

# FRONT LEAD

## Cllr. Scott Still Imprisoned At Monrovia Central Prison

### *-Vows to Pursue Justice for Charloe Musu*

*By: J.F. Charlie*

Contrary to protracted and widespread media reports that former Chief Justice Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott who is serving a life-sentenced penalty for the death of her niece Charloe Musu has been released from the Monrovia Central Prison (MCP) on “Compassionate Leave’ by the Ministry of Justice, journalists who visited the Prison Saturday, June 17, 2024 met her there in jail.

Prior to journalists’ impromptu trip to the prison center, several electronic, print and online media outlets saturated what is described in some quarters as fake news story alleging that the government of Liberia through the Ministry of Justice has released from prison Cllr. Gloria Musu Scott on ‘Compassionate Grounds’, an action allegedly sanctioned by the President of Liberia Joseph N. Boakai Sr.

Deputy Information Minister for Technical Services, Hon. Daniel Otis Sando during MICAT regular press briefing last Thursday, informed the public that information that the Liberian government has granted Cllr. Scott ‘Compassionate Leave’ was untrue and far the reality, noting that at no time the Liberian government has ever reached such decision and that Cllr. Scott is still confined at the Monrovia Central Prison.

In an interview with journalists at her confined prison facility Saturday June 15, 2024, Cllr. Scott who was still visibly seen in the prison compound, termed the news of her release on ‘Compassionate Leave’ by government as diabolical lies by people she considered as conspirators who are still conducting mischiefs against her with the aim of keeping her subdued.

Cllr. Scott who described the news of her release as sad noted that she was particularly unhappy with Frontpage Africa media for running the story globally without going to the Monrovia Center Prison to verify her presence or absence and endeavoring to speak to her.

The former Liberian Supreme Court Chief Justice revealed that she has never sleep in her house which is now considered as ‘crime scene’ since February 22, 2023 when the issue of her niece Charloe (who was living with her) death came alight.

She further refuted allegation by Frontpage Africa news outlet that the amount of US\$226, 000 was traded for her so-called 'Compassionate Leave'. She at the same time clarified that at no time was she released from prison to visit her home following reports of burglary there.

Cllr. Scott said she only received reports about the burglary of her home while in prison and wondered why will a home which is considered at crime scene and now being mended and protected by police be burglarized especially with the culprits being booked with keys to her house. She also questioned the police charge sheet which charged the intruders with mere burglary, without mentioning the owner of the property, and appraised the property stolen during the burglary at US\$4, 000 when she who is the owner of the stolen property was not there to determine the real value of the stolen items.

She indicated that latest incident at her home while she's in prison is another episode that can be included in the pending retrial of her murder case, stressing that she will never rest until the killers of Charloe are discovered and brought to justice.

According to her, no matter how long it takes, and no matter what ever manipulation people employ against she and family character, their native heritage and traditional practices will persist and insist to ensure that the killers of Charloe are identify and persecuted under the law. Saying "The Force of Innocence and Truth Will Always Prevail".

The journalists were led to the Monrovia Center Prison Saturday by the Deputy Information Minister of Technical Services for Hon. Daniel O. Sando to ascertain for themselves the veracity of Cllr. Scott's presence or absence in prison.

## Liberian Gov't Completes Repatriation of 1, 539 Ex-Refugees From Ghana



*Partial View of Liberian Returnees of Ghana*

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The Liberian Government through its agency for refugees, the Liberia Refugees Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC) has completed the repatriation of one thousand five hundred and thirty nine former Liberian refugees who have been stranded in Buduburam Camp since the demolition of their housing facility that was carried out by the government of Ghana in May 2024.

The former Buduburam refugees' camp housed over five thousand Liberians during the civil war in Liberia from 1989 to 2003.

The repatriation took place in two phases as the first phase took place on May 24, 2024 with 770 former refugees coming home, while the second batch of numbering 769 came into the country June 11, 2024.

The latest second batch of returnees is housed at the CARI Transit Center Bong County, while the first batch that arrived on May 24, 2024 has been resettled at the Johnsonville Housing unit owned by the LRRRC.

Under the resettlement program, several former Liberian refugees have been reintegrated and reunified with their family members in one hundred communities in thirteen of the fifteen counties including Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, and Grand Bassa Counties amongst others.

The government has urged the former Liberian refugees to take advantage of the program to return home and join the rebuilding process of Liberia.

The Buduburam Camp, located approximately 44 kilometers outside Accra, was established in 1990 by the Ghana Refugee Board and UNHCR to host refugees fleeing Liberia's civil war.

On February 27, 2024, a section of the camp, primarily occupied by former Liberian refugees, was demolished on order of the Gomoa Fetteh Traditional Council and the Gomoa East District.

The total of 4,323 stranded Liberian refugees is scheduled for repatriation in several phases as the first and second phases have already been completed.