

Civil Service Agency Boss Praises His Honor Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. for Exceptional Leadership and Commitment to Judicial Reforms

The Director General of the Civil Service Agency (CSA) Honorable Josiah F. Joekai, Jr. has lavished praises on the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. for what he described as the Chief Justice exceptional leadership, dedication and commitment to reforming the Judiciary Branch of Government.

Honorable Joekai on Thursday, August 28, 2025 during the launched of the much publicize nationwide Personnel Verification and Credential Audit exercise at the Judiciary Branch of Government expressed his institution gratitude to be a part of the ongoing judicial reform process.

"I want to express our profound gratitude for your honor, the Chief Justice, exceptional leadership. This exercise is historic. Since I was appointed as CSA boss, we have not done this for the Judiciary, and for said process to be done publicly speaks volumes of your commitment and dedication to judicial reform.

...We are particularly grateful because the decision of the Chief Justice to request the CSA to come and conduct a credential and personnel verification audit exercise coincides with the 'ARREST Agenda' of the government and it is consistence with President Joseph Nyuma Boakai's vision for accountability, transparency and integrity in the governance system," Honorable Joekai stated.

Honorable Joekai disclosed that the CSA conducts these exercises across government entities without direct support in terms of the needed resources. But despite that, he assured Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr. that the CSA team deployed at the Judiciary will complete the work with accountability, diligence and transparency as it has always do to other government institutions.

Commenting on the good record of the CSA personnel verification exercise, Honorable Joekai intimated that they have conducted huge exercise on many institutions. Some of the institutions included LACRA, LDEA, MCC and Ministry

of Posts and Telecommunication etc. Recommendations from the exercises at these institutions have already been provided for implementation.

He pointed out that certain aspects of the recommendations are straight forward in that once the CSA completes the exercise; it does not come back to the government entities for implementation of the recommendations.

He noted: *“for example, if we identify different sets of ghost employees at your institution, we do not wait for any engagement with that entity to remove those ghosts from the payroll. We will remove them on your behalf and notify you. So this thing is not about tribes, names and individuals. This is done in the best interest of the Judiciary and the nation.”*

He argued that an effective credential verification process is to ensure the civil service remains a professional setting that helps the government to deliver on the mandate of the people; noting that this can only be done, when you have people with the requisite and professional expertise to deliver and bring about efficiency and productivity to public service.

Explaining the process further to the Chief Justice and staff of the Judiciary, the CSA Director General said there will be head counts of every employee in the Judiciary system; as well as reclassification where necessary. The reclassification, he noted, will address the situation of an employee competence for the job.

Honorable Joakai said the data shows that there are two thousand and nineteen (2019) employees in the Judiciary nationwide. And of these numbers, a little over two hundred (200) of the workforce is in Montserrado County accounting for 13.6%. Of the over two (200) employees in Montserrado, the CSA wants to know who they are, where are they assigned, their qualifications and suitability for the jobs?

The CSA boss told His Honor, the Chief Justice, that after the exercise, a comprehensive report will be furnished to the Supreme Court. He voiced his admiration about conducting the exercise nationwide.

According to the CSA boss, the Judiciary’s workforce has been broken down per county for the nationwide personnel verification and credential audit exercise to be coordinated and conducted smoothly. He promised his team is

going to work with the Judiciary and will always make the necessary calls to the relevant authority if there are challenges. He requested the Judiciary to ensure that his team has constant electricity supply and internet connectivity for the exercise.