

# No coronavirus in Ghana

## • Noguchi tests confirm

By Doreen Andoh

**T**HERE is no single case of coronavirus in Ghana, the Ministry of Health and its stakeholders have assured Ghanaians.

The ministry said although nine suspected cases were picked up, they

had all tested negative.

The assurance comes in the wake of the generation of panic among some members of the public and some health workers after two suspected cases had been reported at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH) in Accra, while another was picked up at the Kotoka International Airport.

Only yesterday, tests were conducted

on three fresh suspected cases at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR), the designated testing facility for the 2019 novel coronavirus (nCoV), all of which proved negative for the virus.

The Korle Bu patients, a Chinese and an Argentine, were reported to have been living together in the country for some days now. While the Chinese left his home country for Ghana some time in September 2019, the Argentine, who was in Shanghai, China, joined the Chinese in Ghana in January 2020.

According to officials at Korle Bu, the two arrived at the hospital in a hailing service car and were isolated, while their samples were sent for analysis.

No contact tracing was conducted because the cases proved negative.

The Minister of Health, Mr Kwaku Agyeman-Manu, who gave the

assurance, also appealed to Ghanaians to continue to have confidence in the country's surveillance measures, which he said had been put on red alert, with all the necessary measures activated.

He said the suspected cases were indications that the health system was leaving no stone unturned in its determination to protect and prevent the outbreak of the disease in the country and called on the citizenry to remain calm.

"We have the capacity and the human resource to pick and deal with all suspected cases effectively through our agencies, health facilities and partners and we assure you that we will leave no stone unturned," he said.

Mr Agyeman-Manu said the MoH and its partners were working with

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• Mr Yujin Uemura (2nd right), Manager of Shimizu-Dai Nippon JV, briefing Mr Kwesi Amoako Atta (3rd left) on progress of work on the Tema Motorway Roundabout. Picture: BENEDICT OBUOBI

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### COCOBOD directs LBCs to use electronic weighing scales

THE Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) has directed all licensed buying companies (LBCs) to use electronic scales to weigh the cocoa beans they buy from cocoa farmers across the country, beginning October this year.

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# News

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Ghana's development partners to monitor the global and national situation to inform further interventions to prevent an outbreak locally.

### No cause for alarm

The Head of the Virology Department of the NMIMR, Professor William Ampofo, also assured the public that the suspected cases the institute had investigated so far gave no cause for alarm, fear or panic.

That was because the people suspected to have exhibited symptoms of the virus had only flu and coughs, but did not show some of the severe signs of respiratory infections, such as pneumonia, which would have been a cause for worry, he said.

He said the health facilities that named the nine as suspected cases acted professionally in the public interest and had to be applauded for not being negligent.

He said while all the state apparatus in the surveillance and case management system would not be complacent, there was no need to fret or worry at all over reports of suspected cases.

### Noguchi's capacity

With regard to the institute's capacity to deal with coronavirus investigations, Prof. Ampofo said it had been carrying out investigations into respiratory infections for years and so it had the ability to test samples for the virus.

"We are the national influenza testing centre and we conduct virological surveillance for influenza in Ghana through about 22 maintenance sites in public health facilities, including the Ghana Armed Forces Medical Reception Station.

"So we have these stations looking out for respiratory systems illnesses in people who go to their outpatients departments (OPDs) or those who are

admitted," he said.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Korle Bu, Dr Daniel Asare, said the two suspected cases had been released and expressed gratitude to them for cooperating with the system.

Following the announcement of the outbreak of coronavirus in China in December 2019 and a declaration of the situation as a global public health emergency, the MoH announced that it had put national disease surveillance on red alert.

It said that included the designation of key medical facilities, such as the Greater Accra Regional and the Tema General hospitals as initial case management centres and later named the Police Hospital and all teaching hospitals in the country as case management centres.

These hospitals have indicated their preparedness by designating isolation centres, while building the capacity of staff in case definition and management, checks by the *Daily Graphic* on the two hospitals in Accra and Tema have shown.

The MoH has also extended enhanced screening at the KIA and all other points of entry to all international arrivals and this is being done with more sophisticated technology, such as checking for fever with walk-through thermal thermometers.

Additionally, all regional health directors have been instructed to designate special holding and treatment centres in their respective regions.

### Bill & Melinda Gates

Meanwhile, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced a \$100-million funding support to improve detection, isolation and treatment efforts to protect at-risk populations in Africa and South Asia.

The new funding is inclusive of an additional \$10 million the foundation committed to the outbreak late last month and it is aimed at accelerating the development of vaccines and

### Fact Sheet

- The novel coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.
- Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are spread from animals to humans and now human-to-human.
- Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.
- In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

drugs and diagnostics of the virus.

According to the foundation, it was committing up to \$100 million to the global response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) to help strengthen detection, isolation and treatment efforts, protect at-risk populations and develop vaccines, treatments and diagnostics.

In a release issued in Seattle, USA, the Gates Foundation CEO, Dr Mark Suzman, called on "multilateral organisations, national governments, the private sector and philanthropists to work together to slow the pace of the outbreak, help countries protect their most vulnerable citizens and accelerate the development of the tools to bring this epidemic under control".

"Our hope is that these resources will help catalyse a rapid and effective international response. This response should be guided by science, not fear, and it should build on the steps that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has taken to date," it said.

### Background

The WHO declared the 2019-nCoV outbreak a public health emergency of international concern on January 30, 2020, citing the risks the virus posed globally and the need for a worldwide coordinated effort to enhance preparedness, especially in fragile settings.

As of February 4, 2020, over 20,000 cases had been reported in China and 26 other countries, with a death toll of 427.

Currently, 28,280 cases have been confirmed globally, with 565 deaths.

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• Dr Daniel Asare, CEO of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, briefing newsmen on the outcome of the tests conducted by the Noguchi Memorial Institute on the two suspected coronavirus victims. Picture: EBOW HANSON

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# Algerian leader pardons more than 6,000 prisoners

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Tebboune, elected in December in a vote rejected by a mass protest movement seeking the total replacement of the ruling elite, is trying to quell nearly a year of political unrest. The mass pardons this week follow

an offer of dialogue with the protesters, the release of detainees arrested at demonstrations, the formation of a committee to amend the constitution and meetings with opposition figures.

Combined with the 3,471 prisoners released earlier this week, Tebboune has now pardoned nearly 10,000 prisoners with sentences of 18 months or less.

His predecessor, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who ruled for 20 years until he was ousted in April over the mass protests, freed about 5,000 people in 2017 to mark Algeria's Independence Day.



• FLASHBACK: Newly elected Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune gestures during a swearing-in ceremony in Algiers, Algeria on December 19, 2019

OPEC member Algeria also faces economic problems and increased financial pressure caused by a fall in energy revenue and foreign exchange reserves.

Protesters have been taking to the streets for weekly demonstrations on Fridays, but their number appears to have fallen since Tebboune's election.

- REUTERS

## Zimbabwe gold miners killed after shaft collapses

HARARE (ZIMBABWE), FEBRUARY 6

TWO gold miners have died and 20 others are trapped underground in Zimbabwe after a shaft collapsed last Wednesday night, the State-run Herald newspaper has reported.

They were working illegally at the Globe and Phoenix gold mine in the central town of Kwekwe, around 200km (120 miles) west of the capital, Harare.

The mine was closed in 2007 on the advice of the Environmental Management Authority (EMA).

"We were working underground at around 10 p.m. when we suddenly heard

a noise coming from the other side of the mining shaft. When we went to investigate, we realised it was a boulder which had fallen on our colleagues," one of the miners told the New Zimbabwe news.

"Although we managed to rescue one person alive, two of our colleagues had already died. We tried to remove them to no avail as the boulder was very big and we couldn't move it. About 20 more miners are still trapped underground," he said.

The rescued miner was rushed to Kwekwe General Hospital in a critical condition, the news site says. - BBC

## Ex-Cote d'Ivoire leader Gbagbo wants unconditional release

ABIDJAN (COTE D'IVOIRE), FEBRUARY 6

LAWYERS for Cote d'Ivoire former President Laurent Gbagbo yesterday argued that he should be released without conditions while awaiting the prosecution's appeal against his acquittal at the International Criminal Court.

The ICC, the world's first permanent war crimes court, acquitted Gbagbo on crimes against humanity charges in January last year, saying prosecutors had failed to prove any case against him.

He was then conditionally released from detention after more than seven years in custody while prosecutors appealed against his acquittal. He was not allowed to return to Cote d'Ivoire and has to stay in Belgium, whose government has agreed to send him back to the ICC if needed.

"The defence is of the view that in principle, no restriction should be placed on a person who has been acquitted," Gbagbo's lawyer Dov Jacobs told the



• Laurent Gbagbo

court.

The defence has indicated that Gbagbo would like to return to Cote d'Ivoire and possibly participate in some form in October's presidential election. Gbagbo has not said whether he intends to run again for the presidency.

The government has submitted arguments to the ICC saying Gbagbo's possible return to the country could cause unrest. - REUTERS

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## Ghana Beyond Aid not achievable without standards

**T**HE mantra of the current government — Ghana Beyond Aid — resonates well with us at the *Daily Graphic* and we have so much faith that it is achievable.

However, if we are to refrain from relying on handouts from Europe, the Americas, Asia and other countries in order to progress as a country, then we have to put in place pragmatic measures that will make that possible.

One of the key things that have to be pursued without let or hindrance is the adherence to international standards, as agreed by the comity of nations.

Ghana is blessed with vast arable lands, many cash crops, minerals, forest products, oil, among other gifts of nature which are in high demand the world over and can fetch us so much in foreign exchange.

Nonetheless, our desire to cash in on these items through trade and exchange of goods cannot be realised without the accepted standards of labelling and packaging, measurement and weights, as well as quality.

There have been instances when products from Ghana, such as palm oil, have been rejected on the foreign market. For instance, in 2004, the UK Food

Standards Agency recalled Adun Foods Zomi Oil and Juliamco Zomi Fresh Palm Oil which had been imported from Ghana from the UK market after investigations proved that they were contaminated with a harmful dye known as scarlet red.

Speaking at the signing of an agreement on “Improving sustainable value chains for exports from Ghana” in 2013, the Swiss Ambassador to Ghana, Mr Andrea Semadeni, had said more Ghanaian exports were rejected at European Union and United States borders because of non-compliance with international standards.

Again, in 2014, large quantities of yam exported to the US from Ghana were rejected, as most were found to be unwholesome on arrival in that country.

Such recalls certainly weaken Ghana's

receipts from those commodities from the countries concerned and have an adverse long-lasting effect on its socio-economic development.

We laud Parliament's recommendation for a review of the legal mandate of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) to accommodate the imposition of administrative fines and the power to destroy substandard goods that are impounded.

That is because it will help the authority seize non-conforming goods that have inundated the markets and which do not only pose risks to the health of Ghanaians but also make the country unpopular on the global market.

Research conducted on selected markets in Accra and Kumasi in 2018 to sample products, including electrical gadgets, cables and accessories, footwear, bags, dresses, vehicle spare parts and

household appliances, showed that over 90 per cent of the products failed labelling requirements, while majority also failed tests for critical parameters, with health and safety implications.

That, indeed, is very scary.

Our expectation is that giving more power to the GSA will enable it to prevent the exportation or importation of substandard goods, so that the authority is not made to go in to confiscate inferior goods only after they have been brought in or produced.

We urge that Ghanaian manufacturing companies be assisted to adhere to globally accepted standards, so that their long-term investments are not made to go down the drain.

The *Daily Graphic*, in the same breath, requests that importers who deliberately import substandard goods and companies that produce shoddy goods just to make money from unsuspecting buyers be made to face the music.

That is the only way by which both Ghanaians and foreign markets will clamour for made-in-Ghana goods and give the country the kind of leverage it needs to take care of its people without foreign aid.

**Your voice**

How do we ensure that goods produced in Ghana meet standards for local and international markets? Our reporter, Pamela Annang, asks our readers.



**Berima Osei Tutu**

The agencies that certify products should be well equipped, human resource-wise, and there must be proper infrastructure for certification.



**Edem Latsuo Nukafu**

We must adopt modern technology and mechanisms in the production of goods and also take packaging, labelling and marketing seriously.



**Ansah Owusu**

Quality and proper packaging should be the watch-words for our Ghanaian manufacturers.



**Hoffman Bortei**

We need to employ specialist and experienced workers, innovate and also provide good storage facilities.

# Hunt for corrupt official 1:

## Let not noise drown the truth

By Enimil Ashon

**G**HANAIANS woke up this week to news that transactions leading to our purchase of three military aircraft between 2009 and 2015 were tainted with corruption. After nearly four years of investigations by authorities in the USA, the UK and France into the business operations of Airbus, it has come to light that between July 1, 2011 and June 1, 2015, this multinational bribed elected officials of Ghana who represented the government in the purchase.

Airbus itself has accepted culpability and has been fined \$3.9 billion for its corrupt practices in Ghana, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Taiwan within the same period.

Reactions from Ghana and the multinational company have been predictably typical of the two cultures of the world. In one culture, Airbus has shown remorse and promised, on its official website, that forthwith, it is “determined to conduct its businesses with integrity”.

While it is true that western Europe

and America are not corruption-free, the Airbus reaction, for me, comes from a guilty corporate person operating in a culture where impunity is next-to-zero.

What about Ghana? The President Akufo-Addo government has asked the Special Prosecutor to investigate – quite comforting. For me, however, the most striking reaction is that of the National Democratic Congress (NDC).

Is it not strange and striking that instead of pledging its co-operation in the search for the culprit(s), the NDC has dismissed it with a wave of the hand, stating that “the reports alleging that Airbus SE paid bribes during the administration of Presidents John Evans Atta Mills and John Dramani Mahama are false, misleading and do not reflect the approved judgement”.

I do not know the full text of the Approved Judgement, but would it be reasonable to a right-thinking person that Airbus would make this confession and pay such a hefty fine if the charges were

not true? An NDC top person has described the search in Ghana for the culprits as a witch-hunt. I ask: would Airbus go to this extent of having its reputation soiled in court and paying so much in fines just to help President Akufo-Addo witch-hunt the NDC?

Let's look at the facts before the UK court:

Fact: Airbus and its vendors paid, offered or agreed to pay political

contributions, fees or commissions in connection with these sales in the amount of, at least, €3,596,523;

Fact: A high-ranking Ghanaian elected official, mentioned only as “Individual 1” (who was in office from 2009 to 2016), made direct contact with

the Airbus management about the purchase of the aircraft a few months after he took office;

Fact: In 2011, during Individual 1's time in office, Ghana's Parliament approved the purchase of C-295 aircraft.

Fact: Airbus purposefully sought to engage Consultant 4, brother of Individual 1; indeed, Consultant 4 traded on his

access to Individual 1.

If this is not corruption, then I don't have a dictionary.

The NDC, in seeking to downplay the seriousness of this high crime against Ghana, alleges that the deal cost Ghana nothing. Really? Is NDC aware that one of the aircraft in question (a CASA C295) is said to have overrun the apron “during a routine engine run recently” owing to its rickety nature? Lives could have been lost.

The State doesn't need to prove any loss. It is criminal enough that a high-ranking elected government official with power to influence purchasing decisions, did use, as Ghana's intermediary, a brother who knew next to nothing about the aerospace industry.

Truth is, people don't just care about Ghana; for almost every elected or appointed Ghanaian official, the motto is: “Me, my tribe and my party.”

I am convinced that the Special Prosecutor's task is an easy one. In trying to get close to Official 1, Martin Amidu's office only has to: One, look out for an elected government officer who took office in 2009; Two, an individual who was still in office in 2011 when Parliament approved the purchase of the aircraft; Three, an individual in top position in 2011 whose brother was also a UK citizen.

I have heard it being argued that the use of agents and consultants in high-profile purchases is normal. Question, however, is whether or not the agents and consultants in this deal were known to Parliament.



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# Impeachment was terrible ordeal

By Kate Baaba Hudson

**U**NITED States President Donald Trump, who has been cleared by the Senate, has described his impeachment as a terrible ordeal perpetrated by very "dishonest and corrupt people" who put themselves ahead of their great country. He said, "when they impeach you for nothing, you're supposed to like them, but it's not easy."

Mr Trump is the third President to face impeachment in the US, but having been found not guilty means that he will continue to remain in office.

The trial didn't affect how he performed his presidential duties as he continued working as normal.

At a National Prayer Breakfast yesterday, a cross-party event held annually in Washington DC, President Trump appeared to take a swipe at Utah Republican Senator Mitt Romney and said he did not like people who used their faith as justification for doing what they knew was wrong.

President Trump, who is seeking a second four-year term in the November 3, election and has always denied any wrongdoing said he did not also like people who said "I pray for you" when they know that's not so".

Holding up a newspaper headline with "Acquitted" emblazoned across the front page, the President also decried "corrupt" Democrats as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sat four seats from the podium.

The Senate, run by the president's fellow Republicans, voted to acquit him 52-48 on charges of abuse of power and 53-47 on obstruction of Congress.

Democrats charged Mr Trump in December with pressuring Ukraine to smear a potential White House rival.

## Secret Democrat

The US President and other Republican figures slammed Mr Romney as a "sore loser" and a secret Democrat.

President Trump's re-election campaign said in a statement that he had been totally vindicated and was now time to get back to the business of the American people, according to a BBC report.

"The do-nothing Democrats know they can't beat him, so they had to impeach him," it said, adding that "this terrible ordeal" and "nonsense" was merely a Democratic campaign tactic.

Mr Romney made history last Wednesday as the first US senator to vote to remove a President from their own party.

But few of Mr Romney's colleagues in

## — Trump

the Senate have been as critical.

Asked after the vote whether Mr Romney would be ostracised from his party, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters: "We don't have any doghouses here. The most important vote is the next vote."

President Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr. is reported to have called for the Utah senator and former Republican nominee for President to be "expelled" from the

Republican Party.

Mr Romney spoke on the Senate floor ahead of his vote last Wednesday to say the President was guilty of an appalling abuse of public trust, and that what he "did was wrong, grievously wrong".

He spoke of his Mormon faith and "oath before God" that demanded that he voted for conviction.

After his vote to remove Mr Trump for abuse of power, President Trump tweeted a video that referred to Mr Romney as a "Democrat secret asset".

## Charges

Impeachment is a process that allows senior political figures to be challenged if they are suspected of committing offences while in charge.

President Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives in December for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

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• Donald Trump

# Opinion

## 2020: 'Year of the nurse, midwife'

### • How far thus far?

By Gbade Sulleh

**S**LIGHTLY over 150 years ago, formal nursing education began with Florence Nightingale's establishment of the first hospital-based nursing school.

Before then, patients were cared for at home by "nurse" families, who carried out tasks given them by physicians. A majority of available nurses at the time were nuns, monks and deaconesses and most patients were lepers, refugees and the needy.

To appreciate how far we have come, we need to have a synopsis of Florence Nightingale's life and influence on modern nursing and conclude with the history of nursing in Ghana.

#### Nightingale modern nursing

Nightingale was born on May 12, 1820 in Florence, Italy, and died on August 13, 1910 in London and is widely regarded as the mother of modern nursing. She was born to William Edward Nightingale (1794-1874) and Frances Nightingale Smith (1788-1880).

Her parents were wealthy and educated her well. She wanted to be a nurse, but her parent didn't want it so, because of their status in society.

Nightingale experienced the first of numerous challenges that she supposed were calls from God in February 1837, while at Embley Park, prompting a burning desire to devote her life to the service of others.

In her youth she was respectful of her family's opposition to her working as a nurse and by 1844, she announced her decision to enter the profession she desired, nursing. In 1850, she visited

the Lutheran religious community at Kaiserswerth-am-Rhein in Germany, where she monitored Pastor Theodor Fliedner and the deaconesses working for the infirm and the destitute.

She viewed the experience as a spinning point in her life, and issued her findings anonymously in 1851; the Institution of Kaiserswerth on the Rhine, for the Practical Training of deaconesses, etc. thus, her first published work. There, Nightingale received four months of medical training at the institute, which formed the foundation for her later care.

On August 22, 1853, Nightingale took the post of Superintendent for the Care of Sick Gentlewomen in Upper Harley Street, London, a position she held until October 1854. Her impact was greatly felt when she served at the Crimean War from 1853 to 1856 after she was asked by the secretary of war of Britain, Sidney Herbert, to help care for the wounded soldiers. She recruited 38 other nurses to help her care for the injured soldiers.

Nightingale identified that the soldiers were swarming dirty, hence were dying from diseases such as typhus, typhoid, cholera and dysentery, than gunshot injuries. She worked towards improvements in sanitation, nutrition and activity for the patients of the hospitals.

In caring for the wounded soldiers, in the night, she goes around with a lamp between the walls. This gave her the aculeate "The Lady with the Lamp". And by 1859, the "ministering angel" without any exaggeration wrote the "Notes Nurses"

#### History

State Registered Nursing (SRN) did not emerge from a void in Ghana. It stemmed from the foundation of Nightingale's nursing. In February 1945, in the then Gold coast, SRN training started in

accordance with the provisions of the Nurses Ordinance of 1947.

Under the ordinance, the Nurses Board for the Gold coast was set up to



• Florence Nightingale (May 12, 1820 - August 13, 1910)

regulate, control, and maintain a high standard of nursing education and nursing practice in the country.

The curriculum was based on the pattern maintained for training SRNs in Britain. Tutelage was by two distinguished expatriate sister tutors - Miss Isobel M Hutton, MBE of blessed memory and Miss Gladys D Burton.

They sought the participation of the country's experienced doctors such as the late Dr W.A.C Nanka Bruce; Dr S.W. Copper; Professor C.O Easmon, Prof. Silas Dodu, Prof. E.A. Badoe and Prof. F.T. Sai to reach their goal.

They also recognised the views of external examiners to promote their standards; one such person being Miss Majorie Houghton, a representative of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales.

In 1948, the first group of four students started and graduated in 1950.

Their certificates were presented by the wife of the Governor of the Gold Coast, Lady Arden Clarke. After attaining this high educational standard, graduates were accorded reciprocal registration with the General Nursing Council of England and Wales.

#### Transformation

In response to the increased intake of students, the Nurses Training College in Kumasi was established with practical affiliation at the Komfo Anokye Hospital, where many

expatriate nursing tutors were posted.

In 1960, a national organisation for all registered nurses came into being: the Ghana Registered Nurses Association (GRNA), and in 1961, the GRNA was received into full membership of the ICN. The comprehensive curriculum came into effect in Ghana in 1970.

In 1963, the School of Nursing was established at the University of Ghana as a post-basic nursing institution by way of a World Health Organisation (WHO) project at the request of the Ministry of Health.

In 1970, the school focused on certificate courses in Nursing Management and in 1971 diploma courses in Nursing Service Administration were added.

The degree programme commenced in 1980 and the description of the post-basic Nursing Department changed to Department of Nursing. In July 15, 2003, the Department was upgraded into a school and made a component of the College of Health Sciences by the University Council.

As nurses all over the world join hands with the WHO in celebrating Florence Nightingale and modern nursing, it is important we recap how far the profession has travelled.

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## REPUBLIC OF GHANA

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Project Name: Rural Enterprises Programme (REP)

Loan No: 2100150028993

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Bid Issuance: February 6, 2020

CONSTRUCTION OF THIRTY-THREE (33) ENABLE YOUTH ONE DISTRICT ONE FACTORY (IDIF)  
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The Government of Ghana has received Financing from the African Development Bank (ADF) in various currencies towards the cost of The Rural Enterprises Programme (REP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this Loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the **Construction of thirty-three (33) ENABLE Youth One District One Factory (IDIF) Agro-processing facilities in thirty-three (33) Districts in Ghana.**

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# Stop using building permits to defraud citizens

## Local Govt head warns assembly staff

From Shirley Asiedu-Addo, ELMINA

**T**HE Head of the Local Government Service, Dr Nana Ato Arthur, has asked employees of the Local Government Service to desist from using the signing of building permits in particular to siphon money from Ghanaians.

He said it was obvious that the signing of building permits had become a "juicy" task used to collect money, saying that must stop.

According to him, it was time for district assembly staff to desist from unprofessional acts that went to tarnish the image of the departments and the

assemblies.

Dr Arthur was speaking at a workshop organised for about 100 district assembly planners and other local service workers in Elmina last Wednesday.

They were from the Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western regions.

### Granting permits

The head noted that there had been reports of officers issuing permits to people to build on watercourses, as well as granting permits without official receipts, adding: "Let me, therefore, use this platform to implore you to desist from any unprofessional conduct."

He expressed grave concern over the fact that some officers frustrated builders from getting building permits,

only for such officers to solicit bribes before doing the jobs they were supposed to do.

"You will agree with me that in most assemblies in Ghana, if you are able to secure a building permit within six months, then you are lucky. It takes one year, two years before you can secure a building permit," he said.

### Overlapping roles

Dr Arthur said the workshop was also to spell out clearly the roles of the various officers to ensure that issues of overlapping

@ a glance



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schedules were completely nipped in the bud to avoid the acrimony that sometimes characterised performance.

He encouraged the officers to upgrade themselves, saying: "When more qualified officials are appointed, you will no longer be heads of units."

He said under-performing assemblies would certainly be sanctioned to ensure that the LGS was able to deliver the services promised Ghanaians.

He explained that all coordinating directors had

signed performance agreements and it was important that they did not disappoint Ghanaians.

### Sanctions for assemblies

"If we are rewarding the first three assemblies which perform, then there is the need for sanctions for under-performing assemblies as well," he said.

He appealed to opinion leaders to desist from interceding for people who flouted development regulations at the district assemblies.

The Deputy Central Regional Minister, Mr Thomas Adjei Baffoe, in an address, expressed worry over improper planning and layout in the development of communities, thereby creating a bad image for the assemblies.

He said it was important that roles were clarified for each department and unit to avoid overlapping and promote harmony and efficiency.



Dr Nana Ato Arthur (right) addressing participants in the workshop



# Expedite action on road projects

## Road Minister urges contractors

By Timothy Ngenbe

THE Minister of Roads and Highways, Mr Kwesi Amoako Atta, has urged road contractors to expedite action on the projects they are undertaking in various parts of the country.

He said the government would, in the next two weeks, release the last instalment of money owed road contractors to boost their capacity to meet their project timelines.

"This year is a critical year for us as a government because we declared that this is a year of roads. We are ready to support contractors with what they need to do their work and I urge all of them to work hard to complete their projects.

"Even if it means they need

to start working day and night, they should do so because it is done in other jurisdictions," he said.

### Tour

The minister made the call during an inspection tour of some road projects in the Greater Accra and the Eastern regions last Wednesday.

He was joined on the tour by officials of the ministry and the Ghana Highway Authority.

The team inspected ongoing work at the Tema Motorway Interchange, the 7.5-km dual carriage Teshie Link Road, the Pokuase Interchange and the 31.7-km

Kwafokrom-Apedwa road on the Accra-Kumasi highway in the Eastern Region.

### Progress of work

At all the project sites visited, work was going on briskly, while the contractors gave assurances that they would deliver the projects on schedule.

For instance, at the Tema Motorway

Interchange, the Manager of Shimizu-Dai Nippon JV, the construction firm, Mr Yujin Uemura, said the project was 91 per cent complete.

The site manager of the Teshie Link Road project, which is being constructed by GS International Limited, Mr Iddrisu Mandeya,

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- The Tema Motorway Interchange project is to be delivered by June 6, this year.
- The Pokuase Interchange project is also to be completed by the end of October this year.



Ongoing works on the Kwafokrom-Apedwa road on the Accra-Kumasi highway. Picture: BENEDICT OBUOBI

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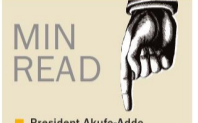
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## EU, GIS launch €5m border security project

By Kester Aburam Korankye

THE Ghana Immigration Service (GIS), in collaboration with the European Union (EU), has launched a four-year border security project aimed at improving security and management at the country's borders.

The project, dubbed: "Strengthening border security in Ghana", will be rolled out in two phases and is expected to reduce irregular migration, human trafficking, smuggling of goods and other cross-border crimes.

Funding for the €5m project is by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) and it will be implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

The first component of the project will consist mainly of managing border equipment and training, and activities under the two areas will be implemented by the GIS, in association with the Ghana Police Service and the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA).

The second component is dedicated to civil society organisations, media networks and local government authorities who are expected to develop projects to improve cross-border management of people, goods and services.

**Positive migration**

Speaking at the launch of the project in Accra yesterday, the Minister of the Interior, Mr Ambrose Dery, said positive migration had a lot of benefits, for which reason investing resources in the area was a good move.

He said it was important, therefore, to build the capacities of state institutions involved in the management of the country's borders to help them implement policies to strengthen their territorial borders.

"The benefits of migration can only be sustained by putting in place the requisite structures, policies and laws, as well as put into effect the supporting structures and capacities of the relevant state institutions involved in its management," he said.

Mr Dery said due to increasing threats of illegal migration around the world, both regional and international bodies had directed their efforts towards managing migration effectively through strategic partnerships.

For instance, he said, the EU, with over 500 million inhabitants, had signed various bilateral and multilateral migration-related agreements with some countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

"In consonance with its efforts at developing its migration management capacities to respond to the phenomenon, Ghana launched its first migration policy (NMP) in 2016, with assistance from the EU," he said.

**Gratitude**

He explained that the project had come at a very opportune time when the strategic plan of the GIS was in its initial phase of execution and required a boost for its successful implementation.

"This initiative is part of the support for the government of Ghana's migration policy," he said.

The Comptroller-General of Immigration, Mr Kwame Asuah Takyi, expressed his appreciation to the EU and the ICMPD for their "unflinching support to the GIS in its effort to manage migration effectively".

He said many developing countries were presently faced with a multiplicity of migration challenges, with Ghana being no exception.

As a result, he said, the GIS had not relented in its efforts to support the government in its quest to manage migration constructively.

"Recent incidents of human trafficking, smuggling and cross-border crimes, as well as terrorist acts carried out in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria, present a security threat to the country and these occurrences call for a concerted effort to keep terrorists at bay," he said.

Mr Takyi said the project launch marked another milestone in the relationship between the GIS and the EU in their drive against irregular migration.

# Electoral bodies discuss how to strengthen election integrity

By Salomey Appiah Adjiei

REPRESENTATIVES of electoral bodies in six West African countries have begun a two-day meeting in Accra to discuss ways to strengthen the integrity of elections and how to manage political transitions.

The two-day conference, being attended by representatives from Nigeria, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Ghana and Burkina Faso, is organised by the Southern Voices Network for Peacebuilding (SVNP), a civil society organisation in the sub-region, in collaboration with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP).

It is on the theme: "Progress and retrogression on electoral processes and transitions in West Africa: Peace and security concerns and consequences".

Among other things, the conference will interrogate the progress, retrogression, gaps and lessons from the conduct of elections and transitions in West Africa, with the aim to inform African policy options for improved electoral processes.

Also attending the conference are representatives of civil society groups and



• Dr Emmanuel Akwetey (2nd right) in a discussion with Dr Chukwemeka Eze (left), Dr Monde Muryangwa (right), Director, Africa Programme, Woodrow Wilson Centre, and Madam Levinia Adae-Mensah (2nd left), Programmes Director, WANEP. Picture: NII MARTEY M. BOTCHWAY

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The SVNP is a continent-wide network of policy, research and academic organisations in Africa that are working with the Africa Programme Woodrow Wilson Centre to bring African knowledge and perspectives to peacebuilding in Africa.

**Threat**

The Executive Director of WANEP, Dr Chukwemeka Eze, said at the opening ceremony yesterday that the continent had come a long way in the holding of competitive elections, even though the elections were sometimes characterised by violence and conflict.

He said while a country needed to choose its

leaders through fair and competitive elections and ensure basic liberties and respect for the rule of law, the situation was different in many countries in the sub-region and on the continent as a whole.

"The fiercely competitive nature of party politics has been a factor threatening stability in the region, largely because there is widespread

perception that elections are winner-takes-all or must-win events," he said.

**Citizen's demands**

Dr Eze explained that politics and elections were no longer viewed as the preserve of the state and its agencies, considering the fact that more citizens were demanding accountability in governance, even at the peril of their lives.

"In most West African countries now, citizens are no longer passive recipients of information divulged to them. They pose questions and demand answers. They make informed assessments and thereafter define and apply repression," the Executive Director of WANEP said.

He said since political stability and accountability, particularly through elections, were becoming more elusive, discussions over alternatives for Africa's future had featured at various fora, which demanded that all necessary steps be taken to ensure that electoral periods did not derail development.

**Challenges**

In a keynote address, the Executive Director of the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG), Dr Emmanuel Akwetey, recalled some of the challenges confronting electoral processes in Africa which necessitated appropriate actions by stakeholders in order for democracy and good governance to flourish.

He said electoral processes on the continent had, in some cases, been characterised by manipulation and deliberate disregard for electoral laws, to the extent that election outcomes had been rejected, thereby contributing to undermining development and the consolidation of the desired democratic culture.

**Regulate political parties**

Dr Akwetey indicated further that one factor that threatened democracy in Africa was the financing of political parties by unknown financiers who controlled the parties when they got into power.

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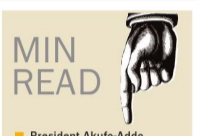
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## EU, GIS launch €5m border security project

By Kester Aburam Korankye

THE Ghana Immigration Service (GIS), in collaboration with the European Union (EU), has launched a four-year border security project aimed at improving security and management at the country's borders. The project, dubbed: "Strengthening border security in Ghana", will be rolled out in two phases and is expected to reduce irregular migration, human trafficking, smuggling of goods and other cross-border crimes. Funding for the €5m project is by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) and it will be implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). The first component of the project will consist mainly of managing border equipment and training, and activities under the two areas will be implemented by the GIS, in association with the Ghana Police Service and the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA). The second component is dedicated to civil society organisations, media networks and local government authorities who are expected to develop projects to improve cross-border management of people, goods and services. **Positive migration** Speaking at the launch of the project in Accra yesterday, the Minister of the Interior, Mr Ambrose Dery, said positive migration had a lot of benefits, for which reason investing resources in the area was a good move. He said it was important, therefore, to build the capacities of state institutions involved in the management of the country's borders to help them implement policies to strengthen their territorial borders. "The benefits of migration can only be sustained by putting in place the requisite structures, policies and laws, as well as put into effect the supporting structures and capacities of the relevant state institutions involved in its management," he said.

Mr Dery said due to increasing threats of illegal migration around the world, both regional and international bodies had directed their efforts towards managing migration effectively through strategic partnerships. For instance, he said, the EU, with over 500 million inhabitants, had signed various bilateral and multilateral migration-related agreements with some countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. "In consonance with its efforts at developing its migration management capacities to respond to the phenomenon, Ghana launched its first migration policy (NMP) in 2016, with assistance from the EU," he said. **Gratitude** He explained that the project had come at a very opportune time when the strategic plan of the GIS was in its initial phase of execution and required a boost for its successful implementation. "This initiative is part of the support for the government of Ghana's migration policy," he said. The Comptroller-General of Immigration, Mr Kwame Asuah Takyi, expressed his appreciation to the EU and the ICMPD for their "unflinching support to the GIS in its effort to manage migration effectively." He said many developing countries were presently faced with a multiplicity of migration challenges, with Ghana being no exception. As a result, he said, the GIS had not relented in its efforts to support the government in its quest to manage migration constructively. "Recent incidents of human trafficking, smuggling and cross-border crimes, as well as terrorist acts carried out in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria, present a security threat to the country and these occurrences call for a concerted effort to keep terrorists at bay," he said. Mr Takyi said the project launch marked another milestone in the relationship between the GIS and the EU in their drive against irregular migration.

# Electoral bodies discuss how to strengthen election integrity

By Salomey Appiah Adjiei

REPRESENTATIVES of electoral bodies in six West African countries have begun a two-day meeting in Accra to discuss ways to strengthen the integrity of elections and how to manage political transitions. The two-day conference, being attended by representatives from Nigeria, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Ghana and Burkina Faso, is organised by the Southern Voices Network for Peacebuilding (SVNP), a civil society organisation in the sub-region, in collaboration with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). It is on the theme: "Progress and retrogression on electoral processes and transitions in West Africa: Peace and security concerns and consequences". Among other things, the conference will interrogate the progress, retrogression, gaps and lessons from the conduct of elections and transitions in West Africa, with the aim to inform African policy options for improved electoral processes. Also attending the conference are representatives of civil society groups and



• Dr Emmanuel Akwetey (2nd right) in a discussion with Dr Chukwemeka Eze (left), Dr Monde Muryangwa (right), Director, Africa Programme, Woodrow Wilson Centre, and Madam Levinia Adae-Mensah (2nd left), Programmes Director, WANEP. Picture: NII MARTEY M. BOTCHWAY

political parties. The SVNP is a continent-wide network of policy, research and academic organisations in Africa that are working with the Africa Programme Woodrow Wilson Centre to bring African knowledge and perspectives to peacebuilding in Africa.

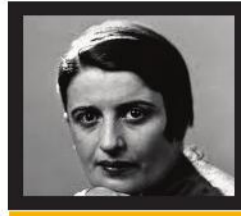
**Threat** The Executive Director of WANEP, Dr Chukwemeka Eze, said at the opening ceremony yesterday that the continent had come a long way in the holding of competitive elections, even though the elections were sometimes characterised by violence and conflict. He said while a country needed to choose its

leaders through fair and competitive elections and ensure basic liberties and respect for the rule of law, the situation was different in many countries in the sub-region and on the continent as a whole. "The fiercely competitive nature of party politics has been a factor threatening stability in the region, largely because there is widespread

perception that elections are winner-takes-all or must-win events," he said. **Citizen's demands** Dr Eze explained that politics and elections were no longer viewed as the preserve of the state and its agencies, considering the fact that more citizens were demanding accountability in governance, even at the peril of their lives. "In most West African countries now, citizens are no longer passive recipients of information divulged to them. They pose questions and demand answers. They make informed assessments and thereafter define and apply repression," the Executive Director of WANEP said. He said since political stability and accountability, particularly through elections, were becoming more elusive, discussions over alternatives for Africa's future had featured at various fora, which demanded that all necessary steps be taken to ensure that electoral periods did not derail development. **Challenges** In a keynote address, the Executive Director of the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG), Dr Emmanuel Akwetey, recalled some of the challenges confronting electoral processes in Africa which necessitated appropriate actions by stakeholders in order for democracy and good governance to flourish. He said electoral processes on the continent had, in some cases, been characterised by manipulation and deliberate disregard for electoral laws, to the extent that election outcomes had been rejected, thereby contributing to undermining development and the consolidation of the desired democratic culture. **Regulate political parties** Dr Akwetey indicated further that one factor that threatened democracy in Africa was the financing of political parties by unknown financiers who controlled the parties when they got into power. He called on ECOWAS and the African Union to regulate political parties and find solutions to their financing.

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# Politics



“There can be no compromise on basic principles. There can be no compromise on moral issues. There can be no compromise on matters of knowledge, of truth, of rational conviction.”

- Ayn Rand

## CPP opens nominations for flag bearer, national positions

### Political Desk Report

THE Central Committee of the Convention People's Party (CPP) yesterday opened nominations for various positions of the party including presidential aspirants.

Picking of nomination forms has been pegged at GH¢2,000 for all categories.

The positions opened for contest are presidential; national chair and leader; national vice-chairperson, treasurer, general secretary.

The rest are national organiser, women organiser and youth organiser aspirants.

### Congress

A statement signed by the

acting Deputy General Secretary of the CPP, Mr J. B. Daniels said at an emergency meeting of the Central Committee of the CPP on February 4, 2020, it was also decided that the party's National Delegates Congress be postponed from March 8 to March 28, 2020 in Kumasi in the Ashanti Region.

It said congress would be preceded by a National Executive

Council meeting on Friday, March 27, 2020 in Kumasi.

### Filing fees

It said for those seeking to be presidential aspirants, they would be required to pay GH¢170,000, while national chair and leader aspirants would be required to pay GH¢70,000 as filing fees.

Aspirants for the positions of

national vice-chair, treasurer and general secretary, it said, would pay GH¢50,000 as filing fees

The statement said aspirants for national organiser would pay GH¢30,000, while those seeking the position of women organiser and youth organiser would be required to pay GH¢20,000 as filing fees.

# Speaker defers debate on Pwalugu Dam project

By Nana Konadu Agyeman,  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE

THE Speaker of Parliament, Professor Aaron Mike Oquaye, yesterday blocked an attempt by the Majority to have a report on the contract agreement on the \$1-billion power and irrigation project to be adopted and debated on the floor of Parliament.

The Speaker told the House that the decision to stand down the matter until Tuesday would allow the Minority ample time to study, analyse and do background research into the project for a full debate on the report to begin.

“Let us face it, we are now debating the matter; please do your research and bring your facts, figures and analyses because a committee of this House is not the House. By our rule, there is only a recommendation and any argument for or against by any member will be duly accepted and considered on Tuesday,” he ruled.

### Ruling

The Speaker's ruling came after the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr Mark Assibey-Yeboah, had tabled before the House a report on the turnkey contract agreement between the government, represented by the Ministry of Energy, and PowerChina International Group Limited for \$366 million for the engineering, procurement and



• Prof. Aaron Mike Oquaye — Speaker of Parliament

construction (EPC) of a 600-megawatt hydro-power project in Pwalugu.

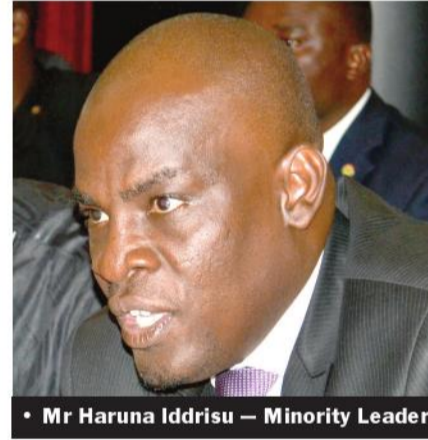
The report also contained a contract agreement for \$55.39 million for the EPC of a 50MW solar power plant and \$474 million for the EPC of a 24,000-hectare irrigation scheme, both in Pwalugu.

### Opposition

However, the Minority Leader, Mr Haruna Iddrisu, called for the rejection of the report, since none of the Minority members on the Finance Committee was called to make any input into the report.

The Minority last Wednesday called on the President to suspend the construction of the \$366 million Pwalugu Dam, since the contract agreement on the project had not been approved by Parliament.

It said while the Minority was not against the construction of the multi-purpose dam to generate 60MW of power, the government hastened the sod-cutting of the project, without securing the



• Mr Haruna Iddrisu — Minority Leader

necessary approvals from Parliament.

The move, they claimed, was due to the secrecy surrounding the award of the contract to a Chinese construction company, PowerChina International Group Limited, at an “inflated and unacceptable cost”.

“Together with the irrigation component of the dam, the entire project is estimated to cost the Ghanaian taxpayer close to \$1 billion, and the Minority is vehemently opposed to the outrageous cost which, by all standards, has been hugely and unconscionably padded,” it said.

### Rip-off

Addressing a press conference in Parliament last Wednesday, Mr Iddrisu drew comparison with similar dam construction projects within and outside Ghana.

“In Ethiopia, the construction of the Renaissance Dam, with the capacity of 6,000MW of electricity, will cost \$6.4 billion at a unit cost of \$1 million; in Uganda, the Isimbe Dam will produce 183MW at a cost of \$568 million and a unit cost of \$962 million; in Zambia, the Kafue Dam will produce 660MW at a cost of \$600 million and unit cost of \$1 million; the Gilgel Gibe III Dam, with a capacity of 1,870MW, cost \$1.8 billion and a unit cost of \$1 million, and even the 400MW Bui Dam at a cost of

\$790 million and unit cost of \$1.9 million.

“The Pwalugu Dam of President Akufo-Addo at 60MW will cost \$366 million and a whopping \$6 million per megawatt of electricity, which is three times Bui and established figures globally.

“As the Minority, we will not accept this and no one should expect the Minority to be part of any process to give approval for the project because it is a rip-off. Best practice throughout the world is between a minimum of \$1.5 million and maximum \$2 million,” he stated.

He was joined by other minority Members of Parliament, including the MP for Damango, Mr Adam Mutawakilu; the MP for Yapei Kusawgu, Mr John Jinapor, and the MP for Pru East, Dr Kwabena Donkor.

### Haste

The Minority Leader noted that in November last year, President Akufo-Addo performed the sod-cutting for the dam and emphatically stated that the cost of the project would be borne entirely by the government.

Surprisingly, he said, the 2020 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the Government had no budgetary provision for the construction of the dam.

“It is obvious that the President Akufo-Addo-led government is once again attempting to use the back door to surreptitiously implement this project, which is a ridiculous rip-off,” he said.

### Avoiding scrutiny

He indicated that the Minority was convinced that the strategy to introduce the agreement at the closing hours of Parliament in December last year was a deliberate attempt to railroad the process and avoid thorough scrutiny.

“The Minority has noted with grave concern the referral of the contract agreement to the Finance Committee, instead of the Mines and Energy, as well as the Food and Agriculture Committee, as stipulated in our Standing Orders,” he said.

He explained that the agreement was a contract agreement, as captured on the Order Paper, and, therefore, could not be considered by the Finance Committee, which ordinarily dealt with financial agreements, in accordance with Article 181 of the Constitution.

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THE Minority has urged the President and the Majority side of Parliament to suspend construction work on the Pwalugu Dam, failure of which the Minority will resort to a legitimate process to save the nation from unbearable financial loss.

# Continue dialogue on voters register

## • Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council urges stakeholders

From Emmanuel Bonney,  
GOMOA FETTEH

**T**HE Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council (GPCC) has called on the various stakeholders in the country's electoral process to continue to dialogue on the issue of the voters' register for this year's general election.

That, it said, was to ensure that no one had a problem with the register for a peaceful conduct of the polls.

"We are calling on the Inter-Party Advisory Committee (IPAC), the Electoral Commission and the Eminent Advisory Committee to continue to dialogue on the voters' register," the President of the GPCC, Rev. Paul Prof. Frimpong-Manso, said last Wednesday at the opening of a Conference of Heads of Churches and Organisations and General Secretaries at the Pentecost Convention Centre at Gomoa Fetteh in the Central Region.

The four-day conference by the council is on the theme: "Renewing our Commitment and Keeping the Pentecostal Fire Burning".

### Hope

Rev. Prof. Frimpong-Manso said the council was hopeful that the 2020 election, like other elections in the past, would come off peacefully.

He said peace was of the essence and called on all political parties to also



• Rev. Prof. Paul Frimpong-Manso, President, Assemblies of God (right), interacting with Apostle General Rev. Sam Korankye Ankrach (middle), General Overseer, Royalhouse Chapel International, and Apostle Dr Aaron Ami-Narh (left), President, The Apostolic Church, Ghana

### Fact Sheet

■ The Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council is a faith-based organisation and the umbrella body of 230 pentecostal and charismatic Christian church denominations and para-church organisations in the country.

respect the law against political vigilantism in order not to foment trouble for the country.

"Ghana is a peaceful country and nobody must do anything to disturb the peace the people are enjoying," he said.

### Accidents

Rev. Prof. Frimpong-Manso said the recent spate of accidents was worrying and, therefore, urged drivers to abide by the rules governing safe driving to ensure sanity on the roads.

The Police Motor Traffic and Transport Department, he said, should carry out their duties on the roads.

### Fire

The president of the GPCC charged churches to desist from competing with one another, adding that they should rather complement one another's works.

He said heads of the various churches should keep the pentecostal fire burning in their congregations, saying "our main priority is to keep the fire burning".

He said the heads should focus on the pentecostal doctrine and not

deviate from it.

"We must not deviate from the fact that Christ is the saviour of the world," he said.

# Asuogyaman District constitutes eighth assembly



From Ezekiel E. Sottie,  
ATIMPOKU

THE Asuogyaman District Assembly in the Eastern Region has elected the Assembly Member for the Akosombo Community Number One Electoral area, Mr Jonathan Hagan, as its presiding member.

He was elected after the 54-member assembly was sworn in at Atimpoku by the Senchi Magistrate, Mr Seth Adiedum Alafa.

### Governance

The Deputy Eastern Regional Minister, Mr Samuel Nuertey Ayertey, reminded the assembly members that assemblies were a critical part

of governance and, therefore, had a role to play in ensuring that the government delivered on its promises.

He said good governance entailed active participation of the citizens to ensure the delivery of quality services, improved infrastructure and good leadership.

He, therefore, urged the assembly to create a platform for stakeholders, using social accountability tools including town hall meetings and general community engagements to establish a strong linkage between duty bearers and citizens.

### Functions of the assembly

The Asuogyaman District Chief Executive (DCE), Mr

Samuel Kwame Agyekum, expressed regret that some members of the assembly kept discussions at the assembly to themselves without informing the electorate and urged the assembly members to always report back to the electorate on issues discussed and programmes being implemented.

He said the electorate were looking up to the members of the assembly to provide the needed leadership and direction necessary for poverty alleviation and wealth creation.

He, therefore, urged them not to allow their individual, partisan and ethnic interests and ideologies to impede the objective of achieving the decentralisation process in the district.

• Members of the Asuogyaman District Assembly taking the oath of office

# NDC accuses govt of working against galamsey fight

By Zadok Kwame Gyesi

**T**HE National Democratic Congress (NDC) has accused the government of sabotaging efforts to address the menace of illegal mining, popularly called 'galamsey' in the country.

According to the party, the recent alleged disappearance of about 500 excavators and other machinery seized from galamsey operators by the Operation Vanguard team, the taskforce set up to fight illegal mining, was not only an embarrassment to the government but a testament to the government's failure to stop galamsey.

At a press conference in Accra yesterday, the National Communications Officer of the party, Mr Sammy Gyamfi, accused the government of intentionally kicking illegal miners and legitimate small-scale miners out of business in order for government officials to take over the venture to enable them to fund the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP).

According to him, Operation Vanguard and the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Illegal Mining (IMCIM) were calculated schemes by the Akufo-Addo government to drive out galamseyers from business for government officials to take over the illegal job.

He said the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Hajia Alima Mahama, and the then Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr John-Peter Amewu, had at different times accused some Metropolitan, Municipal and District Chief Executives (MMDCEs) and other senior government officials of directly engaging in galamsey or frustrating efforts at addressing the menace.

Mr Gyamfi explained that the failure of President Akufo-Addo to identify the supposed MMDCEs involved in galamsey and punish them appropriately had emboldened other people to go into the illegal activity.

## Take-over

"He (President Akufo-Addo) sees no thievery and evil when it comes to corruption of his appointees," the



• Mr Sammy Gyamfi addressing the press conference in Accra

communications officer said, adding that "the fight against galamsey was a ploy, a grand scheme for the government to take over the galamsey business".

He said the growing corruption under the Akufo-Addo-led administration had made many foreign diplomats in the country openly speak about it.

He explained that the involvement of the party's Central Regional Vice Chairman, Mr Horace Ekow Ewusi, in the disappearance of about 500 seized excavators and the unfolding events clearly showed how the government had failed to fight galamsey.

"This is how low we have sunk as a country as a result of the greed and selfishness of the ruling NPP and corrupt Akufo-Addo government," he said, adding: "In fact, these latest developments are a vindication of our long-held position that President Akufo-Addo's so-called fight against illegal mining is a ruse, calculated to appropriate the galamsey trade for NPP and government functionaries."

He cautioned that individuals involved in the galamsey menace would be punished when power changed hands.

"All those involved in the stealing of the 500 excavators and the rot that has engulfed Akufo-Addo's fight against galamsey must know that the day of accountability and reckoning is fast approaching," he said.

## Airbus saga

On the Airbus saga, Mr Gyamfi said the issue lacked merit and was purely business infractions by the company's staff.

According to him, no government official had committed any crime or received any bribes as being alleged.

"A careful reading of the approved judgments of the Crown Court of Southwark and the District Court of Columbia on the matter shows that the entire case is about legal infractions by employees and agents of Airbus and nothing more," he explained.

According to Mr Gyamfi, the

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■ The National Democratic Congress (NDC) has accused the government of complicity in the growing illegal mining activities in the country.

approved judgments of the Crown Court of Southwark and the District Court of Columbia indicated that Airbus, on their own accord, engaged intermediaries or hired agents to help them sell military aircraft to Ghana between the years 2009 and 2015.

He said while the use of agents or business partners was common practice with multinational companies, the approved judgements held that Airbus failed to follow the Organisation for

Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) rules in appointing their business intermediaries.

"The approved judgments further found that payment by Airbus of success-based commission to their intermediaries was in excess of the agreed five per cent commission as captured in the transaction agreement," he stated.

## 'No wrongdoing'

Mr Gyamfi said "whereas there have been claims that success-based commissions were paid to agents of Airbus with the intent to induce or reward improper favour by the said Government Official 1, it is instructive to note that there is no indication either in the approved judgments of the Crown Court of Southwark or the District Court of Columbia that any such inducement took place."

He said the haste with which the NPP was pointing accusing fingers at the NDC was "pathetic and most reckless," since the report did not cite any NDC official of having engaged in any corrupt act in relation to the Airbus saga.

"No serious-minded person would draw conclusions based on conjecture and wilful misinterpretation of the approved judgment of the UK Crown Court," Mr Gyamfi stated.

# Expedite action on road projects

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also said the project was 50 per cent complete. The Pokuase Interchange was 60 per cent complete, according to the Resident Engineer of Associated Consultants Limited, Mr Kwabena Bempong.

## Diligence

Mr Amoako Atta expressed satisfaction with the extent of work done by the various contractors and assured them that the

government would release outstanding funds to them to complete the projects.

He stressed that the government would not countenance any sluggishness on the part of contractors, given that this year had been declared a year of roads.

The minister cautioned them to put in place systems that would help eliminate flooding after the projects had been completed and handed over.

"We have instances in this country when road projects are completed and handed over, but anytime it rains some of them get flooded.

Under this government, we want to ensure that no project suffers flooding after it has been handed over, so we are saying that contractors need to be proactive and deal with the challenge," he stressed.

## Dust suppression

Mr Amoako Atta urged the contractors to put in place dust-suppression mechanisms to reduce the impact of dust on the health of people in the project areas.

For instance, he asked the contractor

undertaking the Teshie Link Road to take steps to reduce dust around the LEKMA Hospital as a matter of priority.

Mr Mandeya gave an assurance that the LEKMA section of the project would be worked on within three weeks.

"We are in consultation with the management of the hospital to create an access road to the facility while we work on that portion. We wanted to do so in December 2019 but they pleaded with us to leave that portion until after Christmas," he said.

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# COCOBOD directs LBCs to use electronic weighing scales

By Zadok Kwame Gyesi

**T**HE Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) has directed all licensed buying companies (LBCs) to use electronic scales to weigh the cocoa beans they buy from cocoa farmers across the country, beginning October this year.

The rationale is to help clear suspicions that cocoa purchasing companies, particularly purchasing clerks, adjust their weighing scales to cheat cocoa farmers at the point of weighing the dried cocoa beans.

Speaking at a national stakeholder dialogue on cocoa farm gate pricing and income of cocoa farmers in Accra last Wednesday, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the COCOBOD in charge of Operations, Dr Emmanuel Opoku, said the electronic weighing scales would be procured by the LBCs, adding that the board was taking every necessary step to protect the interest of cocoa farmers.

## Dialogue

The dialogue, organised by Send-Ghana, a non-governmental organisation, climaxes a series of stakeholder engagements conducted at the sub-national level to deliberate on key issues relating to cocoa production in the country that require strategic and policy interventions by relevant national-level institutions.

The dialogue, which discussed key cocoa sector issues, is expected to come up with a road map that will seek to bring the necessary changes in the cocoa pricing regime, with the aim of ensuring that farmers are the ultimate beneficiaries.

## Management system

Dr Opoku also noted that the agency was in the process of introducing a cocoa management system to ensure coordination in all value chain activities in the cocoa sector.

The system, he explained, would register all cocoa farmers into a database to make sure that only cocoa farmers traded out cocoa beans.

He said data were being collected in six districts as part of the process to



• Dr Emmanuel Opoku (arrowed) with the members who took part in the dialogue

pilot the cocoa management system. That, he said, would help deal with the issue of theft of the beans by unscrupulous people.

## Farmers

For his part, the Chairman of the Cocoa Abrabopa Association, Mr Ismaila Pomasi, who spoke on behalf of cocoa farmers, said the government must ensure that all LBCs used electronic weighing scales as they had suspicion that many of them had adjusted their weighing scales, hence making the farmers lose out.

"We farmers are not comfortable with how cocoa is weighed," he said, pointing out that it should be made it mandatory for all LBCs to use electronic weighing scales.

## Study

A study conducted by Send Ghana, titled: "How does farm gate pricing affect the welfare of cocoa farmers"

indicated that "there is a perceived weighing scale adjustment fraud at the point of sale of cocoa beans."

The study, therefore, suggested to COCOBOD to strengthen its surveillance and intelligence work to reduce considerably fraud related to the adjustment of weighing scale by some purchasing clerks at the time of the sale of dried beans.

## Highlight

■ Beginning October 2020, the Ghana COCOBOD is directing all Licensed Buying Companies to use electronic weighing scales to weigh cocoa beans they buy from cocoa farmers across the country.

Strengthening surveillance and intelligence work by COCOBOD, the study noted, "may include the adoption of electronic weighing machines and regular training of cocoa farmers, especially women farmers on the weighing of cocoa beans."

Similarly, the study suggested to COCOBOD to publish information related to the setting of the annual cocoa producer price each year after it had publicly announced the new price through the media.

## Interests

The Country Director of Send-Ghana, Mr George Osei-Bimpeh, said the NGO had been working with the various relevant institutions and interest groups to ensure improvement of Ghanaian cocoa farmers.

He urged COCOBOD to strengthen its public education on the processes involved in the determination of local cocoa producer prices.

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**SUIT NO: LD/0141/2020**

VIVIAN MENDS PLAINTIFF

Suing for and on behalf of herself and all her siblings who are beneficiaries of the Will of their father James Biney Mendis House No. B13/6 Darkuman Junction Bubuashie, Accra

VS  
1. OVERSEAS UNION LTD ACCRA DEFENDANTS  
2. MR. ATWIMA KWABENA ROCKSON  
3. WALLAS VANDERPUIYE  
4. LANDS COMMISSION

(SGD)  
AFRIA SERWAH ASARE-BOTWE(MRS)  
JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT

**ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**

UPON READING the Affidavit of Vivian Mendis of Darkuman Junction, Accra, the Plaintiff/Applicant herein, filed on the 13th day of January, 2020 in support of Motion Exparte for substituted service on the Defendant;

AND UPON HEARING the submissions of K. ANTWI ABANKWA ESQ., counsel for and on behalf of the Plaintiff/Applicant herein;

It IS HEREBY ORDERED that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Defendants be served with the Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim together with a copy of this order by substituted service by the following modes:

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3. WALLAS VANDERPUIYE  
4. LANDS COMMISSION

AN ACTION having been commenced against you by the issue of this writ by the above-named Plaintiff.

VIVIAN MENDS  
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Will of their father James Biney Mendis

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that within EIGHT DAYS after service of this writ on you inclusive of the day of service you do cause an appearance to be entered for you OVERSEAS UNION LTD, ATWIMA KWABENA ROCKSON, WALLAS VANDERPUIYE and LANDS COMMISSION.

AND TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, judgment may be given in your absence without further notice to you OVERSEAS UNION LTD, ATWIMA KWABENA ROCKSON, WALLAS VANDERPUIYE and LANDS COMMISSION.

Dated this 5TH day of NOV 2019  
Chief Justice of Ghana

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

The Plaintiff's claim is for:

- An order confirming the Plaintiff and her siblings as beneficiary owners to the disputed property or in the alternative and order for declaration of title to the disputed land.
- An order directed against the 4th defendant to expunge the

*names of the defendants from the records of the 4th Defendant in respect of the disputed land registered in the name of Plaintiffs father and replace them with the names of Plaintiff and her siblings.*

- General damages and cost for bringing this action
- Any other relief as the court deem fit.

This writ was issued by PLAINTIFF

Whose address for service is HOUSE NO B13/16 DARKUMAN JUNCTION BUBUASHIE, ACCRA

AGENT FOR

Address Number and date of Lawyer's current licence  
K. ANTWI ABANKWA ESQ.  
ASONA CHAMBERS, 21 FREETOWN RD ADABRAKA, ACCRA  
LIC NO GAR21731/19

Lawyer for the plaintiff K. ANTWI ABANKWA ESQ who resides at ADABRAKA FREETOWN, ACCRA  
Indorsement to be made within 3 days after service  
This writ was served by me at  
On the defendant

On the day of Endorsed the day of

Signed.....  
Address.....

*Note: if the plaintiff's claim is for a liquidated demand only, further proceedings will be stayed if within the time limited for appearance the defendant pays the amount claimed to the plaintiff, his lawyer or his agent or into court as provided for in Order 2 rule 3(2)*

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT JUDICATURE  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
LANDS DIVISION, ACCRA  
A.D. 2019**

SUIT NO:

VIVIAN MENDS PLAINTIFF  
SUING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
HERSELF AND ALL HER SIBLINGS  
WHO ARE BENEFICIARIES OF THE  
WILL OF THEIR FATHER JAMES BINEY MENDS  
HOUSE NO. B13/6 DARKUMAN JUNCTION, BUBUASHIE, ACCRA

Versus

1. OVERSEAS UNION LTD, ACCRA DEFENDANTS  
2. MR. ATWIMA KWABENA ROCKSON  
3. WALLAS VANDERPUIYE  
4. LANDS COMMISSION

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

- Plaintiff brings this action as the eldest of her siblings who are the beneficiaries of the will of their father James Biney Mendis who died on 29th October 1980 and which will was admitted to probate on 4th May 1981 and brings the action on her own behalf of all those of her siblings.
- Plaintiff shall contend that the names of her siblings mentioned in her fathers will are Elizabeth Mendis (2) Christiana Mendis (3)Vida Mendis (4) Isaac Mendis (5) Joshua Mendis (6) Marian Mendis(7) Augustina Aba Mendis (8) Augustina Mendis (9) Rosemond Mendis(10) Mercy Mendis (11) Philomena Mendis (12) Eric Mendis (13)Eric Mendis(14) Akwanua Mendis (15) Adwoa Mendis (16) Yaa Badu Mendis (17)Kwasi Dwura Mendis (18) Comfort Mendis (19) Grace Mendis (20) Patricia Mendis (21) Patrick Mendis (22) Yaw Mendis.
- Plaintiff is a retiree and resides in Kaneshie /Bubuashie, Accra
- The first defendant is a limited Liability Company Incorporated under the laws of Ghana to do importing and exporting and general merchandise.
- The second and third defendants are private citizens of Ghana
- The fourth defendant is the state institution in charge of registering and or plotting all landed properties as well as administering government lands and regulating land administration in Ghana.
- The Plaintiff shall contend that her father James Biney Mendis died on 29 October 1980 leaving a will.
- Plaintiff adds that the will of her deceased father was admitted to probate by the High Court on 4th May 1981.
- The Plaintiff shall contend again that in the said will a large plot of land measuring about 0.89 acres with buildings thereon were bequeathed by Mr. James Biney Mendis to his children as beneficiaries.
- Plaintiff says the said land measuring 0.89 acres lying and being at Kaneshie Bubuashie Accra on the Accra Cape Coast Road is the subject matter of the present action / suit.
- Plaintiff contends that at the time of their father's death, Plaintiff and her sibling were young and have respect for their late father's brother, Pass Kwadwo Mendis who held the property in trust for the children.

- Plaintiff shall contend that in 2007 the plaintiff's uncle without the consent and concurrence of the plaintiff and her siblings and without notice to any of them purported to sell the property to the second defendant, Atwimah Kwabena Rockson.
  - Plaintiff shall say that she held meeting with all her sibling who were the beneficiaries of their fathers will and confronted their uncle Paa Kojo Mendis.
  - Plaintiff shall say that when it became clear that Plaintiff uncle was bent on selling properties belonging to plaintiff and her siblings bequeathed to them by their late father the Plaintiff on behalf of her siblings decided to resist any action of their Uncle.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that at all material times she and her siblings had been in possession of houses and the lands attached thereto and have been exercising acts of ownership including physically living in the houses with their children since 1980 and also giving licenses and tenancies to those who are selling on the lands and taking rents from them.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that they resisted attempts by their late father's brother to sell out properties bequeathed to them in the will by their father.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that in 2008 the second defendant issued out a writ against the beneficiaries in the will and their tenants on the land describing them as trespassers to his land and indicated that he has bought the Plaintiff and her sibling's property from Paa Kojo Mendis.
  - The Plaintiff shall contend that she quickly engaged a lawyer and entered appearance and filed a defence.
  - The Plaintiff shall contend that in the course of trial when the Plaintiff herein then defendant in the Circuit Court case in suit No C1/158/08 produced overwhelming evidence that they are entitled to the disputed property, the 2nd defendant then Plaintiff discontinued the action on grounds that he was going to take his money back from the said Paa Kojo Mendis as he had no capacity to sell.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that in this trial the Plaintiff shall tender receipts of money paid to the lawyer of 2nd Defendant (Rockson Kwabena Atwima) in respect of the disputed land by Paa Kojo Mendis after the discontinuance of the suit.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that in the course of time all the siblings met and decided to sell a portion of the land and advertised same and one Francis Yao Agbenyo-Dawson came to see us and our lawyer in an NDC vehicle with NDC attire and expressed interest and promised to come back.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that two days after Francis Yao Agbenyo Dawson and his people came to see Plaintiff and her lawyer over the disputed property the then President of the Republic, His Excellency Professor Atta Mills passed on and the information was all over Ghana and since then the said Yao Agbenyo Dawson and his people never came back for the discussion over the purchase of the property, let alone pay a farthing for same.
  - Plaintiff shall contend that they have since remained on their land without any let or hindrance but recently they conducted a search to see the status of their land at the 4th defendant's offices and to their surprise they noticed that the 4th defendant has plotted and or registered the names of the second defendant rather wrongly as Mr. Atwiwa Kwabena Rockson instead of Mr. Atwima Kwabena Rockson with Log No 06455/07 on a portion of Plaintiff's land.
  - The Plaintiff says other portions have also been plotted or registered in the names of Overseas Union Ltd with Log No 06455/07 and portions to William Wallace Vanderpuyue dated 17/5/2000.
  - It is the case of the Plaintiff that none of the defendants has any interest whatsoever in the disputed property and that the Plaintiff and her siblings who are the direct beneficiaries of the property has not alienated any portions of the land to any of them and that the plotting and or registration of the property to the defendants or their companies or directors is wrongful, bad and unlawful and a breach of the right of the Plaintiff in respect of their right to own their property.
  - The Plaintiff shall contend that Francis Yao Agbenyo Dawson is the sole director of Overseas Company Ltd and neither he nor the company has any interest in the disputed property.
- Wherefore the Plaintiff claims against the defendants for:
- An order confirming the Plaintiff and her siblings as beneficiary owners to the disputed property or in the alternative an order for declaration of title to the disputed land.
  - An order directed against the 4th defendant to expunge the names of the defendants from the records of the 4th Defendant in respect of the disputed land registered in the name of Plaintiffs father and replace them with the names of Plaintiff and her siblings.
  - General damages and cost for bringing this action
  - Any other relief as the court deem fit.

**THE REGISTRAR  
HIGH COURT  
LANDS DIVISION  
ACCRA**

**K. ANTWI ABANKWA  
LCD NO 21731/19  
ASONA CHAMBERS  
ADABRAKA**

**AND TO THE DEFENDANTS OR THEIR LAWYER**





# MINISTRY OF SANITATION AND WATER RESOURCES GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (GEMA)



GREATER ACCRA METROPOLITAN AREA (GAMA) SANITATION AND WATER PROJECT (GAMA S&WP)

## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL DRAINS IN GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO ALLEVIATE FLOOD RISKS

The Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources (MSWR), acting through the Ga East Municipal Assembly (GEMA), is currently implementing GAMA Sanitation and Water Project with support from the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank.

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The Project has four components. These are:

- **Component 1-** Provision of water and environmental sanitation services to priority low – income areas of GAMA.
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- **Component 3-** Improvement and expansion of waste water and faecal sludge collection, transportation and treatment in GAMA.
- **Component 4-** Institutional Strengthening.

As part of Component 1 of the Project, the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, through the Ga East Municipal Assembly, has proposed to undertake construction of drains at Ablor Adjei, Agbogba Happy Home, and Ashongman Pure Water to alleviate flood risks in the communities.

The works involve demolishing of existing undersized drainage culverts, reconstruction of culverts and extension of drainage channels, backfilling of trenches and approaches of the culverts and drainage channels, and collection and disposal of construction wastes.

In accordance with the World Bank's Safeguards Policy on Environmental Assessment (OP) 4.01 and Ghana Environmental Assessment Regulations 1999 (LI 1652), the Ministry has prepared an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) Report. The ESMP

shall be used to guide, avoid, minimize, mitigate or control the environmental and social impacts during the implementation of the drainage interventions.

The Report, among others identified the potential negative environmental, social, health and safety impacts that are associated with the construction works and operation of the drains. The Report also includes the mitigation measures which could help to avoid and/or minimize the potential impacts; measures regarding how to monitor the impacts; stakeholder consultations; Code of Conduct for the construction workers; and grievance redress mechanism for resolving any disputes that may arise during the course of the works, among others. The applicable Acts; Regulations; Policies; Instruments; baseline environmental and social conditions of the project area, are also outlined in the ESMP Report.

Further details relating to the environmental and social management plan preparation process can be found in the ESMP Report which are now available at the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources (Accra), Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (Accra), Ga East Municipal Assembly -Abokobi; Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning (Accra); the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council (Accra), Environmental Protection Agency; the Ga East Municipal Assembly-Abokobi; Assembly Members for project communities; the elders and opinion leaders in the project beneficiary communities.

For any further enquiries on this disclosure, the following e-mail addresses can be used: [gawudi@lgpcu.org](mailto:gawudi@lgpcu.org), [gasiedu@lgpcu.org](mailto:gasiedu@lgpcu.org), [abofos@yahoo.com](mailto:abofos@yahoo.com)

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# MINISTRY OF SANITATION AND WATER RESOURCES WEIJA GBAWE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (WGMA)



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As part of Component 1, the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources through, the Weija Gbawe Municipal Assembly, has proposed to undertake construction of drains at CP New Gbawe to alleviate flood risks in the communities.

The works will involve demolishing of the existing un-engineered line concrete along the channel; excavation of the drain channels; alignment, sizing and construction of lined drains and culverts; backfilling of trenches; and collection and disposal of construction wastes.

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WEIJA GBAWE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY  
WEIJA**

# KoKMA partners visual artists, others to beautify Accra

By Juliet Akyaa Safo

**T**HE Korle Klottey Municipal Assembly (KoKMA) has partnered the Ghana Association of Visual Artists (GAVA) and AccraDotAlt, an independent cultural network, to undertake a beautification project aimed at beautifying Accra.

Dubbed Accra Beautification Project, about 50 professional artists will begin working on the Ako Adjei Interchange

for a period of four weeks.

The assembly will provide the necessary resources and logistics at the cost of GH¢67,000, while GAVA and AccraDotAlt will provide the artists.

Other areas earmarked for beautification include the Efua Sutherland Children's Park, Liberation Circle, also known as Ridge Roundabout, Danquah Circle, the Community Centre around the High Street and some parts around the Accra Sports Stadium.

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly

(AMA) is said to have started with the Accra Beautification project two years ago, It partnered Jandel Limited, an event planning company, to light up the Ridge Roundabout during Christmas last year.

## Meeting

At a meeting in Accra yesterday to brief journalists about the project the President of GAVA, Nana Otuo Owoahene Acheampong, explained that murals, paintings executed directly on a wall, would be made on all slants of the overpass.

He said the artwork would mostly depict the culture and lifestyle of the Ga people who are the indigenes of the city.

"We will begin with painting the four slants under the overhead as well as its pillars with visuals, depicting the culture of the Gas, such as on chieftaincy, commerce, dance, symbols, among others," he said.

He noted that "materials such as stabilising primers, cement mortar mouldings painted over with acrylics will make the mural stand the test of time; a minimum period of 10 years".

Nana Acheampong, however, urged other assemblies to identify open spaces within their communities where

murals could be painted, to depict the lifestyle of the people.

## President's vision

The Executive Assistant to the Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) of the KoKMA, Ms Christine Dadson, speaking on behalf of the assembly, said the partnership was to help fulfil the President's vision to make Accra clean and beautiful.

"We are empowering the GAVA to start depicting murals of our culture, and that is why we are supporting them with all the necessary logistics to start the project," she said.

She was emphatic that the assembly was poised to do all that was necessary to see to the success of the project.

## No Defacing

KoKMA Director of the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) Mr Daniel Odei-Appiah, who is also the secretary to the KoKMA Beautification Committee the assembly would deal with persons who would deface the artwork with posters.

He explained that the assembly would trace the sources of the bills posted and have the offenders arrested, prosecuted or surcharged.



• Ms Christine Dadson (3rd right), Executive Assistant to the Municipal Chief Executive, presenting some painting materials to Nana Otuo Owoahene Acheampong (3rd left), President of GAVA

## Millennium Excellence Foundation launches fifth awards

News Desk Report

THE Millennium Excellence Foundation (MEF), will on February 13, 2020 launch the fifth Millennium Excellence Awards (MEA), Ghana's most prestigious and independent award, in Accra.

The Chairperson of the of the MEF, Mrs Grace Amey-Obeng, will perform the launch of the event which will be attended by a representative of the life patron, the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II and other past winners of the awards.

More than 1,600 individuals and organisations have been nominated in the 37 categories under the award, which is scheduled to take place in Accra in July, this year.

A statement released by the MEF in Accra yesterday said nominees were carefully selected by a MEF research team based on their selflessness, dedication, effort, knowledge and contribution to Ghana's socio-economic and political development.

It said the names of the nominees will be published in the Daily Graphic for the public to nominate one person or institution in each of the categories.

### Public to nominate

The public, the statement added, would also have the opportunity to nominate individuals and entities they feel are deserving of a Millennium Excellence Award but have not been captured in the list.

"All new nominations outside the published names must be justified with reasons for consideration," the statement said.

Known for its integrity and reputation for

excellence, the Foundation has, through the quinquennial awards recognised institutions and individuals in all sectors of the Ghanaian economy for their varied contributions to national development.

### About MEF

The Millennium Excellence Foundation has, as its Life Patron, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, who ensures the sustainability of its mission. It is headed by the Founder and President, Ashim Morton, whose goal is to drive the principles of sustainable development in Ghana.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman, together with the Board of Directors are the policy-makers at the Foundation. All members of the Foundation are experts in the fields of attention of the Foundation's policy framework.

The Foundation focuses most of its resources in three key areas---Agriculture and Food Security; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Science (WASH); and Innovation and Technology.

The three areas of focus are headed by the President, Board of Governors, Advisory Technical team and programme managers. This Executive Team, serve a five-yearly term and are responsible for overall management of the Foundation's Prize Ceremonies and Consultancy Services it provides. The team works with our partners to ensure the sustainability of our mission.

We align our objectives with the SDGs to reduce poverty, ensure accountability in governance in our three key areas of attention that will lead to sustainable growth and development for the citizens of Africa.

## Koku Anyidoho makes complaint to police

By Timothy Gobah

THE Founder and Chief Executive of the Atta Mills Foundation, Mr Koku Anyidoho, yesterday filed a complaint at the Cyber Crime Unit of the Ghana Police Criminal Investigation Department (CID) about the existence of a fake Facebook account in his name.

Speaking to journalists after submitting a written statement to the police, Mr Anyidoho denied the account and said, "these accounts, which are created in my name are being used by some persons to publish certain stuff attributed to me which are false."

"The first report was made some four years ago so

today's is the second report I'm making to assist the police to track down the perpetrators of such crimes," he said.

He said the fake publications were causing huge problems for him in the eyes of right thinking people and expressed the hope that the "CID will use all laid down procedures to bring the criminals to book."

The latest Facebook fraud under the name KokuAnyidoho, dated February, 2, 2020, allegedly posted at 10:20 a.m. on the controversial airbus court saga said: "No one should dare associate the late President John Evans Atta Mills with this stinking airbus bribery scandal. We all know who President Mills had investigated for a similar aircraft deal."

The fake Facebook account said: "Again, leave President Mills out of this. His record in office was impeccable, he was never corrupt. Allow him to rest in peace, President Mills, be rest assured, knowing that we will guard your unimpeachable legacy."



• Mr Koku Anyidoho

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### CHANGE OF NAME

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## NANA ADUBOFOUR GYAN

(A.K.A. GEORGE K. AIDOO) • NKOSOC HENE OF JEMA AND FORMERLY OF VALCO, TEMA

Which sad event occurred at Jema on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020: There Shall Be No Wake

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2020: Lying in State at Methodist School Park Jema, Bono East Region (from 5am - 9am)

Burial Service: Methodist School Park Jema, Bono East Region at 9am, Thence to The Methodist Church Cemetery for Interment

Final Funeral Rites: Methodist School Park, Adjacent Freeman Methodist Church immediately after Burial

Memorial and Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Freeman Methodist Church (Jema, Bono East Region) at 9am

WIDOW: Rose Aidoo (Mrs)

CHILDREN: Vida Acheampong - UK, Georgina Oppong Aidoo - Canada, Charles Osei Aidoo (late), Stephen Amoah - Bui Power Authority, Isaac Aidoo - formerly of NHIA, Supt. Yaw Sarkodie Aidoo - Ghana Immigration Service - HQ, Nana Kojo Aidoo - Jema, Yaw Sarpong Aidoo - Total Petroleum Gh. Ltd, Gifty Serwaa Aidoo - Eastern Naval Command Medical Centre, Tema Newtown, Daniel Sarkodie Aidoo - USA, Yaw Sarpong (Tuntum) - Tema, Yaa Ankomah - Jema



ALL FRIENDS AND SYMPATHISERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Attire: Black and Red (Saturday) • Black & White (Sunday)

## One Year Anniversary

### Nana Kwasi AWUKU YIRENKYI

- Former Headmaster - Bechem Presbyterian Secondary school
- Former Headmaster - Tema Secondary school
- Former President of Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT)
- Former Regional Director - Eastern Region
- Former Director, School of Languages - Ajumako

It is exactly one year since you left us in grief, but for a better celestial home above promised by our Sovereign Lord.

Your well-lived life has made a huge impact on many a soul that related with you and we feel profoundly proud making reference to you in our dealings.

As we reminisce your warm demeanour, exceptional exploits, and immense contributions towards society's progress, we pray that you continuously enjoy your peaceful rest with our Father, God the Creator.

**Fondly missed by your loving family**

**Unveiling - of - tombstone:** February 15, 2020 at Akropong at 8:30a.m.

#### Memorial Service

**VENUE:** Peace Presbyterian Church (Akropong)

**DATE:** February 16, 2020 at 9:30a.m

**We take consolation in your favourite  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)  
ACCRA – A. D. 2020

SUIT NO. CM/BDC/0199/2020

KANE – EM INDUSTRIES LTD. ... PLAINTIFF  
Plot No. H625/8  
North Industrial Area  
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VS

1. ECOBANK GHANA LIMITED ... DEFENDANTS  
Head Office  
No. 19 Seventh Avenue  
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2. GLORIA ADOMA OKYERE  
Ecobank Ghana Limited

(SGD)  
AKUA SARPOMAA AMOAH (MRS.)  
JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED  
SERVICE

UPON READING the Affidavit JOHN KOFI NTSEFUEL of H/No. 35, Apapar, Labadi, Accra, a Law Clerk of the Firm Smith and Adelaide Law, Solicitor for Plaintiff/Applicant, filed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 in Support of Motion Ex-parte for an Order for Substituted Service:

AND UPON HEARING KWABENA FRIMPONG MENSAH WITH ABWOA PAINTSIL, HOLDING BRIEF FOR BOBBY BANSON, Counsel for and on behalf the Plaintiff/Applicant herein;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of the Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim filed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 be effected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant, GLORIA ADOMA OKYERE, by the respective posting service and publication of copies thereof and of this order on:

- i. THE NOTICEBOARD OF THE HIGH COURT (COMMERCIAL DIVISION), ACCRA.
- ii. THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCE, ECOBANK GHANA LIMITED, NO. 19 SEVENTH AVENUE, RIDGE WEST, ACCRA.
- iii. BY A SINGLE PUBLICATION IN THE DAILY GRAPHIC NEWSPAPER.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant Shall be deemed to have duly served with the said processes fourteen (14) days after the respective posting, service and a single publication of same, as ordered by the Court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HIGH COURT (COMMERCIAL DIVISION), ACCRA THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

(SGD)  
STEPHEN AFOTEY  
REGISTRAR

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)  
ACCRA – AD 2019  
SUIT NO:

BETWEEN  
KANE- EM INDUSTRIES LTD PLAINTIFF  
PLOT NO B625/8  
NORTH INDUSTRIAL AREA  
ACCRA

AND

1. ECOBANK GHANA LIMITED 1<sup>ST</sup> DEFENDANT  
HEAD OFFICE  
NO. 19 SEVENTH AVENUE  
RIDGE WEST  
ACCRA
2. GLORIA ADOMA OKYERE 2<sup>ND</sup> DEFENDANT  
ECOBANK GHANA LTD  
(PLAINTIFF TO DIRECT SERVICE)

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

1. The Plaintiff is a limited liability company and conducts business in Accra as a manufacturer and trader in plastic products.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is licensed by the Bank of Ghana to provide banking and related services to customers.
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant was at the time material to this action an employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant and was stationed at the Plaintiffs business premises.
4. The Plaintiff states that at all times material to this action, it had an account with the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant.
5. The Plaintiff avers that by a Cash Management Agreement dated..... made between the Plaintiff and the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant and in pursuance of the good bank-customer relationship that existed between them, the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant stationed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant on its business premises.
6. The Plaintiff repeats the immediately preceding paragraph and further states that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant was responsible for receiving cash directly from Clients of Plaintiff and crediting same to Plaintiff's account with 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant.
7. The Plaintiff further avers that to enable 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant operate efficiently, she was adequately briefed on the internal operational arrangements of the Plaintiff.
8. The Plaintiff states that 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant had at all times full knowledge of the internal operations of Plaintiff business as follows:
  - i) Sales personnel were to issue the Plaintiff's customers with Pro-forma invoices for the products purchased.
  - ii) The customers presented the invoices to 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant teller who received direct cash payment from the customers
  - iii) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant was to receive and keep the invoice tendered and issue a receipt to the customer.
  - iv) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant then credits the account of the Plaintiff and enters the corresponding amounts in the Plaintiff's bank statement.
9. The Plaintiff avers that by virtue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant's presence on its premises, no Sales personnel of Plaintiff was authorized to receive payment from customers of Plaintiff.
10. The Plaintiff states that on or around 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014, it detected that the ledger book in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant made entries contained unusual cancellations, erasures and doctoring of figures.
11. The Plaintiff states that it immediately suspected foul play and made a report to the Ghana Police Service.
12. The Plaintiff further states that in addition to the report, it subsequently commissioned a firm of Chartered Accountants to conduct an audit into the accounts and activities of the Sales Department from where 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant operated.
13. The Plaintiff avers that the audit established several instances of malfeasance, the audit showed that some of the entries in the Plaintiff's

- ledger had been falsified, the same ledger the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant was to keep.
14. The Plaintiff repeats the immediately preceding paragraph and avers that the audit further showed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant had received an amount of **GH¢554,706.28** which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant had failed to credit to the Plaintiff's account.
  15. The Plaintiff avers that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant did not conduct affairs of the Plaintiff with the ordinary skill, care and trust expected of a banker.

PARTICULARS OF NEGLIGENCE

- a) Making wrong entries into the Plaintiff's ledger.
- b) Failure to credit the account of Plaintiff with the amount of **GH¢554,706.28**
- c) Failing to report to the Plaintiff or the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant her employer of her misappropriation.
16. The Plaintiff avers that through the activities of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant in the normal course of her employment, the Plaintiff has lost an amount of **GH¢554,706.28**
17. The Plaintiff states that it made the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant aware of this state of events by a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, it instructed its Solicitors to demand payment of the amount of **GH¢554,706.28** from the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant as a result of the loss occasioned by 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant.
18. The Plaintiff avers that by a letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant in reply to the Plaintiff's demand refused to honour the request but rather offered to pay the amount of Gh¢ 5,000 to the Plaintiff as compensation for its losses.
19. The Plaintiff states that unless compelled by the orders of this honourable Court, the Defendants will not pay for the loss of **GH¢554,706.28** occasioned by 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant.

WHEREFORE the Plaintiff claims against the Defendants jointly and severally as follows:

- a) A declaration that the Defendants are liable for the loss of **GH¢554,706.28** caused to Plaintiff business by 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant while acting in the normal course of her employment of as an agent or officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant.
- b) Damages for breach of Duty
- c) An order for the payment of an amount of **GH¢554,706.28** being the loss caused to Plaintiff's business as a result of the fraudulent activities of 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant.
- d) An order for the payment of interest on the amount of **GH¢554,706.28** at the prevailing bank rate from the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 to Plaintiff to the date of final payment.
- e) Legal Costs
- f) Any other order(s) as this Honourable Court deems fit

DATED AT SMITH & ADELAIDE LAW, ACCRA THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

BOBBY BANSON, ESQ  
SOLICITOR FOR PLAINTIFF  
LICENSE NO. GAR 20436/19

THE REGISTRAR  
HIGH COURT  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION.  
ACCRA

AND FOR SERVICE OF COPIES ON THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS



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## CONSTRUCTION OF:

- ❖ STORAGE FACILITY AND OFFICES FOR THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING, WINNEBA.
- ❖ ERECTION OF FENCE WALL.

LOT	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	COMPLETION PERIOD
1	CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FACILITY AND OFFICES FOR THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING, WINNEBA	WINNEBA	6 MONTHS
2	ERECTION OF FENCE WALL FOR THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING, WINNEBA	WINNEBA	6 MONTHS

The above institution, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Procurement Act 2003, (ACT, 663) and Act 914, (2016) as amended, intends to invite bids from eligible contractors for the construction of storage facility and offices; and construction of fence wall for the College.

Tender documents are available for purchase at a cost of two hundred and fifty Ghana cedis (GH¢250.00) at the accounts office of the College. Closing date for submission is 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at exactly 10:00 am.

Tenders will be opened in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who wish to attend at exactly 10:30am on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at the conference room of the college

## RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

1. A brief introductory letter including the business location
2. Valid business registration certificate
3. Valid certificate to commence business (companies)
4. Valid income tax clearance certificate
5. VAT registration certificate
6. Valid SSNIT clearance certificate
7. Works and Housing certificate
8. Labour certificate
9. PPA registration certificate

For further information, please contact the following numbers: 0332322217/0557900379



## METHODIST COLLEGE OF EDUCATION INVITATION FOR TENDER



### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE TENDERING

The Methodist College of Education intends to apply part of its budgetary allocation to fund eligible payments under the following:

LOTS	PACKAGE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	ER/MCE/GD/073/2020	DOMESTIC FOOD ITEMS	VARIOUS
2	ER/MCE/GD/049/2020	MERCANTILE FOOD ITEMS (PROVISIONS)	VARIOUS
3	ER/MCE/GD/045/2020	MERCANTILE FOOD ITEMS (NON-PROVISIONS)	VARIOUS
4	ER/MCE/GD/056/2020	FISH AND MEAT PRODUCTS	VARIOUS
5	ER/MCE/GD/079/2020	STATIONERY	VARIOUS
6	ER/MCE/GD/062/2020	SPICES	VARIOUS
7	ER/MCE/GD/063/2020	FUEL	VARIOUS

1. The Methodist College of Education invites sealed tenders from eligible tenderers for the procurement of the above-mentioned items.
2. A complete set of tender documents may be inspected and purchased on the college premises from Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 between 8am and 5pm each day and upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of GH¢200.00
3. Tenderers, as part of the tendering process, shall submit the following statutory documents as indicated below:
  - i) Valid Tax Clearance Certificate
  - ii) Business Registration Certificate (Attach annual renewal)
  - iii) Valid SSNIT Clearance Certificate
  - iv) VAT Registration Certificate
  - v) Public Procurement Authority Registration Certificate
4. Tenders must be signed, sealed and delivered to the address given below at or before 10 a.m. on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
5. Tenders will be opened in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend.

THE PRINCIPAL  
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 Tel: 0244260801,0248844881

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Felix Bosu Longdon (Head of Longdon family), Madam Margaret Amoah, David Longdon, Dr Charles B. Longdon, Kwamina Longdon.

Regret to announce to the glory of God the home calling of their beloved:

Mr MICHAEL EMMANUEL  
**LONGDON**  
 — UNCLE EBO —

which occurred in Accra on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT:

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**FILING PAST:** Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 (6.30am - 7.30am) Bethel Methodist Church, Aplaku, Accra

**BURIAL SERVICE:** 8:00am. Bethel Methodist Church, Aplaku, Accra

**CHILDREN:** Stella Charity Longdon (G.E.S), Margaret Evelyn Longdon (GRA, Accra), Samuel Emmanuel Longdon (London), Frederick Parker Longdon (London), Michael Godfrey Anguah Longdon (Accra).

**INTERMENT:** Private Burial

**FUNERAL RITES:** Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020 at Christian Home School, Dansoman, Accra. (1pm - 5pm)

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# Sports

## President gives Ghana Rugby Union \$100,000

By Donald Ato Dapatem,  
JUBILEE HOUSE

**P**RESIDENT Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has donated a \$100,000 support package to the Ghana Rugby Football Union (GRFU).

He said the money was for the cost of camping and incentive, especially for winning four international trophies, and urged them to win more laurels.

President Akufo-Addo made the announcement when the Ghana Rugby Football Union, led by its

President, Mr Herbert Mensah, and some members of the national teams presented four trophies they won recently to the President at the Jubilee House in Accra last Wednesday.

### Achievements

The men's team won the West Africa One D and the Dons Cup when they defeated Mauritius in the final. They also went to South Africa to win the Challenge Trophy, while the ladies team beat Zambia in Tunisia.

President Akufo-Addo said it was very encouraging that the laurels were achieved by both the men's

and women's teams and expressed his surprise that despite the relatively small stature of the female players, unlike their strongly built male counterparts, they still won trophies.

He said he liked the idea of developing a strong rugby tradition in Ghana and once the teams had started chalking up some success, it was an indication of its potential in Ghana which should be developed.

President Akufo-Addo supported the idea of opening the doors of rugby to pupils, irrespective of their background, to learn and play the sport.

He gave an assurance that there would be discussions with the

Minister of Education about the possibility of adding rugby to the school curriculum to allow the team to train interested Ghanaian children in various schools.

He asked the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr Perry Okudzeto, who was at the meeting, to look into the reported obstacles facing the rugby team in using the national stadia for training.

### Experience

President Akufo-Addo surprised many of the people at the auditorium when he disclosed that during his youthful years in England, he played rugby for his school team. "Imagine for my size, I was the natural scrum half. So I know a little bit about the game," said the President whose revelation drew a long and thunderous applause, especially from the players.

### GRFU's global outlook

Mr Mensah noted that he was aware President Akufo-Addo was an astute sports person who played and had good knowledge about a lot of the disciplines, including rugby, football, cricket, boxing, tennis and that if he was pitched against all living Presidents, he would outclass them.

He said the GRFU was being run with a global outlook with its coaches from Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom and South Africa, and had been investing over the years from their own mobilised resources which led to the success.

# Home

## Mohammed named Player of the Month

Aduana Stars forward, Yahaya Mohammed, has been adjudged winner of Ghana Premier League NASCO Player of the Month for January.

The leading goal scorer in the league with eight goals, Mohammed beat off competition from Inter Allies' Victorien Adebayor, Berekum Chelsea's Zacharia Fuseini, Medeama's Prince Opoku Agyemang and Asante Kotoko's Justice Blay.

Mohammed was in sensational form in the six games under review (weeks one to six) between December last year and last month.



• President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (arrowed) with officials of the GRFU and national team players after their meeting at the Jubilee House. Picture: SAMUEL TEI ADANO.

## Allotey to contest six-month ban

By Bernard Neequaye

CABIC Promotions, managers of former World Boxing Organisation (WBO) Africa super welterweight champion, Patrick Allotey, are expected to appeal against a six-month suspension slapped on the boxer by the Ghana Boxing Authority (GBA) for assaulting a soccer fan at the Accra Sports Stadium on January 26, 2020.

Allotey's camp said it hoped to appeal to overturn the suspension which took effect from yesterday following a meeting between the GBA executive and the boxer at the Bukom Boxing Arena in Accra last Wednesday.

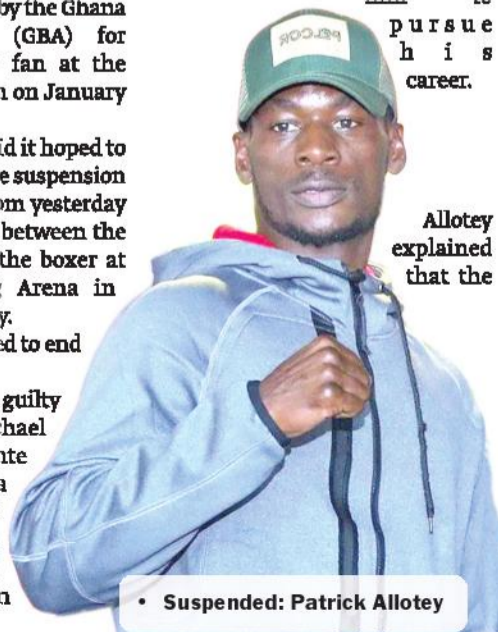
The ban is expected to end in August.

Allotey was found guilty of assaulting Michael Siaw (a fan of Asante Kotoko) during a Premier League match between Hearts of Oak and Kotoko as captured in a viral video.

### Upcoming fight

In an interview with the *Daily Graphic*, the 29-year-old boxer revealed that his managers, Cabic Promotions, were bent on appealing against the outcome of the GBA meeting in order to allow

him to pursue his career.



Allotey explained that the

• Suspended: Patrick Allotey

suspension could affect his upcoming fight scheduled for April in Ghana and, therefore, prayed the GBA would overturn the ruling to ensure his return to the ring for the first time in seven months.

"I received the ruling of the GBA after my appearance and I can confirm to you that it is indeed a six-month suspension. My managers are looking forward to appealing the ruling in order to allow me to box in April when I am scheduled to make my return to the ring," he stressed.

### Settlement

Meanwhile, Allotey said he was looking forward to an amicable settlement with the victim after he was released by the Ministries Police Station where he was charged for assault.

The boxer, who lost a world title fight against Mexican Jaime Munguia in September last year, fears his career could hang in a balance if the ban persists as he hopes to return to winning ways this year.

## Kemeh to defend IBF title April 11

By Bernard Neequaye

GHANAIAN super welterweight boxer, Dodzi Kemeh, is expected to make a defence of his International Boxing Federation (IBF) Africa title against Brazil's Sergio Dos Santos Carvalho at White Dove, Dzodze, in the Volta Region on April 11, 2020.

Kemeh is billed to headline 11 professional bouts on the Ace Power Promotions card dubbed: "Thunder in Volta". He makes a return to the ring five months after defeating Frank Dodzi to win the IBF continental crown.

The 28-year-old boxer is looking forward to inflicting a first defeat on the 31-year-old Brazilian

who is undefeated in 13 bouts with 11 knockouts.

### Winning streak

Kemeh, on the other hand, boasts 24 wins out of 26 fights, with 21 stoppages. He is undefeated in his last five bouts which he won via knockouts against Sani Yidana Kugblie, Francis Appalo, Francis Mensah, Ben Ankrah and Dodzi.

A win over Carvalho could take Kemeh into the top 15 of the IBF ratings, as well as boost his quest for a world title shot in future.

### Other bouts

In the other fights of the packed night, Holy Dorgbator will slug it out with Emmanuel Otoo in a super bantamweight

contest. Daniel Aduku and George Amuzu will slug it out in a middleweight clash, with Samson Sagbeezi engaging Sany Vidana Kugblie in a super welterweight contest.

Abraham Afful will fight Isaac Tetteh in a welterweight contest. Seidu Amadu faces Hounkpatim Mathieu of Togo in a super featherweight clash, while Francis Gakpetor fights Dan Quartey in a super welterweight clash.

There will be a light heavyweight bout between Sylvanus Tsagli and Francis Manda, with Nigeria's Tunde Aderogba taking on Martin Ahiadekey in a super lightweight contest.

Felix Okine and Alfred Quaye will slug it out in a super bantamweight contest, while Kofi Manu engages Namou Samson Aziz in a super welterweight encounter.



# Pokuase Interchange project: Govt releases GH¢10m for compensation

By Timothy Ngenbe

**T**HE government has released GH¢10 million for the payment of compensation for critical structures to facilitate the effective execution of the Pokuase Interchange project in the Ga

West Municipality of the Greater Accra Region.

The Resident Engineer of Associated Consultants Limited, the consulting firm for the project, Mr Kwabena Bempong, who disclosed this to the *Daily Graphic*, said the company received the final 75 per cent of the money in December 2019 after the initial release of GH¢2.5 million.

He said the release of the money had been a massive boost to the execution of the project which was currently at a 60 per cent completion stage.

"The good news is that the government has released GH¢10 million for compensation and as I speak, 50 per cent of the amount has been paid out for critical structures. We have also started looking at payments for non-critical structures such as kiosks and other make-shift structures which are not directly in the right of way but have to be removed so that they will not be negatively impacted in the future," Mr Bempong said.

He said this in an interview when the Minister of Roads and Highways, Mr Kwesi Amoako Atta, toured the project

site and other road projects in the Greater Accra Region.

The resident engineer explained that the payment of compensation for critical structures on the right of way had been one of the milestones of the project because it was a major obstacle to the success of the facility.

## Progress of work

Mr Bempong said work had progressed to 60 per cent, which was an indication that barring any hitches, it could be "substantially completed by October this year".

"From the Awoshie end of the project, we have done four kilometres (km) of dual carriageway; beyond the bridge to Kwabenya side, we have done two kilometres of road while 50 per cent of the work on the Accra-Kumasi direction has also been done and we have started doing cement stabilising, which is part of the pavement structure," he said.

He added that most of the drainage work, including three kilometres of storm drains, had been done.

He said the company had also done 10 kilometres (km) of roads to local communities as part of the project.

## The project

The Pokuase Interchange project comprises a four-tier interchange at Pokuase, a five-kilometre Awoshie-Pokuase road, two-kilometre Accra-Nsawam road, two-kilometre Kwabenya road and 10 kilometres of local roads to improve traffic flow in parts of Accra.

**"The good news is that the government has released GH¢ 10 million for compensation and as I speak, 50 per cent of the amount has been paid out for critical structures."**



• An aerial view of the Pokuase Interchange project. Picture: BENEDICT OBUOBI

# Ministry engages groups over closed fishing season

By Emelia Ennin Abbey

THE Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development has started stakeholder engagements towards the 2020 closed fishing season to ensure its successful implementation.

The engagements, which started in Accra, attracted leaders of the various fishing groups, representatives of civil society organisations and non-governmental organisations and the media to seek their views on how to ensure the sustainable exploitation of the country's fish stock.

## Readiness

The meeting was attended by leaders of the Ghana National Canoe Fishers Council (GNCF), the Ghana Industrial Trawlers Association (GITA) and the National Fishers Association of Ghana (NAFAG).

The leaders indicated their readiness to support the ministry to ensure full compliance with the 2020 fishing closed season.

Speaking for NAFAG, its Coordinating Secretary, Mr Daniel Yaw Owusu, said its members would embrace the closed season, which he described as a recovery measure that would save the country's fishing sector.

The Board Secretary of GITA, Mr Oyeman Ofori-Ani, said members of the association had been observing the closed season for the past five years.

He appealed to the ministry to undertake pre- and post-fishing closed season assessment of Ghana's fish stock to help evaluate its impact.

The acting National President of the GNCF, Nana Jojo Solomon, proposed that this year's fishing closed season be observed in July, as scientists had suggested.

## Dwindling stock

The sector Minister, Mrs Elizabeth Afoley Quaye, said the retrogression in the fisheries sector could be prevented when all stakeholders worked together.

"The closed season is a major measure in ensuring that we save our marine sector from dwindling stocks. Last year, it was successful and I am hopeful the 2020 edition will be an improvement, with the support of all fishing groups," she said.

She urged the Fisheries Scientific Survey Department of the Fisheries Commission to share the assessment of last year's closed season with industry players to encourage them to embrace this year's ban.

"If we don't have a scientific basis for getting

all stakeholders on board, it'll be difficult," she said.

On the issue of illegal unreported and unregulated fishing practices, she said the ministry was committed to combating the phenomenon, which was contributing to the dwindling fish stock in Ghana's waters.

Mrs Quaye urged the leaders of the various fishing groups to engage their members on the

2020 fishing closed season to get their buy-in.

## All fleet

The Executive Director of the Fisheries Commission, Mr Michael Arthur-Dadzie, explained that the closed season would be observed by all fleets, except the tuna fleet, which would observe a two-month closed season in line with international regulations.



• Mrs Elizabeth Afoley Quaye speaking at the stakeholders' engagement