

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Wednesday, November 25, 2015**

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today officially launched the 16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-based Violence campaign at the YMCA in Monrovia. She stressed the need for stronger and effective affirmative actions to fight sexual and gender-based violence against women, girls and children; emphasizing that the campaign must begin at homes, churches, organizations, among other places, where parents have an obligation to protect their children.

The year's observance of the 16 Days of Activism, organized by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection in collaboration with partners, is being held under the national theme: "From Peace in the World; Safe Spaces and Education for All."

The Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Mrs. Julia Duncan-Cassell made a passionate plea for more action to curb rape and other vices associated with gender-based violence. She stressed that enough is enough and the fight against gender-based violence will continue until the rights of women and children are protected under the laws of the country.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence is an international campaign to raise awareness about the negative effects of gender violence. Activists intend to speak on the various laws against gender violence and demand more accountability during the 16 Days of Activism.

- President Sirleaf, later in the afternoon, chaired a regular Cabinet Meeting to discuss pertinent issues of national concern.