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Justice Demanded In LAC, Citizen Saga

The unlawful eviction of 75 towns in Districts Number 3, 4, and part of 5 in Grand Bassa and part of Rivercess Counties by authorities of the Liberia Agriculture Company (LAC) and has made thousands of people vulnerable to danger in both counties, has claimed the attention of citizens of Grand Bassa county.

Charles Johnson, a son of Bassa who walked into the office of the Analyst Newspaper on behalf of the citizens, used the occasion to call on the government to conduct an investigation into the Bassa Saga.

"The Bassa people are peace loving people and should not to be treated with humiliation, so let us, especially the government, do something about it so as to avoid the degeneration of the situation.

Mr. Johnson who appeared very confused when he spoke with The Analyst challenged the LAC Management to channel their grievances through the due process of law and not by abusing the rights of the people.

He said the manner in which 93 persons, especially women and children were treated undermines the spirit of reconciliation and peace.

"The LAC Management should not draw the peace loving citizens of Bassa into provocation because the citizens will not sit to allow their fathers' rights to be played upon," he noted.

The statement came in the wake of mass arrest of 93 citizens for land dispute involving them and Liberia Agricultural Company (LAC).

The citizens were arrested, detained and flogged by officers of the Liberia National Police without any court order, the procedure which majority of the citizens including human rights advocates described as "abuse of the Bassa citizens' rights."

The human rights advocates are therefore calling on the government to probe the incident and engage LAC to halt the abuse of innocent people's rights.