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## THE RISE OF PEACE

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

Problems in defining peace

Reality of Peace efforts

International arbitration

Political transitions

Peace in definition is troublesome to identify as a constant, though that may be the implicit understanding. In many respects it is war, a violent conflict for what given reason that is more definitive. Therefore it is that psychological aftermath that convenes for want of balance, given that there is little solace to either term as an unchanging

condition – which exposes the cliché; that after the storm there must be calm and in observation is no cer-



tainty to the proceeding state of affairs. Often, environmental issues dictate a continuing perception of either state, thus prompting a pen-

dulum transfer of concerns between external and internal. Yet in a less than abstract manner, peace does exist in the idea that values do not appeal to the concept of peace as a means of political forgetfulness or defensive instigation, but rather as a means of loss acknowledgment, most controversial – in occupational terms.

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In this regard, peace is not necessarily designed to be an opportunity to regroup and re-strengthen either side of a conflict or supposed an open-

ing act of theatre for the display of supporting integrity – usually befitting the political stage. Unfortunately, in effecting, peace has been found to

manifest as a public posturing in certain dimensions towards a “deliberate finding”, a public square so to speak where reconciliation and healing is

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ratifies the particular transition from civil politics into international politics. Needless to express, the fundamental limitation would have it, that the cause of a people's revolutionary be arbitrated in a people's court - not a Special Court and in the jurisdiction that ratified the transition from civil revolutionary to executive representation in the first place, unless,

the civil revolutionary was acting on behalf of greater executive interests - from the onset. Therefore, the absence of absolute political tranquility does not necessarily indicate instability as much as the widening constructs in denial of implicit conflicts of authoritative interpretation. The benefits of these expansions are clearly, an opportunity to acknowledge the

mirror image of loss in terms of its methodological inaccuracy in political terms, and commit an appropriate justice. The short sight is that in lack of purpose, much attempts at peace may serve as a chamber of self-full filled prophecies. Perhaps, in a certain sense, future approaches should consider the conceptual climatic singularity of peace, as well as its humane plurality.

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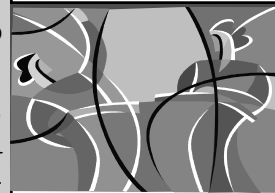
imparted in the form of judiciousness, with the frequent potential of resulting in what for lack of a better term is a "lawful" drama. For instance, historians have asserted that the transport of Bai Bureh to Free-town was one such

event; a remarkable spectacle at the turn of the century which led urban Free-townians closer than ever before to applaud greater rural Sierra Leonean civil activity. Within reason, there is no such trial for local revo-

lutionary leadership in present day attempts, with the nation opting to exact the long arm of the law in the water of ultra-political matters to catch a big fish. Yet in retrospect, the global media lesson of passionate town hall



Judiciousness



Passionate Conflicts

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conflicts of such stages over the last two decades, have forecasted if anything, a negative internal mood typical of such encounters.

Case in point are encyclopedic sources that reveal

past impetus for international peace arbitration to be, "a circular letter addressed to the representatives of different nations" by the *Emperor of Russia Czar Nicolas II* in 1898, which coincided with the be-

ginning of the Sierra Leonean Hut Tax War. This letter sheds an ironic light on The Hague where such initiatives eventually took place in 1900. Seemingly unconnected, the spread of civil war in

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Britain's example colony is a resulting comment on the global politics of that era in a meeting in which no African nation was directly represented and is a

cautious centennial reminder of Special Court deliberations in Sierra Leone which have recently made continued reference to The Hague as a legal

option in arbitration consideration, sidestepping Ivory Coast's Yamoussoukro and Nigeria's Abuja. Perhaps incompletely, like The Hague proposal of 1898



The Hague 1898

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there is the acknowledgement of loss, but more so with reference to a "strategic interest" that looms larger, yet still easily misconstrued as a form of blissful diplomacy. While even in the second Hague conference African interests were only considered in terms of colonial exten-

sions, there was acknowledgement of loss in relation to Spanish - American conflicts, yet then as currently, with no tribal African trajectories. Nevertheless, this is not to argue that there must be these kinds of demarcations, only to accept some degree of ostrich conduct

in a process short sighted in cause and effect.

Still, the idea of perceiving peace in its true temperament is two fold; first in individual serenity and second in group terms. Individually, environmental immensity serves as a

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reflective means of humbling, given responsible knowledge of the undulating effects of unitary awareness on the human mind. As a polity, this awareness is realized both as a

public course of action and that of executive mediation behind closed doors towards more appeasable standards. Such was the character of earlier peace agreements in Si-

erra Leone. This standard in the case of the Special Court is conceivably one of internationality, yet no matter how controversial the conflict, there is in actuality



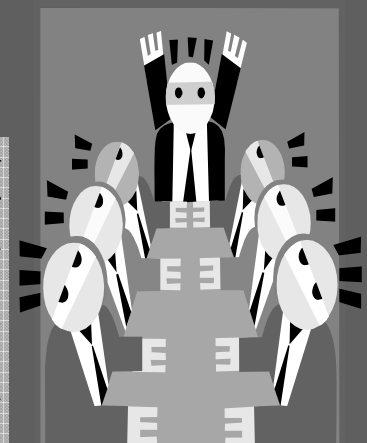
No Internationality

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no internationality involved in local arbitration in the real sense, only possibly in the idea of war being an international entity which knows no bounds of resourcefulness. Thus it would be

difficult to make case for internationality in civil conflict, particularly in African nations in which the executive and regional axis have historically spoken louder than democratic

outcomes. It may then be reason for the ultra-national balancing act pitting a new founded Sierra Leonean democracy against an image of rebellious executive politics. It also inadvertently



Rebellious Executive Politics