



# LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION



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## Press Statement

### **LACC CHALLENGES FRONTPAGE AFRICA NEWSPAPER TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF CLAIMS OF CORRUPTION, DEMANDS PROFESSIONALISM FROM THE MEDIA AND STRESSES NEED FOR PARTNERSHIP IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION:**

May .., 2017: The Body of Commissioners (BOC) of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), attention is drawn to the series of attacks on the Commission and its Executive Chairperson Cllr. James N. Verdier, Jr., by the FrontPage Africa Newspaper. These publications and editorials under various headings but with no shred of evidence can only be attributed to mischief, malice and unprofessional journalism on the part of the writer and the entire editorial staff of the Newspaper.

The LACC, in no uncertain terms, categorically deny and reject any wrong doing as a Commission and refute any form of corruption and act of tampering with investigation by its Executive Chairperson as alleged by the FrontPage Newspaper. The LACC prides itself on maintaining a high degree of probity and zero tolerance for corruption by all staff and commissioners.

Accordingly, the LACC challenges the FrontPage Africa Newspaper and all other media institutions, print and broadcast, who are making or feeding on these allegations to immediately come out with any evidence in support of what seemed to be simply malicious, private disagreement and mischievous allegations.



The LACC calls on the Press Union of Liberia to take notice of these unethical and unprofessional publications by the FrontPage Africa Newspaper and demand from it, ethical and professional conduct in its reportage or face consequences in keeping with the code of professional journalism.

The LACC assures the public that at no time has the Commission or its Executive Chairperson indulged or engaged in any conduct that violated the Act establishing the LACC or its Internal Code of Conduct.

