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Information on the National Patriotic Front of Liberia including activities

In July 1999 a paper published by

Writenet

states:

“Taylor’s National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) became the National Patriotic Party

(NPP); Kromah’s ULIMO became the All Liberian Coalition Party (ALCOP), while George

Boley lined up behind the late

President Doe’s (his kinsman) National Democratic Party

of Liberia (NDPL)

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” (Writenet (1 July 1999)

Liberia, Can Peace Be Consolidated?

,p.17)

A publication in April 2006 by the

United Kingdom Office

includes the following outlines

organisations:

“Nation

al Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL)

Formed in 1989, it began the civil war under the leadership of Charles Taylor, with an

invasion into Nimba county that led to its control of large parts of Liberia. It acquired

largely Gio and Mano support. Between 1990

and 1994, it controlled much of Liberian

territory, but ceased to be active in January 1997. In 1990, a substantial faction of the

NPFL split from Taylor, forming the Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia, but

this group collapsed in 1992...

Natio

nal Patriotic Party (NPP)

Was led by Charles Taylor. Founded 1997 from the former armed faction the National

Patriotic Front of Liberia; won the majority of seats in legislative elections in July 1997.

Leader Roland Chris Yarkpah Massaquoi

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” (United Kingdom

(April 2006)

Country of

Origin Information Report, Liberia

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A report by the

Danish Immigration Service

in January 1999 states:

“The elections, both presidential and parliamentary, were held a few months behind

schedule, on 19 July 1997. With 13 p

arties running in them, they passed off peacefully.

The former leader of the NPFL rebel army, Charles Taylor, and his new party, the

National Patriotic Party (NPP), won a landslide victory with a full 75,3% of the votes

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(Danish Immigration Service (1 Janu

ary 1999)

Report on the Roving Attaché Mission to

Monrovia, Liberia (7 June

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13 June 1998),

p.7)

In April 2010 a report by

Freedom House

reviewing events of the previous year states:

“A number of political alliances and coalitions were formed in 2009.

The UP, the Liberia

Action Party, and the Liberty Party agreed to a merger, and a broad

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based coalition

between the CDC, the National Patriotic Party, and the Liberia National Union was set to

contest the 2011 elections

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” (Freedom House (April 2010)

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United Nations Security Council

report published in August 2010 states:

“Aspiring candidates and political parties have started preparations for the 2011

elections. So far, seven candidates, including President Johnson

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Sirleaf, have declared

their intention to contest the presidential election. Meanwhile, the 17 registered political

parties have explored mergers and alliances. The Unity Party’s merger with the Liberia

Action Party and the Liberia Unification Party is ne

arly finalized. Eight opposition parties,

led by the Congress for Democratic Change, continue discussions to form a “grand

coalition”. An emerging third group includes the Liberty Party and some key members of

the National Patriotic Party and the new Democ

ratic Alternative Movement (the New

Deal Movement) under the umbrella of the Democratic Alliance

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” (United Nations

Security Council (11 August 2010)

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first progress report of the Secretary

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on the United Nations Mission in Liberia

,p.2)

A report by

Freedom House

in April 2010 states:

“Some groups with links to wartime militia, such as the National Patriotic Party (NPP) of

former president Charles Taylor and the All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOL) of former

warlord Alhaji Kromah, are repr

esented in the legislature and therefore continue to

exercise considerable authority

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” (Freedom House (6 April 2010)

Countries at the

Crossroads 2010, Liberia

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