS INTENDED TO VALIDATE AND UPDATE THE PENSIONERS' RECORDS AND ISSUE THE NEW IDENTIFICATION CARD (ID).

THIS EXERCISE WILL RUN FROM MONDAY, MAY 19 TO FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025, IN THE TRAINING HALL OF THE NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY (NPA) HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED AT THE FREEPORT OF MONROVIA, BUSHROD ISLAND.

ALL PENSIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE AND AVAIL THEMSELVES TO THE PROCESS. SICK PENSIONERS AND THOSE RESIDING OUTSIDE OF LIBERIA CAN REACH OUT TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS ON THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS (+231776-487439, +231777429686), AS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO VISIT AND VERIFY SICK PENSIONERS.

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KINDLY DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT.

SIGNED: _____

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

Liberty Party celebrates 20 years anniversary"

The opposition Liberty Party, one of the UP alliance parties during the 2023 general elections celebrated its 20th anniversary over the weekend under the theme: Democratic Legacy to Cherish. The Party through its officials expressed their optimism of producing the country's next President.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

Monrovia, May 19, 2025: Liberty Party (LP) Chairperson, Montserrado County District #1 Representative Rugie Barry, said the anniversary spotlight the party's founding values and honoring the legacy of its late political leader, Cllr. Charles Walker Brumskine. The event brought together partisans and key stakeholders of the party as they look to verging into governance roles. During the occasion, a memorized photo of the late former political leader Cllr. Brumskine was uncovered, with partisans, making significant contributions towards the exercise. The anniversary was also characterized by the unveiling of Cllr. Brumskine's portrait and the dedication of a memorial hall named in his honor. Party officials and supporters hailed Brumskine as a towering figure in Liberia's democratic evolution and praised his enduring influence on the

while the Secretariat Office was renamed in honor of Political Leader Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence.

In her remarks, Senator Karnga-Lawrence reaffirmed the Party's commitment to democratic ideals, pledging to uphold the legacy of Cllr. Brumskine through continual advocacy for the rule of law, transparency, and inclusiveness in governance.

She emphasized the need for unity and forward-looking leadership as the party enters its third decade.

This milestone was also seen as a moment of introspection and recommitment to the Party's founding principles.

As it moves forward, the Liberty Party pledged to deepen its role in national development and political reform.

Officials, including T. Wilson Gaye, Deputy Managing Director for Administration at the Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation (LWSC), stressed that the ideals of Cllr. Brumskine will continue to guide their mission to create a Liberia



Party's direction.

During the event, the Party also named two of its major offices after key figures in its current leadership. The main conference room was designated as the Eugene Fallah Kpaka Conference Room,

where liberty, justice, and opportunity are realities for all.

Gaye, stressed that the party is optimistic of producing the next President of Liberia, through a democratic electoral process.

NPA MD strengthen health services at Port

-Dedicates first-ever ambulance to serve employees and port community

The Management of the National Port Authority has purchased a new ambulance aimed at boosting the health center at the port to serve employees and adjacent communities.

Group photo

The Managing Director of the National Port Authority (NPA), Mr. Sekou A. M. Dukuly over the weekend dedicated the ambulance intended to enhance healthcare services for NPA employees and the broader Port community.

Prior to the dedication, the NPA boss toured the recently refurbished Port Clinic, and medical supplies and drugs provided by the NPA Management.

Welcoming the NPA boss to the Clinic, the head Nurse of the

clinic Tenneh Kota expressed profound gratitude and appreciation to the NPA Management headed by Mr. Dukuly for its unwavering support to the Clinic which provides services to employees daily. Ms. Kota said the clinic provides treatment for about sixty

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NPA MD strengthen health services at Port

patients suffering from different treatable illnesses daily. In his remarks, Mr Dukuly praised the dedication and hard work of the clinic's medical staff. He reiterated the commitment of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai to improving Liberia's healthcare system, stating, "The President has pledged his unwavering commitment to strengthening Liberia's health infrastructure and has made it clear that his administration will not rest until the nation is adequately equipped." Mr. Dukuly affirmed that the NPA stands fully aligned with this vision. Reflecting on his earlier years around the Freeport of Monrovia, Mr. Dukuly acknowledged the Port's

historic and ongoing role not only as a vital gateway to Liberia's economy but also as a center of essential community services. Following the clinic tour, Mr. Dukuly officially dedicated the newly acquired ambulance—marking the first time in the NPA's history that the authority has provided such a vehicle for its health facility. He expressed pride in achieving this milestone during his tenure and announced that Management is actively working toward procuring a second ambulance to expand service coverage to neighbouring communities around the Freeport of Monrovia

Pro-temp Karnga-Lawrence launches US\$25k scholarship scheme

-For Liberty Party Youth.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

The opposition Liberty Party has announced a monthly US\$25,000 scholarship scheme for its youths.

Senate Pro-temp, Grand Bassa youth and is time, we prepare our County Senator- Nyonblee young people for tomorrow and Karnga-Lawrence has succession planning is important," launched USD\$ 25,000 Scholarship Senator Lawrence said. Scheme to support youths of her "We must take care of the youth Liberty Party. wings and in so doing, what we are Speaking during an interactive launching is going to be monthly, to dialogue on the sideline of the support the youths," she added. Liberty 20th Anniversary, held in And I'm standing here today to Congo Town, Senator Lawrence said launch a scholarship program of the initiative is to build the capacity \$25,000 USD to educate our people of youth, who are the future of the for the next four years, Senator party. Lawrence said. "The Liberty Party Youth Congress The scheme, according to Pro-temp is the pillar of Interest for our party, Karnga-Lawrence will be because the future of the party is supervised through the office of

Montserrado County Senator Darius Dillon.

"I will invest 5,000, initially and what we are launching is monthly and under the wings of Senator Dillon, to empower our young people, and on your next dialogue, we want to see a thousand youth," Senator Lawrence added.

For his part, Senator Abe Darius Dillon, delivering his keynote address, promised to mold the minds of the young people who will serve as the proper representation of the new Liberty Party.

He said young people are not to be used for battle cries for politicians, but they should also form part of the national decision making process not just during electioneering period. Sen. Dillon also assured that the scholarship schemes will identify with deserving and capable youth, void of favoritism.

"This Scholarship will be void of favoritism but will endure the benefits of the majority of our youth, through the youth wings," he said.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the National Youth Congress of the Liberty Party, Othello Garpue, thanked Senator Lawrence for the scholarship scheme to empower the party youths.

"We are truly honored to have you as our leaders and mentors. Your dedication, vision, and unwavering support continue to inspire and guide us," Garpue said.

"Thank you, for your commitment to youth development and for believing in the power of young people. Together, we will continue to uphold the values and legacy of the Liberty Party, Garpue added.



Disaster Committee Urges Calm

-As Totota fire report awaits Legislative sign-off.

By Edwin N Khakie

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Totota, Bong County – The final report detailing the response and relief efforts following the tragic Totota fire incident is completed and awaiting formal approval from the Bong County Legislative Caucus, according to Mr. Tornorlah Varpilah, Chairman of the Totota Disaster Committee.

In an appearance on Super Bongese Radio on Friday, Mr. Varpilah provided critical updates on the committee's work, emphasizing the group's dedication to transparency and responsible management of relief efforts.

"The committee has concluded its report, and we are only waiting on the County Caucus to approve it before releasing it to the public," he stated. "Every member on this committee is a person of integrity, and we remain committed to ensuring full accountability."

The Totota fire, which occurred several months ago, left a devastating toll—claiming lives, injuring many, and sparking an outpouring of support both locally and internationally. The committee was established to coordinate aid, manage donations, and provide ongoing support to survivors and bereaved families.

Addressing public concerns over how financial support was managed, Mr. Varpilah clarified that funds provided by the World Bank were not handed over in cash. Instead, the funds were used to settle the medical expenses of victims directly at hospitals including Phebe, ELWA, Redemption, JFK, and others.

"There has been no mishandling of funds. Every dollar received has been directed towards helping victims," Mr. Varpilah assured. In response to mounting pressure from some concerned citizens calling for a peaceful protest over delays in publicizing the report,

A New Chapter for Liberia's largest ethnic group

-One Kpelleh People

By Edwin N Khakie

In what many are hailing as a turning point in the cultural and political history of Liberia, the Kpelleh people—Liberia's largest ethnic group—have taken a landmark step toward unity, reconciliation, and cultural preservation.

Under the theme "One Kpelleh People," the National Kpelleh Speaking Tribe has officially been launched with a declaration of unification, identity consolidation, and future visioning.

The historic gathering, held in Gbarnga, Bong County over the weekend, brought together elders, political leaders, traditional chiefs, youth representatives, and Kpelleh-speaking people from across Liberia. The atmosphere

the audience with his futuristic vision in a talk titled "What We Hope to Be in the Future as Kpelleh People." Foeday outlined goals for educational advancement, cultural revival, and political representation, encouraging the youth to "embrace technology without losing their heritage."

Bong County Senator Prince K. Moye offered a heartfelt remark, praising the gathering as "the most significant cultural mobilization of our time."

Former Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor made a special appearance, endorsing the initiative and calling on national stakeholders to "support this cultural reawakening as a means to national unity and reconciliation." The occasion culminated in the



was one of pride, reflection, and renewed hope as voices from the past and present echoed a bold declaration for the future.

Declaration of Unity: "We Are the Kpelleh People"

Reading the official declaration, former Senator Henry Yalleh, Vice Chair for Interpolitical Affairs, delivered a stirring speech that brought many attendees to tears.

His message was both reflective and forward-looking:

"I stand before you not as a distant voice, but as one of you; a child of this proud heritage, shaped by the same soil, stories, and struggles that bind us all."

Yalleh emphasized the need to move beyond internal divisions—whether by dialect, county, or colonial-era boundaries—and build a unified identity. He challenged the community to reject labels such as "Guinea Kpelleh," "Margibi Kpelleh," or "Lofa Kpelleh," stating firmly:

"From this day forward, all Kpelleh-speaking people shall be known as Liberian Kpelleh."

He declared the third Saturday of May each year as National Kpelleh Unification Day, a day that will celebrate the strength, resilience, and cultural wealth of the Kpelleh people.

The event featured a series of keynote addresses from notable figures in Liberian politics and academia.

Former Senator Franklin O. Siakor spoke on the topic, "Who Are We and Where Are We From?" highlighting the historical roots of the Kpelleh people and the common values that have endured through centuries of migration, colonization, and modernization.

Dr. J. Kerkula Foeday captivated

formal establishment of the National Association of the Kpelleh and Kpelleh Speaking People, an umbrella organization aimed at strengthening collaboration, fostering unity of purpose, and coordinating development initiatives among Kpelleh communities nationwide. Yalleh, standing on behalf of the Board of Directors and invoking the legacy of Ambassador Dr. Jeremiah C. Solunteh, made the declaration official. The newly formed body will act as the central voice for Kpelleh-speaking people in national discourse.

From traditional dances to songs in the native Kpelleh language, the event was more than political—it was spiritual. Youths wore traditional regalia, elders shared folk stories, and local artists performed pieces that honored the Kpelleh identity.

There was a collective sense that the day marked not the end of a struggle, but the beginning of a movement.

As one speaker powerfully stated, "This future is not a distant fantasy, it is a choice." The newly declared National Kpelleh Speaking Trip aims to translate words into action—reclaiming language, reuniting communities, and repositioning the Kpelleh people as a unified force in Liberia's democratic and cultural landscape. Whether through educational initiatives, cultural festivals, or political engagement, the Kpelleh people are rising. Their story, once fragmented by internal divisions and external pressures, is now being rewritten—with pride, purpose, and unity at its core. Indeed, the story of the Kpelleh does not end here. It begins anew—today.

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Le Liberia lance officiellement l'enregistrement des armes à feu détenues par des civils

Monrovia, Liberia – Pour la première fois depuis des décennies, les civils au Liberia sont désormais autorisés à posséder légalement des armes à feu, conformément à une nouvelle mesure mise en œuvre par le gouvernement. La Commission nationale

armes détenues par des civils. L'annonce a été faite par le président de la Commission, M. James M. Fromayan, lors d'un point de presse au ministère de l'Information, des Affaires culturelles et du Tourisme. Selon M. Fromayan, cette initiative s'inscrit dans le cadre de la loi portant création de la Commission

Il a toutefois souligné qu'il reste illégal pour tout civil de posséder ou d'utiliser une arme à feu sans autorisation formelle. « Aucun civil n'est autorisé à détenir ou utiliser une arme à feu sans avoir obtenu un permis ou une licence délivrée par la Commission », a-t-il déclaré. Les candidats doivent fournir une preuve de formation certifiée par la Police nationale du Liberia en maniement et sécurité des armes à feu. Ceux ne disposant pas de cette certification devront suivre une formation obligatoire avant toute délivrance d'autorisation. Conformément à la nouvelle réglementation, le permis d'arme permet à un civil d'acquérir et de posséder légalement une arme à feu sur le territoire national. La licence d'arme, quant à elle, autorise son utilisation dans le strict respect des lois et règlements en vigueur.

Les motifs valides de possession incluent : La chasse de subsistance ou sportive, La participation à des



libérienne sur les armes légères (LiNCSA) a annoncé, ce jeudi 15 mai 2025, le début officiel du processus national d'enregistrement et de délivrance de permis pour les

des armes et de l'Ordre exécutif n°141, signé par le président Joseph N. Boakai le 24 février 2025. Elle vise à recenser toutes les armes à feu en possession des civils sur l'ensemble du territoire.

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Le MPC appelle les députés à se concentrer sur les enjeux socio-économiques des Libériens

Le Mouvement pour le Changement Progressiste (MPC) a exhorté les membres de la Chambre des représentants à transcender leurs clivages politiques et à accorder la priorité aux problèmes économiques et sociaux qui affectent quotidiennement les Libériens. Cette déclaration intervient peu après l'élection du représentant Richard Nagbe Koon au poste de président de la Chambre, mettant fin à une période de turbulences politiques. Dans un communiqué publié mardi, le MPC a félicité le nouveau président et salué le respect par l'Assemblée de la récente décision de la Cour suprême, qui a permis une élection conforme à la loi et pacifique. « Ce moment marque un tournant important pour le Parlement et pour la nation », a déclaré le parti, soulignant l'importance d'une résolution pacifique de la crise institutionnelle. « Le progrès du Libéria commence avec un Parlement uni autour de l'intérêt du peuple. » Sous la houlette de son leader politique, l'homme d'affaires Simeon Freeman, le MPC a encouragé le président Koon à diriger avec justice et

ouverture. Le parti a insisté sur la nécessité d'une législature cohérente pour mettre en œuvre des politiques efficaces face aux défis essentiels tels que le chômage, le coût élevé de la vie et l'insuffisance des services publics. Le MPC a également salué l'« acte courageux » de l'ancien président de la Chambre, J. Fonati Koffa, dont la démission a, selon le parti, contribué à désamorcer les tensions et à ouvrir la voie à une nouvelle direction. « Par sa démission, l'ancien président Koffa a démontré un sens élevé de responsabilité politique et une volonté de placer l'intérêt national au-dessus des intérêts personnels », a affirmé le communiqué.

M. Freeman a souligné l'importance d'un leadership parlementaire fort comme pilier du développement national et a appelé les élus à faire preuve d'unité, de transparence et de responsabilité. « Nous devons avancer ensemble, unis par une vision, une action commune et un sens partagé de la responsabilité », a-t-il déclaré. Le parti a par ailleurs mis en lumière la frustration croissante de la population face aux difficultés économiques et a lancé un appel pressant à l'Assemblée pour qu'elle produise des résultats concrets en faveur du bien-être des Libériens ordinaires.



Mr. Simeon Freeman

Éditorial

Les conséquences économiques des politiques de l'administration Trump

MILAN – Qualifier d'« incertain » l'environnement économique mondial actuel est bien loin de suffire pour décrire la confusion qui règne depuis quelques mois, en particulier depuis la mise en place des droits de douane du « Jour de la libération » par le président américain Donald Trump, début avril. Ces taxes ont été presque immédiatement suspendues par Trump, après l'agitation observée sur les marchés de capitaux, notamment sur les marchés obligataires américains. Pour autant, à l'exception peut-être de quelques membres de l'administration Trump, personne ne sait si le président américain réactivera au cours de l'été ces droits de douane – suspendus pendant 90 jours, le temps de déterminer si les pays concernés parviendront à de nouveaux accords commerciaux bilatéraux avec les États-Unis – ou s'il les remplacera par un ensemble d'accords négociés avec les partenaires commerciaux. Nous pouvons en revanche déjà prédire certains effets que les politiques de Trump exerceront sur l'économie américaine et l'économie mondiale. Certaines conséquences à court terme sont d'ores et déjà inévitables. Plusieurs régions des États-Unis seront confrontées à des pénuries de produits importés, en particulier en provenance des pays asiatiques. De manière plus générale, la demande globale s'oriente vers une dépression, dans la mesure où quasiment tous les acteurs économiques – entreprises, investisseurs et ménages – adoptent une approche attentiste en matière d'investissement et de consommation. Aussi bienvenu soit-il, l'accord entre la Chine et les États-Unis consistant à suspendre les droits de douane prohibitifs durant 90 jours ne résout pas totalement l'incertitude. Les droits de douane chers à Donald Trump ne conduiront toutefois pas nécessairement à une catastrophe immédiate pour les États-Unis. L'économie du pays n'est en effet pas particulièrement exposée au commerce : services inclus, les importations ne représentent qu'environ [14% du PIB](#), et les exportations un peu plus de 11 %. Par ailleurs, s'il était mis en œuvre efficacement, le programme de déréglementation élaboré par l'administration Trump pourrait stimuler la croissance, en libérant une vague d'investissements nationaux dans une multitude de secteurs, ainsi que dans les infrastructures. Le reste du monde pourrait lui aussi parvenir à éviter à court terme certains des pires effets des droits de douane appliqués par Trump. Représentant 25 % du PIB mondial, l'économie américaine affiche une telle envergure que des perturbations généralisées pourraient être observées, la vulnérabilité variant selon les pays et les régions. Néanmoins, tant que les autres pays (qui représentent ensemble trois quarts de l'économie mondiale) continueront de commercer librement les uns avec les autres – tout en brandissant potentiellement des droits de douane en représailles contre les États-Unis – les dégâts pourront être largement contenus. Le Fonds monétaire international [confirme cette idée](#), puisqu'il annonce que les droits de douane imposés par Trump impacteront principalement la croissance aux États-Unis (-0,9 %), puis au Canada et en Chine (-0,6 %), suivis par le Japon (-0,5 %). Le FMI prévoit également une baisse de croissance de 0,5 % au Royaume-Uni, ce qui ne tient toutefois pas compte de l'accord-cadre commercial récemment conclu entre les États-Unis et le Royaume-Uni. Enfin, une baisse de 0,3 % tout au plus est à prévoir pour les principales économies d'Europe continentale. Pas tout à fait idéal, mais rien de catastrophique. C'est à plus long terme que les effets de la politique tarifaire de Trump s'annoncent plus importants – et plus prévisibles. Indépendamment de leurs défauts, les États-Unis ont été considérés pendant des décennies comme un acteur mondial fiable, que ce soit en matière de commerce, de finance, de politique étrangère ou de sécurité. Ce n'est plus le cas aujourd'hui. Les dirigeants politiques et les entreprises étant désormais convaincus que l'on ne peut plus compter sur les États-Unis, ils actualisent leurs stratégies de résilience et de sécurité. L'Europe revoit d'ores et déjà fortement à la hausse ses dépenses consacrées à la défense, en réaction à l'indifférence manifeste de l'administration Trump à la sécurité d'alliés de longue date des États-Unis. De nombreuses économies diversifieront également leurs échanges commerciaux en prenant leurs distances par rapport à l'Amérique. À titre d'illustration, dans sa négociation des révisions de l'accord États-Unis-Mexique-Canada – que Trump avait salué comme une grande victoire durant son premier mandat, mais qu'il entend désormais modifier – le Canada s'efforcera également d'[élargir](#) ses liens en matière de commerce et d'investissement, ainsi que de [réduire](#) les obstacles internes aux échanges commerciaux. Ces efforts de diversification modifieront fondamentalement la structure de l'économie mondiale. La stabilité à long terme de l'économie et du système financier américains est également menacée, le président Trump s'acharnant en effet sur plusieurs de leurs fondements institutionnels : l'engagement pour l'ouverture des comptes de capitaux ainsi que la stabilité des prix et des finances publiques, une Réserve fédérale américaine non soumise aux pressions politiques à court terme, ainsi qu'un système juridique et réglementaire qui applique les règles et tranche les litiges de manière équitable pour les acteurs nationaux comme étrangers. Si cette tendance se poursuit, les flux d'investissements étrangers risquent de se détourner des États-Unis – une évolution précisément contraire à l'objectif affirmé par Trump. Autre coup dur potentiel pour les perspectives à long terme des États-Unis, les meilleurs [talents scientifiques et technologiques](#) pourraient être incités à quitter le pays, compte tenu des réductions de financement imposées par l'administration Trump à la [recherche fondamentale et appliquée](#) en science et technologie, dans le cadre de ses relations tendues avec les universités concernant ce qu'elle perçoit comme un parti pris de gauche. Bien que l'on ne dispose pas encore de données complètes sur un début de fuite des cerveaux, plusieurs éléments indiquent l'envoi d'un nombre croissant de curriculum vitae vers l'Europe et l'Asie. La présidente de la Commission européenne, [Ursula von der Leyen](#), invite par ailleurs aujourd'hui [explicitement](#) les chercheurs à s'installer en Europe. La gouvernance mondiale constitue un autre domaine dans lequel les politiques de l'administration Trump produiront des effets à long terme. Certes, les institutions et les cadres multilatéraux nécessitaient une refonte bien avant l'arrivée de Trump sur la scène politique. En revanche, là où Trump serait ravi de les supprimer intégralement au profit d'accords bilatéraux, les dirigeants des autres économies développées, comme la quasi-totalité des économies émergentes, demeurent attachés à une version pratique et adaptative de l'engagement multilatéral, du moins en principe. Par conséquent, les efforts se poursuivront en direction d'un nouveau multilatéralisme plus complexe – tenant compte de la durabilité, du commerce numérique et de celui des services, ainsi que de l'intersection entre la politique économique et la sécurité nationale – avec dorénavant une bien moindre contribution des États-Unis. Ce sont davantage l'UE et les grandes économies émergentes, en premier lieu desquelles la Chine, qui prendront les devants. Compte tenu de la dépendance des économies asiatiques au commerce avec la Chine, cet appui commun au nouveau multilatéralisme sera crucial pour éviter que le système commercial mondial ne se fragmente en blocs essentiellement régionaux. Le rôle prépondérant des États-Unis dans les accords de sécurité en Asie compliquera ce processus, mais il n'empêchera pas le système multilatéral d'évoluer, ni l'influence américaine de décliner – et cela durablement, même si les États-Unis décident par la suite de rentrer dans le rang. L'administration Trump semant la confusion et l'incertitude, il est compréhensible que les perturbations à court terme attirent particulièrement l'attention. Or, ces sont les effets à long terme de certaines des politiques de l'administration Trump qui se révéleront les plus significatifs, de plus grande envergure – et probablement réversibles seulement partiellement. *Michael Spence, lauréat du prix Nobel d'économie, est professeur émérite d'économie et ancien doyen de la Graduate School of Business de l'Université de Stanford. Il est coauteur (avec Mohamed A. El-Erian, Gordon Brown et Reid Lifow) de l'ouvrage intitulé [Permacrisis : A Plan to Fix a Fractured World](#) (Simon & Schuster, 2023).*

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cérémonies traditionnelles, La protection personnelle sous certaines conditions de sécurité spécifiques. En vertu de la loi de 2024 sur le contrôle des armes à feu et des munitions, seules deux catégories d'armes sont autorisées pour les civils : Les armes d'épaule (fusils simples ou doubles canons destinés à la chasse, aux activités traditionnelles ou récréatives), Les pistolets de calibre 9x19 mm, spécifiquement autorisés pour des besoins de sécurité particuliers. Certaines personnalités et institutions peuvent bénéficier d'exemptions, notamment les parlementaires, les juges de la Cour suprême, les responsables de ministères et agences gouvernementales, les missions diplomatiques, les grandes entreprises, les sociétés concessionnaires, ainsi que d'éminents citoyens. Pour être éligible, le demandeur doit : Être résident légal du Liberia âgé d'au moins 18 ans, Ne pas avoir de casier judiciaire, notamment pour violence domestique, Ne pas être en liberté conditionnelle, ni souffrir de troubles mentaux ou de dépendance à la drogue, Ne pas avoir commis de violations des droits humains.

L'enregistrement se fait au bureau de la LiNCSA,

situé au rez-de-chaussée du Palais présidentiel (Executive Mansion) à Monrovia. La liste des pièces requises et les frais associés seront fournis sur présentation d'une lettre de demande formelle. Tous les paiements devront être effectués sur un compte bancaire désigné par la Commission. M. Fromayan a précisé que le permis est renouvelable tous les deux ans, tandis que la licence doit être renouvelée chaque année. La Commission ne vend pas d'armes : les achats doivent être effectués auprès de vendeurs agréés par la LiNCSA. En vertu de l'Ordre exécutif n°141, une période d'amnistie d'un an a été décrétée par le président Boakai. Elle prendra fin le 24 février 2026. Durant cette période, les détenteurs d'armes non enregistrées sont invités à se conformer à la nouvelle réglementation. Il ne sera toutefois permis d'enregistrer qu'une seule arme par personne éligible, et les entreprises de sécurité privées ne sont pas autorisées à en posséder. A l'issue de la période d'amnistie, tout individu trouvé en possession d'une arme non enregistrée sera arrêté et poursuivi. « La possession illégale d'une arme à feu sera considérée comme un crime grave, passible d'emprisonnement », a averti M. Fromayan.

Le Parti True Whig appelle à l'unité nationale et à l'égalité des chances pour tous les Libériens

Monrovia, Libéria – 16 mai 2025 – À l'occasion de la Journée de l'Unification nationale célébrée le mercredi 14 mai, le révérend Adolphus Capehart, membre de l'exécutif du True Whig Party (TWP), le plus ancien parti politique du Libéria, a lancé un appel pressant aux dirigeants nationaux pour unir le pays et garantir des opportunités égales à tous les citoyens. Le révérend Capehart, ancien candidat malheureux à deux reprises dans la circonscription 17 du comté de Montserrado, a invité les responsables politiques à s'inspirer de l'exemple de l'ancien président William R. Tolbert, Jr., qui avait œuvré pour l'inclusion de tous les Libériens, indépendamment de leur appartenance ethnique ou politique. « La Journée de l'Unification nationale a été introduite sous le président Tubman, puis redéfinie par le président Tolbert afin d'assurer la pleine participation de chaque citoyen, quel que soit son niveau d'instruction, son origine ethnique ou son

affiliation politique. Il est la formation politique. temps pour nos dirigeants « Ce vote de défiance a été d'unir la nation et de créer une égalité réelle des chances », a-t-il déclaré. Selon lui, cette démarche est essentielle pour mener le Libéria vers la paix, la croissance économique et un développement durable. Par ailleurs, le révérend Capehart est revenu sur la récente décision des membres exécutifs du TWP de retirer leur confiance au président du parti, Reginald Goodridge, évoquant son incapacité à assurer une gestion efficace de



La Commission nationale électorale (NEC) poursuit son programme de renforcement des capacités avec l'organisation d'un troisième atelier à Ganta, dans le comté de Nimba, réunissant 25 employés de niveau intermédiaire, dont des magistrats électoraux et des directeurs. L'atelier, axé sur le thème « Excellence institutionnelle dans les élections », fait partie du programme BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections). Il est organisé par la NEC et le Programme des Nations unies pour le développement (PNUD), avec le soutien de l'Union européenne et



des gouvernements d'Irlande et de Suède, à travers le Projet d'appui aux élections au Libéria (LESP). Le Partenariat européen pour la démocratie apporte également son appui à la facilitation de l'atelier. Le module de formation vise à développer une expertise professionnelle dans la gestion électorale en offrant un curriculum complet sur les processus électoraux. Il s'inscrit dans une démarche stratégique d'amélioration continue des pratiques internes de la NEC et dans la promotion d'une culture organisationnelle axée sur l'apprentissage et l'innovation. En ouvrant officiellement l'atelier, le directeur exécutif de la NEC, M. Anthony K. Sengbe, a réaffirmé l'engagement de l'institution à bâtir une culture d'excellence institutionnelle. « Nous sommes résolument engagés à bâtir l'excellence institutionnelle au sein de la NEC, et cela commence par mon bureau », a déclaré M. Sengbe, insistant sur l'importance de la formation pour renforcer les compétences des magistrats électoraux et des gestionnaires intermédiaires afin d'améliorer l'efficacité institutionnelle. Il a encouragé les participants à adopter une culture d'amélioration continue et à s'ouvrir à l'innovation, soulignant que chaque employé de la NEC doit être un acteur du changement. Pour sa part, M. James S.B. Wallace, directeur de la formation et des procédures, a salué l'impact du programme BRIDGE dans la consolidation des standards d'excellence à la NEC. « Le leadership et l'engagement envers l'excellence sont contagieux. Nous sommes déterminés à transformer l'institution et à faire adhérer autant de collègues que possible à cette vision », a-t-il affirmé. L'atelier se penche également sur la structure organisationnelle de la Commission et aborde les problématiques internes courantes afin de renforcer les fonctions institutionnelles et les relations interpersonnelles. Il vise à optimiser la capacité de la NEC à remplir son mandat constitutionnel avec intégrité et professionnalisme. Cet atelier est le troisième du genre organisé dans le cadre du programme BRIDGE dédié à l'excellence institutionnelle en matière électorale. Le premier atelier pilote mondial s'est tenu en février 2023, positionnant la NEC comme la première institution électorale à adopter cette approche innovante. Le deuxième a eu lieu en septembre 2024. Le Projet d'appui aux élections au Libéria (LESP) est cofinancé par l'Union européenne, Irish Aid et l'ambassade de Suède. Il vise à accompagner les institutions nationales dans la promotion d'une démocratie plus inclusive et responsable. Le projet est mis en œuvre en partenariat avec ONU Femmes et l'Institut néerlandais pour la démocratie multipartite (NIMD).





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Liberia ends investment confab in Accra

Liberia successfully hosted its first-ever Investment Conference in Accra on May 15–16, 2025, drawing a diverse assembly of investors, government officials, entrepreneurs, and development partners.

Accra, Ghana – May 19, 2025: The two-day event, themed “Unlocking Liberia's Investment Potential for Sustainable Economic Growth,” aimed to position Liberia as a prime destination for regional and international investment.

Delivering a compelling keynote address, Liberia's Foreign Minister, Sara Beysolow Nyanti, emphasized Liberia's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for investment, highlighting the nation's strategic reforms and abundant natural resources. She stated, “Liberia is open for business and committed to fostering a business-friendly environment to encourage investment across various sectors” She outlined the government's ARREST agenda, focusing on Agriculture, Roads and infrastructure, the Rule of law, Education, Health and sanitation, and Tourism.

Minister Nyanti highlighted that in developed countries, economic diplomacy is about them exporting their companies, their private organizations, and trying to get their goods into the global markets.

She urged leaders on the continent to ensure that economic diplomacy became the gateway for business, create the enabling environment, and ensure that responsible sectors and those responsible for trade and investment came together to do business.

“The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Liberia has taken on this responsibility for economic diplomacy, and our ambassadors, our embassies, will be creating this platform for our ministries and agencies and commissions to come into countries to engage with investors.

This is the second conference, as the first one was in China, somewhere last year. The third will be in Belgium for all of Europe, looking at European companies, European investors coming to Belgium from across Europe, and engaging with our government officials,” Mrs Nyanti said.

Highlighting Key Investment Sectors, the Foreign Minister spotlighted several sectors ripe for investment including Agriculture. She added that with the vast arable land and a favorable climate, Liberia offers opportunities in rice, cocoa, oil palm, cassava, and fisheries. Agriculture is vital for food security and rural development, employing a significant portion of the population.

Also speaking at the conference, Former President of Liberia, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, has called for strengthened collaboration between Ghana and Liberia in

the areas of trade and investment to boost economies of the two countries.

She stated that these two countries have enjoyed a bilateral relationship and need to explore potential trade and investment opportunities that will benefit their citizens and yield investment returns. Madam Sirleaf urged the current leaders of Ghana and Liberia to strengthen their diplomatic ties in trade and investment.

Emphasizing that the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) should serve as the driving mechanism for achieving this goal, underscoring that both countries need to elevate their bilateral relationship to the next



level.

“We need to build upon what Nkrumah did many years ago. We need the current leaders, whom we know very well and are proud of their achievements, to make this happen,” she stated. Madam Sirleaf also appealed to members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to strengthen their borders to ensure safe trading among member countries, noting that the continent's borders have become too weak.

“No country can be left behind because our borders are too porous. Our interdependence in technology, finance, and other areas tells us that we must work together and invest in each other,” she said.

On her part the Liberian Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Musu Jatu Rhule, urged international organizations to invest in the Liberian economy as the country's political and economic stability is an attractive factor for global investment.

She said investors should take advantage of these conditions to maximize their returns as the private sector investment was a major sector which the government is open to collaborations with.

She noted that Liberia is among the nations providing a favorable economic environment for potential investors, with its natural resources, which include gold and diamonds that have investment potential.

Amb Rhule said the country had also made meaningful progress in areas such as infrastructure development, digital transformation, energy, agriculture, and value-added manufacturing. She emphasized Liberia's readiness to welcome Ghanaian businesses seeking to expand across borders.

“We have banks that are based here in Ghana — four or five of them — that are also registered in Liberia,” she noted. “We are looking for more opportunities with Ghanaian businesspeople. That's why we are holding this conference in Ghana: to show them what's possible.”

She added that several Ghanaian entrepreneurs already operating in Liberia are serving as ambassadors of success, sharing positive experiences to encourage new entrants. “The goal is to attract new investors. We always discuss this at the grassroots level. The business environment is evolving — you no longer need to go through embassies to gauge the market. It's about partnerships and open dialogue,” she said.

A tax expert from the Liberia Revenue Authority, Paul Hinneh also highlighted Liberia's investor-friendly tax regime, stressing that the country offers reduced tax rates and

long-term contract guarantees to incentivize foreign businesses.

“One of our key mechanisms is through our tax laws,” the official explained. “We provide special, reduced rates and offer long-term contracts or concessions. Once an agreement is signed — for 10 years, for instance — it remains binding regardless of political changes or legal reforms. Your investment is protected.”

Organized by the Liberian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the Liberian Embassy in Ghana, the conference highlighted key sectors ripe for investment, including agriculture, energy, tourism, telecommunications, and infrastructure.

The choice of Accra as the conference venue underscored the strategic importance of Ghana-Liberia relations. By hosting the event in a regional financial hub, Liberia aimed to attract Ghanaian investors and strengthen bilateral economic cooperation.

The conference featured high-level panel discussions, sector-specific presentations, and a Liberia-Ghana Trade & Culture Expo. -Dispatch.

Court shut down SATCON

Liberia's Commercial Court has shut down the head office of SATCON Liberia, a digital satellite company in Congo Town for violating intellectual property and content rights.

Monrovia, May 19, 2025: The action follows a Supreme Court ruling on February 18, 2025, which found SATCON guilty of illegally airing sports content without permission and authorization of Consolidated Group DSTV-Liberia " COURT'S ORDER in its enforcement of judgement: It is the judgment of the Honourable Supreme Court that "The evidence overwhelmingly establishes that the 1" Appellee knowingly and with impunity violated the contents rights of appellant's principal without authority to the injury and detriment of the appellant. Hence the 1" Appellee is prohibited and enjoined from broadcasting such protected contents of the appellant's principal as established by the evidence". This order of the



By Lincoln G. Peters

Honourable Supreme Court Prohibits and enjoins you from broadcasting such protective contents (La-Liga and English Premier League Games). Failure to adhere to this order, shall subject you to Contempt of Court pursuant to law. And For So Doing This Shall Constitute Your Legal and Sufficient Authority.”The court ordered. The case was brought by Consolidated Group, managed by the political leader of the Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), Simeon Freeman, who accused SATCON and K3 Telecom of showing exclusive DSTV content, which includes the English Premier League and La Liga. The Consolidated Group said it lost over US\$5.1 million due to the unauthorized broadcasts of content by SATCON. The Supreme Court ruled that SATCON knowingly broke the law and harmed the rights of DSTV's owners. The court has now banned SATCON from broadcasting the content and warned that any further

Arcelor Mittal and GoL hang heads

This paper has gathered Concessions Committee that a comprehensive (IMCC) and ArcelorMittal. It framework developed reflects Liberia's vision of a multiuser rail corridor, as called between the Government of Liberia and ArcelorMittal for by Executive Order 136, Liberia (AML) seeks to serve as while protecting long-standing a pragmatic solution for agreements such as AML's managing Liberia's vital rail existing concession. infrastructure while promoting Executive Order 136 mandates fair access and investment multiuser principles but security in the country's mining crucially reaffirms that existing sector. legal commitments, like the The Rail System Operating AML MDA, must be upheld. Principles (RSOP), finalized as “The AML agreement represents part of AML's Third Amendment an integrated pit-to-port model



to its Mineral Development that is the global standard in iron Agreement (MDA), offers a ore jurisdictions,” one IMCC clear path toward multiuser official told the BBC. “You access without sacrificing cannot break these without operational efficiency, safety, or risking investor flight.” economic viability. This According to industry analysts, approach has won praise from AML's integrated approach is infrastructure and policy experts modeled after successful across the region who view it as a systems in Australia, Brazil, “win-win” model that balances Canada, and Guinea. “You don't state sovereignty, investor invite investment into billion-dollar railways and then cut out The RSOP is the result of over the original builder,” said a seven years of consultation senior mining economist in between the Inter-Ministerial Monrovia. “What Liberia and

AML have built is not a monopoly—it's a platform.” The RSOP addresses fears of exclusivity by embedding regulatory oversight and shared governance mechanisms. It allows the Government of Liberia (GoL) to approve third-party access and monitor performance through a National Rail Authority. Crucially, AML's continued role as “User Operator” means it runs the railway on a cost-recovery basis—not for profit. This model ensures lower operating costs for all users while preserving high safety standards. All future users, including competitors or foreign companies using Liberian rails to export from neighboring Guinea, will participate in a Joint Management Committee with oversight over key rail decisions. The Government retains full regulatory power, including the right to remove AML as operator in case of non-performance. It also approves operating procedures, audits, and safety protocols. “This isn't a case of one company dominating,” said a Ministry of Mines official. “This is Liberia leveraging what it already has to benefit all future users—without wasting money on duplicative rail systems or inviting chaos.” The RSOP also cautions against relying on fragile or inconsistent foreign policies. In Guinea, Clause 26.7 of the SMFG mining agreement limits rail access through Liberia to a temporary measure, raising concerns about the durability of such cross-border plans. “Liberia must

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"Peacefully & lawfully resolved"

the crisis. Disappointingly, the first intervention by the ECOWAS mediation team was unsuccessful as both parties failed to come to an understanding. ECOWAS again on March 27, 2025, in an effort to bring the situation to an end called for peace and respect for the rule of law regarding the legislative impasse. The ECOWAS delegation led by Professor Ibrahim Gambari, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations for Political Affairs, arrived in Liberia to address the political deadlock in the legislature. The mission included key figures such as Moudjib Djinadou, Director of Political Affairs at UNOWAS, and H.E. Joao Ribeiro Butiam Co, Ambassador of Guinea-Bissau to Nigeria and ECOWAS. They were supported by a technical team led by Josephine Nkrumah, ECOWAS Resident Representative in Liberia, experts from ECOWAS' departments on democracy, good governance, and electoral assistance. However, like the previous mission, this called was ignored, leaving the impasse at the house on a very storming ground. However, in keeping with principles and moral, Senator Snowe accordingly, informed the ECOWAS that the impasse was resolved following the interventions of the Supreme Court of Liberia, and subsequent resignation of former

Speaker Cllr. J. Fonati Koffa. He further indicated that the House of Representatives convened in regular session and duly conducted an election, resulting in the peaceful ascension of Rep. Richard Nagbe Koon as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia. "This development, Your Excellency, does not only restore full constitutional leadership to both Chambers of the Liberian Legislature, but also paves the way for strengthened parliamentary function and representation at the national and regional levels with respect to the framework of the ECOWAS Parliament," Senator Snowe asserted. He disclosed that the Liberian Legislature remains profoundly grateful to the solidarity support from the ECOWAS Parliament during this period and herewith reaffirm Liberia's continued commitment to the principles of democratic governance and regional cooperation. "Thanks, and please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration. Respectfully yours, Senator Edwin Melvin Snowe, Jr. Head of Liberia's Delegation ECOWAS Parliament" he concluded.

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Disaster Committee Urges Calm

Mr. Varpilah urged for patience and understanding. He appealed for the suspension of any planned demonstrations, stressing the emotional strain it could inflict on grieving families. “We appeal to those considering protests to disengage at this time so we don't distract or distress the families who are still grieving,” he said. On the medical front, Mr. Varpilah disclosed that one of the severely injured survivors currently receiving treatment at the 14 Military Hospital is being prepared for advanced plastic surgery overseas. This, he explained, is part of the committee's continued commitment to ensuring comprehensive care for the victims. When questioned about remaining financial resources, Mr. Varpilah confirmed that the committee currently holds six million Liberian Dollars in its account. However, he acknowledged some uncertainty regarding the exact balance in U.S. Dollars, stating that a detailed financial breakdown will be part of the final report.

As the county awaits the Caucus's protect its national interest first,” the AML spokesperson stated, noting that any disruption to rail operations would threaten thousands of jobs and the country's largest source of tax revenue. The RSOP is now seen as a policy guide not just for iron ore, but for any future corridor development in Liberia. Experts say it could anchor broader legislation to regulate energy, transport, and agribusiness infrastructure.

final greenlight for the report's release, Mr. Varpilah reiterated the committee's dedication to full transparency and accountability. “We will not hide anything from the public. Once the report is approved, every detail—including finances, aid distribution, and future support plans—will be made available for public scrutiny,” he concluded. The Totota Disaster Committee remains a focal point for relief coordination and continues to oversee critical post-tragedy efforts, with the ultimate goal of restoring dignity and hope to those affected by one of Bong County's most harrowing recent disasters.



“This is not about ArcelorMittal alone,” said an official familiar with the GOL and AML discussions. . “It's about setting up Liberia to benefit from its assets—efficiently, fairly, and transparently.” As the government moves forward with plans to establish the National Rail Authority, stakeholders are urging continued dialogue, not disruption.

Snowe notifies ECOWAS on House impasse

The Liberian Senate through its head of Delegation to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament has notified and provided update to the regional body regarding the status of the lower house impasse, while informing the body that the impasse has been peacefully and lawfully resolved.

"I have the honor to present my compliments and extend warmest greetings on behalf of the Liberian Delegation to the ECOWAS Parliament. I write to formally inform Your Excellency, and Distinguished Members of the Sixth Legislature of the ECOWAS

In two separate communications to then Speaker Fonati Koffa and Deputy Speaker Thomas Fallah, Speaker Ibrahima said in light of the fragile political landscape, exacerbated by recent coups in neighbouring countries, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, the current Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State, had directed the ECOWAS Parliament to facilitate an immediate parliamentary resolution to



Parliament that the internal parliamentary impasse at the Honorable House of Representatives of Liberia 55TH National Legislature has been peacefully and lawfully resolved in keeping with the

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