

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, August 13, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf early today met with students of the University of Liberia's A.M. Dogliotti College of Medicine and the School of Pharmacy and assured them that their concerns will be addressed after conferring with the authorities of the University of Liberia and the Ministry of Health.

She made the commitment when she met with 42 medical students at the C. Cecil Dennis Auditorium at the Foreign Ministry. The students had converged at the Liberian President's temporary office to present their grievances for her timely intervention.

On behalf of the students, Mr. Gassimu Kaba, highlighted inadequate space at the institution's dormitory; delay in the payment of their monthly stipends; and insufficient electricity supply to the institution, amongst others which is causing very serious problem for students at the nation's highest medical institution of learning, pleading with her, "We need your intervention Madam President."

- President Sirleaf met in audience with outgoing Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H. E. Mr. Sameh Lotfi. She praised him for further cementing the cordial ties between Liberia and the Arab Republic of Egypt during his tour of duty.

For his part, Ambassador Lotfi expressed his gratitude to the Liberian President and her government for the cooperation and support accorded him during the three years of his assignment in Liberia.

While acknowledging the solidity of the relations and the existing corporation between Liberia and Egypt, the Egyptian envoy stated that during his tenure as Ambassador accredited near Monrovia, Liberia- Egypt relations was marked by mutual bilateral cooperation with rewarding benefits for the two countries.

- President Sirleaf joined several women groupings from across Liberia, particularly women from political parties, NGOs, media, rural women, female ministers, civil societies, legislative members and international partners at a one-day retreat which focused on issues affecting women in Marshall, lower Margibi County. The retreat organized by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection in collaboration with WONGOSOL.

At the retreat she received a statement from the women of Liberia calling for equal representation in government; equal participation, equal empowerment, equity and equal rights, among others.