Protesters loot iron ore mine

Liberia’s security forces fired shots in the air to break up a protest at an ArcelorMittal iron ore mine north-east of the capital Monrovia on Friday, authorities and witnesses said. The protesters, who also fired shots, blocked entries to the mine, the company’s railroad and offices. The company said they also entered the mines and looted equipment and building materials near the mine entrance, causing significant damage. One demonstrator said the company had not compensated local people for crops, nor had it paid wages or renovated houses. – Reuters