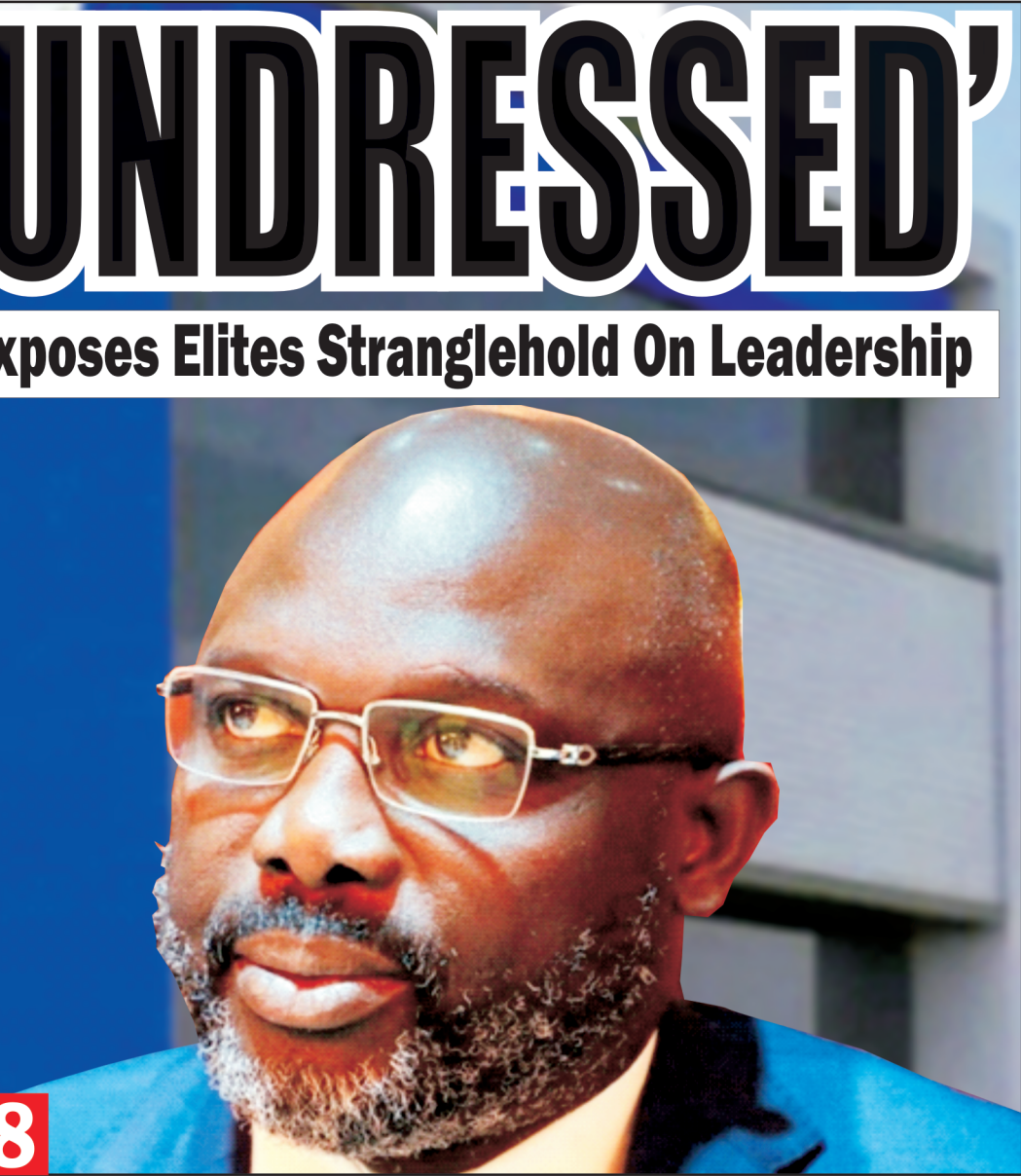


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-With Building Materials Stores Investment



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AFL EXPANSION BILL SUBMITTED

CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA		
MARKET BUYING AND SELLING RATES LIBERIA DOLLARS PER US DOLLAR		
DATE April 13, 2026	BUYING L\$183.2773/1.00	SELLING L\$185.3335/US\$1.00
These are indicative rates base on the result of daily survey of foreign exchange market in Monrovia and selected cities of Liberia. These rates are collected from the Central Bank, commercial banks, parallel market and the license forex bureaux. The rates are not set by the Central Bank of Liberia. Source Research Policy and Planning Department, CBL		

ARTICLE

APRIL 12 IS A DAY TO REMEMBER

IT SETS THE AGENDA FOR THE LIBERIAN CONFLICT



On this day in 1980, 17 enlisted men of the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) namely:

Samuel Kanyon Doe	Fallah varnie
Thomas G. Wehsehn	J. Nicolas Podier
Thomas G. Quiwonkpah	Abraham Kollie
Harrison Pennue	Dixon Swen
Nelson B. Toe	Kolunseh G. Gonyor
Henry Zuo	Jeffrey Gbatu
	Henry Dubah
	Edward Slangar,
	Fred J. Blay etc. overthrew the
	True Whig party government

led by William R. Tolbert. This military juntas also executed several government officials on poles in Monrovia accordingly for rampant corruption, and nepotism, thus giving rise to the People Redemption Council (PRC) government led by MSgt. Samuel K. Doe

This PRC government which was guided by John G. Rancy, Charles Julu, Oscar Quiah, moses Wright, Chea Cheepo, Edward Slangar, Gray D. Allison, and Gen. Dubah became one of the most corrupt and nepotistic government ever in Liberia.

The PRC experienced 17 coup plots from 1981 and killed half of its members. It also targeted, hunted, murdered university students, members of the press, leaders of civil society organizations and sent to exile several Liberian politicians. The mean law that convicted people for executions by the PRC, both military personnel and civilians was called "High Treason or Degree 88A".

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VISUALLY-IMPAIRED LIBERIANS BLESSED FROM APOSTOLIC VISIT



A spirit of compassion and service marked the apostolic visit of Moran Dr. Samuel Theophilus Metropolitan, as he led a humanitarian outreach to support visually impaired individuals in Monrovia.

The initiative, held at the Believers Eastern Church Diocesan Office Compound, brought relief to 48 differently-abled beneficiaries who each received 25kg bags of rice. The gesture formed part of activities during the sacred Christian season of Great Lent, a period dedicated to prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

Delivering his message, His Holiness emphasized that true service to God is demonstrated through care for the vulnerable and marginalized. He noted that every individual holds value in the eyes of God and called on society to uplift those often overlooked.

"I am deeply moved by the faith and resilience shown here today," he said, adding that acts of kindness should remind humanity of its shared divine purpose.

The outreach program was organized by Rev. Fr. Sachin Pakhre, Diocesan Vicar and Country Director of the Believers Eastern Church in Liberia. He described the initiative as part of the Church's ongoing mission to serve underprivileged communities across the country.

Rev. Fr. Pakhre also reflected on the legacy of Moran Mor Athanasius Yohann I, whose vision of service to the poor continues to guide the Church's humanitarian efforts in Liberia.

"It is a privilege to serve individuals who face daily challenges," Rev. Fr. Pakhre stated.

"This outreach demonstrates our commitment to love and support those most in need."

The event drew attendance from several church leaders and community representatives, including Geevarghese Mor Makariose Episcopa, who offered prayers for the beneficiaries, and Rev. Fr. Dr. Daniel Johnson, who delivered the opening prayer.

Also present was Isaac K. Weedee, who

joined in supporting the initiative and commending the Church's outreach. The program featured moments of gratitude from beneficiaries, including emotional testimonies from individuals such as Mr. Torkolon and Mrs. Patience Togbah. In a touching display, Mrs. Togbah sang in her local dialect to express appreciation for the support received. In a personal show of solidarity, His Holiness and attending dignitaries distributed the rice bags directly to beneficiaries, creating a moment of connection and encouragement. The outreach concluded with prayers for continued blessings and well-being, reinforcing the Church's message of compassion, dignity, and selfless service. The initiative stands as a strong testament to the impact of faith-based humanitarian efforts in Liberia, highlighting a continued commitment to uplifting vulnerable communities.

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Editorial

WHOSE FAULT: CONCESSIONAIRES OR GOVERNMENT?

THE RECENT VISIT BY Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung to the operation site of Bea Mountain Mining Company (BMMC) in Grand Cape Mount County sparked acrimony among Liberians and also heightened long-held suspicions about concessionaires having too much unprecedented and unregulated leverages in the agreements that brought them to the fore as opposed to the general interest of the country, let alone the affected communities of their operations. The debate, criticism, emotional arousal, suspicion and mindset, of course, might not go away so easily. It could even take more deleterious dimensions if the satisfying, wished-for or appeasing responses do not come forth from concerned officials.

EQUALLY SO, FROM THE unfolding developments, the reactions of Liberians to this rather raw discovery of how the country's gold is being shipped in an unimaginable manner and the huge accompanying financial benefits for the company, no amount of cemented placating comments can suffice. No one takes it lightly upon hearing about the irreparable harm done to his interest - be it children, business or close associates. The reason is shrouded in one reality. If what is extracted and benefits accrued are paired against the real conditions of the communities, anger is bound to rise to a near-kill level.

HOWEVER, AMID THESE CONCERNS is one protruding consideration which borders on the roles of those who negotiated these concessions and how they were approved and factored into the legal processes of the country. Mind us, it takes months, if not years, to negotiate some of these concessions, and, in most cases, the best minds are put at the front-burner of the negotiating table. Not only that, following these initial negotiations, the concessions are brought for scrutiny and ratification before the National Legislature - the Senate and House of Representatives. They are perused, reviewed and eventually approved before they are taken for presidential signature.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE that the BMMC Concession duly signed during the administration of former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf did not come into operation outside of all the national perimeters - the standards and criteria concessions are required to go through. While it hurts that the country's gold endowments are being depleted as it result of huge gold being scooped and shipped out of the country - with little to show in the communities - the government takes the deuce in all of this. This is because, it is impossible for officials who have access to the Agreement to whisk off knowledge of some of the critical provisions. More so, there are always government representatives assigned to these concessions, with the mandate to ensure that the rules are not bent and flouted. In the case of BMMC, is that not the case? If so, why not?

IT IS IMPORTANT TO state that instead of scolding the company for what many see as concession nefariousness, the government should take the blame for neglecting its responsibilities of ensuring that concessionaires comply with the rules, the laws and the terms of the concessions. However, if it is proven that BMMC oversteps the rules, is left with the government to correct same. The issue should not be about kilograms of gold and the amount of money accrued by the company, it should be about reshaping focus. Of course, all may not be rosy in terms of the concessionaires' contributions compared to what is being taken out, some of them are doing extremely well. What is required to upgrade what concessionaires need to do to reciprocate what is extracted. Be as it may, government bears greatest responsibility of the blame, not necessarily the concessionaires.

LETTER TO THE DEAD

Dear Great Ones In The Great Beyond:

Hope all is going fine with you all in different parts of the "great beyond" whose colors, whose shapes and outlooks remain unknown. Your people here on earth are indeed worrying about you because there is no information about where you are exactly. But if you guys are in heaven, as proclaimed, that is great. Hope the misunderstanding will be erased soon.

By the way, how are things with you guys there? How is the atmosphere, the associations, the interactions, the getting-along, and moreover, how is the economy there? Well, we are made to understand that food business is not there, but we need to know the truth about this so that we stop speculating. In fact, it is because of that some people hate to hear about dying because they are used to eating good and plenty food, which is not on that side of the divide.

While we await your response, we would like to abreast you with happenings here, too. In reality, it is not easy. No one can tell the captain that the ship is rocking, the storm is causing havoc that is really threatening the safety of the ship. The ship actually came to pick up your people from the shores of hardship, but it looks like the whole exercise is a shadow of itself. If anyone tells you that your people are being drenched in poverty far more than ever before. Great ones, are you aware that transportation fares wearing expensive coat suits? Are you aware that gas price is increased almost every week? Are you aware that the people put the blame on the problem in the Middle East? Are you aware that the sellers can hide the gas in the day, and only come out in the night to sell because it is when they sell at higher price? Do you know that the police people say they monitoring the market to arrest those who may try to sell gas above government price? But do you know that they too aiding the process? Well, Great ones, this is the situation your people are going through, and many more. So, your guys want to print additional money. They say the money getting small on the market because some of the money the other people printed are damaged because citizens not handling it good. The Central Bank people going around, trying to explain the reason because citizens are not happy with the whole idea of printing more because they know what can happen in the end. Do you still remember when the past government was accused of stealing billions of dollars. Aye, your people in government just looking for all kinds of ways to grab something besides the ones they already have in their pockets from shady operations. The last time, they changed the ArcelorMittal Deal, gave the people 50 years to mine iron ore in Nimba. Chey! Do you believe iron ore will still be there after fifty years? Do you think the whole thing is about getting kickbacks? You know exactly how the guys get free money from these kinds of arrangements. Great ones, it will surprise you also to know that the papay wants to change the agreement the government signed with one company, TIA. he is saying the company was not proper enough to get the contract, although he signed the very contract. The lawmakers say they must renegotiate the contract but the papay says they should undo the whole thing. That whole thing is creating confusion because there is a law that allows for how such confusion supposed to be handled. Do you know why we giving you this information? It is because of the lack of respect for the rule of law they supposed to be going by to do things correctly. The whole law-breaking that is going on here is too much. Everybody just crying about law breaking business. It is not easy here!

Also, great ones, this one will shock you. Are you aware that the Vicpe President went to Cape Mount the other day to see what Bea Mountain Mining Company doing their gold mining business? Yes, o, he was there. In fact, they carried in one of the areas where they can refine the gold , and when he saw the gold, they said he almost fainted. Some of the people who were there said, he opened his mouth in disbelief upon seeing the process and the huge pile of gold. The other noise in the town now.... they are trading accusations of all sorts about who signed the contract and who did not sign it. Before we leave you, the papay went to open one Shopping Mall and started to talk about investors should come to Liberia to invest. But knows that the other investors on the ground are not happy because of the way they are being treated. The other people signed Agreement, and time for them to start operations, he the same person came back at them, saying the Agreement should be canceled or deratified.

Well, we want to stop here and give you guys the chance to go through the communication. We are sure you will respond to us. So, that is it.

Thank you for your attention

We see you, when we see you.

Bye-bye

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SPPCC CONCLUDES CAPSTONE TRAINING TO
STRENGTHEN NATIONWIDE OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

The Special Presidential Project Coordinating Committee (SPPCC) has successfully concluded a two-week Capstone Training designed to strengthen operational efficiency, leadership capacity, and interdepartmental coordination across its nationwide hubs.

The training, held from April 1 to April 9, 2026, at the Committee’s headquarters in Mamba Point, Monrovia, brought together staff from key operational units to enhance technical knowledge, improve communication systems, and reinforce institutional discipline. The program forms part of the Committee’s broader effort to build a highly skilled workforce capable of supporting national development initiatives.

Throughout the duration of the training, participants engaged in practical simulations, group exercises, and scenario-based learning sessions aimed at improving real-time decision-making and operational readiness. The structured sessions focused on strengthening teamwork, improving accountability, and reinforcing safety practices key pillars that support the Committee’s mission to deliver sustainable development outcomes nationwide.

The Capstone Training brought together specialists from diverse departments working toward a unified operational mission. Participants represented core divisions including Administration, Human Resources and Operations, Communications, Fleet Management, Environmental Safety, and the Technical Team. These departments play vital roles in ensuring smooth documentation processes, workforce management, equipment supervision, compliance monitoring, and mechanical support for field operations.

The Administration unit focused on strengthening documentation systems, scheduling processes, and internal communication procedures. Meanwhile, Human Resources and Operations personnel enhanced their capacity to manage workforce coordination and enforce operational procedures across the Committee’s 19 hubs operating within Liberia’s 15 counties.

Participants from the Communications department received specialized instruction on media engagement strategies, public information dissemination, crisis communication, and effective project documentation. Similarly, Fleet Management personnel strengthened their knowledge in equipment supervision, maintenance planning, asset allocation, and nationwide tracking of operational resources.

Environmental Safety officers focused on reinforcing environmental compliance standards, workplace safety protocols, and preventive safety measures necessary to maintain safe working environments. At the same time, the Technical Team enhanced its mechanical engineering capacity to support earthmoving equipment and ensure the reliability of machinery used in field operations.

The Capstone Training was facilitated by a team of experienced professionals with specialized expertise across multiple disciplines. Facilitators included Caroline Bowah, Community Development Expert; Dr. Abdoulaye W. Dukule, a U.S.-based Communications Specialist; and Yormie, Special Major Commander and Fleet Management and Logistics Expert.

Their combined knowledge provided participants with practical insights and specialized instruction, enabling staff to effectively manage complex operational challenges and strengthen collaboration across departments. The facilitators emphasized professionalism, leadership discipline, and problem-solving strategies essential to maintaining operational excellence.

Participants demonstrated measurable improvements in their capacity to manage operational scenarios, respond to emergency situations, and implement project strategies efficiently. The training has produced a highly motivated and skilled workforce prepared to deploy enhanced capabilities across Liberia’s operational hubs in support of national development programs.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Executive Chair of the Committee, Brownie J. Samukai commended staff for their discipline, dedication, and unwavering commitment to service throughout the training period. He encouraged participants to apply the knowledge gained to strengthen teamwork and maintain high standards of professionalism in all operational activities.

The Executive Chair noted that the successful completion of the Capstone Training represents a significant milestone in strengthening the Committee’s institutional capacity. He emphasized that the investment in training reflects the Committee’s commitment to building a resilient workforce capable of delivering coordinated and impactful development projects nationwide.

This Capstone Training marks an important step toward advancing national readiness and enhancing operational efficiency within the Committee’s structure. With a newly trained workforce and strengthened coordination systems, the Special Presidential Project Coordinating Committee (SPPCC) is well positioned to support sustainable development initiatives and improve service delivery across Liberia.

The Committee remains steadfast in its commitment to professionalism, service, and nation-building, reaffirming its dedication to advancing Liberia’s infrastructure and development agenda through effective coordination, skilled personnel, and strong institutional leadership.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 14

EVENTS & HISTORY

- 1775 - The first abolitionist society in U.S. was organized in Philadelphia with Ben Franklin as president.
- 1793 - A royalist rebellion in Santo Domingo was crushed by French republican troops.
- 1828 - The first edition of Noah Webster's dictionary was published under the name "American Dictionary of the English Language."
- 1860 - The first Pony Express rider arrived in San Francisco with mail originating in St. Joseph, MO.
- 1865 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth. He actually died early the next morning.
- 1889 - The first international Conference of American States began in Washington, DC.
- 1894 - First public showing of Thomas Edison's kinetoscope took place.
- 1902 - James Cash (J.C.) Penney opened his first retail store in Kemmerer, WY. It was called the Golden Rule Store.
- 1910 - U.S. President William Howard Taft threw out the first ball for the Washington Senators and the Philadelphia Athletics.
- 1912 - The Atlantic passenger liner Titanic, on its maiden voyage hit an iceberg and began to sink. 1,517 people lost their lives and more than 700 survived.
- 1918 - The U.S. First Aero Squadron engaged in America's first aerial dogfight with enemy aircraft over Toul, France.
- 1925 - WGN became the first radio station to broadcast a regular season major league baseball game. The Cubs beat the Pirates 8-2.
- 1931 - King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile and the Spanish Republic was proclaimed.
- 1939 - The John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.
- 1946 - The civil war between Communists and nationalist resumed in China.
- 1953 - Viet Minh invaded Laos with 40,00 troops.
- 1956 - Ampex Corporation of Redwood City, CA, demonstrated the first commercial magnetic tape recorder for sound and picture.
- 1959 - The Taft Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated in Washington, DC.
- 1969 - For the first time, a major league baseball game was played in Montreal, Canada.
- 1981 - America's first space shuttle, Columbia, returned to Earth after a three-day test flight. The shuttle orbited the Earth 36 times during the mission.
- 1984 - The Texas Board of Education began requiring that the state's public school textbooks describe the evolution of human beings as "theory rather than fact".
- 1985 - The Russian paper "Pravda" called U.S. President Reagan's planned visit to Bitburg to visit the Nazi cemetery an "act of blasphemy".
- 1986 - U.S. President Reagan announced the U.S. air raid on military and terrorist related targets in Libya.
- 1987 - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev proposed banning all missiles from Europe.

ARTICLE

THE SEAS, OCEANS, RIVERS, NATURAL LAKES (NOT MAN-MADE) BELONG TO ALL:

A CALL TO ACTION AGAINST THE WEAPONIZATION OF WATERWAYS:

Protecting our shared waterways, seas, oceans, rivers, and lakes is a collective, urgent responsibility, as they are not merely resources but vital lifelines that belong to everyone and require protection from exploitation. These waters provide food and climate regulation, necessitating a united effort to ensure they remain safe and healthy ecosystems for all.

"Just as we share a common dependence on the ocean, we must join together in a common endeavor to save the ocean from the damage caused by humans." — [09-2014]

"Protect the sacred, save the Boundary Waters from short-sighted greed. Keep calling, keep writing, and keep sharing!" — [03-2026]

"There is a legal pathway to safeguard biodiversity in waters that belong to everyone and no one at the same time." — [01-2026]-U.S. Department of State (.gov).

"Stewardship means paying attention; not just to the big moments, but to the small things that sustain life every single day." — [04-2026]-U.S. Department of State (.gov).

"The ocean has no borders, but it needs protection. Nearly half of our planet lies beyond national jurisdiction." — [01-2026]- U.S. Department of State (.gov).

By: Austin S Fallah - A True Son of the Planet Earth Soil: fallahas@yahoo.com. In an era characterized by globalization, interconnectivity, and unprecedented collaboration, the fundamental rights to free movement and access to essential resources such as waterways should not be undermined by geopolitical ambitions or the whims of individual nations. The seas, oceans, rivers, and lakes(natural) are not merely natural wonders; they are vital arteries that facilitate the movement of goods, services, cultures, and people across borders.

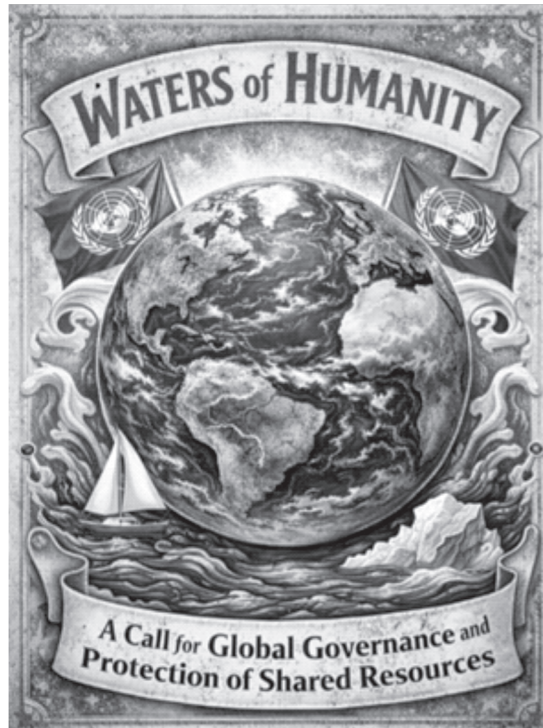
Yet, alarmingly, these waterways, gifts from the divine and essential for human sustenance, are increasingly being viewed as leverage by certain nations. The world cannot remain passive while specific groups seek to exploit these resources for political or economic gain. The United Nations, representing the collective will and responsibility of the global community, must step forward to prevent this dangerous trend from continuing.

The Basic Human Right to Access Waterways:

Waterways represent more than mere physical traits; they are, indeed, lifelines that sustain businesses, empower nations, and facilitate international relations.

The free movement of goods and services through international waters is essential for the world's economy, enhancing trade and fostering cooperation among nations.

The rivers, oceans, and seas nourish humanity, enabling fishing communities to thrive and supplying countless livelihoods reliant on transportation routes.



Each vessel navigating the vast expanse of oceans, seas, and rivers carries not just cargo, but also the hope of prosperity and a better future for people everywhere.

When these waterways are threatened by blockade or restrictive practices imposed by a select few, the consequences are dire.

A blockade of a significant ocean, sea, lake, or river can devastate an economy, leading to enormous shortages of vital food and medical supplies for entire populations.

When nations weaponize waterways, they gamble with the lives of those who depend on these routes for survival.

This dangerous trend should be unequivocally condemned: it violates the most fundamental tenets of human rights.

Humanity was endowed with these natural resources by Hala-Na-Meleka-God-Almighty, and it is our duty to protect their accessibility for the benefit of all.

History of Waterway Weaponization:

History has shown us that the control of waterways can lead to devastating humanitarian crises.

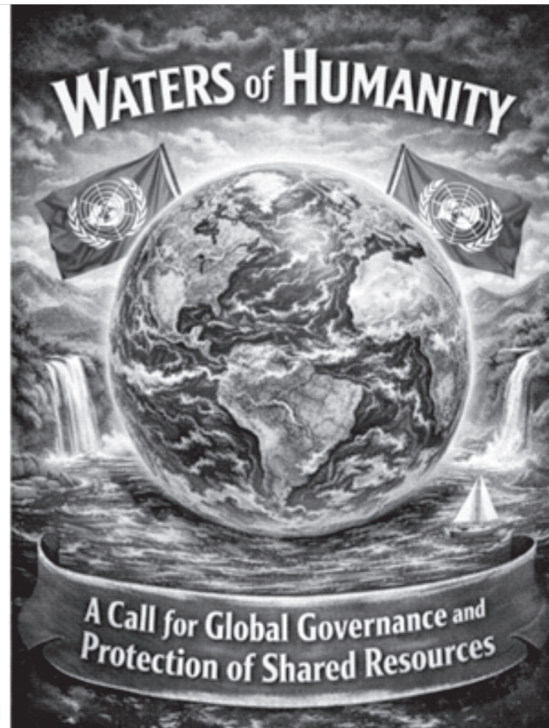
Throughout the ages, from the Venetian control of the Adriatic Sea to the British naval supremacy over the trade routes of the 19th century, nations have often turned waterways into instruments of political power.

In the modern context, such control persists, often at the expense of vulnerable nations and their populations.

One only needs to look at the disputes in the South China Sea, where geopolitical tensions have escalated as nations assert claims over waterways, threatening the very stability of trade that allows economies to flourish.

Additionally, recent conflicts in the Middle East have highlighted the perilous consequences of controlling critical waterways, with nations leveraging their strategic advantages to manipulate access.

Other examples are the unlawful closures of the commercial river crossing point at Makona River in



Solumbah, Foya District, Lofa County, Liberia, and the Yenga River crossing in the Republic of Sierra Leone by the Guinean Military Junta, which claims to be a democratically elected Guinean government.

In these scenarios, civilians bear the brunt of these decisions, suffering from famine, displacement, and economic devastation. Our global community must not allow history to repeat itself; instead, every well-meaning son or daughter of this planet must actively advocate for a system that ensures shared stewardship over some of our planet's most precious resources.

UN Intervention: A Moral Imperative:

In light of the pressing need for equitable access to waterways, it is paramount that the United Nations take decisive action to prevent countries from being strangled by the weaponization of water resources.

The UN is uniquely positioned to address this issue, as it represents a collective conscience that transcends national boundaries.

The resolution the UN needs to pass must enshrine a universal commitment to outlaw the use of waterways as bargaining chips in international relations.

Such a resolution would affirm that any nation that intentionally restricts access to waterways, thereby causing suffering to others, is committing an affront to humanity.

A clear framework for understanding and addressing violations of waterway control can also be established through this resolution.

It should stipulate that actions hindering free access to these vital resources will be categorized as "crimes against humanity," deserving of international scrutiny and response.

The world of today operates in an interconnected manner, rendering it vital that nations uphold each other's rights to access and navigate through shared resources.

International sanctions must be enacted not only against the nations directly involved in such egregious acts, but also against those who support the behavior, whether covertly or overtly.

This broad approach ensures

accountability and reinforces the international community's commitment to safeguard the rights of all human beings against opportunistic exploitation.

The UN General Assembly should be empowered to act collectively based on a more equitable representation of member nations, rather than being led by a select few with vested interests.

Promoting Global Solidarity:

Ultimately, the call for collective stewardship over waterways resonates with the broader themes of global solidarity and shared responsibility.

By invoking a shared sense of humanity, air-breathing human beings can mobilize global citizens to recognize the intrinsic value of cooperative resource management.

Waterways are not merely regional concerns; they are global assets that enrich every living human being.

Humanity must work diligently to cultivate awareness of the common interests that unite everyone, even as political ideologies may differ.

Campaigns aimed at raising awareness of the importance of free access to waterways can foster understanding and solidarity among nations.

When people recognize the interconnectedness of their struggles and their triumphs, they are less likely to be swayed by nationalistic rhetoric that seeks to marginalize others.

Education, advocacy, and international partnerships can prime the global populace to hold their governments accountable to a standard that prioritizes universal human rights.

A Unified Stand Against Hostage-Taking:

The world must not sit idly by while any nation or group seeks to hold humanity hostage by withholding access to waterways.

These vital routes, crafted by nature itself and intended for the sustenance of life, must remain open and secure for the free movement of goods and individuals.

The United Nations must codify this principle into a binding resolution, firmly articulating that the weaponization of waterways will entail severe consequences for those who engage in such conduct.

As global citizens, we carry the moral responsibility to advocate for comprehensive safeguards that ensure shared access to these critical resources.

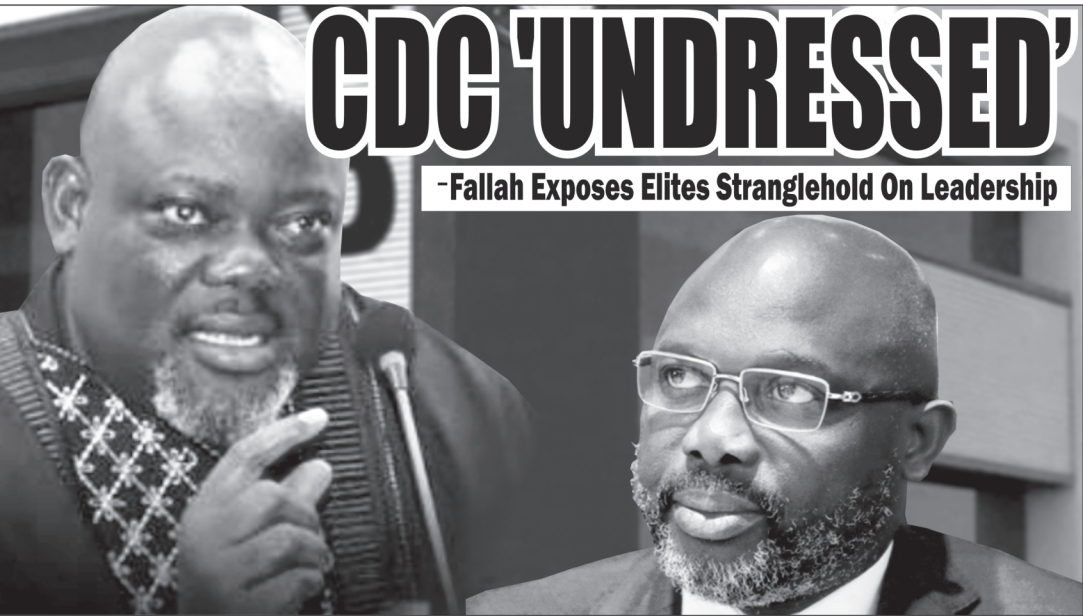
The voice of humanity must resonate across borders, united in opposition to any individual nation's strategy to undermine the collective good.

In the spirit of Hala-Na-Meleka-God-Almighty, every well-meaning earthly human being must strive for a world where waterways are freely accessible, a world where suffering is not a bargaining chip, and peace is upheld as a fundamental right for all.

ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development - AAID									
Pillar	Strategic Policy	Program	Intervention	Outcome	Output	KPIs	Link to SDG	Baseline	Targets by 2029
Governance and Anti Corruption	Transparency and Accountability	Sustainable Democratic Governance Reform	Conducting public sector reform	Improved resource utilization and streamlined processes in public service delivery	E-government platforms, automation, and other digital solutions established	Number of e-government platforms, automated systems, or digital tools introduced.		TBD	Implement public sector governance reform
				Increased Compliance Levels	Guidelines and Compliance Tools Developed	Number of sector-specific legal regimes operationalized or updated		TBD	Strengthen sector specific legal regimes
				Enhanced Institutional Efficiency	Training workshops, seminars, and certification programs conducted	Number of staff at internal, sectoral, and local government levels trained		TBD	Enhance technicians' capacities
				Increased Detection and Resolution of Corruption cases	Corruption Cases Investigated	Number of corruption cases brought to court for legal action	16.5.1 Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months		Increase prosecution of corruption cases by 40%
Governance and Anti Corruption	Transparency and Accountability	Sustainable Democratic Governance Reform	Decentralizing anti-corruption services	Increased Accessibility to Anti-Corruption Services	Regional, district, or local anti-corruption offices established	Count of new or operational anti-corruption offices at local levels.		TBD	Extend coverage of LACC services to all counties
Governance and Anti Corruption	Transparency and Accountability	Sustainable Democratic Governance Reform	Strengthening and decentralization of freedom of information services	Increased Awareness and Use of FOI Services	Establishment or operationalization of FOI units at regional, district, or local government levels	Increased in citizens' understanding of FOI rights and processes.		TBD	Achieve 80% national coverage of decentralized FOI services

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Pillar	Strategic Policy	Program	Intervention	Outcome	Output	KPIs	Link to SDG	Baseline	Targets by 2029
Governance and Anti Corruption	Transparency and Accountability	Sustainable Democratic Governance Reform	Enhancement of compliance with the national Code of conduct of conduct	Improved Ethical Standards	Updated or streamlined compliance protocols and monitoring frameworks	Percentage decrease in reported or verified breaches of the Code of Conduct over time		TBD	Enhance compliance with the national Code of conduct
Governance and Anti Corruption	Transparency and Accountability	Sustainable Democratic Governance Reform	Strengthening the Office of the Ombudsman	Enhanced perception of transparency, accountability, and fairness in governance.	Training programs conducted for Ombudsman staff on investigation, mediation, and case resolution	Total employees trained in investigation and dispute resolution		0	Strengthen Office of the Ombudsman
Governance and Anti Corruption	Public Administration	Land Governance and Management	Supporting the development of local communal farming, agribusiness value chain and trade fairs	Improved productivity and sustainability of local farming communities	Communal farming cooperatives established	Number of farmers and agribusinesses participating in trade fairs		0	Increase Communal across the country
Governance and Anti Corruption	Public Administration	Land Governance and Management	Supporting the identification and marketing of local touristic sites	Enhanced infrastructure (e.g., roads, transportation, signage) and better accessibility to tourist sites	Inventory or catalog of key tourist sites, including cultural, historical, natural, and adventure destinations	Percentage increase in tourism revenue from local businesses (e.g., accommodation, restaurants, souvenirs)		TBD	Touristic sites identify in the 15 counties
Governance and Anti Corruption	Public Administration	Land Governance and Management	Identification of local communal farming and agricultural sites for new agri-business economic operators	Enhanced crop production, higher yields per hectare, and diversification of agricultural activities	Identified sites that meet agri-business investment criteria (soil fertility, access to water, market proximity)	Total area (in hectares or acres) of land identified as suitable for agribusiness development		TBD	Identify and operationalize local communal farming and agricultural sites for new agri-business investors



By Stephanie M. Duncan

One of the men who lived under the waters with other comrades of the Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) for many years and smartly managed to come out has struck the chord, undressing the frailties of party’s he once held in highest esteem. Expelled National Executive Committee (NEC) member of the CDC, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas Fallah once said “I know the crocodiles, the fishes under the water because I was there,” and promised to expose them some point in time. Fallah, who has organized a support group for the presidency of President Joseph Boakai, his kinsman, was given marching orders from the party following his refusal to support the base of former Speaker Cllr. Fonati Koffa during the leadership saga in 2024/25. The three-time Montserrado County District #5 Representative on the ticket of the CDC, instead, aligned with the Majority Bloc against the wish of his party. Having been presented the opportunity Monday on OK FM Morning Rush, Fallah did not hold back his views and insights, raising concerns about happenings within the ranks and files of the CDC and referencing growing internal division as well as the stranglehold of the elites on the party. Above all, and apparently judging from his experience and understanding of the party’s current modus operandi, Rep. Fallah has given an utmost advice to “my chief,” former President George Weah against contesting the 2029 presidential elections. According to him, the CDC is currently facing significant internal fractures that could undermine its political future, stressing “the party is no longer united in purpose.” Fallah who is currently representing District #1, Lofa County on the ticket of the CDC, tough expelled last year, alleged that the elites in the party are the problem. He felt short naming who the elites are, leaving many, including partisans of the CDC in suspense. “A group of elites has taken control of its leadership structure,” he sounded. “The reality is, they will

not bring George Weah back to power. It will simply be business as usual. As it stands today, there is a clear internal crack within the CDC.” He further cast doubt on the party’s long-term organizational direction, making a controversial remark about its ongoing infrastructure project. “Trust me, that party headquarters they are building will be a law firm in the future,” he said, suggesting a lack of confidence in the party’s sustainability. Fallah, a longtime ally of former President Weah, emphasized that his comments were made out of respect and concern. He urged the former leader to step back from active and prioritize his personal life instead of pursuing another presidential bid. “I strongly believe that my chief, former President George Weah, should not contest the 2029 elections. Instead, he should take time to rest and be with his family,” Fallah said. “I say this with utmost respect and as sincere advice.” The Deputy Speaker also expressed concern about what he described as misleading assurances being given to Weah by key figures within the party. He warned that those currently in influential positions may not be acting in the former president’s best interest. “My concern is simple: those currently at the helm of power within the CDC are not being truthful to him. They will not deliver on the promises they are making,” he added. Fallah’s remarks extended to the grassroots members of the party, particularly its younger supporters, whom he said remain committed despite the alleged disconnect in leadership. “I particularly feel for the junior comrades who continue to invest their energy and commitment into the party. Unfortunately, their efforts do not align with the intentions of those at the top,” he noted. His comments are expected to stir debate within the CDC and the broader political landscape, as discussions around the 2029 elections and party leadership dynamics continue to evolve.

BOAKAI DISPIRITED

Sprawling small-scale investments such as building materials stores across Monrovia have claimed President Joseph Nyuma Boakai attention, tacitly slamming the Lebanese and Indians dominated Investment as outlandish to Liberians' quality of life. Liberia's quest for Investment opportunities to expand and grow its economy and strengthen citizens' living standard is higher than ever before, and President Boakai believes it requires real large-scale investment, far above just building materials stores, or not just any kind of investment. The President sounded implicitly dispirited and unhappy with the growing building material stores investment that spans decades when he dedicated newly constructed Monrovia Super Mall, the first of its kind in Liberia. President Boakai praised the Super Mall as an investment that represents a forward-looking approach to national development. “This is a great investment,” the President declared. “Instead of opening many building materials stores, this is a great investment,” he added, emphasizing the importance of large-scale commercial ventures that create broader economic impact. He described Liberians as people of quality who, one way and the other, are leery of building materials stores. The Liberian leader did not call names, but business experts believe the comments are indirect reference to the growing building materials stores investment inundating the entire country spearheaded by Lebanese and Indian

merchants. The presence of Lebanese and Indians merchants in the commerce of the country, according to economists, has huge economic benefits for the country. “These businesses cannot be berated because they have been contributing to the economy, to national development through taxes and employment opportunities for Liberians,” said a concerned Liberian. They are considered as key players of the formal sector of the economy whose advent to Liberia’s investment climate provided space for booming construction across the country by both ordinary citizens, private and public institutions. The proliferation of building materials stores, according to economists, has a hugely encouraging impact on the construction industry, as it helps to mitigate unnecessary price hikes. “The more building materials stores, the more possibility for less expensive materials on the market,” stated a concerned Liberian who argued that the president’s comments went wild off bracket. Indian Business Tycoon, Jeety, who boasts of large-scale investments such as rubber and many other manufacturing factories, is one of the popular names in the building materials stores commerce. Jeety owns large chains of building materials stores across Monrovia, and is created for providing employment opportunities for thousands of Liberians. align recruitment requirements with current national realities without compromising professionalism or respect for human rights. The bill also mandates the Ministry of National Defense of Liberia to establish a vetting committee responsible for screening applicants to ensure they have no history of human rights abuses or related violations. Additionally, the proposed legislation underscores that the AFL must reflect the national character of Liberia at all times, reinforcing principles of diversity and representation within the armed forces. If passed into law, the Ministry of National Defense, in collaboration with the AFL Command Authority, will oversee the implementation of the amended provisions. Rep. Bannie noted that the amendment would create broader opportunities for patriotic Liberians to join the military, thereby strengthening national defense and operational readiness. Following its submission, the bill has been forwarded to the appropriate committee of the House of Representatives for review and consideration before being reported to Plenary for further action.

AFL EXPANSION BILL

By Jamesetta D Williams

A bill to expand the numerical size of the Armed Forces of Liberia has been introduced by Grand Bassa County Electoral District #1 Representative, Isaac Bannie. The submitted draft bill seeks to amend key provisions of the New National Defense Act of 2008 to expand recruitment into the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL). The proposed legislation, introduced during the opening of a Special Session of the House of Representatives, specifically targets Section 7.2 of the Act, which governs eligibility criteria for enlistment. According to the draft amendment, the revised provision would allow all qualified Liberian citizens between the ages of 18 and 35 to enlist in the AFL, with a minimum educational requirement set at the seventh-grade level. Prospective recruits would also be required to meet established professional, medical, and physical fitness standards. Rep. Bannie said the intent of the bill is to increase manpower capacity within the AFL, while promoting inclusiveness and equal opportunity for citizens desirous of serving their country. He emphasized that the proposal seeks to

KOFFA SLAMS FALLAH

general elections, rallying support around former President George Mennen Weah as its standard-bearer. The exchange highlights growing political tensions between the CDC and the Unity Party, with both sides increasingly engaging in public disputes over governance and political direction. Koffa's remarks come hours after Deputy Speaker Fallah, speaking on Okay FM Monday morning, questioned the intent behind the CDC headquarters project, alleging that the facility under renovation could eventually be used as a law firm. During the same interview, Fallah also took aim at former President Weah, suggesting he should reconsider any plans to contest the 2029 elections. He advised the former leader to "rest and be with his family," expressing doubt about his chances of a political

comeback. Fallah who is a former partizan of the CDC further argued that if the CDC which be voted out of power by the Unity Party, it would face even greater difficulty returning to office now that the UP controls the government. In a notable remark, he described the Unity Party as "the elites," claiming that power has shifted decisively away from the CDC. However, Koffa dismissed the Deputy Speaker's comments, urging him to focus elsewhere rather than the CDC. "Don't worry about the CDC, Worry about the tsunami. Koffa wrong The back-and-forth underscores an increasingly charged political atmosphere as Liberia's major parties begin early debit ahead of the next electoral cycle 2029.

LRA FOOTS FOR TRANSPARENCY

institutions based on key indicators, including transparency, ethical compliance, citizen engagement, and institutional capacity. It aims to promote good governance and reinforce public confidence in government systems. The LRA is among seven institutions selected to participate in the pilot phase of the Index. Speaking at the launch of the NII in Monrovia on Thursday, CG Jallah described the introduction of the NII as a major turning point in Liberia's governance reform agenda, noting that it has the potential to enhance institutional performance, build public trust, and promote sustainable national development. He said the launch of the NII indicates a great move toward consolidated efforts to enhance transparency and accountability in the public sector. "The launch of the National Integrity Index is not simply the unveiling of a framework but a statement of national intent that reflects Liberia's resolve to strengthen accountability, transparency, and public trust in state institutions." He stated. CG Jallah indicated that taxpayers' compliance is rooted in trust that their contributions will be managed responsibly and used for national development, noting that such trust can easily be undermined by corruption or unequal treatment, highlighting the importance of ethical governance, which must be continuously practiced and reinforced through both systems and leadership. He assured stakeholders that the LRA will fully embrace the outcomes of the Index, including areas that may require improvement, emphasizing that the initiative presents a valuable opportunity to strengthen institutional credibility and accountability. The LRA Commissioner General highlighted ongoing efforts within the LRA to institutionalize integrity using technology to reduce human



discretion, the establishment of grievance mechanisms for taxpayers, and internal accountability systems to ensure compliance among staff. He praised the leadership of the Governance Commission for spearheading the initiative, pointing to the courage to subject institutions to open evaluation as an act of leadership in a region where trust in public institutions remains fragile. CG Jallah called on public institutions, civil society, the media, and development partners to actively support the initiative, emphasizing that accountability requires independent scrutiny and sustained public engagement. The NII program was launched by the Director General of Cabinet, Nathaniel T. Kwabo, and was graced by key stakeholders, including representatives of international organizations and members of civil society, among others. The initiative is expected to play a critical role in advancing transparency, strengthening governance systems, and reinforcing Liberia's commitment to accountable public service.

'THERE WILL BE ACTION TAKEN'

Judiciary is expected to investigate the lawmaker after two communications, one from a lawmaker, and the other from the police, were read in plenary last week. Ahead of what the committee might come out with, Deputy Speaker placed a twilight on the issue, saying nothing will hinder the House from taking action against Rep. Kolubah. "You go up come down, there will be action taken in the case of Yekeh Kolubah," Deputy Speaker said. Beef between the two lawmakers of distinct social backgrounds and political understandings spans many years, dating back to his (Fallah) days with the CDC as a ruling party between 2018 and 2024. Rep. Kolubah, who is notorious for use of vulgarism, cussing and criticizing officials of government, including his colleagues at the National Legislature for wrongdoing, has since berated Rep. Fallah of being corrupt and living on ill-

gotten wealth. Fallah has been enduing Kolubah's onslaught for a protracted period of time. Recall that during the cumulus of the leadership crisis, the two supported the different camps, as Rep. Kolubah stood with the "minority bloc that supported Koffa while Rep. Fallah backed the Majority Bloc of then self-styled Speaker Richard Koon, who was later elected speaker proper following the resignation of then Speaker Koffa. While decisions are taken through votes on the floor, Deputy Speaker's comments seem to signal a complex but clear outcome of the investigative process Rep. Kolubah is subjected to. It also shows, according to those with understanding of legislative politics, that the Deputy Speaker strongly backs the decision to punish his colleague for whatever action he is being investigated for.

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of the exercise. Minister Kruah stressed that the exercise is basically intended to verify the status of all foreign expatriates at concessions companies and business entities across the targeted counties, including possession of valid Alien Work Permits, ensuring elevation of my qualified Liberians to managerial positions, fair compensation of workers inline with the DWA, general conditions of work, overtime and other fringe benefits, as well as adequate rest period, among others. The Labour Minister added that three teams of accredited Labour Inspectors have been dispatched to the designated regions with each team headed by a senior official, ranging between Assistant and Deputy Ministers, as well as the Inspector-general. Minister Kruah has also directed County Labour Commissioners of the targeted counties to reinforce the teams by ensuring full participation and providing basic information on shady companies in

their areas of assignment. The release disclosed that the Labour Boss will himself, do routine backup followups with the Inspection Teams while they are on the field. Also, the Minister has called on the Inspection Teams teams to exercise a high level of professional conduct in alignment with their code of conduct and the Decent Work Act (DWA). He further disclosed that the teams are backed by personnel from the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA), the Liberia Immigration Service (LIS) and the international partner entity, CELTIS. "The exercise is expected to ensure full compliance with Liberia's Labour Regulations, enforce appropriate penalties on would-be violators, ensure decent work atmosphere and beef up National Revenue Envelope through the collections of Alien Work Permits fees", Labour Minister Kruah is quoted by the release as concluding.

STAND STANDS WITH SUP

On April 14 Protest, Calls for Jobs and Justice



By Stephanie M. Duncan

The Solidarity and Trust for a New Day (STAND), a leading grassroots advocacy movement, has said it stands with the planned April 14 “March for Jobs and Justice” organized by the Student Unification Party (SUP), signaling growing momentum behind calls for economic relief and government accountability. STAND described its endorsement as a reaffirmation of its commitment to democratic principles, social justice, and amplifying the voices of ordinary Liberians, according to a statement issued Monday. The group praised SUP for what it called decades of “progressive resistance” against corruption, inequality, and poor governance. “SUP has long stood as a moral force in Liberia, courageously challenging injustice and advocating for the marginalized,” STAND noted, adding that its alliance with the student-based movement reflects a shared vision of

accountability and people-centered governance. The statement comes amid increasing public concern over rising living costs, unemployment, and what STAND termed a “deepening national crisis.” According to the group, many Liberians are struggling under harsh economic conditions that contradict official claims of progress. STAND also expressed support for SUP’s widely discussed “75-count indictment,” describing it as a legitimate expression of public frustration and a demand for urgent reforms across key sectors, including health, education, and infrastructure. The planned march, scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, is expected to draw students, civil society actors, and workers from across the country. Organizers say the demonstration will focus on issues such as job creation, economic justice, and government accountability. “Peaceful assembly is a fundamental democratic right,” STAND emphasized, describing the protest as “a principled demand for transparency and responsive leadership.” The group has called on “all patriotic Liberians” to participate in what it described as a historic moment, urging unity among citizens seeking meaningful change. “As we join forces with SUP, we call on our members and supporters to stand shoulder to shoulder with fellow citizens in pursuit of justice,” the statement said. “Together, we will either achieve a people-driven victory or lawfully resist any excesses.” The statement was signed by Mulbah K. Morlu Jr., Chairman of STAND. The April 14 march is shaping up to be one of the most significant public demonstrations in recent months, reflecting mounting pressure on national leadership to address Liberia’s economic and governance challenges.

'I LOVE LIBERIAN RICE' INITIATIVE BOOSTED



The ‘I love Liberian Rice’ Initiative of the Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP), has received big boost from the Liberian government through President Joseph Boakai and Vice President Jeremiah Koung as they both pledged support for the project. The pledge followed a meeting held by CHAP Chief Executive Officer Bishop Robert Bimba, with President Boakai and Vice President Koung, aimed at seeking increased government backing for the “I Love Liberian Rice” initiative aimed at boosting domestic rice production. The meeting, held at the Executive Mansion, centered on strategies to expand local rice production through sustainable farming methods. Bishop Bimba assured the Liberian leaders of CHAP’s readiness to scale up production using the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), a method known for improving yields; while conserving resources. He, however, appealed to the government to allocate swamp lands in Zubah Town and other parts of the

country to support long-term agricultural development. Bishop Bimba also urged authorities to prioritize the consumption of locally produced rice, particularly for official functions and as state gifts, emphasizing the need to promote Liberian-grown products. In response, President Boakai commended CHAP’s efforts, noting that the quality and packaging of locally produced rice meet high standards. He described the initiative as a source of national pride and instructed Vice President Koung to collaborate with CHAP to resolve land-related challenges in Zubah Town and beyond. Meanwhile, CHAP’s Executive Director expressed appreciation to international partners, including Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, for their continued support toward advancing the project and promoting the “I Love Liberian Rice” campaign.



By Stephanie M. Duncan

The Amplifying Rights Network (ARN) has warned the Government of Liberia over ongoing and proposed efforts to further restrict access to Misoprostol, cautioning that such measures could worsen maternal health outcomes and endanger the lives of women across the country. In a detailed position statement, the coalition of sexual and reproductive health advocates said limiting access to the drug would reverse progress made in reducing maternal mortality and increase reliance on unsafe medical practices. Misoprostol, a medication widely used to

manage postpartum hemorrhage, incomplete miscarriage, and for safe abortion care, is recognized globally as essential. ARN cited guidance from the World Health Organization, which classifies the drug as safe and effective for reproductive health interventions. According to ARN, Liberia continues to face one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world, with estimates exceeding 1,000 deaths per 100,000 live births. The group stressed that in such a context, restricting access to life-saving medicines could have fatal consequences, particularly in rural communities where access to doctors and equipped health facilities remains limited. “Policies that make Misoprostol harder to access effectively deny women timely care,” the statement noted, highlighting concerns over prescription-only requirements, limited distribution channels, and policy ambiguity. The organization further pointed to Liberia’s already restrictive abortion laws, which permit the procedure only under limited conditions and require approval from multiple medical professionals. Despite these constraints, ARN estimates that approximately 38,000 abortions occur annually in the country—many outside formal health systems. Unsafe abortions, the group warned,

ARN WARNS AGAINST TIGHTENING MISOPROSTOL ACCESS IN LIBERIA

contribute significantly to maternal deaths, accounting for between 10 and 15 percent of cases. “Restriction does not stop need—it only makes outcomes more dangerous,” ARN emphasized. The coalition also raised concerns about the broader reproductive health landscape, noting persistent gaps in access to contraceptives and family planning services. These challenges, it said, have contributed to high rates of unintended pregnancies, especially among young women, and a continued cycle of unsafe abortions and preventable deaths. ARN warned that further restrictions on Misoprostol would disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, including women in rural areas, young people facing stigma, and low-income families who may be forced to turn to unregulated and unsafe alternatives. “While women in urban centers with financial means may still find ways to navigate the system, the majority will face severe barriers,” the statement added. The network also cautioned that tightening access contradicts Liberia’s commitments to improving sexual and reproductive

health outcomes and reducing maternal mortality. It noted ongoing support from international partners, including United Nations agencies, aimed at strengthening access to essential reproductive health services. As part of its recommendations, ARN is urging the government to reject additional restrictions on Misoprostol, adopt evidence-based policies that expand community-level access, strengthen public education on its proper use, and empower midwives and community health workers to deliver essential care. “Restrictive policies on reproductive health drugs do not protect women—they put them at risk,” ARN concluded, warning that further limitations would only drive usage underground, increase unsafe practices, and ultimately cost lives. The group reaffirmed its position that safeguarding access to essential medicines remains critical to protecting the health and rights of Liberian women.

DEFENSE MINISTER GEORGE INDUCTED INTO U.S. MILITARY HALL OF FAME

Minister of National Defense, Geraldine Janet George, has been inducted into the International Hall of Fame of the United States Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), marking a significant milestone for both her career and the nation’s military history. The induction ceremony recognizes Minister George’s distinguished service and exemplary leadership within the Armed Forces of Liberia, as well as her contributions to strengthening international military cooperation and promoting global peace and security. A graduate of CGSC’s Class of 2013, Minister George holds the distinction of being the sixth



Liberian to complete the prestigious program and notably, the only female officer among them. Her achievement highlights her trailblazing role in a field traditionally dominated by men, further cementing her legacy as a pioneer in Liberia’s defense sector. Throughout her military and

public service career, Minister George has been widely recognized for her professionalism, integrity, and steadfast commitment to duty. Rising through the ranks to occupy key leadership positions, she has played a vital role in advancing the capacity and credibility of Liberia’s national defense architecture.

The Ministry of National Defense described her induction as a moment of national pride, noting that the honor reflects positively on the Armed Forces of Liberia and enhances the country’s reputation within the global military community. Officials emphasized that her recognition at the international level serves as an inspiration to young Liberians, especially women aspiring to careers in the security sector. The Government of Liberia, alongside the Armed Forces and citizens across the country, has extended congratulations to Minister George for what has been described as a remarkable and well-deserved achievement. Her induction into the CGSC International Hall of Fame stands as a testament to her enduring service and continued dedication to the nation.

SENATOR BROWN EMPOWERS KARLUWAY POLICE



By: Emmanuel Tobotinho Quiah

Maryland County Senator J. Glebo Brown has fulfilled a key promise to the Karluway District Police by donating a brand-new TVS Star motorbike to enhance security operations in the area. The donation, which aims to address mobility challenges faced by officers, was made during the Senator’s recent visit to the county, where he also dedicated two major development projects. According to local authorities, the gesture followed an appeal from the Commander of the Karluway Police Detachment, Samuel Brown, who earlier highlighted serious logistical constraints affecting the police, particularly the lack of transportation to

effectively patrol communities and respond to emergencies. Senator Brown presented the motorbike during official ceremonies marking the dedication of the Boniken Market Hall in Boniken Town and the Manulo Township Hall in Manulo Town, two key infrastructure projects in Karluway District. Speaking during the presentation, Senator Brown reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening security and supporting institutions that play a critical role in maintaining peace and order across Maryland County. “This is part of my ongoing effort to ensure that our security apparatus is equipped to serve our people effectively,” the Senator noted. “When our police lack mobility, it directly affects their

ability to protect lives and property.” Receiving the motorbike on behalf of the Karluway Police, Commander Samuel Brown expressed gratitude to the Senator for honoring his commitment. “We are grateful to Senator Brown for this timely intervention,” he said. “This motorbike will significantly improve our movement and enhance our response to incidents across the district.” Commander Brown emphasized that the lack of transportation has long hindered the work of officers, especially in hard-to-reach communities within Karluway District. Residents and local leaders who attended the ceremony also welcomed the donation, describing it as a practical step toward improving security in the area. The motorbike donation complements the Senator’s broader development agenda, which includes investments in infrastructure, community facilities, and support for local institutions. With improved mobility, the Karluway Police are expected to strengthen patrols, respond more swiftly to emergencies, and enhance overall law enforcement visibility across the district.

By Stephanie M. Duncan

President Joseph Nyuma Boakai is in presently in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on an official state visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali. An Executive Mansion statement announcing the President’s departure said the two-day visit which runs from April 14–15, is aimed at strengthening the longstanding bilateral ties between Liberia and Ethiopia. “The trip will also provide an opportunity for high-level engagements on key bilateral, regional, and international issues of shared interest” the statement read. Officials traveling with President Boakai are Foreign Affairs Minister Sarah Beysolow-Nyanti, National Defense Minister Brigadier General (Rtd.) Geraldine Janet George, National Security Advisor Samuel Kofi Woods, Senior Advisor Dr. Augustine Konneh, University of Liberia President Dr. Layli Maparyan,

Ambassador-at-Large Ora Richards, and Deputy Information Minister for Public Affairs Daniel Sando. While in Addis Ababa, the Liberian leader is expected to hold talks with Prime Minister Abiy and other senior Ethiopian government officials. Discussions are anticipated to focus on enhancing cooperation in critical sectors, including diplomacy, security, education, and economic development. Samuel A. Stevquoah has been designated to chair Cabinet meetings in consultation with the President and Vice President, ensuring continuity in governance in the absence of the President. President Boakai is expected to return to the country on April 16, following the conclusion of his official engagements. The visit underscores Liberia’s commitment to fostering stronger diplomatic relations with African partners and advancing mutual development goals across the continent.

PRES. BOAKAI IN ETHIOPIA TO STRENGTHEN TIES



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The Liberia Revenue Authority, led by Commissioner General James Dorbor Jallah, has reaffirmed its strong commitment to foot for transparency, accountability, and ethical governance following the launch of the National Integrity Index (NII) by the Governance Commission. The National Integrity Index is a governance assessment tool designed to assess public

'THERE WILL BE ACTION TAKEN'

-Dep. Speaker Fallah Says Of Rep. Kolubah's Case



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The second most powerful man at the House of Representatives, Deputy Speaker Thomas Fallah, has let the cat out of the bag on the case involving Representative Yekeh Kolubah of 10th District, Montserrado County, insisting that there would be an action taken against him at all cost. Several disciplinary options are available to the House of Representatives, but focus is placed on the aspect of expulsion, which is said to be the most crucial, cruel, critical and most considered of all.

The House's Committee on Rules, Orders and

KOFFA SLAMS FALLAH OVER CDC HEADQUARTERS CLAIMS

Othello Sarweh Nimely

Claims made by former Congress for Democratic Change official, Rep. Thomas Fallah have strongly been rebuffed by former House Speaker Jonathan Fonati Koffa. Rep. Koffa pushed back against what he describes as "shifting and inconsistent narratives" from surrogates of the ruling Unity Party regarding the construction of the CDC headquarters.

In a strong worded Facebook post, Koffa dismissed recent claims, particularly those attributed to Deputy House Speaker Thomas P. Fallah about the CDC's headquarters which is under construction. He accused Fallah of speaking contradictory accounts aimed at misleading the public.

According to Koffa, opponents have previously described the project as an "AI building. Later they claimed it is situated within an overpass right-of-way before suggesting it lies along a proposed six-lane highway, and now alleged it would function as a private law firm.

Koffa rejected all such assertions, maintaining that the project remains a flagship development intended to serve as a modern, technologically advanced headquarters for the CDC.

"Let me tell you what it will be," Koffa declared. "The hi-tech headquarters of the mighty CDC with its 2029 arrowhead, Dr. George Mennen Weah."

His statement signals renewed confidence within the CDC as it repositions itself ahead of the 2029

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LABOR MINISTER WARNS BUSINESSES

The Ministry of Labour has launched the first 2026 quarterly nationwide inspection of business houses, with a stern warning against major investment conglomerates not to obstruct the exercise. A release issued Monday said the Inspection will last for about two weeks and covers fourteen of Liberia's fifteen sub-political divisions, excluding Montserrado County. The release quoted Labour Minister Cllr. Cooper W. Kruah, as warning business entities targeted by the inspection exercise against any act that would impede the smooth conduct

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