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# EDITORIAL

## Failing the next generation of leaders

It seems as if strong moral values and positive leadership examples are rapidly becoming things of the past in Liberia, as current national leaders care very less or do little, if any all, for the next general to learn from.

It was very disappointing here on Monday, August 25, 2025 during official commemoration of Liberia’s 178th Flag Day when poor and hungry students were hurriedly mobilized under heavy downpour as early as 5:00 a.m. to hoist the national emblem at the Barclay Training Center (B.T.C. barracks) in Monrovia in readiness for street parade and subsequent indoor program that was boycotted by the entire government except three members of the Cabinet.

Neither President Joseph Boakai nor Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koug or Senate President Pro-tempore Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence, House Speaker Richard N. Koon, and members of the 55th Legislature, including the Judiciary showed up for the Flag Day celebration.

The Minister of Education was visibly absent but her deputy spoke on her behalf at an occasion that is meant to inspire students, who are usually referred to in Liberia as future leaders. The deputy minister might have done so out of pressure to save face in what was clearly a national embarrassment.

The poor students were left along to parade in the rain and gathered subsequently at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion in Monrovia only to see poor attendance of officials, who should have been there to portray or to indicate the significance of the national emblem and why it should be commemorated.

We wonder what example our national leaders are sending out there to members of the Diplomatic corps, who take up time to attend these national events, when they treat them with cool shoulders.

Fortnight ago, at the retirement program for former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, Her Honor, Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh, the Executive and the 55th Legislature similarly failed to show up, in a style of payback for Justice Yuoh and her entire bench boycotting the President’s Annual Message in January before the Legislature, sitting in Joint Chamber.

The youth, including students are watching these missteps that are presented by leaders as acceptable and normal. But no! They are not normal for one or two of the three branches of the government to be conspicuously absent from a national or a state function without any excuse.

President Boakai needs to intervene by ensuring that the government acts as a united body and do so responsibly or else, we are teaching the next generation a very bad lesson about leadership.

It is odd for officials to stay away from official functions with no explanation. Doing so wrongly indicate that it is ok and students will copy that for leadership.

A national occasion such as celebrating the National Flag should not be treated anyhow by those in leadership. If the theme for the 2025 National Flag Day Celebration, “The Flag We Raise, The Values We Uphold,” is to carry its true meaning, leaders should act accordingly than the other way around.

# COMMENTARY

By Gwen Mwaba

## The Key to Africa's Economic Integration

CAIRO - There is no silver bullet for expanding trade and commerce in Africa - or anywhere else, for that matter. But we can say with certainty that trade finance forms the backbone of sustainable growth and economic revitalization on the continent. It is critical for promoting the integration of African economies and drawing a line under postcolonial fragmentation, which is essential for enabling small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) to grow and diversify.

By strengthening their ability to export, import, and invest with confidence, African countries can unlock their vast potential and bolster their resilience in an increasingly uncertain world. The continent’s leaders have already taken steps toward achieving these goals. By the end of 2023, intra-African trade reached \$192.2 billion, up from \$186.3 billion the previous year, partly owing to an increase in trade finance.

That number is expected to rise with the continued implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, which became operational in 2021. To date, 49 countries have ratified the AfCFTA Agreement, demonstrating their commitment to eliminating intracontinental trade barriers.

Many African economists believe continental integration and strategic autonomy hinge on improving access to trade finance, enhancing its effectiveness, and adopting innovative measures. These changes would also help African countries compete in global markets by providing the liquidity and risk-mitigation tools that businesses need to weather currency fluctuations, political instability, and other challenges related to cross-border transactions.

Africa’s current share of global trade is less than 3% - most of which is merchandise trade - and yet it has one of the world’s fastest-growing economies, with GDP growth predicted to rise to 4% in 2025. There is clearly room for expanding its trade frontiers.

But securing new trade opportunities requires addressing Africa’s limited banking infrastructure and high transaction costs. To reduce costs, increase transparency, and expand access to underserved SMEs, the continent’s trade-finance sector must embrace mobile banking and digital payment platforms.

One promising development on this front is the growth of the Pan-African Payment and Settlement System. In three years, 17 central banks and more than 150 commercial banks have joined the platform, which was developed by Afreximbank (where I work), the African Union, and the AfCFTA Secretariat.

The lack of innovative financial instruments, including supply-chain finance, trade credit insurance, and export factoring, also keeps many African businesses on the sidelines, unable to mitigate the risks associated with cross-border commerce. Providing SMEs with these tools would empower them to participate more actively in regional and global markets, which would create jobs and promote diversification.

Scaling up solutions that are inclusive, technologically advanced, and aligned with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals would help close Africa’s trade-finance gap, which Afreximbank puts at around \$100 billion. Crucially, this could set in motion an important shift in the continental economy. Africa currently imports all sorts of products and services from the rest of the world that could just as easily originate at home. If we can get more trade finance to those who need it, African-made equivalents could supplant foreign imports, fostering the continent’s economic growth and sustainable development.

Moreover, building robust financial ecosystems that help SMEs enter regional and global markets would complement, and possibly spur, investments in infrastructure like ports, roads, and digital networks. To be sure, the continent’s infrastructure investment needs are enormous: between \$130 billion and \$170 billion annually, according to Afreximbank’s research. But meeting them is the only way Africa can fully realize its economic potential.

To do so, African governments must develop partnerships with private-sector actors and development-finance institutions. In addition to sharing expertise and creating enabling environments for innovative trade-finance products, these stakeholders could work together to reform the global financial architecture. By creating blended finance structures that de-risk private investments, expanding access to concessional finance, and forming a unified, pro-African voice in global finance, African economies and private institutions can work together to create meaningful, lasting change.

Trade finance - the “silent engine” of development - has the potential to accelerate Africa’s economic integration. But for that to happen, African leaders must recognize that innovative and inclusive financial practices are vital and remain committed to them even as other challenges arise.



OP-ED

By Ragnar Sass

The Age of Robotic Warfare Has Arrived

TALLINN - Russia’s war against Ukraine has become a full-scale technological conflict, where 70-80% of casualties are now caused by unmanned aerial drones. After three and a half years, the war has become a nonstop cat-and-mouse game, where every new weapon system offers only a brief two- or three-month advantage before the other side develops countermeasures.

That means the age of robotic warfare is here. We are witnessing its first stage in Ukraine’s skies, on the ground, and at sea. The fastest military-tech development in the world is happening in Ukrainian garages, basements, and factories, where hundreds of small teams are building new-model drones and interceptors.

Many have been working nonstop since February 2022, without weekends or vacations. As soon as a new product is ready, it is deployed to the front line. Soldiers test it the next day, and within 24 hours, combat feedback is sent to developers, starting a new cycle. Some defense-tech teams even hand deliver their products to combat zones and work directly with soldiers on integration and iteration.

But Russia’s war machine is also operating at full speed, with many factories running around the clock. A clear sign of how quickly Russia can scale up effective weapon systems came on July 9, when it launched 728 Shahed drones in a single day. By the end of the month, more than 6,200 Shaheds had been deployed - 14 times more than in July 2024, and 16% more than in June. To address this threat, at least two Ukrainian defense companies have developed AI-powered interceptor drones that use machine learning to identify and destroy Shaheds. On the best nights, they have achieved 60-70% success rates.

But the fight is evolving quickly. The Shaheds, too, are getting smarter. When Ukraine deployed machine guns for air defense, Shaheds responded by flying above three kilometers (1.9 miles) - well out of range. Then, in late July, Russia launched a jet-powered Shahed that can fly up to 700 kilometers per hour, faster than most known interceptors. Moreover, some Shaheds are now equipped with thermal imaging, advanced processors, and even autonomous swarm coordination. They appear to sense when they are being hunted, swerving and dodging to escape their pursuer.

Such is the nature of the first-ever robot-on-robot war. The conflict is being waged by two autonomous systems, each trying to outsmart the other in real time. Similar breakthroughs are happening on the ground. FPV (first-person view) drones with optical cable connections (meaning their signal cannot be jammed) can now strike targets up to 30 kilometers from the frontline - making any movement in that zone extremely dangerous. Both sides have begun using “sleeping drones” that wait on the ground for hours until a target appears.

As a result, unmanned ground vehicles are now being deployed at scale - mostly for logistics, resupply, evacuation, mining, and even attacks. For now, Ukraine appears to be ahead in this area. In July, its 3rd Assault Brigade carried out a historic fully autonomous operation, combining FPV drones and ground robots to force Russian troops to surrender in Kharkiv Oblast without any Ukrainian soldiers participating directly in the assault.

One of Ukraine’s biggest successes has been the use of maritime drones to push Russian ships out of the Black Sea. These units, too, have been upgraded over time. On December 31, 2024, a Ukrainian Magura V5 sea drone armed with a surface-to-air missile destroyed a Russian Mi-8 helicopter over the Black Sea. Never before had an unmanned surface vehicle shot down a manned aircraft. And now, some maritime drones are being used as launch platforms or communication relays for smaller drones, expanding both range and capability.

These are not isolated cases. They confirm that we have entered a new era of warfare, in which autonomous systems are central to battlefield success. Ukraine’s top drone units operate like high-performance tech startups, each with its own recruitment, training, funding, and team culture. One advanced brigade includes more than 70 data architects analyzing live intelligence around the clock. These units build rapid learning loops, adapting to battlefield changes faster than traditional military units.

The most successful new player in the Ukrainian conflict is former Google CEO Eric Schmidt’s defense company Swift Beat, which plans to deliver hundreds of thousands of drones this year. The company has developed one of the most effective Shahed-interceptor drones, and is developing systems capable of intercepting cruise and ballistic missiles. But, remarkably, many of the new technologies are being developed not by large defense contractors, but by thousands of volunteers and civil society.

These kinds of innovations help to explain how Ukraine has managed to hold off a military superpower for so long. NATO and its allies urgently need to study and bolster their support for Ukraine. Robotic warfare is here, and Ukraine is writing the field manual.

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OPINION

By Manal A. Jamal

Palestinian Statehood Is Not the Answer

WASHINGTON, DC - In response to Israel’s ongoing genocide in Gaza and its escalating human-rights violations in the West Bank, the international community has revived the push for Palestinian statehood. At the end of July, France and Saudi Arabia co-chaired a high-level meeting in New York, attended by representatives from more than 100 countries, to generate momentum toward this goal. Since then, Canada, Australia, and several Arab countries have joined the calls for recognition, while the United Kingdom has said it intends to do so if Israel does not agree to a ceasefire.

Although widely welcomed as a significant diplomatic initiative, advancing the idea of Palestinian statehood at a time when nearly 2.2 million people face a systematic starvation campaign orchestrated by Israel is nothing more than political theater. The version of a “Palestinian state” currently being promoted by the international community will neither end the genocide in Gaza nor deliver a genuine sovereign state.

The revival of Palestinian statehood at this particular moment serves only one purpose: to grant Israel legitimacy and diplomatic cover for its atrocities in Gaza and ongoing assaults in the West Bank. As of March 2025, 147 of 193 UN member states had already recognized a Palestinian state. Yet an international community unwilling - or unable - to end the genocide and the deliberate starvation of Gaza will never be able to force Israel to make the types of concessions required for a truly sovereign Palestinian state.

In reality, the moment for Palestinian statehood has already passed. For decades, Israel has worked systematically to render this prospect nearly impossible. Territorially, institutionally, financially, and legally, any such entity would bear little resemblance to a sovereign nation-state.

For starters, the territory under discussion is fragmented, broken into disconnected enclaves, and would at most comprise 40% of the West Bank - likely excluding Gaza altogether. Will the international community compel Israel to relinquish control of Area C, the 60% of the West Bank that remains under full Israeli military and administrative authority? Will it pressure Israel to yield control of the Gaza Strip?

Since 1967, every Israeli government has expanded settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories and systematically encouraged Jewish citizens to move to the West Bank by offering financial benefits and infrastructure development. Each settlement hosts a civilian security unit funded and armed by Israel’s Ministry of Defense and effectively backed by the Israeli military. Will the international community pressure Israel to dismantle these settlements, or to establish a single legal system that subjects Palestinians - both Christian and Muslim - and Jewish Israelis to the same laws?

Under the 1995 Oslo II interim agreement, Israel retains full control over all water resources in the occupied territories. This arrangement provides Palestinians with access to only 20% of the water from the West Bank’s mountain aquifer, a resource shared by Israelis and Palestinians. Will the international community force Israel to establish a fairer distribution of resources between Palestinian communities and Jewish-Israeli settlements in the West Bank?

At present, Israel controls virtually all of the occupied territories’ external borders. Every Palestinian - including Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas - must obtain Israeli permission to enter or leave, and often even to travel within the territories themselves. Will the international community make Israel relinquish control over borders and crossings?

The PA, established in 1994 to administer Palestinian affairs in the West Bank and Gaza, has functioned less as a government than as a subcontractor for Israel’s military occupation. Israel even reserves the power to approve its election results. Will the international community demand that Israel and its allies allow genuinely free and fair elections - and accept the results?

Under the 1994 Paris Protocol, Israel controls the transfer of value-added tax revenues to the PA, which constitute a major source of its income. Will the international community force Israel to allow a Palestinian government to manage its own revenues?

These questions barely begin to address the numerous territorial and administrative obstacles standing in the way of any future Palestinian state. Importantly, they do not even touch on the historic injustices to which the Palestinians have been subjected, including the rights long denied to millions of refugees.

Any talk of Palestinian statehood that does not address these issues serves to distract from Israel’s ongoing atrocities. History shows that no genocide has ever been stopped by appealing to the perpetrators’ reason. Only measures such as sanctions and an arms embargo will compel Israel to rein in its brute force.

Instead of engaging in meaningless political gestures, world leaders must confront three fundamental questions: Should international law apply to Israel? Should Palestinians’ human rights be upheld? And is the international community truly committed to safeguarding the postwar global order? The answers to these questions will determine not only the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but also the credibility of the rules-based system itself.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ) IN THE CIVIL LAW COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTERRADO COUNTY,  
MONTERRADO COUNTY) SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM, A. D. 2025

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

Alfred Tawhen Tomah of Banjor, Lower Virginia, Montserrado County Republic of)  
Liberia.....PLAINTIFF) ACTION OF DIVORCE  
VERSUS ) FOR  
Amie Siah Tomah of 1250 West Ford Street, Lowell MA, 01851 United States of ) IMCOMPATIBILITY OF  
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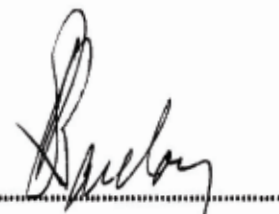
AND NOW COMES PLAINTIFF in the above entitled cause of action and complains of the Defendant in the following manner and form to wit:-

1. That the Plaintiff and the Defendant were joined in the Bond of Holy Matrimony on February 6, 2011 in Sinkor, in the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.
2. That Plaintiff says and maintains that they after a brief period of marriage, Defendant became so quarrelsome and pugnacious to the extent that the Plaintiff has decided after some sober reflection, to put an end to this marriage which has become a living nightmare for him.
3. That Plaintiff further avers that the Defendant has totally no regards for this marital relationship subsisting between the Plaintiff and Defendant and that to continue with this relationship will certainly render his life useless.
4. That the Plaintiff has done everything humanly possible to save their marriage to no avail and has painfully realized that it would certainly be in their best interest to dissolve and annul this marriage.

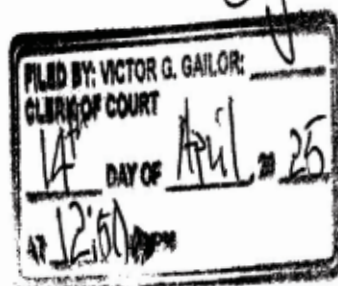
WHEREFORE AND IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, Plaintiff prays Your Honor and this Honorable Court to annul and dissolve this Contract of Marriage which now subsist between the Plaintiff and the Defendant and declare them two separate and distinct individuals both in law and in equity as though no such contract ever existed and further grant unto the Plaintiff any and all further relief(s) that Your Honor and this Honorable shall deem legal, just and equitable.

Respectfully Submitted: Plaintiff by and thru His Legal Counsel

The Century Law Offices  
Harmon Field, Paynesville  
Monrovia, Liberia

  
Willie D. Barclay, Jr.  
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW

Subscribed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 2025




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### PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace for and in Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, at my Office in the City of Willie D. Barclay, Jr., COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW and one of counsels for the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause of action and made OATH according to law that all and singular the averment of both law and Facts as set forth and contained in the annexed complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief as to those matters of information he verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS  
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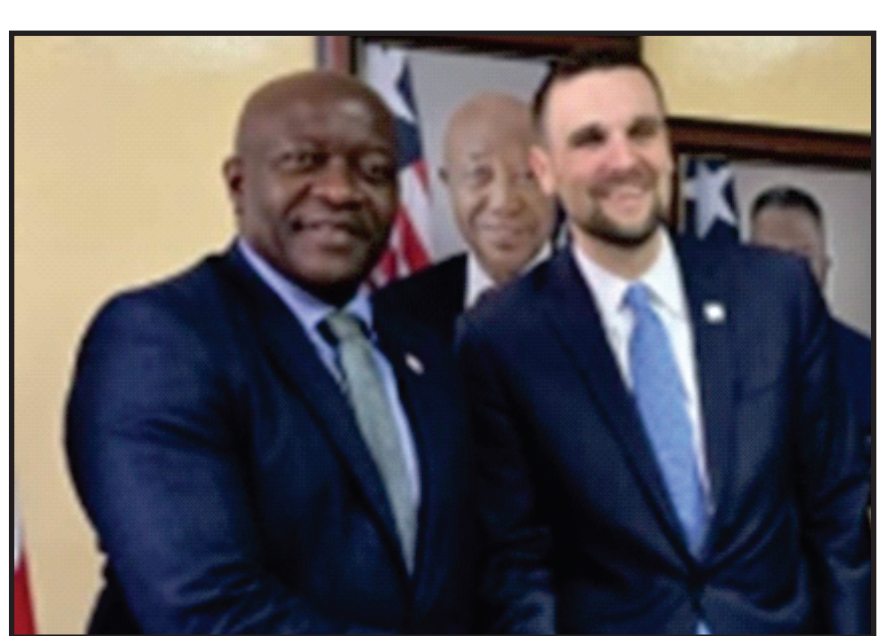
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# MCC to deploy team to Liberia

## -To identify sectors for support

The Board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation says decision on Liberia's continued eligibility for a second Compact will be made in December this year.

Washington, D.C., August 26, 2025 - The Board of Development Planning, Directors of the Augustine Kpehe Ngafuan, MCC Millennium Challenge Corporation Acting Vice President for the



(MCC) has met to discuss results of the Foreign Assistance Review, which was conducted by the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. At the meeting held on August 21, 2025, the MCC Board decided that a decision on Liberia's continued eligibility for a second Compact will be made in December 2025 during the MCC regular Board meeting. In a letter dated Friday, August 22, 2025, addressed to Liberia's Department of Compact Operations, Mr. Jason Small, informed the Minister that the MCC's continuing engagement on development of a Compact with Liberia will focus on areas that can inform the Board's December deliberations. "As a next step, MCC will work with you to identify sectors that a Compact could focus on to support economic growth in Liberia while offering opportunities for U.S. business engagements and other mutual benefits." Acting VP Small then informed Minister Ngafuan that the "MCC intends to send a team to Liberia to advance these discussions at a time that is mutually convenient, saying "Our team will be in touch with further details." In his letter, Mr. Small also thanked Minister Ngafuan for taking the time to visit MCC Headquarters in Washington, DC in July 2025, and for the strong partnership that currently exists between the MCC and the Liberian government. He stressed that MCC is proud of the work that MCC and the Liberian people accomplished together through the first MCC compact with Liberia. In response, Minister Ngafuan thanked Mr. Small for the update and extended President Boakai and the Liberian government's deep appreciation to the MCC Management and the U.S. government for the strong support to Liberia's development. Minister Ngafuan heartily welcomed the MCC's decision to field a team to Liberia to work with the Liberian government to identify sectors that could possibly benefit from MCC support through a possible

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# Fire guts 2-storey building in Pleebo

Residents of Pleebo City, Maryland County are reeling from a fire incident that has destroyed a two-storey building with several shops.

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County  
Pleebo City, Liberia; August 26, 2025 — Fire has gutted a two-storey building with shops in Zone Four community, Pleebo, Maryland County, southeast Liberia, leaving several citizens in shock. The incident occurred on Thursday, August 21, 2025, when fire brought down a makeshift mud hut used as a shop adjacent the two-storey building that contains eight bedrooms. The structure was owned by a local businessman identified as Gyude Morgan. Speaking to this paper during the incident, several residents around the damaged homes regretted the situation, with some attributing it to witch-haunt. Though actual cause of the fire is yet to be established, sources on the scene suspected it might be as a result of electrical fault. Sources added that the fire gutted a hut used as a shop and burnt it down to ashes despite efforts applied by residents before it extended to the two-storey building owned by Mr.

Morgan. The building was used as a shop and a residential area, occupied by tenants. There has been no report of casualty or death. The lower part of the building has two separate shops and the upper part has rooms occupied by both the family and tenants. The damage occurred in the absence of the two victims in question, but Mr. Morgan received a phone call that his home and storey building had been gutted in flames. He quickly rushed back to Pleebo, but by then, the fire had already consumed the entire

structure despite efforts made by residents within the area to off the flames. The destruction of the eight-room- two-storey building, according to the father of nine, is not just a property loss, but collapse of his family's livelihood. "I have lost everything I worked for," Mr. Morgan lamented in a sorrowful tone. "My children depend on me for their education and survival. Now, I do not know where to begin again. I am appealing to humanitarian groups and good-spirited people to come to our rescue."

Neighbors recall that the blaze began in a nearby makeshift mud hut and quickly spread to

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# War Crimes Court begins work in November 2026

## -OWECC Executive Director Cllr. Barbu reveals

All hope is not lost yet, as the Office for the establishment of the War and Economic Crimes Court announces here that the court will come into full swing by November 2026.

By Lincoln G. Peters

Monrovia, Liberia; August 26, 2025 - Liberia's 178th Flay Day orator and Executive Director of the Office for the establishment of War and Economics Crimes Court, Dr. Jallah Barbu, assures Liberians that the operationalization and implementation of the War and Anti-corruption court will be in full swing by November 2026 to commence trial. Serving as Orator for the 178th Flag Day celebration here on Monday, August 26, 2025, Dr. Barbu inspired war victims and families, stating that justice is

process. "In this regard, I respectfully request President Joseph N. Boakai to instruct all relevant authorities of the government to scrupulously execute the terms and conditions of Executive Order #148, especially as to making available the funds that you mandated them to provide to the OWEC," he stressed. On Monday, August 26, 2025, Liberians and the diplomatic community, including High School Students, gathered at the Executive Pavilion in Monrovia for the celebration of the country's 178th Flag Day.



here for all Liberians, while drawing an urgent need for justice and accountability. According to him, between 2026 and 2027, the Office of the War and Economics Crimes Court will complete establishment and operationalization of the Anti-corruption and War Crimes Court in Liberia. "I therefore determined, as we have reported to your office and the public, that the National Anti-corruption Court will be established and operationalized in November 2026, and the War and Economics Crimes Court will be established, operationalized, and commence trial in November 2027", Dr. Barbu noted.

However, he informed the gathering and the government that the Office for the Establishment of War and Economic Crimes Court is depending on them for full support and political will, for the establishment of the courts, because it's a Liberian-owned and Liberian-led

The program, which saw the conspicuous absence of top officials, including President Joseph N. Boakai, Vice President Jeremiah K. Koung, Senator Nyonblee Kangar-Lawrence, and members of the Liberian Senate; House Speaker Richard N. Koon and members of the House of Representatives, was poorly attended, as only three key government officials attended, namely, the Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Seku Kanneh; Minister of Justice N. Oswald Tweh, and Presidential Special Envoy, Minister Mamaka Bility. The Flag of the Republic of Liberia was first hoisted on August 24, 1847; it represents a great heritage that reflects a nation of one people. The Flag contains eleven (11) stripes symbolizing the eleven (11) signatories of the Declaration of Independence. The eleven singers include: Samuel Benedict, Elijah

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second Compact. Minister Ngafuan further informed Mr. Small that the Liberian government avidly anticipates the visit of the MCC team in the shortest possible time. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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### War Crimes Court begins

Johnson, John N. Lewis, John B. Grippon, Hilary Teage, Beverly R. Wilson, Anthony W. Gardner, John Day, Ephraim Titler, Amos Herring, and Richard E. Murray. The stripes on the Flag consist of three distinct colors: Red, White, and Blue, depicting distinct characteristics if our existence as a people of one Liberia. The Red symbolizes the blood of those who died in the struggle for independence; the White represents the purity of mind and the clearness of the founding fathers towards one another, whilst the Blue represents the Dark Continent of Africa, as it was then perceived. The White star in the Blue Field represented the only independent Republic on the continent at the time. Commenting further, Orator Barbu highlighted the humanity and apology of President Joseph N. Boakai when he publicly apologized to war victims and families on behalf of the government on July 5, 2025, for the wrongs meted out against the people. "Under the same tone, I draw attention to the pressing need for accountability and the urgency to complete the establishment and operationalization of the War and Economics Crimes Court and the national Anti-corruption court. On this note, Mr. President, I again appreciate your appointment of me as Executive to lead this process and establish these courts. And for providing funding grants." He stated. Accordingly, Cllr. Barbu recommended that his team ensure that the court is established to render services to the state, adding that it's about time that they close the gap against injustice. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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### Fire guts 2-storey building in Pleebo

the Morgan's property. With no firefighting equipment in Pleebo, residents could only watch helplessly as the flames devoured the building, using buckets of water and sand in vain attempts to off the fire. Mr. Morgan's home was more than just a business hub. It contained four bedrooms, a small apartment, and two storey units that supported his family. Six of his children are still in school, while three are recent high school graduates. All of the children now face an uncertain future, as the family struggles to recover. The disaster has drawn an outpouring of sympathy from neighbors and local leaders. Community members are mobilizing to provide moral and limited material support, but the scale of the loss far exceeds what residents can contribute. "This fire has left Mr. Morgan and his children in a very desperate condition," said one neighbor, who helped to console the family. "He needs the help of everyone, because this was his life's investment." While city officials continue to call for improved fire safety measures, the Morgan's immediate concern is survival and rebuilding. His appeal highlights the human cost of the absence of emergency services in rural Liberia, where one fire can erase decades of hard work. "We thank God although the house got burned but nobody died from the incident", they expressed. Expressing his frustration, a male tenant, Jocab, who sells auto-parts in one of the shops of the building, said it was regrettable to have heard the entire building gutted in flames and praise God for mercy. For his part, Alphonso Toe, an electrician of the Liberia Electricity Corporation in the county expressed disappointment. He disclosed that several LEC customers in the county, sometimes failed to contact the corporation whenever they have electrical problems, rather, preferring to call private individuals that claim to be electricians. Mr. Toe said the LEC Maryland station does not have capacity to provide homes for victims, but cautioned residents to learn from such mistake and report any problem to the corporation. Though the cause of the fire is yet to be established, several citizens in Pleebo, Maryland County are calling in government to provide fire service equipment to prevent a repeat of such incident. Editing by Jonathan Browne

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### Importers blame APM Terminals for rise in prices

when things get difficult and this country faces problems, APM Terminal will not be here. So, we will be advising President Joseph N. Boakai to take the appropriate action. This country is under his watch, and he must guide the country. The President is doing that to make sure that some of the Prices are down for our people." VP Koung stated. Scope of the investigation The Presidential Adhoc Committee's investigation covers a broad array of commodities, including rice, flour, petroleum, eggs, frozen foods, sugar, and even staples such as chicken soup, pepper, potatoes, and greens. The committee convened with multiple stakeholders, including regulators like the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Corporation (LPRC) and various importers, on August 20, 2025. " This is an entire process. We are going to be looking at even chicken soup, pepper, potatoes, green, and everything that is around here. The communication provided for ninety days, and it would be extended based on progress and concern. Now, for me totell you some of the things the business community is saying will be premature because it's for the President to say. Unfortunately, I am not the President, and so, I can't say it," he argued. The committee's work is guided by official communication from President Boakai, detailing which public and private sector entities and state-owned enterprises must be investigated or invited for inquiry. While the committee has already started meeting with relevant stakeholders, Vice President Koung emphasized that the details and progress of the investigation will remain confidential until a formal report is delivered to President Boakai. The President, in turn, will address the nation with the findings and proposed actions.VP Koung also clarified that delays in action, forty-four days without visible measures, were due to his committee receiving the official mandate from the President only on August 15, 2025, despite initial announcements in late July. Since then, the committee has moved quickly to invite and interview all pertinent parties. - Edited by Othello B. Garblah.

## Living in pain

*-Survivor of Single-barrel shots seeks justice*

**A survivor of a single-barreled surgery to remove them, shot to the back of his head is following X-ray, scan, and MTT examinations. "He shot me when he was right behind me, while I was riding, and it was by the help of God that I survived and am still alive," Siaway said. He indicated that after herbal treatment and series of medical visits to Monrovia, including SOS Clinic in Congo Town, he was advised to urgently travel to China, India, or Ghana for advanced treatment.**

**By: Emmanuel Wise Jipoh**

**N**imba, Liberia; August 26, 2025 - Shadrach Siaway, a 26-year-old motorcyclist who was gunned down in Nimba County earlier this year, is seeking justice against his attackers, six months after the incident. According to reports, Siaway's assailants have been set free without justice, while he is left battling excruciating pains and trauma. Speaking to The NEW DAWN, Siaway shared the immeasurable pains and trauma he goes through daily, while calling for justice and financial support to seek medication abroad to save his life. Shadrach was shot once in the



head with a short-range single-barreled pistol after being attacked by three unknown assassins along the Gbahn-Ganta highway in Nimba. He was riding from Gbahn to Ganta City when he was reportedly ambushed. "I was riding, and one of the guys stopped me and said he was going to see his mom. When he got on the bike, he shot me in the head," Shadrach narrates. Since then, he has been fighting for survival after at least 30 rounds of bullets were shot into his skull on February 20, 2025. Speaking to this paper, the victim details how he lives with the wounds, while calling for justice against the perpetrators, who are said to have been allegedly released from prison and are roaming around. "If not for the miracle of God, I would have been dead by now, but God saved me, and I am still speaking, even up till now," he said. Risking paralysis, according to Siaway, doctors have advised that he seek advanced treatment abroad. Further narrating his unbearable situation, the motorcyclist explained that at least 16 of the 30 single-barrel bullets were removed from his skull by a herbalist, while the remaining 14 bullets are still left in his head, as he needs advanced life", he continued. According to the victim, while he was recovering from his injury, he received a report that the perpetrators have been released. "When the incident happened, they were arrested, with the main doer even caught with the empty single-barrelled pistol, but unfortunately, while I was in the sick bush, my father, who was in Sanniquelle, informed me that the guys had been released from prison." He alleged that Nimba County Attorney John D. Miah allegedly ordered the release of the perpetrators. "Really, we do not have any cause now, because these guys have been put out, and my family does not have money." The County Attorney has said he misplaced the file, and we should give him three months. However, what I need most now is for someone to help me so I can travel and get these bullets out. It is burning my head, because every day of my life, I feel a miserable pain", Shadrach laments. Despite the severity of the case, little has been done by National Security to apprehend those suspects and bring them to justice.



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## Les importateurs accusent APM Terminals de faire flamber les prix

La flambée des prix des denrées de base continue de susciter l'inquiétude au Liberia, tant chez les citoyens que dans le secteur privé. Des importateurs et opérateurs économiques pointent directement du doigt APM

d'importation. Selon eux, ces hausses répétées pèsent lourdement sur les prix de produits stratégiques tels que le riz et les produits pétroliers, deux denrées hautement sensibles sur le plan social et politique. Ces préoccupations ont été

La rencontre s'est tenue au Parlement et était présidée par le vice-président Jeremiah Koung.

Étaient également présents de hauts responsables, notamment le directeur exécutif de la Banque centrale du Liberia, des représentants du ministère des Finances et de la Planification du développement, ainsi que le conseiller à la sécurité du chef de l'État.

Craintes de tensions sociales Le vice-président Koung a souligné l'urgence de la situation, avertissant que la hausse continue des prix pourrait provoquer des troubles sociaux.

« Nous allons inviter APM Terminals et la NPA à venir répondre aux préoccupations du secteur privé dès ce mardi 26 août. Car lorsqu'on applique des surcharges mensuelles sur le riz et le pétrole, des produits hautement polit

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Terminals et l'Autorité Portuaire Nationale (NPA), qu'ils accusent d'augmenter régulièrement les frais

exprimées le 20 août lors de la première réunion du Comité ad hoc mis en place par le président Joseph N. Boakai le 26 juillet dernier pour enquêter sur la hausse du coût de la vie.

## Comté de Nimba : ArcelorMittal Libperia inaugure plusieurs systèmes modernes

ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML) a officiellement inauguré vendredi deux kiosques d'eau modernes dans les quartiers Area Q et Area S de Yekepa, offrant un accès permanent à de l'eau potable à des centaines de résidents. Ces infrastructures, financées intégralement par AML, s'adressent principalement aux habitants qui ne travaillent pas directement pour la concession minière, mais qui bénéficieront désormais d'un approvisionnement sécurisé tout au long de l'année.

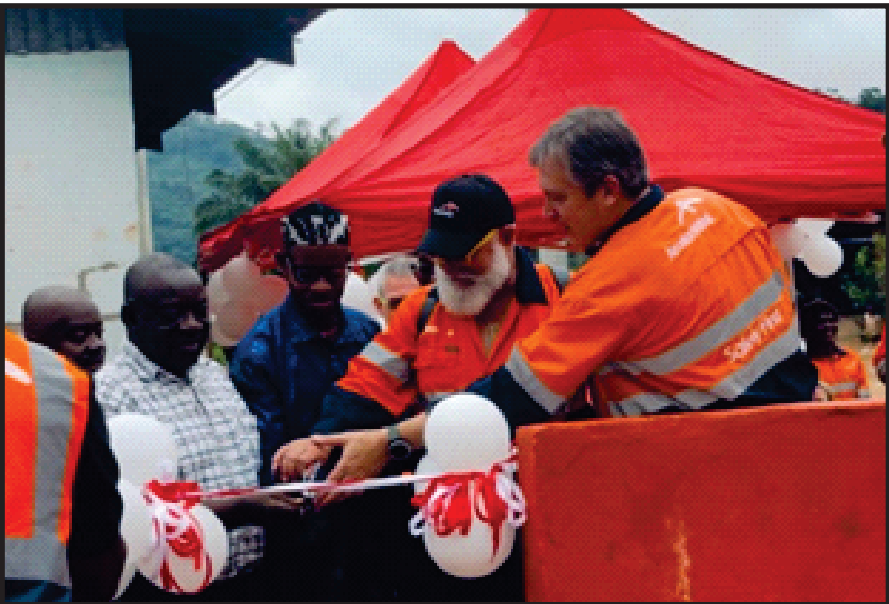
réservoir puis aux kiosques. Chaque kiosque est équipé de six robinets et fournit quotidiennement de l'eau potable à plusieurs centaines de résidents. L'équipe environnement d'AML assurera un entretien régulier, incluant la chloration, les tests de qualité et la purification de l'eau.

« Être de bons voisins »

Lors de la cérémonie, M. Kleber Silva, vice-président exécutif et directeur général d'ArcelorMittal Mining Global, a souligné l'importance du partenariat avec les communautés :

« C'est un réel plaisir pour nous de dédier ces kiosques. J'ai toujours cru que nous devons avancer ensemble - la mine, l'entreprise et la communauté. Nous faisons partie de la communauté, et elle fait partie de nous. Je peux vous assurer que nous sommes ici pour rester, et que nous pouvons être fiers du travail que nous accomplissons ensemble. » De son côté, le directeur général d'ArcelorMittal Liberia, Michiel Vander Merwe, a assuré que d'autres améliorations sont prévues à Yekepa dans les prochains mois :

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Des installations modernes et durables

Chaque installation comprend un forage de 75 mètres de profondeur, surmonté d'une tour de 5 mètres soutenant un réservoir de 500 gallons. Un système de pompage submersible de deux chevaux, relié à un onduleur et alimenté par panneaux solaires, permet de transférer l'eau vers le

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### La paix selon Trump

MUNICH – Donald Trump et Vladimir Poutine se sont à nouveau rencontrés, cette fois dans l'ancien territoire russe de l'Alaska. D'un point de vue extérieur, on croirait presque avoir remonté le temps jusqu'à une époque antérieure à la fin de la guerre froide, lorsque les deux superpuissances mondiales, les États-Unis et l'URSS, déterminaient encore le destin du monde, dans une forme d'unité condescendante.

Cette rencontre constitue toutefois bien plus qu'une réminiscence de l'histoire. Le ministre russe des Affaires étrangères, Sergueï Lavrov, portait ce jour-là un vêtement surprenant, qu'il jugeait certainement adapté à l'occasion ainsi qu'aux ambitions de Poutine : un sweatshirt sur lequel était inscrit « CCCP » (l'acronyme cyrillique de l'URSS) en travers du torse. S'il s'agit d'une plaisanterie, elle n'en demeure pas moins menaçante.

Tous ceux qui connaissent depuis longtemps le ministre russe des Affaires étrangères savent que l'homme n'est pas tout à fait connu pour son sens de l'humour, ni pour négliger les détails dans les affaires sérieuses et la diplomatie de haut niveau. Le choix vestimentaire de Lavrov était réfléchi, et visait à faire comprendre que la Grande Russie était de retour à la table des affaires mondiales. Il n'est pas question de tourner la page de l'effondrement de l'URSS et de son empire d'Europe de l'Est entre 1989 et 1991. L'empire est de retour, et entend bien reconquérir ses territoires perdus.

Le plus important de ces territoires est évidemment l'Ukraine. Comme l'expliquait en 1994 l'ancien conseiller à la Sécurité nationale des États-Unis, Zbigniew Brzezinski, « Sans l'Ukraine, la Russie cesse d'être un empire ». Le sweatshirt de Lavrov ne symbolise pas la guerre froide, mais le monde tel que la Russie le conçoit.

L'invitation par Trump du criminel de guerre Poutine sur le sol américain valide cette vision. L'apparition conjointe de Poutine et du président américain, se serrant la main sur le tarmac recouvert d'un tapis rouge, et partageant une limousine, signale au monde entier que la Russie – qui ne recule toujours pas d'un iota par rapport à ses plus hautes exigences concernant l'avenir de l'Ukraine – est à nouveau reconnue comme un partenaire à part entière. Poutine rompt ainsi avec plus de trois ans d'isolement diplomatique.

Le message envoyé à l'Ukraine lors de cette rencontre est par ailleurs très clair : le président américain lui-même reconnaît que l'empire russe est de retour. N' imaginez pas pouvoir y échapper en vous orientant vers l'Ouest. Votre situation géographique fait votre destin, et la paix ne pourra revenir que lorsque vous aurez admis cette réalité. Vous êtes seuls, les États-Unis ne vous aideront pas, et l'Europe n'en est pas capable.

Il est par ailleurs important que les Européens eux-mêmes étudient le sous-texte du sommet en Alaska, dans la mesure où, pour eux aussi, cette manifestation d'un ordre mondial déterminé uniquement par les intérêts des grandes puissances s'accompagne de messages qui donnent à réfléchir. Si ce sommet présente un parfum de Conférence de Yalta de 1945, durant laquelle les vainqueurs de la Seconde Guerre mondiale se partagèrent le butin géopolitique, c'est parce qu'il constitue un pas supplémentaire sur la voie du déclin du multilatéralisme et du supranationalisme.

Le concept d'« Occident » ne signifie plus grand-chose pour les États-Unis de Trump. Seules comptent désormais la vision trumpienne du monde et l'interprétation par le président américain des intérêts de son pays, aussi confuse soit-elle.

Les Européens doivent décider eux-mêmes de leur position. Les États-Unis n'opéreront pour l'heure pas de changement majeur dans leurs relations officielles avec l'Europe, mais Trump continuera d'écouter les Européens avec un sourire en coin, recevant volontiers leurs flatteries, pour ensuite les ignorer, comme lors du sommet en Alaska.

Les Européens doivent par conséquent prendre conscience qu'ils sont seuls dans ce nouvel ordre mondial. Les États-Unis ne tiendront plus compte de leurs intérêts, que ce soit en matière de sécurité ou de commerce.

L'Europe doit devenir une puissance mondiale à part entière, en affrontant rapidement et énergiquement l'ensemble des défis que cela implique, y compris dans les domaines de l'espace, du renseignement et du numérique au sens large. Ce « tournant » dans l'histoire de longue date de l'Europe nécessitera des efforts beaucoup plus importants et de plus grande portée qu'un simple réarmement européen en équipements et en effectifs conventionnels, aussi important soit-il. Tel est le message adressé aux Européens depuis l'Alaska.

Pourquoi l'Amérique de Trump agit-elle si manifestement contre ses propres intérêts ? À l'exception de la levée des sanctions économiques, Poutine a semble-t-il obtenu tout ce qu'il souhaitait à l'issue du sommet, notamment la fin de son isolement diplomatique, la reconnaissance par les États-Unis de la Russie en tant que puissance mondiale comme les autres, et l'acceptation du sort de l'Ukraine comme partie intégrante du *Russkiy Mir* (le « monde russe »). Pourquoi Trump renforce-t-il à ce point la Russie, sans aucune contrepartie ?

Aussi importantes soient-elles pour les Européens, ces questions ne trouveront de réponses que sur le terrain de la politique américaine. L'Europe doit dorénavant s'occuper seule d'elle-même.

*Joschka Fischer, ministre allemand des Affaires étrangères et vice-chancelier de 1998 à 2005, a compté parmi les leaders du parti écologiste allemand pendant près de 20 ans.*



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## Les importateurs accusent APM

s, cela peut plonger le pays dans de graves difficultés. APM Terminals, demain, ne sera peut-être plus là. C’est pourquoi nous conseillerons le président Boakai de prendre les mesures appropriées. C’est lui qui a la responsabilité de protéger ce pays et d’alléger le fardeau qui pèse sur la population », a déclaré le vice-président. Champ de l’enquête

Le mandat du Comité ad hoc couvre une large gamme de produits de consommation : riz, farine, pétrole, œufs, produits surgelés, sucre, mais aussi des denrées de base telles que la soupe de poulet, le piment, les pommes de terre ou encore les légumes. Le 20 août, le comité a déjà entamé des discussions avec plusieurs parties prenantes, dont la Liberia Petroleum Refinery Corporation (LPRC) et différents importateurs.

« C’est tout un processus. Nous allons

examiner chaque produit, du riz aux légumes. La mission initiale est prévue sur 90 jours, mais pourra être prolongée selon les besoins. Pour l’instant, je ne peux pas divulguer ce que disent les opérateurs économiques. C’est au président de communiquer les conclusions. Je ne suis pas le président », a précisé M. Koung.

Confidentialité et calendrier

Le vice-président a rappelé que les détails de l’enquête resteront confidentiels jusqu’à la remise du rapport final au président Boakai, qui s’adressera ensuite à la nation pour annoncer les conclusions et les mesures envisagées.

Il a aussi justifié les délais observés depuis l’annonce de la création du comité en juillet, expliquant que le mandat officiel n’a été reçu que le 15 août. « Depuis, nous travaillons activement à rencontrer toutes les parties concernées », a-t-il assuré.

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## Comté de Nimba : ArcelorMittal Libperia

« Bientôt, chacun pourra constater une intensification des activités dans la région. Nous voulons être des voisins exemplaires, car nous vivons à vos côtés et nous travaillons ensemble. Chaque jour, nous voulons vous voir heureux. »

Reconnaissance des autorités locales

Le président du conseil de ville de Yekepa, M. Moses Gounue, a exprimé la gratitude des habitants :

« Nous sommes reconnaissants pour ce développement. Il y a quelque temps, l’eau était un problème majeur dans le township. Nous remercions ArcelorMittal pour cette initiative, qui ne profite pas seulement à

Area Q mais aussi à d’autres quartiers, car la communauté est vaste. »

Plusieurs responsables locaux étaient présents, dont M. Thomas Suah, représentant du ministère de l’Intérieur, Paye Misohn Gbozuah, surintendant statutaire de Sanniquellie Mah, ainsi qu’un délégué du bureau du surintendant du comté de Nimba.

Extension du projet à d’autres communautés

AML a annoncé que des systèmes similaires seront inaugurés dans les prochaines semaines à Zolowee, Gbarpa et dans d’autres zones, où les travaux sont déjà en phase avancée.

## Bong County : la réconciliation se poursuit sans Edward Karfiah

L’ancien député critiqué pour son refus de participer au processus d’unité

Les habitants de Bong County ont affirmé leur détermination à poursuivre le processus de réconciliation malgré l’absence remarquée de l’ancien représentant du district n°5, Edward Karfiah. Celui-ci fait face à une vague de critiques après avoir pris ses distances avec cette initiative, jugée essentielle pour restaurer l’unité et panser les divisions politiques et sociales du comté.

Une initiative pour tourner la page des divisions

Le programme de réconciliation, porté par des organisations de la société civile, des leaders traditionnels et des responsables religieux, vise à mettre fin à des décennies de fractures marquées par le favoritisme, l’avidité et une gouvernance fragmentée. Mais l’absence de M. Karfiah à ce processus a suscité une indignation populaire. De nombreux citoyens estiment qu’il place son orgueil personnel au-dessus de l’intérêt collectif.

Des voix citoyennes indignées

« Karfiah nous a montré qu’il n’a jamais été sérieux avec le peuple. Au moment où le comté a besoin de paix, il s’éloigne. Voilà l’attitude d’un politicien égoïste qui a exploité les gens pour ses propres intérêts », a dénoncé Matthew Martor, habitant de

Gbarnga.

Pour Ruth Kesselyn, militante des droits des femmes à Salala, ce refus traduit surtout une peur de rendre des comptes :

« Un vrai leader s’humilie et se joint au peuple pour la réconciliation. Karfiah fuit parce qu’il redoute la reddition des comptes. L’histoire retiendra qu’il a tourné le dos à l’unité. »

Même constat pour Monue Hallawanger, qui n’hésite pas à parler de trahison :

« C’est de la lâcheté. Il a supplié pour nos votes, mais maintenant qu’il s’agit de réconcilier, il se dérobe. Il vient de prouver qu’il est un politicien raté qui n’a aucun intérêt pour Bong County.

Analyse politique et réaction des leaders traditionnels

Selon certains analystes, la position de l’ancien député renforce l’image d’un homme davantage préoccupé par sa survie politique que par le progrès collectif. Plusieurs estiment que sa réticence pourrait s’expliquer par la crainte d’être interpellé sur son rôle dans les divisions passées au sein du comté.

Joseph Gbotopaye, éminent leader traditionnel, a été catégorique :

« Bong County se réconciliera avec ou sans Edward Karfiah. En s’excluant du processus, il s’exclut lui-même de l’avenir du comté.

## Liberia : la juge en chef Sie-A-Nyene Yuoh se retire, saluée pour son rôle dans la stabilité politique

La juge en chef à la retraite Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh a revendiqué, comme principal héritage de son passage à la Cour suprême du Liberia, la consolidation de la stabilité politique du pays. Lors de sa cérémonie de départ, vendredi 15 août, elle a également rendu hommage à l’ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, dont le programme d’autonomisation des femmes a permis à de nombreuses Libériennes d’accéder à des postes de premier plan dans la vie publique.

Nommée juge associée en 2013, puis promue juge en chef en 2022 sous l’administration de George Weah, Mme Yuoh est la deuxième femme de l’histoire à occuper cette fonction et la troisième à siéger à la Cour suprême. Elle se retire après près de douze années de service, à l’âge constitutionnel de 70 ans.

« La loi reste la loi »

Dans un discours empreint de gravité, Mme Yuoh a rappelé que la justice libérienne « n’est pas un instrument politique, mais le gardien impartial de la loi ». Elle est revenue sur la période houleuse des élections générales de 2023, marquées par le transfert de pouvoir entre le Congrès pour le changement démocratique (CDC) et le Parti de l’unité (UP), affirmant que la Cour avait alors assuré la stabilité institutionnelle.

« Les élections ne sont jamais des événements ordinaires. Durant ces moments, les tensions s’exacerbent, mais à travers tout cela, la loi est demeurée constante. La loi reste la loi, quels que soient les changements au gouvernement », a-t-elle insisté.

Elle a exhorté ses successeurs et collègues à rester fidèles à la Constitution, soulignant que « la Cour suprême est et doit rester la gardienne de la loi, à tout moment et en toutes circonstances ».

Hommage à une carrière et à un engagement

Saluée pour sa rigueur et sa capacité à diriger la magistrature dans des



contextes politiques tendus, Mme Yuoh a décrit son ascension au poste de juge en chef comme « un moment décisif » de sa carrière. Citant le Psaume 18:29, elle a confié que sa foi l’avait guidée tout au long de ses années sur le banc, exprimant désormais son souhait de se consacrer à une vie plus calme auprès de ses petits-enfants.

« Aujourd’hui ne marque pas une fin, mais la continuation des idéaux qui nous unissent en tant que nation régie par les lois », a-t-elle déclaré.

Un passage de témoin

Son successeur, le juge Francis Korkpor Gbeisay, ancien juge associé reconnu pour sa solide expérience juridique et son tempérament mesuré, a promis de préserver l’indépendance de la justice et de poursuivre les réformes visant à renforcer l’accès équitable au droit.

Dans un témoignage personnel, il a raconté sa première rencontre avec Mme Yuoh dans les années 1990, alors qu’il était étudiant en droit :

« Je l’ai vue plaider avec une maîtrise impressionnante et je me suis dit : voilà le modèle d’avocat que je veux devenir. Cette impression m’est restée, et aujourd’hui, en prenant sa succession, j’ai le sentiment que c’était hier. »

Il a salué en elle une personnalité « vibrante et sociale », qui a marqué chacune de ses fonctions. Avec humour, il l’a encouragée à profiter de la retraite sans renoncer aux plaisirs de la vie : « Laissez un peu de temps aux chemins de fer et aux danses que vous aimez tant. »

Une empreinte durable

Les juges Jamesetta Howard Wolokolie, Yussif D. Kaba et Ceaineh D. Clinton-Johnson ont, dans des hommages séparés, salué sa précision dans les arrêts rendus et son engagement pour l’efficacité judiciaire et l’autonomie financière de l’institution.

« Merci, juge en chef. Par votre courage et votre détermination, vous avez laissé une feuille de route pour l’avenir du système judiciaire. Votre plan stratégique de cinq ans constitue un chef-d’œuvre qui, s’il est suivi, consolidera une magistrature forte, fière et respectée », ont-ils conclu.



## FEATURE ARTICLE

# Defend the International Order, Achieve National Reunification

The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War. Eighty years ago, the forces of justice around the world, including China and Liberia, united in courageous battles against their common foes and defeated the overbearing fascist powers.

The triumph made a historic contribution to safeguarding world peace and advancing the progress of humanity. After the war, the international community drew profound lessons from the devastation of two global conflicts. Together, they established an international system with the United Nations (UN) at its core, an international order underpinned by international law, and a set of basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Taiwan's restoration to China is an outcome of the WWII victory and part and parcel of the postwar international order, which is reaffirmed by a series of instruments with legal effect under international law, namely the Cairo Declaration, the Potsdam Proclamation, and the Japanese Instrument of Surrender and so on. It is particularly worth mentioning that in October 1971, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 2758.

This resolution settled completely the political, legal and procedural issues regarding the representation of the whole of China, including Taiwan, at the UN. It made clear that there is only one seat of China in the UN, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal representative, precluding "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan". At the UN, Taiwan is referred to as "Taiwan, Province of China".

Under the current framework of international order, the Taiwan region, as a Province of the People's Republic of China, has no right to participate in the UN or other international organizations that are exclusively composed of sovereign states. The UN is an intergovernmental international organization made up of sovereign states. After the lawful rights of the government of the People's Republic of China were restored in the UN, the issue of Chinese representation in the organization was completely resolved. There is no question of the Taiwan authority joining the UN.

All member states of the UN should abide by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, as well as relevant UN resolutions, and follow the norms of international relations, such as mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs. They should not support Taiwan's participation in the UN or other international organizations that are only open to sovereign states in any form.

In May this year, the 78th World Health Assembly(WHA) decided not to include the so-called proposal of "inviting Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer", raised by a few member states, in its agenda. This marks the ninth consecutive

China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. These countries have severed "diplomatic ties" with Taiwan without delay, and have pledged not to establish any official relations or conduct any official exchanges with the Taiwan region.

At the same time, many countries have issued joint statements and other forms of declarations reaffirming their commitment to the one-China principle, stating explicitly that there is but one China in the world, that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, and that the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China.



year that the WHA has rejected the so-called proposal related to Taiwan, upholding the authority of the UN and the post-war international order.

Liberia, as a member of the General Committee of this WHA, staunchly upholds the one-China principle and firmly supports China on issues related to Taiwan in WHA. China highly appreciates this stance.

In recent years, a number of countries have established or resumed diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. They all recognize that there is but one China in the world, that the Government of the People's Republic of

They resolutely oppose all forms of "Taiwan independence" and strongly support the efforts of the Chinese government to achieve national reunification. This demonstrates that the one-China principle under the current international order is a universal consensus of the international community and reflects the will of the people.

We firmly believe that a fair and just international order will surely be continuously upheld, and the historic mission of China's complete reunification will certainly be accomplished !



# Officials snub 178th Flag Day gala

The visible absence of top officials of the Liberian government at this year's National Flag Day program is unprecedented, as nearly all members of all three branches stayed away, except for three members of the Cabinet.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah  
Monrovia, Liberia; August 26, 2025 - In a quiet and low-key observance, Liberia celebrated its 178th



proceeded with participation from members of the diplomatic corps, high school students, and a few senior officials. The Liberian flag, first raised on August 24, 1847, features eleven stripes: Five Red and Six White, representing the eleven signatories of the country's Declaration of Independence. The single white star on a blue field symbolizes Liberia's historic status as the only independent republic in Africa at the time. The red stands for the blood of those who fought for freedom, white represents purity and unity, and blue represents the African continent. Delivering the President's message, Minister Tweh extended President Boakai's appreciation to Liberians at home and abroad for their resilience in the face of adversity. The President underscored the importance of patriotism, unity, and national identity as pillars of the country's continued progress. "Through it all, Liberians have held together, survived together, and demonstrated that we all truly belong to a

common patrimony," the President said.

Reflecting on Liberia's past, the President honored the sacrifices of the founding fathers and called on all citizens to protect and uphold the unity they fought to establish. He acknowledged the country's struggles with ethnic divisions, political strife, and health crises, but expressed optimism for the nation's future.

"Our forebears... must be well pleased that Liberia, once dimmed, is again reaching for the skies. This is a testament to our collective effort and determination."

President Boakai urged all Liberians to remain committed to peace, democracy, and national cohesion:

"In the end, it is only in union strong that success is assured," he emphasized.

Flag Day Orator, Dr. Jallah Barbu, focused on the pressing need for justice and accountability, particularly for war victims and their families. He emphasized that the path to lasting peace must include addressing past atrocities.

"Justice is here for all Liberians," Dr. Barbu declared, while stressing the importance of support for the Office for the Establishment of the War and Economic Crimes Court, which he heads as Executive Director.

He reminded both the government and the public that the establishment of the court is a Liberian-led process, and called for full political will and national support to ensure its realization. Editing by Jonathan Browne

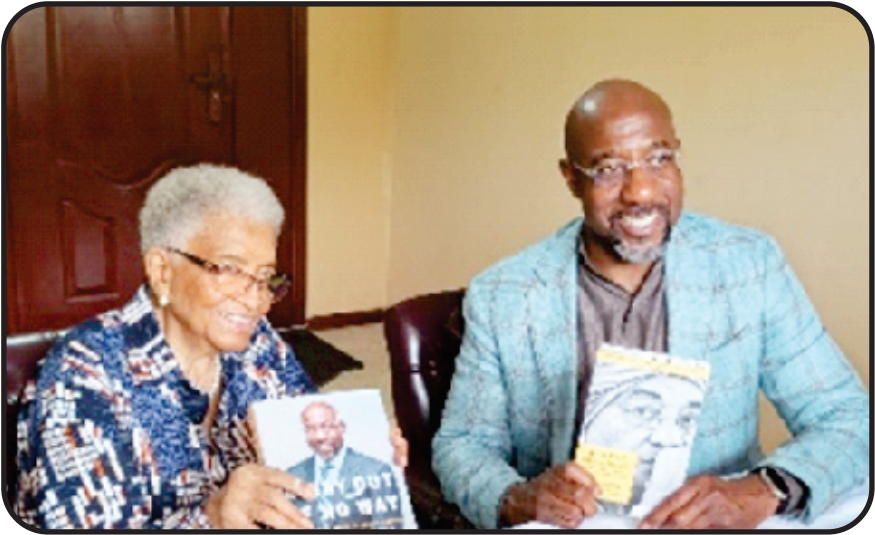
# U.S. Senator Warnock meets former President Sirleaf

By Stephen G. Fellajuah

U.S. Senator Raphael Gamaliel Warnock, a respected American politician and Baptist pastor serving as the junior Senator from Georgia, paid a courtesy visit to former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in Monrovia, where he pledged to help strengthen economic relations and deepen historical ties between Liberia and the United States. Speaking to New Dawn Newspaper on Monday, August 25, 2025, following a meeting with the former president, Senator Warnock reflected on the significance of his visit and its personal and political dimensions.

"It was a mission trip of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church in Liberia," he shared. "As it turns out, I visited in 2014, and you know shortly thereafter the Ebola virus hit the country, so I was not able to return with the team that year. In the midst of that, I was running for the United States Senate, so I am happy to be here, and I preached at the Providence Baptist Church on

emphasized a broader mission: building meaningful connections between Liberia and his home state of Georgia. "Not only have I come as a citizen and Senator from the United States of America, but my home region, Georgia, has deep ties with Liberia, from the accent to the food, and other cultural similarities," he said. "I will find a way to deepen connections and strengthen the economic vitality of the people of Liberia, who have been through so much." He also disclosed that he met with several local entrepreneurs who impressed him with their vision and talents, expressing hope for future partnerships that will support Liberia's growth. The visit concluded with a warm lunch at the home of former President Sirleaf, bringing together family members, friends, and well-wishers in a celebratory atmosphere. During the gathering, both leaders exchanged art pieces as a symbol of mutual respect. Speaking briefly, Madam Sirleaf welcomed the Senator's



Sunday." Senator Warnock recounted his first visit to Liberia over a decade ago, after receiving an invitation from Rev. Samuel Reeves, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, to preach during an anniversary celebration. Though the Ebola outbreak and political commitments kept him from returning sooner, he expressed joy at finally being back. Touching on his meeting with former President Sirleaf, Warnock spoke with deep admiration. "She is a quintessential example of leadership, and I am inspired by the depth of her commitment to the people of Liberia. Her work on women's empowerment and human dignity is inspiring," he said. "She has led Liberia through the Ebola outbreak and seen the ups and downs of a struggling democratic republic that has experienced civil war. She was steadfast." While the visit was spiritually motivated, Senator Warnock

initiative and the delegation he brought to Liberia. "The Senator is here visiting as part of a Baptist Church arrangement, but he himself requested to meet with me, so I embraced the request and organized a lunch," she said with a smile. "Senator Gamaliel is an important congressman, and it takes a Black congressman who wants to help to support Liberia and to work on Liberia's progress. So it's always a pleasure to receive them and their entire delegation, including the women. These are people with good intentions for Liberia." She noted that many members of the delegation had prior connections with Liberia, saying, "Some of them have a history with Liberia, some of them I've met before under one circumstance or another. So today, we could use it to reunite ourselves after many years."

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE LATE MS. CECELIA PIAH

Funeral arrangements for the Late Cecelia Piah, affectionately known as C-Square, are as follow:  
Thursday, August 28, 2025: FAMILY QUIET HOUR - From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
St. Moses Funeral Parlours, Gardnesville, Monrovia

Friday, August 29, 2025: REMOVAL - 2 p.m. from the St. Moses Funeral Parlours The Remains Will be taken to Buchanan, Grand Bassa County immediately thereafter

Friday, August 29, 2025: WAKE-KEEPING (7 TO 12 MIDNIGHT)  
Mount Galilee United Methodist Church, Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

THE WAKE-KEEPING WILL CONTINUE AT THE FAMILY HOME IN GORZOHN, BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

Saturday, August 30, 2025: FUNERAL SERVICE (10:30 a.m.)

Mount Galilee United Methodist Church, Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN CHEA TOWN (HER HOME VILLAGE), GRAND BASSA COUNTY

The Late Cecelia Piah died on Friday, August 15, 2025, at the Redemption Hospital in Monrovia at age 67.

This announcement was brought by:

Jerolinmek Matthew Piah

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Sophie Piah-Reeves

Brothers and sisters of the deceased on behalf of the family.





## Importers blame APM Terminals for rise in prices

**-As Vice President Koung expressed concerns and outlined investigation process**

**Importers blame APM Terminals for rise in prices**  
-As Vice President Koung expressed concerns and outlined investigation process Liberia is facing a period of rapidly rising commodity prices, prompting widespread concern among citizens and the business community.

By Lincoln G. Peters

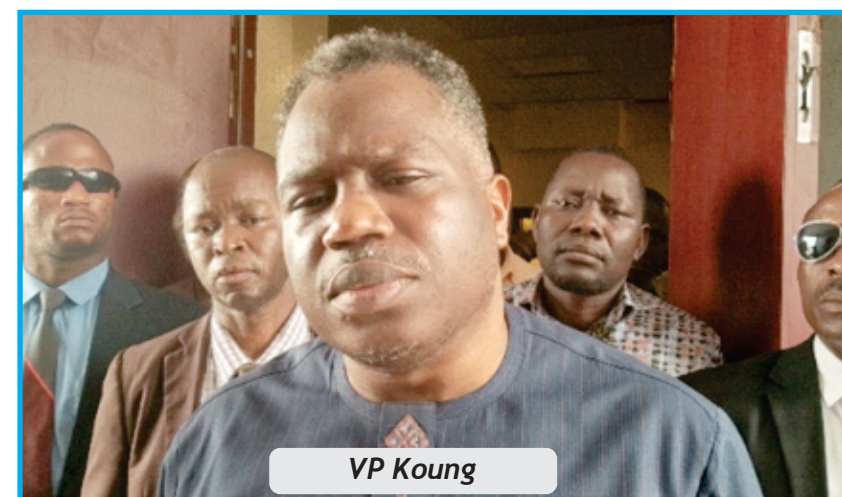
Monrovia, August 26, 2025: Importers and businesses have raised formal complaints, specifically targeting APM Terminals and the National

considered crucial and politically sensitive in Liberia. Business owners and importers raised these concerns during the first meeting of the Ad hoc Committee announced by President Joseph N Boakai on

businesses expressed these issues.

The meeting was attended by high-level representatives, including the Central Bank of Liberia Executive Director, the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, and President Boakai's Security Advisor, among others. VP Koung highlighted the urgency of the situation, voicing fears that persistent price hikes could lead to public unrest. He made it clear that the government is taking the matter seriously, with plans to meet both APM Terminals and the NPA on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, to discuss and address the concerns of the business community.

"We are going to be inviting APM Terminal and the NPA to look at the concern from the business community on Tuesday. Because some of the commodities with increasing charges are political commodities, now, if you start increasing charges on rice and petroleum every month,



VP Koung

Port Authority (NPA), July 26, 2025, to investigate the rising prices of commodities here. The committee, headed by Vice President Jeremiah Koung, on August 20, held its first public-private business and dialogue at the National commodities that are

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