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Continental News

Jihadist fighters stage series of attacks on Mali military posts

Jihadist fighters have launched a series of simultaneous attacks on military posts across numerous towns in Mali - the third major assault on the



Military bases have been attacked several times in the last month (file photo)

army over the last month. Mali's army said it repelled Tuesday morning's attacks, allegedly "neutralising" more than 80 militants, without saying if there were any other casualties. However, Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM), an al-Qaeda-linked group who said it was behind the attacks, said it had taken control of three army barracks. For more than a decade Mali has been wracked by a deadly Islamist insurgency, as well as attacks from separatist movements. In

a statement broadcast on national TV, army spokesperson Souleymane Dembele said: "The enemy suffered significant losses in every location where they engaged with the security

and defence forces." Col Dembele added that the army recovered weapons, vehicles and motorcycles from the assailants. Earlier, the armed forces said that the attacks had occurred across seven towns and cities, including Binoli, Kayes and Sandere, near the border with Senegal. There were also attacks further north, near Mali's frontier with Mauritania. One resident in Kayes told the AFP news agency: "We woke up in shock this morning. There's gunfire, and from my house I

can see smoke billowing towards the governor's residence." JNIM called its attack "co-ordinated and high quality" in a statement posted on social media. They did not detail any casualties. The group has also said it carried out two other significant recent attacks. On 2 June, militants targeted both an army camp and airport in the ancient, northern city of Timbuktu. Just a day before, a raid killed at least 30 soldiers in the centre of the country. The attacks, the latest sign of rising insecurity in Mali and the wider Sahel region, came after the United States Africa Command warned about growing efforts by various different Islamist militant groups which operate in the Sahel to gain access to West Africa's coastline. During a press conference in May, the commander of United States Africa Command (Africom), Gen Michael Langley, described recent attacks in Nigeria, the wider Sahel, and the Lake Chad Basin as deeply troubling. He warned that the groups' access to the coast would significantly boost their capacity for smuggling and arms trafficking. BBC

Dozens of Ghanaians trafficked in football job scam rescued in Nigeria

Some 76 Ghanaians who were trafficked to Nigeria under a fraudulent recruitment scheme have been rescued, Ghanaian police say. The victims, mostly young men, were lured with promises of football contracts with top foreign teams, job placements abroad or assistance with visa processing. Upon arrival, their travel documents and mobile phones were seized, and they were housed in overcrowded rooms under poor conditions, police say. The victims were forced to contact their families to solicit about \$1,000 (£727) in the guise of paying training or facilitation fees. The fraud masterminds also allegedly used the victims' phone contact lists to scam their friends and relatives. Seven Ghanaian suspects have been arrested in connection with the trafficking. The head of Ghana's Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Lydia Yaako Donkor, said at a press briefing that the rescue operation was conducted in collaboration with



Many of the victims were promised places in football academies abroad

Congolese army destroys plane rebels claim was carrying aid

The Congolese government says it targeted an aircraft which rebels claim was delivering food aid before it was blown up in the district of Minembwe, close to the country's borders with Rwanda and Burundi. It is the latest violent incident in the region since a ceasefire deal was signed in Washington last Friday. The army claims it tracked the plane using radar, found it had entered Congolese airspace without legal permission and bore no identification number - giving the force no choice but to take "appropriate measures". But rebels allied to the M23 group, which has seized large parts of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo this year, dispute this. A statement released on behalf of the Twerwaneho group, which controls Minembwe, said the plane was bombed in an act of "barbarity" that destroyed "food rations" and "essential supplies including medicines" intended for village residents.

Rwanda is backing the M23. Despite widespread evidence, Rwanda denies giving financial or military support to the M23 or its allies. Decades of conflict escalated earlier this year when M23 rebels seized control of large parts of eastern DR Congo including the regional capital, Goma, the city of Bukavu and two airports. Thousands of people have been killed and hundreds of thousands of civilians forced from their homes following the recent rebel offensive. The plane's destruction is one of many violent incidents that have happened since last week's much-trumpeted peace agreement. The M23 is one of the biggest parties in this conflict but was not directly involved in the US-brokered ceasefire deal. Instead it favours continuing talks mediated by Qatar, which it says will address "the root causes" of the conflict. Both Rwanda and DR Congo last week committed to disarming and



The Congolese army has been battling rebels in the east for many years (file photo)

The statement published by the wider rebel umbrella Congo River Alliance, which includes both the Twerwaneho and M23, threatened that the militia would hit back at the army in so-called "necessary measures" to keep locals safe. The BBC has not been able to independently verify what cargo was on board the plane, nor where it had come from. Yet daytime images circulating online, whose topography and details match other footage from the scene, appear to show that most of the wreckage was consumed by the fire. Burundi defence forces and the Congolese army have blocked road access to rebel-held Minembwe, leaving it reliant on air access for all kinds of supplies. Neither side has said that the plane originated in Rwanda. But all Rwandan civilian and military aircraft have been banned in DR Congo since February over accusations that

disengaging their alleged proxies. However, dozens of armed groups are active in the region - several of whom have already shown they are not adhering to the ceasefire. Even though US President Donald Trump told those signing the deal that "you're going to do what is in the agreement", what is happening in North and South Kivu provinces makes the prospect of lasting peace remote. Crucially, no verification mechanism was enshrined in the Washington deal. But both DR Congo and Rwanda were given 30 days to set up a monitoring mechanism. Analysts say last week's deal does not immediately change the reality on the ground - despite Trump's wishes - and matters remain tense and uncertain. Monday's incident is likely to spark fresh doubts about the prospect of lasting peace taking hold anytime soon.

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 Joseph E. Stiglitz, José Antonio Ocampo, and Jayati Ghosh

A Tax Victory for Multinationals Over People

NEW YORK - The US Treasury just made a deal with the other G7 countries that already agreed upon will not apply to American companies. The G7 governments caved under intense pressure from President Donald Trump and lobbying from multinationals in Washington, London, Brussels, and beyond - just as India, and now, sadly, Canada have caved on digital taxation.

Years ago, the international community recognized that too many global companies were not paying their fair share of taxes, and some weren’t paying taxes to the country where the economic activity actually occurs. The complex agreement that emerged in 2021 at the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting comprised two pillars; only Pillar Two, a global minimum corporate tax, has been adopted. (The other pillar allocated taxation rights among countries and spurred opposition from both developing countries and the US.)

While there has been a global consensus on the need for such a minimum, the version the United States adopted during Trump’s first presidential term was different, and weaker, than that of the rest of the world, allowing multinationals to “make up” for what they didn’t pay in tax havens with the “extra” they paid in the US or other high-tax jurisdictions.

While far from perfect, Pillar Two was a first attempt to ensure a minimum tax rate of 15% on the profits of multinationals everywhere, a crucial step to end harmful tax competition between countries.

There were, of course, some carve-outs and exemptions, which lowered the effective rate somewhat below 15%. And the 15% rate was already lower than the rate imposed by many developing countries; it should have been higher, and the carve-outs smaller. Still, the Pillar Two deal halted the race to the bottom, whereby countries offered lower tax rates to attract businesses to their jurisdictions. For the world as a whole, this race didn’t generate much new investment; the real winners were the rich corporations who pocketed the savings from paying almost no taxes at all in some countries.

But once again, G7 governments have decided to put multinationals’ interests ahead of the interests of developing countries, small and medium-size businesses (which can’t avail themselves of the shenanigans that multinationals have found so profitable), and their own citizens - who, as a consequence, will pay higher taxes. By exempting US multinationals from Pillar Two, this deal will allow some to continue to benefit from zero or near-zero taxes on profits they book in low-tax jurisdictions or tax havens such as Puerto Rico and the Cayman Islands. This will make them more competitive than non-US multinationals. Because modern multinational corporations are willing to move their nominal headquarters to wherever they get the most favorable tax treatment (and other goodies), with the real economic activity occurring elsewhere, giving US companies preferential treatment incentivizes companies to move their official headquarters to the US. This is another sad example of a race to the bottom.

By acceding to US demands, the G7 deal risks undermining the worldwide implementation of the minimum tax. It also makes a mockery of the inclusiveness of the so-called OECD/G20

Inclusive Framework.

There was a pretense that the new global framework was crafted by more than 140 countries working together. To be sure, many developing countries complained this was an unfair agreement for them and that powerful countries did not listen to their concerns. Now that façade has crumbled. The non-G7 countries, including dozens of emerging markets and developing countries, are now being asked to rubber-stamp a decision imposed on them by just one country.

Pillar Two should be strengthened, not gutted. It currently applies only to large multinationals (with a global turnover at or above €750 million), and the global minimum tax rate of 15% is set very low. The Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation has always advocated a minimum rate of at least 25%.

According to some estimates, Pillar Two’s minimum tax would have yielded between \$155 and \$192 billion annually in additional global corporate income tax revenue. While this is a significant amount, a minimum rate of 25% could generate more than \$500 billion a year in additional revenue. In a world facing converging crises of inequality, climate change, and underfunded public services, leaving such substantial resources on the table is fiscally irresponsible and morally indefensible.

Pillar Two represented a starting point - a global floor on corporate taxation that could have curbed the race to the bottom and restored some degree of tax justice. The G7’s decision to let US multinationals off the hook weakens even that modest floor and sends the wrong message to the rest of the world.

Just two weeks ago at the United Nations, there was a global consensus about the need to strengthen international tax cooperation and to implement progressive tax systems, and a large majority of countries voted for and support ongoing negotiations toward a UN framework convention on international tax cooperation. But the US government recently walked away from the UN negotiations, stating that the goals of the proposed UN convention “are inconsistent with US priorities and represent an unwelcome overreach.”

In the adoption of the “Compromiso de Sevilla,” the outcome document of this week’s UN Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), the US was the only major country that was absent. Allowing the US to bypass the already modest Pillar Two rules not only undermines multilateralism; it also flies in the face of the commitments that have been made, and further deepens the inequity in global tax governance.

The members of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework should reject the deal made at the G7. The US must not be allowed to dictate global policy. It is powerful, but still represents less than 20% of global GDP.

Countries meeting in Seville for FfD4 can either accept the US undermining every effort to ensure multinationals pay their fair share, or redouble efforts to create a new international tax system at the UN that works for all. For the sake of the world economy and people everywhere, they should do the latter.

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OP-ED

By Carlos Cuerdo
and Joseph E. Stiglitz

How to Put Development Finance Back on Track

SEVILLE - At the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development this week, delegates are calling for urgent action to fix a system that has stopped working. Prior to the third such gathering a decade ago, in Ethiopia, we had witnessed unprecedented advances toward reducing poverty, increasing school enrollment, and providing clean water worldwide. Today, however, progress is not only slowing but potentially stagnating - or, worse, reversing.

Global growth this year is expected to slow to its lowest rate (outside of a crisis) since 2008. The outlook is especially problematic for developing countries that are already growing well below historical averages, and for those 35 countries, mostly in Africa, that are already in or at high risk of debt distress. One out of every three countries now spends more repaying creditors than on health or education.

As debt payments crowd out money needed for development, these countries' futures are being jeopardized. Meanwhile, the global gap between the richest and the poorest continues to grow, with Oxfam estimating that the new wealth of the top 1% surged by more than \$33.9 trillion since 2015 - enough to end poverty 22 times over.

The situation won't change unless there are greater flows of finance to developing countries. Moreover, quality matters as much as the quantity: There has been far too much finance of the kind that leads to financial distress, and far too little of the kind that promotes sustained growth.

We believe that finance for development is too important not to involve every stakeholder. As the late Pope Francis emphasized, doing so is a moral obligation. That is the message of the Vatican's new Jubilee Report on debt, reflecting the work of a global commission of experts - which one of us (Stiglitz) chaired.

But fixing development finance is also a matter of self-interest for most advanced economies. After all, poverty and inequality give rise to social tension, diseases, and conflicts, with spillovers that do not respect national boundaries. Moreover, a lack of finance in developing countries implies a lack of investment in climate-change mitigation, a global public good that is necessary for everyone's future prosperity.

With the world so divided, and so afflicted by the exercise of raw power and by short-term thinking, the Seville conference should be seen as an opportunity to renew multilateralism for the common good. But it will need to be more than just an exercise in speech-making about the hope of a better future. Such rhetoric must be translated into tangible progress, and there are some signs that this could happen.

The outcome document, the "Compromiso de Sevilla," forged at the United Nations in New York, gives us confidence that this gathering will lay the foundation for a new debt and financial architecture. Specifically, Spain has launched the Sevilla Platform for Action, providing a comprehensive framework for coalitions of the willing to advance ambitious, but feasible, initiatives that will drive material progress in addressing challenges related to sustainable development.

For example, we should see the launch of a Global Hub for Debt Swaps to generate more fiscal space for investment in sustainable growth; a Debt Pause Clause Alliance, to ease pressure on vulnerable countries' budgets when they are squeezed by extraordinary events; a broad push to re-channel International Monetary Fund special drawing rights (SDRs) - the IMF's global reserve asset, held mostly by wealthy countries - toward more effective uses; steps to strengthen the voices of debtor countries through a borrower-country platform; and the start of an intergovernmental process on debt restructuring at the UN, following principles that were already agreed by an overwhelming majority of member states a decade ago.

These steps represent just the start. In time, the Seville conference could be remembered not as a landing zone, but as a launchpad for further action. But for that to happen, we must continue to push for more ambitious, yet feasible, solutions. For example, creating a Jubilee Fund with \$100 billion worth of untapped SDRs for debt buybacks would provide the most vulnerable countries with resources that they desperately need to promote sustainable growth. Equally, one can imagine broader frameworks for debt-for-nature and debt-for-development swaps, as well as new and fairer green trade and investment agreements that enhance domestic resources and facilitate developing countries' participation in the global effort to address climate change.

Seville represents an opportunity to look at finance comprehensively and send a strong message of commitment and trust in multilateralism. We remain optimistic, because we believe in the power of pragmatism. By focusing on workable solutions that go beyond the text of whatever agreement emerges, we can finally put development back on track.

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OPINION

By Diane Coyle

Building Infrastructure for the AI Age

CAMBRIDGE - The London Underground, the world's oldest subway system, opened in 1863. Around the same time, London's modern sewage system was designed by civil engineer Joseph Bazalgette in response to the Great Stink of 1858, which brought Parliament to a standstill. Planning far ahead, Bazalgette built the system to last 150 years. Only now, with the Thames Tideway project, is it being significantly expanded.

Walk through any major city in the United Kingdom - from London to Glasgow, Belfast to Bristol - and you will find that much of the infrastructure from the late Victorian era is still in use. That is partly because the Victorians built early and planned decades ahead. Like in many other countries, the UK's infrastructure is akin to a palimpsest, with new layers constructed over the old.

A similar dynamic is playing out today, as new technologies become integral to daily life and economic growth. Broadband, mobile networks, and data centers, which are now as vital as roads and power grids, are prime examples.

At the same time, the concept of social infrastructure is gaining traction among policymakers around the world. The UK's new ten-year infrastructure strategy, for example, focuses on "opportunities for collaboration, productivity and efficiency gains, and the wider benefits of strategic and spatial planning" across the health, education, and justice systems. As the plan notes, this is the first time the British government has included social infrastructure in its national strategy. While the emphasis remains largely on the physical assets that support these services, the plan reflects a broader understanding of what qualifies as infrastructure.

But even that view is too narrow. Consider the characteristics of the systems that keep our economies running: long lifespans, high fixed costs, low marginal costs, and broad accessibility. Importantly, their value is derived not from the physical assets themselves, but from the economic activities they enable. It's not the electricity cables or communications networks that create value; it's the light, heat, and content they deliver.

Our definition of infrastructure should be expanded to reflect the demands of the digital age. While governments often view AI infrastructure in terms of data centers and the energy and water they consume, a truly comprehensive view must also include intangible assets such as software and data.

To be sure, this might seem like a conceptual leap. But the COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020-21 revealed just how essential digital platforms have become. Videoconferencing tools like Zoom, for example, are so critical to work, education, and public services that it is difficult to imagine life without them.

As a result, a growing number of countries are developing what is often called digital public infrastructure, though in practice it typically involves a mix of public and private services. In 2020, Brazil's central bank launched the Pix real-time payment system, which has largely replaced cash transactions. Similarly, India's Aadhaar biometric identification system now serves as a platform for both public services and digital payments, while Estonia's X-Road data-exchange platform underpins much of the country's e-governance.

Such digital systems have been adopted more quickly in countries with fewer entrenched legacy services. By contrast, countries like the United States and the UK have long-established payment systems dominated by private providers, such as credit card companies, which can impede the adoption of public alternatives.

Given their growing economic importance, governments must start thinking strategically about software and data - the digital equivalents of roads and power grids. One major challenge is that infrastructure demand is indirect, and its components form a complex, interdependent system, making it difficult to assess the impact of individual projects.

This is especially true of intangible assets. Cash-strapped governments tend to underinvest in resources like data and software, while private investors often view them as too risky. But the lack of a robust and well-maintained digital foundation can hinder economic growth.

A second reason to invest in digital infrastructure is national sovereignty. Over the past few years, policymakers around the world have grown increasingly concerned about the national-security risks posed by US firms' dominance in cloud computing. These concerns were underscored by Microsoft's decision to suspend the email account of Karim Khan, the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor, at the behest of US President Donald Trump's administration.

The lesson for governments is that they must step back from immediate flashpoints and take a longer view. Infrastructure provides a useful lens for thinking strategically about what investments are needed, who should make them, and how they should be governed to sustain economic growth.

A well-functioning court system is particularly important - not just for its physical infrastructure, but also for the timely, predictable, and procedurally fair application of the law. Equally important is a foundation of high-quality data and interoperable software that facilitates user authentication, improves access to cloud services, and fuels the creation of new digital businesses.

Victorian planners' foresight continues to benefit us more than a century later. We should approach today's infrastructure challenges with the same mindset.

Diane Coyle, Professor of Public Policy at the University of Cambridge, is the author of Cogs and Monsters: What Economics Is, and What It Should Be (Princeton University Press, 2021) and The Measure of Progress: Counting What Really Matters (Princeton University Press, 2025).

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:

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Bong County: Sen. Moye donates L\$400,000 to support disabled community

Senator Prince Moye of Bong County has donated LD 400,000 to the disabled community in his county, while urging men to take responsibility as fathers.

By: Edwin N. Khakie
Gbarnga, Bong County, July 2, 2025—Sen. Moye made the comments during a special Father’s Day celebration hosted by the Noble House themselves from their children out of shame or disappointment, but we must remember that many of these situations stem from a lack of proper guidance in their early years.”



Sen. Prince Moye

Worship Center in Gbarnga, where Senator Moye delivered a stirring message centered on biblical principles and moral accountability.

Drawing from Luke 15:11-32, the parable of the prodigal son, Senator Moye emphasized the importance of embracing one’s children, regardless of their mistakes, and highlighted the enduring role of a father’s love in guiding a child back onto the right path.

“A good father always strives to meet the daily needs of his family,” Senator Moye declared. “Too often, fathers distance

leadership within the home and society at large.

In recognition of his outstanding public service and commitment to community development, Senator Moye was also honored with a “Certificate of Honor” by the Light House Assembly of God A.G. Church. The church praised his integrity, dedication to governance, and consistent engagement with the citizens of Bong County.

“Senator Moye has shown us what servant leadership truly means,” one church leader remarked. “He continues to stand by his people—not just in words, but in action.”

L\$400,000 Donation to Support People Living With Disabilities

As part of his continued efforts to support marginalized groups, Senator Moye held an emergency meeting over the weekend with leaders of the People Living with Disabilities (PWDs) in Gbarnga. During the meeting, representatives shared key concerns, including:

Lack of access to education for children with disabilities, inadequate mobility support and livelihood opportunities, social exclusion, and neglect from local development planning

In response, Senator Moye

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Kortu K Brown: "Liberia's reburials: A good first step

- But two more steps to achieve reconciliation
Former President of the Liberia Council of Churches, Bishop Kortu Brown, has hailed the move by President Boakai to reburial Liberia’s fallen Presidents as a good first step toward national reconciliation.

Brewerville, Montserrado County - July 1, 2025: In a statement issued on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Bishop Brown urged Liberians to recognize the efforts of the Boakai administration over the last several weeks to rebury the retrieved remains of two former leaders of the country.

According to him, as the nation struggle to reconcile, the move to rebury the retrieved remains of former Presidents William R. Tolbert and Samuel K. Doe, who lost their lives during different phases of Liberia’s social upheavals and were buried in mass and/or sometimes unidentified graves, should be hailed as an appreciable first step.

"This is an appreciable first step on the road to reconciling

the country," Bishop Brown noted, as he identified with the agonies many families have suffered over the past five decades as they struggled with the gruesome loss of family members

Speaking on the second day of a weeklong Thanksgiving and Intercessory Prayer service on Monday, June 30, 2025, at New Water in the Desert Assembly Apostolic Pentecostal Church

International in Brewerville, Montserrado County, the outspoken cleric emphasized the dire need for reconciliation in the country without which the people remain terribly divided and unable to forge together in promoting national development

“Reconciliation in Liberia must be executed in three phases if we must achieve national reconciliation and renewal,” the former president of the Liberia Council of Churches suggested, adding, “First, we

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Bishop Kortu Brown

ArcelorMittal Liberia recruits new cohorts

ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) has once again reaffirmed its commitment to youth development and skills transfer by matriculating a new class of 60 young Liberians into the ArcelorMittal Liberia Training Academy (AMLTA).

Yekepa, Nimba County, July 2, 2025: At least 31 of the new apprentices were drawn from across the country, while 29 represent AML operational communities in Grand Bassa, Bong, and Nimba Counties to make up the latest cohort to begin a transformative three-year vocational training program.

The program offers hands-on technical education in Diesel Mechanics, Electricity, Boiler Making, and machining and fitting, critical trades that support Liberia’s mining and industrial future.

The formal matriculation ceremony, held on Monday, June 30, marked the beginning of a new chapter for the young trainees. It also reinforced ArcelorMittal Liberia’s longstanding commitment to fulfilling its obligations under

their families, and contributes to Liberia.”

“We especially want to encourage more young women to apply next time. When you’re skilled, you can do something not just for yourself, but for your country.” He added.

Since its inception, AMLTA has stood out as a model for corporate-led technical education in Liberia. The academy’s facilities were recently rehabilitated through a substantial \$7 million investment by ArcelorMittal Liberia. This upgrade has enabled the academy to maintain high training standards and deliver internationally recognized three-year certificates, all of which are offered 100% tuition-free to trainees.

Victor Loubser, Training



the Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) to train and empower Liberians.

According to Amos T. Daywhea, Administrator of the AML Training Academy, the recruitment process was competitive and transparent, ensuring that the most promising and committed candidates were selected.

“Those who have been selected today went through a rigorous process, pre-test, lab tests, and aptitude assessments, and emerged successful. They earned their place.” Amos T. Daywhea, Administrator of AMLTA, shared in an interview.

"This is a lifetime opportunity. When someone trains at ArcelorMittal, they’re building a career that empowers them,

Manager of the AMLTA, encouraged the young trainees to take their future career seriously, noting, “You embark on a journey to shape your future. Your future is in your hands. You are becoming an artisan, not just recognized in Liberia, but internationally.”

"AML needs skilled operators and artisans to work on the concentrator plant. Success can only be achieved through hard work, sacrifice, and motivation. You are here because you want to make a difference in your own life."

The three-year program is not just about classroom learning. AMLTA blends theoretical knowledge with practical experience, often

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Boakai names new Chief Justice

Liberia is poised to have a new Chief Justice for the Supreme Court, with President Josephe Boakai's appointment of Associate Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, head the nation's highest court, replacing outgoing Chief Justice, Her Honor, Sie-A-Nyene Gyapay Yuoh.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah
Subordinate Courts. Additionally, the nomination aligns with Article 72(b) of the Constitution, which mandates retirement of Justices upon



Associate Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay

Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay as next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, succeeding Her Honor, Chief Justice Sie-A-Nyene Gyapay Yuoh, whose tenure ends here, as she reaches the constitutional retirement age of 70.

The nomination was made in accordance with Article 54© of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia, which grants the President authority to appoint the Chief Justice, Associate Justices, and Judges of

reaching the age of seventy.

In a nomination letter addressed to the Liberian Senate, President Boakai described Justice Gbeisay as a "distinguished jurist [who] has demonstrated exemplary integrity, profound legal acumen, and commitment to upholding the rule of law and the Constitution."

President Boakai called on the Liberian Senate to "expeditiously consider and confirm this nomination." Outgoing Chief

Justice Her Honor Yuoh, who turns 70 recently, concludes a distinguished judicial career marked by trailblazing leadership, reform advocacy, and unwavering commitment to judicial independence. Her departure signals the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter under Justice Gbeisay, a jurist with a steady rise through Liberia's legal ranks.

Justice Gbeisay's judicial service includes Relieving Judge (2015), appointed after nomination and confirmation in 2014. Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (October 2022), served with distinction until current elevation. He is known for his strong legal reasoning, case management efficiency, and measured temperament on the bench. His nomination comes at a time public confidence in Liberia's justice system is undergoing critical scrutiny, and his leadership will be closely watched for its ability to uphold rule of law and judicial autonomy.

Chief Justice Yuoh's tenure (2022-2025) was defined by

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Speaker Koon launches World Population Report today

Speaker Richard N. Koon launches State of the World Population Report 2025 today, Wednesday, in collaboration with the the United Nations Population Fund.

By Lincoln G. Peters
Monrovia, Liberia; July 2, 2025 - House Speaker, Richard N. Koon, is expected to officially launch the national State of the World Population Report 2025 today, July 2, 2025.

The launch of the project is a joint initiative and collaboration of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Liberia Institute for Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS).

This year's report is informed by survey of over 400,000 people across 14 countries, which revealed economic situations, housing crises, climate change, war/conflict, pandemics, and finding a partner, among others as factors affecting people's decision to have children.

"The report will be nationally released at the Monrovia City Hall on July 2, 2025. Honorable Richard Nagbe Koon, Speaker of the 55th Legislature will launch the report and deliver the keynote address." A UNFPA's press

statement says. The 2025 State of the World Population Report titled: "The Real Fertility Crisis: The Pursuit of Reproductive Agency in A Changing World", was released globally on 10 June 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya by Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of UNFPA.

The State of World Population Report is an annual publication by UNFPA that analyzes global population trends, focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

This year's Report reveals that

millions of people around the world are unable to have the number of children they want whether they want more, fewer, or none at all. The most consequential reproductive decision a human being can make - when, whether and with whom to have a child is being undermined. The inability of individuals to realize their desired fertility goals is the real fertility crisis, not overpopulation or underpopulation.

According to the Report, reproductive agency is more than just freedom from coercion or improved access to services; it is the full range of

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Speaker, Richard N. Koon

United Methodist Church ends leadership seminar in Nimba

Tappita, Liberia, July 1, 2025 - The Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (LAC/UMC) has successfully concluded a transformative three-day regional leadership seminar in Tappita, lower Nimba County. The event brought together representatives and delegates from the Gompa, Tappita, and Gee River Districts for dialogue, spiritual renewal, and strategic reflection on the Church's mission and leadership in today's Liberia. According to the UMC, the three-day event held under the theme "Leaders for Church Renewal," at the First United Methodist Church in Tappita, is aimed to strengthen internal unity, promote spiritual maturity, and prepare church leaders to confront critical social challenges such as misinformation, , and youth vulnerability. Participants included clergy, District superintendents, lay leaders, youth and women's organizations leaders.

Organizers described the seminar as part of LAC/UMC's ongoing initiative to build leadership capacity at the grassroots level,

of the Christian community. "We are hurt because of lies and disinformation, but we will bounce back in God's light," he said. "Those who spread falsehoods will ultimately run into the darkness of shame. We are a democratic church - built on truth, accountability, and love." He said.

"In these times of division and moral confusion, the Church must not lose its voice," Rev. Dormah added, and continued, "Our gathering in Tappita is a sign that God is still at work among us. Let us deepen our love for one another and recommit ourselves to those we are called to serve."

The United Methodist Church in Liberia has been shaken by allegations of embracing same-sex marriage coming from Church leaders and members characterized by violence and breakaway with formation of Global Methodist Church headed by Dr. Jerry P. Kulah, former Dean of the Master's Program at the United Methodist University.

The Director of the Human Rights Department at the Liberia



unify the church across districts, and position the Church as a moral and transformational force in Liberia's development. The seminar featured worship services, devotionals, breakout discussions, and teaching sessions on pressing issues affecting the Church and nation.

Rev. Caleb S.G. Dormah, Director of the At-Risk Youth Ministry of LAC/UMC and team leader , urged participants to remain steadfast in truth, especially in an era dominated by false narratives and social tension. "We must be intentional about listening to one another and working together," he stated. "God's work can only flourish where there is unity, mutual respect, and shared vision."

Rev. Dormah lamented hurt caused by disinformation within and outside the Church, emphasizing that such lies not only divide but damage the fabric

Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (LAC/UMC) Jefferson B. Knight, noted: "They are fighting over property in every corner of Liberia, but unfortunately for them, the LAC/UMC respects the laws of Liberia and will defend both its name and its mission. Some people think this Church is a small, disorganized body—but they are wrong," he said.

He further emphasized that the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is committed to upholding the laws of the Republic of Liberia and stands ready to protect the integrity of the Church. Director Knight urged those who are dissatisfied to leave peacefully rather than sow division and spread lies. "We all took an oath to serve in good faith before joining the UMC. If anyone feels the need to leave, they are free to do so—but let them do it in

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ArcelorMittal Liberia forme une nouvelle promotion de jeunes apprentis

ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) a réaffirmé son engagement en faveur du développement des compétences et de l’insertion professionnelle de la jeunesse libérienne, en intégrant une nouvelle cohorte de 60 jeunes au

de l’ensemble du pays, tandis que 29 représentent les communautés situées autour des sites d’exploitation d’AML dans les comtés de Grand Bassa, Bong et Nimba. Ils entament un programme de formation professionnelle de trois ans, axé sur des métiers essentiels



sein de l’Académie de formation d’ArcelorMittal Liberia (AMTLA). Parmi ces nouveaux apprentis, 31 proviennent

pour l’avenir industriel et minier du Liberia : la mécanique diesel, l’électricité, la chaudronnerie, ainsi que l’usinage et l’ajustage.

La cérémonie officielle de matriculation, organisée le lundi 30 juin, marque une étape importante pour ces jeunes, tout en illustrant l’engagement durable d’ArcelorMittal Liberia à respecter les dispositions de l’Accord de développement minier (MDA) visant à former et autonomiser la main-d’œuvre locale.

Selon Amos T. Daywhea, administrateur de l’Académie, le processus de recrutement a été rigoureux et transparent, afin de sélectionner les candidats les plus prometteurs et motivés.

« Ceux qui ont été retenus aujourd’hui ont franchi plusieurs étapes exigeantes : tests préliminaires, examens pratiques en laboratoire et évaluations d’aptitude. Ils ont gagné leur place par leurs propres efforts », a-t-il déclaré en marge de la cérémonie.

Il a souligné l’importance de cette opportunité unique :

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Comté de Bong : Le sénateur Moye fait don de 400 000 dollars libériens pour soutenir les personnes handicapées

Le sénateur Prince Moye, représentant le comté de Bong, a remis un don de 400 000 dollars libériens en faveur des personnes vivant avec un handicap, tout en lançant un appel pressant aux hommes afin qu’ils assument pleinement leurs responsabilités en tant que pères.

Le sénateur s’exprimait lors d’une célébration spéciale de la Fête des pères organisée au Noble House Worship Center de Gbarnga. Dans son intervention, il a délivré un message inspirant axé sur les principes bibliques et la responsabilité morale.

S’appuyant sur l’Évangile selon Luc 15:11-32, qui relate la parabole du fils prodigue, le sénateur Moye a insisté sur l’importance d’accueillir ses enfants quelles que soient leurs erreurs, rappelant le rôle essentiel de l’amour paternel pour les ramener sur le bon chemin.

« Un bon père s’efforce toujours de répondre aux besoins quotidiens de sa famille », a-t-il affirmé. « Trop souvent, les pères

s’éloignent de leurs enfants par honte ou par déception. Mais il faut se souvenir que beaucoup de ces situations sont le résultat d’un manque de repères dès leur plus jeune âge. »

Président de la Commission sénatoriale des finances, des moyens et de la planification du développement, le sénateur Moye a exhorté les hommes du département masculin de l’église à montrer l’exemple, à être présents auprès de leurs familles et à savoir pardonner. Cette célébration a réuni des centaines de fidèles et de membres de la communauté, qui ont salué un message jugé opportun et porteur d’espoir.

Les responsables du Noble

House Worship Center ont qualifié l’intervention du sénateur de rappel indispensable du rôle du leadership moral au sein du foyer et de la société.

En reconnaissance de son engagement en faveur du service public et du développement communautaire, le sénateur Moye s’est vu décerner un « Certificat d’Honneur » par l’Église Light House Assembly of God A.G. Church, qui a salué son intégrité, sa proximité constante avec la population et son sens du devoir.

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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](#).

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« Se former chez ArcelorMittal, c’est construire une carrière qui transforme non seulement sa vie et celle de sa famille, mais contribue également au développement du Liberia. Nous encourageons particulièrement davantage de jeunes femmes à postuler lors des prochaines sessions. Lorsqu’on détient un savoir-faire technique, on peut agir concrètement pour son pays. »

Depuis sa création, l’AMTLA s’impose comme un modèle d’éducation technique financée par le secteur privé. Ses installations ont récemment fait l’objet d’une importante rénovation grâce à un investissement de 7 millions de dollars américains par ArcelorMittal Liberia, permettant de maintenir des standards de formation élevés et de délivrer des certificats reconnus à l’international, entièrement gratuits pour les bénéficiaires.

Victor Loubser, responsable de la formation à l’Académie, a exhorté les nouveaux apprentis à saisir pleinement cette chance : « Vous entamez un parcours qui façonnera votre avenir. Il est entre vos mains. Vous devenez des artisans qualifiés, reconnus au Liberia et au-delà de nos frontières. ArcelorMittal a besoin d’opérateurs et de techniciens compétents pour assurer le fonctionnement de l’usine de concentration. La réussite exige du travail, du sacrifice et de la détermination. Vous êtes ici parce que

ArcelorMittal Liberia forme une nouvelle

vous avez choisi de changer votre vie. » Le programme associe enseignements théoriques et expériences pratiques, avec des périodes d’immersion sur des sites opérationnels. Cette approche a fait ses preuves : la quasi-totalité des diplômés des précédentes promotions ont rejoint les effectifs d’ArcelorMittal Liberia ou trouvé un emploi dans les secteurs industriel et technique en pleine expansion. L’Académie demeure l’une des rares initiatives privées du pays à investir durablement dans la formation professionnelle. À travers l’AMTLA, ArcelorMittal contribue activement à lutter contre le chômage des jeunes en leur offrant des compétences adaptées et immédiatement valorisables sur le marché de l’emploi. Cette nouvelle promotion s’inscrit dans un contexte d’investissements massifs de l’entreprise, engagée dans la phase II de son projet d’expansion de 1,8 milliard de dollars. Les besoins croissants en techniciens qualifiés renforcent encore le rôle stratégique de l’AMTLA, au service d’un développement national inclusif et durable. En investissant dans la relève des ingénieurs, artisans et opérateurs, ArcelorMittal Liberia ne se limite pas à remplir ses obligations contractuelles : l’entreprise participe à la construction d’un Liberia plus prospère et plus autonome.

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Comté de Bong : Le sénateur Moye fait don de 400 000 dollars

sénateur Moye nous montre ce qu’est réellement un leadership au service des citoyens », a souligné un dirigeant de l’église. « Il reste fidèle à son engagement, non seulement par ses paroles, mais aussi par ses actes. »

Un soutien concret aux personnes handicapées

Poursuivant ses actions en faveur des groupes vulnérables, le sénateur Moye a convoqué une réunion d’urgence ce week-end avec les représentants des personnes vivant avec un handicap à Gbarnga. Ces derniers ont exposé plusieurs difficultés majeures, notamment :

- Le manque d’accès à l’éducation pour les enfants handicapés,
- L’insuffisance des aides à la mobilité et des opportunités de moyens de subsistance,
- L’exclusion sociale et le manque de prise en compte dans les projets de développement local.

En réponse, le sénateur Moye a annoncé un don immédiat de 400 000 dollars libériens, destiné à soutenir la communauté concernée, et a réaffirmé son engagement à plaider en faveur de politiques inclusives répondant à leurs besoins éducatifs, sanitaires et économiques.

L’Agence antidroque libérienne incinère des stupéfiants d’une valeur de plus de six millions de dollars libériens

La Détachement du comté de Nimba de l’Agence libérienne de lutte contre la drogue (LDEA) a procédé à l’incinération de stupéfiants d’une valeur totale estimée à plus de six millions de dollars libériens, lors d’une cérémonie organisée à Ganta City, dans le cadre de la Journée nationale contre la drogue. Cet événement annuel majeur vise à sensibiliser la population et à encourager une action collective contre l’abus de drogues au Liberia. S’exprimant sur le site de l’incinération, le commandant de la LDEA du comté de Nimba, le colonel Madison Gaylah, a précisé que ces substances avaient été saisies auprès de diverses personnes, notamment des voyageurs et des trafiquants connus.



« Ces substances dangereuses ont été interceptées dans plusieurs localités et postes de contrôle grâce au travail acharné de nos agents », a-t-il déclaré.

Parmi les drogues détruites figuraient notamment :

- 245,8 grammes d’héroïne, d’une valeur estimée à 2 144 834 dollars libériens ;
 - 42,6 kilogrammes de marijuana, évalués à 826 440 dollars libériens ;
 - 23,4 kilogrammes de marijuana compressée, d’une valeur de 453 960 dollars libériens ;
 - 3,5 kilogrammes de « Laho », estimés à 232 800 dollars libériens ;
 - 386 grammes de Kush, d’une valeur de 1 487 680 dollars libériens ;
 - 136,15 grammes de cocaïne, évalués à 1 426 288 dollars libériens ;
 - 88 comprimés de Tramadol, d’une valeur de 176 000 dollars libériens ;
 - 9 bouteilles de sirop à la codéine, estimées à 34 920 dollars libériens ;
 - 3 kilogrammes de graines de marijuana, évalués à 58 200 dollars libériens.
- La valeur totale des drogues incinérées s’élève à 6 852 800 dollars libériens. Le colonel Gaylah a salué le dévouement de ses équipes, soulignant que leurs actions s’inscrivent dans le cadre de l’« Agenda ARREST » du gouvernement libérien, une stratégie visant à démanteler les réseaux de trafic et de distribution de drogues illicites.

Il a précisé que ses agents œuvrent sans relâche tout au long de l’année, ajoutant que ce combat dépasse les simples arrestations et vise à protéger l’avenir des jeunes et des communautés.

Il a adressé un avertissement clair aux trafiquants et aux revendeurs :« Que ceci serve d’ultime mise en garde : toute personne surprise à se livrer à ces activités illégales sera poursuivie et subira toute la rigueur de la loi. »

Rappelons que le président Joseph Boakai a récemment décrété que l’abus de drogues constitue une urgence nationale en matière de santé publique et de sécurité.

Dans le cadre de cette déclaration, le 26 juin a été proclamé jour férié travaillé, afin de marquer la gravité de la crise et d’encourager une réponse collective.

L’édition de cette année a mis en lumière la nécessité urgente d’une mobilisation nationale réunissant l’État, la société civile, les institutions religieuses, les associations de jeunes, les syndicats et les partenaires internationaux. Le colonel Gaylah a particulièrement insisté sur la vulnérabilité croissante de la jeunesse libérienne, en particulier les jeunes âgés de 19 à 39 ans, face à des substances dangereuses comme le Kush et le Tramadol. Selon lui, la consommation de ces drogues est en forte augmentation et constitue une menace grave pour la santé mentale, l’éducation et la sécurité publique.

Il a également salué le soutien d’organisations partenaires, notamment la Croix-Rouge nationale du Liberia et Global Action for Sustainable Development (GASD), qui mènent des actions de plaidoyer et des programmes de réinsertion.

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Boakai names new Chief Justice

Though confronted with underfunding and executive-legislative inertia over court reforms, Yuoh maintained impartiality amid political pressure, prioritizing the judiciary’s integrity.

The transition from Chief Justice Yuoh to Justice Gbeisay marks a pivotal moment in Liberian judicial history. As the third woman to serve as Chief Justice, Yuoh’s legacy of reform, mentorship, and resilience leaves deep institutional imprints.

President Boakai’s nomination of Gbeisay is expected to be a crucial test of Liberia’s commitment to judicial continuity, independence, and reform.

As the nation looks forward, many will reflect on Chief Justice Yuoh’s impactful journey and look to Justice Gbeisay to build upon the foundation she leaves behind. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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United Methodist Church ends

peace and with integrity. Do not destroy what you can no longer control.”

Participants from all three districts hailed the seminar as a unifying and eye-opening experience. Sister Asattu Kamara a lay delegate from Gee River District, said the seminar has rekindled hope and solidarity. “This seminar has renewed our spirit and reminded us that the Church belongs to all of us,” she shared. “We must support each other and build bridges between our districts.”

A youth leader from the Gee River District added, “This was more than a seminar – it was a wake-up call. It wasn’t just preaching; it was about planning, strategizing, and reconnecting. We’re leaving here with a clearer vision and renewed passion for youth-centered ministry.”

Benedict Domah, a member of the Gompa District Conference of the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (LAC/UMC) shared his experience and expressed concern over the growing spread of misinformation intended to mislead the uninformed.

Domah noted that false narratives being circulated are part of a deliberate attempt to deceive those who may not fully understand the internal workings and current realities of the Church. “This

misinformation is designed to mislead people who don’t know what’s truly going on,” he said. “These surrogates from the Global Methodist Church (GMC) are not focused on making disciples—they believe everything they want should come from the United Methodist Church.”

He pointed out that many individuals now holding top leadership positions in the GMC were once long-time members and beneficiaries of the United Methodist Church. “All of them in key positions within the Global Methodist Church lived and served on the UMC for years. Now they’re spreading lies about the very church that helped shape them,” he noted. “Some of them even want to return, but shame holds them back. Still, we believe God is cleansing and restoring His church.”

As the event concluded, participants pledged to strengthen cross-district cooperation through joint missions, consistent communication, and leadership development programs. The Liberia Annual Conference reaffirmed its belief that a united, informed, and spiritually grounded Church is vital in responding to Liberia’s social and economic challenges. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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Bong County: Sen. Moye donates

pledged and immediately donated L\$400,000 to the disabled community. He committed to continuing his advocacy for inclusive policies that address the educational, health, and economic needs of PWDs across Bong County.

“No community should be left behind,” Moye affirmed. “Our people living with disabilities are full of potential, and it is our responsibility to ensure they are supported and empowered.”

Senator Moye's weekend engagements reflected his broader legislative vision—one rooted in equity, community development, and service. His message to fathers resonated with many who see

him not only as a political leader but also as a moral voice for families in Bong County.

As Liberia grapples with social and economic challenges, voices like Senator Moye’s are advocating for inclusive leadership that addresses the needs of both the able-bodied and the differently abled.

With his call for responsibility in fatherhood and his support for the disabled community, Senator Moye continues to shape a legacy of compassion, accountability, and active leadership. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah.



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Kortu K Brown: "Liberia's reburials:

must deal with our horrible past and try as much as possible to heal those deep wounds from our senseless crises.”

“Secondly,” Bishop Brown continued, “the Country must then move onto dealing with the present hurdles to healing and reconciliation some of which are rooted in our attempts to promote multi-party democracy, rule of law, etc., but we're finding it difficult to adjust with how we maintain and/or promote, at the same time, peaceful coexistence, constructive dialogue, transparency, accountability and fiscal discipline, fight against corruption, amongst others,” he said.

"It's not a secret that the presidential and legislative elections of October 2023 were closely contested and narrowly won. But a win is a win. However, we must also win the peace and not just an election. We must make efforts to bring the country together and not just govern with bigotry and disregard for the views of other people, even if they are considered 'Opposition' or different views from ours", he warned.


Thirdly, he said, the Country must

address threats to future peace and stability. "If we continue to behave and govern ourselves the same way we did that led to deaths and destruction, then we are undermining whatever little gains we make in healing our past and driving the present.

"We must eschew hate, lying on one another, undermining one another, governing in deceit and arrogance. We must ensure the economic plight of ordinary Liberians is addressed. We must make the right decisions for our country and not pursue vainglory. We should be able to apologize to one another when we are wrong, and we must reach out to each other to build a stronger peace and a better society. We must not mortgage the economic future of our country. This is how we will be assured of a sustained future peace and reconciliation", he contended.

He drew lessons from Hebrews 13:8, where the nature, character, and promises of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are described as consistent and reliable. - Edited by Othello B. Garblah.





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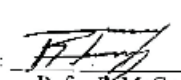
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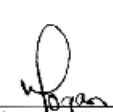
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Court suspends argument in Tweah’s caseLawmakers tussle over gas slips, other benefits

Arguments in the long-awaited trial of former Finance Minister Samuel Tweah and three others have been suspended. The case was scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

By Lincoln G. Peters
Pushing their argument, the prosecution cited Article 72(b) of the Liberian Constitution, noting that Justice Yuoh may only complete cases she began before retirement, but Court “C” and the Ministry of Justice cannot initiate new ones.



Justice seeking to overturn he judge’s earlier ruling in the case have been suspended.
Supreme Court Clerk Cllr. Sam Mamulu announced the suspension Tuesday, citing “unforeseen circumstances beyond the Court’s control.” No new date has been scheduled for the hearing, leaving the case in a state of legal limbo.
However, in a motion filed with the Supreme Court, prosecutors argued that Justice Yuoh reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 on June 26, 2025, and is no longer legally qualified to preside over new cases.

The defendants facing trial include Samuel Tweah, Cllr. Nyanti Tuan (former Acting Minister of Justice), Stanley S. Ford (former Director General of the Financial Intelligence Agency), D. Moses P. Cooper (former Financial Intelligence Unit Comptroller), and Jefferson Karmoh (former National Security Advisor).

They are charged with economic sabotage (including fraud, misuse of public money, property, or records, and illegal disbursement or expenditure of public funds), among other offenses. The accused individuals were indicted in September 2024, following the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission's (LACC) filing of a complaint through the Ministry of Justice.

The complaint detailed the alleged transfer of funds from the National Security Agency’s account to the operational accounts of the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) held at the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL). The defendants were formally arraigned in December 2024, pleading not guilty to all charges.

The case began during the February Term of Criminal Court “C,” when Judge Willie denied the defense’s motion to dismiss the indictment. -Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

Dramatic erupted in the House of Representatives here Tuesday, when lawmakers engaged in heated quarrel for amenities, including gas slips tat nearly led to fistfight.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah
Monrovia, Liberia; July 2, 2025 - Tensions increased rapidly during July 1, 2025, legislative session at the House of Representatives, as Bong County Represetative Marvin Cole and other opposition lawmakers demanded clarification over alleged irregularities in the distribution of gas slips and other benefits under Speaker Richard Koon’s administration.

The Chair on Executive narrowly avoided physical confrontation as the debate over the allegations intensified.
In a politically charged exchange, Rep. Josiah Marvin Cole, a solidarity lawmaker of the opposition Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) demanded immediate clarification and redress.

"I came to you here in private, then you're shouting at me. I'll disgrace you!" Rep. Cole shouted at Rep.



Thomas Fallah during a chaotic session. The confrontation reflects deeper tensions between CDC lawmakers and Rep. Fallah. During the recent legislative leadership crisis, Fallah, who once belonged to the CDC, aligned with the Majority Bloc, while Rep. Cole remained in the Minority Bloc. The lingering bitterness between the two camps remains unresolved. Rep. Fallah, who represents Lofa County Electoral District #1, avoided giving a direct response during the session, further provoking lawmakers to seek answers.
Recently, Fallah openly declared his support for President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, shocking many within the CDC. He called on citizens of Lofa County to unite behind the President.
Once a prominent opposition figure and senior CDC member, Fallah was expelled from the party earlier this year following allegations that he misled party leadership during the legislative contest.
Now, his political allegiance has shifted toward the Unity Party-led administration of President Boakai. Though Fallah insists he is not a member of the Unity Party, he emphasized that as long as he is from Lofa, and the President is from Lofa, he is part of this government, and “fully supports this government 100%.”

Meanwhile, calls have intensified for a full audit of the Legislature amid growing demands for accountability. Lawmakers have repeatedly complained about delays in receiving benefits, including gas slips, fueling unrest within the House. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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placing students directly into work environments as part of their training. This model has proven effective: nearly all graduates from previous cycles have been absorbed into the ArcelorMittal Liberia workforce or secured employment in Liberia’s growing industrial and engineering sectors.

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The arrival of this new batch of apprentices

coincides with ArcelorMittal Liberia’s ongoing investments in the country, as part of its \$1.8 billion Phase II expansion project. The company’s growing need for skilled Liberian technicians makes the role of AMLTA even more critical in supporting sustainable national development.

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

THE PETITION OF MAIMA BENETTA ZOGBO PETITIONER, BY AND THRU HIS LEGAL COUNSEL, PRAYING THIS HONORABLE COURT FOR A DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME TO BE CHANGED, REGARDED, CALLED AND KNOWN AS "BENETTA MAIMA ZOGBO"

COURT'S DECREE OF CHANGE OF NAME

The Petitioner filed a Petition requesting this Honorable Court to order the Change of his name from: **Maima Benetta Zogbo** to "**Benetta Maima Zogbo**"

During the hearing, the Petitioner testified that the Change of her name requesting this Honorable Court is intended to reflect her true family name and render her identity more explicit and absolute.

After conducting the necessary interrogations requested by law in these proceedings, the Court observed that the intention is just and legal and that there is no objection to the change of her name proposed by her is therefore it is adjusted as follows:

That the Petitioner having shown with justification and satisfaction that she was born on **December, 27, 1995**, in Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, unto the union of **Mr. Musa Zogbo** and **Madam Maima Zinnah Zogbo** and that the Change of his name will substantially promote his interest in all of the understandings and help to establish his just identity more firmly, and being satisfied that he has met all legal requirements for the Change of his name in this jurisdiction, it is therefore **DECREED** as follows:

That the petition having been heard, same is hereby ordered **GRANTED** and we now render that the name **Maima Benetta Zogbo** be changed to "**Benetta Maima Zogbo**" for all legal intent and purpose.

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

COURT SEAL:

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN OPEN COURT, THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2025

SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR
ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING
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-Suspended LTA Boss Kamara breaks silence

matter, stressing that he has “absolutely nothing to hide.” He asserted that the controversial contract cited by the GAC, awarded to Tamma Corporation, was approved in 2023, prior to his appointment as Acting Chairman. Tamma Corporation is a company Kamara founded

“This moment is a test of our national commitment to fairness, justice, and institutional accountability,” Kamara stated, affirming that his conscience is clear and that his service has always been guided by integrity.



“I did not award any contract to myself or my company during my tenure,” Kamara said, emphasizing that the decisions in question were made before his leadership at the LTA began.



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