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**Newly-constructed Central Bank of Liberia payment centre opens in Voinjama, Lofa County**

**Voinjama, Liberia** – A newly-constructed Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) payment centre opened its doors yesterday in Voinjama, Lofa County, enabling civil servants to collect their salaries from the county capital without having to travel to the far-away capital city of Monrovia. The construction was financed by the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), through its Quick Impact Projects.



CBL branch in Voinjama, Lofa County, built by UNMIL Quick Impact Project

Speaking to UNMIL Radio, the Lofa County Superintendent, Galakpai Kortomai said: “I am pleased about the CBL branch in the county; this will help alleviate problems faced by civil servants in cashing their salaries. I want to commend the Executive Governor of the CBL for extending their branch to Lofa County and also UNMIL’s Civil Affairs Section and Quick Impact Projects whose concerted efforts led to the opening of this facility.” The Superintendent also appealed to commercial banks to extend their services to Lofa County as security is in place, and reiterated the county authorities’ readiness to provide land and other assistance for such initiatives.

Samson Dorbor, the Special Assistant to the City Mayor, extended his appreciation to the CBL and UNMIL. “Instead of cashing my cheque in Monrovia and loosing a substantial percentage of my pay for transportation, I can now easily cash it here in Voinjama,” he said.



The construction of CBL payment centres in Tubmanburg, Bomi County, Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County, and the latest one in Voinjama, illustrates UNMIL’s commitment towards the restoration and consolidation of state authority throughout Liberia. The Voinjama payment centre is expected to serve over 500 civil and public servants in six districts including Vahun, Kolahun, Foya, Zorzor, Salayea and Voinjama. It will also enable customs and revenue agents to deposit funds and avoid the need for frequent travel to the Central Bank in Monrovia.

UNMIL, through its Quick Impact Projects has renovated a number of schools, clinics, court houses, prison facilities, government offices, markets and police stations; in addition to carrying out road repair, street lighting and the construction of wells and latrines.

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