

Complacency, Impunity Should Be Avoided”
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A former lawmaker of Grand Bassa County during one of Liberia’s interim governments Charles Johnson has urged Liberians to constructively engage those representing their interest in government.

“Our organic laws state that power is inherent in the people; yes indeed all power belongs to the people as was demonstrated during the recent elections.

“As such, it is incumbent upon all of us to speak out against the ills of society. We should constructively engage our legislators and the entire government to put first things first,” he said.



Mr. Charles Johnson

He said Liberians should never again allow “complacency and the culture of impunity” to be the order of the day. Speaking recently during programs marking the 80th Gala Anniversary of the Bassa High School in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, Mr. Johnson noted that Liberians should also strive for reconciliation, reunification and reconstruction of their county.

“It is important to transform our society from the spoiled system to the merit system,” he added. At the same time, he therefore appealed to the first and executive branches of government to ensure that a significant portion of the next budget be allotted to the educational sector as a means of achieving this noble task.

According to Mr Johnson, Liberia, over the past two and a half decades, has degenerated greatly with the looting and damaging of educational institutions, hospitals, churches and mosque. The ex-legislator used the occasion to urge his Bassonians to jointly identify problems faced by the county, set priorities and work together to ensure that the country becomes second to none as it relates to development.

Meanwhile, he has congratulated the administration and staff of the institution for their sacrifices in molding the minds of the youths, while they could have been among others seeking greener pastures out with NGO’s.

And to the parents, he hailed them for their sound decision to make all necessary sacrifices to keep their kids in school.

Mr. Johnson presented a set of encyclopedia to be placed in the library with an initial contribution of US\$50.00 to wards the fencing project and granted a semester scholarships to any two averaged students.