

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, August 1, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has assured the Liberia Women's Policy Platform that although she will not be seeking re-election in the October 2017 elections, she will be on her feet everywhere in her own little way to campaign for women listed and certified by the National Elections Commission (NEC) as candidates to participate in the ensuing elections. She made the statement on Tuesday, August 1, at the Capitol during the launch of the Liberian Women's Policy Platform intended to close what they called "A widening Gap between the women and men of Liberia in contesting for elective posts."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, August 2, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has applauded one of Liberia's most influential athletes based in the United States, Bill Rogers. She lauded the athlete for his outstanding performance in making Liberia proud and described his effort as an example of determination. The Liberian leader made the comments when she received in audience Liberia's professional athlete.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, August 3, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received in audience members of the West African Youth Network led by its National Program Manager, Arthur R.M. Becker, in an effort to harness the potentials of young people to engage into positive actions, social change among others. The delegation included Abraham J. Passewe, Program Officer and Sylvia N. Kai- Program Assistant. The Liberian leader received the Network delegation at her Foreign Ministry.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Friday, August 4, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has said the sub-region has done much over the years to sustain monetary and economic progress - while each country has risen above its recent economic challenges to give their best to the goals of the regional integration. She recalled Nigeria's oil price shock, Gambia's political turmoil, and the Ebola outbreak in the Mano River Union - as factors that risked our performance at the regional level but, as seen in the various reports, each country made at least a stride in one area or the other. The Liberian leader spoke on Friday, August 4, when she officially opened the 38th Meeting of the Convergence Council of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ) statutory meetings, in Monrovia.
- On the same day, she commended all branches of government for working together and arranging the necessary paperwork as well as finding the resources through the right channels to support the nation's youthful population in pursuit of their education in spite of constraints. The President made the remarks at the Monrovia City Hall, when hundreds of

scholarship beneficiaries gathered and marched through the principal streets of Monrovia climaxed by an appreciation day event at the Monrovia City Hall. The students expressed appreciation to the Liberian leader for supporting less fortunate in society to pursue and acquire quality education - to reach their full potential.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Saturday, August 5, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has told graduates of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies of the Cuttington University College, in Suakoko, Bong County, that they may gain, lose and regain many things in life, but the knowledge you acquired here, the values of integrity and hard work that were instilled in you here will forever be with you. The Liberia leader said the graduates can be proud of having received quality education with strong basic values. President Sirleaf spoke on Saturday, August 5, when she addressed the 11th Commencement Convocation of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, August 8, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has said money is not all it takes to winning elections. She cautioned Liberian female candidates of the Liberian Women Political Forum canvassing for elected positions in the upcoming Representatives and Presidential Elections to be determined and work harder in their communities as a stepping stone to ascending from one step to the other. The Liberian leader made the statement on Tuesday, August 8, when she held an interactive engagement meeting with about one hundred and fifty-two (152) female candidates at the C. Cecil Dennis Auditorium, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, August 10, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has expressed serious concern over recent attempts by some members of the House of Representatives to initiate impeachment proceedings against majority members of the Supreme Court because of judicial decisions made by the Supreme Court. “This move is clearly in violation of Article 73 of the Constitution of Liberia,” she emphasized. In a special statement, she said the Executive Branch of Government is not prepared and will not support any unconstitutional maneuverings from any of the institutions of Government.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Friday, August 11, 2017

- In furtherance of President Sirleaf’s State visit to South Africa, Liberia and South Africa issued a Joint Communiqué on Cooperation in various areas. According to a dispatch from Pretoria, South Africa President, His Excellency, Mr. Jacob Zuma, hosted the President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf during the State visit to South Africa. During their bilateral discussion, the

two Presidents reviewed a wide-range of bilateral, continental and global issues of common interest.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Saturday, August 12, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf returned home following a successful State visit to South Africa. She termed the visit as very fruitful for both countries, particularly in the areas of agriculture, health, trade, economic activities and infrastructure. The Liberian leader made the statement when she addressed journalists at the Roberts International Airport upon her arrival from South Africa on Saturday, August 12, where she had gone on a State visit, which she said was the first ever State visit by a Liberian President.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, August 16, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Wednesday, August 16, received the Chief Executive Officer of Carter Center, Retired Ambassador Mary Ann Peters, at her Foreign Ministry Office. Madam Peters, who was on a week-long visit to Liberia as a guest of Carter Center-Liberia Office, led a 7-member delegation on the visit to the Liberian Presidency. President Sirleaf acknowledged the impressive partnership between Liberia and Carter Center, noting that the American institution has been a great friend to Liberia and its people.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, August 17, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf yesterday led an array of senior government officials to sign the Book of Condolence for victims of Monday's mudslide and flood in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The mudslide and flood took place on the outskirts of Freetown and led to over 300 death. The ceremony took place at the compound of the Embassy of the Republic of Sierra Leone in Congo Town on Thursday, August 17.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Friday, August 18, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf joined her Sierra Leonean counterpart, President Ernest Bai Koroma for the burial of last Monday's mudslide and flood victims at the Paloko Cemetery, in Waterloo, on the outskirts of Freetown. She also sympathized with the government and people of Sierra Leone. Over 400 people have been confirmed dead while more than 600 remain missing from the disaster of early Monday. Workers struggled in the thick mud and debris of smashed homes in search of more bodies.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, August 23, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received in audience a UK Parliamentary delegation and expressed appreciation over the visit to Liberia by cross-party four-member team; three of whom are members of the International Development Committee of the House of Commons. She welcomed the delegation to Liberia and held bilateral discussions at different levels aimed at strengthening the health sector. She recalled the many contributions made by the British Government to Liberia especially in the areas of road, health, etc. coupled the strong ties existing between the two countries. The Liberian Chief Executive made the remarks when she received in audience on Wednesday, August 23, four UK Parliamentarians; three of whom are members of the International Development Committee of the House of Commons.
- On the same day, the President received three officials of the USA-Canada Branch of the governing Unity Party at her Foreign Ministry Office in Monrovia. The 3-member delegation headed by Mr. Erasmus Williams, National Vice Chairman of UP USA-Canada Branch, held discussions concerning dual citizenship for Diaspora Liberians and role in Liberia's affairs and political issues particularly with reference to the governing Unity Party and the 2017 elections.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, August 24, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has urged Liberians to give thanks to God for the many achievements the country has experienced over the years in spite of the many difficult periods the country has been through. She stressed that peace and development continue to reign in the country. The Liberian leader credited the country's achievements to the resilience and hard work of the forefathers, chiefs, elders and patriotic citizens among others who made sacrifices for the maintenance of the land. She spoke during an in-door program marking the 170th National Flag Day celebration, at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion, on Ashmum Street, in Monrovia.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Saturday, August 26, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Friday, August 25, addressed the First ever Harvard Africa Action Forum in Accra, Ghana. The Forum was held at the prestigious Movenpick Ambassador Hotel. Ghanaian President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo also addressed the Forum. According to a dispatch from Accra, President Sirleaf reflected on and told the story of Liberia's transformational journey from an era of dictatorship and war to peace, democracy and development over the last fifteen years since the end of the civil war.

- President Ellen Jonson Sirleaf joined by her Ghanaian counterpart, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo on Friday, August 25, dedicated and cut ribbon to a new Liberian Chancery complex in Accra, Ghana. According to a dispatch from Accra, Ghana, the President applauded the Charge' d'affaires and Head of the Liberian Mission in Accra, Musu Ruhle, for being farsighted and innovative in bringing transformation and development to the Accra Mission.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, August 29, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf admitted H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, into the Most Venerable Order of the Knighthood of the Pioneer with the Grade Grand Condon of the Republic of Liberia at a Special Investiture Ceremony held at the Foreign Ministry, in Monrovia. The ceremony and also a Book Launch took place on Tuesday, August 29, in the C. Cecil Dennis Auditorium of the Foreign Ministry. In remarks, former President Olusegun Obasanjo thanked President Sirleaf for the distinguished honor bestowed on him, which he said came to him as a surprise. Launching his book entitled: "Making Africa Work" said his book is not purely academic but the one that is practical and a handbook for those who are interested in the political, economic development of Africa.
- On the same day, she received in audience the Vice President of ECOWAS Commission, Edward Singhatey, and members of his delegation at her Foreign Ministry Office. She commended him for the visit and progress that has been made by ECOWAS. She applauded Vice President Singhatey for the visit and commended him for the progress ECOWAS has made and is making in the region.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, August 30, 2017

- Cabinet has received status update and carefully reviewed the ongoing reform in the education sector at its sitting in Monrovia. The updates focused on Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL) Project. The body received an overview of the education sector from 2006 – 2017; an Accelerated Quality education (AQE) at the behest of USAID; sector updates at the level of the Ministry of Education; presentations from Partnership Schools Liberia Provider and Partnership Schools for Liberia Mid-line Evaluation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Thursday, August 31, 2017

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has concluded her County Tour with the dedication of several development projects in Todee District, rural Montserrat County. The dedication concludes the Final Leg of County tour. The tour took her to Kingsville, Morris Farm, Goba Town, Gbone Town, Miatta Town, Yarkpazua Town, Pleemu Clan and Nyehn, the district headquarters where she held Town Hall Meetings and dedicated the Pleemu Community Health Center and Kingsville Town Hall.