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*Dialoging for Peace, Democracy & Development in Liberia*



## PEACE ACTION NETWORK (PAN)

An alliance of peace building organization working to promote peace in Liberia

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ZEE-MAANEH-----ZEE-MAANEH (PEACE AND ENJOYMENT)

***LMDI / CARTER CENTER-PAN/USAID/SIDA Event...TOMORROW SATURDAY, LMDI HOLDS LATEST OF CARTER CENTER-USAID-PAN FUNDED POST ELECTIONS VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM AT NYEHN TODEE, MONTSERRADO DISTRICT NO.1 INVOLVING THE WINNER, LAWRENCE MORRIS AND LOSERS WITH THE AIM TO BUILD THE PEACE AND COLLABORATE FOR DEVELOPMENT...THIS FOLLOWS THE LAST SESSION AT GIO TOWN, GRAND BASSA DISTRICT NO. 5, WITH COMMITMENT FROM THE DEFEATED INCUMBENT, ROBERTSON SIAWAYE AND OTHER LOSERS TO WORK WITH THE WINNER, THOMAS ALEXANDER GOSHUA FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT...THE LMDI/THE DIALOGUE/DUCOR DEBATES-ZEE-MAANNEH---ZEE-MAANNEH (PEACE & ENJOYMENT)...PLEASE VISIT AND VIEW OUR NEW WEBSITE AND FSCEBOOK PAGE AT [www.lmdilib.org](http://www.lmdilib.org) and [www.facebook.com/lmdilib.org](https://www.facebook.com/lmdilib.org). PLEASE FOLLOW AND KNOW ALL ABOUT US AND LIBERIA AND ALL THAT WE DO TO SUSTAIN LIBERIA'S POST CONFLICT DEMOCRACY.***

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Monrovia Liberia, Friday December 28, 2017...Former legislative candidates of Montserrado County District No. 1 (one) are expected to meet for the first time since the first round of October 10 legislative and presidential elections to dialogue on keeping the peace after the elections and working collaboratively for the development of the district.

At least 10 of the 21 former legislative contenders including the winner, LAWRENCE MORRIS will meet on the latest session of "THE DIALOGUE", the People To People (P2P) flagship platform of the Liberia Media for Democratic Initiatives (LMDI).

The latest session of THE DIALOGUE is part of a series of post elections peace sensitive elections forums organized and conducted by the Liberia for Democratic Initiatives (LMDI) with support from the USAID and SIDA through CARTER CENTER Liberia under a civil Society peace building consortium named and styled the PEACE ACTION NETWORK (PAN).

Tomorrow's DIALOGUE session will sit at NYEHN Town in TODEE Montserrado County District No. 1 beginning 10:00AM.

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The last sessions of the USAID & SIDA sponsored LMDI/CARTER CENTER-PAN peace forums have in the last three weeks sat at BREWERVILLE, SASSTOWN, TIENII & GIO TOWN in Montserrado, Bomi, Grand Capemount Grand Bassa Counties.

Before the four recent settings, the peace forums sat at the below locations:

1. Cotton Tree-----Margibi
2. Parker Paint-----Montserrado
3. Kakata-----Margibi
4. Klay-----Bomi
5. Goba Town-----Montserrado .
6. Kpein Town-----Nimba Co.
7. Gbarnga-----Bong

At the last session of the USAID/SIDA sponsored LMDI-PAN “THE DIALOGUE” at GIO TOWN in Grand Bassa County, four of the 12 former contenders of the legislative election there talked about the apparent corroboration of the canvassing political platforms, highlighting the need for roads, education and health of the district’s people.

The winner, THOMAS ALEXANDER GOSHUA and losers, incumbent, ROBERTSON SIAWAYE, MONBEYDO JUAH HARREL and SOLOMON GBARGEE, all spoke of the urgency of changing the methodology of politicking in their district in particular and Liberia in general.

MONBEYDO JUAH HARREL, the only woman guest panelist at the GIO TOWN forum ignited an unexpected mini debate about the need to change the face of politics in the country contending that political ideologies should now rather be exchanged amongst contenders right in front of the people with no malice.

JUAH HARREL told her male counter parts that regularly meetings and talking with the people about their ambitions and thoughts even after elections and toward the next ones will help define to the actual nature of politics in a country that is overridden by abject poverty and expose the real intents of ambitious people.

ROBERTSON SIAWAYE, the incumbent who lost to the winner, THOMAS ALEXANDER GOSHUA announced to the audience of 52 people that he will work closely with GOSHUA to achieve the good for Grand Bassa County District No. 5 through regular interpersonal engagements and community meetings.

SIAWAYE proffered an exciting humor in the hall when he joked that battlefield generals don’t flee from battles, but only retreat to return with renewed vigor for success, implying that his defeat is only a retreat and that he might just reappear in future elections.

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SOLOMON GBARGEE, the other available former legislative election contender also ignited a sense of humor in the hall, but with claim that the winner, GOSHUA spied on his platform and duplicated and that it would all be for the good of the people, promising to cooperate with the winner for peace and progress. Health he said was a major part of his plan for the people and since the winner proposed similarly, it would be a great idea to work with him.

For the winner, THOMAS ALEXANDER GOSHUA, he saw his proposal for leadership for the people as one encompassing all others and that he is open to work with all his former contenders for peace and development.

GOSHUA committed to fulfilling all of his campaign promises, pointing to a particular one about building a health center at GIO TOWN at more than 200 thousand U.S. Dollars. He accepted recommendations from his former competitors for regular gatherings with the people for peace and development.

As ever, the deliberations from our forums are being broadcast on our partner network 45 National and Rural Community Radios around Liberia.

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