

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES

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- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, today, praised the Chairman of the Governance Commission, Dr. Amos C. Sawyer, describing him as a consistent diplomat and a patriot of good governance. She said his consistency in Liberian politics and his willingness to serve his compatriots in any capacity should be emulated by all Liberians as the nation strives to solidify its democratic credentials.

The Liberian leader made the remarks at an international symposium held at the Monrovia City Hall to celebrate the 70th birth anniversary of Dr. Sawyer, who also served as interim president of Liberia during the civil conflict. The International Symposium held under the theme: *"The State of Democratic Governance and Development in West Africa and Challenges of the Future,"* was organized by well-wishers of Amos Claudius Sawyer (WACS).

Dr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the Secretary General in West Africa delivered the keynote address; while other events of the day included presentations on Governance and Development Challenges in Africa and Challenges of the Future by Professor Adele Jinadu, Professor of Political Science, University of Babcock, Nigeria; the Rule of Law and Democratic Governance in Liberia: The Role of the Judiciary by His Honor Justice Kabineh Janneh, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Liberia; and Empowering Local Businesses as engines of Growth and Development in West Africa by Samuel Tweah, Lead Economist, National Millennium Challenge Development Program.

The program brought together an array of individuals from government, academic institutions, civil society and the private sector. Also in attendance were opinion leaders in the public and private spheres and individuals who at various times worked with or have otherwise associated with Dr. Sawyer.

- President Ellen Sirleaf bestowed on the outgoing United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) and Coordinator, United Nations Operations in Liberia, Madam Karin Landgren, one of Liberia's highest honors. She was admitted into the Order of the Star of Africa with the grade of Grand Commander.

On behalf of the Government and people of Liberia, the Liberian Chief Executive, who is also Grand Master of the Orders of Distinction, commended the outgoing SRSG for her service and contribution to maintenance of peace and stability in Liberia.

The Liberian leader made the statement during an Investiture Ceremony & Farewell Luncheon hosted by the Government of Liberia in honor of outgoing SRSG Landgren at a local hotel.