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This issue of AfroMarket takes on a decidedly international flavor. This month we have several newsmakers from abroad: Côte d'Ivoire; Dominican Republic; Mexico; Brazil; and France. In their various ways, they speak to changes in our society that effect social relations and our economic wellbeing. From a monument in France that addresses an unspeakable period in history which allowed the Occidental World (the global North) to enrich itself at the expense of the African person to issues of development.

The Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery, Nantes speaks to an event that ended 147 years ago but the 500 years that preceded traumatized the African continent. This phenomena resulted in the 21st Century responses that lead Afro-descendants to reconnect with the first people of the Americas las Abuleas Mexicanas at the Centro de Paz, Dominican Republic. African descendants trying to rejoin each other to create greater socio-economic equity and justice for our communities in Brazil, Haiti, Cuba and the USA. Their spiritual leaders meet in Harlem. Even the visit by the First Lady of Côte d'Ivoire was very much about Africans reaching out to the Diaspora.

Can we imagine a world where our women and children would not want anything?? Enslavement and colonization drained Africans of vast pools of resources: human, mineral, and financial but like our featured entrepreneurs English Raggae, Abou Boubare and guest interview TonTon Bouba, Africans demonstrate resiliency, creativity and perseverance in forging ahead. It is an attitude we at Afro Mart encourage, and know you our readers demonstrate everyday in your business and work ethic. We salute you.

Dowoti Désir, Editor
Karim Diabate Publisher

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Toure English Raggae. Ivorian singer

The Price of Singing

English Raggae, whose family name is Toure has an interesting history: his grandparent Vakagnoma Toure, was the Conqueror of Odienné, a region at the north of Ivory Coast. English Raggae got his nickname because he was the best at English studies as a student. Later he became a teacher in secondary school. He also started studying music at the age of 7 in Lakota (South-West) of Ivory Coast. Toure is a Reggae singer. He plays solo guitar and sings as well. His music is a mixture of reggae and blues. In 1989 he moved to the US after a dramatic deception by his wife who ran off with someone else. Upset, English Raggae immediately secured his visa and moved to United States the following week.

If the US was a place to give him emotional shelter, he also let his heartache and love for music turn him into a great artist. He started driving a limousine in 1994 in Philadelphia. After many struggles, English Raggae was convinced that his success would come from music. That year he formed a band composed of American, Spanish and African artists. They would go one to perform in many clubs and restaurants in the “City of Brotherly Love” and others cities. They have been invited by then 2003 Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street, to perform in front of visiting ambassadors. The show was aired on Channel 10. In Africa, English has performed with celebrities like Alpha Blondy, Kambi System, and Nst Kofi in 1973 and 1974. The breath of his musical career will be heard on the pending album of songs he shall very soon produce. So far English has spent thousand of dollars to make his album. His vision is to be one of the best and most prolific African artists around the world. We will wait and see.

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Ms Dominique First Lady gave \$ 10.000 to Ivorian Women Organizations



First Lady Dominique Ouattara met with communities

Ms Dominique Ouattara commuted with the African women mostly Ivorian in the US at the embassy 2424 Massachusetts Avenue, North West, Washington DC 20008 July 21 st 2012. Women came from over the US to listen to the message of the First Lady.

“ Côte d’Ivoire is going well, the President Alassane Ouattara and the ministers are working hard to fight against the expensive life” she stated. Ms Dominique Ouattara has also explained that the expensive life is not only in Cote d’Ivoire but it’s the whole world, but the president is doing his best to solve it” she explained.

She informed the audience that the country is excelling with the investors coming in the country, so there will be more jobs.

“Come back home! Cote d’Ivoire needs you” she encouraged the Ivorians and let them know that the President relies on them. The First Lady advised the women living in the US to stop their fights and to speak with one voice. She invited them to discuss among themselves and find solutions.

“Women of the diaspora, the President trusts you. Come back to Cote d’Ivoire there are jobs for everybody!” said the Minister of Family, Women and Children, Goudou Koffi Raymonde. From the voice of Ms Lima Niagne, Representative of Compendium des compétences féminines de Côte d’Ivoire. Women of the diaspora have congratulated the First Lady, President of the National Committee for Fighting Against Child Exploitation, for receiving the price given by World Cocoa Foundation.

“Like American women, we diaspora women have decided to challenge our competences in economy, politics and social activities. This noble idea from the President gives us the opportunity to accomplish his government’s program for integration and projects of development”.

From the First Lady Dominique Ouattara, the Ambassador Daouda Diabate gave \$10.000.00 to the women’s organizations. The visit of the First Lady came to an end with an audience with Hilary Clinton at the State Department. It was intended to strengthen cooperation between Cote d’Ivoire and United States for terminating child exploitation and child labour.

Marie Paul Koffi



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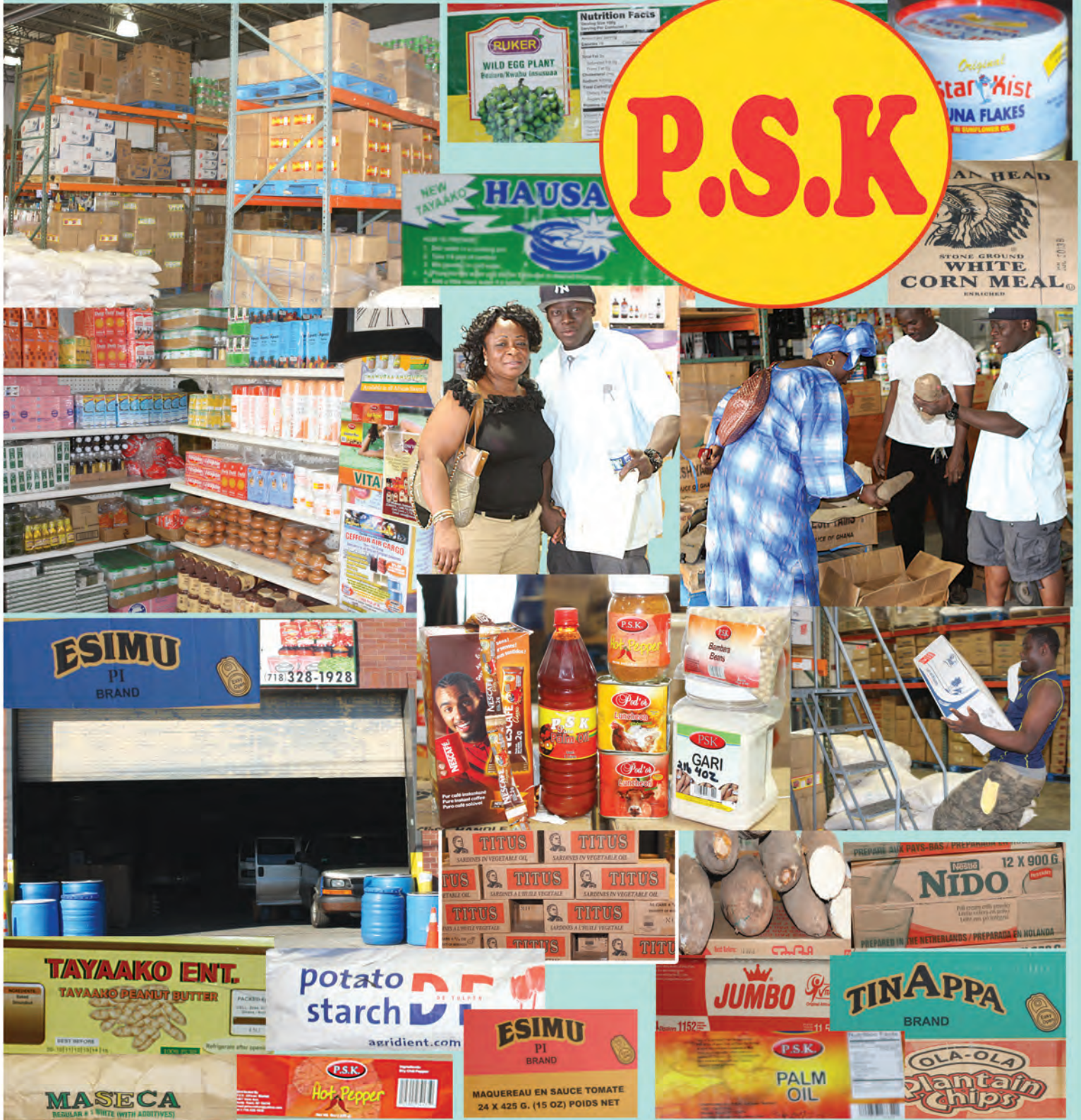
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Black History, White Memories: The Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery



by Dowoti Désir

NANTES, France: Amidst controversy the world's newest cultural site, the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery (le Mémorial de l'abolition de l'esclavage) opened to the public on 25th of March in Nantes, France. Designed by American based artist Krzysztof Wodiczko and the New York architect Julian Bonder, the roughly half block long, underground structure designed largely in glass and wood captures the words of a variety of voices from the past and present, Afro-descendants and European alike involved in the battle of freedom that has marked the dynamics between blacks and whites for centuries. On continental Europe, Nantes was among the biggest beneficiaries of the slave trade, deporting



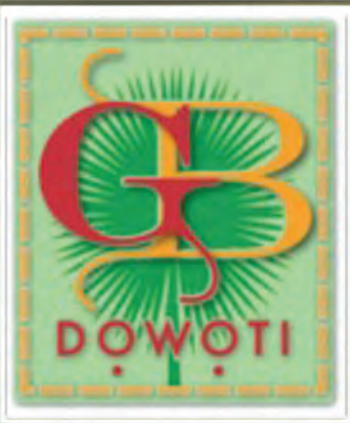
the largest quantity of Africans across the Atlantic. Its only rival was Liverpool, England. Cradling the banks of the Loire, with its elegant spacing and clean lines, the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery, is a long architectural labrum whose narrow chambers recall the confining barracks that held Africans captive during the mid-passage. Visitors are reminded that the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, also known as the Maafaa, is a crime against humanity as determined not only by the United Nations international moral mandate, the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action Plan but also by France's own Loi Taubira or Taubira's Law. Now 11 years old, Taubira's Law was passed by the French legislature on May 10, 2001 to amend its constitution; recognizing the Trans-Atlantic, Oceanic, Indian, and other slave trades involving the trafficking of enslaved Africans and Oceanic Peoples as a crime against humanity. Richly textured by elements natural and manmade, it is framed by massive etched glass panels on one side, and stone walls that permit one to view the Loire River on the other. The sounds of the streets above and the river below echo through-out. Above ground we find glass casings embeded in the concrete with names of slave ships that reflected the familial connections, aspirations, or places of intent for securing wealth by slave traders such as: "Les Trois Soeurs" (The Three Sisters); "Le Salomon" (Salomon - a family name); "L'Espoire" (Hope); and "Petit Goave" (a town in Haiti, then Saint Domingue.)

In spite of the deeply moving quotations inscribed through-out, and some poetic encounters between materials rough and polished, this classically Cartesian space masks the violence, corporal, mental, emotional, and spiritual that was the slave trade. At the same time, its is precisely its pristine rationality that reveals the diabolic, cold, and calculating nature of an ugly, global phenomena that endured longer than any other act of evil committed against any group of human beings, over 400 years. Since the memorial commemorates the termination of the historic slave and avoids discussion of the slave trade itself it is perceived as a memorial to the descendants of white abolitionists and not per se, the victims of the human commerce. At the inauguration was the Guyanese Parliamentarian herself Christiane Taubira for whom the Loi Taubira is named, "This Memorial is the apotheoses of a long standing battle; here before me I see a monument in a space, whose physical embodiment represents the common history of three continents: Europe, African and America." For Peter Lema, a principle player of the Collectif du 10 Mai, a group of activists who organize an annual slave march in Nantes, says of the Memorial "The issues surrounding this memorial will generate continued debate, hopefully one with a positive outcome. In the end, we hope that the Memorial will permit a new rapport between Afro-descendants and the West; France and her relationships with the (global) African community; and whites and Afro-descendants in general to emerge."

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Afro-Descendants and Indigenous People's Retreat in the Dominican Republic



(photo: D. Désir)



Ambassador Eramos Lara-Pena, Founder and Executive Director of the Centro Dominicano para la Paz (www.cedopaz.org) stands with his daughter, author and activist Ana Lara at the Centro's ecological park in San Cristobol La Ramon outside the Dominican capital. They hosted a retreat of Indigenous, AfroLatina/o and other Caribbean peoples in August 2012. Honored guests, Las Abuelas Mexicanas, met with members of the global African descendant community to discuss ecological and spiritual issues of mutual concern and explored possibilities for coalition building and collaboration in the interest of facilitating peace and understanding, one of the Centro's principle objectives.

Spiritual Leaders of the AfroAtlantic Gather in Harlem



Making spiritual history in Harlem are members of the Ogun Task Force for Haiti and Cosmopolitan Ile, who are joined by Brooklyn State Senator, the Honorable Kevin Parker; the Asosyasyon Klè Erez; and the Yoruba Theological Archministry at the home of Manbo Asogwe Dowoti Désir to welcome Mãe de Santos and Vodunon Naadoji India de Mello (white dress with red shawl), the head of the Brazilian jeje (Vodou) temple, Terreirro do Bogum, which is the oldest Candomble House in Salvador do Bahia. The leaders have made it their mission to work together towards fighting against religious and racial intolerance in the Americas.

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Written by Dr Camara

First Symposium of Guinean Youth Diaspora

Under the auspice of OSNAG Guinean Youth Diaspora in North America held his first symposium July 14 2012 at Holiday Inn Hotel in Chicago in Illinois under the theme < **Guinean Youth and National Development**>. This symposium came from the resolution of the first International symposium on Guinea. This resolution previewed three programs on Youth, Women and Diaspora medias . Participants came from Canada, France and many others states and also Senegalese, Ivorians and Congolese attended the symposium as well. Dr Mohamed Saliou Camara the initiator thanked all the participants and the Guinean Youth that they could make the future if they overcome the divisions in the political struggles . The spokesman of the "wise" Abdoulaye Gaoul welcomed the participants and women for their delicious dishes which symbolized the hospitality of west African cuisine.

The symposium has recorded 13 scientists communications in 3 panels:

Panel A : Youth, Education, Job »

1. - Education et responsabilités citoyennes de la jeunesse de la diaspora »
2. - How Diaspora could contribute in the creation of jobs and fight against youth unemployment»
3. - How the diaspora could contribute and improve Guinea education
4. - Responsibilities of Guinean Youth in front of good governance .

Panel B : « Youth, Health, Energy leadership »

- 1- Project of community Health
- 2 - Energy and Developemnt : An issue to Guinea
- 3 - Youth and free entrepreneurship in favor of sustainable development. : How entrepreneurship could contribute to the developpement of Guinea economy
- 4 - Issues of leadership and the needs of sustainable development in Guinea

Panel C : « Youth, information, culture and sport »

- 1- Internet as tool of information and development
- 2- Communication between youth and government
- 3- The promotion of guinean culture guinéenne through cinema
- 4 - How art could contribute to guinea
- 5 - Responsibilities of the youth of diaspora in the process of democracy in Guinea.

Also some NGOs contribute to the panel as:

1. Hope of Guinea and Promo Guinea for the promotion of education and fighth against violence and discrimination and sexual abuse .
3. Guinean Alliance for Education and Development (GAED) help for scholarships and many more NGOs in the promotion of Education, Health , culture Human Rights, poverty and more participated

OSNAG



The Group Photo with all the Panelists, Organizers, and representers of NGO's.



Dr. Mohamed Saliou Camara (Florida) Founder and Initiator of OSNAG, with Laouratou Balde singing the US national Anthem.



Oumar Telly Diallo (Chicago, IL) founding member of ONASG



Safa Tounkara (Indianapolis, IN) Moderator of the Symposium and founding member of the ONASG



Dr. Idrissa Balde (Washington DC) President and CEO of MedGuinee



Mamadou Alpha Barry (Washington DC)



Fatoumata Lamara Bah (Chicoutimi, Canada)



The Volunteers: Maimouna Diallo; Aissatou Diallo, Nsamma Gassama; Mami Sangare, Aissatou Khairy Diallo; Laouratou Balde; (Registration Table) (All from Chicago)

Community



Oumar Telly Diallo, baby Mariama Cire Diallo and Maimouna Diallo.



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Mbaye Ibrahim stylist in Abidjan

'I want to extend my contacts all over the world and work with stylist in the US'

Mbaye Ibrahim, an Ivorian Senegalese is a taylor in (Quartier Rouge)Adjame a suburb of Abidjan. It's a popular and ambient space where at least 1 million people come everyday to buy goods. it is within this area, a few meters off the main mosque, that Mbaye owns his business. After being introduced by Abou Bouare a friend of the publisher, Ibrahim assured me that he would sew me an African cloth that would amaze everybody once I go back in New York. Even through we spoke in French, he has a very strong Senegalese accent despite his ten years in Abidjan. Ibrahim is a hard worker, a great



Abou Bouare Press France Agent

stylist. Proud to share his creations with me, he showed me all of his work from the window display and catalogues. From pants to shirts and boubou (long African robes,) IB Creation is sells basic but fine traditional African design for men and women. Ibrahim opened his store in 2007 just three years after he came from Senegal and married an Ivorian woman. Mbaye made a lot of contacts from the everyday Ivorians to personalities like Soro Guillaume (Cote d'Ivoire's Chief of Assembly's driver); Abou Bouare a Press France agent, and many more. Ibrahim is the elder of a big family back home. He works hard to take care of his family and hopes to return to Senegal one day. Meanwhile Mbaye wants to extend his contacts all over the world and works with stylist in the US, where he has clients from New York, Washington, and Atlanta.
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US State Dept. 2012 Global Diaspora Forum



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The Secretary of State's Global Partnership Initiative (GPI) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are pleased to announce that they will host the 2012 Global Diaspora Forum under the auspices of the International diaspora Engagement Alliance (IDEA) and in partnership with the Migration Policy Institute (MPI). The second Global Diaspora Forum will convene leaders in business, technology, and philanthropy and other prominent members of America's

diverse communities to collaborate on innovations designed for, by, and with global diaspora communities. Following the unparalleled momentum and success of last year's inaugural convening, the 2012 Global Diaspora Forum will focus on emerging diaspora innovations and opportunities for giving back—via philanthropy, volunteerism, social entrepreneurship, and much more.

The International diaspora Engagement Alliance (IDEA) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that promotes and supports diaspora-centered initiatives in entrepreneurship, volunteerism, philanthropy, diplomacy and innovation in countries and regions of origin. Their new DIASPORAS@ program is designed to give communities and organizations the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through GDF-like experiences at the local level. DIASPORAS@ events are fully planned and coordinated independently on a community-by-community basis. If you are interested in hosting a DIASPORAS@ event in your city, please contact diaspora@state.gov. For more information or to join the International diaspora Engagement Alliance (IDEA), please visit IDEA's new website: www.diasporaalliance.org.



New video of French Al-Qaeda hostages in north Africa

Four French hostages kidnapped by Al-Qaeda in north Africa have appeared in a new video calling on negotiations to secure their release.

The video, [reportedly recorded last Wednesday](#), has been published on the Mauritanian news website *Sahara Medias*.

The hostages – Pierre Legrand, Daniel Larribe, Thierry Dole and Marc Feret – spoke to the camera individually in front of armed men wearing turbans.

They pleaded their case to French authorities, their families, and their employer, the “It’s Wednesday, August 29 2012. We have now been here for nearly two years,” Larribe said without disclosing where he or his fellow hostages were.

Lagrang, the youngest hostage, said: “My family, I miss you very much. For 700 days, I have had no news from you. It’s difficult. I think about you every day and I hope to see you very soon.”

The men and three others were working for an Areva subsidiary in Arlit, northern Niger when they were captured by militants from Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) in September 2010.

Three of the hostages, including Larribe's wife, were released in February 2011.

Sources say AQIM has demanded 90 million euros in ransom for the four, who in recordings released last April urged the then French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, to withdraw French troops from Afghanistan in line with the militants' demand.

The current President, François Hollande, has sped up the withdrawal with 2,000 combat troops to be pulled out by the end of the year. AQIM also kidnapped two Frenchmen, Philippe Verdon and Serge Lazarevic, in northern Mali last November.

Those men appeared in a [separate video](#) on Sahara Medias in mid August.



U.S. officials believe Libya

The deadly attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya may have been a planned operation and not a spontaneous protest that turned violent, [U.S. officials told the New York Times](#) and CNN on Wednesday. Initial reports suggested that protesters in Benghazi, Libya, were angry about an [online video that mocked the Muslim Prophet Muhammad](#), and then attacked the consulate, killing U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other foreign service workers. But now, according to the New York Times, officials suspect that “an organized group had either been waiting for an opportunity to exploit like the protests over the video or perhaps even generated the protests as a cover for their attack.” U.S. sources told CNN

[that they don't think Stevens was a specific target of the attack.](#)

U.S. officials also told the New York Times that they still believe the protest in Cairo, where rioters scaled the U.S. Embassy's walls and destroyed the American flag, was an unorganized mob angry over the video.



Somalia reacts to new President

The election of Hassan Sheikh Mohamed as the new president of Somalia during an election in the capital, Mogadishu, has been welcomed across the country, particularly in the capital

His rise to power has also been welcomed in other parts of the country.

Hundreds of Mogadishu residents sent messages of support, but others were less enthusiastic.

Those who opposed it said his election as the president of Somalia was likely to plunge the country into fresh violence.

After the results were announced on Monday night, sounds of gunfire could be heard in Mogadishu, but this is thought to have been celebrations rather than acrimonious gunfire.

Some of the people whom we met said they were hopeful that Hassan Sheikh would be able help the plight of many suffering people across the country:

“Well, I think it is very significant one (the election) and I believe it is [a] milestone for [the] Somali people in terms of marking a new chapter in Somalia which is a new era of transparent, peace and accountability, so I think it will really mark a significant history for Somalia”.

“Well, as an ordinary Somali, I welcome the election of the new president. I believe that this move is a step taken forward despite the fact that a difficult task ahead of him like dealing with the Islamist insurgents”.

The election of the new president was also welcomed in parts of the centre of the country.

However, the al-Qaeda linked group al-Shebab still controls many southern and central parts of the country, and are likely to cause considerable problems for the new president and government in the coming months.



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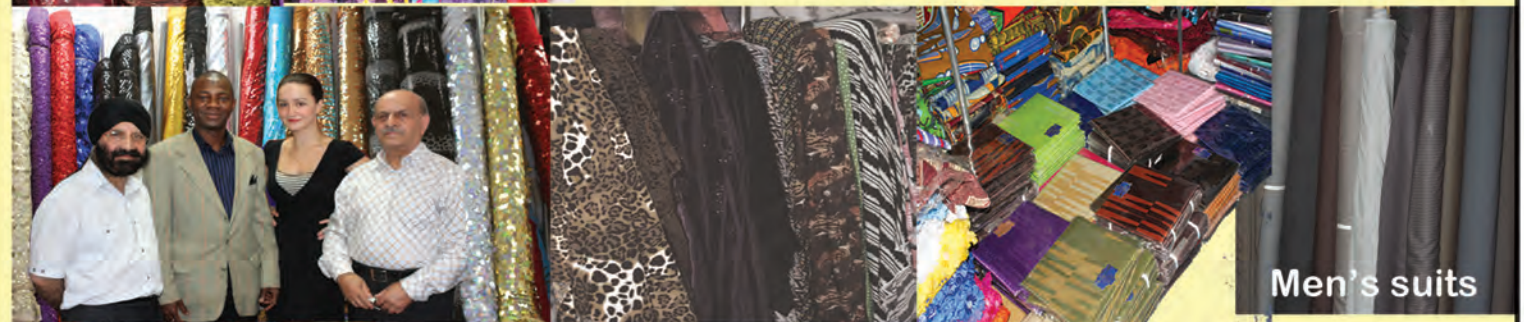


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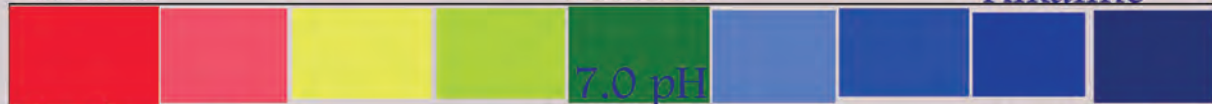
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An African Immigrant Can't Board Airplanes with Travel Documents

This African immigrant living in the United States will never forget what happened to him when he was going to board a Brussels airline in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire back to the USA on July 11 2012. Karim left the US in June to visit his family in Abidjan however, because his passport had expired, his consulate issued him a travel document to allow him to visit his family.

En route back to the US, Karim went to the airport with all his family and friends, he surprisingly learned that he would not be able to travel back with the travel document issued. Apparently the document only allowed him to go to Africa but did not allow from to return from Cote d'Ivoire to the West!

What seemed for him to be a bad joke turned to reality because he was literally denied embarkment. He spent more than 3 hours explaining, screaming, yelling but none of his complaints would help him. Karim left the airport very depressed, spending one more week in Abidjan to regulate his situation before he was able to join his love ones in New York.

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AM: Hello Boubou, you are all smiling in this Ramadan... how is it?

Tonton Boubou: Yes, we have to welcome Ramadan because our Imams told us that during Ramadan, angels come down to take our wishes. Satan is chained, the doors of the Heaven are opened. That’s why we need to be happy. We all wish to go to the Heaven. Who doesn’t want to go in Heaven? (laughs) and also this is how I’m too.

AM: In some terms laughing is part of life any times even if you are in bad mood?

Tonton Boubou: Yes, because everything happens to us is God. You get shocked but you need to overcome your shock, don’t be down.

AM: It’s a pleasure for us to see you in the US but also a surprise, what a major Ivorian TV host is doing in the US?

Tonton Boubou : Since 2006 I never came back, and when I have been laid-off from my service RTI (State Radio Television) I decided to come (here) to relax and see some friends because when you take a shock you need a change of air. And I have some projects to take care of because I’m not this type of person who complain about his faith. First, I went to see my kids in Paris — I have three. You know when you have a visa you don’t use, you risk not to have another visa with the Americans. But anyway I have projects and I said to myself maybe in the US I could meet partners.

AM : How did your layoff from State Television affect you?



Tonton Boubou: Because I was not expecting it, as many Ivorians don’t experience this...but I’m not concerned with any of these conditions. I’m not 60 years old, as you said I have been the best TV host in 2008. I made a lot money for State Television, when people ask me, I tell them to ask the director. And also



the way they let me go without telling me my rights. You are stopped outside they don’t even let you in. When you get in they ask you to go to the other side of the restaurant. This is someone who works 26 years, it is frustrating otherwise life is up and down.

-Tonton Boubou: There have been 322 employees laid off in categories those who should go in 1 to 2 months I was not part of it; those who are really sick, I’m feeling very good. I just did my check up in Harlem Hospital. I’m 97% feeling good. Those who don’t show up to work. I was part of hard workers and I made 100 millions CFA (almost \$200.000) for the television in 2007 with only Wozo Vacances (kids show). The sponsor Nestle paid 48 millions and 5 millions of T-shirts made of my effigy and more. So it’s shocking when you have to go without a show of respect.

AM: How is your state of moral?

Tonton Boubou: I’m feeling very well

AM: what are you preparing for the liberalization for TV and Radio in Cote d’Ivoire?

Tonton Boubou: They have promised 5 TV stations, so we need to get prepared. I’m putting up some little things in order. Maybe with Jose Toure we are going to do some shows. I have learnt that Mr Inza Camara is the economic delegate of US, Canada and Mexico and I’m ready to bring him my support.

I don't want to give more details because I don't want to make promises. But January 1 2013, I'm doing a big show for kids in the "Palais de la Culture"

AM : Will it broadcast on the State Television

Tonton Bouba: I don't know, if they want and if we feel comfortable with all the conditions. I did : la Fete des Meres" (Mothers day) January 2nd with 3500 mothers. But I don't know if they are going to accept, let's wait and see.



AM: Are you collaborating with some African TV stations?

Tonton Bouba: I have some propositions but I can't tell you nothing right now. I just want to observe, don't jump on the first girl you see, maybe better are coming out (laughs)

AM: Now we want to know more about you, could you tell us about your first steps in State television

Tonton Bouba: I started with Nandjele (Youth TV Show) with Fulgence Kassy and a dynamic team like Georges Aboke, Yves Zogbo Junior, AM Taky, Francis Aka and my modest person. I created some shows like "Voie et voix des artistes" and "Sportivement votre" and more, I created "Alocodrom." And one Tuesday they called me to host "Awane" because Yolande Kouadio who was hosting the TV show was going to maternity vacation. This is how it all started.

AM: What was the TV show that touched you most and what was the outcome?

Tonton Bouba: Incontestably, the kids show. I did "Tempo" (Band Show) during 6 years and I created "Samedi Ca me dit"

AM: What did this work from television bring you in your life?

Tonton Bouba: Good relations. I met President Henry Konan Bedie; President Gbagbo Laurent who honored me August 7, 2004. Between TV and the Ministry of Culture I met Aime Cesaire. I hosted 98% of Alpha Blondy shows. I'm the one who found the name of Magic System. I made all these artists Tiken Jah, Ismael Isaac, Petit Denis and many more

AM: Despite your TV show do you do business?

Tonton Bouba: No, because I don't have any restaurant, but I have a DJ both and a camcorder to animate and celebrate some affordable shows

AM: You know all these artists and yet you don't manage any of them?

Tonton Bouba: Claude Bassole and me have produced : dolominkan" of Adama Daico. I put my money in because I trusted him, I produced another artist names Eddie, which I produced myself. It's another world, maybe if I had to manage Alpha Blondy maybe we would be fighting everyday. I do what I can do for them.

AM: Are you rich today?

Tonton Bouba: Yes! Rich in experience. Plenty of money? No, but I can say thanks to God. Because I take care of myself and my family. But I don't have boats, planes. But let me tell you, it's not from the TV that I have all this. I used to work with a company named ICC Cavena I was hosting all their events and I saved my money instead of spending it.

AM: Any last words?

Tonton Bouba: I would like to say thanks to the Ivorian diaspora, who welcomed me. Some of them gave me little gifts that deeply touched my heart.. it's welcome recognition of all the hard work that I did

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