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LIBERIA: Postcoup Crackdown

The death of coup leader General Quiwonkpa yesterday and the reported arrests and killings of large numbers of his fellow Gio tribesmen will increase ethnic and regional hostility to the regime. [redacted] three opposition candidates who ran in presidential elections last month also have been arrested. Head of State Doe fired the Armed Forces Commander yesterday for not putting down the coup more effectively, according to press reports. Meanwhile, Monrovia has made a \$300,000 payment on overdue loans to the US to avert suspension of aid. [redacted]

Comment: Widespread persecution of Quiwonkpa's tribesmen and arrest of opposition leaders may lend new public sympathy to the opposition. The fired military commander is probably only the first in the military to be purged for suspected support of the coup. Payment on the US loans indicates that [redacted] Monrovia does not want to jeopardize future US aid. [redacted]



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