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Continental News

South Africa: ANC partner quits key govt initiative as new spat hits coalition

The withdrawal from the national dialogue by the Democratic Alliance (DA) is the latest instability to rock South Africa's coalition government which has just marked its first anniversary. Tension started when President Cyril Ramaphosa fired a deputy minister from the Democratic Alliance over unauthorized travel. Andrew Whitfield who served as deputy minister for trade made a trip to the United States without approval from the presidency, contravening rules governing ministers. The DA responded by asking Ramaphosa to fire three African National Congress (ANC) ministers facing corruption allegations in 48 hours or 'face consequences'. On Friday, South Africa's presidency dismissed the DA's call as 'threats and ultimatums' that would not bother the president. Following last year's general election, where Ramaphosa's ANC lost its parliamentary majority for the first time in

three decades, it was forced to team up with the DA to form a governing coalition. The two parties however maintain sharp ideological differences. Over the past year, they have clashed over the budget and policies to empower South Africa's Black majority. The 'national dialogue' is an initiative started by Ramaphosa last month to unite the country to address issues such as unemployment and crime.

US embassy in Monrovia tells visa applicants to make social media accounts 'public' for vetting

Liberians applying for US visas will have to give American authorities access to their social media, according to the US embassy in Monrovia.

In a statement posted on its website, the embassy said that people “applying for an F, M, or J nonimmigrant visa are requested to adjust the privacy settings on all of their social media accounts to 'public' to facilitate vetting necessary to establish their identity and admissibility to the United States under US law.” But Liberians are not alone. The move is part of a new policy tightening screening processes across the board. The aim is “to

Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. The restrictions are for people from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela, who are outside the United States and don't hold a visa. Some exceptions apply only to specific countries, like Afghanistan. Others are for most of the countries on the list, or are more general and unclear, like the



Supporters of the main opposition party, the Democratic Alliance (DA), attend a final election rally in Benoni, South Africa, on Sunday, May 26, 2024

Sierra Leone's Bio takes over as ECOWAS chair

Sierra Leone's President Julius Maada Bio was chosen on Sunday to be the next chairman of the West African economic bloc, ECOWAS. The Economic Community of West African States, known as ECOWAS, was founded in 1975, and is facing challenges due to rising violence, member departures and economic disturbances. In a statement following Sunday's announcement, Bio promised to prioritise democracy, security cooperation, economic integration and institutional credibility. “We are still confronting insecurity in the Sahel and coastal states, terrorism, political instability, illicit arms flow, and transnational organised crimes continue to test the resilience of our nations and the effectiveness of our institutions,” he said. Bio is currently serving his second term as president after a contested election two years ago in the coastal West African country. He was president when ECOWAS imposed severe sanctions on

Niger following a coup two years ago. Niger cited the sanctions as one of the reasons for leaving the bloc. Sierra Leone was one of the countries that supported a military intervention in the country in 2023. At home, Bio is facing an ongoing synthetic drug crisis and a stagnating economy. Bio's new position comes as the region faces its most severe crisis in decades, with jihadist forces controlling vast swaths of the Sahel, a semi-arid region south of the Sahara.

In the past few years, ECOWAS has struggled with the departure of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger which have all faced military coups. All three junta left the bloc and created their security partnership, the Alliance of Sahel States. They have cut ties with the traditional Western allies, ousting French and American military forces, and instead sought new security ties with Russia. The three countries have been the hardest hit by jihadist violence in recent years.



Julius Maada Bio, President of Sierra Leone, speaks at the United Nations, 19 September 2022.



Members of the women in peacebuilding network sing alongside a Liberian flag on the eve of presidential elections in Monrovia, Liberia Monday, Oct. 10, 2011.

ensure those applying for admission to the United States do not intend to harm Americans and our national interests,” the US State Department said in a press release on 18 June, adding that “a US visa is a privilege, not a right.” Since returning to office in January, Donald Trump has cracked down on foreign nationals who want to enter the US and those already in the country. Tourists and legal permanent residents of the US, including nationals of Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom, have also been detained trying to enter the country.

Deportations

On Monday, the US Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to restart deporting migrants to countries other than their homelands, as part of sweeping anti-immigrant measures that have sparked widespread protests, high-profile detentions and various court challenges. The Supreme Court's action lifts for now a court order requiring migrants are given a chance to challenge the deportations. Earlier this month, the Trump administration issued a travel ban on citizens of 12 countries that restricted access to people from seven others includes some exceptions, part of the administration's efforts to withstand the legal challenges that a similar policy known as the 'Muslim ban' faced during Donald Trump's first administration. The ban applies to people from

policies for foreign visitors planning to visit the US for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, two of the events President Donald Trump has said he is more excited to host. Some experts agree that the current ban includes exceptions and has fixed some issues that were subject to litigation in the first travel ban. “Absolutely, the administration is trying to avoid the problems that they had with the first proclamation,” said Jeff Joseph, president-elect at the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He anticipated, nonetheless, that lawsuits are “going to come anyway.”

'Muslim ban'

In one of the most confusing moments of his first administration, Trump issued an executive order in 2017 banning travel to the US by citizens of seven predominantly Muslim countries, including Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. People from those countries were barred from getting on flights to the US or detained at US airports after landing. Among them were students, faculty, businesspeople, tourists and people visiting family. The order, dubbed a 'Muslim ban' by critics, faced legal challenges in the courts for about a year and was amended twice after opponents argued in the courts that it was unconstitutional and illegal. A version of the first travel ban was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2018.

EDITORIAL

The Ben Town murder is terrifying

The Liberia National Police (LNP) is investigating the death of a 45-year-old Liberian-Canadian woman, Sianneh Goe Ricks, whose charred body was discovered a week ago in her room in Ben Town, Marshall, Lower Margibi County.

Madam Ricks was discovered dead following a fire incident at her house in Marshall Community.

Sources revealed that the deceased had recently returned home after completion of her dream home in Marshall, but met her unfortunate demise, covered in a burning mattress in her bedroom, in circumstances residents described as deeply suspicious.

Further reports say she was beaten, raped and tied up in her mattress, before the hidden suspect set her ablaze.

“This is unfortunate, too terrible for our country; how can a fire just catch up like that? We suspect something is wrong. We had come to help put out the fire, but then the police drove everyone out of the yard; no one has told us what the police found or what really happened”, one resident said.

Although the Police said they have arrested five suspects in connection with the incident, this is the mystery the law enforcers would have to uncover.

How come that a fellow Liberian, who spent years abroad and eventually decided to return to Liberia, the land of her birth, after she had built her dream house here, only to be set ablaze and killed? Was she alone in the house? Who could have done this ghastly act? What caused the fire?

Did she have unsettled scores with any family member or community resident that could have led to this horrible killing, if any, which is not a justification for taking her life.

Family sources disclosed that the late Sianeah had lived and worked in Canada for most of her life, but decided to relocate to Liberia after successfully constructing her dream home. She had lived in the house in Ben Town, Marshall, for about a year and a half before tragedy struck.

We urge the Liberia National Police to leave no screw unturned in getting to the bottom of this murder, because this is one of the things that discourage most Diaspora Liberians from coming home, which borders on security. We want pepetrators of the crime brought before the law to serve as deterrence.

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COMMENTARY

By Daniel Litvin

The Delicate Art of Natural-Resource Diplomacy

LONDON – Resource competition has long underpinned international relations. But it seems to be taking center stage again, much like the nineteenth-century Scramble for Africa or Western grabs for Middle Eastern oil in the last century. As [demand](#) rises for the critical minerals that power the industries of the future, many countries are rushing to gain an edge. The United States recently struck a high-profile minerals deal with Ukraine, which, for its part, wants to prevent a further hemorrhaging of US support for its war with Russia. US President Donald Trump has also talked of acquiring Greenland partly because of its potential mineral wealth, while his administration is negotiating deals with other mineral-rich countries, such as the [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#).

Moreover, natural resources are increasingly being wielded as a foreign-policy weapon. In 2022, after Europe sanctioned Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, the Kremlin scaled back gas exports to the continent. And in the past few months, China has [restricted](#) exports of rare-earth elements as part of its trade war with the US, while India has [suspended](#) the Indus Water Treaty, a water-sharing agreement with Pakistan, following an attack on Hindu tourists in Kashmir. And the conflict between Israel and Iran has raised concerns among Israel's Western allies that Iran could disrupt shipments of oil and gas from the Persian Gulf.

Controls of oil and gas flows has long shaped geopolitics, but critical minerals have lately taken on new importance because escalating geopolitical tensions are accelerating efforts to bolster defense capabilities and shifting the AI race into high gear, all while the global clean-energy transition continues apace. Constructing new missiles, data centers, and electricity grids requires enormous amounts of metals and minerals, such as copper, cobalt, lithium, and nickel. In an increasingly divided world where China [dominates](#) the refining and processing of many of these critical minerals, many countries understandably fear losing access to them.

Looking ahead, climate change seems certain to intensify disputes over resources, particularly water and food supplies. For example, if shifting weather patterns further reduce arable land in vulnerable regions, affected countries may act assertively to protect grain-export routes or to maintain access to international riparian systems. But it makes little sense for countries to adopt a muscular, take-no-prisoners approach to resource diplomacy. History has shown that success requires thoughtful, patient, and tempered tactics.

For starters, resource diplomacy takes careful long-term planning. China's critical-mineral domination was not achieved overnight; it is the result of strategic foresight. Decades ago, the Chinese government adopted a [forward-looking industrial policy](#) and began investing in mining projects abroad and forging alliances with resource-rich countries. By contrast, many Western governments, having only recently woke up to the dangers of dependency on other countries for critical minerals, have made [little headway](#) in securing their own supply chains for these raw materials, despite introducing multiple initiatives to achieve this goal. European governments were similarly shortsighted when they allowed themselves to become dependent on Russian gas in the years prior to the Ukraine war. As the continent learned in 2022, scrambling to diversify suppliers during or after a crisis can be highly costly and disruptive.

Moreover, countries must focus less on concluding impressive-sounding deals, and more on getting the boring details right. Understanding the technical and economic aspects of resource extraction and processing will determine whether these agreements achieve their long-term aims. For example, mining executives have [criticized](#) the US-Ukraine resources deal for exaggerating the value of the country's critical minerals and the potential for attracting private investment to exploit them. Likewise, US officials may be [overestimating](#) the commercial viability of the minerals under Greenland's ice. In both cases, while Trump's maneuvers have certainly garnered attention, they may do little to strengthen US mineral security.

Of course, countries should not exert *too* much control over others' resources, at least not without ensuring significant local benefits. Otherwise, they risk generating resentment and fueling a backlash. In the 1960s and 70s, Western oil firms were booted out of much of the Middle East because host governments felt they were getting too little in return. Today, Western mining firms are being squeezed in some parts of Africa and Latin America, owing to similar local perceptions. While Chinese mining firms have gained ground in Africa by portraying themselves as more supportive of local development, they, too, are sometimes [tarred](#) with the same neo-colonialist brush. Securing resources without sowing suspicion is easier said than done.

Finally, resource-rich countries should recognize that weaponizing their exports may backfire: importers may shift away from the relevant commodity or retaliate in other ways. A striking historical example is the 1973 Arab oil embargo. While this delivered the intended short-term result – inflicting economic pain on Western countries – it also impelled those countries to develop new oil fields outside the Arab world, such as in Alaska and the North Sea.

In the same vein, Russia's decision to cut gas flows to Europe caused initial pain, but ended up [devastating](#) a once-lucrative export market, which has now secured alternative energy supplies. And more countries are at risk of making the same mistake. India's suspension of the Indus Water Treaty has raised [fears](#) that China, Pakistan's ally, may weaponize the waterways under its control that flow to India. Likewise, in tightening global exports of its rare earths, China risks [accelerating](#) moves to open up rare-earth mining and processing facilities elsewhere in the world.

When it comes to securing access to natural resources or using them as geopolitical tools, headline-grabbing moves rarely produce the desired outcome, especially over the long term. Instead, effective resource diplomacy requires sensitivity, expertise, foresight, and balance – qualities that, unfortunately, are not prevalent among today's political leaders.

Daniel Litvin, Visiting Senior Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute at the London School of Economics, is the founder and CEO of Resource Resolutions and the author of Empires of Profit: Commerce, Conquest and Corporate Responsibility (Texere, 2004).

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

RFP No. MFDP/NCB/008/2025

Ministry of Finance & Development Planning
Broad & Mechlin Streets
Monrovia, Liberia

June 23, 2025

Dear Mr. /Ms.:

Section I. Invitation for Bids

Republic of Liberia
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
P.O.BOX 9013
Broad & Mechlin Streets
1000 Monrovia, 10 Liberia
West Africa

Title of bid: **Provision of upgrade of the IFMIS Data Center**
Contract Identification No.: **IFB/MFDP/NCB/008/2025**

- The government of Liberia through the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) intends to apportion funds towards the cost of Upgrading the IFMIS Data Center infrastructure in order to optimally meet current and projected future data processing demands.
- The MFDP now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Upgrading of the IFMIS Data Center infrastructure**. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding process in accordance with procedures specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPC Act) published and approved: September 18, 2010.
- The provision of upgrade of the **IFMIS Data Center infrastructure** as per the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning requirements is summarized in the attached schedule of requirements.
- set of the bidding document is available on the Electronic Government Procurement portal (e-GP) beginning Tuesday June 24, 2025.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US \$5,000.00 in the form of a Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee or an Insurance Bond.
- All bids must be submitted on the Electronic Government Procurement portal (e-GP) on or before Monday July 21, 2025 at or before 2:00 PM. Bid opening will be done promptly thereafter at 2:30 PM, on the e-GP. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline of Bid submission. Late bids will be rejected by the system. Only Electronic bidding will be permitted.
- Qualification requirements include the following:
 - Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry)
 - Power of Attorney
 - Current Tax Clearance Certificate (Liberia Revenue Authority)
 - Bid Security of US \$5,000.00 in the form of a Bank Guarantee, Manager's Check, or an Insurance Bond.
- Submissions must be signed and delivered on the Electronic Government Procurement portal (e-GP) **PROVISION OF UPGRADE OF THE IFMIS DATACENTER-IFB#: MFDPNCB/008/2025**, and addressed to:

Acting Director of Procurement
Room 045– 3rd Floor
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
Broad & Mechlin Streets
1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia
MOBILE NUMBER: +231-777-513-373 / +231-777-600-521
EMAIL ADDRESS: gksheriff@mfdp.gov.lr / mvmassallay@mfdp.gov.lr
- The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning reserves the right to reject or accept any bid submitted and to annul the entire process at any time without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

Signed: _____
Acting Director of Procurement

Approved: _____
Deputy Minister for Administration

Invitation for Bid

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
Broad & Mechlin Street
P.O.BOX 9013, 1000 MONROVIA 10, LIBERIA

Title of Bid: **Furniture and Fixture**
Contract Identification No: **IFB NO. MFDP/NCB/004/2025**

- The Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (MFDP) anticipates funds from the Government of Liberia Fiscal Year 2025 National Budget and intends to apportion some towards the cost for the **Furniture and Fixture** for the operations of the Ministry, **IFB No. MFDP/NCB/004/2025**.
- Bidding will be conducted through national competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures as specified in the Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act of 2010 and is opened to all eligible and qualified Bidders. These applicable Procurement Procedures are consistent with the Republic of Liberia Amended and Restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act published and approved; September 18, 2010. The Supplier must also be able to respond to the Ministry of Finance & Development Planning's schedule of supply.
- The Ministry of Finance & Development Planning now invites qualified and eligible bidders to submit sealed Bids for the Procurement of **Furniture and Fixture**.
- The **Procurement of Furniture and Fixture** as per Ministry of Finance & Development Planning requirements is in the below listed quantities:

No.	Description	Quantity	Delivery Schedule
1.	Furniture and Fixture	Assorted	Based on Contract Procurement
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.
- Qualification requirements include the following:
 - Current Business Registration Certificate (Liberia Business Registry)
 - Current Tax Clearance Certificate (Liberia Revenue Authority)
 - Power of Attorney
 - Compliance with PPCC Vendor Registration procedures
 - Bid Security of US \$3,000.00 in the form of a Bank Guarantee, Manager's Check, or an Insurance Bond.
 - Company Profile
 - Statements of past performance from at at three (3) clients - including the names and contact numbers
 - List of furniture fixture including price (Financial).
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English can be found on the Electronic Government Procurement portal (e-GP). All bids must be submitted to the **Electronic Government Procurement portal (e-GP)** on or before **Monday, July 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM**. All Tenders must be Submitted with a Bid Security of **US\$3,000.00** in the form of Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee or Insurance Bond. Late bids will be rejected by the e-GP. Bid opening will be done at **2:15pm on Monday, July 14, 2025**, on the **Electronic Government Procurement portal (e-GP)**.
- Submissions must be signed and clearly marked, **Furniture and Fixture - IFB No. MFDP/NCB/004/2025** and address to:

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT
3RD FLOOR, ROOM 045
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
P. O. BOX 9013 - BROAD STREET & MECHLIN STREETS
1000 MONROVIA 10 LIBERIA
MOBILE NUMBER: +231-777-513-373 / +231-777-600-521
EMAIL ADDRESS: gksheriff@mfdp.gov.lr / mvmassallay@mfdp.gov.lr
- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives and others who choose to attend.
- The Ministry of Finance & Development Planning reserves the right to reject or accept any bid submitted and to annul the process at any time without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason therefore; Invitation to Bid and Award of Contract will be issued to qualified bidders in accordance with procurement procedures applicable under the Republic of Liberia Amended and restated Public Procurement and Concessions Act published and approved September 18, 2010.

Signed: _____
Acting Director of Procurement

Approved: _____
Deputy Minister for Administration

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: General Manager – Car Rental Company

Location: Monrovia, Liberia

Company: BEES Affordable Car Rental Services

Reports To: Chief Executive Officer/Shareholders

Date of Issue: June 26, 2025

Deadline: Friday, June 7, 2025:

1. Background

BEES Affordable Car Rental Services is an established and trusted name in Liberia's transportation sector, with a fleet of over 55 vehicles, including sedans, SUVs, pickups, and minibuses. Serving a broad clientele ranging from international agencies, government, to corporate and individual customers, BEES Affordable Car Rental Services has built a strong reputation for reliability, safety, and customer service. To lead our growing team and expand our impact, we seek a seasoned General Manager to steer the company’s operations and strategic growth.

2. Purpose of the Position

The General Manager (GM) will serve as the chief executive of BEES Affordable Car Rental Services, responsible for the overall leadership, strategic development, and management of all operations. The GM will ensure business growth, financial sustainability, customer satisfaction, and operational efficiency across all departments, including fleet management, human resources, finance, and customer service.

3. Key Responsibilities

A. Strategic Leadership and Business Development

- Develop and implement strategic plans aligned with the company’s vision, mission, and growth objectives.
- Identify new business opportunities, strategic partnerships, and market expansion areas.
- Lead innovation in customer service, technology adoption, and competitive positioning.
- Oversee branding, marketing, and business promotion strategies.

B. Operational Oversight

- Provide oversight of all departments: operations, driver management, maintenance, administration, and customer service.
- Ensure efficient utilization of the fleet and timely servicing, insurance, and licensing of all vehicles.
- Monitor key operational metrics, client feedback, and service quality to drive continuous improvement.
- Implement and oversee effective logistics, tracking, and dispatch systems.

C. Human Resources and Team Leadership

- Supervise, guide, and evaluate department heads and senior staff, including the Operations/Driver Manager.
- Promote a high-performance, customer-focused, and accountable workplace culture.
- Lead workforce planning, recruitment, training, and professional development.

D. Financial Management

- Oversee the preparation of annual budgets, monthly financial reports, and income statements.
- Ensure efficient cost control measures across all operations, including fuel management, driver allowances, and vehicle maintenance.
- Monitor revenue growth, profit margins, and operational expenses to ensure business sustainability.
- Ensure compliance with tax obligations, regulatory filings, and financial audits.

E. Compliance, Risk, and Governance

- Ensure the company adheres to all national transport laws, safety regulations, insurance policies, and industry standards.
- Develop and implement internal policies and risk mitigation frameworks.
- Oversee incident and accident management processes, and implement preventive strategies.
- Report to the Shareholders or CEO on company performance, risks, and future outlook.

4. Qualifications and Experience

- Master’s degree in Business Administration, Management, Fleet Management, Transport/Logistics, or a related field (preferred).
- Minimum of 7–10 years of senior management experience, preferably in the transport, car rental, or logistics sector.
- Strong leadership experience in team management, strategic planning, and operational execution.
- Solid understanding of fleet operations, customer service excellence, and financial management.

5. Required Competencies and Skills

- Strategic thinking and business acumen.
- Excellent leadership and interpersonal skills.
- Strong financial, analytical, and decision-making abilities.
- Effective communication, negotiation, and stakeholder engagement.
- Proficiency in fleet management software, accounting systems, and office productivity tools.

6. Reporting and Supervision

The General Manager reports directly to the Shareholders or designated CEO and supervises all department heads, and has overall responsibility for staff performance and development.

7. Performance Review and Duration

This is a full-time executive position with annual performance evaluations against strategic and operational KPIs. The position is subject to a probationary period of six months.

8. Working Conditions

Office-based with frequent field supervision across operational sites. May involve weekend or after-hours responsibilities depending on business demands.

All application letters and resumes should be submitted to the following email by Friday, June 7, 2025:

beesaffordablecarrental@gmail.com

Contact: 0886135408 / 0777077721

LDEA, UN Partners Celebrates World Drugs Day 2025

-With Parade, Proclamations, and Destruction of Seized DrugsBy: Kruah Thompson

The Liberia Drugs Enforcement Agency (LDEA), in collaboration with key partners including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United States Embassy in Liberia, joined the global community over the weekend to commemorate World Drugs Day 2025 with a series of impactful activities aimed at raising awareness and promoting prevention.

The day began with a colorful and energetic parade from ELWA Junction, bringing together participants from various sectors, including government, civil society, and international partners, to draw attention to the devastating consequences of drug abuse in Liberia.

Following the parade, an indoor program was held at the Paynesville City Town Hall under the global theme, “The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention,” and the local theme, “Break the Cycle, Stop Organized Crime.”

The event featured a reading of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai's official proclamation recognizing the day as a public holiday, as well as a message from the United Nations Secretary-General to mark the World Drug Day celebration.

The program included dance performances, educational sessions, and keynote speeches from a range of high-level officials, including Eugene L. Fahngon, Director General of the Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS); Justice Minister Cllr. Natu Oswald Tweh, Sr., Deputy Minister for Children at the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Madam Garmai S. Torpah, Assistant Minister for Legal Affairs, Losene F. Bility, the Minister of Youth and Sports, and Pastor Matthew Kpahkio, representing the civil society community, amongst others.

The event concluded in Lower Bong County with the public destruction of a large consignment of illegal drugs seized across Liberia.

The LDEA reported the destruction of 9,651.33 kilograms of various narcotics with an estimated monetary value of USD 4,959,279.03 and LRD 949,263,015.

Of the total quantity seized nationwide,

the LDEA detailed that to 3,156.22 kilograms of marijuana, 42,201.31 grams of Kush, 1,845.7 grams of heroin, 5,194.61 grams of cocaine, 142,585.1 tablets of tramadol, and 396,117.060 grams of precursor and other substances that were confiscated.

Speaking at the ceremony, LDEA Director General Anthony K. Souh thanked all national and international partners, law enforcement officers, and attendees for their continued support.

He emphasized that the celebration was a deliberate effort to highlight the achievements of the LDEA and to amplify calls for broader collaboration in the fight against drug trafficking in Liberia.

“This is a national fight, to combat narcotics and dismantle organized crime networks, we need all hands on deck,” Atty. Souh stressed.

Additionally, the Justice Minister and Attorney General of Liberia, Cllr. Natu Oswald Tweh, Sr., also underscored the need for proactive intervention and strong national commitment.

He called on all Liberians to take personal responsibility in the war against drugs.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL) is an Oil Palm Company operating in Southeastern Liberia. The Company has an exciting opportunity for Head of Business Improvement to join our Team.

Position: Head of Business Improvement
Number Needed: One (1)
Duty Station: Sinoe
Category: Local
Application Deadline: July 5th, 2025

General Scope of Work/Duties:

To lead and drive continuous business improvement initiatives across the organization, with a strategic focus on enhancing operational efficiency, financial performance, and resource utilization. The role is responsible for identifying opportunitie s for optimization across the value chain—from plantation operations to processing and logistics—ensuring that processes are streamlined, cost-effective, and aligned with the company’s strategic goals

Duties and Responsibilities-

1. Strategic Process Improvement
 - a. Lead end-to-end reviews of business processes across estate operations, mills, logistics, procurement, HR, and finance.
 - b. Identify inefficiencies, bottlenecks, and redundancies and propose practical and scalable solutions.
2. Performance Optimization
 - a. Establish performance benchmarks and key metrics to measure improvement in cost, timelines, and resource utilization.
 - b. Implement data-driven decision-making through regular performance analysis and reporting.
3. Change Management & Implementation
 - a. Drive change management initiatives, ensuring business units adopt and sustain new processes and systems.
 - b. Work closely with heads of departments to implement improvement plans and ensure alignment with overall corporate objectives.
4. Project Management
 - a. Lead cross-functional improvement projects, from initiation to post-implementation review.
 - b. Ensure projects are delivered within scope, on time, and within budget.

Education

A Master's degree in economy or agronomy

Experience/Competencies/Skills:

1. Minimum ten years of relevant experience as a business improvement or related job function;
2. Experience managing project improvements;
3. Experience handling all paperwork and coordinating with all parties;
4. Demonstrated proficiency in computer literacy, including SAP and Microsoft suite of programs, especially Excel, Word, and PowerPoint;
5. Excellent communication skills, practical interpersonal skills, outstanding supervisory skills, resourcefulness, flexibility, creative problem-solving, analytical, and ethical management
6. Ability to work in remote areas, under high pressure, and over long hours if necessary

How to Apply

Interested Candidates should address a cover letter with a CV & (2) two passport-size photos to:

The Human Resources Department
Golden Veroleum Liberia Inc.
Butaw Main Office
Sinoe County

Kindly note the followings:

- the information & application shall optionally be dropped at the GVL Butaw Main Office (HR Department)
- applicants shall also email the application letter, cover letter & credentials to: alphonso.kofi@veroleum.com or daniel.cephas@veroleum.com
- Only selected candidates will be notified for the interview.

Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
CIVIL WORKS- 1 (RENOVATION OF BATHROOMS ALL MAIN BUILDINGS)
IFB NO.: UL/ICB/001/2025

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Renovation of all bathrooms of main building located on the campuses of the University of Liberia.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Renovation of all bathrooms, main buildings located on the campuses of the University of Liberia
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

5. Specification and Quantity:

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Renovation of all bathrooms, main buildings located on the four (4) campuses of the University of Liberia	211 Rooms	Pieces

6. Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Article of Incorporation
- Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Certificate
- Association of Liberian Construction Company (ALCC) Certificate
- Detailed work schedule for work implementation
- Current Bank Statement
- Company's Profile to include:
 - Past performance records of similar works including the names and contact details of at least four (4) clients.
 - Audited Financial Statements over the last 2 years.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning June 12, 2025 – July 11, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before July 11, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"CIVIL WORKS (RENOVATION OF ALL BATH ROOMS MAIN BUILDINGS)"

IFB NO.: UL/ICB/001/2025

Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address

In the middle of the envelop, print the address below:

Procurement Department
 Administrative Building, Right Wing, Room #: AC1-09
 University of Liberia
 Fendall Campus, Liberia
 Cell# 0777525575/0776455647/0886682379

- Note that Electronic bids will not be accepted, and that late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Signed: pp: Bennetta Gibson
 Fatu Ruth Tipoteh (Mrs.)
 DIRECTOR/Procurement Dept.

Approved: Bennetta J. Tarr
 Mrs. Bennetta Joko Tarr
 Vice President for Administration/UL

SECTION I. INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(Supply for Generator Spare Parts)
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/004/2025

May 26, 2025

The University of Liberia through the Government of Liberia has received budgetary allotment from the National budget for fiscal year 2025 and intends to apply portion of it towards the procurement of Generator Spare Parts (IFB No. /UL/NCB/004/2025) needed for the generators located at the 4 (four) Campuses for the Fiscal year 2025 of the University of Liberia.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA) and approved by the Public Procurement and Concession Commission, (PPCC).

Specifications and Quantities

Item no.	Item Description	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Generators Spare parts	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

Eligibility and Qualification Requirements:

- Valid Government of Liberia Business Registration with actual activities code.
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC Updated vendor registry
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at least 4 clients who has purchased similar goods in the past 2 years
- Bid must be signed and complete before consideration for further evaluation.

If interested, you may obtain copy of a set of bidding document from the Procurement Department, Administrative Complex, Fendall Campus, Room #AC1-09, University of Liberia for a non-refundable fees of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars), beginning June 12-July 8, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 A. M. to 4: P. M. Monday to Friday.

Bid must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bid must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 P. M. July 8, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives at the opening in the Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex.

- In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"Sealed Bid for the Procurement of Generator Spare parts for Fiscal Year 2025.

REF: (IFB No. /UL/NCB/004/2025).

Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address:

In the middle of the envelop, print the address below:

Procurement Department
 Administrative Building, Right Wing, Room #: AC1-09
 Fendall Campus,
 University of Liberia
 Cell#: 0777525575/0886491190/0778514626

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 Director/ Procurement Department

Approved: Bennetta J. Tarr
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 Vice President for Administration

**SECTION I. INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(Supply of Assorted Building Materials)
IFB NO.: UL/ICB/002/2025**

The University of Liberia through the Government of Liberia has received budgetary allotment from the National budget for fiscal year 2025 and intends to apply portion of it towards the procurement of Assorted General Building Materials (IFB No. /UL/ICB/002/2025) needed for the Fiscal year 2025 of the University of Liberia.

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA) and approved by the Public Procurement and Concession Commission, (PPCC).

Specifications and Quantities

Lot 1.

Item no.	Item Description	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	General Building Materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

Lot 2.

Item no.	Item Description	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Painting Materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

Lot 3

Item no.	Item Description	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Electrical and plumbing materials	Assorted	Frame Work Agreement

Eligibility and Qualification Requirements:

- Valid Government of Liberia Business Registration with actual activities code.
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC Updated vendor registry
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at least 4 clients who has purchased similar goods in the past 2 years
- Bid must be signed and complete before consideration for further evaluation.

If interested, you may obtain copy of a set of bidding document from the Procurement Department, Administrative Complex, Fendall Campus, Room #AC1-09, University of Liberia for a non-refundable fees of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars), beginning June 16- July 17, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 A. M. to 4: P. M. Monday to Friday. Bid must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bid must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 P. M. July 17, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives at the opening in the Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex.

- In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"Sealed Bid for the Procurement of General Building Materials for the Fiscal Year 2025.

REF: (IFB No. /UL/ICB/002/2025).

Below the bid reference number, print the bidder's address:

In the middle of the envelop, print the address below:

Procurement Department
Administrative Building, Right Wing, Room #: AC1-09
Fendall Campus, University of Liberia
Cell#: 0777525575/0886491190/0778514626

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Vice President for Administration

**Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(THE PROCUREMENT OF 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS)
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/009/2025**

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

- Specification and Quantity:

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Generator (200KVA)	1	Pieces
2.	Hydrometers	4	Pieces
3.	De-humidifier	4	Pieces
4.	Stabilizers for Stabilizers for Equipment (Heavy Duty)	7	Pieces

- Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Must follow full Technical Specification as requested in the bidding document
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
- Bids will be examined for proper signature, stamp and completeness before consideration for further evaluation.

- A set of bidding documents in English can be obtained by interested bidders for a non-refundable fee of US\$50.00 (Fifty United States Dollars) from the Procurement Department, Fendall Campus, beginning June 12, 2025 – July 11, 2025 between the hours of 10:00a.m – 4:00p.m, Monday – Friday.

- All bids must be accompanied by a Notarized Bid Securing declaration valid for 90 days after the opening of bids.

- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m., on or before July 11, 2025 and will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the Administrative Conference Room (AC1-01), Right Wing of the Administrative Complex, Fendall campus, University of Liberia. All bids should be addressed as follow:

In the upper left corner of the envelop, print:

"THE PROCUREMENT OF 200KVA GENERATOR AND RELATED ITEMS"
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/009/2025

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University of Liberia
Fendall Campus, Liberia
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**Section I. Invitation for Bidders
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS
(THE PROCUREMENT OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE)
IFB NO.: UL/NCB/014/2025**

- The University of Liberia has allotted portion of its GOL budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to apply it towards the Procurement of Vehicles.
- The University of Liberia now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **PROCUREMENT OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE**.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Restricted Bidding (RB), method as specified in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act, (PPCA), 2010 and it's open to all eligible bidders in the Country.

- Specification and Quantity:

Item No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	MODE
1.	Office Equipment & Furniture	ASSORTED	Pieces

- Qualification requirements include:

- Valid Government of Liberia (GOL) Business Registration with appropriate activities code
- Valid Government of Liberia Tax Clearance
- Must be registered with the PPCC updated vendor register
- Must follow full Technical Specification as requested in the bidding document
- Past performance records including the names and contact numbers of at-least 4 clients who had purchased same/similar goods in the last 4 years. They will be used as references to check the performance and quality of the offered model, if necessary.
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Français

Kemayah, Mary Broh et d'autres en prison pour plusieurs chefs d'accusation

Ancien ministre des Affaires étrangères, Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, et ancienne Directrice Générale de l'Agence des Services Généraux, Mary Taryonon Broh, ainsi que plusieurs autres anciens fonctionnaires

ont été condamnés à la prison centrale de Monrovia pour plusieurs crimes, en particulier la corruption. Le 25 juin 2025, le gouvernement du Liberia, par l'intermédiaire du Ministère de la Justice et de la Taskforce pour la Récupération des Actifs et des Biens, sous la présidence du Conseiller Edwin K.

été condamnés à la prison centrale de Monrovia pour plusieurs crimes, en particulier la corruption. Le 25 juin 2025, le gouvernement du Liberia, par l'intermédiaire du Ministère de la Justice et de la Taskforce pour la Récupération des Actifs et des Biens, sous la présidence du Conseiller Edwin K.

Parmi les personnes inculpées par l'État figurent Mary Broh, ancienne Directrice Générale de l'Agence des Services Généraux ; Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, ancien Ministre des Affaires étrangères ; Varney A. Sirleaf, ancien Ministre des Affaires intérieures ; Telma Sawyer, ancienne Ministre Adjointe des Affaires étrangères/Administration et veuve du défunt président par intérim, le Dr. Amos C. Sawyer. L'État a également inculpé Augustine Tamba, Directeur Adjoint des Opérations, Agence Nationale de Gestion des Catastrophes (NDMA) ; Augustine Kollie, Directeur des Victimes de Catastrophes, NDMA ; Henry O. Williams, ancien Directeur Exécutif ; Rachiewego M. Doe, Directeur de la Communication de la NDMA ; Edris Bility, ancien Directeur Adjoint/Ops de la GSA.

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ont été incarcérés pour divers chefs d'accusation, notamment la corruption. Plusieurs hauts responsables du gouvernement de l'ancien président George M. Weah ont

Martin, a inculpé ces anciens responsables. Les accusés font face à des accusations de vol de biens, de sabotage économique, d'abus de fonds publics, de dépenses illégales

« Un acte de banditisme », l'Association du Barreau dénonce l'attaque contre la résidence du juge Willie

L'Association Nationale du Barreau du Liberia (LNBA) a condamné avec la plus grande fermeté l'attaque perpétrée contre le domicile de Son Honneur Roosevelt Z. Willie, juge résident de la Cour Criminelle « A » de Montserrado, ainsi que les menaces visant d'autres magistrats par des individus non identifiés. Par la voix de son président, le Conseiller Bornor M. Varmah, l'Association Nationale du Barreau du Liberia a vivement dénoncé les violences récentes dirigées contre la résidence du juge Roosevelt Z. Willie et d'autres membres du pouvoir judiciaire.

Dans un communiqué publié le jeudi 26 juin 2025, signé par le Secrétaire général du Barreau, le Conseiller Elisha T. J. Forkeyoh, l'Association qualifie ces actes de « banditisme » n'ayant aucune place dans une société civilisée et démocratique. Le Barreau estime que ces agressions constituent une atteinte directe à l'indépendance de la justice et qu'elles compromettent la confiance du public dans l'état de droit.

« Les juges doivent pouvoir exercer leurs fonctions sans intimidation, menace ni

aucune forme de pression, qu'elle soit interne ou externe », souligne le communiqué. « L'indépendance et la sécurité du pouvoir judiciaire sont essentielles pour préserver l'intégrité du système judiciaire libérien. »

La LNBA appelle instamment le ministère de la Justice ainsi que l'ensemble des services de sécurité de l'État à diligenter sans délai une enquête afin d'identifier et de poursuivre les auteurs de cette attaque. Par ailleurs, elle exhorte la Police nationale du Liberia à mettre en place une protection permanente et renforcée autour de la résidence du juge Willie et à offrir la même sécurité à tous les magistrats exposés à des menaces ou actes d'intimidation.

Les faits se sont produits dans la

soirée du mercredi 25 juin 2025, lorsqu'un groupe d'individus armés de machettes et de bâtons, circulant à moto, a tenté de pénétrer de force dans la propriété du juge. Selon des sources concordantes, la prompte intervention des forces de l'ordre lourdement armées a permis de repousser les assaillants. Il s'agit de la troisième attaque recensée contre la résidence du juge Willie ces derniers temps.

Le Barreau a également exprimé sa profonde inquiétude face aux informations selon lesquelles d'autres magistrats auraient reçu des menaces anonymes et subi des tentatives d'intrusion visant à les intim

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Éditorial

La doctrine Trump

NEW YORK – En à peine quatre mois de deuxième administration du président américain Donald Trump, les premiers signes d'une doctrine en matière de politique étrangère apparaissent d'ores et déjà. Comme bien d'autres aspects de la présidence Trump 2.0, cette doctrine marque une rupture majeure par rapport au passé.

Les doctrines jouent un rôle de premier plan dans la politique étrangère américaine. À travers la doctrine Monroe formulée en 1823, les États-Unis ont affirmé qu'ils s'imposeraient comme la puissance prééminente sur le continent américain, et qu'ils empêcheraient tout autre pays d'établir des positions stratégiques concurrentes dans la région. De même, au début de la guerre froide, la doctrine Truman a promis un soutien des États-Unis à tous les pays qui lutteraient contre le communisme et la stratégie de subversion soviétique. Plus récemment, la doctrine Carter a énoncé que les États-Unis ne resteraient pas spectateurs si une force extérieure cherchait à prendre le contrôle de la région du golfe Persique, riche en pétrole. La doctrine Reagan a promis assistance aux mouvements et pays opposés au communisme. Celle de George W. Bush, axée sur la liberté, a notamment adressé le message selon lequel ni les terroristes, ni ceux qui les protégeraient ne seraient à l'abri d'une intervention armée.

Point comme entre ces doctrines, elles font toutes savoir à différents destinataires quels sont les intérêts fondamentaux des États-Unis, et ce que le pays est prêt à faire pour les promouvoir. Les doctrines visent à rassurer amis et alliés, à dissuader ennemis réels ou potentiels, à galvaniser les agences en charge des questions de sécurité nationale, ainsi qu'à informer les citoyens.

Non formulée explicitement pas Trump, une nouvelle doctrine américaine émerge pourtant actuellement, que l'on pourrait qualifier de doctrine des « yeux fermés », du « rien vu, rien entendu », ou du « cela ne nous regarde pas ».

Quelle qu'en soit l'appellation, cette doctrine semble énoncer que les États-Unis ne chercheront plus à influencer ni à réagir à la manière dont les autres pays se comporteront à l'intérieur de leurs propres frontières. C'est ainsi que l'administration américaine s'est abstenue de condamner l'arrestation arbitraire d'un opposant politique de premier plan par le président turc Recep Tayyip Erdogan, les manœuvres répétées du Premier ministre israélien Benjamin Netanyahu pour affaiblir le pouvoir judiciaire dans son pays, ou encore la manière dont le Premier ministre hongrois de longue date, Viktor Orbán, ne cesse de malmenier les institutions démocratiques en Hongrie.

De même, Trump dénonce certes la politique étrangère du président russe Vladimir Poutine, ainsi que la politique économique du dirigeant chinois Xi Jinping, mais ne s'indigne en aucun cas de la répression que mènent l'un et l'autre contre leur propre population. L'administration Trump a par ailleurs décidé d'affaiblir voire de démanteler bon nombre des instruments – Voice of America, Agence des États-Unis pour le développement international, ou encore Dotation nationale pour la démocratie – employés depuis longtemps pour promouvoir la société civile et les mouvements démocratiques à travers le monde.

Ce qui se rapproche le plus d'une [formulation](#) publique de cette nouvelle doctrine a eu lieu en Arabie saoudite, le 13 mai dernier. Trump a en effet exprimé son admiration pour ce qu'il décrit comme une formidable transformation du Royaume, ajoutant que cette évolution n'était pas le fruit des efforts « d'interventionnistes occidentaux [...] qui vous donnent des leçons sur la manière de vivre et de gouverner vos propres affaires [...] Ces dernières années, trop de présidents américains ont considéré à tort qu'il était de notre devoir de sonder les âmes des dirigeants étrangers, et d'user de la politique américaine pour absoudre ou non leurs péchés ».

Les agissements de Trump, notamment sa recherche d'accords commerciaux avec plusieurs gouvernements autoritaires du Golfe et d'ailleurs, soulignent le poids de cette déclaration. À la différence de Reagan, de Carter, de Bush, de Barack Obama et de [Joe Biden](#), Trump adresse ici clairement le message selon lequel les États-Unis n'ont plus l'intention de défendre les droits de l'homme et la démocratie, de condamner les méfaits de dirigeants étrangers autoritaires, ni de faire pression pour la libération d'opposants politiques.

Cette doctrine du « rien vu, rien entendu » évite certes aux États-Unis une dérive caractéristique de la présidence Bush, durant laquelle le zèle dans la propagation de la démocratie avait conduit à une invasion irréfléchie et coûteuse de l'Irak. Elle facilite par ailleurs pour les États-Unis un travail constructif auprès de gouvernements appliquant chez eux des politiques qui, en temps normal, constitueraient un obstacle aux relations commerciales ou à la coopération sur des questions bilatérales, régionales ou mondiales essentielles.

Ce sont néanmoins les retombées négatives de cette approche qui l'emportent. La doctrine Trump accroît la probabilité que les gouvernements engagés sur cette voie redoublent d'efforts de répression intérieure et de subversion de la démocratie – régime politique caractérisé par davantage de liberté pour les individus, mais également par des marchés libres, soutenus par l'État de droit, et par une politique étrangère généralement moins agressive. La promotion de la démocratie est par conséquent bénéfique pour les investisseurs américains, et limite le risque que l'Amérique s'enlise à l'étranger dans des conflits coûteux ou prolongés.

Richard Haass, président émérite du Conseil des relations étrangères, conseiller principal chez Centerview Partners, et chercheur universitaire émérite à l'Université de New York, est l'auteur de la newsletter hebdomadaire Substack [Home & Away](#).

Français

Starts from page 8 Kemayah, Mary Broh et d'autres en prisonLe sénateur Konneh tire la sonnette d'alarme sur l'incitation à l'investissement au Liberia

l'État a cité Mamie Davies, Directrice Adjointe de la GSA ; Momolu Johnson, Ministre Adjoint des Affaires intérieures/Administration ; Rosetta L. Gbassay Bowah, Officier Logistique de la NDMA ; Wayfa Ciapha, prétendu PDG du Groupe des Sept-Sept ; Evelyn Ghee, Gestionnaire d'entrepôt et d'autres à identifier, de la ville de Monrovia, Liberia, comme défendeurs et inculpés.

"Acte d'incarcération république du libéria, à : major austine seinavula, sheriff, comté de montserrado, r.l. ou son député, saluts : vous êtes par la présente commande de procéder à l'arrestation des personnes vivantes mentionnées dans l'acte et d'autres à identifier, défendeurs, nommés dans l'action susmentionnée, chargés de la commission des crimes susmentionnés, sur la base de l'acte d'incarcération préparé contre eux par le grand jury dûment sélectionné, constitué et juré pour enquêter au nom des habitants du comté de montserrado, république du libéria, et les amener immédiatement devant ce tribunal honorable (circuit judiciaire "c", sessions criminelles pour le comté de montserrado), s'asseoir dans sa session de mai, a.d. 2025, pour répondre auxdites accusations supra", a noté l'acte.

Conformément au mandat du tribunal, le jeudi 26 juin 2025, la Police Nationale Libérienne et le Shérif de la Cour Criminelle "C" ont arrêté et détenu l'ancien ministre des Affaires étrangères Kemayah, Madame Broh ainsi que leurs co-défendeurs à la Prison Centrale de Monrovia. Les accusations, portées par la Taskforce pour la Récupération des Actifs et des Biens sous le Ministère de la Justice, incluent le sabotage économique, la mauvaise utilisation de fonds publics, le vol, l'abus de pouvoir et la conspiration criminelle.

Selon l'acte d'accusation, les défendeurs ont causé une perte de 25 054 sacs de riz donnés, d'une valeur de 425 918 dollars, par le Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite en avril 2023, par l'intermédiaire de Fouta Corporation Inc., destinés aux communautés affectées par les catastrophes.

Le tribunal a ordonné que les défendeurs soient détenus à la Prison Centrale de Monrovia, en attendant leur procès. Ils devraient être représentés par des avocats éminents, dont l'ancien juge associé Kabineh Ja'neh, Cllr. Pearl Brown Bull et Cllr. Milton Taylor. *Révision par Jonathan Browne.*

Le sénateur du comté de Gbarpolu, Amara M. Konneh, appelle à une réévaluation formelle des dispositifs d'incitation à l'investissement et de leurs impacts sur l'économie nationale.

Le sénateur Amara M. Konneh a exhorté le Sénat libérien à convoquer une session officielle de révision afin d'évaluer les cadres d'incitation à l'investissement du pays et leurs conséquences économiques et budgétaires, notamment au regard des nouvelles priorités de développement du Liberia.

Dans une communication adressée à la plénière et lue en séance le jeudi 26 juin 2025, le sénateur s'est adressé à la présidente du Sénat par intérim, Nyomblee Kangar-Lawrence, en insistant sur la nécessité de réexaminer des politiques conçues à l'époque post-conflit.

« Nous devons nous demander si ces mécanismes restent pertinents pour le



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ider et à interférer avec leurs responsabilités judiciaires.

«Le gouvernement du Liberia a l'obligation constitutionnelle et morale de garantir la sécurité de tous les citoyens, en particulier ceux occupant des fonctions publiques sensibles», poursuit le communiqué. « Compte tenu de son rôle dans le traitement de dossiers criminels de haute importance, le juge Willie doit bénéficier de mesures de protection accrues et immédiates. »

La LNBA a réaffirmé son engagement indéfectible à défendre l'indépendance de la magistrature et à protéger les juges sur l'ensemble du territoire. Elle a appelé la population à faire bloc avec le pouvoir judiciaire et à rejeter toute forme de violence et de dérive susceptible de fragiliser la justice

libérienne.

Dans un autre registre, l'Association a adressé ses plus vives félicitations à Son Honneur, la Présidente de la Cour suprême, Sie-A-Nyene Gyapay Yuoh, à l'occasion de son 70^e anniversaire. Le Barreau a salué cet anniversaire comme un symbole non seulement de longévité, mais surtout d'un parcours exemplaire, marqué par l'intégrité, le service et l'excellence dans l'administration de la justice.

«Le Barreau tient à exprimer sa profonde admiration pour les contributions inestimables de Son Honneur à la magistrature et à la nation tout entière», conclut le communiqué. « En ce moment marquant, nous saluons votre héritage de leadership fondé sur les principes et la rigueur. »

Koffa et ses coaccusés remportent une première victoire face au ministère public

L'ancien président de la Chambre des représentants, Me Jonathan Fonati Koffa, et ses trois coaccusés ont remporté une victoire initiale dans l'affaire de l'incendie criminel du Capitole. La Cour municipale de Monrovia a rejeté les objections du ministère public contestant la validité de leur cautionnement.

Dans le cadre de l'affaire en cours relative à l'incendie du bâtiment du Capitole, le magistrat titulaire de la Cour municipale de Monrovia, L. Ben Barco, a infligé un premier revers au gouvernement. Il a statué en faveur de Me Jonathan Fonati Koffa et de ses trois coaccusés en rejetant l'exception soulevée par l'accusation contre leur cautionnement.

Cette décision de la Cour municipale répond à un mandat de la Cour criminelle « A », qui avait ordonné l'examen des objections du ministère public concernant la suffisance de la caution.

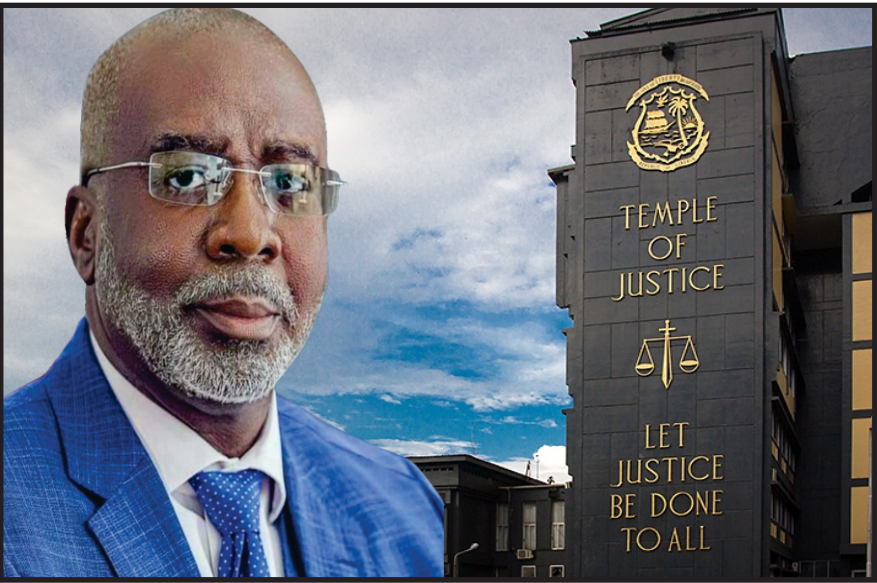
Avant le transfert du dossier devant la Cour criminelle, le parquet avait saisi la Cour municipale pour demander que la caution soit vérifiée et, si jugée insuffisante, que les prévenus soient réincarcérés à la prison centrale de Monrovia dans

l'attente du procès.

Conformément à l'instruction du juge Roosevelt Z. Willie, la Cour municipale a entendu les arguments le mardi 24 juin 2025, relatifs à la justification du cautionnement d'un montant de 2,24 millions de dollars américains. Dans sa décision rendue le jeudi 26 juin 2025, la Cour a estimé que les biens proposés en garantie étaient authentiques et légitimes, comme l'attestent les documents de l'Autorité fiscale du Liberia (LRA). « La Cour, après avoir constaté que les cautions sont légalement autorisées à se porter garantes dans

le cadre d'un cautionnement pénal et que la caution présentée n'est pas une caution indemnitaire mais une caution de comparution, et considérant en outre que les prévenus sont tous membres de la Chambre des représentants, juge la caution suffisante et en valide la consignation officielle», a déclaré le magistrat Barco.

La décision précise : « Eu égard aux faits, références juridiques et analyses ci-dessus, l'exception présentée par le ministère public est rejetée et la motion de justification est accordée. Les prévenus sont par conséquent remis en liberté provisoire. »



Liberia d'aujourd'hui, par opposition au Liberia d'il y a vingt-trois ans », a déclaré le sénateur Konneh.

À la suite du conflit prolongé qu'a connu le pays, les administrations successives avaient instauré une série de mesures incitatives, incluant exonérations fiscales, réductions de redevances et accords de concession, afin d'attirer les investissements directs étrangers et de stimuler la reprise économique. Ces dispositifs ont soutenu des secteurs clés tels que les mines, l'agriculture, la foresterie et l'énergie, tout en favorisant la création d'emplois.

Cependant, le sénateur Konneh a exprimé des doutes quant à la viabilité à long terme de ces incitations. Tout en reconnaissant leurs effets positifs initiaux, il s'est inquiété des contraintes fiscales qui limitent aujourd'hui la capacité du gouvernement à financer les services publics et les infrastructures.

« Alors que notre pays poursuit son parcours de développement, le caractère permanent de ces incitations mérite une réévaluation approfondie », a-t-il souligné. « Les difficultés persistantes en matière de mobilisation des recettes publiques entravent notre capacité à investir dans des secteurs essentiels et à soutenir les Libériens. »

Le parlementaire a également exprimé des préoccupations concernant le Bureau national des Concessions (NBC), chargé du suivi de l'exécution des accords de concession. Selon lui, des retards dans la surveillance et l'application des obligations contractuelles ont occasionné des pertes économiques et des manquements à la conformité.

« Le NBC doit être doté des moyens nécessaires et se voir imposer une obligation de résultat pour garantir que les concessionnaires respectent leurs engagements en contrepartie des avantages qui leur sont accordés », a-t-il insisté.

Pour remédier à ces carences, le sénateur Konneh a proposé la création d'un comité spécial du Sénat, assisté d'un consultant législatif, afin de conduire une revue exhaustive des dispositifs en vigueur. Cette initiative impliquerait une collaboration étroite avec les principales institutions exécutives, notamment le ministère des Finances et de la Planification du développement (MFDP), qui présenterait une analyse fiscale et les incidences budgétaires des mesures actuelles.

L'Autorité fiscale du Liberia (LRA) serait invitée à partager le dernier rapport sur les dépenses fiscales, détaillant l'impact des exonérations et concessions sur les recettes de l'État, tandis que la Commission nationale des investissements (NIC) évaluerait l'efficacité des incitations dans l'attraction et la rétention des investissements.

Le comité compterait également le Bureau national des Concessions (NBC), chargé de faire état du suivi et de la conformité, ainsi que les ministères des Mines et de l'Énergie, de l'Agriculture et l'Agence de développement forestier, qui présenteraient des analyses sectorielles des accords de concession et leur impact sur le développement économique.

Le sénateur a souligné l'opportunité de cette démarche, alors que certaines incitations arrivent à échéance et que la législature se prépare à examiner de nouveaux accords d'investissement lors de sa 55^e session.

« Nous sommes à un tournant décisif. Face aux incertitudes mondiales qui affectent le commerce, la finance et le développement, le Liberia doit façonner proactivement son avenir en alignant ses ressources naturelles sur des politiques fiscales durables et adaptables », a-t-il déclaré devant la plénière.

Il a conclu que cette révision permettrait d'identifier des pistes de réforme, de renforcer la conformité et d'optimiser la mobilisation des ressources, à un moment où le pays fait face à la baisse des aides extérieures.

« C'est une occasion cruciale de redéfinir l'environnement d'investissement du Liberia de manière à ce qu'il profite à la fois à l'État et aux citoyens », a ajouté le sénateur Konneh.

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Cllr. Gongloe accuses Gov't of lavish spending.

-As Hospitals and schools lie in ruins

By Kruah Thompson
The Political Leader of the Liberia People's Party (LPP) and former presidential candidate, Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe has sharply criticized the Boakai-led administration for prioritizing

traveling in private jets and expensive vehicles worth \$1.2 million. "It hurts to see officials of government riding business class and in convoys of such expensive vehicles, while families go hungry and hospitals are without

relinquish their luxury fleets in favor of single, fuel-efficient vehicles to help redirect resources toward critical needs, such as school desks and medical supplies.

"We need leaders who will forgo the luxury fleet and ride in single, fuel-efficient vehicles if it means saving money for school desks and medical supplies," Gongloe asserted.

Delivering the keynote address under the theme "Selflessness is the Key to Good Leadership" during the second anniversary celebration of the Reformers National Congress (RNC) over the weekend in Old Road, Sinkor, Gongloe emphasized that true leadership is not measured by the size of a motorcade or the cost of private jets.

He stressed that "True leaders measure success by the lives they uplift, the schools they build, and the clinics they stock with quality medication,".

According to him, the current culture of extravagance in government is a demonstration of insensitivity in a country grappling with widespread poverty. struggling with teachers and lack well-equipped facilities.

In conclusion, Cllr. Gongloe reminded leaders that "power is trust, not a trophy." Edited by Othello B. Garblah.



Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe

luxury vehicles for government officials while hospitals lack basic drugs and schools remain in deplorable conditions.

Speaking at the second anniversary celebration of the Reformers National Congress (RNC), the former presidential candidate and political leader of the Liberia People's Party (LPP) expressed outrage over what he described as the government's misplaced priorities.

He lamented that while ordinary Liberians struggle to access healthcare and quality education, public officials are reportedly

basic drugs," he said.

Describing this as more than just mismanagement, Gongloe termed it as "reckless disregard" for the welfare of Liberians.

He cited the dire conditions in the health sector, where many clinics across the country lack medicines for common illnesses, and infant mortality remains high due to the absence of essential drugs.

"Women are dying in childbirth because of the lack of simple medical supplies," he noted.

He urged all officials in the Boakai administration to

AML scholarship program aligns with Liberia's goal of building technical workforce

ArcelorMittal Liberia's Advanced Academic Scholarship Program is aligning well with Liberia's national goal of cultivating a technically skilled workforce. Launched under the company's Mineral Development Agreement (MDA), the program supports Liberian students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees both locally and abroad, especially in disciplines critical to national development.

From 2012 to 2025, the program has awarded scholarships to over 75 Liberians, preparing a new generation of professionals in fields such as engineering, geology, chemistry, environmental science, and public administration. A recent analysis of the initiative reveals strong regional and academic alignment with both ArcelorMittal's operational footprint and the country's labor market needs.

According to the data, the majority of scholarship recipients come from Bong, Nimba, and Grand Bassa counties, which are ArcelorMittal's key concession areas. Bong County leads with 20 beneficiaries, followed by Nimba (17) and Grand Bassa (11), reflecting the company's commitment to invest in human capital within its operational zones.

"This program is an important pipeline for building the local technical capacity needed to support Liberia's economic transformation," noted a senior official.

However, the analysis also exposes a notable gender disparity: of the 77 recipients reviewed, only 12 are women. "This imbalance highlights the broader issue of female

underrepresentation in STEM and technical disciplines," said an education policy expert. "Deliberate gender equity strategies are needed to bridge the gap."

Scholars have pursued studies in countries such as Kenya, China, and Ghana, in disciplines including Civil Engineering, Applied Chemistry, Resource Management, and Mining Engineering. These academic paths are considered essential to Liberia's post-conflict development and its efforts toward industrialization.

As ArcelorMittal implements its Phase II expansion, which includes

a state-of-the-art ore concentrator, the company is expected to increasingly rely on these homegrown experts to manage complex mining and infrastructure systems.

Stakeholders are now calling for the next phase of the scholarship program to place greater emphasis on inclusion and emerging fields. Looking ahead, gender balance and prioritization of areas such as digital technology, data science, and climate resilience should be key criteria.

With the continued support of ArcelorMittal and a more inclusive approach, the scholarship program is poised to remain a cornerstone of Liberia's long-term human capital development



Nine Liberians earn degrees from Regional Maritime University

-At 19th Congregation Ceremony

Nine Liberian students were conferred degrees at the 19th Congregation of the Regional Maritime University (RMU) in Accra, Ghana, during a colorful ceremony held at the university's parade grounds on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

The ceremony, attended by ministers, diplomats, industry leaders, traditional rulers, and proud families, marked a significant milestone for 372 graduates who earned master's, bachelor's, and diploma qualifications across maritime and engineering disciplines.

Representing Liberia were three master's graduates in Port and Shipping Administration: Derrick Pehou Barshell, George Duke

well as the implementation of a four-year mandatory cadetship for sea-going students starting from the 2025/2026 academic year.

Dr. Brooks commended Liberia for its instrumental role in the construction of a new two-storey student hostel on RMU's campus. He appealed to the Government of Liberia to consider expanding the facility with two additional floors, noting the increasing demand for maritime education and a surge in female enrollment in sea-going programs.

Chancellor and Board Chairman, Ambassador Alhaji Fanday Turay, praised the contributions of member states, including Liberia, for their steadfast support to the university. He



Brown, and Watson Monkalla Chelley. At the undergraduate level, Faith Leo Jackson and Abraham Leeboy Morris earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Nautical Science, while Tawo Pukie Siafolo, Sharon Musulyn Kamara, and Blojay Felix Zeekeh graduated in Marine Engineering. Besetta Gray, who also served as President of the Liberian Students' Union at RMU, completed a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and expressed gratitude to Liberia Maritime Authority Commissioner, Cllr. Neto Zarzar Lighe Sr., for his continued support.

Acting Vice Chancellor Dr. Jethro W. Brooks Jr. highlighted key developments in his annual address, including the launch of new postgraduate programs in Blue Economy and Maritime Law, as

described the graduating class of 2025 as "a beacon of maritime excellence and the future custodians of the global shipping industry."

Commissioner Lighe Sr., during a dinner with the nine graduates, congratulated them and thanked them for enduring trying times. He also informed them that the Liberia Maritime Authority is working with industry stakeholders to facilitate placement opportunities.

The congregation underscored RMU's growing influence in maritime training in West and Central Africa. It also reaffirmed the collective commitment of member states, including Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, and The Gambia, to invest in the sector's future. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

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Mary Broh threatens to sue GoLASKY Airlines under scrutiny

Former Monrovia City Mayor and GSA former Director General Mary T. Broh has threatened defamation suit against the Liberian Government, days after she was imprisoned for corruption.

By Lincoln G. Peters
Monrovia, June 30, 2025: Madam Broh, who described her indictment as "sad and laughable," over the weekend threatened to take legal action against the Joseph Boakai regime



through the Ministry of Justice and the Assets Recovery and Retriever Taskforce over alleged defamation.

She told journalists in an interview over the weekend that she has no history of corruption during the years she has worked in government; therefore, the government will be sued to provide clarity regarding her character.

She argued that the indictment brought against her by the state is incorrect because she had provided the documents that are being used for their investigation. The former Monrovia City Mayor, who has a holiday named in her honor, argued that if she were guilty of the allegations, she would have withheld the said documents.

"It's so laughable, and it's so sad that you will have an appointed Agency by the President of the Republic of Liberia, witch-hunting people. This is the last person they will find corrupt. You can take it to the bank. At the end of the day, I will sue somebody. Yes, they invited me too. You should see the bloody letter they were sending me. But, I warned them," she foamed.

According to her, nobody knows what the government's asset recovery team is doing, warning that if they are not careful people will sued them.

"You know the letter they sent me, talking about criminal conspiracy, and so I am under investigation. I say what? We were told to bring the rice in because it was going to a different place. So, they needed our intervention, and we don't know anything about the rice being procured or where it came from. They only put it in the GSA warehouse. So, if you want to know the best story, ask. I didn't

kill my President for rice. If they come, I can give them documents, but we don't know anything. The transaction took place at the end of President George M. Weah's administration," she argued. Over the weekend, several top government officials of the

former ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) government, of ex-President George M. Weah, were indicted, detained, and sentenced to the Monrovia South Beach for over three hours amid multiple crimes, especially corruption.

On June 25, 2025, the Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Justice and the Asset Recovery and Property Recovery Task Force, led by its Chairman, Cllr. Edwin K. Martin indicted the past government officials.

The defendants faced charges ranging from theft of property, economic sabotage, misuse of public funds, illegal disbursement of public funds, expenditure of public funds, misapplication of entrusted property, abuse of office and power, and criminal conspiracy, among other offenses.

However, those indicted by the state include, Mary Broh, former Director General, General Services Agency, Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Varney A. Sirleaf, former Minister of Internal Affairs, and Telma Sawyer, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs/Administration, and wife of deceased interim President, Dr. Amos C. Sawyer.

The state also indicted Mr. Augustine Tamba, Deputy Director for Operations at the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA); Augustine Kollie, Director for Disaster Victims at NDMA; Henry O. Williams, former Executive Director; Rachievego M. Doe, NDMA Communication Director; and Edris Bility, former GSA Deputy Director/Ops.

Furthermore, the state also named Mamie Davies, Assistant

Director, GSA, Momolu Johnson, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs/Adm., Rosetta L. Gbassay Bowah, Logistics Officer, NDMA, Wayfa Ciapha, purported CEO, Group of Seventy-Seven, Evelyn Ghee, Warehouse Manager, and others to be identified, of the City of Monrovia, Liberia, as defendants and inditees.

" INDICTMENT WRIT OF ARREST REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO: MAJOR AUSTINE SEINAVULA, SHERIFF, MONTERRADO COUNTY, R.L. OR HIS DEPUTY, GREETINGS: YOU A R E H E R E B Y COMMANDED TO ARREST THE LIVING BODIES OF ALL THOSE MENTIONED IN THE WRIT AND OTHERS TO BE IDENTIFIED, DEFENDANTS, NAMED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION, CHARGED WITH THE Commission OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CRIMES, BASED UPON THE INDICTMENT PREPARED AGAINST THEM BY THE GRAND JURY DULY SELECTED, EMPANELLED, AND SWORN TO INQUIRE IN AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF MONTERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND TO FORTHWITH BRING THEM B E F O R E T H I S HONORABLE COURT, (FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CRIMINAL ASSIZES "C" FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY), SITTING IN ITS MAY TERM, A.D. 2025, TO ANSWER TO THE SAID CHARGES MENTIONED SUPRA" the write noted.

Based on the Court's mandate, on Thursday, June 26, 2025, the Liberian National Police and the Sheriff of Criminal Court "C" arrested and detained former Foreign Minister Kemayah, along with Madam Broh and other co-defendants, who were subsequently sentenced to Monrovia Prison.

According to the indictment, the defendants caused the government to lose 25,054 bags of donated rice valued at \$425,918. The rice, donated by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in April 2023 through Fouta Corporation Inc., was intended for disaster-affected communities.

The court had ordered the defendants held at the Monrovia Central Prison pending trial. They are expected to be represented by prominent lawyers, including former Associate Justice Kabineh Ja'neh, Cllr. Pearl Brown Bull and Cllr Milton Taylor. **—Edited by Othello B. Garblah.**

A series of missteps and poor handling of passengers is creating concerns among Liberians about the operations of ASKY Airlines, which makes flights to Liberia via Côte d'Ivoire and Accra, Ghana.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

Monrovia, Liberia; June 30, 2025ASKY Airlines is facing growing public scrutiny here, following a string of troubling incidents involving midair technical issues and widespread luggage mishandling on recent flights through Liberia and Ghana.

According to sources, an ASKY flight en route from Accra, Ghana, to Monrovia, Liberia, developed technical difficulties midair, forcing an emergency landing in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Although the aircraft was later repaired and continued to Liberia, passengers arrived with only their carry-on items; checked luggage was left behind.

The incident has sparked alarm among Liberians, including government officials. Bong County Senator Prince Moye, Chair of the Liberian Senate Committee on Ways, Means, Finance, and Development Planning, expressed serious concerns about the airline's continued operations in Liberian airspace.

"I am worried because ASKY is the airline scheduled to take me to Lomé, Togo," Senator Moye said in an interview. "We are going to elevate this matter at the level of the

flight was delayed for over an hour, adding to passengers' already heightened anxiety from the earlier incident.

Upon arriving in Monrovia, travelers were stunned to learn that none of their checked luggage had been loaded onto the flight; only their carry-ons had made the trip. "Each passenger had at least one bag left behind," wrote Liberian journalist Julius Jeh in a Facebook post. "Some had two or more."

Airport staff at Roberts International Airport (RIA), though not affiliated with ASKY, speculated that the missing baggage might arrive on the next flight. That, too, proved false hope. Saturday's ASKY flight arrived with passengers but no luggage. "The baggage conveyor belt didn't even turn," Jeh noted.

To make matters worse, some luggage had reportedly been rerouted via Kenya Airways to Monrovia but still failed to arrive. Passengers say the airline has not provided any communication or explanation, leaving them frustrated and uncertain.

"What kind of airline repeatedly flies with just passengers and no luggage?" Jeh questioned. "Is this



Legislature to understand what ASKY management is doing amid all these troubling conditions."

ASKY Airlines, dubbed "The Pan-African Airline," is a private carrier headquartered in Lomé, Togo. It operates across West and Central Africa and is a strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines. The airline has reportedly maintained profitability since 2017.

However, the recent incidents have raised serious questions about its operational reliability. Passengers report that the same aircraft involved in the emergency landing was later used for their flight from Accra to Monrovia just days afterward. The

the same plane that was grounded in Abidjan? If so, why is it still being used without a clear safety assessment?"

He urged Liberian aviation authorities to act swiftly before a more serious incident occurred. "We can't rely on hope alone. Faith must be matched by responsible action," he said.

With public anxiety mounting, many are calling on the Liberia Civil Aviation Authority to investigate the airline and ensure it meets international safety and service standards. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**



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