

Highlights of the President's Daily Activities

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

- Office Work
- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf had an interview on camera with Gregg Zoroya of the *USA Today* Newspaper
- At 7:00 pm, President Sirleaf addressed the nation in light of the commencement of 2014 senatorial campaign on Thursday, November 20, 2014. The Liberian leader informed the nation that the National Elections Commission, and the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with agencies and partners, under the Public Health Law, will announce a number of guidelines and protocols to ensure that all Liberians are safe especially during this electoral process.

She promised to endorse all of the preventive measures and has directed that they be strictly adhered, stressing that “these rules will not stop anyone from campaigning or interacting with people but are there to ensure that people are protected.”

The Liberian President reiterated that it is her responsibility and duty to remind all Liberians - politicians, voters and elections workers - that stringent measures will be put in place, contained in the health laws that everyone must and will abide by.

She reminded Liberians that though we are seeing progress in the fight against Ebola, we cannot talk about success as long as there is one case of Ebola. She warned that all Liberians must continue to take the preventive measures as outlined by health authorities.

Concluding, the Liberian leader pointed out that the essence of true democracy is to compete on the basis of ideas – ideas about how the candidates can improve the lives of the people they aspire to lead, noting that candidates will disagree but to disagree and exchange ideas will afford the voters a chance to understand our values, without resorting to mudslinging or violence.

She urged all candidates, while wishing them well, to stand up for tolerance- “to lend their campaigns to civil discussions from which our people will know them better, and the final decisions of the people will benefit their communities and the nation.”