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## Ex-warlord is a kingmaker

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Prince Johnson is a former rebel leader who cut off Liberian dictator Samuel Doe's ears while drinking beer.

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Liberia is set for another three weeks of electioneering as a run-off election on November 8 will pit President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf against opposition leader Winston Tubman.

Nobel laureate Johnson-Sirleaf secured 41.7% in the elections this week while Tubman got 24.5%. Because neither received a majority, they will vie for former rebel leader Prince Johnson's 12.5% of votes.

Johnson is a former rebel leader known for his brutal torture of Liberian dictator Samuel Doe. He was videotaped as he cut off Doe's ears while drinking beer, but later became a born-again Christian.

Analysts expect Johnson-Sirleaf to win the run-off despite fierce criticism of her.

Mzoxolo Mpolase, West African analyst for London-based Red24 said: "Ultimately the population is aware of the inroads made by Johnson-Sirleaf in her first term and see her and her party as best suited, and certainly more experienced to run the country.

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