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## President Sirleaf Honored in Rwanda

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President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf returned home Sunday, following a visit to Rwanda.

During the visit the President was honored by the government and people of that country for her contribution to Rwanda ten years ago, following the genocide in that country.

The honoring ceremony was part of programs marking the climax of the tenth anniversary of the Rwandan Women Parliamentary Forum.

The Forum climaxed its activities with a major international conference of Women Leaders from across the five continents of the world, to celebrate Rwanda's record of high female representation in parliament, put at 49-percent.

Among women leaders in attendance was the wife of the British Prime Minister, Cheri Booth Blair; Dr. Gertrude Mongella, President of the Africa Parliament; Ambassador Swanee Hunt, whose Inclusive Security Network, contributed significantly to the training of women leaders who participated in the parliamentary elections.

President Paul Kigami, who received President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf upon arrival in Kigali, commended the President for her proud and sterling leadership qualities which have exemplified her as a true friend of the people of Rwanda, following the genocide in 1994.

President Kigami recalled the significant role that President Johnson Sirleaf played when she was head of the Africa Bureau, that showed sympathy, solidarity and concrete action, which led Rwanda to the first Donor Conference. It was in remembrance of those years of support to the people of Rwanda; Kigami said that the Liberian Leader was being honored.

While in Rwanda, the President held several bilateral meetings on a wide range of issues with President Kigami and key ministers of the Rwandan government.

The President was accompanied by three senators including Maryland County Senator, Gloria Scott; Joyce Sumo Freeman, of Montserrat; and CDC Montserrat County Senator Hanna Brent. CDC Montserrat County Representative Victoria Lynch as well as the Ministers of Defense, Internal Affairs, Gender, and the Director-General of the Cabinet, Mrs. Medina Wisseh, also accompanied the President to Rwanda.

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