



Published on *Embassy of the Republic of Liberia in the United States* (<https://liberianembassyus.org>)

[Home](#) > Government OF Liberia Announces the Death of Hon. Sylvester M. Grisby, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs

# Government OF Liberia Announces the Death of Hon. Sylvester M. Grisby, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs

*Embassy of the Republic of Liberia in the United States* ,

Tue, Aug 12, 2025

On behalf of all staff of the Washington, DC Mission of Liberia, and all Liberians in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and in my own name, I express deepest heartfelt condolences to the President of the Republic of Liberia, His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr., the Government and people of Liberia, and the bereaved family, on the sad Homegoing of His Excellency Ambassador Sylvester M. Grisby, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs of Liberia. According to the attached release from the Ministry of Information of Liberia, quoting family sources,



[1]  
His Excellency, Hon. Sylvester M Grisby, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs. R.L.

this sad event occurred in the United States on August 9, 2025. May God grant all and the Bereaved family the fortitude and strength to bear his loss. May his soul rest in perfect peace and light perpetual shine upon him.

**Dr. Al-Hassan Conteh, Ambassador of Liberia to the United States**





**GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA ANNOUNCES THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR SYLVESTER M. GRIGSBY, MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS.**

(Capitol Hill, Monrovia, Sunday, August 10, 2025) With profoundest regrets and deep sorrow, the Government of Liberia announces the death in his 74<sup>th</sup> year, of Ambassador Sylvester M. Grigsby, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs and Chief of Staff to the President of Liberia.

This sad and mournful event occurred on Saturday, August 9, 2025 in the United States of America following a period of illness, family members have informed the Government.

The Government extends condolences to the grieving family of the deceased Minister, the staff of the Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs, and all Liberians who had the privilege of working with or knowing him, for such an irreparable and tragic loss.

As an initial reaction to the passing of Minister Grigsby, President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr. described him as "a trusted friend, an astute statesman and a pillar of integrity in public service"

The late Minister served the Government of Liberia for over four decades in several capacities, notably – Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of State without Portfolio and Minister of State for Presidential Affairs under the administration of Former President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

As an experienced diplomat, the late Minister Grigsby, also served as Liberia's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium with concurrent accreditations to the European Union Headquarters in Brussels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Kingdom of the Netherlands.


Additionally, he held two deputy ministerial positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Two-time Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Minister for International Cooperation and Economic Integration.

The late Minister, a prominent citizen of Sinoe County in southeastern Liberia, further served his county as Superintendent.

More so, he is known to have contributed to journalism and press freedom in Liberia by establishing an independent newspaper, the Sun Times Newspaper, in the early 1980s. The paper's reportage on governance, human rights, arts, entertainment and sports, won public admiration.

In consultation with the bereaved family, funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Signed:

  
Jerolimiek Matthew Riah  
MINISTER



© Embassy of the Republic of Liberia

5201 16th Street, NW • Washington, DC 20011 • USA • (202) 723-0437

**Source URL (modified on Aug 19 2025 - 12:10pm):**<https://liberianembassyus.org/in-the-news/government-of-liberia-announces-the-death-of-hon-sylvester-m-grigsby-minister-of-state>

#### Links

[1] [https://liberianembassyus.org/sites/default/files/photos/Sylvester\\_Grigsby.jpg](https://liberianembassyus.org/sites/default/files/photos/Sylvester_Grigsby.jpg)