

## Publishers warn politicians, others

The Publishers Association of Liberia (PAL) has warned that gone are the days when politicians and unscrupulous civil society organisations and individuals used the media not only to settle scores with each other but also to create unnecessary tensions and strains on the country's already fragile peace and democracy.

According to PAL, "we are not unaware that in this country, during moments of conflicts, actors in national discourses seek to draw and co-opt the media into alliance-ship against the other; they attempt to mislead the media with all kinds of machinations, using pseudo groups who issue tramped up press releases to support their cause and denigrate opponents."

In recent times, the media association observed, Liberia has seen the manifestations of these schemes, and they are resolved to expose and shame those who think they can abuse the media or use the media to ferment hate and disorder in the country.

The PAL's warning was contained in a position statement issued in Monrovia on Wednesday, 21 November 2012. The position statement centers on the current state of affairs in the country.

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