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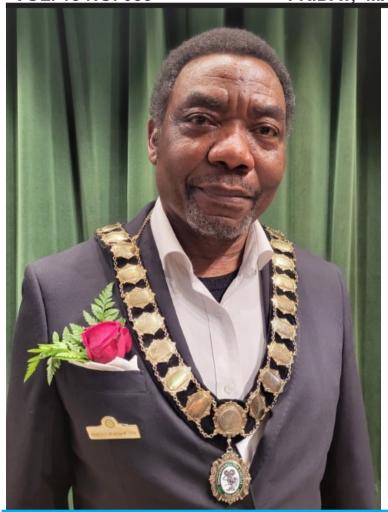
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Continental News

Drone attacks raise stakes in Blank questions, power cuts and new phase of Sudan's civil war a suicide: Nigeria's exams fiasco

aramilitary fighters Horn of Africa expert for the worst humanitarian appear to have opened a International Crisis Group."I crisis.Unmanned aerial new phase in Sudan's civil think it raises the stakes quite a war after being driven from the bit," he added. The barrage of capital, in a move which some attacks on the war-time capital experts have described as a and humanitarian hub signals use of drones as it was pushed



"shock and awe campaign".

Just weeks after the army celebrated the recapture of Khartoum, its foe the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) launched a series of unprecedented drone strikes on Port Sudan in the east of the country.

The attacks have led to worsening power blackouts, as well as city residents facing water shortages."It's a level of power projection within this region that we haven't seen yet," says Alan Boswell, the

organised by young people.

transparency" in the probe,

that the RSF is determined and able to carry on the fight despite significant territorial losses.

And it has showcased the growth of advanced drone warfare in Africa. Drones have played an increasing role in the conflict, which has entered its third year. The war began as a power struggle between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the RSF and has drawn in other Sudanese armed groups and foreign backers, plunging the country into what the UN calls the world's vehicles (UAVs) helped the army advance earlier this year. And the RSF escalated its own out of central Sudan, especially Khartoum, back towards its traditional stronghold in the west of the country.

In recent months the paramilitaries had stepped up drone strikes on critical civilian infrastructure in armycontrolled areas. That continued on Wednesday night with attacks on three power stations in the city of Omdurman, which lies across the Nile River from Khartoum. The damage has caused widespread electricity outages in the capital region. But it was the RSF's sustained strikes on Port Sudan, until now seen as a safe haven home to government officials, diplomats and humanitarian organisations, that underlined a shift in strategy to a greater emphasis on remote warfare, and aimed to demonstrate strength."The RSF is trying to show that they don't need to reach Port Sudan by land in order to be able to have an impact there," says Sudanese political analyst Kholood Khair. Gambia probes sale of ex-leader's

students got low grades.

the examinations.

widespread outrage, hesaid. especially after one candidate The exams body has apologised for took her own life.

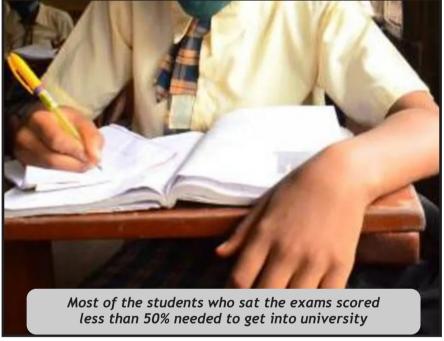
who was aspiring to study affected Nigerians". her family said. Her father and in tears as he apologised.

he body which runs She sat the test in the capital, Nigeria's university- Abuja, which is not one of the entrance exams has centres where students can retake admitted to a "technical their exams, leaving her completely glitch" which compromised distraught. Another student said he some results of this year's had trouble logging in to the tests, after nearly 80% of computer before someone else's profile mysteriously appeared on Students have complained the screen, showing different about not being able to log in questions and then the machine to the computers, questions briefly shut down completely."I did not showing up and power cuts not get to answer all the questions making it impossible to take when they told us our time was up because a lot of my time was wasted The low pass rate has sparked due to those technical difficulties,"

the "painful damage" and "the Faith Opesusi Timileyin, 19, trauma that it has subjected

microbiology at university, In a press conference, Jamb died after swallowing poison, registrar Ishaq Oloyede broke down

elder sister told the BBC that He announced that almost 380,000 she had sat the exam for the candidates in 157 affected centres second time and got 146 marks from a total of 887, would be able to out of 400, lower than the 193 retake their exams starting from



luxury cars, cows and boats he Gambian government 22-year rule.

has announced an A newspaper investigation investigation into the exposed alleged irregularities sale of assets seized from and an apparent lack of former President Yahya transparency in the sale of the has previously denied Jammeh, following widespread assets, sparking protests allegations of wrongdoing. In public concern. Some of the organised by young people.

assets, including livestock and In a televised address on luxury vehicles, were sold off Wednesday night, President while a panel was still Adama Barrow pledged "full investigating the wealth transparency" in the probe, Jammeh amassed during his saying assets recovered "belong 22-year rule. A newspaper to the people". Jammeh, who investigation exposed alleged seized power in a 1994 coup, is concluded its findings in 2019 irregularities and an apparent accused of orchestrating the and recommended the

as well as extensive human rights abuses, including killing and jailing his critics.

The former leader, who in 2017 fled into exile in Equatorial Guinea after losing elections, 2017, President Barrow set up a commission to investigate alleged corruption and financial misconduct by Jammeh during his two-decade-long rule.

The panel, popularly known as the Janneh commission, lack of transparency in the sale huge theft of government funds, forfeiture of assets linked to Jammeh and his associates.

she had last year.

Oluwafemi Opesusi, told BBC south-east.

the Joint Admissions and exams. Matriculation Board (Jamb).

Favour Eke, told BBC Igbo that said. 10 of the 165 questions didn't The national exam, known as the

Saturday.

'The pain made her take her The zones that are most affected own life," her father, are Lagos and several states in the

Jamb blamed a failure of the Generally 200 or above out of computer system to upload exam 400 is enough to get a place in responses by candidates in these university in the exams run by areas during the first days of the

It said an "unusual level of public Only 400,000 of the 1.9 million concerns and loud complaints" had students achieved that mark, "prompted us to do an immediate one of the worst performances audit or review". Ordinarily, this in recent years. One student, would have happened in June, it

appear on the screen - all she Unified Tertiary Matriculation could see was the multiple Examination (UTME), is a computerchoice options for the based test that is a requirement for those joining universities and other We were told to omit the tertiary institutions.

blank questions and continue The 2025 test, which was conducted the exam but it was very hard in March, was marred by disruptions to concentrate after that," she due to power outages in some said. She has also experienced areas. The head of the exams body technical problems getting earlier this week defended the poor her results, meaning she is results, saying they reflected the very unlikely to get into "true academic abilities" of the university this year - the third students and were because of a time she has taken the exams. clampdown on cheating.



Government's inconsistency over! rail operatorship is troubling

The Government of Liberia's decision to reverse the Inter-Ministerial Concessions Committee's (IMCC) communication reaffirming ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) as the user-operator of the Yekepa-Buchanan railway is not | only troubling but also raises serious questions about the country's commitment to honoring contracts and protecting legitimate investment.

The IMCC's original decision was grounded in logic, legality, and Liberia's long-term development interests. Over seven years of negotiations between the Government of Liberia and AML led to the formulation of Rail System Operating Principles (RSOP), a comprehensive framework embedded in the Third Amendment of AML's Mineral Development | Agreement (MDA).

This framework provides multi-user access to the rail, regulated by the Government, while maintaining AML's role as user-operator under a noprofit, no-loss model. It also ensures oversight through a Joint Management Committee, grants the Government audit and regulatory authority, including power to revoke AML's role for non-performance.

The structure aligns squarely with the intent of Executive Order No. 136, which seeks to establish a multi-user rail system in the country. Crucially, the Executive Order itself recognizes the sanctity of existing commitments, like AML's MDA, and does not seek to override them.

The Yekepa-Buchanan rail line is not just infrastructure; it is the backbone of Liberia's iron ore industry in which ArcelorMittal Liberia has invested over \$800 million into rehabilitating and expanding the rail corridor.

The company's commitment to Liberia spans nearly two decades and has resulted in employment for over 7,000 Liberians, coupled with substantial community development initiatives, and steady contributions to government revenue.

But we think to now walk back to a decision that recognized AML's historic and contractual role as user-operator in favor of an unproven foreign company, Ivanhoe Atlantic, is a grave mistake that sends the wrong signal to both existing and potential investors. It gives Ivanhoe an unfair upper hand and portrays Liberia as a country where agreements can be cast aside to satisfy political expediency or foreign pressure.

Even neighboring Guinea, in its agreement with SMFG, recognizes that access through Liberia is temporary and uncertain. Yet Liberia seems willing to subordinate its national interest and investor credibility to accommodate a neighboring country's mining agenda.

We consider this reversal as more than a policy misstep, as it also undermines the rule of law and erodes investors' confidence. The Constitution of Liberia mandates that the state honors contracts, and the AML MDA remains a legally binding agreement. If the Government of Liberia genuinely believes it can no longer accept AML as the rail operator, then the only lawful and honorable path is to amend the agreement ${
m I}$ through mutual consent, rather than unilateral revocation.

ArcelorMittal's role as a user-operator does not preclude other companies from using the rail. In fact, the RSOP ensures fair, cost-based access for all, with strong government oversight. This is the very definition of a multiuser model.

Instead of penalizing AML, we believe strongly that Liberia should be celebrating and strengthening its partnership with a company that has demonstrated long-term commitment to the country's growth. Prioritizing a foreign newcomer over a proven investor will not only jeopardize current operations, but could freeze future investment altogether.

We emphasize that if this country is to build a prosperous and respected investment climate, we must start by honoring our own agreements. The government should reconsider its reversal and stand by the IMCC's informed and nationally beneficial decision to maintain AML's useroperatorship under the legal, tested, and transparent framework of the Third Amendment and the RSOP.

Liberia must choose principle over politics, for the future of our economy and its credibility as a nation, depends on it.

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Trump Dumps Netanyahu

effort that, it notes, may include "seizing" airlines to suspend flights. did not anticipate: the fracturing of his shocked."

government's survival.

president of his dreams, who would eliminate step toward developing nuclear weapons). Trump do something he does not want to do.

to be dragged into the effort.

Trump has also split with Netanyahu on Iran. Netanyahu. adversary that is rapidly approaching way for a defense treaty with Saudi Arabia. negotiations with the Islamic Republic.

a great victory always matters more than the himself with Israel's domestic politics. worldview of Netanyahu and his theocratic- opportunities.

proved indomitable, repeatedly launching Solution (Oxford University Press, 2022).

TEL AVIV – Israel's government ballistic missiles at Israel. Early this month, <u>decided</u> last week to expand its one such Iran-supplied missile struck Israel's _ military offensive against Hamas – an main airport, spurring most international

Gaza. It is a brutal plan, devised in full The US was firmly on Israel's side in for areness of its certain results, including the confronting the Houthis, even carrying out its hass of the Israeli hostages who remain in own airstrikes on Houthi-linked sites in Yemen Hamas's tunnels, the deepening of the in response to the group's attempts to disrupt humanitarian catastrophe faced by two traffic in the Red Sea. Then the Trump thellion defenseless Palestinian civilians, and administration abruptly announced a ceasefire the erasure – rather than resolution – of the agreement: the Houthis would stop attacking Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But there is one ships in the Red Sea, in exchange for an end to thing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu US strikes. Israeli officials were "completely

relationship with US President Donald Last week, Trump undertook a grand tour of the Middle East, but Israel was not on his With his choice to drag an exhausted Israeli itinerary. This trip was focused on trade and pagple and military into the indefinite investment – and, as usual, moneymaking opecupation of Gaza, Netanyahu is sacrificing opportunities for himself, his family, and his vital Israeli strategic interests, including the friends. Deals were signed guaranteeing what Israeli-Saudi normalization that seemed the White House says is "over two trillion" highly likely just a few years ago, as part of a dollars of Saudi, Qatari, and Emirati grand US strategy for the Middle East. That is investment in the US and purchases of just fine with Netanyahu, who ultimately advanced American arms. Moreover, the US cares about only one thing: ensuring his may agree to help Saudi Arabia develop the commercial nuclear-energy program that it has Hetanyahu long viewed Trump as the US long coveted (and that could serve as the first

any daylight remaining between Israel and Until now, Israel's enduring understanding the United States, thereby strengthening with previous American administrations was Netanyahu's hold on power. But for all his "no surprises" on matters of national security, unpredictability, Trump has remained and an ironclad commitment by the US to steadfast about ending the era of US military ensure Israel's military superiority in the entanglements in the Middle East. And region. Trump's moves in Iran and his arms nopbody - not even a close ally - can make deals with Gulf states mark a dramatic departure from this status quo. Israel was not Trump will do nothing to stop Israel from consulted, and it is inconceivable that Israel's pursuing its forever war in Gaza, as long as it military edge could be maintained if such does not compromise American interests. (As massive arms deals materialize. Israel had a true friend of Israel, former President Joe long been the central pillar of US foreign Biden might have tried to save the country policy in the Middle East. Now it is Saudi from itself.) But nor will Trump allow the US Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. All the "credit" for this historic shift goes to

Netanyahu persuaded Trump to withdraw in Under the Biden administration, such deals 2018 from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of were supposed to be linked to a grand strategic Action, the nuclear deal that Iran, the US, and plan that included the normalization of Saudiother world powers had concluded three Israeli relations and the establishment of a years earlier. But as soon as Trump NATO-like alliance in the Middle East, abandoned the JCPOA, Iran's race to the centered on an Israel committed to some form bomb was back on, and upon returning to the of Palestinian statehood. Such a deal could win White House, he was faced with a US broad support in the US Congress and open the

nuclear-power status. Netanyahu awaited the Such a grand deal would, however, almost green light, which he believed was imminent, certainly cost Netanyahu the support of the from the US to attack Iran's nuclear most extreme elements of his coalition. Since installations. Instead, Trump initiated that is not an option for Netanyahu, Trump is moving on without him. There is too much For Trump, striking a quick deal he can tout as money in the Gulf for Trump to concern

agreement's substance. But he is surely Neither Trump nor the Gulf monarchs and feeling pressure to secure better terms than emirs want wars, not even with Iran. Leaders his political foil, former President Barack in the Middle East, including the former al-Obama, did in 2015. To that end, Trump is Qaeda commander and Syria's president, happy to wield the Israeli military threat as Ahmed al-Sharaa, whom Trump met on this leverage in talks – the <u>prospect</u> of a US trip, want economic development, not conflict. military offensive against Iran is less credible They, too, have no patience for an Israeli prime but he will not tie his political fate to the minister who sees only threats where they see

fascist allies. Shlomo Ben-Ami, a former Israeli foreign And then there is Trump's handling of the minister, is Vice President of the Toledo Are Houthis, Iran's proxy in Yemen. Despite International Center for Peace and the fistael's success in eroding the ring of Iranian author of Prophets Without Honor: The 2000 proxies that surround it, the Houthis have Camp David Summit and the End of the Two-State

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By Joseph S. Nye, Jr.

OPED

The Future of American Soft Power

AMBRIDGE – Power is the ability to get others to do what you want. That can be accomplished by coercion ("sticks"), payment ("carrots"), and attraction ("honey"). The first two methods are forms of hard power, whereas attraction is soft power. Soft power grows out of a country's culture, its political values, and its foreign policies. In the short term, hard power usually trumps soft power. But over the long term, soft power often prevails. Joseph Stalin once mockingly asked, "How many divisions does the Pope have?" But the papacy continues today, while Stalin's Soviet Union is long gone.

When you are attractive, you can economize on carrots and sticks. If allies see you as benign and trustworthy, they are more likely to be open to persuasion and follow your lead. If they see you as an unreliable bully, they are more likely to drag their feet and reduce their interdependence when they can. Cold War Europe is a good example. A Norwegian historian <u>described</u> Europe as divided into a Soviet and an American empire. But there was a crucial difference: the American side was "an empire by invitation." That became clear when the Soviets had to deploy troops to Budapest in 1956, and to Prague in 1968. In contrast, NATO has not only survived but voluntarily increased its membership.

A proper understanding of power must include both its hard and soft aspects. Machiavelli said it was better for a prince to be feared than to be loved. But it is best to be both. Because soft power is rarely sufficient by itself, and because its effects take longer to realize, political leaders are often tempted to resort to the hard power of coercion or payment. When wielded alone, however, hard power can involve higher costs than when it is combined with the soft power of attraction. The Berlin Wall did not succumb to an artillery barrage; it was felled by hammers and bulldozers wielded by people who had lost faith in Communism and were drawn to Western values.

After World War II, the United States was by far the most powerful country, and it attempted to enshrine its values in what became known as "the liberal international order" – a framework comprising the United Nations, the Bretton Woods economic institutions, and other multilateral bodies. Of course, the US did not always live up to its liberal values, and Cold War bipolarity limited this order to only half the world's people. But the postwar system would have looked very different if the Axis powers had won WWII and imposed their values.

While prior US presidents have violated aspects of the liberal order, Donald Trump is the first to reject the idea that soft power has any value in foreign policy. Among his first actions upon returning to office was to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement and the World Health Organization, despite the obvious threats that climate change and pandemics pose.

The effects of a US administration surrendering soft power are all too predictable. Coercing democratic allies like Denmark or Canada weakens trust in our alliances. Threatening Panama reawakens fears of imperialism throughout Latin America. Crippling the US Agency for International Development (USAID) – created by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 – undercuts our reputation for benevolence. Silencing Voice of America is a gift to authoritarian rivals. Slapping tariffs on friends makes us appear unreliable. Trying to chill free speech at home undermines our credibility. This list could go on.

Trump has defined China as America's great challenge, and China itself has been investing in soft power since 2007, when then-Chinese President Hu Jintao told the Communist Party of China that the country needs to make itself more attractive to others. But China has long faced two major obstacles in this respect. First, it maintains territorial disputes with multiple neighbors. Second, the CPC insists on maintaining tight control over civil society. The costs of such policies have been confirmed by public opinion polls that ask people around the world which countries they find attractive. But one can only wonder what these surveys will show in future years if Trump keeps undercutting American soft power.

To be sure, American soft power has had its ups and downs over the years. The US was unpopular in many countries during the Vietnam and Iraq wars. But soft power derives from a country's society and culture as well as from government actions. Even during the Vietnam War, when crowds marched through streets around the world to protest US policies, they sang the American civil-rights anthem "We Shall Overcome." An open society that allows protest can be a soft-power asset. But will America's cultural soft power survive a downturn in the government's soft power over the next four years?

American democracy is likely to survive four years of Trump. The country has a resilient political culture and a federal constitution that encourages checks and balances. There is a reasonable chance that Democrats will regain control of the House of Representatives in the 2026 elections. Moreover, civil society remains strong, and the courts independent. Many organizations have launched lawsuits to challenge Trump's actions, and markets have signaled dissatisfaction with Trump's economic policies.

American soft power recovered after low points in the Vietnam and Iraq wars, as well as from a dip in Trump's first term. But once trust is lost, it is not easily restored. After the invasion of Ukraine, Russia lost most of what soft power it had, but China is striving to fill any gaps that Trump creates. The way Chinese President Xi Jinping tells it, the East is rising over the West. If Trump thinks he can compete with China while weakening trust among American allies, asserting imperial aspirations, destroying USAID, silencing Voice of America, challenging laws at home, and withdrawing from UN agencies, he is likely to fail. Restoring what he has destroyed will not be impossible, but it will be costly.

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The Original Letter to God Cooks of

Lord, let them leave my learned friend small na

ear Father:

FRIDAY

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

They say da whatin him do?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hmm, ley people them.

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

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

Da small thin!

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

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

So, da whatin ley Oldman doing na?

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

Bor da who dem advising him so?

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

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



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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

PLAINTIFF in the above entitled cause of action most respectfully prays Your Honor to have the herein Defendants ejected. Ousted and evicted from its property and have it placed in possession for reasons showeth to wit:

- 1. That Plaintiff in these proceedings is represented by Administrators who obtained an amended Letter of Administration from the Monthly and probate Court for Montserrado County. Attached and marked exhibit P/1 is a copy of Letter of Administration to form a part of these proceedings
- 2. That Plaintiff is owner of parcels of land in the settlement of Fendell. County of Montserrado. Which were acquired through honorable purchased from separate Grantors. Please do see attached Marked Exhibit P/2 copies of Land deeds form a cogent part of this proceeding.
- 3. That Plaintiff first parcel of land was acquired from the late J.L Baxter in the year 1928 and was issued a title deed to the effect which was probated by law on the 8th day of May AD 1929. Attached and marked exhibit P/2 is a copy of said title deed to form a cogent of these proceedings.
- 4. That Plaintiff acquired its second parcel of land from the late Thomas Johnson on the 12th day of January AD 1940 and was issued a Title Deed which was probated by law on the 20th day of March A.D1940. Attached and marked as exhibit P/3 is a copy of said title deed to form a cogent of these
- 5. That the Defendant herein without any legal authority, selected auto themselves to enter, occupied and withhold unto themselves Plaintiff's properties for their own purpose and benefit to the total exclusion of Plaintiff.
- 6. That further to count five(5) above, the prevention of Plaintiff from the exercise of complete control and authority over properties that he legally own have cause him beneficiaries; mental anguish, stress and the want of finance for which the Defendants herein must be made ament for their action by paying a total amount of not less than US\$ 75,000.00 (SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS) or any amount that the jurors may find proportional to the effect of the action caused by the Defendants

Wherefore and in view of the forgoing facts and circumstances as stated above, Plaintiff request your Honor to eject, evict, and oust the herein Defendants from the property, subject of these proceedings and cause the named Defendants to pay an amount mentioned above in count six(6). And further grant unto your humble Plaintiff any and all other further relief which may seem just and equitable. And so prays. And submit. Respectfully submitted:

PLAINTIFF BY &THRU HIS LEGAL COUNSELS WRIGHT AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM SMALLWOOD BUILDING MCDONALD STREET, OPPOSITE THE MINISTRY OF POSTS AND

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) MONTSERRADO COUNTY)

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT "ANNEX" FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS MARCH A.D. 2025 TERM.

BEFORE HIS HONOR:SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR..... ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

The Intestate Estate of the Late Uriah A. Watson by and thru its Administratrix Anna Scot, of the City of Monrovia, Liberia..... Plaintiff

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Jerry Teah.	17th Defendant	
Rufus Nyeniguah	18th Defendant	
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Abraham N. Kamara	32nd Defendant	
Comfort Cooper	. 33rd Defendant	
Joseph Floma	34th Defendant	
Edward Togba	. 35th Defendant	
Saye Beah	36th Defendant	
Junior Berh	37th Defendant	
Surina Yerkleh	. 38th Defendant	
Mheiline Gbaimgbal	39th Defendant	
Linda Dolo	40th Defendant	
Jedieh Washington	41st Defendant	
Florence Dahn	42nd Defendant	
Jerold Neabeh	43 rd Defendant	
Othello Barkollie	. 44th Defendant	
Chris Aruna	45th Defendant	
Edward Y. Togbah	46th Defendant	:
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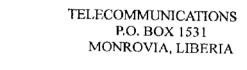
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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO RESUMMON THE DEFENDANTS IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION. TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, STITING IN ITS MARCH A.D. 2025 TERM ON THE 3RD MONDAY, SAME BEING THE 17 TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2025, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING.

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25 Active Mpox Cases Confirmed The National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) has

confirmed 25 active cases of Mpox currently in the country.

By Kruah Thompson

Information's regular press recording sporadic cases. briefing on Thursday, NPHIL By April, they noticed a slight surveillance led to over ten

However, following the Of these, three were confirmed onrovia, Liberia, May Christmas holidays, new positive, with an additional 23, 2025: Speaking at infections began to reappear. In case found later, bringing the the Ministry of January 2025, they started number to four.

2025

Director General Dr. Chris Nyan increase, and because they were additional positive cases, disclosed that from January 2024 already prepared, they were able increasing the current number



to present, a total of 102 to quickly respond to the cases been recorded.

December 2024, there were no being discussed on the radio." active case, and the country had Dr. Nyan stated that based on the gone silent on new detections.

laboratory confirmed cases have and conducted several awareness campaigns.

have recovered, leaving 25 active started to show up at their cases under NPHIL monitoring doorstep, bringing their children and Central Africa. for check-ups.

Liberia had between 65 to 68 showing their kids, asking active cases, all of which were whether what was appearing on successfully treated. By their child was the symptom had detected its first 2024 case

number of cases they received,

earlier this week, 12 suspected testing.

However, he stated that further of active cases to 25.

"In total, 102 Mpox cases have been confirmed from January 1, 2024, to May 22, 2025." Dr. Nyan said noting that the outbreak was first declared a public health emergency of national and regional concern in 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the high prices. Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

He added that Liberia had previously responded to Mpox cases between 2020 and 2021. but the virus itself dates back to 1970, with the first known detection reported as early as 1858 in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Since then, he says it has spread Out of this number, 77 individuals Based on this outreach, people across various African countries, particularly in West

"When I took over as head of He explained that at one point, He reported, "Some of them came NPHIL, it was just days after WHO and Africa CDC had declared the outbreak. Liberia in Sanniquellie, Nimba County," Dr. Nyan said.

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cases were brought in for The Management of steel producer, Sethi Brothers, rejects

allegations that its products in the Liberian market are substandard, threatening to take those making such allegation to court.

By Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

onrovia, Liberia, quality. of Sethi Brothers by creating jobs and Incorporated firmly denies supporting the government's recent accusations made by development efforts, it the President of the Patriotic believes that certain Entrepreneurs of Liberia individuals—possibly (PATEL) Mr. Dominic influenced by competitors, Nimely that Sethi Brothers are spreading false produces and sells information as part of a substandard steel and chairs at coordinated smear

May 23, 2025 - While the company The Management continues to invest in Liberia campaign.

Africa Centres for Disease In a statement here Thursday, Sethi Brothers urges media 22 May Sethi Brothers outlets across Liberia to described the allegations as avoid being used as tools by false, misleading, and people with personal or intended to damage its business agendas to discredit reputation. The company companies working to



<u>Arcelor Mittal showcases commitment to l</u> frastructure develo -Dedicates rehabilitated overhead bridge

officially dedicated a fully government at the time cited a structure. rehabilitated overhead bridge, lack of resources for repairs. County.

Located 2.5 kilometers from the Buchanan Port, the bridge connects AML's operations with surrounding communities including Koruah, District Hole, More Town, Baconie, and the Sun Set Beach area. Though a public asset, the structure plays a critical role in supporting both local commuters and AML's iron ore railway operations from Mount Tokadeh to the port.

In 2018, AML engineers raised concerns about visible cracks on the bridge's piers. A joint technical assessment by the Ministry of Public Works and AML confirmed that the structure

County – ArcelorMittal threat to public safety and mining alternative funding available. Liberia (AML) has logistics. Despite the urgency, the AML led efforts to restore the

valued at \$700,000, restoring a A M L subsequently concession and key communities detailed worsening structural plan: rerouting traffic in Buchanan, Grand Bassa damage and warned of the imminent danger the bridge

posed to motorists, pedestrians uchanan, Grand Bassa was nearing collapse, posing a and operations. With no

> After high-level consultations with government officials and launching public safety

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particularly steel rods and contribute to national plastic goods manufactured in growth.

focus on quality and propaganda not only harms durability.

that its production processes investors from coming to vital transportation and economic commissioned an independent stakeholders, the company meet both local and Liberia," the statement corridor between its port consultant in 2019, whose report advanced a multi-pronged international standards, and reads. that it is fully certified by the Meanwhile, the company is Government of Liberia to calling on Mr. Nimely to manufacture raw materials retract his statement within here.

The company emphasizes that claims were a complete its products are not only sold misrepresentation of the at fair and competitive prices facts, and that failure to do in Liberia, but are also so, it would take legal action exported to several countries to defend its reputation. across Africa, reflecting the Editing by Jonathan

states that all its products, reduce unemployment and

Liberia are made with a strong "This kind of false local businesses but also The company further clarifies discourages potential

72 hours, stating that his

trust and demand for their Browne **WE NOW DELIVER DAILY**

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L'ancienne Première Dame Nancy B. Doe est décédée à Monrovia

en deuil suite au décès de l'ancienne Première de l'ancienne de l'a Dame, Madame Nancy B. Doe, veuve du Président Samuel Kanyon Doe. Selon des sources familiales, elle s'est éteinte le mercredi 21 mai 2025 à son domicile de Sinkor,

a nation libérienne est Doe, arrivé au pouvoir par un coup d'État militaire. Pendant cette décennie, elle s'est distinguée par son engagement humanitaire, notamment en faveur des femmes et des enfants.

Après l'assassinat tragique du Président Doe en septembre 1990, elle s'est exilée avec ses enfants. Monrovia, après une longue Malgré son éloignement, elle est

la famille soit encore attendu, de nombreuses personnalités et citoyens libériens ont déjà commencé à rendre hommage à la mémoire de celle qui a marqué une époque par sa résilience face à l'adversité, tant personnelle que nationale.

Le Président Samuel K. Doe, rappelons-le, fut capturé et exécuté en septembre 1990 par des combattants du Front national patriotique indépendant du Liberia (INPFL), fidèles au regretté sénateur Prince Yormie Johnson du comté de Nimba. Cet épisode marquant fut l'un des moments les plus sombres de la guerre civile libérienne.

La disparition de Madame Doe intervient alors que le gouvernement, sous la direction du Président Joseph N. Boakai, a récemment engagé un processus visant à offrir des funérailles nationales appropriées à son défunt mari ainsi qu'à l'ancien Président William R. Tolbert. Cette initiative vise à refermer une page douloureuse de l'histoire politique du Liberia.



période de maladie.

Madame Nancy B. Doe fut 1980 à 1990, aux côtés de son sépulture digne de ce nom.

restée active dans les débats publics, réclamant les droits dus à Première Dame du Liberia de son mari et plaidant pour une

époux, le Président Samuel K. Bien qu'un communiqué officiel de

Le sénateur Darius Dillon exige l'incarcération du ministre du Travail Cooper Kruah e ministre libérien du La controverse survient alors que le obstruction au fonctionnement

Travail, Maître Cooper W. Kruah, fait de nouveau les gros titres. Cette fois, il est au cœur d'une controverse liée à l'octroi de 8 000 permis de travail à des étrangers, sans fournir de précisions sur la nature des emplois concernés, alors que de nombreux Libériens restent sans emploi.

Le sénateur du comté de Montserrado et président de la Commission des Affaires étrangères au Sénat, Abraham Darius Dillon, appelle à la condamnation et à pour entrave aux travaux les postes concernés constitue une législatifs. Il lui reproche également de ne pas avoir fourni une description catégorisée des emplois pour lesquels ces permis ont été délivrés.

Lors d'une audition au Sénat tenue le mardi 20 mai 2025, le sénateur Dillon a exprimé sa profonde préoccupation face au refus du ministre Kruah de détailler les types d'emplois associés à ces permis. « Il est inacceptable qu'aucune information claire n'ait été communiquée sur la nature des postes attribués à ces 8 000 étrangers », a déclaré le sénateur.

ministère du Travail et les services de l'immigration auraient soustraité la délivrance des permis à une entreprise indienne, selon certaines

Dillon a rappelé que lorsque le Sénat libérien ratifie des accords économiques, l'objectif est de favoriser l'emploi pour les Libériens. Il a souligné que c'est dans cette optique que la Loi sur le Travail Décent a été adoptée, conférant au ministère du Travail le pouvoir de réglementer les emplois afin de protéger la main-d'œuvre nationale, conformément à la politique de libéralisation.

l'incarcération du ministre « Le refus du ministre de spécifier a-t-il déclaré.

du pouvoir législatif », a estimé le sénateur. Il a évoqué l'article 44 de la Constitution, affirmant que le comportement du ministre l'expose à des sanctions pour outrage au Parlement.

« Il n'est pas normal qu'un système d'émission de permis se limite à indiquer le nom, l'âge et la nationalité du demandeur sans préciser la nature de l'emploi. Quelque chose ne va pas. Le système doit indiquer clairement si le permis a été accordé pour un poste de chauffeur, de caissier ou autre »,



Éditorial

L'inconstance du gouvernement libérien sur la gestion du chemin de fer soulève de vives inquiétudes

a décision du gouvernement du Libéria de revenir sur la communication du Comité interministériel des concessions **■**(IMCC), qui réaffirmait ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) comme opérateur-utilisateur du chemin de fer Yekepa-Buchanan, est non seulement préoccupante, mais soulève également de sérieuses interrogations quant à l'engagement du pays à respecter ses contrats et à protéger les investissements légitimes.

La décision initiale de l'IMCC reposait sur des principes de logique, de légalité et sur les intérêts à long terme du développement du Libéria. Après plus de sept années de négociations entre le gouvernement libérien et AML, un cadre solide - les Principes d'exploitation du système ferroviaire (RSOP) - a été intégré dans la Troisième modification de l'Accord de développement minier (MDA) d'AML.

Ce cadre établit un système ferroviaire à accès partagé, régulé par l'État, tout en maintenant AML dans son rôle d'opérateur-utilisateur selon un modèle sans profit ni perte. Il prévoit également la création d'un comité de gestion conjoint, un droit de regard étatique à travers des audits, ainsi que le pouvoir de révoquer AML en cas de manquement à ses obligations.

Cette structure est parfaitement conforme à l'esprit du Décret exécutif n°136, qui vise à instaurer un système ferroviaire à usage multiple au Libéria. Ce même décret reconnaît explicitement la validité des engagements préexistants, tel que le MDA d'AML, sans chercher à les annuler.

La ligne ferroviaire Yekepa-Buchanan dépasse le simple rôle d'infrastructure : elle constitue l'épine dorsale de l'industrie du minerai de fer du Libéria. ArcelorMittal Liberia y a investi plus de 800 millions de dollars pour sa réhabilitation et son expansion. L'entreprise est présente dans le pays depuis près de vingt ans, emploie plus de 7 000 Libériens, participe activement au développement communautaire, et contribue régulièrement aux recettes publiques.

Revenir aujourd'hui sur la décision qui reconnaissait le rôle historique et contractuel d'AML, au profit d'une entreprise étrangère encore peu éprouvée, Ivanhoe Atlantic, serait une grave erreur. Ce choix envoie un mauvais signal aux investisseurs actuels et potentiels. Il accorde un avantage indu à Ivanhoe et donne l'image d'un Libéria prêt à renier ses engagements pour satisfaire des intérêts politiques ou des pressions extérieures.

Même la Guinée voisine, dans son accord avec SMFG, reconnaît que l'accès à travers le Libéria demeure temporaire et incertain. Pourtant, le Libéria semble disposé à sacrifier ses propres intérêts et sa crédibilité pour soutenir l'agenda minier d'un autre pays.

Ce revirement n'est pas qu'une simple erreur de politique publique. Il ébranle l'état de droit et sape la confiance des investisseurs. Or, la Constitution du Libéria oblige l'État à honorer ses contrats, et le MDA signé avec AML reste juridiquement contraignant. Si le gouvernement estime ne plus pouvoir accepter AML comme opérateur ferroviaire, la seule voie légitime et honorable serait de renégocier l'accord de manière consensuelle - non de l'annuler unilatéralement.

Le rôle d'AML comme opérateur-utilisateur n'empêche en rien l'accès d'autres entreprises à la voie ferrée. Les RSOP garantissent justement un accès équitable, basé sur les coûts, sous supervision étatique rigoureuse - la définition même d'un modèle multi-utilisateur.

Au lieu de pénaliser AML, le Libéria devrait valoriser et renforcer son partenariat avec une entreprise qui a démontré un engagement durable envers la croissance du pays. Privilégier un acteur étranger sans antécédents solides au détriment d'un investisseur éprouvé risque de compromettre les opérations actuelles et de dissuader tout investissement futur.

Si le Libéria souhaite construire un climat d'investissement prospère et respecté, il doit commencer par honorer ses propres engagements. Le gouvernement doit reconsidérer sa décision et soutenir la position avisée et bénéfique de l'IMCC en maintenant AML comme opérateurutilisateur dans le cadre légal, éprouvé et transparent de la Troisième modification de l'accord et des RSOP.

Le Libéria doit choisir le principe avant la politique, car l'avenir de son économie et la crédibilité de la nation en dépendent.

Starts from page 8 Le sénateur Dar

Le sénateur a également dénoncé le fait responsible tant qu'il ne fournit pas une que des Libériens formés dans les liste complète des emplois concernés », universités et centres de formation martelé Dillon. technique voient leurs emplois confiés à Face au Sénat, le ministre Kruah a reconnu des étrangers, uniquement pour générer l'émission de 8 000 permis de travail à des

américains l'unité. « Certains de ces emplois sont accessibles Darius Dillon, fervent défenseur de la depuis quatre mois. Il est temps de le tenir de travail.

des recettes internes à travers la vente de non-Libériens, mais a omis de présenter permis, parfois à plus de 1 000 dollars les descriptions de poste, suscitant la colère du sénateur.

à des Libériens compétents, mais ils sont transparence dans ce dossier, avait octroyés à des étrangers, souvent officiellement demandé la comparution du rémunérés entre 2 000 et 3 000 dollars par ministre il y a plusieurs mois, afin qu'il mois. Le ministre élude cette question s'explique sur la délivrance de ces permis

Le Libéria dévoile un plan d'investissement de 105 millions de dollars pour les énergies renouvelables

e Libéria a franchi une étape majeure Déterminées au niveau National (CDN), en dans la transition énergétique en développant une capacité de 100 MW en lançant un ambitieux Plan-cadre énergies renouvelables. Cela passera d'Investissement dans les Énergies notamment par la réduction des risques liés Renouvelables, d'une valeur de 105 millions aux investissements, afin d'attirer les



Régulation de l'Electricité (LERC) et de projets énergétiques. Grand Bassa, Nimba et Grand Cape Mount. principalement de la Liberia Electricity juridiques, réglementaires et financiers Corporation (LEC), confrontée à de M. Stéphane Barleau, conseiller en appels particulier pendant la saison sèche, lorsque la côtés de M. Spencer. capacité de production du seul barrage S'exprimant au nom du Dr Yarkpawolo, M. réduite.

présenté le 20 mai 2025 à l'hôtel Corina, à économique et environnementale de ce plan. Monrovia, par le Dr Emmanuel Urey King «Ce cadre stratégique représente une avancée stratégique.

Selon M. Spencer, le projet ambitionne développement inclusif», a-t-il déclaré. d'atteindre une part de 30 % d'énergies Ce plan réaffirme l'engagement du Libéria permettre au pays d'atteindre la neutralité économie verte résiliente. carbone, conformément à ses Contributions

de dollars américains. Ce programme vise à producteurs d'énergie indépendants (IPP), améliorer l'accès à l'énergie, réduire les diminuer la dépendance aux groupes émissions de gaz à effet de serre et faire électrogènes fonctionnant au diesel et réduire avancer le pays vers ses objectifs climatiques considérablement les émissions de gaz à effet de serre.

Le projet, piloté par l'Agence de Protection de Le financement du Fonds Vert pour le Climat l'Environnement (EPA) en partenariat avec le (GCF) permettra de diminuer les coûts pour ministère des Mines et de l'Energie, le les investisseurs et de renforcer les capacités ministère des Finances et de la Planification institutionnelles du gouvernement en matière du Développement, la Commission de de passation de marchés et de mise en œuvre

l'Agence pour l'Énergie Rurale et La présentation a aussi mis en lumière Renouvelable (RREA), devrait bénéficier à plusieurs défis, don't le manque de plus de deux millions de citoyens, notamment compétences techniques dans la planification dans les comtés de Montserrado, Margibi, et l'analyse de faisabilité des projets, l'absence d'outils standards pour les appels Jusqu'à présent, le Libéria dépend d'offres, ainsi que des lacunes dans les cadres

nombreux défis tels que les branchements d'offres pour les énergies renouvelables chez illégaux et une distribution peu fiable, en CPCS, a également pris part au lancement aux

hydroélectrique national est fortement Ben Karmorh Jr., conseiller technique principal et point focal changement Le plan d'investissement a été officiellement climatique à l'EPA, a souligné l'importance

Yarkpawolo, directeur exécutif de l'EPA. La audacieuse vers une transformation cérémonie a été marquée par une présentation économique durable, par la diversification détaillée de M. Philips Spencer, consultant des sources d'énergie, la création d'emplois et principal et chef de projet chez CPCS le soutien aux entreprises. Il permettra (Canadian Pacific Consulting Services), qui a d'éclairer les foyers, d'alimenter les écoles et exposé les grandes lignes du cadre de dynamiser les communautés, en transformant des vies et en favorisant un

renouvelables dans le mix énergétique envers la lutte contre le changement national d'ici 2030. Il vise également à climatique et le développement d'une

Les experts en gestion des catastrophes d'Afrique de

es chefs des agences de gestion des catastrophes et de protection civile des États membres de la CEDEAO sont réunis à Accra dans le cadre de la 16e A Réunion consultative du Comité régional pour la gestion des catastrophes en Afrique de l'Ouest (GECEAO). Organisée par la Direction des affaires humanitaires et sociales (DHSA) de la CEDEAO, cette rencontre de trois jours vise à évaluer la feuille de route régionale de relèvement, actualiser la base de données des ressources disponibles et renforcer la coordination face aux risques de catastrophes dans la région.

Lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture, le Dr Mohammed Ibrahim, chef de l'Unité de gestion des risques de catastrophes, s'exprimant au nom de la Directrice des affaires humanitaires, Dr Sintiki Tarfa-Ugbe, a mis en lumière l'impact considérable des catastrophes sur les communautés ouest-africaines au cours des 25 dernières années, avec des pertes estimées à plus d'un milliard de dollars. Il a attribué cette vulnérabilité croissante à la dégradation de l'environnement, à l'urbanisation rapide et aux effets du changement climatique.

« Les États membres doivent accorder la priorité à l'assistance humanitaire et investir dans des programmes de résilience, en partenariat avec les acteurs régionaux et internationaux, afin de faire face efficacement à ces défis », a-t-il déclaré.

L'Initiative humanitaire 2025 de la CEDEAO ambitionne de venir en aide à plus de 600 000 personnes à travers des actions ciblées dans les domaines de la sécurité alimentaire, des déplacements forcés, de l'accès à l'eau, à l'assainissement, à la santé, ainsi que du relèvement précoce. L'initiative met également l'accent sur la préparation régionale, la coordination des interventions d'urgence et l'adoption de technologies innovantes pour garantir une réponse rapide, efficace et digne.

Intervenant au nom de la Directrice générale de l'Agence nationale de gestion des urgences du Nigeria (NEMA), Hajiya Zubaida Umar, Alhaji Idris Mohammed a souligné l'urgence d'une coopération renforcée pour une gestion efficiente des catastrophes. Il a insisté sur la vulnérabilité croissante de la région face aux inondations, sécheresses, épidémies et conflits.

« L'Afrique de l'Ouest est confrontée à des menaces de plus en plus fréquentes qui mettent en péril des vies humaines et compromettent les progrès du développement. Il est impératif de consolider nos partenariats pour bâtir une sous-région résiliente et unie », a-t-il affirmé.

Il a également présenté les efforts du Nigeria pour former des professionnels de la gestion des catastrophes, grâce à des partenariats avec six universités fédérales proposant des programmes de certification et de troisième cycle en gestion des catastrophes et en développement.

Alhaji Mohammed a réitéré l'engagement de la NEMA à travailler avec les agences sœurs des États membres de la CEDEAO pour accroître la capacité collective de préparation et de réponse. « Nous l'avons déjà fait, et nous sommes prêts à capitaliser sur nos acquis », a-t-il ajouté.

Présidant la réunion, le Major (à la retraite) Dr Joseph Bikanyi Kuyon, Directeur général de l'Organisation nationale de gestion des catastrophes du Ghana (NADMO) et président en exercice du GECEAO, a salué les réformes législatives récentes au Ghana qui renforcent les capacités de la NADMO. Il a annoncé l'élaboration d'une stratégie nationale de financement des risques de catastrophes.

« Notre collaboration doit permettre de transformer les alertes hydrométéorologiques régionales en actions concrètes de préparation et d'atténuation », a-til plaidé. « Intégrons la réduction des risques de catastrophes dans nos plans de développement nationaux pour 2025-2026 et œuvrons à la vision d'une gestion harmonisée des catastrophes en Afrique de l'Ouest. »

Cette rencontre consultative constitue une plateforme stratégique de dialogue, d'échange de connaissances et de solidarité régionale, alors que les Etats membres de la CEDEAO unissent leurs efforts pour faire face à l'intensification des risques et protéger les communautés les plus vulnérables du continent.



creating panic.

He emphasized that the health response "As part of our response strategy, our team disease rather than reacting to it.

testing to differentiate Mpox from other similar viruses such as chickenpox and cowpox. Once a suspected case is tested and confirmed positive in the laboratory, it is no longer considered a suspected case but added to the total confirmed tally.

"We evaluate the severity of each case. Mild cases are treated at home, while severe cases are sent to designated

According to him, the institute has since isolation centers," Dr. Nyan explained. He been conducting widespread awareness cited several treatment centers including campaigns through the media and local the renovated Sky Base facility in dialects to inform the public without Monrovia, and others in Ganta and around the country.

strategy focuses on staying ahead of the recently visited the border with Sierra Leone to raise awareness and collaborate NPHIL has been conducting diagnostic on cross-border health efforts," Dr. Nyan said. "We have confirmed that Liberia is currently dealing with Mpox Type 1, while Sierra Leone is battling Mpox Type 2."

He concluded by encouraging citizens to remain calm, practice proper hygiene, and report any suspicious symptoms to nearby health facilities. Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

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awareness, and pursuing a permanent structural redesign.

In 2023, AML subcontracted AFCONS, a global engineering firm, to carry out the rehabilitation. Work was completed by February 2024, and the bridge was formally handed over to AML for operational integration, marking a total investment of approximately \$700,000.

At Thursday's dedication ceremony in Buchanan, AML's Head of Sustainability and External Relations, Marcus Wleh, emphasized the company's long-standing commitment to supporting public infrastructure and safe transport.

"Today, we have come to dedicate this bridge—not just the bridge, but also the rehabilitated road," Wleh said. "This road and bridge are part of the many efforts ArcelorMittal continues to make for Liberia."

Grand Bassa County Development Officer Moses Henry, speaking on behalf of Superintendent Karyou Johnson, expressed appreciation.

"We describe this as good for now, but we

pray for 'very good,' and later we would like to see 'excellent,'" he said, encouraging even greater collaboration. Mayor of Buchanan, George Gaybueh, echoed similar sentiments. "This road has been closed for months, but we knew it would reopen. I am grateful to ArcelorMittal Liberia for this good initiative. This marks the beginning of more collaboration with the City Corporation."

Though primarily designed to support AML's operations, the bridge also serves the wider public, including logging companies, transporters, and residents of Buchanan. Its restoration eases congestion, improves safety, and boosts commercial activity.

ArcelorMittal Liberia's investment in the 2.5km overhead bridge is a strong example of how responsible corporate citizenship can address public infrastructure gaps, promote economic development, and support national progress—even beyond the limits of a concession agreement.

China Mall Liberia fires 5 contractors for theft

-Amid allegation of bad labor practice

Five Liberian contractors, predominantly females accused of theft have been dismissed and turned over to Police for investigation, but protestors say their rights have been abused.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

aynesville, Liberia, May 23, 2025 Much Better Trading Incorporated (China Mall Liberia) at Golden Gate, near the SKD Sports Complex in Paynesville has fired and detained at least five contractors over allegation of theft.

The contractors, including Matherline Domilah, Cashier; Jackerlyne Wreh, Chef Attendance, are among five suspects currently detained at Zone 8, Police Station near the SKD Sports Complex in Paynesville.

Mamie Sheriff, and Cecelia Toweh, were forcibly made to resign their positions on Thursday as a result of the allegation of stealing.

Dozens of social-justice activists Thursday, May 22, 2025, rampaged the China Mall Liberia premises in Paynesville, demanding Justice for unlawful detention, and right violation of the suspects.

They drew the attention of Liberian authorities, including the Ministry of Labor, the Liberia National Police, Zone-8 detachment, and Civil Society group.

"China Mall Liberia has persistently violated the Labor laws of our nation, engaging in unlawful suspension of

employees, illegal contract terminations, and exploitative labor practices", Cyrus Kennedy, a social-justice activist notes.

Kennedy explains that the three young female contractors were wrongfully imprisoned, over claims of theft, as a means of downsizing them, to cover-up illegal termination of their contracts, and bad labor practices.

"China Mall has been manhandling Liberian workers, sexually abusing females, and the most recent and heartbreaking case involves the unjust imprisonment, which occurred six months ago", he alleges.

According to him, China Mall Liberia allegedly coerced the Police to extract confessions from the suspects, while detaining them without evidence.

"This is a blatant violation of their human rights, and outrageous abuse of power" some protesters lament.

But China Mall Liberia General Manager, Nyema Klon Bruce, denies that the suspects are wrongfully detained.

According to Bruce, they were caught right-handed, with CCTV footage evidence seen by the Liberia National Police, Ministry of Labor and other According to the letter, the contractors were authorities.

-Rejects call for an autopsy

Family of the late Cletus Noah, whose death drew public concern here recently says it wants to proceed with burial to bring closure to his sudden passing.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

2025 - The immediate Lefamily of the late Cletus Noah, has formally notified the Liberia National Police (LNP) of their decision to proceed with burial arrangements without conducting an autopsy, citing a lack of evidence to support allegations of foul play.

Simeon Frank, Deputy Inspector General of Police for Crime Services, the family stated that after extensive consultation, they have decided to peacefully lay their beloved husband and son to rest and refrain from pursuing further investigations.

They expressed satisfaction with medical findings provided by hospital and expressed no desire for additional inquiries.

The letter, signed by the widow of the deceased, Mrs. Linda K. Sumo-Noah; his sister, Mrs. Mary N. Weah; and cousin, Mr. Augustine K. Maimie, further clarification. Nagbe also was acknowledged by Chief Superintendent of Police Samuel G. General of the Liberia Maritime Zeo on May 20, 2025.

It follows heightened public scrutiny surrounding the unexpected death of Cletus Noah on May 4, 2025, at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Monrovia. Mr. Noah, who served as Chief of Office Staff to former Finance Minister Samuel D. Tweah, opposition and ruling party was a respected figure in both political and professional spheres.

On May 8, Lenn Eugene Nagbe, former Chief of Office Staff to ex-President George M. Weah, wrote the burial plans, the Liberia National Inspector General of Police, Col. Gregory Coleman, requesting a preliminary investigation into Noah's sudden death. Nagbe expressed concern over public allegations Browne implicating him and emphasized the

He details that such action of theft by the goods from the shelf, an act that female workers violates the company's constitutes a serious breach of trust and a policy, so the law should take its course.

'Basically, we found a syndicate of thieves, who are in the habit of stealing company goods and carrying it away and we got pictorial evidence of videos with sign of these people committing these acts, and as a responsible management, we made it our duty to carry on due diligence through CCTV footage. After reviewing and management policies [say] any form of theft is immediate dismissal", he explains.

A copy of the contractors' termination letter obtained by the NEW DAWN states that Much Better Trading Company Inc. (China Mall Liberia) effectively terminated the

contracts of these employees due to gross misconduct. caught right-handed stealing company

need for clarity.

According to Nagbe, the situation onrovia, Liberia, May 23, escalated when he received a WhatsApp message on May 7 from Mr. Tozo, brother of the deceased, who allegedly accused him, along with former Minister Tweah and unnamed "henchmen", of being involved in Noah's death. Nagbe further claimed that Tozo issued a personal threat, warning him to In an official letter addressed to Mr. "wait for the burial" and stating he was "coming for him."

Nagbe included screenshots and a transcript of the WhatsApp exchange in his letter to the police, asking them to contact Mr. Tozo as part of the inquiry to determine the source and veracity of the allegations.

"These allegations are both serious and damaging, not only to my reputation, but also to my personal safety and security," Nagbe wrote.

He assured the Police of his full cooperation and availability for any previously served as Commissioner Authority.

The sudden passing of Cletus Noah has triggered a wave of tributes from political figures, colleagues, and friends. His death has drawn emotional reactions across Liberia's political landscape, from both members, underscoring the widespread shock and grief it has caused.

As the family moves ahead with Police now face the delicate task of addressing public concerns while respecting the family's request for closure. Editing by Jonathan

violation of company policy as outlined in the employee's handbook. Editing by Jonathan Browne



Mayor Councillor Ambassador Alpha Bird Collins is an elected Town and Borough Councillor. He is the current Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council.

ertsmere UK, May 23, 2025: The mayor resigned from the ruling Labour party due to reasons

election. Councillor Marc Amron of Independent Hertsmere First Group nominated and proposed Mayor Councillor Ambassador Collins



Council held a mayoral he was unanimously elected

undisclosed to the public for mayor, while opposition and he became a member of Conservative Party leader the Independent Hertsmere Councillor Lynette Sullivan First Group, which consists seconded the proposed motion. of three independent Due to the popularity of Mayor councillors who are not Councillor Ambassador Collins, aligned to any political the Labour – Liberal Democratic coalition did not put forth an May 2025 alternative candidate. With no Hertsmere Borough opposition to Councillor Collins,

unopposed.

This is the first in history of Hertsmere for an independent councillor and, also an incumbent Town Mayor to become both Borough and Town mayor simultaneously. Mayor Collins is a doubled mayor and has in his possession two mayoral chains of offices.

As Elstree and Borehamwood Town mayor he represents 47, 000 people. But as Hertsmere Borough mayor he represents 200,000 plus people.

According to the rules, Mayor Collins will have to relinquish the chain of office of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and concentrate on helping and representing the people of Hertsmere which is a larger

This paper spoke with Mayor Collins. He said, "wow, as a Liberian you have made history in Europe! How did you do it?" He responded: "GOD has done it for me! I cultivated the field, planted the seed, made the effort and waited for GOD'S input to make it happen for me and our great nation Liberia."

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reinforcing the campaign.

As part of these strategic missions, he and the AU, is seeking to reclaim its says former President Ellen Johnson space on the world stage, leveraging Sirleaf recently visited Sudan to its legacy and reputation in deliver a special message of support, multilateral diplomacy. and also former Foreign Minister Dr. Meanwhile, the election for non-Toga Gayewea McIntosh is currently in Guinea, accompanied by Assistant Nations Security Council (UNSC) is Minister Sorrie Kabbah Jones, engaging with the President of Gabon.

Foreign Minister, Gbehzohngar Findley, is leading missions to Croatia and the Comoros with letters two-year terms starting on January 1, from the Liberian President, and Dr. 2026. Abraham Jan is in Brussels attending the African Union Summit, using the platform to build bilateral support for Liberia's candidacy.

coordinated fashion, and our confidence level is very high. We believe we are going to win this," Armah said. He added that no other country has formally challenged Liberia's bid, which further boosts the country's optimism.

Highlighting Liberia's historical noteworthy that Liberia is among the contributions to peace and countries vying for one of the two diplomacy, he urged all citizens and international partners to support the The country has been actively campaign. "This is not just a win for Liberia it is a win for Africa and for high-level diplomatic engagements nations that believe in global and support from regional cooperation and peace," Kruah concluded.

Meanwhile, he says, Liberia, a

founding member of both the OAU

permanent seats on the United scheduled to take place in June 2025 during the 79th session of the UN General Assembly at the UN Moreover, he says another former Headquarters in New York City.

> This election will determine five nonpermanent members who will serve

The seats are allocated as follows,

two for the African Group, one for the

Asia-Pacific Group, one for the Latin American and Caribbean Group, and "We have campaigned in a one for the Eastern European Group. As of now, the exact date in June has not been publicly announced. However, such elections typically

occur in early to mid-June. For instance, the previous UNSC election was held on June 6, 2024. Regarding Liberia's candidacy, it is

seats allocated to the African Group. campaigning for this position, with organizations like ECOWAS. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

Liberia receives two homegrown p

Two Liberian Captains Sam Jabbah and William Lassanah He said the Freeport of Monrovia have been officially turned over to the National Port Authority which is the gateway to the as Liberia's First homegrown Marine Pilot and tugboat Liberian economy is the major captain.

National Port Authority Mr. to the Liberian Maritime sector.

successes achieved by the two sector of Liberia. Liberians who according to him Mr. Dukuly said as Liberia's

have brought pride to Liberia. The APM Terminals Liberia international market expands, which opens the door for many Managing Director Buijze said there is a need for a young Liberians to acquire Sam Jabbah has been corresponding expansion in internationally trained as Marine expertise to man the sector. Captain having attended the South African Maritime Training Academy in Cape Town, the Maritime Professional Training in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the Falck Safety Services in Houston, Texas and the Canarian School of Navigation and Maritime Safety in Tenerife, Spain while William Lassanah pursued an advance Maritime training and certification in Bahrain and achieved a significant professional milestone by earning his Master

For his part, the Managing

near costal line license.

onrovia, May 23, Director for Svitzer Cedric 2025: The two Guiraud said the training of Liberian Captains Liberians as Captains signified presented licenses to the the importance Liberianization Managing Director of the of the Marine service will mean Sekou A. M. Dukuly after Receiving Captains Sam Jabbah acquiring trainings and and William Lassanah, NPA certifications from the Regional Managing Director Hon. Sekou Maritime University in Accra, A. M. Dukuly lauded the two Liberian captains for their Making the presentation, APM extraordinary efforts in putting Terminals Liberia Managing Liberia on the map. Mr. Dukuly Director Jan Buijze said the said the success of Captain Sam APMT family was gratified with and William opens a new chapter the level of trainings and in transforming the Maritime

trade infrastructure serving as the conduit for the import of critical goods and the export of commodities to other markets. Just like any industry, Dukuly stressed, it is critical to the human resource need at the Freeport of Monrovia and need continuous professional development to be able to meet up to global standards.

The NPA boss said, President Joseph Nyuma Boakai believes that it is important for the industry to further position itself globally through knowledge and technology.

He said President Boakai is trailed by the level of achievements received by Sam trade relations with the Jabbah and William Lassanah training in the Maritime industry.





BEFORE HIS HON:.....GEORGE W. SMITH......ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE THE PETITION OF BUZMEL JOHNSON, PETITIONER, OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, BY AND THRU HIS LEGAL COUNSEL, CLLR. LAWRENCE YEAKULA, PRAYS THIS HONORABGE COURT FOR A COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME, TO BE REGARDED, CALLED AND KNOWN AS "AWESOME BUZMEL SUMO."

COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Whereas, the Petitioner, Buzmel Johnson, by and thru his legal Counsel, Cllr. Lawrence Yeakula filed a Petition before this Honorable Court requesting this court to order the Change of his name from Buzmel Johnson to "Awesome Buzmel Sumo."

Change of his name from Buzmer Johnson to Avesonic Buznet State.

During the hearing, the Petitioner testified that the Change of his name as requested for to this Honorable Court is intended to reflect his true family name and render his identity more explicit and absolute. After conducting the necessary interrogations as requested for by law in these proceedings, the Court observes that the intention is just and legal and that there is no objection to the change of his name as proposed by him.

there is no objection to the change of his name as proposed by him.

Whereas, the Petitioner having shown with justification and satisfaction that the Petitioner was born on the 4th day of August A. D. 2006, in the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, and that he was born unto the union of Mr. Buzu Sumo and Madam Meleter M. Tyes, all of the Republic of Liberia; and that the Change of his name will substantially promote his interest in all of the understandings and help to establish his identity more firmly, and being satisfied that he has met all legal requirements for the Change of his name in this jurisdiction, it is therefore DECREED as follows:

follows:

That the Petition having been heard, same is hereby ordered granted and we now render that the name Buzmel Johnson, be change to Awesome Buzmel Sumo, beginning this 24" day of March A. D. 2025, and that all documents signed in the name of the Petitioner prior to this decree remained valid.

THIS DECREE shall be registered in the Office of the Registrar of DEEDS and other Official Documentations within(10) days from this date and also be published twice in any recognized Newspaper operating in the Republic of Liberia within twenty(20) days from this date. AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

GIVEN UNDER MY HANDS IN OPEN COURT, THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH A. D. 2025

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Liberia ramps up push for UN Security Council Seat

Liberia has intensified its global diplomatic campaign to secure a nonpermanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

By: Kruah Thompson

onrovia, Liberia: May 23, 2025: The country has dispatched high-level envoys, including former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, to key

City.

Liberia campaign is expected to end on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Speaking at a press briefing held Thursday, May 22, 2025, at the Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs, and Tourism, Liberia's

countries around the world. come as the West African of its year-long international scheduled to take place in June

Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs These final engagements at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cllr. Jeddi M. Armah, provided nation nears the culmination updates on Liberia's current standing in the campaign.

campaigns, with voting He says the vote, which will determine Liberia's role in global during the 79th session of the peace and security decision UN General Assembly at the making, is expected to take place UN Headquarters in New York at the UN headquarters in New York later this year.

He claimed that if the country is successful, it will begin its two-year term as a nonpermanent member of the Security Council in January

Deputy Minister Armah, who was speaking on behalf of the Foreign Affairs Minister, Sara Beysolow Nyanti, on the occasion, highlighted the depth of the country's campaign efforts.

He says for almost a year now, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has undertaken a highly coordinated diplomatic initiative that has been led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to gain support for Liberia's bid.

He revealed that this global campaign has been coordinated by Liberia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Ambassador Lewis G. Brown. He says Ambassador Brown has been supporting the Foreign Minister with an advisory team comprising four former foreign ministers, who have been instrumental in engaging international stakeholders and working closely with the President's

Office to deliver messages

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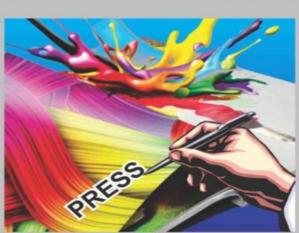












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