

Vice President Koung Seeks Collaboration from Three Branches of Government to Safeguard Supreme Court Independence

The Vice President of the Republic of Liberia Honorable Jeremiah Kpan Koung, Sr., at the seating ceremony of the Chief Justice and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court has called for collective effort of the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary to safeguard the independence of the Honorable Supreme Court.

Vice President Koung, Sr. in a statement made at the ceremony on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 said the collective duty of the three branches of government will ensure that the Supreme Court of Liberia remains above partisan interests and rely solely on the principles of fairness and truth.

The Vice President used the occasion to extend profound gratitude to Her Honor, former Chief Justice Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh, for her dedicated service to the nation and its justice system; honors her invaluable contributions and wishes her well in her retirement.

He said the seating ceremony of the Chief Justice and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court is a moment of deep significance for the nation.

He added that the Supreme Court, as the final arbiter of justice, stands as the guardian of the Constitution and the custodian of the rule of law.

Vice President Koung described, the appointment and commissioning of His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr., Chief Justice and His Honor Boakai N. Kanneh, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by the President of Liberia as a solemn responsibility entrusted to them, to dispense justice without fear or favor, to uphold the Constitution with courage, and to ensure that equality before the law is not merely an aspiration but a daily reality.

The Vice President said as the top Judiciary officials assume their high offices, they must be reminded that justice is the cornerstone of peace, stability, and progress. Adding that, where justice thrives, trust in public institutions deepens; where justice fails, the fabric of society weakens!

“It is therefore the collective duty of the Executive, the Legislature, and the Judiciary to safeguard the independence of this Honorable Court, ensuring that it remains above partisans interests and rely solely on the principles of fairness and truth. A strong, impartial, and efficient Judiciary is essential to good governance and national development,” Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koug, Sr. stated.

The Vice President reaffirmed the Government of President Joseph Nyumah Boakai unwavering commitment to upholding the separation of powers and to respecting the sacred independence of the Judiciary.

He continue; *“to the newly seated Chief Justice and Associate Justice, we extend our heartfelt congratulations. We urge you to discharge your duties with integrity, humility, and an abiding sense of service to the Liberian people. The nation looks to you for wisdom, impartiality, and courage in the face of challenges.”*

The Vice President hopes that the stewardship of Gbeisay’s Bench further strengthen public confidence in the Judiciary and inspire future generations to uphold justice and truth.

Vice President Koug expressed confident that the justices will uphold the rule of law with fairness and dedication; being mindful that the hopes of the Liberian people rest heavily upon the decisions of the Supreme Court Bench.

Vice President Koug on behalf of His Excellency, the President, congratulated once again the Gbeisay Bench and pledged the support of the Government of Liberia in enabling the Supreme Court to carry out its noble responsibility effectively.