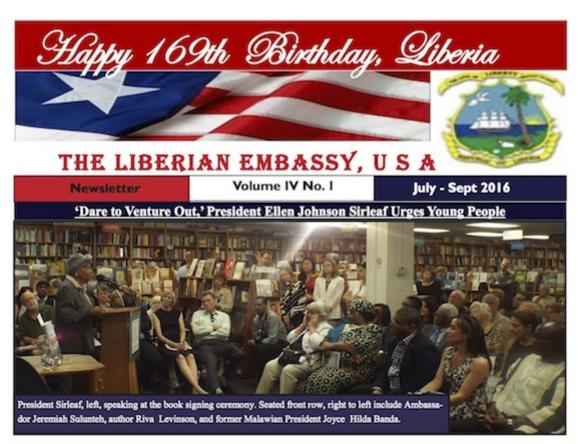


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President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia has urged individuals, especially young people, not to allow themselves to be held back from reaching their goals due to unfavorable conditions and circumstances. "Be what you want to be; stay the course and don't be distracted by challenges," she said. "Dare to venture out." Cont'd on page 4

#### First Lady Michelle Obama Visits Liberia



Monrovia, Liberia: President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on June 27, 2016 received the First Lady of the United States of America, Mrs. Michelle Robinson Obama at the Roberts International Airport. The US First Lady was accompanied by her two daughters, Malia and Sasha and her mother Marian Robinson Cont'd on page 9

#### President Sirleaf Chairs ECOWAS



Dakar, Senegal – June 4, 2016: As a manifestation of Liberia's re-emergence as a leader in the global community, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has been elected on 'white ballot' by her colleagues at the 49th Ordinary Session of the Summit of the Authority of Heads of State Cont'd on page 10

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