

Judge Feika Sentences Ex-Foreign Minister D. Maxwell Kamayah, Others to 10 Years' Imprisonment

...Orders Restitution OF USD,425,918,000.000

The Assigned Judge of Criminal Court “C” at the Temple of Justice, His Honor Ousman F. Feika, has sentenced former Foreign Affairs Minister Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, Former Minister of Internal Affairs, Varney A. Sirleaf, and National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) former officials Augustine Kollie, Edward Kollie, and Archievego Doe, Momolu Johnson, Edris Bility to ten years each and ordered them to restitute the amount of USD,425,918,000.000.

The money (USD 425,918,000) is the monetary value of the 25,054 bags of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia-donated rice stolen.

On Friday, November 13, 2026, Judge Fieka ruled that co-defendant Rosetta Gbessay Gbowah, whom the jury found guilty of Misapplication of entrusted property, Theft of property, and Criminal conspiracy, is also sentenced to five years.

According to Judge Fieka, co-defendant Thelma Sawyer, the jury returned a hung verdict on the charges of criminal conspiracy and abuse of office, so a retrial is hereby ordered.

In the case of co-defendant Wayfa Ciafa, the jury returned a hung verdict on the crimes of misapplication of entrusted property, criminal conspiracy, and abuse of office, so a retrial is also ordered.

The court assumed jurisdiction over the case pursuant to a grand jury indictment for Montserrado County, which indicted the convicts during the May A. D. 2025 Term of Court.

The convicts were indicted for Economic sabotage, Theft and/or Illegal Disbursement and Expenditure of public money or property, Misapplication of entrusted property, Abuse of office, and Criminal conspiracy.

The case was assigned for hearing for the August A.D. 2026 Term of Court, whereby assignments were accordingly issued, consistent with law. The convicts were arraigned in open court, and they pleaded not guilty to the crimes in the indictment.

The record of the court shows that the evidence adduced by the prosecution during the trial was credible, cogent, and sufficient to support the charges contained in the indictment, and upon which the jury relied to return the verdict.

The court confirmed and affirmed the verdicts of the empaneled jury as returned on October 9, 2026, and the court ordered a pre-sentencing investigation, which the Probation Service of the Ministry of Justice subsequently conducted pursuant to Section 31.5 of the Criminal Procedure Law of Liberia.