

**Statement by H.E. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Dismissal of GAC and GSA
Heads, Investigation of Other GOL Officials
As Delivered on Monday, July 8, 2013**

Fellow Citizens:

After review of documentary evidence over the weekend, I am today formally requesting the concurrence of the Honorable Legislature to dismiss the Auditor General, Robert Kilby, for failure to disclose private business activities that represent a clear conflict of interest with his official duties as Head of the institution with prime responsibility to investigate and advise on non-compliance with our public financial management and procurement laws.

I am communicating to the Legislature the causes for this dismissal.

For the same reason, I am dismissing the Director General of the General Services Agency, Ms. Pearine Davis-Pakinson, who approved those contracts in violation of our procurement laws and procedures.

In an unrelated matter relating to Human Trafficking, based on investigation by the Ministry of Justice, I am dismissing the Deputy Minister of Justice for Administration and Public Safety, Col. Freddie Taylor; the Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration for Operations, Mr. Robert Budy; and the Director of Border Management, Cllr. Wilson Garpeh.

A team to be headed by the Minister of Labour is instructed to conduct further investigation on additional measures that may be taken and on the role and action to be taken against the former Solicitor General, Cllr. Micah Wright; the Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization; and the Honorary Consul, Upjit Sachdeva.

Also on an unrelated matter, I am suspending, pending an investigation, the Deputy Minister for Public Works for Operations, Mr. Victor Smith, for failure to adhere to the public procurement and financial rules of the Government as relates to the awarding of construction contracts.

Join me in our continued fight against corruption.