



LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION



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Press Statement

LACC OBTAINS INDICTMENTS AGAINST SEVERAL PERSONS IN BONG COUNTY FOR CORRUPTION

Tuesday, June 18, 2019: The Grand Jury of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Bong County through the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) and the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) has indicted several persons for acts of corruption in the construction of the Bong County Technical College (BCTC).

Those indicted include Bong County former Representatives, George Mulbah, Sr. and Tokpah Mulbah as well as current Representatives, Edward Karfiah and Melvin Cole. Others are Rennie Jackson; former Bong County Superintendent; John Flomo, former President of the Bong County Technical College; Thomas Cisco, Project Specialist at the Ministry of Internal Affairs; Kenneth Yao Awadjie, former Assistant Chief Architect at the Ministry of Public Works; Marcus Berrian, Project Engineer, Project Implementation Unit, Bong County; and Lian Zhi, Chief Executive Officer of the Liberia China United Investment Group.

They are charged with the offenses of Violation of PPCC Act, Theft of Property, Fraud of the Internal Revenue of Liberia, Criminal Conspiracy and Criminal Facilitation. These charges grew out of transactions they were involved with relating to the construction of the college during the period of December 2009 up to January 2016 while serving and acting in various capacities, in total violation of the laws of Liberia.

The accused criminally converted to their own use and benefit, money from the Social and County Development Funds for Bong County Technical College in the amount of US\$2,681,491.30 through various fraudulent schemes to include deceptively selecting Liberia China United Investment Group as the qualified company to construct the BCTC in Gbarnga, Bong County in violation of the PPCC Act.