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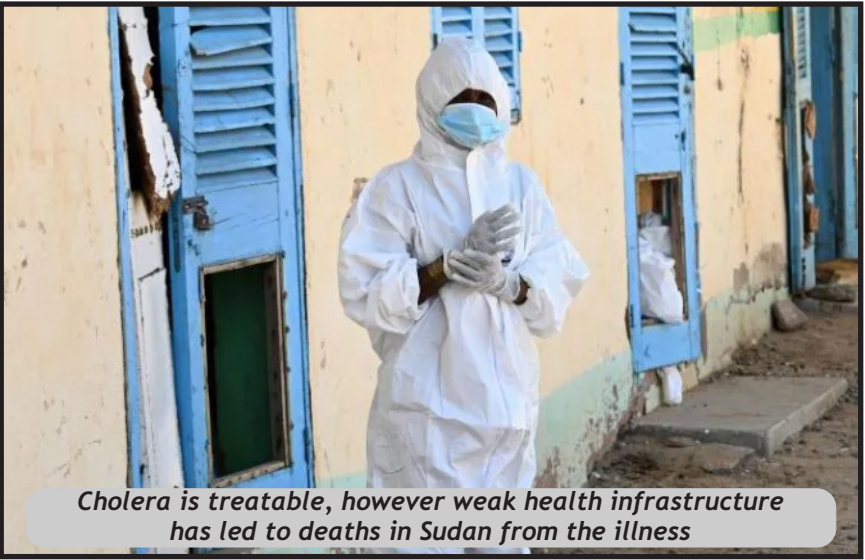

Continental News

Sudan 'on brink' of health crisis with cholera outbreak

War-torn Sudan is now "on the brink" of a public health disaster as cholera and other deadly diseases spread, aid group, the International

IRC country director for Sudan Eatizaz Yousif said the civil war - now in its thrid year - "is fuelling the resurgence of cholera".In a statement, the IRC emphasised that cholera

capital was "either unavailable or unaffordable", adding that "many of the remaining health workers had no choice but to leave" due to fighting.Mr Ammar adds that the few remaining health facilities are overwhelmed. As many as 500 cases of cholera were reported in just one day in the past week in Khartoum, MSF said.Aside from the Khartoum area, cases were also cited in northern and southern Sudan, the AFP news agency reports.Most people with cholera have mild symptoms or none at all.However, the disease can be a fatal if it causes severe diarrhoea, requiring antibiotics and IV fluids for treatment, according to the World Health Organization. More than 150,000 people have been killed during Sudan's conflict, which began over two years ago when Sudan's army and the RSF began a vicious struggle for power. Millions have been forced from their homes and the conflict has plunged the country into what the UN calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis.BBC



Cholera is treatable, however weak health infrastructure has led to deaths in Sudan from the illness

Rescue Committee (IRC) has warned. In just one week, Sudan's Health Ministry recorded that 172 people have died due to a cholera outbreak, posting on Facebook that most of the new cases are in Khartoum state. According to local doctors, cited by Sudanese media, drone attacks have caused power outages at water purification stations, which has left people with no choice but to use unclean water.

vaccine coverage was "low" and "essential supplies dwindling". The medical charity Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has warned of reports of "thousands of suspected cholera cases" in Khartoum since the middle of last month. Its medical co-ordinator in the country, Slaymen Ammar, stated that "the conflict has clearly compromised basic infrastructure". In a press release, he said that healthcare in parts of the

Anger as Zimbabwe leader approves new radio levy for motorists

Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa has signed into law a contentious bill that requires all motorists to buy a radio licence before acquiring vehicle insurance. There has been an outcry from some motorists as they will now have to pay \$92 (£68) annually in order to listen to the radio in their vehicles. The introduction of the measure is part of a plan to widen revenue sources for the state broadcaster but critics say the licence fee is too high, especially given the difficult economic situation. Leading opposition figure Nelson Chamisa said the new law was "too draconian, anti-citizens and outrightly heartless".Responding to motorists' concerns on social media, Nick Mangwana, a senior official in the ministry of information, said the new law was "necessary" and "fair". There are about 1.2 million registered cars in the country

but only 800,000 of them pay insurance, according to local media. The loss-making Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) relies for income on the licence fee as well as government grants, It also generates some revenue through advertising.But the broadcaster is struggling to make people pay for their TV and radio licences. Critics have been calling for the scrapping of the fee, accusing ZBC of biased coverage in favour of the governing Zanu-PF.The

opposition has complained of unfair coverage by the broadcaster, especially during elections. ZBC has denied the accusation. Under the new Broadcasting Services Amendment Act, all motorists must now pay the radio licence fee before they can renew their vehicle insurance or obtain a licence from the Zimbabwe National Road Authority (Zinara).The changes, which were recently approved by parliament, pegs the fee at \$23 per quarter, amounting to \$92 per year.BBC



The move is aimed at boosting revenue for the state broadcaster, the authorities say

Ugandan army accuses German envoy of 'subversive activities'

Uganda's army has announced the suspension of all military cooperation with Germany after accusing its ambassador, Matthias Schauer, of being involved in "subversive activities" and of being "wholly unqualified" to be in the East African state. The army did not back up its claim but its decision signals a sharp deterioration in relations between the two nations. Rejecting the accusations, a German foreign ministry spokesperson called them "absurd and without any merit", the Reuters news agency reports. The highly unusual attack on Schauer came after he reportedly raised concerns about army chief Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, who is the president's son, at a meeting last week.On X Schauer was involved in

Creation. Gen Saleh held a private meeting with European Union (EU) diplomats last week, where Schauer - Germany's ambassador to Uganda since 2020 - raised concerns about the army chief's controversial tweets, and the "reputational damage" it was causing to Uganda, local media reported. Gen Kainerugaba hit back with a post on Sunday, saying he was "having issues" with the German ambassador "that has to do with him as a person". "He is wholly unqualified to be in Uganda. It has nothing to do with the great German people. Whom I admire a lot," he posted.In a separate statement, army spokesman Col Chris Magezi said Uganda was suspending with immediate effect all defence and military cooperation with Germany because of "credible intelligence reports" that Schauer was involved in



Army chief Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba is known for his controversial posts on social media platform X

recently, the general threatened to behead opposition leader Robert Kyagulanyi, popularly known as Bobi Wine. Gen Kainerugaba also boasted about torturing Wine's bodyguard after detaining him. Rights groups have long accused the Ugandan government of targeting the opposition, especially in the run-up to elections.Wine is expected to run against President Yoweri Museveni, (£247m) in 2024, and their relationship was based on nearly four decades, in an election due next year. Museveni's critics allege that the government is run by a family dynasty - his wife, Janet Museveni is the minister of education, and his brother, Gen Salim Saleh, is the chief coordinator of a government programme known as Operation Wealth

"subversive activities". "The suspension will remain in force until the full resolution of the matter of the Ambassador's involvement with pseudo political-military forces operating in the country against the Ugandan government," the statement added, without giving evidence to substantiate its claims. On its website, Germany's embassy in Uganda said that bilateral trade between the two nations was worth around \$335m (£247m) in 2024, and their relationship was based on "stability and trust". It did not give details of military cooperation between the two nations. Uganda is heavily involved in peacekeeping operations, including in Somalia where it is helping to fight armed Islamist groups trying to overthrow the government.BBC

OP-ED

By: Al-Hassan Conteh, Ph.D

The Time is Ripe for Liberia's Non-Permanent Seat on the UN Security Council

As the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) prepares for the next round of elections of members for non-permanent seats in June 2025, member states must recognize and empower the Republic of Liberia, which has historically demonstrated its commitment to peace, security, and cooperation. With its long and rich history of contributions to global affairs, Liberia is uniquely positioned to assume a non-permanent seat on the UNSC.

As the first African republic, Liberia has actively participated in international relations for about eighteen decades, pivotal in shaping regional and global agendas. As one of the founding members of the United Nations, Liberia has consistently demonstrated its dedication to peacebuilding, sustainable development, and democratic elections.

Since Liberia joined forty-nine other states to sign the UN Charter in San Francisco, California, USA, on November 2, 1945, she has significantly contributed to international peace and security. For example, during the Cold War, Liberia served as a strategic partner to the United States and other allied nations, providing a critical bulwark for stability in the world. In the post-Cold War era, Liberia benefitted as host of the largest UN peacekeeping mission in the world, which helped successfully bring its civil crisis, which started circa 1989, to an end in 2003. That experience helped Liberia to become a successful post-war polity, contributing its expertise to peacebuilding and peacekeeping efforts. For example, Liberian troops served in regional peacekeeping and conflict resolution efforts, including participating in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) and the earlier Africa-led International Support Mission to Mali (AFISMA).

Liberia's commitment to global governance is not limited to peace and security. The country has also been at the forefront of efforts to promote the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and their successor, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Liberia has ratified numerous international treaties and conventions, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

In recent years, Liberia has made significant strides in consolidating its democratic gains and promoting economic development. The country has successfully transitioned from one democratically elected government to another and has implemented various reforms to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance.

In light of Liberia's impressive history of contributions to global affairs, it is clear that the time is ripe for the country to assume a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council. Such a move would not only be a testament to Liberia's catalytic influence in global stability but provide a unique opportunity for the country to contribute its expertise and experience in peacebuilding and sustainable development to the Council's work and to championing these ends for all developing economies.

As Liberia seeks this ripe time place on the UN Security Council, I urge member states to recognize its long history of contributions to global affairs and its commitment to peacebuilding, sustainable development, and democracy. Together, we can work towards a more just, peaceful, and prosperous world.

(Al-Hassan Conteh is a demographer, regional scientist, and former president of the University of Liberia. He served as former Ambassador to Nigeria, Benin, and Equatorial Guinea and is Liberia's Ambassador to the United States).

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OPINION

By Jim O'Neill

Does Trump Really Want to Sacrifice Dollar Dominance?

LONDON - After a few weeks of relative calm in financial markets, following the tariff chaos US President Donald Trump unleashed on “Liberation Day” (April 2), Trump’s impatience for perceived results has returned. Having realized that there is no easy deal to be made vis-à-vis Russia and Ukraine, he is on the cusp of abandoning that effort. He will turn his attention to softer targets: the European Union - which he is now threatening with a 50% tariff - and Harvard University.

One doubts that Trump has considered the costs of these erratic moves, especially as far as the dollar is concerned. In March, I pushed back on the conventional view that tariffs would be bullish for the dollar (by reducing the supply of greenbacks held by foreign countries), because I expected any strengthening effects to be more than offset by the blow to US credibility. I was right, and yet Trump is now doubling down on the same behavior.

By flipflopping on his tariff “strategy” in mid-April, he briefly encouraged markets to believe that there was a “Trump put” to protect the bond and stock markets. But now, he has decided, on a whim, that the EU deserves to be hit by an even larger across-the-board tariff than he initially proposed on April 2 - though he has already issued another pronunciamiento delaying the 50% levy until July 9.

Trump’s only reason for hiking tariffs on the EU is that he has grown impatient with European trade negotiators. But anyone involved in the long, arduous Brexit negotiations could have told him that the EU likes to dig into the details. Europeans are highly skilled trade negotiators, and they were never likely to agree to a gimmicky deal that simply allows Trump to claim credit for accomplishing something. After all, that would mean accepting a higher base tariff rate - as the United States has done with the United Kingdom.

Given the size of the EU economy and US multinationals’ dependence on it, I do not see how Trump can sustain his new, aggressive position. If he did, the market reaction would probably mirror what we saw in early April, when US stocks cratered while yields on US government bonds spiked (signaling capital flight). Not only would a 50% tariff on European goods have massive, negative consequences for US companies and consumers; it also would jeopardize one of America’s biggest strengths: services exports. Obviously, the EU’s retaliation would target US tech companies, among others.

Moreover, Trump’s demand that large companies move their manufacturing to the US reflects a focus on traditional industries like automobiles. But there is zero chance that the German government would just sit on its hands and allow its own auto giants to shift the bulk of their operations to the US.

Trump’s attacks on Harvard - and on higher education more broadly - are no less harmful. As Jason Furman notes in the Financial Times, the administration’s latest decision barring Harvard from enrolling foreign students (who tend to pay full tuition) is designed to compromise its financial health. But the damage would not be confined to one world-leading research institution. The Boston region is in many ways a mini-Silicon Valley. An entire innovation ecosystem - and American innovation more broadly - could be undermined. From now on, students, academics, and researchers from around the world will think twice before pursuing professional opportunities in the US.

In my own work on regional economic regeneration in the UK, I have long been inspired by the American northeast. In the economic textbooks of the 1960s and 1970s, this region was presumed to be in irreversible industrial decline, much like northern England and some parts of continental Europe today. But owing to its world-class universities - notably Harvard, the rest of the Ivy League, and MIT - it has become one of the most dynamic and prosperous parts of the US. Does Trump really want to pull the plug on this engine of growth?

That brings us back to the dollar. The Trump administration’s capricious, self-destructive behavior is rapidly undermining both the cyclical and the structural outlook for the greenback. In thinking about the structural side, I have developed a method of assessing “fair value” (based on John Williamson’s pioneering research into real equilibrium exchange-rate values) that focuses on both relative prices and relative productivity.

What does this measure show us? By undermining the cutting-edge research institutions that drive productivity, and by pursuing policies that raise the price level (to say nothing of the colossal fiscal hole implied by the current tax bill), Trump is weakening the long-term fair value of the dollar. Making matters worse, by ignoring and undermining the institutions that underpin rule of law - and thus American democracy and the economy - he is raising persistent doubts about US governance, and thus about the dollar’s suitability as the dominant reserve currency.

On the cyclical side, by constantly creating uncertainty and new inflationary risks, Trump is undercutting the US economy’s short-term outlook. While part of me thinks that the dollar must surely be due for a bounce (given how sharply it has fallen), it is also possible that it already has bounced. Time will tell whether that was what we witnessed these past few weeks when it stopped falling further.

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Request For Proposal (RFP) | May 28, 2025

Title: Media and Publicity Services

RFP Number: RFP NO. NPA/LCS/004/2025

Issue Date: May 28, 2025 | Closing Date: June 30, 2025

BACKGROUND

The National Port Authority of Liberia is the principal gateway of Liberia and plays a crucial and strategic role in boosting the nation's economy and development. The NPA facilitates the country's international trade and drives its economic development. The National Port Authority, as the largest and most active port, serves as a vital hub for imports and exports, supporting key sectors such as agriculture, mining, and industry. Alongside Monrovia, are the Ports of Buchanan which contributes to regional connectivity and trade facilitation. Each port has its unique role in enhancing Liberia's competitiveness and linking it to global supply chains.

The National Port Authority is launching this RFP to solicit competitive proposal from an experienced Firm/Organization to develop and implement a comprehensive **Media & Publicity Service (s)** aimed at enhancing the Authority's brand visibility, stakeholder communication, crisis communication, media engagement, and public perception management

Purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP)

The National Port Authority is launching this RFP to solicit competitive proposals and select a firm/organization (hereto referred to as "Service Provider" or "Consultant") to enter into a contract. The selection process aims to ensure that the final selected Service Provider or Consultant is of the highest caliber professionally, technically and ethically to implement and execute the necessary service.

The National Port Authority now invites qualified individuals, or consortia to submit proposals for the implementation of a **Media and Publicity Service** for the National Port Authority.

The objective of the assignment is to engage a firm/organization to develop a comprehensive media /Public relations engagement, and an actionable proposal for a **Media and Publicity Service** that will enhance the Authority's brand visibility, stakeholder communication, crisis communication, improved media engagement, and public perception management. The proposal should identify strategic media directions and mechanisms to engage the public within Liberia and beyond.

All interested eligible individuals may obtain copy of the **Request for Proposal (RFP) Document** from the Procurement Department of the National Port Authority, beginning **May 28, 2025, Mondays through**

Fridays at 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M, when a non-refundable fee of **USD 51.50** is paid to NPA's ECO Bank USD Account. The Account Title and Number are: **National Port Authority; 6100225392.**

Submission and Opening of Proposals

Submission of the Proposal

All interested individuals participating in this Request for Proposal are requested to submit their proposals to the address mentioned below no later than **30 June 2025, 14:00:00 hours (2:00 p.m. o'clock)** hereinafter referred to as "the closing date and time").

Proposals received after the closing date and time will be rejected. All proposals and supporting documents must be submitted in a hard copy and also accompanied by a soft copy placed on a USB drive (ensure that the document placed on the USB is in PDF format) on or before the closing date and time stipulated below.

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The Procurement Department

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Please adhere to the following instructions, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Bid Documents. The Submission must be drafted in **English** and contain:

A **Technical Proposal** and supporting documentation, with clear and concise description of your proposed actions to execute the Scope of Work/Terms of Reference

and Deliverables. The Technical Proposal **should include all supporting documentation (CVs, company profile, references and legal business documents) for successful delivery.**

- A **Financial Proposal**
- **All the supporting documentation** in relation to the evaluation criteria.
- Proposals must be submitted in **two separate Envelopes.**
- The Technical Proposal must be named **RFP NO. NPA/LCS/004/2025 - TECHNICAL Proposal.**
- The Financial Proposal must be named **RFP NO. NPA/LCS/004/2025 - FINANCIAL Proposal.**
- All financial information must **ONLY** be included in the Financial Proposal. No Financial proposals, quotes or any other related financial information should appear in the Technical Proposal.
- Proposals which do not comply with these requirements, e.g. combining the financial and technical proposals in one submission or submitted in any way, other than outlined above, will be rejected.

Late submissions shall be rejected. Non compliance with the above requirements regarding the presentation of the RFP may lead to the exclusion from the RFP process for this contract.

The proposal must be valid for the period of **120 days** from the deadline of proposals. The bidder shall provide a statement confirming the period of validity of its proposal when submitting the required documents for this RFP.

Signed: _____

MANAGEMENT

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NPP backs Snowe amid destabilization allegations

The National Patriotic Party has come in defend of its standard bearer hopeful, Senator Snowe, calling on the Government of Liberia to provide evidence for its recent subversion allegation against the Bomi County Senator.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

Monrovia, Liberia, May 28, 2025 - The National Patriotic

instead, demanding the government to provide credible and substantive evidence to support its claims.



Party (NPP) has issued a strong statement of support for its partisan, Senator Edwin Melvin Snowe, Jr., in the wake of recent allegations linking him to a purported plot to destabilize the Government of Liberia.

Senator Snowe of Bomi County has come under scrutiny following claims by the government of his alleged involvement in subversive activities, but the NPP has rejected the allegations outright, Senator Snowe was involved

In a press statement released here on Monday, the Party emphasized that any such accusation must be backed by facts that meet the threshold of sufficiency to convince the Liberian people of Senator Snowe's alleged involvement.

"The NPP firmly demands that the Government of Liberia present credible and substantive evidence that meets the threshold of sufficiency to convince the Liberian people that

in planning any subversive activities, whether within or outside the territorial bounds of Liberia," the statement reads.

The Party defends Senator Snowe's reputation, describing him as a responsible and principled public servant, who has carried himself with integrity both domestically and internationally. It notes that, like all citizens, the senator has a constitutional right to express his views and participate in national discourse. Reflecting on Liberia's past, the NPP warned against a return of practices reminiscent of authoritarian regimes, where false accusations were used to silence dissenting voices.

"In the absence of clear and compelling evidence, the Party regards this allegation as reminiscent of those dark periods," the statement continued. "Accordingly, the NPP finds it difficult to ascribe credibility to such a serious and treasonable accusation against its partisan without the support of convincing, empirical evidence."

It also voiced concern over the potential security

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Yarkpawolo autopsy reveals shocking details

The autopsy report of 19 year old Yarkpawolo Moisema, who was discovered hanging dead in a Police holding cell in Voinjama, Lofa County on January 6, 2025, has revealed that he did not died a natural death.

By Kruah Thompson

Monrovia, May 29, 2025: Speaking Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism, Deputy Information Minister Daniel Sanoë revealed that the autopsy report established that the cause of death was unnatural, meaning the late Moisema did not hang himself as reported by the police. The autopsy was conducted on March 22, 2025, by the state pathologist, Dr. Benedict Kolee, in the presence of family members of the late Moisema and members of various law enforcement agencies at the Tellewoyan Memorial Hospital, Voinjama, Lofa County"

were Moisema was pronounced dead.

It was conducted following a series of protests and demands from family members who questioned the circumstances surrounding his death in the Police hold cell.

Sando said the Ministry of

Justice has launched an immediate investigation based on the findings of the autopsy report and will keep the public updated as the investigation progresses.

It all started on December 31, 2024, when Moisema was arrested, along with four others, on for their alleged involvement in the gruesome murder of a

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Supt. Massaquoi applauds peace initiatives in Lofa

-Hails Plan International Liberia

Superintendent Lavelah Massaquoi says maintaining peace in Liberia is based on straight law enforcement by holding people accountable.

Lofa, Liberia, May27, 2025 - for them. The Superintendent of Lofa County, J. Lavelah always. We should always be Massaquoi has applauded Plan prepared to help ourselves even International Liberia for its when NGOs are helping us, peace interventions in Lofa. knowing they will go one day", Superintendent Massaquoi made Mr. Massaquoi cautioned the commendation during a citizens.

Security Council and County At the same time, Lofa County Peace Mechanism meeting Security Council representation organized by Plan International in separate statements, lauded Liberia Girls and Young Women Plan International Liberia work in Take Action for Peace project Lofa, and said the organization's team. Participants included peacebuilding initiatives and County-based implementing other development efforts have partner, Women Solidarity resulted to reduction in violence Incorporated (WOSI) as part of among young people and the the project's quality check field entire county.

monitoring visit in the county. Heads of Lofa County Marketing The meeting was called to Association, Civil Society officially inform the highest Organizations' network, and county-based peacebuilding Association of Persons with actors and security council about Disabilities, also praised the NGO



the project closure, after two for supporting the county years of activities in the county peacebuilding mechanism specifically in Yeala and Konia coordination meetings.

Peace Hut Communities and According them, the council was three other counties of Liberia. activated when Plan Superintendent Massaquoi, who International Liberia started presided over the forum, engagement with stakeholders acknowledged contributions of for Girls and Young Women Take Plan International Liberia Action for Peace project in the through successful county. However, they implementation of the Girls and recommended extension of the Young Women Take Action for Girls and Young Women Take Peace Project, and the Action for Peace Project, to management of Konia and Yeala allow the council sufficient time Peace Huts. to prepare for donor exit. The

The Superintendent said his council also thanked UN leadership is considering Peacebuilding Fund and WOSI for including security and working with Plan International peacebuilding interventions in Liberia to ensure successful the county development budget, implementation of the project in as security is very critical to Lofa.

mitigating and maintaining Meanwhile, Plan International lasting peace anywhere. He Liberia Lofa office Sponsorship called on the council leadership Project Officer, Sidiki Kamara, comprising of prominent citizens said, Plan International Liberia to avail themselves at all time to investment in Lofa covers key tackle issues of insecurity and development sectors, including a peace in the county, and not strong collaboration with the depend on international organizations to always be there

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Gov't to indict corrupt officials

The Government of Liberia says its compiling evidence to prosecute officials involved in corruption.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

Monrovia, Liberia, May 28, 2025 - Justice Minister and Attorney General of Liberia, Cllr. N. Oswald Tweh, has revealed that the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) is finalizing its investigative report on alleged corruption at the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA). Minister Tweh also disclosed that ongoing investigations into several other institutions, including the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL), focusing on its former CEO Rustonlyn Suacoco Dennis, and the National Road Fund (NRF), Abdullah Kamara, who was which he says is at an advanced stage. Additionally, a

case involving the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) and its former head, Emma Glassco, is under review. The reports will

report, has raised concerns. While other officials cited in similar allegations have been suspended, Kamara remains in office pending further investigation by the LACC. Critics argue this reflects selective enforcement and undermines the government's anti-corruption drive. When pressed on the inconsistency, Minister Tweh responded that he must review the full General Auditing Commission of Liberia (GAC) report before making any definitive statements. He acknowledged the report has been released but stressed the importance of basing decisions on a comprehensive understanding of the findings.

Appearing on OK FM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, the Attorney-General admitted that while the criminal justice system may appear slow, it is still functional.

He emphasized the need to allow LACC the time and resources to conduct thorough investigations, citing the necessity of a team of at least 50 skilled investigators to handle cases simultaneously and efficiently. Tweh also highlighted structural and logistical challenges facing the justice system, including overcrowded prisons due to insufficient infrastructure and the need for enhanced training and staffing within the Ministry of Justice. Editing by Jonathan Browne



Liberia's Attorney General, Cllr. N. Oswald Tweh

soon be submitted to President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, and that the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) is finalizing its investigative report on alleged corruption at the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA). Minister Tweh also disclosed that ongoing investigations into several other institutions, including the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL), focusing on its former CEO Rustonlyn Suacoco Dennis, and the National Road Fund (NRF), Abdullah Kamara, who was which he says is at an advanced stage. Additionally, a

Boakai provides two vehicles to AIDS Commission

Monrovia, Liberia, May 28, 2025 - President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, has donated two new pickup trucks to the National Aids Commission in fulfilment of a pledge he made during a recent fundraising event held in support of the Commission. According to a press release, the donation is meant to strengthen operational capacity of the National AIDS Commission (NAC). The vehicles were formally presented on behalf of the President by Madam Georgette Gray, Ex-Officio and Presidential Representative to the NAC Board, during a brief handover ceremony at the Commission's headquarters in Monrovia.

Madam Gray conveyed President Boakai's unwavering commitment to national health priorities, underscoring the importance of equipping public health institutions with the necessary tools to carry out their mandates effectively. "President Boakai understands the critical role

that logistics play in our national HIV response," said Madam Gray. "This donation is a reflection of his leadership and his Government's support to public health institutions doing essential work."

Receiving the donation, Dr. Cecelia J. Nuta, Chairperson of the National AIDS Commission, expressed profound gratitude to the President, describing the donation as timely and impactful.

"This donation comes at a crucial time as we work to scale

up our national response," Dr. Nuta stated. "We are grateful to President Boakai for his generous support and for reaffirming his confidence in the Commission's work. These vehicles will significantly enhance our operational capacity."

According to the Executive Mansion, Dr. Nuta further pledged that the trucks would be used to strengthen field coordination, expand community outreach, and ensure effective delivery of HIV/AIDS-related services across the country.



Senator Snowe dragged Gov't before Plenary

-Writes formal complaint on subversion allegation

Senator Edwin Snowe, accused of subversion by the Government of Liberia, has complained to the Senator Plenary, calling for a full investigation.

By Lincoln G. Peters

government.

Monrovia, Liberia, May 28, "This statement issued by the 2025 - Days after he was Government of Liberia amounts accused of subversion, to nothing less than an implicit Bomi County Senator and head of accusation of treason, one of the Liberia's Delegation to the gravest charges under our ECOWAS Parliament, Edwin constitution that I do not take Snowe, has dragged the Liberian lightly. Such an accusation is not Government through the Ministry only wholly unfounded and of Information to the plenary of defamatory but also constitutes the Liberian Senate over a serious affront to the principles allegation of subversive plot to of democracy, the rule of law, destabilize the administration of and the constitutional President Joseph N. Boakai. safeguards that protect all Senator Snowe, in a formal citizens of our Republic. communication to the 55th Furthermore, it is a disturbing Liberian Legislature dated and deliberate attempt to Tuesday, May 27, 2025 damage my reputation and cast complained of malicious aspersions on my integrity as a allegations by the government statesman, representative of the against him, noting that it is with Liberian people and a deep concern and profound responsible member of the disappointment that he draws his opposition", Snowe lamented.



Sen. Edwin Snowe

esteemed colleagues attention He points out that while he has to an official statement unequivocally and categorically disseminated on Saturday, 24TH rejected and condemned these May, 2025, by the Ministry of allegations as entirely baseless, Information, Culture Affairs and malicious, and politically Tourism, which falsely attributes motivated, he wishes to register to him inflammatory and his grave concerns over the irresponsible remarks allegedly implications of such unfounded intended to undermine and accusations against his person destabilize the Government of and herewith inform the body, Liberia.

the Office of the President, as According to him, the well as the Liberia National Civil government's statement, issued Society Council, that he has while he was away on an official respectfully requested the ECOWAS Parliamentary Liberian Senate to initiate an assignment in the Kingdom of immediate, independent, and Sweden, accused him of making comprehensive investigation statements that could be into the alegation.

interpreted as inciting panic, "Additionally, I have informed our promoting instability, and international partners including threatening the democratic the Economic Community of order of the country. He further West African States (ECOWAS), complained that the statement the African Union, the European accused him of leveraging his Union (EU), the United Nations, networks within ECOWAS and and other well-meaning other international institutions organizations to closely monitor to orchestrate the alleged this development and what destabilization of the

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Intimidation politique : Le sénateur Snowe contre-attaque

Le sénateur du comté de Bomi, Edwin M. Snowe, a vivement dénoncé une déclaration du gouvernement libérien l'accusant de manœuvres subversives contre l'administration du président Joseph Boakai. Il qualifie ces allégations d'«



intimidation politique ». « Une telle accusation est non seulement totalement infondée et diffamatoire, mais elle constitue également une atteinte

grave aux principes démocratiques, à l'État de droit et aux garanties constitutionnelles qui protègent tous les citoyens de notre République », a-t-il déclaré avec fermeté. Vice-président de la commission sénatoriale des affaires intérieures, de la gouvernance

et de la réconciliation, le sénateur Snowe a exprimé sa profonde inquiétude face à ces accusations, qu'il considère comme mensongèrement portées contre lui.

Sous pression, il sollicite l'intervention du Sénat, de la CEDEAO, des Nations Unies, ainsi que de toutes les organisations bilatérales et multilatérales concernées, afin de faire la lumière sur cette affaire. Dans un communiqué publié le samedi 24 mai, le gouvernement affirme que le sénateur Snowe, également membre du Parlement de la CEDEAO, aurait menacé d'utiliser ses relations au sein de cette instance régionale pour faire échouer l'administration Boakai. Selon des sources proches du dossier, ces propos auraient été tenus lors d'une session du Parlement de la CEDEAO, provoquant la stupéfaction de plusieurs de ses collègues parlementaires. L'un d'eux aurait même indiqué que de telles déclarations pourraient compromettre la paix en République du Libéria. Il aurait été conseillé au sénateur Snowe de présenter des excuses au président Boakai sous peine d'expulsion.

Une autre source, proche de

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Le Ministère de la Justice lance une formation pour les cadres intermédiaires du BCR à Bong

Dans le cadre de ses efforts visant à renforcer le système carcéral du Liberia, le ministère de la Justice a officiellement lancé, ce lundi, le programme de formation des cadres intermédiaires du Bureau des services pénitentiaires et de réinsertion (BCR) au centre régional de Gbarnga, dans le comté de Bong.

La cérémonie de lancement a réuni des hauts responsables du ministère de la Justice, des partenaires internationaux au développement, des autorités locales ainsi que des représentants d'institutions sécuritaires. Ce programme de formation vise à améliorer le professionnalisme, le leadership et l'efficacité opérationnelle des agents pénitentiaires de niveau intermédiaire à travers le pays.

Prononçant le discours inaugural, l'Assistant Ministre de la Justice chargé des services

pénitentiaires et de la réinsertion, Me Gabriel F. Ndupellar, a souligné l'importance d'investir dans le capital humain pour renforcer le secteur judiciaire libérien.

« Ce programme constitue un investissement dans le potentiel humain de notre système pénitentiaire », a déclaré Me Ndupellar. « Doter nos cadres intermédiaires des compétences techniques et managériales nécessaires est essentiel pour garantir un environnement carcéral humain et sécurisé. »

La formation s'adresse aux superviseurs et administrateurs des établissements pénitentiaires

du pays. Elle comprend un programme rigoureux axé sur le leadership, l'éthique, la gestion des détenus, les droits de l'homme, la résolution de conflits et les protocoles de sécurité. Elle est dispensée par des experts locaux et internationaux spécialisés dans les services correctionnels.

Le programme bénéficie du soutien de partenaires majeurs comme le Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement (PNUD) et le Carter Center, tous deux engagés de longue date

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

La 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, Ivahoe Atlantic, serait une grave erreur. Ce choix envoie un mauvais signal aux investisseurs actuels et potentiels. Il accorde un avantage indu à Ivahoe 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 avec AML reste juridiquement contraignant. Si le gouvernement ne plus pouvoir accepter AML comme opérateur ferroviaire, la voie légitime et honorable serait de renégocier l'accord de manière consensuelle - non de l'annuler unilatéralement.

d'AML comme opérateur-utilisateur n'empêche en rien l'accès d'autres entreprises à la voie ferrée. Les RSOP garantissent justement 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 opérateur-utilisateur 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.

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Intimidation politique : Le sénateur

la présidence, a indiqué que le sénateur Snowe, suivant les conseils de ses pairs, se serait rendu auprès du président Boakai en compagnie de la présidente du Sénat, Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, et du président de la Chambre des représentants, Richard Koon, pour lui présenter ses excuses. Cependant, à la suite de cette rencontre, aucune déclaration officielle n’a été publiée. Seules des photographies des quatre personnalités ont circulé sur les réseaux sociaux, sans qu’aucune explication ne soit donnée quant au contenu ou à l’objet de la visite. Dans son communiqué, le gouvernement accuse formellement le sénateur Snowe d’avoir déclaré qu’il ferait « tout ce qui est en son pouvoir, y compris utiliser ses connexions à la CEDEAO, pour faire échouer le gouvernement Boakai, quitte à décourager les investissements étrangers et à rendre le pays ingouvernable et instable jusqu’à ce qu’il devienne président du Libéria ». Mais le sénateur rejette catégoriquement ces accusations, les qualifiant de pures fabrications. Il affirme qu’au moment de la publication du communiqué gouvernemental,

il se trouvait en mission officielle en Suède dans le cadre de ses fonctions au sein du Parlement de la CEDEAO. L’ élu libérien dénonce le caractère inapproprié et malveillant de ces accusations, estimant qu’elles visent à ternir sa réputation et à remettre en question son intégrité en tant qu’homme d’État, représentant du peuple libérien et membre responsable de l’opposi tion. Il soutient par ailleurs que cette manœuvre du gouvernement constitue un précédent dangereux et inacceptable, menaçant le tissu même de la démocratie libérienne ainsi que les droits fondamentaux des citoyens, notamment ceux qui osent exprimer leur désaccord avec le pouvoir en place. Pour le sénateur Snowe, cette affaire s’inscrit dans le cadre d’une campagne de diffamation calculée et malveillante, destinée à discréditer, intimider et faire taire les voix critiques de l’opposition. Il conclut en réaffirmant que les accusations du gouvernement sont sans fondement, malveillantes et qu’il n’a jamais eu l’intention de saper ou de déstabiliser l’administration en place.

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dans la réforme du secteur de la justice au Liberia. Présent lors de l’événement, le responsable des finances du comté de Bong, M. Silas Tokpah, a salué cette initiative et félicité le ministère pour avoir choisi Gbarnga comme pôle régional de formation. « Cette formation profitera non seulement au système pénitentiaire, mais contribuera également à renforcer l’administration de la justice dans le comté de Bong et les zones avoisinantes », a-t-il affirmé. Le centre régional de Gbarnga, développé dans le cadre de l’architecture nationale de sécurité et de justice, est un site stratégique de

formation et de coordination du personnel du secteur sécuritaire dans le centre du pays. Son choix pour cette formation illustre la volonté du gouvernement de décentraliser les services publics et de renforcer les capacités locales. Les participants se sont montrés enthousiastes face à cette opportunité. L’agente pénitentiaire Martha Tamba, du centre de détention de Zwedru, a qualifié le programme de « chance exceptionnelle ». « C’est une occasion unique d’améliorer nos compétences et de mieux servir notre pays. Je suis reconnaissante pour les connaissances que nous allons acquérir ici », a-t-

Gouvernance budgétaire : Armah Zulu Jallah dénonce l’incapacité de l’État à développer le Liberia

L’ancien président pro-tempore du Sénat libérien, Armah Zulu Jallah, a affirmé que, dans sa forme actuelle, la structure budgétaire nationale ne permet pas au gouvernement de développer le Liberia de manière efficace. Il s’est exprimé le samedi 17 mai lors d’un grand rassemblement national des Kpelle, tenu dans le bâtiment administratif de Gbarnga, dans le comté de Bong. Cette première rencontre de grande envergure entre les membres de la communauté Kpelle avait pour objectif de discuter du bien-être, de l’unité et du développement de ce groupe ethnique, le plus important du pays. Parmi les participants figuraient d’anciens sénateurs comme Henry W. Yallah et Franklin Siakor, les sénateurs en exercice Prince K. Moya et Nathaniel Falo McGill, l’ancienne vice-présidente Jewel Howard Taylor, l’ancien représentant Moses Y. Kollie, des chefs coutumiers, des anciens, ainsi que des représentants des autorités locales des comtés de Bong, Lofa et Margibi. Dans son intervention, M. Jallah a exhorté la communauté Kpelle à s’unir pour créer une Banque nationale Kpelle et à accorder une attention particulière à la question du budget national. Concernant spécifiquement la structure budgétaire du pays, il a déclaré :



Former Senate Pro-temp Armah Zulu Jallah

« À tous égards, le gouvernement libérien est incapable d’améliorer les conditions de vie de la population. C’est tout simplement impossible. J’ai été président pro-tempore du Sénat. Le budget national du Liberia s’élève à environ 800 millions de dollars américains, et près de 90 % de ce montant est consacré aux dépenses récurrentes. » Selon lui, cette enveloppe budgétaire est principalement absorbée par les salaires, les indemnités de déplacement des hauts fonctionnaires, l’achat de véhicules pour les membres du gouvernement et d’autres dépenses similaires, ainsi que par le remboursement de dettes. En conséquence, seulement 10 % du budget, soit environ 80 millions de dollars, sont alloués au développement national. « Avec un tel montant, on ne peut même pas faire fonctionner correctement l’Université de Cuttington dans le comté de Bong. Alors, imaginez atteindre une localité comme Sanoyea avec des routes praticables ! Si quelques portions de route sont réparées, la population doit déjà s’en réjouir », a-t-il ironisé. Il a conclu en soulignant que tant que le gouvernement ne procédera pas à une refonte structurelle du budget national en mettant l’accent sur les priorités essentielles, le Liberia restera dans l’impasse sur le chemin du développement. Ses propos ont reçu l’adhésion de nombreux participants à l’événement, qui ont salué la pertinence de son appel à une réforme budgétaire et à une mobilisation communautaire.

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Yarkpawolo autopsy reveals shocking details

woman only known as discovered hanging without pay, while Inspector Keleko from Dogomai Town unconscious in his cell. Saah Bundor and Sergeant who went missing and was After the incident, it was Selekie Tawalay were later found dead. reported that the police suspended for two months Barely a week after his acting under the authority without pay. Meanwhile, arrest, he was discovered of ACP Jackson immediately Detective Francis Duo and on January 6, 2025, hanging took him to the Tellewoyan Patrolman Amilton F. Kollie by a coat he was wearing Memorial Hospital, where were exonerated. during his arrest. he was pronounced dead, as This prompted serious In separate interviews on evidenced by photos from tension in Dogomai Town, different radio stations in the scene. where Moisema hailed Voinjama City on Tuesday However, on February 17, from, as citizens marched in morning, County Police 2025, the Liberia National large numbers in Voinjama Commander ACP Bob Police (LNP) announced a and blocked roads, while Jackson reportedly stated comprehensive change to civil society organizations that Moisema was the entire Lofa County and the police called on the transferred from the police Police Command, relieving towns and villages around depot to the central police ACP Bob L. Jackson, Voinjama to remain station for his own Commander of the Lofa peaceful as the protection, as he was County Police Detachment, investigation continues. providing sensitive and CIP Stephen T. Yawoe, Meanwhile, the surviving information related to the Acting Commander of the suspects including Lamine woman's murder. Based on Crimes Service Department Flomo (24), Emmanuel the information he was in Lofa, Inspector Saah Flomo (52), and Aaron Kollie providing, they thought it Bundor and Sergeant (52), have been charged was wise to protect him Selekie Tawalay of their with Keleko's alleged crime from his other colleagues by duties. and are currently awaiting transferring him to another Both ACP Bob L. Jackson and trial at the Voinjama cell. Unfortunately, they CIP Stephen T. Yawoe were Central Prison. -Edited by were informed that he was suspended for three months Othello B. Garblah.

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NPP backs Snowe amid

threat facing Senator Snowe “The Party is deeply NPP has reaffirmed its full and his family due to the concerned that the support for Senator Snowe public nature of the government's handling of and called for transparency, accusation. It called on the this matter has placed due process, and the rule of Liberia National Police to Senator Snowe and his law in handling the matter. take immediate and family at serious risk,” it Editing by Jonathan Browne appropriate steps to ensure concluded. their safety. As the situation unfolds, the

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Protest rocks Lutheran University in Bong

has not positively impacted the institution or student body. The petition also includes the following demands: Immediate adjustment and adherence to the 2025 academic calendar. A breakdown of registration fees, clearly indicating each component: Official date for the accreditation of the Laboratory Department, Timeline for the expansion of the Medical Laboratory practicum area, Date and fee disclosure for the upcoming graduation ceremony, Employment of qualified instructors, especially in the Laboratory and other departments. The students also demanded significant improvement in customer service, particularly at the Admissions Office, Resolution of all dormitory-related issues and enhance student feeding services, as students currently pay USD 325 but are served only one meal per day with a single sachet of water. “We’re tired of being treated as if our education doesn’t matter,” Walker emphasized. “If our voices are not heard and corrective measures are not taken immediately, we will advocate for the permanent closure of this campus. Enough is enough.” Students have described conditions on campus as deteriorating. Complaints range from broken furniture and unreliable internet to a lack of essential laboratory tools and unsanitary restrooms. “This is not a learning environment. It’s a struggle,”

said one student, who preferred anonymity. Another student, Grace G Kollie, a second-year nursing major, expressed frustration over the persistent delay in academic results. “We have completed semesters and still have no idea how we performed. How are we supposed to plan our academic futures?” she asked. The school administrators had not made any comment. However, a source within the administration, speaking on condition of anonymity, admitted to some of the challenges and indicated a willingness to engage in dialogue. “There have been setbacks, but we are working to address them. We urge the students to remain calm and participate in constructive engagement,” the source said. Meanwhile, parents and residents have expressed concern about the ongoing protest. Many fear that prolonged instability could damage the university’s reputation and negatively affect student enrollment. Some are now calling for the Ministry of Education and the National Commission on Higher Education to intervene and mediate between the university administration and protesting students. As the go-slow enters its second day, the students remain resolute in their demands. Whether the administration will respond with concrete action or allow tensions to escalate remains to be seen.

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Senator Snowe dragged

appears to be an emerging pattern of political intimidation and persecution", he disclosed. He stressed that while counting on the legislature leadership, to treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves, "I remain resolute in my commitment to the values of democracy, good governance, accountability, and the inalienable right of every Liberian to express themselves freely and without fear of retribution." The Government of Liberia over the weekend condemned what it termed irresponsible and inflammatory statement made by Senator Snowe, who is also a member of the ECOWAS Parliament, in which he allegedly vowed to use his connections at the sub-regional body, ECOWAS, to ensure the failure of the Boakai Administration.

A government statement issued by the Ministry of Information quotes Snowe as declaring that he would “do everything possible including using his connections in ECOWAS to make the Boakai-led government to fail, even if it means discouraging foreign direct investment to Liberia and making the country ungovernable and unstable until he, Snowe, becomes President of Liberia”. Government reminds Mr. Snowe and other officials, who may hold similar thought, that no citizen is licensed to undermine his/her own country and government by vowing to use ECOWAS internal institutions or other international organizations to either promote their selfish ambitions or plot destabilization. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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Supt. Massaquoi applauds

county office of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection. Girls and Young Women Take Action for Peace project is funded through UN Peacebuilding Fund (UNPBF) as a two years project with specific goal to increase young people especially girls’ active participation in peacebuilding initiatives and leadership, and at

the same time link them with existing peacebuilding structures at the levels of the project counties of interventions, including Bong, Nimba, Montserrado and Lofa. To date, the project has made significant gains and has impacted a number of girls and young women, boys and men, and Peace Hut women at the community levels. Editing by Jonathan Browne



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Invitation for Bid(IFB)

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The National Investment Commission (NIC) has received budgetary allotment from the Government of Liberia and intends to apply part of the funding towards the procurement of 80 KVA Generator for use by the Commission. The procurement process will be done through a National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method of the Public Procurement and Concession Act of 2010 (PPCA) of Liberia.

Schedule of Requirements

No.	Description	Type	Quantity	Unit	Delivery Schedule	Delivery site
1.	80 KVA Generator	Silencer	1	Unit	Four weeks (4) after Contract signing	NIC SAPZ Project Unit

1. The **National Investment Commission** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of 80 KVA Generator.
2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in **Section 48(P. 52)** of the 2010 amended PPCA.
3. All interested eligible bidders may obtain copy of the bidding document for a non-refundable fee of **US \$ 50.00**(One Hundred United States Dollars) and for any further information, please contact the Procurement Unit of the National Investment Commission (NIC) beginning **Friday, May 27, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily (Monday-Friday)**.
4. Sealed Bid (**One Original and Four Copies**) must be delivered to the address below. Absolutely Electronic bid will not be permitted.
5. Deadline for the submission bids is **Friday, June 27, 2025 at 1:30 PM**. All Bids will be opened at **2:00 PM** in the Conference room of NIC the same day in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend. Late Tenders will be rejected and returned unopened.
6. Tenders shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline of Tender submission.
7. Bid Securing Declaration
8. Details on Technical Specification are captured in the Bid Document.

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Sources: Ivanho fronting for rail operator

Monrovia, Liberia - A detailed investigation has uncovered a troubling pattern of behind-the-scenes maneuvering by Ivanhoe Liberia, formerly High Power Exploration (HPX), to influence Liberia's evolving railway governance framework in ways that could severely compromise national interest and investment integrity.



According to multiple sources with access to internal government discussions, Ivanhoe has been lobbying senior government officials, particularly those within the President's inner circle including Minister of State Sylvester Grisby, to ensure that the company gains indirect control of the vital Yekepa to Buchanan railway. Rather than operate the rail directly, Ivanhoe is said to be positioning foreign firms of its choosing to assume operatorship under the guise of a government-sanctioned international tender.

In the middle of this strategy is the proposed framework being developed by the National Rail Authority (NRA), which would regulate rail usage, enforce equitable access, and collect user fees directly on behalf of the Liberian government. Publicly, Ivanhoe has argued that this model would ensure a multi-user system. However, investigations indicate that the company's real objective is to hand over rail control to one of two companies it has already lined up for the role: Thelo DB of South Africa and the Railroad Development Corporation (RDC) of the United States.

Both firms, sources confirm, are closely being supported by HPX's executive network and have been quietly groomed to take over as rail operators. Should either of them win the bid, Ivanhoe is expected to receive preferential access to the rail corridor without having invested a single dollar in building, repairing, or expanding the infrastructure.

This comes despite Ivanhoe's intention to transport ore from

Guinea through Liberia, a move Guinea has not formally approved. The implications of this strategy are stark. Liberia's most strategic mining and logistics asset could end up under the effective control of a foreign company that has made no financial or developmental commitment to the country.

This covert maneuvering also undermines the existing

operator, ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML), which has invested more than \$800 million in Liberia's mining and transport infrastructure. AML's user-operator status, secured under its Mineral Development Agreement (MDA), has enabled the company to manage and upgrade the rail and port systems at no cost to the Liberian state. Yet Ivanhoe continues to reject AML's role, portraying it as monopolistic while promoting a supposedly fairer multi-user arrangement that masks its own plan to dominate rail logistics by proxy. The dangers of ceding rail operatorship to a foreign entity selected through political influence rather than public interest are profound. For one, Liberia's standing as an investment destination depends on the government's ability to enforce contracts and treat all players equitably. Replacing a proven operator with a politically favored one risks damaging this credibility. Moreover, neither Thelo DB nor RDC has ever invested in Liberia's railway infrastructure. Without financial commitment or operational history, their capacity or motivation to maintain and expand the corridor remains uncertain, potentially threatening the functionality of a critical national asset. Thelo DB, based in Johannesburg, is a railway logistics firm with advisory experience in projects like Ghana's \$3.2 billion Western Railway redevelopment. The company is a joint venture with Deutsche Bahn's engineering arm but has no direct investment record in Liberia. RDC, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

operates short-line railroads in North and South America and has previously managed services in parts of Europe. While it has expressed interest in African expansion, RDC similarly lacks a history of investment in Liberia or West African transport systems. Meanwhile, Ivanhoe itself has engaged in rail projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where its parent company signed an agreement to rebuild a 34-kilometer spur line to connect the Kipushi Mine to the national railway. It also signed a memorandum of understanding to export copper concentrate via Angola's Lobito Atlantic Corridor. These examples show Ivanhoe's willingness to engage in rail development, just not in Liberia. Adding to the complexity is Ivanhoe's highly publicized but stalled Liberty Corridor project in Liberia. In early 2024, while still branded as HPX, the company unveiled a \$5 billion plan in partnership with the Government of Liberia and Guma Africa Group. The Liberty Corridor was billed as a transformative infrastructure initiative connecting Guinea's Nimba region to a proposed deep-water port in Didia, Liberia. It promised a heavy-duty railway, a modern port, upgraded roads, cross-border hydropower expansion, and fiber-optic infrastructure to drive West Africa's industrialization. Despite the grand announcement, there has been little evidence of progress. No feasibility study, no environmental assessment, no construction. Guma Africa, a key partner in the announcement, has been silent. Liberians are left wondering whether the Liberty Corridor was a serious proposal or simply a PR strategy to pressure the government into handing Ivanhoe control over national infrastructure.

With no real investment on the ground, no clarity on financing, and no endorsement from Guinea, Ivanhoe's ambitions in Liberia appear less about building and more about acquiring existing assets through political maneuvering. As international observers and Liberian stakeholders raise red flags, the government faces a critical decision: uphold the rule of law and defend national interests or allow foreign actors to compromise the country's mining future under the false banner of fair access.

If Ivanhoe's lobbying succeeds, Liberia could be surrendering the backbone of its economic infrastructure to a proxy operator, one that bears no financial burden, no developmental responsibility, and no obligation to serve the Liberian people.

Weah still licks wounds

Ex-president Weah frowns at Liberians for voting him out of office despite standing with them during difficult times.

By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh
Paynesville, Liberia, May 28, 2025 - Former President George Weah blames Liberians for his defeat in the 2023 Presidential election.

Mr. Weah conceded defeat and congratulated President Joseph Boakai even before the National Elections Commission announced final results in the runoff.

However, he has for the first time expressed his disappointment in Liberians for voting him out.

"When I see the way Boakai is ruling, gruesomely, without rule of law, and I'm disappointed in losing the election. But the people who voted against me are regretting, the most", Mr. Weah, told congregants at his Forkly Klon Jlateh Family Church along the Robertsfield Highway on Sunday.

"Mr. Boakai and his surrogates are mismanaging this country, and everyday our people are

who are against us today, we sent them to school.

I'm not hateful; we are not looking for nobody to talk our story. We were chased here, our houses were looted, burnt, because we talked for the Liberian people and when we redeemed this country at the time of progress, some people decided to push us backward and they are regretting now."

Mr. Weah was quick to jump in defense of Bomi County Senator Edwin Snowe, who has criticized the Boakai Administration for poor governance with alleged subversion threat.

"In any competition, nobody wishes for his opponent to succeed, therefore, nobody should bullet Hon. Snowe for his statement, simply because when Boakai threatened to end Liberia nobody said anything.", he said.

Former President Weah: "This is



dying, but it is history and disappointing that Liberians voted me out and they are regretting now", he laments.

The former president and leader of the ex-ruling Congress for Democratic Change said he stood for Liberians during their difficult times and came to the Presidency as a safe haven, but Liberian voters chose to return to their worse condition by electing the current administration.

"I am one of the sons that stood up for Liberia, when Liberia and Liberians were desperately in need. Even some of the people

Democracy at its best. Calm down folks; we are all Liberians, and we have the right to our opinions. Boakai had his right to his opinion as an opposition then, when he stated that he will finish Liberia, if he doesn't win the elections. He was never questioned because we live in a democratic society. Why are we questioning Hon. Snowe, who is an opposition that wishes Boakai fail. Let us be mindful that in any competition, nobody wishes for his opponent to succeed, simple logic." Editing by Jonathan Browne

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