

REMARKS

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GEORGE MANNEH WEAH  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

AND

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
OF  
THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA

AT THE

DEDICATION CEREMONY OF VARIOUS NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED AND  
RENOVATED BUILDINGS ON VARIOUS AFL BASES

THE RIA BARRACKS  
MARGIBI COUNTY, LIBERIA

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Major-General (Rtd.) Daniel Ziankhan  
Minister of Defense of the Republic of Liberia;

Major General Prince C. Johnson III  
Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia;

Officers and Members of the Armed Forces of Liberia;

Members of the Cabinet;

Officials of Government;

Members of the Fourth Estate;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to improve the living standards and welfare of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces of Liberia and their dependents.

As we gather here at the RIA Barracks for the dedication ceremony of various newly-constructed and renovated buildings on various bases, I am reminded of the commitment I made as your Commander-in-Chief during the last year's Armed Forces Day celebration.

On that occasion, I pledged to prioritize the well-being of our gallant soldiers and their families. I promised to provide the necessary resources to enhance their living conditions and ensure their welfare, despite budgetary constraints and competing demands. Today, I am honored to stand before you, witnessing the fulfillment of that promise.

The dedication program we are celebrating today is not an isolated event. It represents a comprehensive effort to improve the barracks across the country, and I am delighted to inform you that other bases, including Camp Ware, the Coast Guard Base, and bases in Gbarnga, Buchanan, and Lofa, are also benefitting from this program. These renovations and constructions represent my unrelenting commitment to our armed forces.

**DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:**

Our soldiers serve diligently, sacrificing their comfort and safety to protect our beloved nation. It is our duty, as their Commander-in-Chief and President of the Republic of Liberia, to reciprocate their dedication by ensuring their well-being is a major concern and a top priority. We owe them the highest level of care and support, not just for their own sake, but also for the stability and prosperity of our great nation.

These newly-constructed and renovated buildings stand as tangible symbols of our commitment to providing our armed forces with the necessary infrastructure and facilities they deserve. These buildings will not only enhance the living conditions of our soldiers but also create an environment that raises morale and fosters a sense of pride within the armed forces.

As we cut the ribbon today, let us remember that this dedication ceremony represents more than just physical structures. It signifies our determination to invest in the welfare of our armed forces, empowering them to carry out their duties with even greater efficiency and dedication. It is a demonstration of our gratitude for their unwavering service and a reaffirmation that we will continue to support them in every way possible.

I would now like to express my deepest appreciation to all those involved in making this project a reality, including the Armed Forces of Liberia leadership, the Ministry of Defense, and the dedicated men and women who have worked tirelessly to bring this vision to fruition. Your dedication and hard work will make a profound difference in the lives of our soldiers, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

Let us continue to work together, hand in hand, to create our Armed Forces as a “Force for Good” in the protection and defense of Mama Liberia and all who reside within her borders.

May God bless the Armed Forces of Liberia.

I thank you.