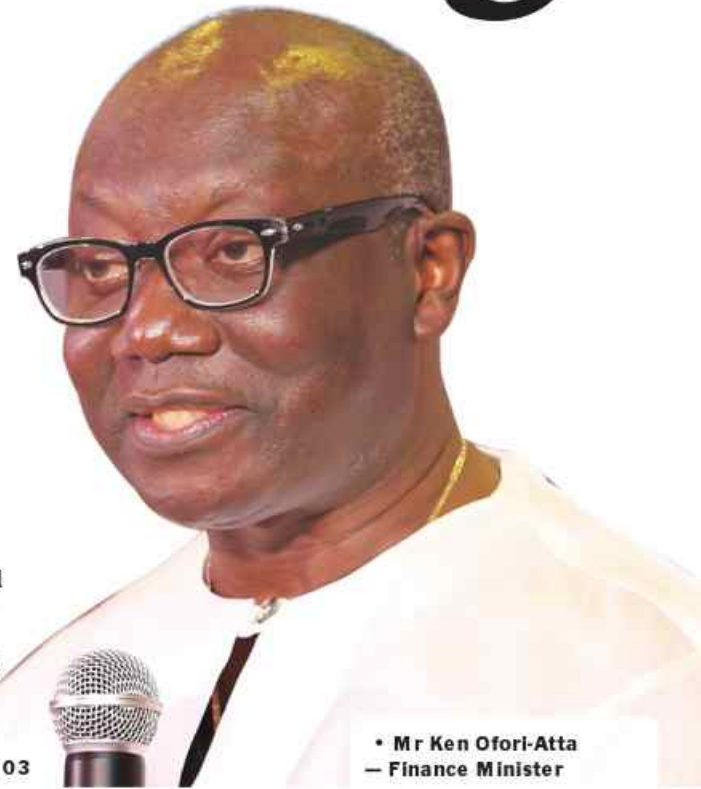


# GH¢10bn package earmarked

- It'll support entrepreneurship
- Says Finance Minister at post-budget workshop



• Mr Ken Ofori-Atta  
— Finance Minister

From Jemima Achivors, HO

**T**HE government is rolling out a GH¢10-billion package over three years as support for start-up businesses and youth entrepreneurship ventures

in the country.

In line with this, the government, through the E-Levy, proposes to use GH¢1 billion each year to catalyse an ecosystem to create one million jobs.

In partnership with its development partners, the government will

raise another GH¢2 billion to support the same cause.

Local banks have also agreed on a package that will result in increasing their small and medium enterprises (SMEs) portfolio up to GH¢5 billion over the next

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• Captain Kojo Tsikata

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ONE of the stalwarts in the printing industry and Managing Director of G-Pak Limited, a subsidiary of the Graphic Communications Group Limited (GCGL), Mr James Kwame Edu Dadzie, was laid to rest last Saturday after emotions-filled ceremonies and rituals.

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## Dogboe outpoints Diaz

FEATHERWEIGHT contender Isaac Dogboe scored a majority decision victory over Christopher "Pitufu" Diaz in a back-and-forth battle in an preliminary bout on the undercard of the Terence Crawford-Shawn Porter card last Saturday night at the Michelob Ultra Arena in Mandalay Bay.

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EMPLOYMENT opportunities still exist in the public sector for graduates, the Vice-President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia has said.

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## GIJ to start MPhil, PhD programmes

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# News

## GH¢10bn package earmarked

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three years.

### Interview

Speaking with the *Daily Graphic* on the sidelines of a post-budget engagement with the leadership and Members of Parliament (MPs) in the Volta Regional capital, Ho, last Saturday, the Finance Minister said: "The government is making the most extensive attempt in its history at kick-starting the entrepreneurial state."

"Over the next three years, the government will commit up to GH¢1 billion annually for the YouStart initiative, while the development partners and financial institutions will complement government funding with close to GH¢2 billion and GH¢5 billion, respectively. This is a clarion call for a 'new deal'," he added.

### Stakeholder engagement

This week, the Finance Minister is continuing with the stakeholder engagements and will meet with the National Union of Ghana Students to discuss further details of the rollout.

The two-day workshop in Ho facilitated extensive dialogue among MPs, the Ministry of Finance and other key stakeholders on the principles and critical issues of the 2022 budget.

In his presentation, Mr Ofori-Atta said the 2022 budget "dealt with the past and delivers opportunities in the present, while investing in the future in a responsible and interconnected manner".

In a lively presentation, he emphasised: "The time has come for Ghana to

become an 'Entrepreneurial Nation'."

### 2022 Budget

The 2022 Budget, on the theme: "Building a sustainable entrepreneurial nation: fiscal consolidation and job creation", emphasises a post-COVID-19 economic recovery agenda, centred on youth entrepreneurship.

Accordingly, the YouStart initiative was announced in the budget as the vehicle for supporting young entrepreneurs to gain access to capital, training, technical skills and mentoring to launch and operate their businesses.

The YouStart will be carried out through the Ghana Enterprises Agency (GEA), the National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (NEIP) and partner financial institutions.

### Domestic revenue mobilisation

According to the Finance Minister, the government's resolve was to depend less on borrowing and more on domestic revenue mobilisation.

That, he said, would materialise if "we all

support these revenue enhancing and expenditure rationalisation measures".

"We are, therefore, calling on this august House to support us to

@ a glance



15 years of providing loans to women



The Finance Minister, Mr Ken Ofori-Atta, has said the YouStart initiative will be supported with a GH¢10 billion package, funded with GH¢3 billion E-Levy proceeds and GH¢7 billion from development partners and local financial institutions.

get these measures through, as you have done in the past. Mr Speaker, we are determined to reduce the debt burden and promote our debt sustainability as our path to building an entrepreneurial state and creating jobs, especially for the youth," the minister had urged Parliament when he presented the budget last Wednesday.

### Potential in Volta Region

On the potential in the Volta Region, Mr Ofori-Atta described the vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurs in the Volta Region as a mirror image of what the government sought to harness as it put in place efforts to support private sector development through the YouStart initiative.

He said he was impressed by the level of innovation at display by especially youth entrepreneurs at the ongoing Volta Trade Fair, which commenced last week.

He commended the Volta Regional Coordinating Council and

the Volta/Eastern/Oti Chapter of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI), the organisers of the fair, for their proactive initiative in showcasing the capacity of ingenuity of Ghanaians.

"I have seen a lot of entrepreneurs doing things quietly from here, even with all the challenges. But it goes to the

heart of the matter of how to eliminate this youth unemployment issue which has become an intractable part of our landscape," Mr Ofori-Atta said.

He said his visit had emboldened him, the government and his ministry about the necessity and expediency of the E-Levy.

### Lessons to be learnt

Mr Ofori-Atta also described the Volta Trade Fair as a fine example for other regional ministers to rely on to properly tackle the issue of entrepreneurship building and a sustainable entrepreneurial nation in finding solutions to the youth unemployment

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• Mr Ken Ofori-Atta (2nd from left), Finance Minister, interacts with an exhibitor while being conducted round the fair by Dr Archibald Yao Letsa (left), Volta Regional Minister

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# Biden to hold Africa summit to boost cooperation

ABUJA (NIGERIA), NOVEMBER 21

**U**S President Joe Biden plans to hold a summit with African leaders to show Washington's commitment to the continent, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said.

Blinken made the announcement last Friday from the Nigerian capital of Abuja, his second stop on a three-country tour of Africa that began in Nairobi, Kenya, and will end in Dakar, Senegal.

"President Biden intends to host the US-Africa Leaders Summit to drive the

kind of high-level diplomacy and engagement that can transform relationships and make effective cooperation possible," Blinken said.

Blinken, who is on his first visit to sub-Saharan Africa as Secretary of State and is the highest-ranking Biden administration official to visit the region, did not give a date for the summit.

However, last Friday, delivering a speech to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Blinken vowed an overhaul of the US approach to Africa that would treat the continent as a "major geopolitical power" and that would boost development without the "strings" often attached to such deals.

"Too often, international



• US President Joe Biden

infrastructure deals are opaque, coercive. They burden countries with unmanageable debt," he said. "They're environmentally destructive. They don't always benefit the people who actually live there." "We will do things differently."

While the US has increasingly focused on countering China's engagement with the continent, Blinken did not reference the superpower, which will hold a China-Africa cooperation summit later this month in Senegal. — ALJAZEERA

# Sudan's military reinstates Hamdok

KHARTOUM (SUDAN), NOVEMBER 21

SUDAN'S ousted Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok has been reinstated following last month's coup when he was put under house arrest.

He has appeared on TV to sign a new power-sharing agreement with coup leader Gen Abdel Fattah al-

Burhan amid continuing mass protests.

The civilian coalition that nominated Mr Hamdok as PM two years ago has refused to acknowledge any new deal. The pact had been struck with a gun to his head, a spokesperson told the BBC.

"The future of the country will be determined by the young people on

the ground," Siddiq Abu-Fawwaz, from the Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) coalition, told BBC's News hour programme.

On the streets of the capital, the security forces have fired tear gas at protesters marching towards Khartoum's Presidential Palace, demanding the military's complete withdrawal from politics.

Since October 25 when the military declared a state of emergency and dissolved the civilian leadership, at least 40 people have died in mass protests against the coup.

Mr Hamdok was quoted by Reuters news agency as saying he had agreed to the deal to stop the violence: "Sudanese blood is precious,

let us stop the bloodshed and direct the youth's energy into building and development."

It is not clear how much power the reinstated prime minister and his cabinet of technocrats will have.

The military has come under intense international and domestic pressure to restore the transition to democracy. — BBC

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# Daily Graphic

EDITORIAL

Monday, November 22, 2021

## Child labour canker must be addressed

**L**AST Saturday, we published a disheartening story which said more than three million children were reportedly engaged in child labour. Again, the report indicated that it was estimated that more than one out of every five children in Ghana (21.8 per cent) were involved in child labour. Over the years, we have always found one reason or another, including cultural and traditional practices, to justify the issue of children engaged in one form of labour or another.

But, certainly, any such form of labour is a clear violation of the children's constitutional rights and a critical leakage to accelerated national development.

Due to economic hardships or lack of hands to support the home, we often find reasons to send our children to farms, the riverside and the streets to hawk or even engage in child prostitution, instead of going to school. Due to irresponsible parenting, some children are also forced to engage themselves in these negative trades to keep body and soul together.

Sadly, our Department of Children and Welfare units are unable to help because of logistical constraints. It is not the case that Ghana does not have the laws or the legal framework

to protect children against child labour; its enforcement is the headache.

For instance, even though Section 96 of the Children's Act, 1998 (Act 560) mandates metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies (MMDAs) to enforce the laws on child labour, we wonder which of our MMDAs are able to enforce it. Again, although Section 88 of the Children's Act, 1998 (Act 560) prohibits night work and long hours of work for children, many children are caught in that web.

Indeed, it is the norm in some parts of the country for schoolchildren to be used as farm hands by teachers and also undertake household chores for them.

When we expose our children to these hazards, the consequences are always grave, not only for the families but also the country as a whole.

For instance, the just ended Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) in the Wenchi municipality saw 14 pregnant candidates and 11 nursing mothers taking part. In the event that these unfortunate teenagers do not get the requisite support after delivery, it means their children will also be exposed to such hazards.

This is where the Daily Graphic would want to encourage all stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations, to come on board to support and put our children at their rightful place to help reduce the poverty gap.

In the past, there were some NGOs and civil society organisations which had undertaken projects to support the education and vocational training of children in the cities and villages as a way of empowering them to be gainfully employed.

We believe that it is time we sat down as a country to review all the legal frameworks, identify the challenges in their implementation and come up with appropriate solutions to address the canker of child labour.

Fighting child labour issues should not be left with any one ministry or agency; we must all play a key role in addressing the problem. For instance, how come our MMDAs have never thought of it or come up with a programme or solution to address child labour issues in their respective jurisdictions?

We cannot and should not expect the central government to address the child labour menace alone when the MMDAs are on the ground to effectively deal with it.

The media will continue to bring these development challenges to the fore and we expect our duty bearers not to sweep the issues under the carpet.

The time to act is now before it is too late. We need to build our human capital for the effective management of our resources and also position our country to reap the dividends.

We will be losing the agenda if we allow so many of our children to engage in child labour activities, instead of educating to take over from where we will leave off.

Your voice

Last Saturday, the Daily Graphic carried a lead story which said there were three million minors in the country involved in child labour. How do we effectively overcome the problem of child labour confronting the nation? Our Staff Reporter, Kester Aburam Korankye, seeks the views of readers.



George Opoku Mensah  
Morning Show host  
(Opemsuo FM, Manhyia Palace)

The laws governing child rights should be enforced and we must ensure that people who subject minors to child labour receive commensurate punishment.



Godfred Kwamena Bartels  
Social Activist

The NCCE should intensify public education on the Children's Act to sensitise people to the effects of child labour on the individual and society at large.



Michael Bampoe-Boohene  
Child Rights Activist

Children are gifts of God and, as a nation, we must endeavour to protect and nurture them into responsible citizens. Therefore, child labour must be seen openly as a crime that is punishable.

# Media, information literacy as public good

By Stephen Tindi,

**I**T has been both affirmed and denied that mass media has a substantial influence on people and cultures worldwide. It will perhaps be admitted that the mass media is an influential force in modern and modernising societies.

In Ghana and other developing nations in the sub-Saharan Africa, the influence of the mass media is conspicuous.

Media influence on audiences is likely to be more profound as Ghana's media landscape metamorphoses into a

hyper-choice system.

Media audiences' continuous exposure to media may lead to both positive and negative effects. Still, adverse effects, such as the contamination of local cultures and the local media

sector's toppling are more common in Ghana.

In addition, the local media ecosystem is witnessing a surge in misinformation, political polarisation and insidious hate speech.

Unfortunately, the National Media Commission (NMC) and allied media regulators cannot fully address the media's adverse impact on audiences.

### Media, information literacy

More than ever, it has become critical to empower citizens to resist the adverse impact of media exposure through Media and Information Literacy (MIL).

MIL is a set of skills and competencies that enables people to use information and media effectively.

MIL is an essential requirement for active citizenship in today's knowledge society. Media and information literate people can access, analyse, reflect upon, use, create and share media content responsibly.

MIL is related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 4 — quality education and 5 — gender equality as it equips citizens with critical information, media and digital competencies for quality education, active citizenship, and peace-building.

It also helps citizens detect and combat stereotypes, hate and racial discrimination in the media (online and offline). MIL is, therefore, a public good that must be supported and promoted for the benefit of society.

Countries such as the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom (UK), and Germany are increasingly integrating MIL into their educational curricular to ensure that children develop the competencies to decode media messages and use digital media early and effectively. The situation is different in Ghana.

Universities such as the Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) and the University of Ghana and civil society organisations such as Penplusbytes, DW-Akademie and the Africa Centre for Media and Financial Literacy (ACMFL) have been actively promoting MIL.

However, there is still much more to be done to achieve MIL for all in Ghana.

### Support

Support for MIL in Ghana can take many forms. To begin with, both formal and non-formal educational institutions in Ghana must be encouraged to introduce aspects of MIL in their curriculum immediately and gradually

integrate MIL wholly into their curricula.

Parents and guardians must also take a keen interest in their children and wards' media habits; they must also support young people to use traditional and digital media wisely.

Further, media literacy scholars, experts and other people knowledgeable about media technologies must continue to educate the public to increase the media consciousness of the citizenry.

In addition, it is necessary to identify and support categories of people more susceptible to media influence, such as children, adolescents and illiterate citizens to develop their MIL competencies. Finally, the government can support MIL by improving access to information and media, including digital media.

The government can also build on the momentum of the Global Media and Information Literacy Week celebrated each year to mobilise stakeholders further to advance MIL as a public good in Ghana.

The writer is a lecturer of the Department of Communication Sciences, GIJ, /advocate for Mill.

**Media influence on audiences is likely to be more profound as Ghana's media landscape metamorphoses into a hyper-choice system.**

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• Hannah Gittings (left), Anthony Huber's girlfriend, and Justin Blake, Jacob Blake's uncle, speaking after the verdict

# Biden, others urge restraint after murder teen acquitted

WISCONSIN (UNITED STATES), NOVEMBER 21

**T**HERE have been calls for calm in the US after a teenager who shot dead two people during racial unrest last year was cleared of all charges.

Kyle Rittenhouse, 18, argued he was acting in self-defence when he shot the men and injured a third in Wisconsin.

The verdict last Friday, which followed a high-profile trial that divided the US, sparked protests in some cities. But politicians, including President Joe Biden, and families of the victims have urged restraint.

"What we need right now is justice, not more violence," lawyers for the family of Gaige Grosskreutz, who was shot and injured by Mr Rittenhouse, said in a statement.

"I urge everyone to express their views peacefully, consistent with the rule of law," Mr Biden told reporters outside the White House.

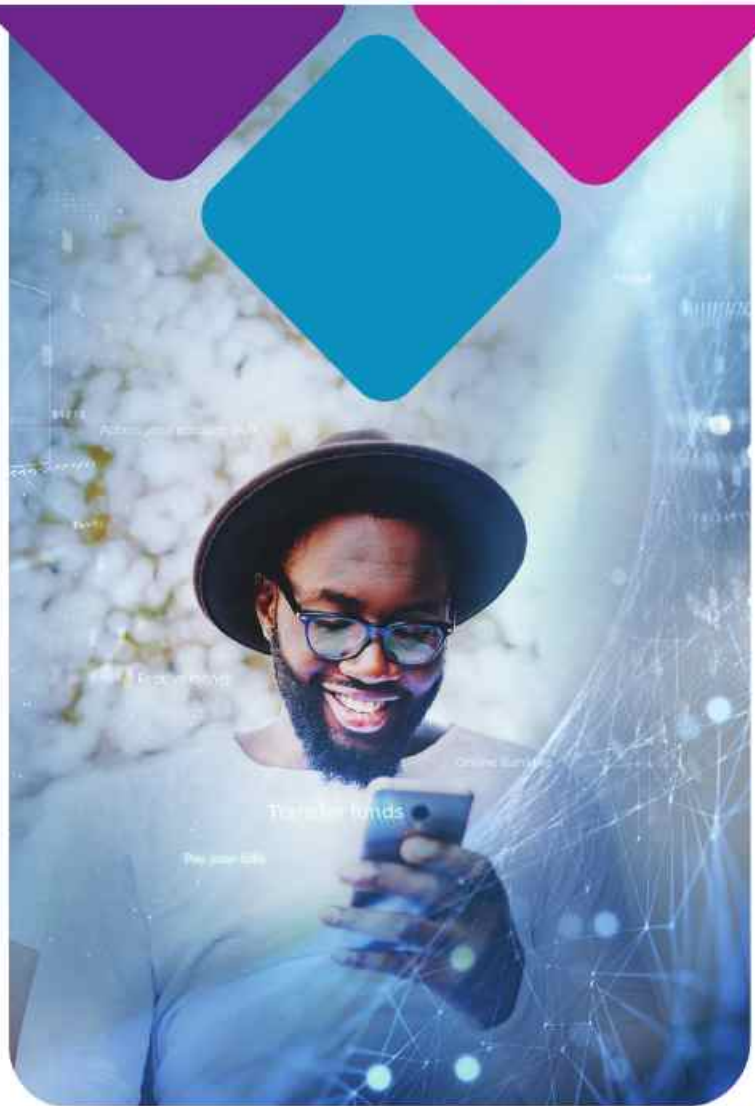
Despite the calls for calm, a riot was declared by police in the city of Portland, Oregon, on Friday evening as some 200 people broke windows and threw objects.

There were also protests in Chicago and New York, but they were relatively low-key compared to the widespread civil unrest that the US had seen previously.

Mr Rittenhouse said he was acting in self-defence when he fatally shot Joseph Rosenbaum, 36, and Anthony Huber, 26, and injured Mr Grosskreutz, 28, in August 2020 in the city of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The teenager and the men he shot are all white. The incident happened during violent protests over the shooting of a black man, Jacob Blake, by a white police officer.

Jacob Blake's uncle was outside the court when Mr Rittenhouse was acquitted. "We're going to continue to fight and we're going to continue to be peaceful. Let freedom ring," Justin Blake said. — BBC



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# France sends special forces to Guadeloupe

PARIS (FRANCE), NOVEMBER 21

**F**RANCE is sending police special forces to restore order in the French overseas territory of Guadeloupe hit by rioting and looting amid protests against COVID-19 protocols, French Interior Minister, Gerald Darmanin said.

"The first message is that the state will stand firm," Darmanin told reporters after holding a crisis meeting on the situation in the Caribbean archipelago with Overseas Territory Minister Sebastien Lecornu.

Darmanin said France would send about 50 members of the GIGN and RAID elite tactical forces of the gendarmerie and police to the territory, where stores have been looted, shots fired at police, and 31 people were arrested overnight.

The extra forces will increase the number of police and gendarmes available in Guadeloupe to 2,250, Darmanin said.

Lecornu said Prime Minister Jean Castex would meet on Monday with Guadeloupe officials to discuss the situation.

Guadeloupe's prefect, Alexandre Rochatte, who represents the French government on the archipelago, last Friday had imposed a curfew from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. following five days of civil unrest during which barricades burned in the streets and firefighters and doctors walked out on strike.

In a bulletin on Twitter referring to vandalism, Rochatte later said that damage to electrical works near dams, especially by one in Capesterre-Belle-Eau, was causing outages to many customers, and warned it represented an electrocution risk.

Trade unions launched an indefinite strike on Monday to protest the compulsory vaccination of health workers against COVID-19 and health pass requirements. — REUTERS

# EU, Britain talks on Northern Ireland progress

LONDON (UNITED KINGDOM), NOVEMBER 21

**P**ROGRESS was made last Friday in talks between the European Union and Britain on post-Brexit trade issues affecting Northern Ireland and solutions can be found if London redoubles its efforts, the EU official in charge of the talks said last Sunday.

The two sides agreed last week to intensify efforts to resolve difficulties over trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a British province that shares a land border with EU member, the Republic of Ireland.

"We had some progress last Friday," Maros Sefcovic, Vice-President of the European Commission, said during an interview with the BBC.

"I'm sure that if Lord Frost and the UK would double their efforts, we can resolve all the outstanding issues to the satisfaction of the people of Northern Ireland," he said, referring to the Chief British Negotiator, David Frost.

During weeks of verbal sparring, London has repeatedly threatened to invoke Article 16, an emergency brake in the Northern Ireland chapter of the Brexit deal, a move that could trigger a full-blown trade war between the EU and Britain. — ALJAZEERA

# Letters

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## Re: GHA declares war on over-weight, over-height trucks

**I** READ with awe the above captioned piece at pages 24 and 25 of the *Daily Graphic* issue of Tuesday, November 9, 2021. I commend the acting Chief Executive for Ghana Highway Authority (GHA), Mr Christian Nti, for such a bold initiative, belated though, and again, to add to it and make suggestions.

It is welcome news that GHA is teaming up with the relevant bodies, notably the police, to address the challenges of overweight and over-height trucks.

On the former, I believe it boils down to the integrity of GHA personnel tasked to manage the weighbridge facilities and, again, the sanctioning regime for erring personnel.

It is trite knowledge that some weight infractions are overlooked by some personnel for a pittance, which is heart wrecking, worrying, and must be addressed moving forward.

In relation to the latter, it is my contention that the human interface like the police must be removed from the equation for good reasons.

Rather gantry posts should be erected prior to approaching all such road infrastructure. Apart from these gantry posts being self-checking around the clock, it will address all challenges associated with the human interface and produce the maximum results.

On the encroaching of road reservation, I believe the GHA must have an introspection, and focus their attention on their unit charged to protect such reservations.

Again, they must collaborate with the various Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs), Town and Country Planning, Lands Commission, National Security, etc. to address this challenge.

I appeal to the GHA to dualise the road from the Tema Motorway to their weighbridge facility to avert situations where laden trucks destined for the facility get stuck on the motorway, posing risks and inconveniencing other road users anytime they break down.

*Osei Kwabena,  
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 Cocoa Marketing Company,  
 Accra/road safety advocate.  
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• Mr Christian Nti — acting Chief Executive, Ghana Highway Authority

## VIP buses must park well to prevent traffic

TRAFFIC congestion on highways in the city can be attributed to several factors.

I thought the Interchange at the Kwame Nkrumah Circle would reduce the early morning congestion, but that seems not to be the case because of how some VIP buses are parked in the area.

Discussions with some people who have lived abroad show that in advanced countries buses are orderly parked in order not to obstruct traffic.

Most long and short journeys in Ghana are undertaken by road and public transport, with the Circle Neoplan Station being key.

Management of the station should ensure that all buses at the station are parked properly to avoid traffic congestion in the area.

Transport experts say that the fundamental cause of congestion is the friction or mutual interference between vehicles in the traffic flow.

We need to learn from others to improve upon our services and the management of the VIP, as well as the Circle Neoplan Station must consider measures to ease traffic in their area.

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## Pharmacy Council, this is discriminatory, extortion

**I** WOULD like to bring to the attention of the government and the relevant authorities the illegality, extortion, unfairness and discrimination being perpetuated against Ghanaians trained outside who apply to write the professional qualifying examination by the Pharmacy Council.

The illegality lies in the fact that these foreign trained candidates who have returned to the country out of patriotism and have done their national service/internship in Ghana, are being asked to pay in dollars whereas their counterparts are being asked to pay in cedis.

Meanwhile, they are no more outside the country and the only legal tender in Ghana is the Ghana Cedi.

Foreign-trained pharmacists are paying \$800, equivalent to about GH¢4,800.00, while their counterparts are paying GH¢350.00.

That is about 14 times of what their colleagues are paying in local currency.

Similarly, when registering for the national service or internship, foreign trained pharmacists are asked to pay \$100 as against GH¢100 paid by their Ghanaian-trained counterparts.

What is surprising is that the Council's ad on the examinations makes reference to foreigners who were trained in Ghana and want to take part in the examination, but how then do they place Ghanaians trained outside in the same category of candidates?

The irony of the situation is that these foreign-trained pharmacists, out of patriotism, have returned to help build the country.

When they were doing their national service, they were paid the same amount in local currency as their Ghana-trained counterparts.

They are all going to answer the same set of questions in the same English language and the scripts will be marked by the same examiners.

It is worth mentioning that most of these candidates were brilliant but needy students who were lucky to have Ghana Government scholarship to study outside.

They have come back with nothing but knowledge, thus to ask them to pay such cut-throat fees different from other Ghanaians is unacceptable.

The questions are: Have these young pharmacists been made less Ghanaian by the mere fact that they were trained outside? Or they are just being made cash cows. In any case, where do these monies go?

This attitude of the Pharmacy Council is in contravention of article 17(2) of the 1992 Constitution. It will also kill the patriotism in these young Ghanaians who brought back their expertise to be part of our collective efforts to develop the nation.

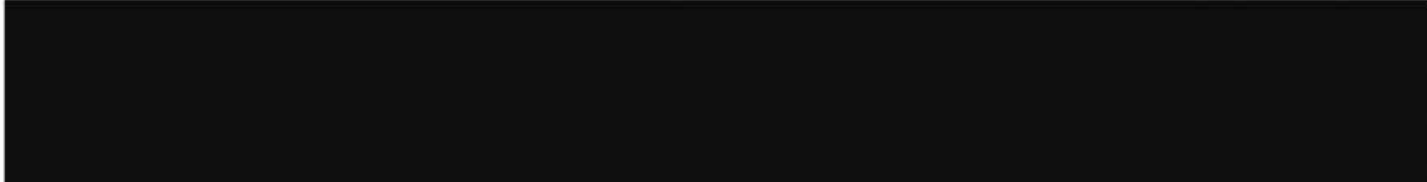
In view of this, as a citizen but not a spectator, I am calling on the government and the relevant authorities like (the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice), the Audit Service, the Ghana Police Service and public interest groups, not only to stop this discrimination/extortion immediately, but also to let the Pharmacy Council account for every extra money extorted from Ghanaian "returnees" and refund same to the victims involved.

They should also be warned not to victimise these candidates.

*Agya Kwasi,  
 Concerned citizen,  
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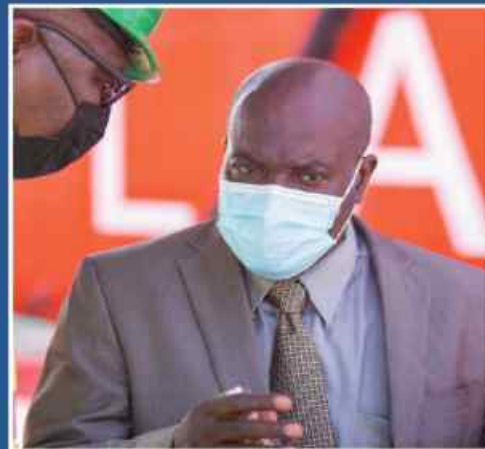
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"As at 2020, we had awarded about \$16 billion worth of contracts across our TEN and Jubilee field operations. About \$11 billion of those contracts included companies with an element of local content that were either indigenous, or joint venture in nature. We believe that a country's hydrocarbon resources must be a catalyst for socio-economic development. That is why we continue to rigorously pursue local content development and supplier capacity development initiatives as part of our Shared Prosperity agenda. This milestone is not only Tullow's success, but indeed a big win for Ghana" she added.



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• Vice-President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia addressing CEOs and members of board of directors of state-owned organisations in Nkwatia



**Dr Bawumia said it was when heads of institutions carried themselves out well that the fortunes of their organisations would improve.**

with businesses in the country.

He indicated that the government's vision for the economic transformation of the country would be achieved through digitalisation.

#### Responsibility

Vice-President Bawumia said there was perception that the separation of responsibility and accountability in performance between boards and management had become conglomerated and, therefore, undermined leadership and better coordinations in public institutions.

"There ought to be consensus that we cannot operate enterprises the way we have done in the past and expect to achieve the goals of the Ghana we want.

"We certainly will not be able to achieve the horizontal coordination for greater public coherence accountability and organisational effectiveness in the public sector," he said.

#### Security

Touching on security, Dr Bawumia said the most serious threat to the security of the country was unemployment.

He, therefore, urged heads of SOEs to create employment opportunities for the teeming unemployed youth.

"Let's show the people of Ghana the respect that they deserve. Let's communicate well with one another," the Vice-President said.

# Shun arrogance

## • Vice-President advises heads of SOEs

From Haruna Yussif Wunpini,  
NKWATIA-KWAHU

**T**HE Vice-President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, has advised heads of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to shun arrogance in the conduct of their duties.

Rather, he urged them to conduct their activities in humility in order to win the support of workers, as well as their clients.

The Vice-President gave the advice at the closing ceremony of a three-day annual retreat of chief executive

officers (CEOs), their deputies and board members of SOEs in Nkwatia in the Eastern Region yesterday.

The three-day retreat, held on the theme: "The strategic role of heads of institutions in transforming specified entities towards the achievement of Ghana Beyond Aid", was organised by the State Interest and Governance Authority (SIGA).

Dr Bawumia said it was when heads of institutions carried themselves out well that the fortunes of their organisations would improve.

#### Changing mindset

According to him, the mindset of heads of SOEs was crucial in shaping

their organisations.

In that respect, he urged the heads to carry a positive mindset as they dealt with the people with whom they came into contact at their workplaces, as well as their workers.

#### Digital economy

Taking a look at digital technology, the Vice-President said efforts by the government to transform the economy through digitalisation of businesses were yielding the desired results.

He intimated that the implementation of the digital technology initiative had led to significant improvement in the way government institutions interacted

# Kojo Tsikata dies at 85

By Samuel Duodu

THE Head of National Security during the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) regime, Captain Kojo Tsikata (rtd), has passed on.

According to a statement issued by the family, he died early Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the age of 85.

Mr Tsikata, a retired army officer and politician, was one of the founder members of the National Democratic Congress (NDC).

The family statement, signed by Col Joshua Agbotui (rtd) and Fui S. Tsikata, said: "In accordance with his (Tsikata's) wishes, the family will be making arrangements for a private funeral."

Capt. Tsikata had been away from the public

eye for the past decade.

He was appointed by the late Flt Lt Jerry John Rawlings to serve in the then PNDC regime as the Head of National Security in 1982.

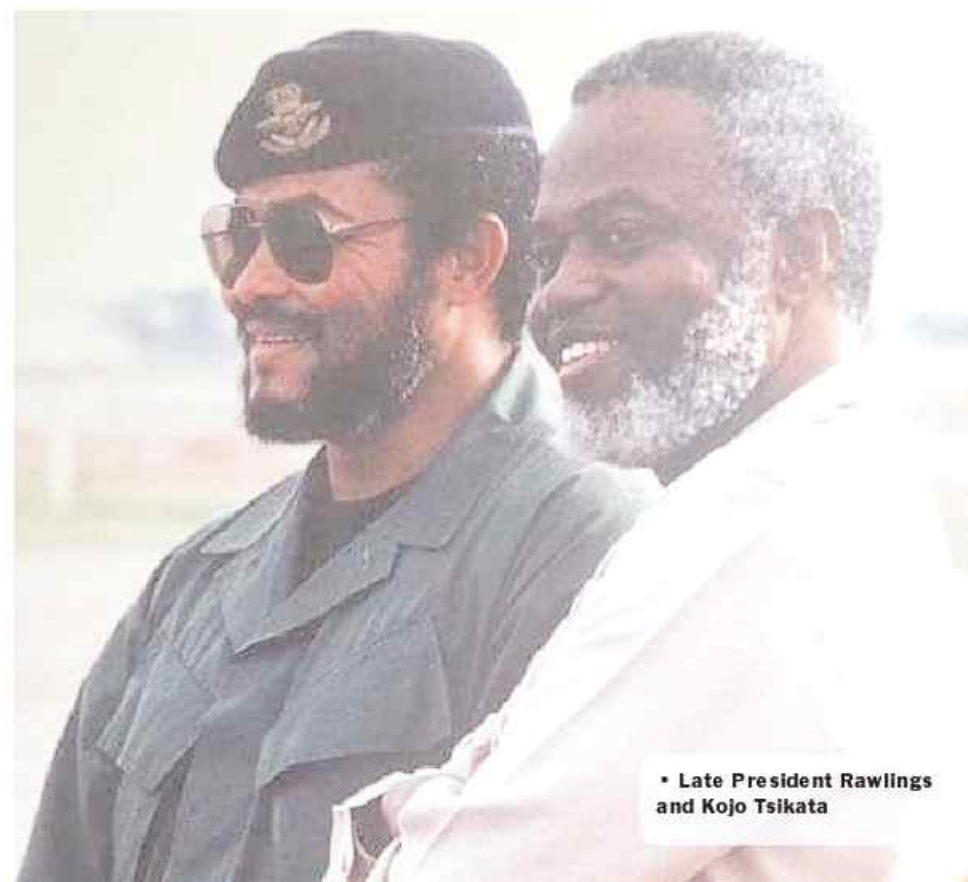
He also served as a member of the Council of State when the country returned to constitutional rule in 1995.

#### Rejection of national award

The security chief rejected a national award to be conferred on him in the category of the Order of Volta Companion under President Kufuor.

He was listed as one of the six officials in the first NDC regime to have received the award.

In a statement dated June 23, 2008, Capt.



• Late President Rawlings and Kojo Tsikata



# Politics



**Families fighting childhood cancer should not have to worry about where they're going to get the next dose of the drug they need to save their child's life."**  
 — Amy Klobuchar, US Senator



## Big Issue

# Childhood cancers

Compiled by Albert K. Salla

The First Lady, Mrs Rebecca Akufo-Addo, disclosed last Tuesday that President Nana

Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo had directed that the treatment of four childhood cancers be

included in the benefit package of the National Health Insurance Scheme with immediate effect.

The Daily Graphic therefore asks: "What further measures must the country take to enhance child health care?"



**Dr Lawrence Osei-Tutu, Paediatrician**

**T**HE government's recent announcement to fund the treatment of four common childhood cancers is a significant step in reducing the financial distress of affected families.

Currently, most healthcare facilities and services in Ghana are built and purposed for adults, and only modified for child health care, after intense lobbying. Families travel long distances to access child health facilities, expertise and services in the few 'adults' tertiary facilities in the major cities. Many of such families are inhumanly detained for their inability to pay their healthcare costs. Usually the equipment, set-up and expertise within these facilities are not child-friendly. Meanwhile, children are not miniature adults! They require specialised child health care and not a quarter or half an adult dose of care.

This current state of child health care requires specific governmental political leadership and funding to prioritise child health care from pregnancy to at least the first five formative years of life. Universal health care must include children, our future, and it must be absolutely free for the first five years of life.

Further efforts are needed to sustain successes chalked up in under-five mortality reduction from mainly vaccine-preventable diseases. We need to break the intergenerational transmission of malnutrition among children which is a recognised risk factor for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) including obesity, hypertension and diabetes in adults.

Cumulatively, these NCDs are the commonest causes of adult hospitalisation and deaths while depleting our healthcare budgets. Investment in optimal child health care will thus save the country's future workforce, lives and finances.

**Sybil Decker, Senior Physician Assistant**

CHILDREN are the future of every nation and, therefore, no stone must be left unturned to ensure that child health is given the right attention that he or she deserves. Children require focused care from highly trained/skilled professionals whenever they visit the hospital. Unfortunately, the number of children's hospitals in Ghana is woefully inadequate.

I, therefore, entreat the government as a matter of urgency, to take pragmatic steps to build more children's hospitals, at least one each in the coastal, middle and northern belts to increase access to specialised care. Additionally, there should be shared care centres in each district to ensure continuity of care after they are discharged from specialist care.

More health care professionals should be encouraged and sponsored to specialise in child care to augment those already in the system.



**Mavis Adelaide Agleby, Staff Nurse**

TO enhance child health care as a country, the government must ensure that there is at least one well-established and resourced paediatric and oncology unit or facility in every region for easy accessibility.

Using the efforts of government and non-governmental organisations to mobilise funds for child health care, including cancers, should be encouraged and if possible, tax exemptions granted to those facilitating such efforts.

In addition, government and non-governmental institutions must also help create awareness among expectant mothers and every female of child-bearing age of childhood illnesses. Furthermore, adequate training of specialists or specialised paediatricians must be encouraged in the diagnosing and proper treatment of childhood illness.

Regular in-service training for health professionals is key to the success of such a programme. This will ensure that health professionals are abreast of new developments in the health sector to help improve health care.

**Comfort Adjei Baidoo, Parent**

Although this initiative by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo is encouraging, more work needs to be done as a country to enhance child health care in Ghana.

Health authorities must focus on the preventive aspect of all childhood diseases, especially going through the various components of primary healthcare for children. Fortunately, the main causes of childhood mortality such as malaria, measles and diarrhoea are largely preventable and can be controlled.

In Ghana, close to one in every five children under five years is stunted while one in every 10 children under five years is underweight.

In achieving optimum child health care, the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends among other things an approach called "the integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) strategy.

As a country, we must take the document seriously with the aim of reducing mortality and morbidity from the most common childhood disease as well as helping to promote their healthy growth and development.



# Provide date for DTT transmission switch-off

## Govt urged

By Kester Aburam Korankye

**T**HE Minority Leader, Mr Haruna Iddrisu, has urged the government to take immediate steps to announce a date for all analogue transmitters and frequencies in the country to be switched-over to the digital terrestrial television (DTT) transmission platform.

He said the switch-over from analogue to digital would support the efficient management of radio spectrum and promote content development, as well as expand development opportunities across the country.

Mr Iddrisu told the *Daily Graphic* in an interview that the delay in announcing the switch-over date was not helpful for the country's digitalisation drive.

### Road Map

Mr Iddrisu, who is a former Minister of Communications, explained that the



• Mr Haruna Iddrisu — Minority Leader

decision to switch off analogue transmission was made at the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 2006.

He said the consensus reached at the conference mandated member countries to undertake the process of migrating

from analogue to DTT transmission to ensure efficiency of radio frequency management, quality of transmission and the promotion of universal access to television.

However, he said, the government formally commenced the process to switch-over in 2010 upon the receipt of a Cabinet approval on the outcome of multi-stakeholder consultations and the adoption of Ghana's roadmap for the migration.

An implementation committee, led by the Ministry of Communications was appointed to guide the entire process and was expected to announce a switch-over date in 2016.

Mr Iddrisu said with initial financing challenges encountered from a public-private partnership (PPP) arrangement, the Ministry of Communications secured a cabinet approval to use revenue from spectrum auction by the National Communications Authority (NCA) to finance the development of state-of-the-art transmission infrastructure nationwide and other activities, including the establishment of an independent management structure to oversee the operations of the digital facility.

**The switch-over from analogue to digital would support the efficient management of radio spectrum and promote content development, as well as expand development opportunities across the country.**

"It is appreciated that the roadmap has been followed by the succeeding New Patriotic Party (NPP) administration and simultaneous transmission has been conducted and a Network Operation Centre established and fully furnished to allow for formal announcement of a Switch-Over date in 2020," Mr Iddrisu said.

He said the time was, therefore, ripe for the government to announce a date for the switch-over and stick to it.



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# Help revive traditional values among children

## Former First Lady tells African writers

### Politics Desk Report

**A** FORMER First Lady, Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, has urged the Pan-African Writers Association (PAWA) to help revive traditional and cultural values among children because it is "within their power" to do so.

She said there was nothing wrong with good, old fashioned ways of bringing up a child, stating that it was important that the child grew up in a way that was acceptable to society.

The former First Lady stated this at her office in Accra last Tuesday when

PAWA's General Secretary, Dr Wale Okediran, presented advanced copies of a book the association has authored in honour of her late husband, former President Jerry John Rawlings, to her.

Titled "J.J. Rawlings: Memories and Mementos", the book is a collection of poetry, short fiction, tributes and essays from contributors across the continent.

The book was edited by Professor Bill F. Ndi, a Cameroonian Professor of Modern Languages and Philosophy.

Mr Abdourahamane Diallo from Guinea, who is the current head of UNESCO in Ghana, wrote the foreword to the book.

### What our children see

"We have to instill in our children a

certain traditional way even as we become modernised so that they do not move too far away from who we are as a people," Mrs Agyeman-Rawlings said.

"Who is in charge of what our children see and emulate? Education is a tool; your upbringing is your tradition and your life," she further stated.

### Poor language

She thanked PAWA for the gesture and expressed concern about the low standards in the media in terms of the quality of language used by some practitioners.

She recalled how in the good old days radio and newspapers were a good source to learn how to speak and write the English language.

### Tribute

Making the presentation, Dr Okediran said President Rawlings impacted writers across the continent and it was under his tenure that the continental association was established in 1989.

The book, he stated, was a tribute to how the departed former Ghanaian leader inspired many on the continent and beyond.

The PAWA General Secretary said the book was brought about by the outpouring of emotions by many African writers and commentators from all over Africa.

Dr Okediran explained that it was a collection of writings and poems from

15 countries.

### His impact

The first daughter of the former President and Member of Parliament (MP) for Klottey Korle, Dr Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings, who was also at the meeting, said it was always refreshing when something happened spontaneously, referring to the manner the book was developed.

"It is an opportunity for people to realise that JJ had a broader impact on the region (Africa) than many seem to realise. It is an opportunity for PAWA to speak about the role President Rawlings played in the organisation's inception.

"There is a whole generation who do not know some of these issues because some of his contemporaries have not publicly acknowledged the role he played in the establishment and expansion of other sectors such as the arts," Dr Agyeman-Rawlings said.

### Launch

PAWA, which is an umbrella body of writers' associations, plans to launch the book in Accra in the middle of next month.

Also present at the meeting were Amina and Kimathi Agyeman-Rawlings, both children of the former President.

The PAWA delegation included Mr Louis Mensah, Reine Fioklou and Mr Oswald Okaitey, Media Consultant.



• Mrs Agyeman-Rawlings (4th from right) and Dr Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings (4th from left) displaying a copy of the book after the presentation by Dr Wale Okediran (3rd from right), General Secretary, PAWA



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# Daily Graphic reporter wins mining award

## News Desk Report

**A** JOURNALIST with the *Daily Graphic*, Mr Timothy Ngenbe, was adjudged the best mining reporter (print division) at the Seventh Ghana Mining Industry Awards (GMIA) held in Accra last Friday.

It was the second successive time that he had won the award.

The GMIA is an awards scheme by the Ghana Chamber of Mines (GCM) to reward outstanding firms and individuals who make significant contributions to the country's mining

sector.

The award for mining reporter of the year, which was opened to journalists working in any medium (print, online, radio, television and multimedia), celebrated excellent journalistic reports, features and documentaries that focused primarily on the mining industry in 2020.

### Criteria

According to the criteria spelt out by the GMIA Award Committee, the winner of that category must have demonstrated an understanding of the mining industry in areas such as the contribution of mining to national development, responsible mining

practices, environmental management in mining and sustainability, as well as community development and corporate social investments of mining companies.

Per the criteria, the winning piece is to meet the principles of news value, impact, objectivity and rigour in reporting, specialist knowledge, analytical value, originality and integrity.

The Managing Director of Golden Star Wassa Limited, Mr Shadrach Adjetey Sowah, who emerged the mining personality of the year, presented a plaque and a cheque for GH¢5,000 to Mr Ngenbe as his reward.

### Winning stories

The two feature stories Mr Ngenbe presented for the award were titled: "Galamsy: Let's kill this monster before it kills us", and "Galamsy: When two elephants fight, the grass suffers".

The stories highlighted the devastating impact of illegal mining on land and water resources, the negative impact the menace had on climate change and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr Ngenbe cited instances of turf wars among duty bearers and how such a development had fueled the galamsy menace.

### Other winners

At the same event, Joy News' Iddrisu Latif won the television category of the

award.

An engineer at AngloGold Ashanti, Ms Margaret Aniwu-Asomakah, was adjudged the best female mining professional of the year.

A former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Minerals Commission and advisor on mines to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr Benjamin Nii Ayi Aryee, took home the lifetime achievement award.

For the students category, which was reserved for mining students in the University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), Abdul-Rahman Issak and Ms Felicia Maame Amonor won the best male and female mining student awards, respectively, while Jacob Atawin Abare picked the prize for best graduate research.

### Companies' contribution

Speaking at the event, the CEO of the GCM, Mr Sulemanu Koney, commended mining companies and individuals for contributing to the development of the mining industry.

He said the mining industry was the backbone of the local economy and would serve as the major driver of industrial growth.

He observed that the mining sector had a huge potential that needed to be tapped to create opportunities for job creation in all other sectors.

On that score, Mr Koney said the GCM would continue to collaborate with other stakeholders to transform the economy.

He called on the Minister of Tourism, Dr Awal Mohammed, to revive the Gold Museum Committee that was set up a few years ago to help unlock the tourism potential of the mining industry.



• Mr Shadrach Adjetey Sowah (left), the Managing Director of Golden Star Wassa Ltd, presenting a plaque to Mr Timothy Ngenbe, winner of the Best Mining Reporter category at the GMIA

@ a glance



■ The seventh Ghana Mining Industry Awards was held in Accra last Friday, with Goldfield Ghana Limited emerging the Mining company of the year.

## GH¢10bn package earmarked

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problem.

He expressed the government's appreciation of the fact that solutions proffered in the 1960s with a then Ghanaian youth population of 2.2 million could not be replicated today, with a current youth population of over 10 million.

It, therefore, behoved all stakeholders to find innovative avenues of tapping into the global economy, especially through digitalisation, he said.

### Speaker

The Speaker of Parliament, Mr Kingsford Alban Sumana Bagbin, said he stood by his promise that he would never obstruct government business.

"But that doesn't mean if government business is anti-people, I should just close my eyes and see no evil, hear no evil and

speak no evil and let it pass through," he added.

He said the workshop presented a fine opportunity to ask all the needed questions about the medium-term programmes, and more particularly the 2022 budget, and to engage stakeholders from various sectors of the economy in seeking expert guidance on the salient issues in the budget.

He expressed the hope that the programme would provide parliamentarians with a clear road map in fulfilling their mandates and oversight responsibilities as legislators.

Mr Bagbin too visited the fair grounds at the Ho Sports Stadium, where he addressed the exhibitors and commended the Regional Minister, Dr Archibald Yao Letsa, and the people of the region for their efforts in courting the interests of various stakeholders and keeping the fair vibrant and attractive.



• Mr Alban Bagbin (4th from left), the Speaker of Parliament, Mr Ken Ofori-Atta (3rd from right), the Minister of Finance, and some participants after the workshop

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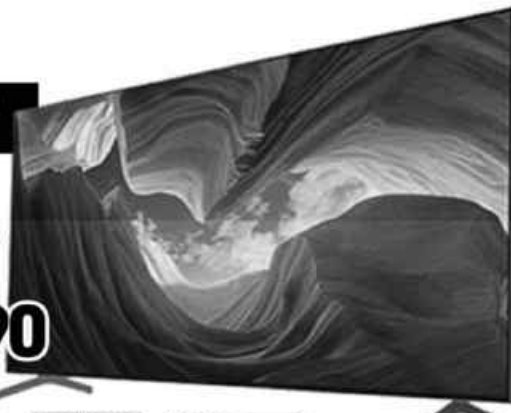
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# When shepherds become butchers: Leadership failure in Africa

By Kwame Frimpong

**T**HE need to express this opinion arose from gospel readings on Sunday, July 18, 2021 in the Catholic Church. The first reading was from Jeremiah 23:1-6 on God's displeasure with the leaders of the Jewish community who were likened to shepherds.

As shepherds take care of the sheep, God expected the leaders also to take good care of the people over whom they exercised authority.

Jeremiah wrote, "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD.

Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them."

In contrast, in the Gospel reading, Mark 6: 30-34, we find Jesus proving to be a good, compassionate and caring Shepherd: "When he [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

## Butchers

Because of COVID restrictions, I participated in the Mass virtually. The Priest, Fr. Michael Coutts in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, shared a personal story.

He had gone to the Holy Land as a tourist. He was on a bus with other tourists, and the tour guide explained to the group that the practice of shepherds there was to lead the sheep and the sheep would follow them.

A few minutes later, along the road, there was a man walking by the roadside, who followed a flock of sheep.

The tour guide asked the bus driver to stop. He confronted the man following the sheep that his practice had made him the tour guide to be a liar, as he had told the tourists that shepherds in that area lead the sheep, while in his case, he was following the sheep.

The man responded that it was true that the shepherds in that area led their sheep. In his case, he was following the sheep, because he was not a shepherd.

He was rather a butcher and was taking the sheep to be slaughtered.

## Reflection

A reflection on this story and the two readings led me to think about our continent and how successive leaders have failed the citizenry.

Their primary concern has been to amass wealth at the expense of the people whom they are to lead. The practice of leaders amassing wealth at the expense of the wider population can be likened to the case of

butchering the sheep, instead of feeding and caring for them.

The failure of leadership has resulted in the deprivation of adequate resources for the majority of the population, to the extent that most people live under the poverty line.

The First Reading from Jeremiah spoke of the leaders who, instead of providing for the sheep, rather scattered them. We are aware of how so many able-bodied young Africans risk their lives to cross the Sahara and the Mediterranean Sea to seek better lives. Are they not scattered by failure of leadership?

Through forced migration, they are scattered. We have created bottomless pits of national resources to cater for the insatiable taste for luxurious lifestyles of the small percentage of the elite in our countries, those who do not, in any meaningful way contribute to the economic development of the countries.

## MPs

Members of Parliament (MPs), for example, receive salaries, cars, allowances, ex gratia and other benefits.

We have created allowances after allowances just to enrich the pockets of people in leadership positions, while "those who lay the golden eggs are slaughtered and scattered" by paying

them pitiful salaries.

Farmers, especially the cocoa farmers, whose produce have over the years supported the economy, live in poverty-stricken environment.

There are cases where some leaders collect about GH¢10,000.00 a week from sitting allowances alone.

One sitting allowance alone may exceed the whole month's salary of some employees. Are we not

slaughtering these people?

We slaughter them by denying them their fair share of the national cake. The majority of the citizenry are slaughtered on the altar of abject poverty, deprivation of any decent living standards, lack of fresh water supply, unemployment, substandard living

conditions, etc.

## Failure

Unfortunately, most people tend to think that failure of leadership is associated with the political leaders alone.

Leadership, for purposes of social and economic development, is spread across all sectors of every country.

We find it in both public and private institutions, in churches, educational institutions, judiciary,

**We have created allowances after allowances just to enrich the pockets of people in leadership positions**

boards, etc.

Within our own country Ghana, we can identify one particular institution, whose misguided policies can be likened to the shepherds who have not provided for the sheep, but have rather scattered them.

Let us look at the policies of the General Legal Council in relation to the professional legal training in the country.

Currently, majority of the LLB graduates do not have access to the professional training in the country.

Some of the students, therefore, have to travel to The Gambia for their professional training. There was a time when some had to go to Rwanda for the same training, while others go to the United Kingdom (UK) and even the United States (US) at considerable cost.

It is all because the General Legal Council is failing in its leadership role of providing appropriate system for professional legal education in the country.

The General Legal Council is thus scattering the students, instead of feeding them in their own country.

When those in leadership position fail to cater for the needs of the citizenry over whom they exercise authority, which sadly has been the trend on the African continent, in general, as well as in our own country Ghana, God condemns their actions:

"You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them."

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• Parliament in session

# Venture into own businesses

## • Dr Bawumia to graduates

From Dotsey Koblah Aklorbortu, TARKWA

**E**MPLOYMENT opportunities still exist in the public sector for graduates, the Vice-President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia has said.

However, he has advised graduates to venture into entrepreneurship, where they can develop their own businesses to enable them to build a sound future for themselves and also contribute to the development of the country.

Dr Bawumia gave the advice in a speech read on his behalf by a Deputy Minister of Education, Rev. John Ntim Fordjour, at the 13th congregation of the University of Mines And Technology (UMAT) in Tarkwa last Saturday.

While saying the public sector would not shut its doors to graduates, the Vice-President said it was important for them to

know that there was much to gain from setting up their own businesses.

"Not only are you expected to be working in the public sector; you are equally expected to be drivers of the private sector. Some of you should start planning to begin your own businesses with knowledge gained from the training you have received, and possibly employ others," he said.

### Skills not grades

The role of the new graduates in the private sector, he said, would be instrumental to the growth of the country, and reminded them that as fresh graduates, they should know that grades and academic scores might not matter after school.

"You should develop such positive traits as hard work, honesty, dedication,

trustworthiness and humility," he told them.

He further told them that as they stepped out into the world of work, they should take advantage of all opportunities that would come their way and position themselves to be relevant to society.

### Leadership

As a government, he said, "we have absolute confidence in the current leadership of the university to spur the needed efforts for the development of the university."

Dr Bawumia said aside from the UMAT's immense contribution to Mining, Petroleum and related engineering education in the country, the university had lived up to its core mandate of training mining engineers for Ghana and the world at large.

He said it was heartwarming that UMAT graduates served in various distinguished capacities in the mining and allied industries all over the world.

He said it was heartwarming that the university was promoting sustainable artisanal and small-scale mining through various engagements with stakeholders, especially small-scale miners, which would help protect the environment and water bodies.

The government, he said, was in support of such moves because they presented a direct link to the President's vision on the fight against illegal mining in the country.

### Impact of Free-SHS

On increased enrolment in the university, Dr Bawumia said the government was aware of the impact of the introduction of free SHS education on tertiary educational institutions, such as the UMAT.

"The UMAT has to deal with the surge in enrolment and the attendant challenges. Through the relevant ministries and agencies, the government will continue to

address infrastructural and logistic challenges that the university faces," he said.

### Strides

The Vice-Chancellor of the UMAT, Prof. Richard Kwasi Amankwah, said the university had taken some major steps to maintain its position among forward-looking universities.

He said total student population in the UMAT stood at 3,529, and that in the 2020/2021 academic year, total fresh students admitted to pursue various programmes were 1,492, representing an increase of 76 per cent over the previous year's enrolment.

"We intend to increase student enrolment to about 8,000 in the next few years, all at the back of President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo accepting to build a Lecture Theatre Complex to support this venture.

"The UMAT intends to grow the technology mindset and adventure spirit of students and sharpen their problem identification and solving skills. The university has introduced new courses, such as Critical Thinking and Integrated Thought, Financial Literacy and Leadership," he said.

### New programmes

The university, he said, was ready to run several new programmes, and that if approval was given, some postgraduate programmes that would be mounted beginning from the next academic year included postgraduate certificate programmes in Mining, Gold Extraction Technology, Extractives Sustainability Management and Resource Value Chain Management.

Those, Prof. Amankwah said, would allow social scientists, accountants, auditors and other such professionals in the minerals industry to learn about mining and acquire degrees in the subject.

### Extension of influence

"University-wide research has been aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals in response to the global call to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainability," he said, adding that through that, the UMAT was extending its circle of influence by helping to achieve some of the goals.

This year, Prof. Amankwah said, the university set up the Institutional Advancement Division to strengthen its engagements and partnerships, adding: "The division operates two hubs—the sustainable small-scale mining hub and the emergency and disaster management hub."

### Graduating students

This year, 684 students graduated at various levels. Out of these, three were awarded Doctor of Philosophy degrees, 28 received master's degrees, while 603 were awarded Bachelor of Science degrees in their respective engineering programmes.

A total of 126 students, representing 21 per cent of the graduating class, obtained First Class honours, while 61 per cent obtained Second Class (Upper Division), with 17 per cent getting Second Class (Lower Division) and one per cent with passes.

Fifty of the graduands received diplomas and certificates.

# Agogohene made PFJ Ambassador

From Kwadwo Baffoe Donkor, KUMASI

**T**HE Minister for Food and Agriculture, Dr Owusu Afiyie Akoto, has made the Agogohene, Nana Akuoko Sarpong, an ambassador to the Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ) programme, in recognition of his support for the flagship programme of the ministry.

He said the institution of the Plantain Festival by the Agogo Traditional Council, headed by Nana Akuoko Sarpong, had lent a lot of support to the programme and made most of the residents of Agogo go into plantain production.

The Agogohene has for sometime now been a leading producer of plantain in the country and has for the past five years or so been exporting the produce to neighbouring countries.

He said the machines for the factory were being imported from Brazil, and said latest by December, the machines would be in the country for the start of the factory.

### Revenues

According to him, the cultivation of plantain in commercial qualities had generated lots of employment for people in the area.

From drivers, car owners to the leading boys who have all gained employment due to the booming plantain business in the area.

### Demand

Dr Akoto said there was a high demand for plantains from Agogo such that the traders from Ghana have their own market in Burkina Faso and their produce sold higher than those from Cote d'Ivoire and Togo, who also exported their produce there.

### Festival

The minister who announced this at this year's Plantain Festival in Agogo said as the government continued to give support to plantain cultivation in the area, it would equally support the setting up of a plantain chips factory in the area.

He commended the traditional council for leading the way and marshalling the people to go into farming.

### Agogohene

Addressing the durbar to mark the festival, Nana Akuoko Sarpong said the people of Agogo had been cultivating

• Dr Owusu Afiyie Akoto (right), Food and Agriculture Minister, exchanging greetings with Nana Akuoko Sarpong (seated), the Agogohene, at his palace in Agogo



plantain for a long time and when the government launched its flagship PFJ programme, the traditional council decided to promote it by organising the festival to acknowledge the effort of the farmers.

He said the festival was more important to encourage the cultivation of the crop and also create jobs for the people.

He said through the promotion of the cultivation of plantain, most of the residents now had a livelihood as a lot of jobs had been created in the plantain value chain.

He said the festival was more important



# Graphic on course with Ghana Beyond Aid — MD

From Haruna Yussif Wunpini, NKWATIA-KWAHU

**T**HE Graphic Communications Group Limited (GGGL) will continue to use available human and material resources to improve its fortunes.

The Managing Director (MD) of the company, Ato Afful, who gave the assurance, said that would also impact positively on the economy to help achieve the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda.

Speaking with the Daily Graphic on the sidelines of a three-day annual retreat for chief executive officers, their deputies and board members of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in Kwabia in the Kwahu East District in the Eastern Region last Friday,

he said the GGGL would continue to play a lead role in the media industry.

The GGGL, Ghana's leading print media organisation, publishes the Daily Graphic, The Mirror, the Junior Graphic, Graphic Sports, Graphic Business and Graphic Showbiz.

It also has a strong online presence with www.graphic.com.gh, as well as the Graphic NewsPlus.

Apart from the mainstream media presence, the company also has subsidiaries in G-Pak Company Limited and the Graphic Courier.

### Retreat

The retreat, organised by the State Interest and Governance Authority (SIGA), was on the theme: "The strategic role of heads of institutions in transforming

media person, whose rich experience and co-operation with other members of the board were helping to strategise and position the organisation to achieve its aims and objectives to improve its fortunes and those of the economy too, in line with the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda.

He explained that the depth of experience Prof. Karikari brought on board, his understanding and the appreciation of the other members of the board were enabling that process.

### Fantastic team

"We have a fantastic team at the governance level and it is very important to get the co-operation of both layers at that structure. Such a relationship with Prof. Karikari will move the company forward," the MD said.

The management and the board of the GGGL, he indicated, were tapping into what the Chief of Staff at the Office of the President, Mrs. Akosua Prempeh Osei-Opare, admonished them when she addressed the retreat last Friday.

### Digital ambition

According to the MD, the company was pivoting from mainstream print focus agenda to a multi-layer digital ambition to enable the GGGL realise its goal.

He noted that what the company was demonstrating "will let us do more, quicker and faster, with the infrastructure and resources available to us".

Mr Afful explained that it was not only the traditional print media channel that was being focused on but the digital aspect as well.

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## AGRICULTURE

# 3 Firms donate towards 2021 Farmers' Day

By Maclean Kwofi

**T**HREE firms that deal in agrochemical products and information communication technology have presented cheques totalling GH¢90,000 and some farm equipment towards the 2021 National Farmers' Day celebration to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA).

The firms, Broadspectrum Ghana Limited (BSL), Callighana Company Limited, and K. Badu Agrochemical were the first batch to make donations ahead of the event.

The Broadspectrum Ghana Limited presented a cheque for GH¢80,000, while Callighana Company donated GH¢10,000 and K. Badu Agrochemical presented 15 motorised sprayers.

The national event will take place in Cape Coast in the Central Region on December 3, 2021, and will be on the theme: "Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ)—Consolidating food systems in Ghana."

### Consolidating gains

Speaking to the media at the presentation of the cheques in Accra, a Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (in-charge of Food and Crops), Mr Yaw Frimpong Addo, thanked the firms for their contributions towards the event.

"These contributions will help in



• Mr Razak Awudulal (right), Group Chief Executive Officer of Broadspectrum Ghana Limited, presenting a dummy cheque for GH¢80,000 to Mr Yaw Frimpong Addo (left), a Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture, while some staff of the company look on

honouring the gallant farmers who work assiduously to ensure that we achieve the mission of ensuring food security and producing for industries," he said.

He said this year's event was designed to consolidate gains made from the government's flagship agriculture programme, PFJ.

"Thanks to the Planting for Food and Jobs programme, food, especially grains, are in abundance in our country. The Planting for Food and Jobs started in 2017 and we have come very far but we need to push it a little higher," Mr Addo who is also the Chairperson of the National Planning Committee of the annual event said.

According to him, the PFJ was a

flagship agricultural campaign of the government, with five implementation modules.

### PFJ

The programme is aimed at increasing productivity of food crops, ensuring food security, raw materials for

industry, reducing food imports and increasing exports.

It also seeks to create jobs for the teeming unemployed youth and create incentives and awareness to increase investment and attract the youth in particular into agriculture.

Describing the programme as successful, the deputy minister added that there was the need for the gains made to be consolidated to help improve it and boost agriculture production in the country.

### Hardworking farmers

The Managing Director (MD) of Callighana Company Limited, Mr Bernard Okutu, stated that the company was delighted to be associated with the day's celebration and saw the donation as an obligation in helping to honour the hardworking farmers whose efforts were the backbone of the economy.

"Over the years we have supported the national farmers day because we consider farmers to be pivotal to our business and any effort to appreciate them aligns with our goals," he said.

He said in addition to the cheque presented to the ministry, Callighana was investing a total of GH¢50,000 to support the effort of farmers across the 16 regions in the country.

"Our business is centred on the farmer and so our vision is to make farming sustainable to provide food and jobs for Ghanaians," he said.

**"These contributions will help in honouring the gallant farmers who work assiduously to ensure that we achieve the mission of ensuring food security and producing for industries."**

## More companies support Farmers' Day celebration

By Elizabeth Konadu-Boakye

A NUMBER of companies have donated various items and cheques worth GH¢40,000 to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture towards this year's Farmers' Day celebration scheduled to take place on December 3, 2021 in Cape Coast.

The companies are the Ghana Export-Import Bank (GEXIM), RMG Ghana, Nanam Ventures Ltd and Rainbow Agrochemicals.

The donation included a tractor and its accessories for the first runner-up, while RMG Ghana donated crop protection products, seeds, spraying machines, knapsacks belt and a cheque for GH¢15,000.

Nanam Ventures donated some fertiliser and a cheque for GH¢25,000 while Rainbow Agrochemicals presented agrochemicals

### Donations

A Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture, Mr Yaw Frimpong Addo, who received the donations on behalf of the ministry, expressed gratitude to the institutions and called for more

support from other institutions to celebrate farmers in the country.

Mr Addo noted that this year's Farmers' Day would be special as the Central Region was known to have both farmers and fishermen who would be brought together to be rewarded and celebrated.

"It rained quite well in the second half of this year and we were blessed with abundant inputs and so this year is very special," he stressed.

### Expectations

The General Manager, Human Resource and Administration of GEXIM, Mr Michael Tetteh-Voetage, said the donation was part of the company's core mandate to support agriculture.

It was also to encourage more people to venture into agriculture and to increase the sector's productivity.

The Chief Executive Officer of RMG Ghana, Mr Yvan Dovier, for his part, said the donations would encourage farmers to do more in the coming years to make the country food

sufficient.

The General Manager of Nanam Ventures Ltd, Mr Sadat Okuampah, also noted that their

expectation was that their donations would go a long way to support farmers to produce more food for the country.



• Mr Michael Tetteh Voetage (4th from left), General Manager, Human Resource and Administration of the EXIM Bank, presenting the tractor and cheque to Dr Yaw Frimpong Addo (3rd from right), Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture, at the ceremony in Accra. Those with them include some staff of the EXIM Bank and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture



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# TORRID Global Company opens filling station at Lapaz

**T**ORRID Global Company Limited, a newly launched oil marketing company has officially opened its first fuel station in Lapaz to serve affordable and quality fuel to motorists plying the George Walker Bush Highway in Accra. The modern service station is equipped with island pumps, a convenience shop, vehicle servicing lubricant centre and safety equipment.

The indigenous brand in the downstream petroleum sector is set to compete with both local and international fuel retail outlets by serving quality fuel and delivering unique customer service experience to Ghanaians. Speaking at the opening event, the Executive Director of TORRID, Mr Francis Kevin Opei said the aim of TORRID is to become the go-to fuel station in the country and the energy



• Mr Francis Kelvin Opei, the Executive Director of TORRID. Mr Joe Addo-Yobo, the National Petroleum Authority Chairman

partner of choice for Ghanaians. He noted that the brand plans to extend its services by opening about 20 service stations at strategic locations to serve a

wider customer base by December 31, 2022.

The Corporate Affairs Manager of TORRID, Ms Ayla Tissot, gave an assurance that the brand will provide the highest standard and quality fuel, offer the most competitive prices, exhibit the utmost respect for customers and contribute to the development of Lapaz.

She entreated Ghanaians, especially drivers, to spread the good news about the new station and its quality fuel.

In attendance at the ceremony were key stakeholders in the petroleum industry, media among others. The Executive Director assisted by the National Petroleum Authority Chairman, Mr Joe Addo-Yobo and other officials cut the tape to formally open the station.



• Mr Francis Kelvin Opei, the Executive Director of TORRID. and Mr Joe Addo-Yobo, the National Petroleum Authority Chairman, with other attendees



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# Sanitation workers not in frontline COVID-19 fight — Research

**A** NEW research, conducted by WaterAid, an NGO, has found out that sanitation workers have been forgotten as frontline workers in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The research, carried out in South Asia, Burkina Faso and Nigeria, also found out that many of the sanitation workers in developing countries had been forgotten, underpaid, unprotected and left to fend for themselves during the COVID-19 period.

The NGO released the findings in their research ahead of this year's World Toilet Day, calling on government to improve the living conditions of sanitation workers as well as prioritising their safety and wellbeing.

In a statement issued on Friday, November 19, 2021, WaterAid said despite providing a vital service in ensuring that human waste was cleared, stored and disposed of safely, sanitation workers were often marginalised, stigmatised and shunned as a result of their job.

It added that many sanitation workers worked on the frontline of the pandemic, throughout national lockdowns, in hospitals and quarantine centres and in the heart of communities with poor access to safe

water, decent sanitation and good hygiene facilities.

## Hazardous conditions

The research also highlighted the hazardous working conditions, a dangerous lack of PPE, poor training and legal protection, as well as loss of income for millions of people who work as sanitation workers.

The research considered sanitation workers to include people who clean toilets and sewers, empty latrine pits and septic tanks and operate pumping stations and treatment plants as well as those who clear faecal waste manually, sweep rubbish and transport faecal sludge.

According to the research, many sanitation workers indicated that they were forced to go to work during lockdown even if they felt ill, for fear of losing their

jobs.

"In India, 23 per cent of sanitation workers interviewed had to work for longer hours during the pandemic, taking on an additional two to six hours per day while some hospital sanitation workers were even asked to work up to 30 hours continuously without additional payment," it indicated.

**It's vital governments, local authorities, employers and the general public take action to support sanitation workers so they can do their job safely, with the dignity and recognition they deserve."**

## Vital role

The Chief Executive of WaterAid, Tim Wainwright, said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the vital role sanitation workers play in our communities – but it has also revealed the vulnerability of this essential workforce that is often undervalued and overlooked. It's unacceptable that so many sanitation workers operate without the support and safeguards they need."

For him, "WASH

services are critical to maintaining public health and will be fundamental to surviving and recovering from the pandemic, and future pandemics – but without sanitation workers, these services will not function. It's important we invest and support the workforce, not just for the sake of public health but also for the economy – to ensure universal access to decent sanitation and a better future for all."

For his part, Senior Policy Analyst at WaterAid, Dr Andrés Hueso González, noted that "It's vital governments, local authorities, employers and the general public take action to support sanitation workers so they can do their job safely, with the dignity and recognition they deserve."

In addition, he said: "These key workers should be protected through legislation, policies and guidelines that ensure workers have appropriate PPE, regular training, a decent wage and access to health insurance and social security."

For him, "Sanitation workers also need to be recognised, respected and supported by institutions and by individual citizens. We all have a role to play in tackling and removing the deep-rooted discrimination they have endured for far too long."

## Kejabil M/A Basic Sch receives classrooms, library

From Dotsey Koblah Aklorbortu,  
KEJABIL, AHANTA WEST

THE Chiefs and People of Kejabil in the Ahanta West District of the Western Region have commended Yinson Ghana for its continuous support for education and other social issues in its host communities.

Speaking at the handover ceremony of a well-stocked library and a rehabilitated four-unit classroom block for Kejabil M/A Basic School, the Chief of Kejabil, Nana Anghamatsea VI, said the facilities would go a long way to help schoolchildren in the community.

### The library

Yinson Ghana, an oil industry company and the managers of the offshore production platform, partnered the Ghana Library Authority to stock and manage the library.

The library, with a store, an office and spacious study area, is stocked with books covering social studies, science, religion and moral studies, French, English, Ghanaian languages, information communication technology (ICT), among other areas. It is expected to serve more than 2,000 students in Kejabil and surrounding communities.



The classroom block and the library after the rehabilitation.  
INSET: The old structure

### The areas

Nana Anghamatsea said prior to the library project, the company had carried out several social and educational interventions that had eased some of the burden of the community.

"We were having challenges with improved infrastructure and learning materials – the company provides scholarships for our children, rehabilitated and equipped ICT centres, solar powered clusters of schools that are not connected to the national grid to enable them to learn," he said.

### Timely provision of library

The Headmistress of the Kejabil M/A Basic School, Mrs Sarah Gyimah Danso Dick, said the rehabilitated classroom block and the addition of a library had been one of the most



### pressing needs of the school.

She said support from the company's social investment, especially in host communities, remained one of the greatest educational interventions. "We aimed to equip our children, not only with an excellent academic grounding but also with qualities of character that will see them through their lives beyond school."

The Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator of Yinson Ghana, Mr Edward Mensah, said the

company deemed it right to collaborate with the Ghana Library Authority to provide a library for its host communities to enhance the knowledge base of the children.

### The classroom block

He said the company undertook the renovation of the classroom block with supervision from the Kejabil community leaders to ensure that the right things were done and completed on time.

Mr Mensah said "in line with

Yinson's commitment to quality education, we hope this library and ongoing literacy programmes will encourage reading in the community. Yinson will continue to invest in the library by continually developing new programmes towards ensuring that the community makes full use of the library's facilities."

"We engaged the Ghana Library Authority, which has the mandate to run libraries in the country, to be responsible for the management of the library in order to have the intended results we all wish for our children," he said.

He announced that in its quest to whip up the interest of children in reading, the company would hold quarterly literacy programmes and reading competitions, in which his outfit would sponsor prizes to deserving children.



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# NADMO, North Dakota National Guard discuss Ghana's emergency response

By Kwame Asare Boadu

**A** DELEGATION from the North Dakota National Guard of the US Amey led by Lt. Col. MC Evers has paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), Mr Eric Nana Agyemang-Prempeh, to discuss issues

concerning the advancement of Ghana's emergency response.

For nearly two decades, the North Dakota National Guard have had professional relationship with Ghana, which had seen officers of the National Guard collaborating with NADMO in a number of activities related to disaster prevention and response.

Last Thursday's meeting with the NADMO Director-General was, therefore, in line with the long-standing relationship and how to scale it up for

the benefit of the people of Ghana.

## Discussions

Briefing the *Daily Graphic*, Mr Agyemang-Prempeh said the discussions centred mainly on how the North Dakota National Guard would support NADMO in delivering a multi hazards emergency response plan.

In addition, they discussed capacity building on health and earthquake response for NADMO staff.

## Appreciation

The NADMO boss thanked the visiting US team for their continued support to NADMO.

He gave an assurance that NADMO would work with the Ghana National Ambulance Service, the Ghana Health Service and Ghana National Fire Service to be part of the capacity building and response plan.

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Present at the meeting were the Senior Director of Operations, Sanford World Clinic, Brian Dehaai; the

Director of Simulation and Pre-Hospital Care of Sanford Health, Mr Travis Spier; the Director of Disease and Epidemics of NADMO, Madam Ruth Arthur; the Director of Planning and Research, NADMO, Mr Koranteng Abrokwa and the Director Administration, NADMO, Mr Owusu Afriyie.



• Mr Eric Nana Agyemang-Prempeh (4th from left), Director-General of the National Disaster Management Organisation, and Lt. Col. MC Evers (3rd from left), leader of the US delegation, and some members of NADMO and North Dakota National Guard

# Let's develop 'can do' mindset — Dr Kofi Amoah

## News Desk Report

A BUSINESSMAN, Dr Kofi Amoah, has called for a national blueprint that will help the citizens free themselves from a dependency mindset to one of "Can Do and Must Do."

"The present set of mindset and belief system of Ghanaians, affect our decisions in many critical areas, our sense of confidence, investments and borrowing decisions, choice of contractors, and all these and others collectively exert significant impact on our economic and social well-being," he said.

Addressing an event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Opoku Ware Senior High School (OWASS) in Kumasi, he said, "I wish to propose to dear citizens of the land for your kind consideration to embrace some of the key attitudes, beliefs and mindsets that have supported and enabled almost all of Ghana's colonial classmates in Asia - Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the likes to escape poverty through their own sheer determination and have now

joined the developed nations of the world."

Dr Amoah, who is an old student of OWASS, spoke on the theme, "Reflections on significant global mindsets and their impact on Ghana and Africa: Prescriptions for Progress in the Era of an Emerging New World Order."

## Fast-tracking development

The businessman stated that the abundance of natural resource alone was not sufficient condition for fast-tracking economic development.

He pointed out that a less resource-endowed nation with the proper mindset and determination for progress could outtake and zoom past a resource-rich nation with a negative mindset, lack of confidence, and over-dependent on imports.

"The difference is mindset, orientation and belief system. The difference is each nation's blueprint," he stated.

Dr Amoah noted that a nation whose citizens had no confidence in themselves or in each other but instead repose a great deal of their confidence and trust in outsiders



• Dr Kofi Amoah — Businessman

would struggle to succeed.

## Loans

He stated that there was nothing wrong in taking a loan so long as the loan was used properly to drive economic development.

However, he said, "A greater percentage of the loan amount must be spent inside Ghana to create

positive impact of jobs availability for the youth of our society. This means that major contracts to undertake infrastructure and other projects in Ghana must be given to Ghanaian companies and consultants."

## Harnessing talents

Dr Amoah has called for a national plan that will harness the talents of

the youth for national development.

"The methods and programmes we adopt for preparing our youth will be the make or break, and we must embrace this with all the seriousness it deserves," he said.

He said the nation needed to be passionate and focused on youth development because "if we lose the youth of today, we have already lost our future".

## Excellence

Dr Amoah also challenged schools to pursue excellence by equipping the youth with modern skills that would be competitive in the domestic and international markets.

"As a nation, we must strive for excellence as individual citizens and uphold excellence as a national goal and character.

"We have what it takes to be excellent in what we choose to do but we must expand it with zeal and massiveness for it to become embedded in our mindset, culture and everyday activities," he stated.

## Changing world

Dr Amoah said the world was changing in all important areas, and Ghana and Africa could be sidelined.

"And as we manifest the desirable changes and improvements in our public and living spaces, the energising effects, the psychic benefits of orderliness and visible eye-candies will spur us on to make many more improvements in several other areas of life," he stated



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# Universal intellectual standards for Critical Thinking

## • Essence of logic (7)

### Education Matters

With Anis Haffar



**T**ODAY'S column on Logic is the 7th topic in the series on "Universal intellectual standards for critical thinking". After Clarity, Accuracy, Precision, Relevance, Breadth, and Depth, the concluding three will focus on Significance, Fairness, and Reflection. All that serve as preludes to a course I teach, namely, "Creative and Critical Thinking."

A stimulating book came out this year by one Adam Grant titled *Think Again*. Sub-titled *The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*. The author agreed that everyone is entitled to their own opinions — when the

opinions are inside our own heads; but if we choose to express them out loud or act on them, it is "our responsibility to ground them in logic and facts."

In thinking through our own thoughts, it's amazing the likelihood of updating our minds when we recognise and invite the better cognitive angels in as guides.

Thoughts percolate the mind, heart, and hands — and control the action or inaction of the whole body itself, so logic as a tool in critical thinking is vastly important.

Whatever controls speech and behaviour needs guard rails to prevent the slump into disaster.

### Logic best thinkers use

The logic the best thinkers use questions such as these: Does what I'm thinking make sense? Does what we are doing make sense?

Does what we are discussing align with the question to be addressed? Do the various pieces fit together in a functional way? Are we pushing round pecks into square holes?

How does the solution proposed

address the problem at hand? How does the inference follow from the evidence?

Critical thinking does not happen by itself; it has to be worked at each day as a habit. There's nothing more peevish than a grown person, supposedly qualified for the job they do, look you in the eye and say, "That's how we've always done it."

Albert Einstein famously questioned the illogic [that is, the invalid or incorrect reasoning] in doing things the same way and expecting a different result.

That brings into question the need for the mindset to shift from silly and parochial beliefs into the new.

### Illogic, some US wars

In a recent conversation with some American educators, I noted the opportunity costs of the vast sums wasted in producing and exploding bombs.

The wars in the region of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos killed between an estimated low of 1,450,000 people to a high of 3,600,000. It had cost US\$168 billion or US\$1 trillion today.

The war mongers did not learn from that costly experience and expected a different outcome in the war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In the Afghan tragedy alone, Brown University researchers estimate that "more than \$500 billion in interest has already been paid (included in the \$2.26 trillion total sum), and they figure that by 2050 the cost of interest alone [on] Afghan war debt could reach \$6.5 trillion."

When the explosive dusts settled, the wars had achieved no purpose and that brought to mind a quote from the civil rights icon Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr: "Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think."

### Illogic in Ghana's food imports

In February 1964, Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore sounded the first alarm of the illogic of how Ghana's best and brightest brains were riveted behind desks copying Latin and Greek verbs and filling in the blanks.

In the process, agriculture — the nation's most visible endowment — was abandoned to the hoe and cutlass drudgery of poor peasants.

Without competing on the world stage or meeting the growing local demand — in terms of large-scale rice,

corn, cotton, and other lucrative agricultural inputs — he questioned the misalignment. He saw the imperative for growing local agri-industries for value addition in Ghana

or the listing on the commodity exchanges in suitable markets.

According to Knoema, the import quantity of rice alone by Ghana increased from 24,000 tonnes from 1971 to 950,000 tonnes, and growing at an average annual rate 12.53 per cent, and exhausting Ghana's meagre

foreign exchange reserves.

### Illogic of analogues in digital age

E.F. Schumpeter coined the term "creative destruction," a process in which the old ways of doing things are destroyed and replaced by more creative and productive means led by new technology, processes, equipment, etc.

I remember the productive gains as a teacher when I purchased my first desktop computer in the 1980s. The first thing was to disuse the old typewriter in favour of the ubiquitous word processor.

It's disappointing to visit schools across Ghana today and find that even in the rare cases where there are computer labs, the computers are not made accessible to students.

In sum, we have analogue heads and teachers pretending to teach a digital generation.

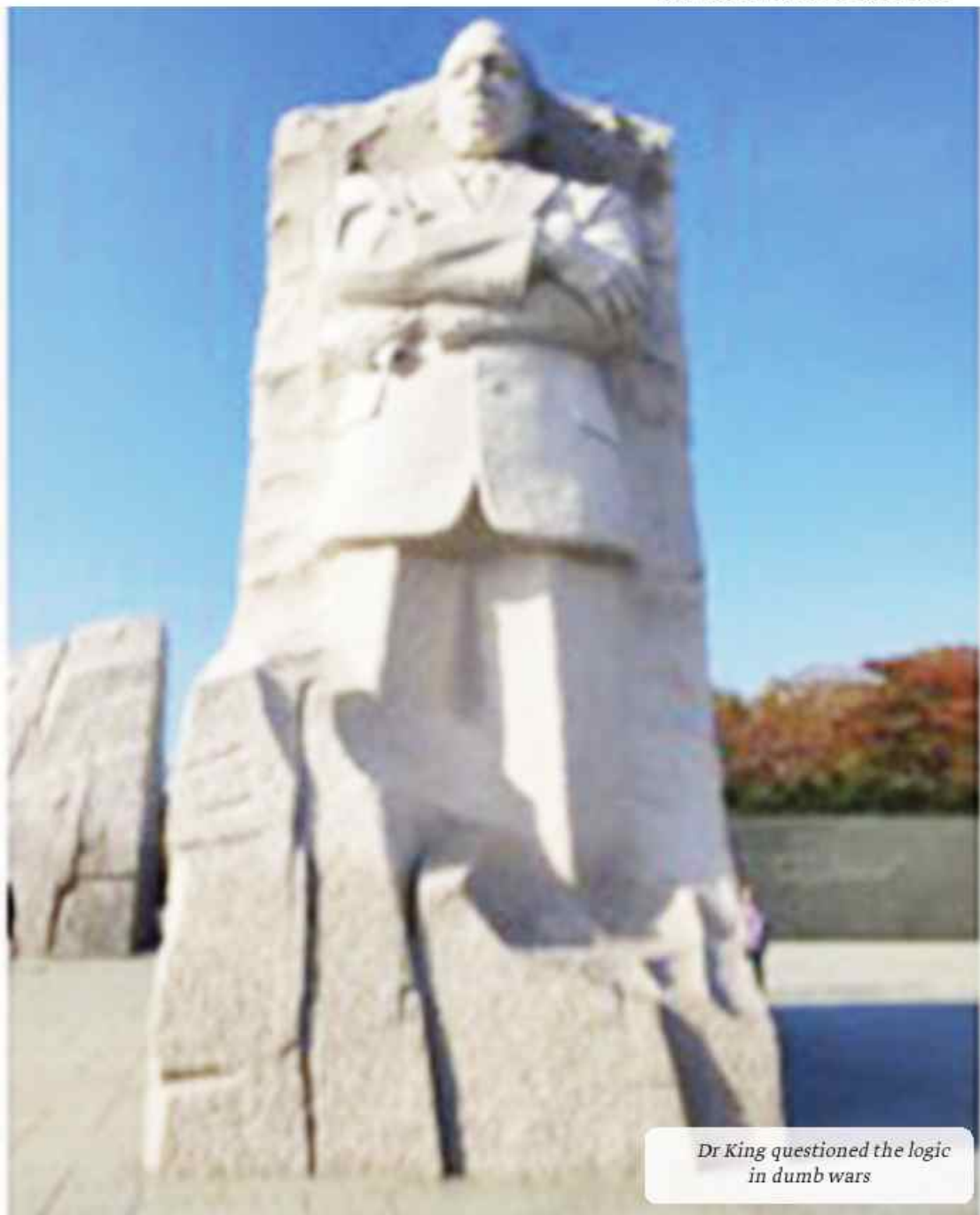
Considering the logic for developing countries to leapfrog through technology, it's amazing how, in the year 2021, about 40 years or more since the introduction of word processors, a good many teachers are still stuck with handwritten (not even typed) Schemes of Learning/Weekly Forecasts, Lesson and teaching notes, etc.

Teacher training colleges need to support the new teachers with technology! And the teachers already in practice — in both the public and private schools — need to be helped to step up and engage with technology to help the youth to succeed.

Given the facts, the lack of critical thinking in key deliberations and decision making is illogical. It does not make sense!

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Dr King questioned the logic in dumb wars



## A well-deserved win



Building on 22 years of farmer and community support, gender empowerment, education, and social infrastructural development, Olam Cocoa Ghana has, in the last 4 years, been the No 1 LBC in Ghana. The company has been a solid partner to COCOBOD internally while playing a frontrunner role in the external marketing of its beans. At the 3rd Ghana Cocoa Awards (GCA), the company was adjudged the **OVERALL BEST** License Buying Company of the year. Congratulations! It is a win for all.

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# News feature

## When world converged on Glasgow

By Emmanuel Bonney, back from GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

**E**XPECTATIONS were high while poor countries were hopeful of commitments from rich countries as the world prepared for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland in the United Kingdom from October 31 to November 12, 2021.

Indeed, this was a conference attended by about 30,000 persons from over 200 countries across the world. Also in attendance were 125 heads of state and governments.

This was a major international conference held in the midst of a global pandemic, the coronavirus (COVID-19), which had claimed some five million lives just about the time it was commencing.

It was a bold decision that the world took, to meet and deal with an equally

dangerous climate change, in spite of the dangers of the COVID-19.

The COP26 was a crucial moment for world leaders to meet and demonstrate their commitments to save the planet by braving the COVID-19 pandemic, to engage in achieving global temperature target of 1.5 degrees celsius.

Rightly so, they put in the right measures and the observation of the COVID-19 safety etiquettes — the use of sanitisers, daily temperature taking and COVID-19 tests.

Free test kits were distributed for individuals to do their tests before getting to the Scottish Events Centre (SEC), the

venue for the event. Other people who could not do it at their hotels could also go to the centre, where it was also done daily. Before entry, one was required to show their test result before being allowed in by security personnel, led by the police.

### Safety etiquettes

I must say that in addition to the test kits and personal hygiene packs, each participant also had a COP26 pass that enabled them to board vehicles and trains from wherever they resided to certain central points in the city of Glasgow to be picked up by buses to the conference centre.

The pass was very helpful, as people had to travel from far distances to the city centre. It actually saved all the cost of travelling.

Because of the large number of people converging on Glasgow, securing accommodation in the city centre became a challenge, as hotels became fully booked with some residents offering part of their accommodation facilities to participants.

Moreover, the cost of accommodation was another matter. With the lack of accommodation facilities and costs, people had no choice but to secure accommodation outside the city centre, where they commuted daily to and from the conference centre.

Security was tight, with police presence seen virtually everywhere. Apart from patrol vehicles, the police were seen on motorcycles, horseback, traffic intersections, bus stations and railway stations, among other places, and were ready and prompt to assist.

### Protests

A notable feature of the COP26 was the series of protests by individuals and groups of climate activists.

These activists poured out their



Some protesters at the entrance of the Scottish Events Centre depicting the impact of climate change on humanity



Media personnel chased participants everywhere to get their stories

The UAE Pavilion at COP26

frustrations at world leaders over failed promises, among other things. They used various means to convey their messages, with the message carried in diverse and a myriad of ways.

The messages were in songs, speeches, sirens, drumming, leaflets and pictures, etc. I remember that 48 hours to the closure of the conference, one of the groups led their members to lie down on the streets, in their white cloths. They looked like corpses at the entrance of the SEC.

That act depicted the effect of climate change on humanity eventually. Their act was simple, yet a poignant message.

Another thing that stood out was the media centre where journalists from the print, electronic, online and various news agencies filed their stories.

Screens were mounted in the cubicles of media outlets coming from various countries. This was to enable them to monitor proceedings from the main conference hall.

Others also had the opportunity to mount their cameras to take the live feeds of discussions from the COP26 venue. It was such an exciting scene to behold as journalists frantically worked.

Participants were ushered into conference rooms in an orderly manner.

To avoid long queues, retractable queue barriers were mounted to allow people to zigzag their way to the final point of the checking of accreditation and photographs is at the security points, before entry into the main venue.

**It is hoped that participating countries would take some lessons from the organisation of the two-week global event.**

### Pavilions

Various countries mounted pavilions to showcase their plans and programmes for climate change. For the first time in the history of the UN conference, Ghana was able to set up a pavilion with the support of some development partners.

Although the pavilions were just supposed to be structures with the names and some national symbols of the countries embossed on them, some countries took it "personal" displaying wealth by the elaborate designs of their pavilions.

While some mounted simple facilities, the wealthy countries set up two-storey facilities with giant screens.

Some of these countries were Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the Russian Federation. The COP26 was a well organised conference amid a global pandemic that had claimed the lives of millions across the world. It is the hope that participating countries would take some lessons from the organisation of the two-week global event.



The cloakroom drop off section at the conference centre



The conference was buzzing with a lot of activities



The Qatar Pavilion



A meeting at the SDG Pavilion



The electric bus that provided services to the COP26 participants from their various locations



A meeting at the Ghana Pavilion



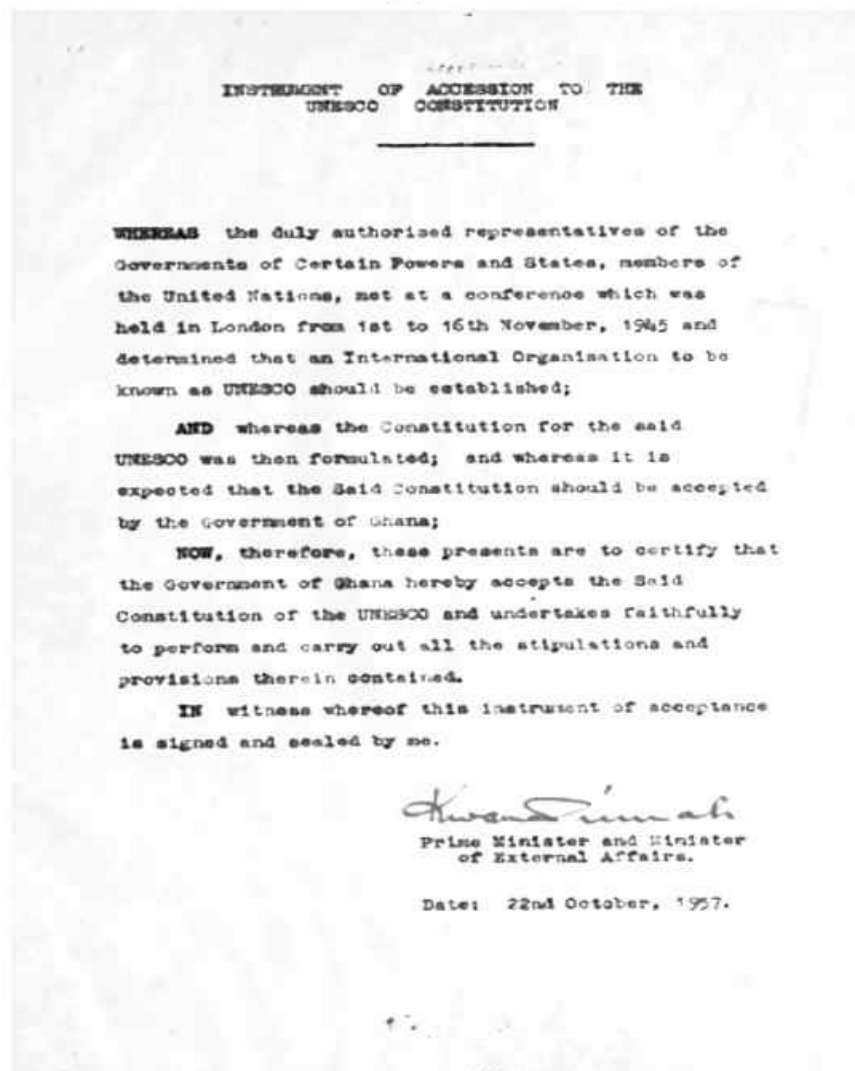
• H.E President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo with the Director General for UNESCO

# UNESCO, Ghana – 75 years of partnership and development

**B**Y 1942 in wartime, the governments of the European countries meeting in the United Kingdom (UK) for the Conference of Allied Ministers of Education (CAME) conceived the idea for an international body that could spearhead the reconstruction of education and culture following their devastation by the Second World War. Following the proposal of the CAME, the United Nations (UN) conference for the establishment of an Educational and Cultural Organisation was convened in London on November 16, 1945. The conference gathered the representatives of 41 countries as the founding members of the new organisation that would

embody a genuine culture of peace through international cooperation and by mobilising the intellectual and moral solidarity of humankind towards lasting peace for the peoples of the World. UNESCO was thus created and its constitution came into force on November 4, 1946.

UNESCO's broad mandate includes the development of educational tools to help people live as global citizens free of hate and intolerance. UNESCO works with its Member States to ensure that children have access to quality education. By promoting cultural heritage and the equal dignity of all cultures, UNESCO strengthens bonds among nations. UNESCO fosters scientific programmes and policies as platforms for development and cooperation. UNESCO stands up for freedom of expression, as a fundamental right and a key condition for democracy and development. Serving as a laboratory of ideas, UNESCO helps countries adopt international standards and manages programmes that foster the free flow of ideas and knowledge sharing.



# Address by the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo

at the 75th anniversary of UNESCO, on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

## Excellencies, UNESCO Director General,

**U**NESCO is, arguably, the outstanding global agency to have emerged out of the formation of the United Nations (UN), and it is wholly appropriate that we have all come to Paris, from far and near, to celebrate this momentous milestone of its 75th anniversary.

Ghana was not there at that seminal ceremony in London, as we were entering, at the time, the active phase of our struggle for freedom from British colonial rule. But twelve (12) years later, in 1958, a year after our independence, we took our rightful place as a member of UNESCO. It has since been sixty-three years of fruitful, cordial cooperation, and the benefits are evident.

Just as we were the first country, south of the Sahara, to gain our independence, Ghana's distinguished diplomat, Patrick Seddoh, was the first

African to be elected chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO in 1983. We were also the first African country to have a female representative on the Executive Board, in the person of another distinguished diplomat, Mrs Therése Striggner-Scott. I say this to demonstrate how proud we are of our membership of UNESCO.

From the training of science teachers for our schools in 1965, UNESCO has helped shape many policies in our educational sector, including the recent National Teacher Policy, the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, and the mainstreaming of biosphere conservation plans in our national development agenda.

At the time when there was only one media house in Ghana, needless to say state-owned, UNESCO helped establish private, independent newspapers and radio stations, contributing to the making of a vibrant and free media, the envy, today, of many on the continent, and, indeed in the world.

With Ghana serving as the unfortunate location for 75 per cent of the slave dungeons built on the West coast of Africa to facilitate the barbaric, inhumane Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, we have been able to preserve significant numbers of these World Heritage sites with the assistance of UNESCO.

In contemporary times, UNESCO has been able to redefine and reposition itself to address the pressing needs of the world. When the pandemic of COVID-19 struck, it assisted several countries, including Ghana, to help ensure that the education of hundreds of thousands of children was not truncated.

Just as UNESCO believes that education is a human right for all throughout life, so do we in Ghana. Through the Free Senior High School policy, we are committed to every Ghanaian child having access to a minimum of senior high school education. Tertiary education has also seen a major boost in infrastructural

development, with some 60 public tertiary institutions now able to accommodate our fast-expanding student population.

Excellencies, UNESCO's mandate has broadened considerably beyond what the founding members may have envisaged, but it is important that its niche is not compromised in the drive to embrace its ever-widening fields of competence. With this said, I commend the dynamic Director General's efforts at a strategic transformation of this organisation, and I ask that we lend her the necessary support.

UNESCO is its Member States, this anniversary is ours too. It has been 75 years of multilateral solidarity, and we must continue for the next 75 years to deepen our cooperation even further in the areas of education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, communication and information to achieve the future we want, and leave no one behind.

Long Live UNESCO. Long live the United Nations.

## Message from the Minister of Education and Chairman of the Ghana Commission for UNESCO

ON the occasion of the 75th anniversary of UNESCO, I am pleased to present to you this special feature on Ghana and UNESCO relations. The main objective of the founding nations of UNESCO, after the Second World War, was to construct the defences of peace in the minds of humankind through Education, the Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information. UNESCO's aim of contributing to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue is as

valid today as it was at its inception in 1945.

The Ghana Commission for UNESCO of which I have the honour of being the current chairman became a full member of the organisation in 1958. Since then, Ghana has greatly benefited from the organisation in varied ways, much the same way as it has contributed to the work of UNESCO towards the achievement of its global objectives.

This special feature outlines Ghana's several achievements and cooperation with UNESCO. It outlines a plethora of activities in the fields of competence of the organisation. These activities are intricately interwoven in UNESCO's broad global objective of attaining the targets of then 2030 all the Sustainable Development agenda.

I am proud to say that this special feature conspicuously shows Ghana's strides towards the achievement of UNESCO's broad mandate in the country in the educational, Scientific, cultural, Communication and information space. It is my belief that this special feature will arouse the interest of our reading public as we celebrate 75 years of Ghana's cooperation with UNESCO.



• Dr Yaw Osei Adutwum —  
Minister of Education and Chairman of the Ghana Commission for UNESCO



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# The office of the Permanent Delegation

**T**HE Permanent Delegations to UNESCO have national offices in Paris, France, and liaise between member states' governments and the organisation's secretariat. Ghana's Permanent Delegation is part of the National Commission for UNESCO.

The Permanent Delegations are headed by a person having diplomatic status (generally with the rank of ambassador) with a deputy Permanent Delegate who sees to the day-to-day running of the office. Ghana's Ambassador to France, H.E Anna Bossman, is the country's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO.



• H.E Anna Bossman, Ghana's Ambassador to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO



• H.E. Frederico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, with the former President of Ghana, Lt. Jerry John Rawlings



• H.E. Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, with former President of Ghana, John Agyekum Kufuor



• H.E Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, with the former President of Ghana, John Dramani Mahama

# Statement by Mr Abdourahamane Diallo, UNESCO Representative to Ghana

IN 1945, the world saw the need to set up the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as a specialised agency of the United Nations to promote peace through international collaboration in education, the sciences, culture, communication and information. UNESCO's preamble when summarised encourages the organisation to work to promote peace in the minds of men and women.

Ghana joined UNESCO on April 11, 1958 and since then she has become an active partner in the organisation and within the UN System. This culminated with Kofi Annan becoming the seventh Secretary General of the United Nations from January 1997 to December 2006, making Ghana, Africa and people of Africa descent proud.

UNESCO has two global priorities: Africa and Gender Equality and it is currently implementing and ending its Medium-Term Strategy (37 C/4) 2014- 2021 to be replaced by a new strategic document for the next 8 years. Ghana is part of the Abuja Multi-sectoral Regional Office, based in Abuja, Nigeria. Its activities are coordinated by the country office which works closely with the Ghana National Commission for UNESCO in the advancement of UNESCO's objectives.

UNESCO's programmes and interventions in Ghana within the response of the United Nations Country Team contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals defined in Agenda 2030, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015 by working with different stakeholders and actors including Government, NGOs and private sector. UNESCO's contributions in Ghana have cut across UNESCO's sectors. In Education, it is supporting government to achieve SDG4 that ensures inclusive and equitable quality education while promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. Science has been promoting a sustainable future by contributing to several SDGs 9, 6, 14. The Social and Human Sciences has been



• Mr Abdourahamane Diallo, UNESCO Representative to Ghana

supporting social development, fostering intercultural dialogue and promoting ethical principles. Culture has been helping to protect Ghana's heritage and foster the creativity of Ghanaians. Communication has been contributing to Ghana's freedom of expression, media development, access to information and knowledge.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has brought a lot of challenges such as misinformation and disinformation as well as opportunities to work differently. It has tested the resolve of Ghanaians and produced resilience. UNESCO has been at the forefront of providing support for Ghana's response. It is hoped that in the next 75 years the relationship between UNESCO and Ghana would be even stronger.

UNESCO Accra Office wishes to thank the Government and the Peoples of Ghana for the strong cooperation and contribution to our common organisation.

Let us all remain mobilised and contribute together to build peace in the minds of Ghanaian women and men through Education, Sciences and Culture.

Long live Ghana, Long live UNESCO.



## UNESCO Prizes and Awards

UNESCO prizes have been awarded to projects offering sustainable solutions to the global challenges of gender equality, the fight against poverty, access to quality and inclusive education, climate change monitoring and cultural diversity for a culture of peace. If innovation is at the heart of your strategy, if your project meets the new needs of local communities, supports digital transformation or anticipates the evolution of society by focusing on artificial intelligence, UNESCO Prizes can give a boost to your research, bring an expert eye and increase visibility on global innovation actors working to transform lives and make decisive progress for humanity. Many Ghanaian projects have been the recipients of UNESCO awards over the years. These include:

### Confucius Prize For Literacy Award

The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy was established in 2005 with the support of the Government of the People's Republic of China. It is awarded to excellent literacy programmes with special consideration to adult literacy learning in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women. In 2020, 'Just Commit Foundation' (JCF), a non-profit organization, emerged as one of the winners of the

internationally recognized award for empowering children and youth across the country through literacy training and equipping both youth and adults with innovative and sustainable business and entrepreneurship skills. Learn more at <https://justcommit.org/>

### UNESCO - Japan Prize For Education

The UNESCO-Japan Prize for Education for Sustainable Development, funded by the Government of Japan, consists of three annual awards of USD 50,000 for each recipient. The Prize and award winners recognize the role of education in connecting the social, economic, cultural, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

World Vision Ghana emerged as one of the winners of this award for 2021. The World Vision Ghana was chosen for its project "unlock literacy project (UL)" which promotes a holistic approach to the development of literacy focusing on critical thinking, a core competency for sustainability. Learn more at <https://www.wvi.org/ghana>

To apply for a UNESCO prize or award, email us at [info@unescoghana.gov.gh](mailto:info@unescoghana.gov.gh) or visit our website on [www.unescoghana.gov.gh](http://www.unescoghana.gov.gh)

## The UNESCO fellowships Programme

FELLOWSHIPS are an effective modality for UNESCO to enhance the human resources and capacity-building of Member States, especially developing countries. Fellowships are specially tailored training which are designed to give qualified persons practicing or intending to practice a profession in the field of the UNESCO programme priorities an opportunity to receive additional and practical training, thus contributing to the advancement and circulation of knowledge and skill promoting development and international understanding. Many Ghanaians have benefited from UNESCO fellowships over the years

These include:

- UNESCO/People's Republic of China (The Great Wall) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme
  - COMFITEA Scholarship, UIL, Hamburg, Germany
  - UNESCO/Israel (MASHAV) Fellowship on "Educational Methodologies - Prevention of drop-outs of school and re-insertion of Youth at risk"
  - UNESCO/Israel (MASHAV) Fellowship on "Addressing the Urbanization Challenge"
  - UNESCO/Poland Co-sponsored Fellowships Programme in Engineering cycle
- To apply for UNESCO Fellowships, follow us on social media or visit our website on [www.unescoghana.gov.gh](http://www.unescoghana.gov.gh) for fellowship announcements and application information.

## UNESCO Intergovernmental Committees

THE National Committees are the Commission's resource of experts who are drawn from various governmental and non-governmental agencies. They are involved in all projects implemented by the commission either as implementers or advisors. They are responsible for advising government on technical issues on UNESCO. Some of the Committees are:

1. Man, and Biosphere Committee (MAB) - Environmental and Biodiversity Conservation
2. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Committee (IOC) - Oceans and issues related to the marine environment
3. International Hydrological Programme (IHP) - Issues related to Fresh Water and Aquatic Life
4. Information for All

Programme (IFAP) - Communication and Access to Information

5. Memory of the World (MoW) Committee - Documentary Heritage

6. National Heritage Committee (GHC) - Management of Ghana's Heritage Resources

### 1. UNESCO Mab Programme

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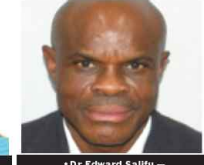
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## UNESCO Prizes and Awards

UNESCO prizes have been awarded to projects offering sustainable solutions to the global challenges of gender equality, the fight against poverty, access to quality and inclusive education, climate change monitoring and cultural diversity for a culture of peace. If innovation is at the heart of your strategy, if your project meets the new needs of local communities, supports digital transformation or anticipates the evolution of society by focusing on artificial intelligence, UNESCO Prizes can give a boost to your research, bring an expert eye and increase visibility on global innovation actors working to transform lives and make decisive progress for humanity. Many Ghanaian projects have been the recipients of UNESCO awards over the years. These include:

### Confucius Prize For Literacy Award

The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy was established in 2005 with the support of the Government of the People's Republic of China. It is awarded to excellent literacy programmes with special consideration to adult literacy learning in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women. In 2020, 'Just Commit Foundation' (JCF), a non-profit organization, emerged as one of the winners of the

internationally recognized award for empowering children and youth across the country through literacy training and equipping both youth and adults with innovative and sustainable business and entrepreneurship skills. Learn more at <https://justcommit.org/>

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The UNESCO-Japan Prize for Education for Sustainable Development, funded by the Government of Japan, consists of three annual awards of USD 50,000 for each recipient. The Prize and award winners recognize the role of education in connecting the social, economic, cultural, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

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## The UNESCO fellowships Programme

FELLOWSHIPS are an effective modality for UNESCO to enhance the human resources and capacity-building of Member States, especially developing countries. Fellowships are specially tailored training which are designed to give qualified persons practicing or intending to practice a profession in the field of the UNESCO programme priorities an opportunity to receive additional and practical training, thus contributing to the advancement and circulation of knowledge and skill promoting development and international understanding. Many Ghanaians have benefited from UNESCO fellowships over the years

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## UNESCO Intergovernmental Committees

THE National Committees are the Commission's resource of experts who are drawn from various governmental and non-governmental agencies. They are involved in all projects implemented by the commission either as implementers or advisors. They are responsible for advising government on technical issues on UNESCO. Some of the Committees are:

1. Man, and Biosphere Committee (MAB) - Environmental and Biodiversity Conservation
2. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Committee (IOC) - Oceans and issues related to the marine environment
3. International Hydrological Programme (IHP) - Issues related to Fresh Water and Aquatic Life
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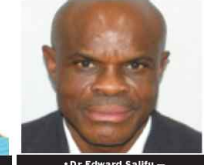
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## Profile Establishment

The Ghana Commission for UNESCO is a specialised agency of the government with the mandate to foster multilateral relations between Ghana and UNESCO and its member states.

- Acts as an advisory body to the government in determining policy with regard to UNESCO and its programmes.

- Serves as a liaison agency involving Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in UNESCO and its activities for the advancement of Education,

the Sciences, Culture and Communication, with the aim of advancing mutual knowledge and understanding of UNESCO's work towards the common welfare of human-kind.

- Disseminates information from and to UNESCO.

- Exchanges information and experiences with its counterparts in member states of the organisation.

- Fosters close co-operation between state agencies and services, professionals and other associations, universities as well as other centres of research and education in the promotion of UNESCO's objectives and ideals.

- Co-operates with government delegations to UNESCO general conferences and other intergovernmental meetings convened by UNESCO, in the preparation of Ghana's position papers by preparing the contribution of Government to the work of these meetings.

- Participates in the search for candidates for UNESCO Fellowships, vacant UNESCO posts financed under the regular programme or from extra-budgetary resources.

- Participates in the planning and execution of activities entrusted to UNESCO which are undertaken with the assistance of the other sister agencies of the United Nations in Ghana.

# Secretary-General's message

**G**hana joined UNESCO as an associate member in 1953, even before independence; a testament of how our founding fathers considered the ideals of this specialised UN Agency. In the 67 years since then, Ghana has built a strong relationship with UNESCO, led by the Ghana Commission for UNESCO, a specialised governmental liaison agency. As one of 205 such organisations across 199 countries, this is a unique feature of UNESCO within the UN family, that it has a national collaborating agency to ensure the smooth implementation of its programmes and also to harness the expertise from various countries for its fields of competence.

The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) was instituted in 1945 after the second World War and headquartered in Paris, France. UNESCO's mission is to "build peace in the minds of humankind", a statement that reflects the ever-relevant thought that if we can collaborate in the fields of Education, Natural Science, Social and Human Science, Culture and also Communication and Information (UNESCO's areas of competence), we will realise our shared humanity and hopefully pursue



• Mrs Ama Serwah Nerquaye-Tetteh — Secretary General of the Ghana Commission for UNESCO

peace rather than war.

UNESCO's mandate is broad, covering, among others:

- Freedom of Expression
- Safety of Journalists and Press Freedom
- Access to Quality Education
- World Heritage Sites
- Creative Cities
- Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Social Transformation
- Ethics of Science and Technology
- Biosphere Reserves
- Global Geoparks
- ICT in Education
- Lifelong Learning
- Water Management and Security
- Oceans

For these, it has several conventions, protocols and recommendations as well as other normative instruments. One of our roles at the Commission is to ensure compliance and the adaptation of these instruments in

our National policies and development plans. We work closely with eight ministries:

1. Ministry of Education
2. Ministry of Communication
3. Ministry of Information
4. Ministry of Youth and Sports
5. Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation
6. Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture
7. Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources
8. Ministry of Gender and Social Protection and their agencies to achieve this.

To highlight these important aspects of our development, we celebrate days dedicated to these areas and we invite organisations both private and public to partner with us in this endeavour.

In this commemorative pull-out, we have sought to present to you a slice of what we do at the National Commission; we share these successes with you but more importantly, we also show you the relevance of UNESCO's work in Ghana and Ghana's work at UNESCO.

On behalf of my colleagues at the commission, we express gratitude to our partner government agencies, civil society organisations, academia and individuals with expertise in UNESCO's fields of competence for the diverse ways in which they have supported our work.

As we join in the celebration of this important 75th milestone on the theme "Advancing ideas that shape the world", we look ahead to many more years of peaceful coexistence fostered by the UNESCO's pioneering work on The Futures of Education, Open Science and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, among others.

Vive le Ghana, Vive l'UNESCO!

# Ghana at the UNESCO Executive Board

GHANA is an active member state of UNESCO and currently on its Executive Board. In fact, since 1993, Ghana has either been chairman or vice chairman of the Executive Board 10 out of a possible 14 times. The Executive Board is elected by the General Conference and is one of the three constitutional organs of UNESCO. It consists of 58 member states with a four-year term of office. Ghana consistently winning these elections attests to the high regard accorded us by our fellow member states. Below, we reproduce the list of Ghana's representatives on the UNESCO Executive Board.

1. Mr Kankam Twum Barima - 1970-1976 (Chairman of the Executive Board-1973-1975)
2. Mr Patrick K. Seddoh - 1981-1985 (Chairman of the Executive Board 1981-1983)
3. Ms Thérèse Eppie Striggner Scott - 1991-1993
4. Mr Keli Nordor 1994-1995
5. Ms Christina Amoako-Nuama -1997 - 1998
6. Mr Ekwow Spio-Garbrah (156th-157th) 1999 - 2000
7. Mr Christopher Ameyaw-Akumfi (161st - 162nd) 2001-2002
8. Mr John Kusi-Achampong 2003 - 2007
9. Ms Naana J.S. Opoku-Agyemang 2009 - 2013 - 2016
10. Ms Johanna Odonkor Svanikier -2015 - 2016
11. Mr Matthew Opoku Prempeh -2017 - 2020
12. Dr Yaw Osei Adutwum -2021

## DID YOU KNOW?

### UNESCO Ghana Commission has a Permanent Delegation?

The Permanent Delegations to UNESCO serve as a link between Member States' governments and the UNESCO Secretariat in Paris. The Permanent Delegation is the official government representation at UNESCO and is headed by Amb. Anna Bossman, Ghana's Ambassador to France.

The Ghana Commission for UNESCO (NATCOM) became an Associate Member of UNESCO in 1953, the Ghana Commission for UNESCO (Ghana NATCOM) was established as a Committee for UNESCO Affairs. The Commission acts as a formal interface between the Ghanaian government and UNESCO. It is hosted by the Ministry of Education.

### CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board's chairperson prepares the provisional agenda as well as the updated provisional agenda and guides the discussion and ensures that the rules of procedure are followed and that everyone has a chance to speak.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

UNESCO's policy and principal fields of operation are determined by the General Conference. Its job is to decide on UNESCO's programmes and funding. It also elects the members of the Executive Board and appoints the Director-General every four years. Each country has one vote, regardless of its size or level of contribution to the budget.



# UNESCO Category II centres

Category II institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO are a global network of institutions of excellence in the organisation's domains of competence. Given their expertise, these institutes and centres contribute to the implementation of UNESCO's strategic priorities, programmes and global

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## African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)-GHANA

THE African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) is a pan-African network of Centres of Excellence for post-graduate training in mathematical sciences, research and public engagement. Since AIMS Ghana's establishment as a UNESCO Category 2 Centre of Excellence in 2018, it has engaged in programmes and activities that contribute to implementing UNESCO's strategic framework and Ghana's policy on STEM education. The centre is established under the agreement to perform the following functions:

1. Undertake Innovative training and capacity development in mathematical sciences, including teacher training at all levels with an emphasis on an interdisciplinary approach.
2. Undertake scientific events and knowledge dissemination through scientific outreach, including in schools, workshops, exhibitions, fairs, conferences and seminars relevant for UNESCO programmes.
3. Be a Pan-African Centre of

excellence in mathematics education and research for talented African students, which is part of the NEI aimed at producing fertile ground for the next 'Einstein' to be an African woman or man.

The core programmes run at the centre include MSc Mathematical Sciences, MPhil Mathematical Sciences, Master's in Mathematical Sciences for Teachers, as well as doctoral training. AIMS Ghana also has a research centre which conducts research in Stochastics, Climate Sciences and Atmospheric physics, data science, algebra and quantum. It also promotes STEM education through its outreach programmes and activities such as the Girls in Mathematical Sciences Program aimed at harness female talents in secondary schools across Ghana. The institute also has a strong industry programme aimed at promoting partnerships with industries in and outside Ghana.

The institute remains appreciative of the Government of Ghana and the Ghana Commission for UNESCO (NATCOM)'s support

over the period, looking forward to a big Ayekoo! chalking up more milestones. AIMS Ghana wishes UNESCO a grand 75th anniversary celebration and we say

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## Technology Consultancy Centre (TCC), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Category II Centre

UNESCO, on November 15, 2021 approved the establishment of the Technology Consultancy Centre at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology as a Category II Centre of Excellence under its auspices. The Technology Consultancy Centre (TCC) serves as the interface between the research and development activities taking place at the university and the entrepreneurial aspirations of the Ghanaian Public. TCC had such an impact that nearly every major international development agency, including USAID, ODA, CIDA, GTZ, the Commonwealth Secretariat's IDU and OXFAM, contributed funds to support the numerous initiatives after it was successful in establishing a strong local manufacturing capability whose impact was so visible that a second ITTU was established in Tamale in 1984. (Northern Ghana).

Learn more at <https://tcc.knust.edu.gh/>

## Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (IEPA)

On 16th June 2021, the Minister of Education, Honourable Dr. Yaw Osei Aduwum, launched the Institute for Educational Planning and

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University of Cape Coast (UCC) in Ghana.

IEPA has been in existence for over 40 years at the University of Cape Coast with the mandate to build and strengthen capacity in educational planning and administration of experts and non-experts and to inform educational policy formulation and implementation through research.

In 2013, the IEPA began a process of application to become a UNESCO Category II Centre and after fulfilling all needed requirements, saw the official signing to legalise its mandate as a UNESCO Category II Institute in November 2020. Her Excellency Anna Bossman, Ghana's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France and Portugal and Permanent Representative of Ghana to UNESCO, signed the official agreement on behalf of the Government of Ghana while Mrs Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, did same for UNESCO in a

virtual signing ceremony which took place at the UNESCO office in Paris.

A year on, the IEPA has achieved the following:

- Inaugurated the Governing Board to provide strategic direction to IEPA management to promote equitable and quality education in Ghana and the sub-region
- Joined about fifteen (15) global UNESCO Category II Centres to dialogue and recommended a road map to achieve the UNESCO Medium-term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41/C/4) in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4
- Developed modalities for partnership with West African states and has held stakeholder dialogues to drive this agenda
- Assisting the Ministry of Education in Ghana to build an effective SDG 4 data production and monitoring system to inform policy interventions
- Building capacity of

educational planners, administrators and leaders through MPhil and PhD Programmes as well as professional development workshops in educational leadership, administration and planning

• Partnering the Ghana Education Service (GES) on educational delivery through consultancy, research and capacity building trainings.

• Driving advocacy on SDG 4 through radio programmes and webinar series.

Instrumentally, the IEPA UNESCO Category II Centre of Excellence is building bridges for the achievement of SDG 4 in Ghana and the West African sub-region and is poised to use research in topical issues of educational equity to drive effectiveness to the educational priority areas of UNESCO.

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# Ghana & UNESCO notable projects

## Accra named UNESCO World Book Capital 2023

ACCRA has been named UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023. The city of Accra was selected for its strong focus on young people and their potential to contribute to the culture and wealth of Ghana. Accra's proposed programme seeks to use the power of books to engage these young people, as an effective way of skilling up the next generation.

Cities designated as UNESCO World Book Capital are to promote books and reading for all ages and population groups, within and across national borders, and to organise a programme of activities for the year.

The Ghana Book Development Council is spearheading this initiative together with the Accra Metropolitan Assembly.



## Youth: A cross cutting priority

THE most ardent wish of young people is to participate as full and equal citizens in today's world. They perceive themselves as capable of assuming responsible and determining roles in society. They need only be given the opportunity and guidance in order to prove their ability. Historically, where significant social change has taken place, young people have been in the vanguard. The commission backs many youth-led projects.

## Girls can code

"GIRLS Can Code"; the project aims at training teenagers between the ages of 11 and 14 from 10 schools across the regions of the country. It has been designed under UNESCO's Information for All Programme (IFAP) and is intended to bring equity and narrow the gap between men and women in the use of information and communications technologies (ICT).



• UNESCO Director-General inspects 'Girls Can Code' Project

## Gender in Education

UNESCO has supported the Girls' Education Unit (GEU) of the Ghana Education Service (GES) to develop a Girls' Education Strategy, and enhanced the capacity of STEM Teachers in St Joseph's College of Education (Bechem), OLA College of Education (Cape Coast) and St Francis' College of Education (Hohoe), and organised biannual STEM clinics for JHS girls to pursue STEM-related subjects and careers and overcome stereotypes. UNESCO has also

strengthened the capacity of District Girls' Education Officers (DGEOs) in project development, resource mobilisation, communication, and report writing.

*"My colleagues and I thought Science was difficult but when I attended the STEM clinic, I realised that Science was not difficult at all. It only requires regular studies and a good teacher....."* Elizabeth, JHS student at Okadjakrom in the Jasikan District of Ghana.

## World heritage sites

# Asante Traditional Buildings

THE Asante Traditional Buildings are the material culture manifestations of the Great Asante Kingdom which reached its peak in the 18th Century.

These buildings were used by chiefs, priests and men of influence. The uniqueness of the building and its mural decorations caught the attention of early European travellers such as William Winniett and Thomas E. Bowdich. They described the buildings as structures "...that gives the streets of

Kumasi a peculiar aspect of cheerfulness...". In 1980, the only 10 surviving Asante Traditional Buildings were listed on the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage List as the last remaining testimony of the unique architectural style of the great Asante Kingdom. The 10 buildings which now serve as shrine houses are located at: Abirim, Asawase, Asenemaso, Bodwease, Ejisu Besease, Adarko Jachie, Edwenase, Kentinkrono, Patakro and Saaman all in the Ashanti Region.



## The Forts and Castles

THE forts and castles are fortified trading posts founded between 1482 and 1786, and spanning approximately 500 km along the coast of Ghana between Keta in the east and Beyin in the west. They served as links in the trading routes established by the Portuguese in many areas of the world during their era of great maritime exploration.

The castles and forts were built and occupied at different times by traders from Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Germany and Britain. They served the gold trade of European

chartered companies. The buildings also played a significant part in the slave trade and therefore in the history of the Americas.

In 1979, the buildings were listed on the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage List as buildings that have not shaped only Ghana's history but that of the world over four centuries as the focus of first the gold trade and then the slave trade and that they are a significant and emotive symbol of European-African encounters and the starting point of the African Diaspora.



# News feature

## When world converged on Glasgow

By Emmanuel Bonney, back from GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

**E**XPECTATIONS were high while poor countries were hopeful of commitments from rich countries as the world prepared for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland in the United Kingdom from October 31 to November 12, 2021.

Indeed, this was a conference attended by about 30,000 persons from over 200 countries across the world. Also in attendance were 125 heads of state and governments.

This was a major international conference held in the midst of a global pandemic, the coronavirus (COVID-19), which had claimed some five million lives just about the time it was commencing.

It was a bold decision that the world took, to meet and deal with an equally

dangerous climate change, in spite of the dangers of the COVID-19.

The COP26 was a crucial moment for world leaders to meet and demonstrate their commitments to save the planet by braving the COVID-19 pandemic, to engage in achieving global temperature target of 1.5 degrees celsius.

Rightly so, they put in the right measures and the observation of the COVID-19 safety etiquettes — the use of sanitisers, daily temperature taking and COVID-19 tests.

Free test kits were distributed for individuals to do their tests before getting to the Scottish Events Centre (SEC), the

venue for the event. Other people who could not do it at their hotels could also go to the centre, where it was also done daily. Before entry, one was required to show their test result before being allowed in by security personnel, led by the police.

### Safety etiquettes

I must say that in addition to the test kits and personal hygiene packs, each participant also had a COP26 pass that enabled them to board vehicles and trains from wherever they resided to certain central points in the city of Glasgow to be picked up by buses to the conference centre.

The pass was very helpful, as people had to travel from far distances to the city centre. It actually saved all the cost of travelling.

Because of the large number of people converging on Glasgow, securing accommodation in the city centre became a challenge, as hotels became fully booked with some residents offering part of their accommodation facilities to participants.

Moreover, the cost of accommodation was another matter. With the lack of accommodation facilities and costs, people had no choice but to secure accommodation outside the city centre, where they commuted daily to and from the conference centre.

Security was tight, with police presence seen virtually everywhere. Apart from patrol vehicles, the police were seen on motorcycles, horseback, traffic intersections, bus stations and railway stations, among other places, and were ready and prompt to assist.

### Protests

A notable feature of the COP26 was the series of protests by individuals and groups of climate activists.

These activists poured out their



Some protesters at the entrance of the Scottish Events Centre depicting the impact of climate change on humanity



Media personnel chased participants everywhere to get their stories

The UAE Pavilion at COP26

frustrations at world leaders over failed promises, among other things. They used various means to convey their messages, with the message carried in diverse and a myriad of ways.

The messages were in songs, speeches, sirens, drumming, leaflets and pictures, etc. I remember that 48 hours to the closure of the conference, one of the groups led their members to lie down on the streets, in their white cloths. They looked like corpses at the entrance of the SEC.

That act depicted the effect of climate change on humanity eventually. Their act was simple, yet a poignant message.

Another thing that stood out was the media centre where journalists from the print, electronic, online and various news agencies filed their stories.

Screens were mounted in the cubicles of media outlets coming from various countries. This was to enable them to monitor proceedings from the main conference hall.

Others also had the opportunity to mount their cameras to take the live feeds of discussions from the COP26 venue. It was such an exciting scene to behold as journalists fraternised and worked.

Participants were ushered into conference rooms in an orderly manner. To avoid long queues, retractable queue barriers were mounted to allow

people to zigzag their way to the final point of the checking of accreditation and photographs is at the security points, before entry into the main venue.

### Pavilions

Various countries mounted pavilions to showcase their plans and programmes for climate change. For the first time in the history of the UN conference, Ghana was able to set up a pavilion with the support of some development partners.

Although the pavilions were just supposed to be structures with the names and some national symbols of the countries embossed on them, some countries took it "personal" displaying wealth by the elaborate designs of their pavilions.

While some mounted simple facilities, the wealthy countries set up two-storey facilities with giant screens. Some of these countries were Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the Russian Federation.

The COP26 was a well organised conference amid a global pandemic that had claimed the lives of millions across the world. It is the hope that participating countries would take some lessons from the organisation of the two-week global event.



The cloakroom drop off section at the conference centre



The conference was buzzing with a lot of activities



The Qatar Pavilion



A meeting at the SDG Pavilion



The electric bus that provided services to the COP26 participants from their various locations



A meeting at the Ghana Pavilion

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## SETH ACHAMFOUR-YEBOAH

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### THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**BURIAL SERVICE:** Thursday, 25th November, 2021 burial service shall be held at the Kaneshie Presbyterian Church from 7A.M. to 10A.M.

**INTERMENT:** Thursday, 25th November, 2021 (Private Burial Ceremony at his hometown Kona, in the Ashanti Region of Ghana).

**FINAL FUNERAL RITES:** Saturday, 27th of November, 2021 at the Forecourt of the Statehouse from 10 a.m. to 5p.m.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Sunday, 28th of November, 2021 at the Kaneshie Presby Church from 9 a.m. to 12p.m.

**FATHER:** Prince Kwame Achanfuo-Yeboah, (Deceased)

**MOTHER:** Mad Alice Adwoa Pinamang (Alias Maa Adwoa), (Deceased)

**WIDOW:** Mrs Vida Achanfuor-Yeboah

**SIBLINGS:** Wilhelmina Achanfuo-Yeboah (Accra), Rev. Samuel Achanfuo-Yeboah (Tema), Mr. Enoc Achanfuo-Yeboah (Accra), Dr. David Achanfuo-Yeboah (Australia), Joana Achanfuo-Yeboah (U.S.A), Esther Achanfuo-Yeboah - Mrs Aryee (Accra), Mrs Elizabeth Achanfuo-Darko (U.S.A), Michael Achanfuo-Yeboah (Accra), Martin Achanfuo-Yeboah (U.S.A), Sarah Achanfuo-Yeboah - Mrs. Sarah Kumi (Accra), Isaac Achanfuo-Yeboah (Accra), John Achanfuo-Yeboah (AGAI - Contractor, Accra), Vivian Achanfuo-Yeboah (U.K), Dr. Benjamin Achanfuo-Yeboah (U.S.A), Eno Achanfuo-Yeboah (Accra), Bright Achanfuo-Yeboah (U.S.A), Mary Achanfuo-Yeboah (Former Foreign Affairs).

**CHILDREN:** Seth Achanfuo-Yeboah Jnr (U.S.A), Mrs Adjoa Pinamang Esuman-Gwira (U.K), Nana Fokuo Achanfuo-Yeboah (U.K).

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**IN-LAWS:** Cynthia Annan Achanfuo-Yeboah, John Buckman Esuman-Gwira, Anca Avram

**GRAND CHILDREN:** Akosua Adobe Achanfuo-Yeboah, Tyrone Kofi Esuman-Gwira, Nicole Kwansema Esuman-Gwira, Ethan Kojo Yeboah Esuman-Gwira, Evie Achanfuo-Yeboah, Andrie Avram Achanfuo-Yeboah, Andreea Maya Achanfuo-Yeboah

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EMMANUEL WILLIAM KODZO  
ADZOFU

(Former Executive Director GCB Bank Ltd, Administration and Head of the Adzofu Family), Which sad event occurred on 20th September, 2021 at the St. Patrick's Hospital, Kpando

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Friday, 26th November, 2021: There will be a family gathering at his Residence - Mawuko Villa, Anfoega Akukome, where the body will lie in state for viewing from 9:00pm to 6:30am

Saturday 27th November, 2021: Burial Service at Anfoega Kpodzi E.P. Church Yakra Congregation at 8:30am • BURIAL: PRIVATE

FUNERAL RITES: Mawuko Villa, Anfoega Akukome • Sunday 28th November, 2021: Thanksgiving Service at Anfoega Kpodzi E.P. Church Yakra Congregation, Anfoega - Akukome

### CHILDREN:

Mrs. Joyce Donkor-Accra, Mr. Roland Kwame Adzofu-UK, Mrs. Esther Ama Kortatsi-Accra, Mad. Charity Adzofu-Accra, Mrs. Svetlana Agatha Essilfie (née Adzofu) -Accra, Mrs Felicia Maame Esi Dake-USA, WOI Emmanuel Komla Adzofu-Accra, Mr. Benjamin Emmanuel Adzofu-Accra, Mrs. Gloria Sherry Sam-Accra, Mrs. Florence Deladem Addai-Baah, Hungary, Ms. Jackie Abra Adzofu-UK, Wisdom G. Kpesenu-Accra

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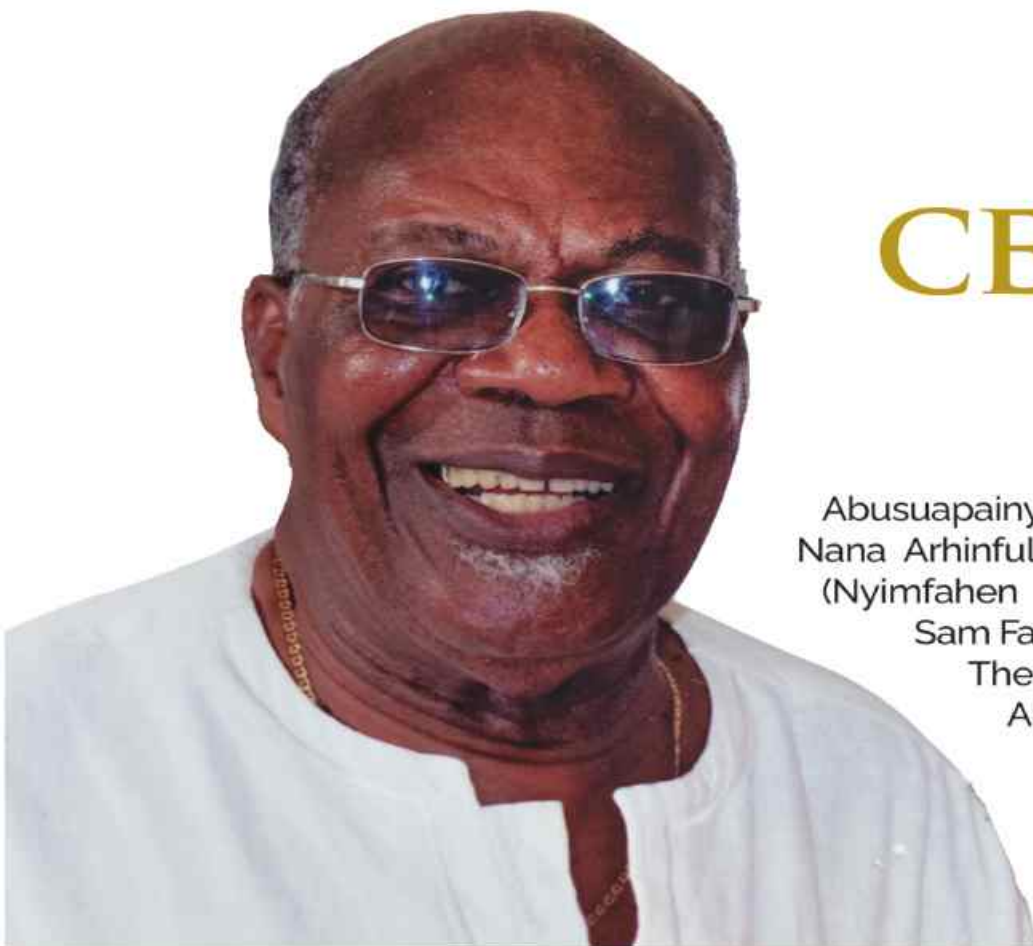
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### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### There will be no wake

**Lying-In-State:** Friday November 26, 2021 at his residence #22 Tsatse Dzani St., Adjirigano from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

#### Pre-Burial, Burial & Thanksgiving Service:

Saturday November 27, 2021 at Christ Anglican Church, Legon from 8.00 a.m.

#### Private Burial

**Widow:** Mrs. Maxine Bailey-Sam

**Children:** Garth Francis Sam (Toronto), Dr. Lanalee Araba Sam (Atlanta), Tanya Sam (Atlanta) & Mrs. Tamara Cavon (San Jose)

**Grand Children:** Shane Alexander McFarlane (Atlanta) & Adeline Frankie Cavon (San Jose)

**Siblings:** Mrs. Augustina Ameer Mettle-Armah, Gwenda Sam, (Whirlpool), Mrs. Patricia McElroy (Denver),

Mrs. Jacqueline Sam-Idris (Virginia), Prof. Peter Sam Jnr (North Carolina), Jemima Sam (Virginia), Frederick Sam (Whirlpool), Stanley Sam (Toronto), Frances, Sabina & Alfred Sam & Comfort Opere (New York)

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**Cousins, Nieces & Nephews:** Sam, Botchway, Quarshie-Sam, Ablorh-Mills & Allied Families

#### CHIEF MOURNERS:

Abusuapainyin Peter Kwesi Sackey (Head of Sam Family), Nana Arhinful (Akwamuhene of Enyanmain), Nana Baah VII (Nyimfahen of Nkusukum Traditional Area, Saltpond), The Sam Family of Saltpond & Teshie Nungua Estates, Accra, The Yanney Family of Enyanmain, Mrs. Augustine Ameer Mettle-Armah, The Ablorh-Mills Family, Anna Aku Brown Family of Asare Agbon, The Botchway Family of James Town-British Accra, Christ Anglican Church, Legon

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# Business

The ABFA received a total of

US\$260.64m

to support the Budget, while the GPFs received

US\$168.67 m

Source: Ministry of Finance

## Mobile money to outstrip cheque transactions

### — CIB Ghana

By Maclean Kwofi

**I**N the first four months of 2021, the usage of mobile money in non-cash retail payments overtook the traditional cheque transactions in the country.

A Bank of Ghana (BoG) report on payment systems showed that while the volume of transactions on mobile money was GH¢301.1 billion, that of cheque transactions was GH¢68.3 billion between January and April this year.

The Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIB) Ghana said based on the growth trajectory, it was hopeful that the usage of mobile money in non-cash retail payments would surpass traditional cheques far more than the GH¢389 billion recorded for mobile money transactions in 2020.

However, it is not clear whether the trend of more consumers switching to the use of mobile money for transactional purposes will continue after the proposed 1.75 per cent levy on mobile money and other electronic transactions which takes effect next year.

But opening the 25th National Banking Conference of the CIB Ghana in Accra on November 18, the President of the institute, Right Rev. Patricia Sappor, observed that if the trend



• Dr Mahamudu Bawumia (3rd from right), Vice-President, interacting with some of the dignitaries while walking to the event auditorium. With him is Right Rev. Patricia Sappor (2nd from right), President, CIB Ghana, and Dr Ernest Addison (left), Governor, BoG

continued, the total value of mobile money transactions would surpass cheque transactions by far.

#### The conference

On the theme: "The Digital Economy of Ghana: The Strategic Role of the Banking Industry," the conference provided a platform for an in-depth interrogation of topical issues in relation to the economy and the banking industry.

It hosted personalities such as the Vice-President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, the Governor of BoG, Dr Ernest Addison, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ghana Association of Bankers (GAB), Mr John Awuah and other stakeholders in the banking industry.

#### Financial inclusion

Rev. Sappor stated that the trend of

**"It is important to note that the banking industry is among the few in the country which was future-ready for COVID-19 by actively driving the adoption of digital products across its customer base."**

more consumers switching to the use of mobile money had also enhanced the country's quest to continue to improve

financial inclusion among the citizens.

"In view of the above, we saw many banks in the country rise to the occasion at the height of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by ensuring digital platforms were readily available and working seamlessly to prevent any interruption in banking services to customers.

"It is important to note that the banking industry is among the few in the country which was future-ready for COVID-19 by actively driving the adoption of digital products across its customer base," she said.

#### Core pillar

For his part, Mr Awuah noted that digitisation would continue to remain a core pillar of banking in the country.

"Today's customer needs have become increasingly complicated and sophisticated. The pandemic has also contributed to a more complex environment where any entity which does not embrace the changing trends might not survive.

The theme for this year's conference aligns well with the sentiment across the board about the leadership role banks can exhibit as stakeholders chart a new path towards the country's digitisation journey," the CEO added.

#### Banks commended

For his part, Dr Bawumia commended financial institutions for their immense roles towards a successful payment system in the country.

"I also acknowledged the Bank of Ghana's efforts in deploying comprehensive reforms and interventions, especially during these unprecedented times, by providing the financial sector with various regulatory reliefs that allowed banks to provide financial support to critical sectors of the economy as part of the COVID-19 policy responses".

## VIVO Energy Ghana appoints Kader Maiga as Managing Director

VIVO Energy Ghana, the marketer and distributor of Shell branded fuels and lubricants, has appointed Mr Kader Maiga, as its new Managing Director following Mr Ben Hassan Ouattara's end of tenure.

Mr Maiga comes on board with over 20 years of experience in the energy sector, including senior management positions with Shell and Vivo Energy.

He holds a Master's degree in Economic Science from the University of Wuppertal in Germany.

Mr Maiga's career started in Shell as a retail manager for Guinea and Mali where he changed the face of retail business with his innovative and leadership approach to selling fuels and

lubricants, progressing to become the Country Chairman for Mali.

Following the transition from Shell to Vivo Energy in 2011, Mr Maiga was appointed the MD of Vivo Energy Mali.

He subsequently became the MD for Guinea, before becoming the MD for Madagascar in 2016 and the MD for Senegal in 2019. In each of the countries he has led, he has built very formidable businesses.

Commenting on the appointment, in a release issued in Accra yesterday, the Vivo Energy's Executive Vice-President West Africa, Mr Franck Konan-Yahaut, said: "I would like to thank Ben Hassan for his time at Vivo Energy Ghana and I'm delighted that Kader has accepted

the position as the new MD. I know that his vast experience will be of great benefit to our business in Ghana as we continue to deliver the best product and services to our customers."

Mr Maiga on his part said "I am excited to join such a dynamic team and look forward to building on the strong performance achieved by my predecessor.

"I am here to serve and together as a team, let us inspire one another to achieve our shared vision of creating the most respected energy business in Ghana."

Mr Maiga is fluent in French, English and German and is married with four children.



• Mr Kader Maiga, Managing Director of Vivo Energy Ghana

# CELEBRATING AMANSANMAAME AUNTIE AKUA

**CHIEF MOURNERS:** Nana Konadu Yiadom Kumanin IV (Konahene), Nana Ampsah Agyemang III (Konahemaa), Ekona Abusuapanin Kwabena Dame, Mr. Kwabi Mensah, Mr. Victor Osei Boahen, Prof. John Osei Bobie Boahen (Fmr. MCE, Suame), Mr. P.K. Asamoah, Mr. Sekyere Abankwa (Fmr. MD., Prudential Bank), Rev. Lawyer Kwabena Ankamah, Dr. Despite Osei Kwame (Despite Group of Companies), Abusuapanin Kwasi Oteng Petepre (Widower, Nsuta), Lt. Col. Serebour Ababio (National Security), Mr. Akwasi Acheampong (Director, Mountain High School), Mrs. Akosua Konadu Acheampong (Mama), Mrs. Doris Osei (Dede), Ms. Mary Brifu (Prudential Bank), Obaapanin Ama Dapaah (Odabs), Obaapanin Abena Serwaah, The Pentecost Church, Abelemkpe District, Danbri Co. Ltd, Peter Owusu (Wofa Peter), Akwasi Ofori (Disco Electricals & Co), Bright Osei & Co, Mr. Adu Gyamfi Acheampong (M.D., Danbri), Robert Nyarko (Teacher Niiboi), Yaw Sarfo

**FATHER:** Opanyin Kwaku Agyei

**MOTHERS:** Obaapanin Akua Serwaa, Obaapanin Afua Darkowaah and the entire families of Konaman and Nsutaman announce the passing to glory of their beloved

## MRS HANNAH BRIFU

A.K.A  
AUNTIE AKUA

93 years

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**LYING-IN-STATE:** Friday, 26th November 2021 at Konahene's Palace

**BURIAL:** Saturday, 27th November 2021

**FUNERAL RITES:** Saturday, 27th November 2021 at Kona Palace Grounds from 6am-6pm

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Sunday, 28th November 2021 at Pentecost Church, Kona Central

**FINAL FUNERAL RITES:** Sunday, 28th November at Kona Palace Grounds from 1pm-6pm

**BROTHERS & SISTERS:** Kofi Asokwa, Henry Mensah, Daniel Frimpong, Francis Kofi Adu, Francis Opoku (V.V. Uni. Lecturer), Akwasi Mensah (Sugar), Nana Akwasi, Kwadwo Asante Black, Akwasi Charles (UK), Kwabena Mensah (Body Body), J.S. Amoah, Apostle Brefo Dubeng (Grace Divine Ministry), Owoahene Acheampong, Kwaku Frimpong (Sankwanana), Master Yaw Oppong, Mrs. Mercy Awuah (Akua Enkyin USA), Ama Adjeiwaa, Afua Fofie, Obaapanin Akosua Twumwaa, Obaapanin Akosua Agyemang, Obaapanin Yaa Amako, Mrs. Comfort Taylor, Madam Yaa Abrafi, Afua Gyamfuaah, Faago, Yaa Mansah, Akua Bonto, Adwoa Addae, Afua Nimoh, Afua Maggie, Afua Akyiaa, Abena Nkrumah, Afua Arko (Tiatia), Afua Nnow, Mrs Yaa Achiaa Asiamah.

**CHILDREN:** Piesei Kofi Sarkodie Brifu, Bernard Brifu, Mrs Akosua Konadu Acheampong (Mama), Mrs Doris Osei (Dede), Mary Brifu (Prudential Bank), Nana Ama Brifu (USA), Mrs Mercy Atta Mensah (Ode, UK), Kwaku Agyen Frimpong (Australia), Akua Moobi, Abena Pokuaa, Yaw Appiah, Kwaku Danquah (Abusua PZ Lane, Ksi), Macleaner Owusu Ansa (USA), George Dampsey (Taku, Taku, Italy), Yaa Achiaa Prempeh, Alex Boakye Ansa Prempeh (UK), Kwame Tete, W.O. 1 Francis Osei (4BN, Ksi), Mrs. Eunice Kyei Baffour (Barekese Govt Hospital), Frank Agyemang Dua (USA), W.O.1 (Rtd) Kwame Asare, Mrs. Christiana Edusei (UK), Josephine Manu (UK), Jannes Manu (Baby), Mrs. Zippora Kuffour, Adwoa Owusuwaa, Kofi Bright (USA), Afua Gyamfuaah (UK), Adwoa Achiaa, Mrs. Akosua Afriyie Karikari Botchwey (Italy), Atta Yaw Nyarko, Attaa Yaa Nyarko, Kwame Owusu, Anthony Owusu Agyen (Gees, USA), Mrs. Freda Mmieh (MMT, Ksi), Ms Sheila Fidel Owusu, Maxwell Kwaku Owusu, Owuraku Adofo Forson, Nana Yaa Forson, Kennedy Oppong (USA), Kwame Acheampong (Korea), Rev. Dickson Acheampong (Australia), Sammy Acheampong (Korea), Pastor Daniel Peprah, Abigail Asiamah, Martin Kofi Asiamah, Kudjo Asiamah (UK), Micheal Agyei Asiamah, Mercy Acheampong, Lydia Acheampong, Akwasi Acheampong, Peter Nkrumah (Neat Food), Adwoa Adutwumwaa, (Sister), Akosua Ohenewaa (Mother), Yaa Mansah, Abena Mansah, Adwoa Gyamfuaah, Gabriel Mensah, Adwoa Boakyewaa, Akwasi Emma, Kofi Ntow (06, Ksi), Kofi Okyere, Osei Kwame, Yaw Tuffuor, Kwame Oduro, Kwasi Charles, Pastor Emmanuel Adu, Kwaku Okyere (Tema), Maxwell Kofi Dapaa, Kwaku Konadu, Afua Nyarko, Yaa Serwaah, Ebenezer Adu, Da-Costa Adu Asare, Akua Ampsah, Ama Dufie, Gladys Oduro, Yaa Taa, Akua Arko, Edward Baah, Micheal Asare Nyarko, Baffour Appiah Danquah, Florence Fosuaa

Danquah (Cal Bank, Accra), Alfred Ofori Danquah, Delpina Addae Mensah (Yaa Akyiaa), Kwabena Ebo Mensah, Yaw Agyen Mensah and Atta Mensah, Adutwumwaa Mensah, Ellen Opoku (UK), Daniel O. Opoku (USA), Elfreda Opoku and Kofi Opoku Frimpong, Ruth Ohenewaa, Maafia Frimpong, Milicent Konadu, Kwasi Oteng (Obosom), Kwame Atta, Yaw Tawiah, Yaa Akyiaa, Akosua Adae (All of Nsuta)

**GRAND CHILDREN:** Mr. Yaw Agyenim Boateng (Nadmo), Nana Akwasi Prempeh (USA), Nana Osei Kwame Brifu (Super Maritime, Tema), Maame Ako (UK), Glory Agyen, Victory Agyen (all in Australia), Gabby, Annas, A.B. (Silicon View Sch), Thecla Ako Agyeiwaa Mmieh, Obrempong Kofi Mmieh, Kwaku Sarfo, Akua Serekyi, Ohemaa Afua Kobi, Lemmy Adofo, Leon Adofo, Derrick Mensah, Jeffrey Mensah, Stacy Mensah, Ama Drowaa, Kofi Yeboah, Yaw Acheampong, Kofi Owusu (UK), Kwasi Brifu (UK), Afua Nikrah, Afua Afrankomah, Ohemaa, Kojo Agyemang, Kofi Serebour, Obaa Yaa Achiaa (UK), Mrs Catherine Owusu (Abena Serwaa), Kwaku Acheampong (Prudential Bank, Accra), Maame Abena Adebisi Acheampong, Nana Akoh, Kwaku Acheampong Mensah, Kwame Konadu Acheampong (K.K), Penuel Acheampong, Jayden Acheampong, Hannah Akoh Acheampong, Derrick Agyen Brifu, Karen Adebisi Brifu, Mikela Owusu Gyimah, David Anim Osei (King), Joshua Wiafe Osei, Isaac Asante Osei, Emmanuel Akoh Osei, Samuel Agyen Brifu Osei, Daniel Nii Armah (Koo Nii), Helena Armah

**GREAT GRAND CHILDREN:** Kasia Owusu Sekyere, Hancock Owusu Sekyere, Kwaku Poku, Portia, Favour Agyemang Dua (Panin), Blessing Agyemang Dua (Kakra), Odiie, Fremah, Kobby Osei Okyere Darko, Kwaku Owusu Okyere Darko, Maame Afua Serwaa Okyere Darko, Randy Agyapong, Jackline Agyapong, Justice Agyapong, Nana Yaa Adutwumwaa Agyapong, Moriah, Magdalene, Daniel Opoku Jnr (USA), Janeil Opoku (USA), Makella Opoku (USA), Stephanie Afriyie (UK), Esmine Afriyie (UK), Ernest Adubofour Jnr and Francis Adubofour

**IN-LAWS:** Mr. Martin Asiamah, Elder Daniel Osei, Mr. Kwame Acheampong Mensah, Mr. Lawrence Mmieh, Mr. Seth Agyemang, Mr Bismark Botchwey (Italy), Mr. Obeng Adjei, Mr. Kwaku Atarpong, Mrs. Bridgit Owusu, Mrs. Elizabeth Brifu, Mrs Cynthia Magnus Maxwell Owusu, Mrs Vida Owusu Ansa, (USA) Mrs Lucy Dampsey (Italy), Mrs. Agyeiwaa Adofo Forson, Mrs. Comfort Fremu Owusu

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# Why 'leading from within' is only way to meaningfully lead

*Give me beauty in the inward soul; may the outward and the inward man be at one. Socrates.*

By Issa Mohammed

**A** FEW years ago, I spoke about leadership at a company's annual event. The company was celebrating 15 years of leadership by their CEO, John. Later in the night, and after a few drinks, he confided in me.

"I'm miserable. I feel fake, like a robot controlled by the enormity of the business that I've created and the expectations that it entails. Everyone thinks I'm a big success; I'm envied by friends, neighbours and family. My employees look at me with awe. I've created a culture of fear where no one dares to make a mistake. I've accustomed my family to such luxuries that I can't quit on my lavish lifestyle. And worst of all, I feel so alone."

I was taken aback. I was one of those who looked at John as if everything always worked out for him. It never crossed my mind that he could be so troubled. I didn't know what to say as the truth was that I hadn't known him very well.

Over the next few days and weeks,

his words and sullen face did not leave me. What he was going through echoed a lot of what I also went through 10 years ago.

It was apparent, like me before, that he had reached a place where his inner thoughts didn't match his outward actions.

His true self rebelled against his false self. Whether at work or at home, his leadership was one of reaction, resting on his street smarts, experience and screaming when things didn't go his way.

He had simply stood still over the last 15 years and never developed himself or those around him.

**Most leadership training courses ignore the power of within, the inside-out kind of leadership or authentic leadership.**

**Leadership** Whether in the business world or otherwise, leadership is about personal growth and raising one's

self-awareness. As much as we try to separate the leader from the person, the two are inseparable.

Leadership is not an external act, or a part-time job or something we just do. Whether we are entrepreneurs, engineers, writers or bankers, the leader and person are one. Leadership is who we are being. It is an expression of who we are; it is us in action.

We lead by virtue of who we are—our life experiences, beliefs, values, personality traits, motives and true essence.

External results such as revenue, profits, market share and peer recognition matter, but they should

not be what we pursue.

Rather, they ensue and become a by-product of our long-term vision, internal focus and dedication to self and team growth.

Leadership is broadly defined as "the action of leading a group of people or an organisation". We are taught to lead others, but not how to lead ourselves on the right path first.

**Power within**

Most leadership training courses ignore the power of within, the inside-out kind of leadership or authentic leadership. They instead focus on the external aspects such as vision, innovation, process, productivity and problem-solving.

All these external factors are essential, but they must be balanced by teaching men and women how to unleash their power from within.

There are infinite ways to become a great leader, and no one size fits everyone. There are many styles as there are leaders.

The single most important thing a leader needs to be is himself or herself. A leader must be authentic first, then competent later.

Authenticity comes from the Latin word "author" and simply means to become the author of one's life. Being authentic means coming from a real place within, where our actions and words are congruent with our beliefs and values.

It is being ourselves and not an imitation of what we think we should be or what

others want us to be.

**Whether in the business world or otherwise, leadership is about personal growth and raising one's self-awareness.**

**Journey**

"Leading from within" is not a destination but a journey of deep self-discovery, requiring both self-knowledge and self-awareness.

It is not stagnant, but rather constantly shifts and takes on new forms. We must continually be learning about ourselves, challenging old beliefs, facing our fears, and courageously reaching deep within ourselves to find out what makes our heart sing and our spirit soar.

It means reaching our true potential, living with a sense of purpose, guiding us to make a positive contribution to the world around us.

We all have a unique gift or talent, and we must find it and nurture it as it will give us the most incredible platform to become who we must be and serve humanity accordingly.



• The writer

However, it does not mean only focusing on the inner and rather forgetting about the outer results. It involves a constant dynamic between inner and outer. Our actions are in a dynamic loop from us to others and back again.

First and foremost, we need to understand who we are. What's our purpose and grand vision so that we can live and lead more consciously, intentionally and effectively? This

inner excavation directs our thoughts, feelings, actions, and results instead of being dictated by external results such as money, prestige, and success.

When we are clear on who we are, what we want and how we want to get it, the rest is all doable.

When what is happening on the outside matches what we feel on the inside, the rest is tolerable.

When we live, lead, and act from the heart, we live with certain contentment that can accommodate both failure and suffering as we do what we truly want and not what others want us to do.

Our lives, thus, are not defined by circumstances, life events and others, but rather by our true inner essence and an authentic path to mastery.

On these days that I lead from within, everything seems to work out. The sun seems brighter. I walk with purpose and energy as I feel my heart enlarge. I feel grateful, fulfilled, engaged and happy to be alive?

Only by being inner-focused can we feel those positive feelings more regularly.

What are you waiting for? There is no better time than today to start living and leading from within.

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• The reflection of a cat as a lion in the mirror. Leadership first begins within.

# CALL TO GLORY

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT (DOTE YIE)

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OMANHENE OF ACHERENSUA TRADITIONAL AREA (AHAFO REGION)



### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

**DATE:** 24th And 25th November, 2021

**PRELUDE:** 24th Nov., 2021 Cultural activities and traditional presentations

**LYING IN STATE:** 25th Nov., 2021 Paying of Homage at Agyewodin Palace, Acherensua (4:30am - 6pm)

**CHURCH SERVICE:** Non-Denominational Church Service, Reading of Tributes at Fore court of Agyewodin Palace (9:30am - 11:30am)

**FUNERAL CEREMONY/RECEIVING OF SYMPATHIZERS:** Exchange of Fraternal and Traditional greetings at Methodist School Park (12:30pm - 6pm)

**LAST RESPECT:** Swearing of Oath by Nananom at Agyewodin Palace

**INTERMENT:** 26th Nov., 2021 Private Burial at Royal Burial Place, Acherensua

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# Venture into own businesses

## • Dr Bawumia to graduates

From Dotsey Koblah Aklorbortu, TARKWA

**E**MPLOYMENT opportunities still exist in the public sector for graduates, the Vice-President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia has said.

However, he has advised graduates to venture into entrepreneurship, where they can develop their own businesses to enable them to build a sound future for themselves and also contribute to the development of the country.

Dr Bawumia gave the advice in a speech read on his behalf by a Deputy Minister of Education, Rev. John Ntim Fordjour, at the 13th congregation of the University of Mines And Technology (UMAT) in Tarkwa last Saturday.

While saying the public sector would not shut its doors to graduates, the Vice-President said it was important for them to

know that there was much to gain from setting up their own businesses.

"Not only are you expected to be working in the public sector; you are equally expected to be drivers of the private sector. Some of you should start planning to begin your own businesses with knowledge gained from the training you have received, and possibly employ others," he said.

### Skills not grades

The role of the new graduates in the private sector, he said, would be instrumental to the growth of the country, and reminded them that as fresh graduates, they should know that grades and academic scores might not matter after school.

"You should develop such positive traits as hard work, honesty, dedication,

trustworthiness and humility," he told them.

He further told them that as they stepped out into the world of work, they should take advantage of all opportunities that would come their way and position themselves to be relevant to society.

### Leadership

As a government, he said, "we have absolute confidence in the current leadership of the university to spur the needed efforts for the development of the university."

Dr Bawumia said aside from the UMAT's immense contribution to Mining, Petroleum and related engineering education in the country, the university had lived up to its core mandate of training mining engineers for Ghana and the world at large.

He said it was heartwarming that UMAT graduates served in various distinguished capacities in the mining and allied industries all over the world.

He said it was heartwarming that the university was promoting sustainable artisanal and small-scale mining through various engagements with stakeholders, especially small-scale miners, which would help protect the environment and water bodies.

The government, he said, was in support of such moves because they presented a direct link to the President's vision on the fight against illegal mining in the country.

### Impact of Free-SHS

On increased enrolment in the university, Dr Bawumia said the government was aware of the impact of the introduction of free SHS education on tertiary educational institutions, such as the UMAT.

"The UMAT has to deal with the surge in enrolment and the attendant challenges. Through the relevant ministries and agencies, the government will continue to

address infrastructural and logistic challenges that the university faces," he said.

### Strides

The Vice-Chancellor of the UMAT, Prof. Richard Kwasi Amankwah, said the university had taken some major steps to maintain its position among forward-looking universities.

He said total student population in the UMAT stood at 3,529, and that in the 2020/2021 academic year, total fresh students admitted to pursue various programmes were 1,492, representing an increase of 76 per cent over the previous year's enrolment.

"We intend to increase student enrolment to about 8,000 in the next few years, all at the back of President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo accepting to build a Lecture Theatre Complex to support this venture.

"The UMAT intends to grow the technology mindset and adventure spirit of students and sharpen their problem identification and solving skills. The university has introduced new courses, such as Critical Thinking and Integrated Thought, Financial Literacy and Leadership," he said.

### New programmes

The university, he said, was ready to run several new programmes, and that if approval was given, some postgraduate programmes that would be mounted beginning from the next academic year included postgraduate certificate programmes in Mining, Gold Extraction Technology, Extractives Sustainability Management and Resource Value Chain Management.

Those, Prof. Amankwah said, would allow social scientists, accountants, auditors and other such professionals in the minerals industry to learn about mining and acquire degrees in the subject.

### Extension of influence

"University-wide research has been aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals in response to the global call to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainability," he said, adding that through that, the UMAT was extending its circle of influence by helping to achieve some of the goals.

This year, Prof. Amankwah said, the university set up the Institutional Advancement Division to strengthen its engagements and partnerships, adding: "The division operates two hubs—the sustainable small-scale mining hub and the emergency and disaster management hub."

### Graduating students

This year, 684 students graduated at various levels. Out of these, three were awarded Doctor of Philosophy degrees, 28 received master's degrees, while 603 were awarded Bachelor of Science degrees in their respective engineering programmes.

A total of 126 students, representing 21 per cent of the graduating class, obtained First Class honours, while 61 per cent obtained Second Class (Upper Division), with 17 per cent getting Second Class (Lower Division) and one per cent with passes.

Fifty of the graduands received diplomas and certificates.

# Agogohene made PFJ Ambassador

From Kwadwo Baffoe Donkor, KUMASI

THE Minister for Food and Agriculture, Dr Owusu Afiyie Akoto, has made the Agogohene, Nana Akuoko Sarpong, an ambassador to the Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ) programme, in recognition of his support for the flagship programme of the ministry.

He said the institution of the Plantain Festival by the Agogo Traditional Council, headed by Nana Akuoko Sarpong, had lent a lot of support to the programme and made most of the residents of Agogo go into plantain production.

The Agogohene has for sometime now been a leading producer of plantain in the country and has for the past five years or so been exporting the produce to neighbouring countries.

### Festival

The minister who announced this at this year's Plantain Festival in Agogo said as the government continued to give support to plantain cultivation in the area, it would equally support the setting up of a plantain chips factory in the area.

He said the machines for the factory were being imported from Brazil, and said latest by December, the machines would be in the country for the start of the factory.

### Revenues

According to him, the cultivation of plantain in commercial qualities had generated lots of employment for people in the area.

From drivers, car owners to the leading boys who have all gained employment due to the booming plantain business in the area.

### Demand

Dr Akoto said there was a high demand for plantains from Agogo such that the traders from Ghana have their own market in Burkina Faso and their produce sold higher than those from Cote d'Ivoire and Togo, who also exported their produce there.

He commended the traditional council for leading the way and marshalling the people to go into farming.

### Agogohene

Addressing the durbar to mark the festival, Nana Akuoko Sarpong said the people of Agogo had been cultivating

• Dr Owusu Afiyie Akoto (right), Food and Agriculture Minister, exchanging greetings with Nana Akuoko Sarpong (seated), the Agogohene, at his palace in Agogo



plantain for a long time and when the government launched its flagship PFJ programme, the traditional council decided to promote it by organising the festival to acknowledge the effort of the farmers.

He said the festival was more important to encourage the cultivation of the crop and also create jobs for the people.

He said through the promotion of the cultivation of plantain, most of the residents now had a livelihood as a lot of jobs had been created in the plantain value chain.



• Mr Ato Afful, Managing Director of the Graphic Communications Group Limited

## Graphic on course with Ghana Beyond Aid — MD

From Haruna Yussif Wunpini, NKWATIA-KWAHU

THE Graphic Communications Group Limited (GGCL) will continue to use available human and material resources to improve its fortunes.

The Managing Director (MD) of the company, Ato Afful, who gave the assurance, said that would also impact positively on the economy to help achieve the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda.

Speaking with the Daily Graphic on the sidelines of a three-day annual retreat for chief executive officers, their deputies and board members of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in Kwabia in the Kwahu East District in the Eastern Region last Friday,

he said the GGCL would continue to play a lead role in the media industry.

The GGCL, Ghana's leading print media organisation, publishes the Daily Graphic, The Mirror, the Junior Graphic, Graphic Sports, Graphic Business and Graphic Showbiz.

It also has a strong online presence with www.graphic.com.gh, as well as the Graphic NewsPlus.

Apart from the mainstream media presence, the company also has subsidiaries in G-Pak Company Limited and the Graphic Courier.

### Retreat

The retreat, organised by the State Interest and Governance Authority (SIGA), was on the theme: "The strategic role of heads of institutions in transforming

specified entities towards the achievement of Ghana Beyond Aid".

It was used to deliberate on and solicit ideas that would help realise the dream of SOEs to discover the major forces to influence Ghana's economy in the future, with respect to the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda.

According to Mr Afful, the company was under the Board Chairmanship of Prof. Kwame Karikari, an experienced communications and

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Digital ambition

According to the MD, the company was pivoting from mainstream print focus agenda to a multi-layer digital ambition to enable the GGCL realise its goal.

He noted that what the company was demonstrating "will let us do more, quicker and faster, with the infrastructure and resources available to us".

Mr Afful explained that it was not only the traditional print media channel that was being focused on but the digital aspect as well.



• Rev. John Ntim Fordjour (left), a Deputy Minister of Education, presenting the overall best student award to Mr Tetteh Samuel Edem Kodzo

# No withholding tax on gold export from January 2022 — Minister

By Timothy Ngenbe

**E**FFECTIVE January 1, 2022, small-scale miners (SSM) will no more be required to pay three per cent withholding tax on gold at the point of export through the Precious Minerals Marketing Company (PMMC).

This follows the government's fiscal policy to scrap the three per cent withholding tax on processed gold and replace it with 1.5 per cent withholding tax on unprocessed gold.

The Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr Samuel Abu Jinapor, who made this known, stated, "For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no tax collected at the point of export through the PMMC from small-scale miners," he stressed.

Mr Jinapor, who said this in a virtual address at the 7th Ghana Mining Industry Awards (GMIA) held in Accra last Friday, said the decision was arrived at after thorough

stakeholders engagement on the merit of the three per cent withholding tax policy.

The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) implemented the three per cent withholding tax policy on the export of gold from the country in 2019.

However, the Ghana National Association of Small-Scale Miners (GNASSM) and some think tanks, especially the African Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP), called for the three per cent to be scrapped because it had led to the smuggling of gold out of the country.

Following the concerns, the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources began engagements with the Ministry of Finance on a possible scrap of the tax.

## 2022 Budget

When the Minister of Finance, Mr Ken Ofori-Atta, presented the 2022 Budget Statement and Economic Policy of the government to Parliament last Wednesday, he announced a review of the withholding tax policy on gold



• Mr Benito Owusu-Bio (2nd from left), a Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, presenting the Mining Company of the Year Award to Mr Alfred Baku (2nd from right), Executive Vice-President and Head of West Africa Operations for Goldfields

export.

In the budget statement, Mr Ofori-Atta mentioned a reduction by half, the withholding tax on the sale of unprocessed gold from three per cent to 1.5 per cent.

That was part of the fiscal policy measures the minister proposed for the consideration and approval of Parliament to underpin the 2022 budget and to support the fiscal consolidation and growth agenda of the government.

Describing the theme of the 7th GMIA: "Positioning Ghana as a mine support service hub in West Africa" as apt, Mr Jinapor reiterated the government's commitment to remove bottlenecks in the gold value chain to create an enabling environment for responsible mining in the country.

He said the theme for the event was in line with the government's broad vision to make Ghana the mining hub of Africa "where all mine and mine-related activities, from exploration to refining, from research to innovation, will thrive."

He said the government's focus was to build a competitive mining value chain in the country and make the industry beneficial to the local economy by promoting local content participation.

The minister observed that the best way forward to achieving that objective was for strong collaboration among the stakeholders in the mining industry.

## GCM commended

Mr Jinapor commended the GCM for the strong leadership it had provided for players in the mining industry and the partnership the chamber had fostered with mining sector agencies to promote the industry.

He said through the GCM's

partnership with the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources and the Ghana Police Service, security had been beefed up at all mining sites.

Again, he said the partnership had resulted in the setting up of a taskforce comprising mining sector regulators and security persons to protect the mining companies and respond swiftly to challenges they might encounter.

@ a glance



■ The Minister of Lands and Natural Resources has given an assurance that the three per cent withholding tax on processed gold will cease to operate beginning January 1, 2022.

## Responsible mining

For his part, the President of the GCM, Mr Eric Asubonteng, said the chamber was focused on providing leadership for mining companies to mine responsibly so as to help build a sustainable economy.

He also said the chamber would deepen collaboration with state regulatory agencies and support the government's agenda to build a robust mining industry in Ghana.

Mr Asubonteng said the mining industry accounted for 49.4 per cent of the country's gross merchandise in 2020, which was an

indication that the sector played significant role in the stability of the economy.

However, he observed that the mining industry in the country still had a long way to go to fully realise its potential, which was why GCM had taken the initiative to help achieve that feat.

Given that safety was a crucial requirement for the success of mining companies, he said the GCM was guiding mining firms to adhere strictly to safety regimes with the vision to achieve zero harm at mine sites.



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# In Loving Memory of

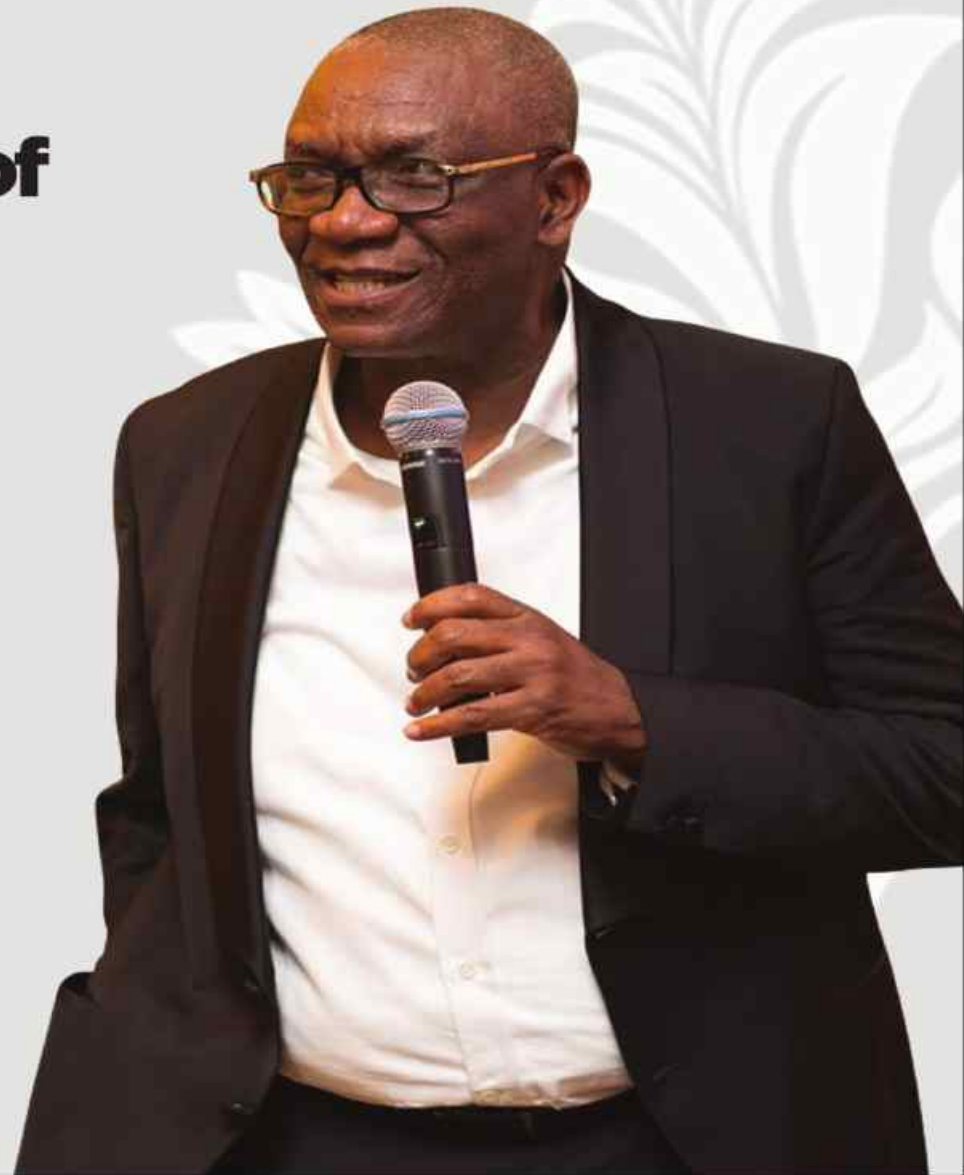
## HON. EMMANUEL KWABENA AKYEAMPONG KYEREMATENG AGYARKO

10TH DEC. 1957 - 21ST NOV. 2018

It has been three years since you left us. We still feel a deep sense of sorrow. We continue to pray for the Lord to be our comforter and to keep you in His warm embrace.

EKA FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

*Family, Siblings, Children Loved Ones and Friends*



### *Celebration of Life*

The families of Abusuapanyin Kwasi Okoh-Anum Adonten, Nyeny Appiah Kumi Il-Omanhene, Okogyeman Kwasi Anyane-Adontenhene, Nene Kwakyewaa-Adontenhema, Nyeny Kolihue-Kyidomhene, Nyeny Bombo - Nifahene, Nyeny Afum Kafena-Ankobeahene, Dr. Letitia Obeng, The Obiri-Boateng Family, Reverend Emmanuel Apea (PUC Accra) & Siblings, Mr. Samuel Laryea Quartey, Agona Abusua of Bodwesango and Juaso, Ekuona Abusua of Domeabra (Asante Akyem) Asuna Abusua of Gyimakyi, Bompata, Asankare and Juaso and Obaa panyin Adelaide Amponsah, Anokyi and Cape Coast Twidan Ebusuapanyin Kweku Obosu, Obaatan Kofi Són I of Gomoa Dago (a.k.a Mr. J.W. Ampiah) brothers & sister, Mrs. Josephine Essah (Accra), Efua Essaba Bonney (USA) brothers and sisters, Mrs. Esi Esaaba Sam, Ms. Ernestina Owusu-Frimpong, Mrs. Emma Osam-Pinanko (London), Mr. Robert I. Ampiah (Accra), Mr. Emmanuel Kwesi Abanyie (Tema) brothers & sisters, Mr. K.O. Ampiah (Cape Coast) brothers & sisters, Mr. Jeremiah Hado (USA) & brothers, Hector Ato Anaman (Cape Coast) brothers & sisters, Esther Efua Wilson-Sey, Mrs. Adelaide Amposah, the board, management and staff of GCB Bank, Ghana Association of Bankers, the Takashi Band, the OAA 1968 Year Group Dr. Adrian Oddoye and the staff of Akai House Clinic and Mrs. Joyce Mensah announce the calling to the glory of God of their beloved

# KOJO sam ESSAH

## aka MICK JONES

1952 - 2021

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: THERE WILL BE NO WAKE, FILING PAST AND GATHERING AFTER THE SERVICE.

**Celebration of life:** 6pm-8pm, the pavilion, Lashibi Funeral Home; **November 23, 2021**  
**Funeral Service:** 8am-10am, church hall, Lashibi Funeral Home; **November 24, 2021**  
**Burial:** 11am-12 noon (private ceremony)

**Widow**

Mrs. Lydia Gyamera Essah

**Children**

Kofi Akyea Sam Essah, Kwesi Osam Dadzie Essah, Kweku Ampiah Essah

**Brothers and Sisters** Mrs. Efua Essaaba Bonney, Rossby Kwesi Essah, Kojo Ampadu Essah (Dola Davis-deceased), Dr. Kwame Akyea Sam Essah, Nana Akua Mensima Essah, Kwame Eduoku Essah (Abieh, deceased), Kwame Boakye Dankwa Essah

**Uncles and Aunties**

Dr Letitia Obeng, Ms Florence Obiri-Boateng and siblings, Mr Laryea Quartey, Obaapanyin Adjoa Afelkum, Mrs. Emma Osam-Pinanko, Mr. Robert Ishmael Ampiah, Mr. Kojo Acheampong Nkansah, Mr. Kofi Asameni, Mr. Emmanuel Ato Ampiah, Very Rev. George Aikins Ampiah-Bonney

**Cousins**

Mrs. Esi Esaaba Sam, Ms. Ernestina Owusu-Frimpong, Mr. Emmanuel Kwesi Abanie, Mr. Tony Abanyie, Mrs. Anastasia Hooper, Mr. Francis Abanyie, Mr. Robert Ishmael Ampiah Jr. Ms. Emma Ampiah, Mrs. Georgina Tagoe, Bishop Sally Ofori Mr. Edward Ampiah, Ms. Roberta Ampiah, Mr. George Ampiah, Mr. Samuel Ampiah, Ms. Emelia Ampiah, Ms. Gifty Ampiah, Ms. Grace Ampiah, Kwasi Okoh and siblings, Letitia Obeng Roche and siblings, Eva Campbell and siblings, Naana Opokua Frimpong and siblings, Florence Hutchful and siblings

**Nieces and Nephews**

Rebecca Awotwa Essah, Cedric Kwesi Eduoku Essah, Kobina Ankamah Badu Essah, Kwame Eduoku Sam Essah, Kojo Ampadu Essah, Nii Ayaa Mensah, Nuku Essah-Awoonor, Yooku Boakye Dankwa

Essah, Nana Afua Okoh and brother, Nana Anita Afua Brako and siblings, Jenny Roche and Brother, Adam Obeng and siblings, Nigel Jones-Quartey and brother, Gabriel Campbell-Fortier, Yasmin Amelor, Aba Monyiwa Kwawu, Kofi Bonney, Baba Haruna, Derek Sam, Zenabu Haruna, Nefissah Haruna, Edward Sam, Ralph Sam, Toufic Labaran and Cyril Sam.

**In-Laws**

Mrs. Gina Essah, Mrs. Agnes Emefa Essah, Mrs. Christiana Owusu Afriyie, Mrs Lilian Oyortey, Ms. Gladys Serwaa Gyamera, Mrs. Dora Effah Amaning, Mrs. Emelia Nimako, Mrs. Emma Agyemang Prempeh, Mrs Ewurademe Mahama, Dr. Regina Adu-Twum, Mrs. Esther Amoah and siblings, Mr. Joseph Gyamera, Mr. Samson Gyamera and Mrs. Emma Banning.

All COVID-19 protocols will be observed



# Education

## GIJ to start MPhil, PhD programmes

By Enoch Darfah Frimpong & Yaa Kuffour Senyah

**B**ARRING any unforeseen circumstances, the Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) will start a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) programme next academic year to help train more lecturers for teaching and research in media

studies.

The institute also intends to add a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme once the MPhil programme gets underway.

The Deputy Rector of GIJ, Professor Eric Opoku Mensah, disclosed this when the 2001 Year Alumni group donated some books to the institute last Friday.

### Donation

The donation was to help augment the collection of

books in the institute's library and help students in their studies.

Led by Mr Enoch Darfah Frimpong, who is also the Assistant Online Editor at Graphic Communications Group Ltd, the year group donated books such as 'The Art of Public Speaking,' 'Understanding Political Institutions,' 'Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction' and 'Advertising, Promotion and Other Aspects of Integrated Marketing.'

Receiving the books, Prof. Mensah emphasised the need for alumni to come together to support their alma mater.

"I think that what we should do where there are some capacity issues lacking is to constantly contribute in one way or the other to grow and strengthen the institution," he said.

He said many old students tend to focus attention on their secondary schools instead of their tertiary

institutions and, therefore, commended the 2001-year group's gesture.

### New programmes

On the introduction of the MPhil and PhD programmes, Prof. Mensah explained that it was a need that ought to be satisfied by the institute, which was aimed at training human resources for the media field.

"So all alumni who intend to get back into the teaching profession so far as media studies is concerned should look back to GIJ next year," he stated.

The deputy rector called on other year groups to get on board to contribute to the growth of the institute.

### Be proud of GIJ

Prof. Mensah urged all Alumni to be proud of their school, adding that, "it is important that what you have become, or what you become should be largely credited to a school because if you take out our certificates, so far as our first-degree certificates are concerned, technically you are removing your very foundation.

"So, I am worried when anybody makes very disparaging remarks about his or her school. It is not the best of things a person could say in public. And I think that, what we should do if we feel there are capacity issues still lacking, we should constantly

## Fact Sheet

- GIJ is a premier university specialised in communication courses. The school was founded by Ghana's first President, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, in October 1959.
- It currently offers, among others, Master of Arts (MA) programmes in Public Relations, Journalism, Media Management, and Development Communication.

contribute in one way or the other," he said.

### Librarian

A senior librarian of GIJ, Madam Lydia Nyantakyi-Baah, expressed gratitude for the kind gesture and commended the efforts of the 2001-Alumni year group.

She mentioned that the donation by the 2001 alumni would serve as a call to the other year groups to also help the school.



• Prof. Eric Opoku Mensah (left), Deputy Rector of GIJ, receiving a copy of the books from Ms Henrietta Nortey, a member of the GIJ 2001 Alumni Year Group. Also in the picture is Mr Enoch Darfah Frimpong (extreme right) and other members of the group

## 2021 BECE ends amidst jubilation

By Emmanuel Bonney

THIS year's Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) ended across the country amidst massive jubilation.

As the candidates left the examination halls after the final bell went to stop work, they began singing and dancing to mark the end of the examination, which began last Monday.

They had written Information and Communication Technology (ICT), which happened to be the last paper.

### Examination

The examination started on November 15, 2021 with Social Studies and French.

In all, a total of 571,894 candidates sat for the examination which was written at 2,158 centres.

The candidates came from 18,028

public and private basic schools in the country.

### Senya SHS

Pupils from 21 schools wrote their papers at the Senya Senior High School (SHS).

They included Day Star Academy, Jehovah Shammah, AME Zion A, B and C, Methodist JHS, Mother Teresa School for Girls, T.I. Ahmadiyya Basic School, Erickson DA School, DC JHS and the Salvation Army School.

### Free SHS

In separate interviews with the *Daily Graphic*, some of the candidates said they could not wait to be part of the free SHS programme.

They, therefore, expressed the hope of passing and going to SHS.

One of the candidates, Master Sammy Hayford of the Day Star Academy, said even though some of

the questions were tough, he was hopeful of passing.

"Some of the questions were tough but in the end we were able to answer them," he said.

### Dream

Another candidate, Master Bright Hanson, said he found the Integrated Science the trickiest, though he managed to find a way around it.

"I can't wait for the free SHS. It has been a dream and I can't wait to continue to university," he emphasised.

For his part, Master Musah Adams said the BECE was okay and "I am looking forward to some good grades."

Asked whether he had heard of any leakage of exams papers, he responded in the negative, adding that "we were not even encouraged to look for something like that."



• Some of the BECE candidates celebrating after the last paper last Friday

# Police restoring public trust, confidence — IGP

From Jemima Achivors, HO

**T**HE Ghana Police Service has started another leg of a transformational journey to revamp its image in order to restore the trust and confidence of the public.

The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Dr George Akuffo Dampare, said the

service was taking the route, cognisant of the need to restore all missing links to effective police-community collaborations.

The IGP, during a two day visit to the Volta Region, said this called for strengthened stakeholder engagements and a renewed realisation of their designation as servants, rather than lords to communities.

"Because of our actions and inactions, we have weakened the relationship

between good people in the society and the police to the level that they (good people) are not comfortable to disown the bad ones in society, and it works against both of us," he said.

## Stakeholder engagements

Dr Dampare's visit was to create a platform for various stakeholder engagements to assess at first hand challenges and opportunities that existed at the community level and to also discuss avenues for formidable collaborations for efficient service delivery outcomes.

The visit was to also create an opportunity for him to interact with service personnel serving in the region to take stock of their performance and fashion out innovative strategies for better policing.

The IGP, during a courtesy call on chiefs of the Asogli Traditional

Area in Ho last Friday, said the move was critical to proactive and preventive policing.

"We don't want to have situations where policing becomes reactive, waiting for something to happen before we step in. We want to have a proactive, preventive policing environment where good people in the community work with the police," he said.

## Renewed confidence

Avafiaga of Ho, Togbe Adzi Lakle Howusu XII, on behalf of the Paramount Chief of the Asogli State, Togbe Afede XIV, commended the IGP for his efforts since taking over the reins of leadership of the service, adding that the IGP's delivery so far was in line with the expectations of the populace.

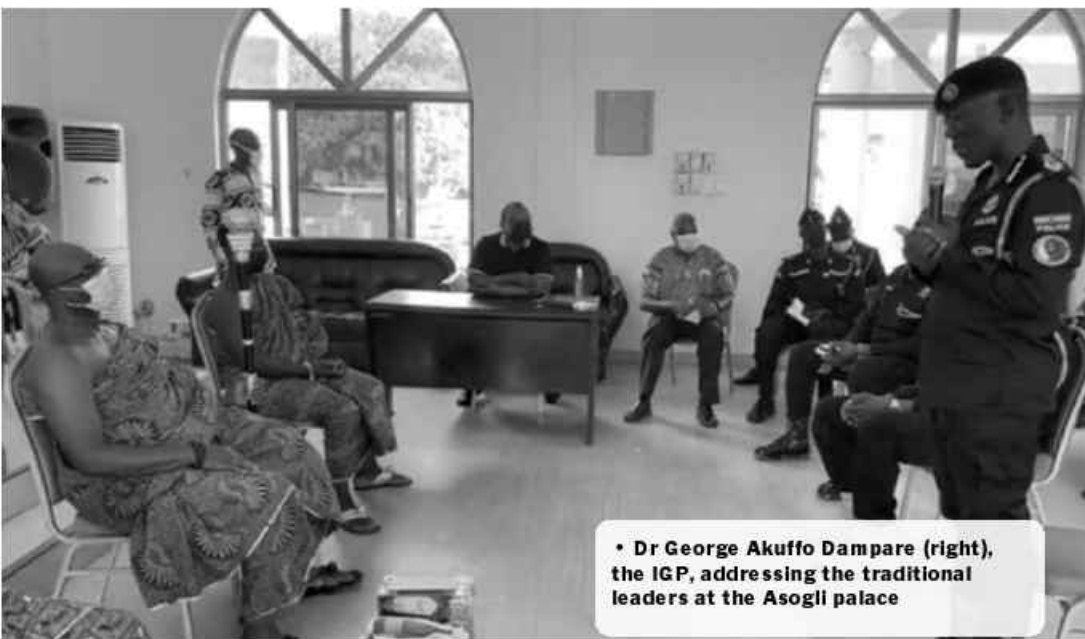
He expressed confidence in him and indicated the readiness of the people in the area to collaborate with the police, while charging the personnel of the service to offer their support to the IGP for him to succeed.

The IGP's tour of the Volta Region took him to Battor, Sogakope, Akatsi, Dabala, Anloga, Keta, Aflo, Dzodze, Kpetoe and Ho where he interacted with service personnel, traditional authorities and opinion leaders, with further visits to Abutia, Anyirawase, Hlefi, Dzolokpuita, Golokwati, Hohoe, Kpando, Alavanyo and Have scheduled to conclude his tour of the region.

@ a glance



The Ghana Police Service says it is embarking on a transformational journey to revamp its image in order to restore the trust and confidence of the public.



• Dr George Akuffo Dampare (right), the IGP, addressing the traditional leaders at the Asogli palace

# Betting centres need to be regulated — NCCE boss

By Lydia Essel-Mensah

THE Chairperson of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), Ms Josephine Nkrumah, has called for stringent regulation, supervision and monitoring of betting centres springing up across the country.

She said this would help to address the issue related to the increasing number of youngsters gradually becoming addicts because of the lack of effective supervision and monitoring.

She said the growing addiction of young people to betting and video games was becoming a complex issue which needed to be addressed at a national level by all stakeholders.

"All manner of betting centres dotted in every part of the country depict bad signals to us as a people, especially in a situation whereby the nation has allowed betting companies to operate without effective systems in place to regulate their activities," she said.

## Betting centres

Sharing her views on indiscipline among the youth in recent times in an interview with the *Daily Graphic*, Ms Nkrumah explained that bad influences picked from the Internet, coupled with other social vices such as the involvement of young people in betting to make quick money, had desensitised them to the extent that "they think their wrong attitudes were the right way

of expressing themselves.

"On one of our visits to basic schools during our Citizenship Week, a teacher complained about how some of the schoolchildren were prepared to go hungry and use their money for lunch to bet. Some even borrow to go and bet," she lamented.

Ms Nkrumah noted that children of the present generation did not think that hard work paid and always looked out for an easy way to make quick money.

"So while there are no controls on what these young people watch and do, the influences on them become more adverse".

The NCCE Boss said it was quite unfortunate that operators of betting centres had allowed youngsters in their tender ages - nine, 10, 11 and 12 to engage in betting, although the law allowed for persons who were 18 years and above.

She said the situation was at all levels; from basic schools to tertiary institutions; "so every Ghanaian must speak to the issue for immediate solutions, else the money that we think we are getting as revenue will come back and bite us".

## Content

Ms Nkrumah said another challenge the nation was facing was the fact that some contents on television screens and radio stations were not censored and made room for young



• Ms Josephine Nkrumah — Chairperson, NCCE

ones to pick some vices they saw thinking that what they had watched was real.

"How would two young boys kill another one?" she asked.

"I don't think parents will sit and watch their children go wayward. Unfortunately, some of these young people practice bad behaviours at the blind side of their parents so they always become aware when things have gone bad.

"The youth of today should let their conscience guide them in whatever they do for they are the future," she advised.

# Social Basket

## Death

### Seth Ameyi Dogbe

The death is reported in Accra of Seth Ameyi Dogbe, a former Principal Accountant of the Ghana Revenue Authority (Customs Division). He was 85. He was the father of Charles Ameyi Dogbe and brother of Ms Epiphania Dogbe and sisters.

## Burials

### Julia Alexandra Acquah

Pre-burial and burial service of Julia Alexandra Acquah will take place on Friday, November 26, 2021, at the Accra Ridge Church from 8:30 a.m. She was the sister of the Rt Rev. William Abeiku Blankson and Mrs Jemima H. Quaye.

### Mrs Rebecca Bridget Ayikai Dzani

Burial service of Rev. Mrs Rebecca Bridget Ayikai Dzani (nee Ayitey), 68, will take place on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at House No. F460/3, Kaajaano, South La Estate. Burial at the Ose Cemetery will be private. Funeral rites will follow at House No. F460/3, Kaajaano, South La Estate. Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at the Miracle Church of God in Christ, Nungua, at 9:30 a.m. She was the sister of Mrs Josephine Annor, Mrs Lydia Comfort Lamptey and Mr Peter Sonne-Ayitey.



## THE GHANA INSTITUTE OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS (GIFF)

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Notice is hereby given that the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Ghana Institute of Freight Forwarders (GIFF) will be held from Friday, 26th November, to Saturday, 27th November, 2021 at the Volta Serene Hotel, Ho to transact the following business:
  - To receive and consider the Accounts of the Institute for the year ended 31st July, 2021 together with the Reports of the Executive Council and Auditors thereon.
  - To Receive the President's Address
  - To Appoint/Confirm Auditors
  - Adopt new resolutions
- SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR:  
**HIS MAJESTY TOGBE AFEDE XIV – President of Asogli Traditional Area**
- All Corporate heads and Licentiate members in good standing are expected to attend and also stay throughout the session.
- Dress Code: GIFF Cloth, Formal or Traditional
- There will be a meeting of the Extended Board (Executives Only) before the AGM at 4 p.m. on the 25th November, 2021 at the Volta Serene Hotel. Members are reminded that attendance at AGM is compulsory for all.
- For further clarification, contact the National Secretariat in person or on telephone numbers **030-3205810, 030-3204500, 024-3416393** or Email: **giff@ghanafreightforwarders.org**.

Issued by: Ag. Executive Secretary

## Announcement on CIWE recruitment

China International Water & Electric Corp. based in Airport West, Accra, is about to launch a new project, and the following personnel are being recruited from the community.

- Positions and personnel needed as follow :

Position/ specialisation	Education	Job requirements	Personnel	Salary ( GH¢ )
Business Contract Management	Bachelor's degree or above	1. more than 5 years of work experience; 2. responsible for contract drafting, modification, review, dispute settlement, etc.	1	Discuss personally

- Contact

**Workplace:** Accra, Ghana

Sending resume E-mail: **amponsah8897@yahoo.com**

Address: House NO. 206, Airport West, P. O. Box 0701, Accra, Ghana  
(China International Water & Electric Corp.)



## UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST INVITATION TO TENDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE TENDERING (NCT)

- The University of Cape Coast intends to apply part of its Budgetary Allocation of Funds and Internally Generated Funds for payments under the following contracts.

IFT No.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	BID SECURITY GH¢
A. CR/UCC/ GD/0090/2021	Supply of System Units for UJHS	50	3,000.00
B. CR/UCC/ GD/0123/2021	Supply of Specialized High Specs Desktop Computers for DPDEM	6	3,500.00
C. CR/UCC/ GD/0093/2021	Supply and Installation of Interactive smart boards- Flat Panel for SRC	2	3,000.00
D. CR/UCC/ GD/0004/2021	Supply and install. of CCTV for Superannuation Hall	Various	4,000.00
E. CR/UCC/ GD/0046/2021	Supply and installation of Booklet Maker Machine with Paper Collator for University Printing Press	1	2% of Tender Price
F. CR/UCC/ GD/0121/2021	Supply of Lecture Theatre Tables and Chairs for CoHAS	Various	4,000.00
G. CR/UCC/ GD/0019/2021	Supply and Installation of Training Manikins and Accessories for DMEIT	Various	60,000.00
H. CR/UCC/ GD/0105/2021	Supply of 15-Seater Bus for CHLS	1	5,500.00
I. CR/UCC/ GD/0075/2021	Supply of 4 x 4 Pick-up for UCC Printing Press	1	5,500.00
J. CR/UCC/ GD/0127/2021	Supply of 30-Seater Bus for Sch. of Phy. Sci.	1	12,000.00

- The University of Cape Coast invites sealed Tenders from eligible suppliers/contractors for supply of the above goods. Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering (NCT) procedures specified in the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as Amended and the Guidelines of the Public Procurement Authority of the Republic of Ghana.

- Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from The Procurement Office, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, and inspect the bidding document at the address and location given from **19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021** Monday-Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm local time each day.

- A complete set of Tender documents in English may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of **GH¢200.00** for all documents. The method of payment will be by cash, or bank draft to University of Cape Coast. The document will be obtained personally.

- Tenders must be deposited in the Tender Box located at the Procurement Office, New Central Administration Building, New Site, on or before **11:00am, on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 for A, B, C, D, E and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 for F, G, H, I, J.**

- Tenders shall be valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for Tender submission. **All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of not less than the respective amounts indicated above from a reputable Bank.** Late Tenders will be rejected. Tenders will be opened in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend **in nose masks** at the **Academic Board Chamber located at the Top Floor of the New Administration Building, University of Cape Coast and at the time specified above.**

- All tenders must be accompanied by:** Valid Business Registration Certificate, VAT Certificate, Valid Tax Clearance Certificate, Valid SSNIT Clearance Certificate, Manufacturers Authorization (where applicable), PPA Registration Certificate, etc.

- Address for inspection and Purchase of Tender Documents:**

**Procurement Office**  
New Central Administration Block- New Site  
University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana  
Telephone: 0243422871/0243579933  
Email: [procurement@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:procurement@ucc.edu.gh) / [nampofu@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:nampofu@ucc.edu.gh)

# AUCTION!!

## RESIDENTIAL ESTATE BUILDINGS



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## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

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### 11<sup>th</sup> CONGREGATION CEREMONY TWENTY TWENTY ONE THEME

Responding to the Challenges in the changing  
Global Human Resource Space: The Role of UCOMS

#### ACCRA CAMPUS

Venue: Jerusalem Campus, SCC Junction

Date: Saturday 27th November, 2021

Time: 09 am

#### KUMASI CAMPUS

Venue: Mount Zion Campus, Ayeduase New Site

Date: Saturday 04th December, 2021

Time: 09am

All Alumni, Parents and the General Public are cordially invited  
All Covid Protocols would be observed!!

#### Accra Campus

Location: SCC Junction near West Hills Mall  
Tel: 0576 66 11 99 / 0575 66 11 99

#### Kumasi Campus

Location: Ayeduase Town near KNUST  
Tel: 0572 66 11 99 / 0573 66 11 99

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## GHANA INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS

# NOTICE FOR THE 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GHANA INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS

THIS IS TO NOTIFY MEMBERS THAT THE 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

#### THEME:

### "SUSTAINABLE MINING IN GHANA: THE WAY FORWARD"

DATE: THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

TIME: 9. AM

VENUE: SUNYANI TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

FORESTER DR. KWAKYE AMEYAW (PAST PRESIDENT - GIF/FORESTRY CONSULTANT)

#### SPECIAL GUEST

HON. SAMUEL ABU JINAPOR (MINISTER FOR LANDS AND NATURAL SOURCES)

#### CHAIRMAN

PROF. ELVIS ASARE-BEDIAKO (VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES - SUNYANI)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)  
ACCRA-A.D. 2021

SUIT NO. BFS/388/10

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## ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

AMENDED ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AFTER TRIAL PURSUANT TO LEAVE GRANTED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BY HER LADYSHIP AFI AGBANU KUDOMOR

(SGD)

**AFI AGBANU KUDOMOR (J)**  
JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT

DATED AND ENTERED THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.

UPON READING the Affidavit of **FELIX ANTWI** of Minkah-Premo & Co., Akosombo Chamber, No. 3 Emmaus 2<sup>nd</sup> Close, Labone- Accra, filed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 in support of an Ex-parte Motion for Substituted Service:

This action having been heard by **HIS LORDSHIP**, the High Court Judge, **JUSTICE GEORGE ATTO MILLS-GREAVES** on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012 did enter judgment for the Plaintiff against the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants.

AND UPON HEARING **TARA BROBBEY HOLDING BRIEF FOR JUSTICE KUSI-MINKA PREMO**, Counsel for and on behalf of for the Plaintiff/Applicant herein:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that leave be and is hereby granted the Plaintiff/Applicant to serve the Amended Entry of Judgment filed on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 on the Defendants/Judgment/Debtors by Substituted Service in the following manner:

- By posting a copy of the Amended Entry of Judgment after Trial in the Daily Graphic Newspaper.
- By posting a copy of the Amended Entry of Judgment after Trial on the high Court (Commercial Division) notice Board of the Law Court Complex, Accra.

- That the Defendants shall pay the sum of **Two Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighteen Ghana Cedis, Fifty-One Pesewas (GHS 2,955,418.51)**.
- That the Defendants shall pay interest on (1) at the rate of 27.5% per annum calculated at the close of each day and recoverable at the end of every month from 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 until the date of final payment.
- That the Defendants shall pay costs of **Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Ghana Cedis (GHS4,880.00)**

DATED AT ACCRA THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2021

Where the notice shall elapse Fourteen (14) days after posting.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF  
THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL DIVISION) ACCRA, THIS  
1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

.....SGD.....  
SOLICITOR FOR THE APPLICANT  
JUSTICE KUSI-MINKAH PREMO  
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**DAY 2: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2021 | 5:30 PM**

**SYMPOSIUM ON SUBTHEME:**  
**The 1992 Constitution: Achievements and Challenges to Constitutional Governance**

Topic I: Achievements and Enduring Legacy of the 1992 Constitution  
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 Topic II: Threats and Challenges to Constitutional Governance: Political Culture, Corruption and Missing Civil Society Advocacy  
 Speaker: Prof. Ernest Aryeetey, FGA, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana; Secretary-General, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)  
 Chairman: Emerita Prof. Isabella A. Quakeyi, FGA, Vice President, Sciences Section

**DAY 3: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021 | 5:30 PM**

**SYMPOSIUM ON THE SUB-THEME:**  
**The 1992 Constitution: In Search of Purposeful Reforms for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Topic I: Bolstering Other Arms of State as Counterweight to Executive Power  
 Speaker: Justice Prof. Dennis Dominic Adjei, FGA, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Ghana  
 Topic II: Promoting Local Governance, Decentralization and Democratic Engagement  
 Speaker: Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye, Chairperson of Star-Ghana Foundation and Former Director, Institute of Local Government Studies  
 Chairman: Prof. Kofi Opoku Nti, FGA, Vice President, Arts Section

**DAY 4: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2021 | 5:30 PM**

**5.30PM KWAME NKURUMAH MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
 Topic: Reflections on the Ghanaian Regulatory State  
 Speaker: Prof. Joseph Roland Atsu Ayea, FGA, Department of Political Science, University of Ghana, Legon  
 Chairman: Emeritus Prof. Samuel Sefa-Dedeb, FGA, President of the Academy

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**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Sunday, 28th November 2021 at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Anyinam-Kotoku, 9:30 am.

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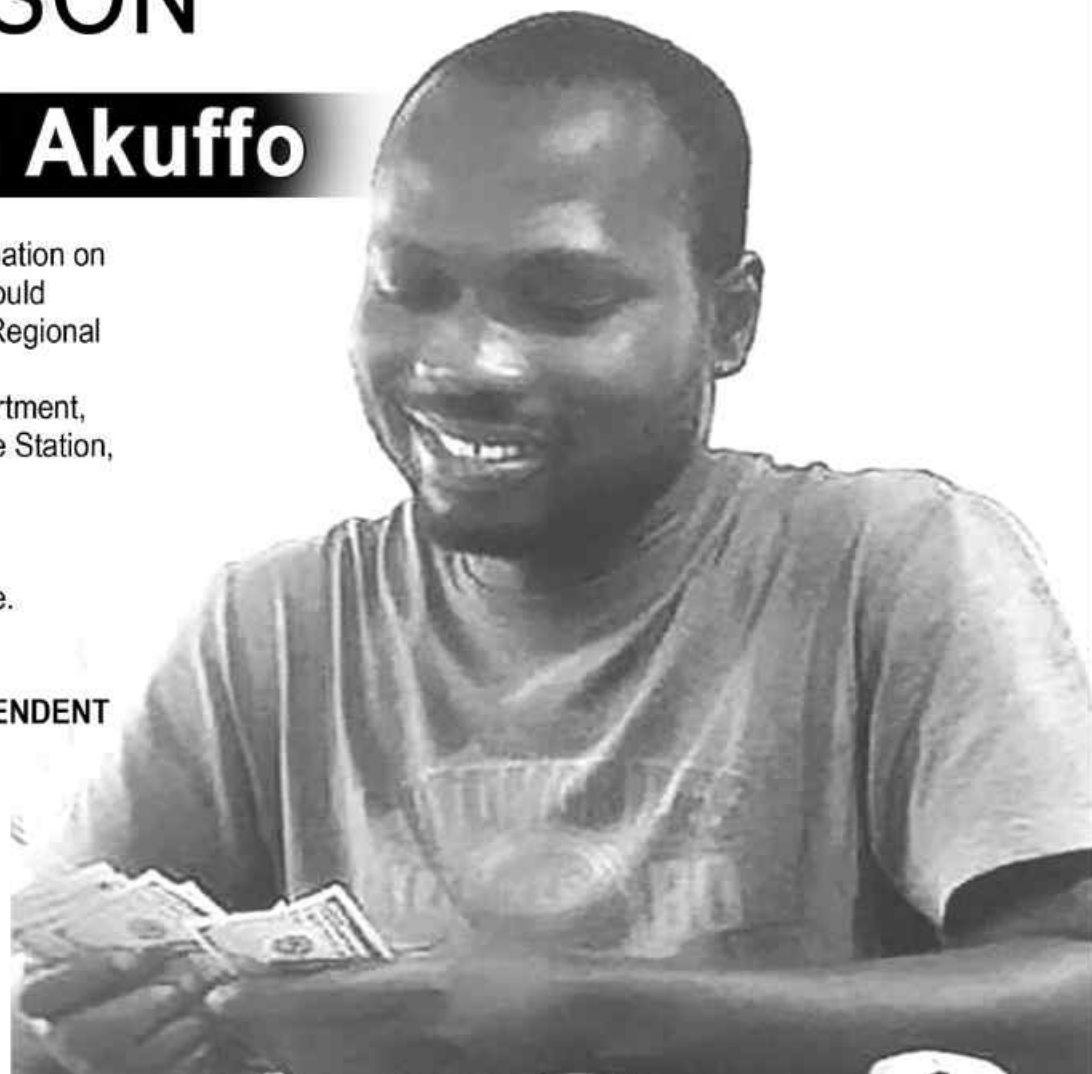
## Daniel Kofi Ansah Akuffo

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- Suspect Daniel Kofi Ansah Akuffo is fair in complexion and medium built in stature.
- He is suspected to be hiding in Dzorwulu, a suburb of Accra.

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• Pallbearers with the mortal remains of Mr James Dadzie. INSET: Late James Dadzie



• Mr Kobby Asmah (facing camera), Editor of the Daily Graphic, interacting with some dignitaries at the funeral of Mr James Dadzie

# G-PAK MD laid to rest

By Emmanuel Ebo Hawkson

ONE of the stalwarts in the printing industry and Managing Director of G-Pak Limited, a subsidiary of the Graphic Communications Group Limited (GCGL), Mr James Kwame Edu Dadzie, was laid to rest last Saturday after emotions-filled ceremonies and rituals.

A burial service at the Garrison Methodist-Presbyterian Church at Burma Camp in Accra and the subsequent interment at Agona Nyakrom in the Central Region were the final journey paths of the 51-year-old who passed away in September this year.

The funeral was an outpouring of emotions, tears and a feeling of loss as family, friends, colleagues, schoolmates and sympathisers bade farewell to the once vibrant Mr Dadzie, affectionately called Joe Dee.

However, the emotions were equally matched by a sense of appreciation, gratitude and thanksgiving to God for blessing the world with a man described as caring, a problem-solver and people-centred by his loved ones and close associates.

Prior to his death on September 16, 2021, Mr Dadzie was not only the MD of G-Pak, one of the well-grounded printing

and packaging companies in Ghana, but was also the Vice-President of the Ghana Printers and Paper Converters Association (GPPCA); the Sector Chairman of the Association of Printing, Packaging and Stationary Sector of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI), Greater Accra Chapter, and a strong crusader for the printing industry.

A devout Methodist, Mr Dadzie was a member of the St John Methodist Church, Tantra Hills in Accra, and a patron of the Singing Band of the church.

He is survived by his wife — Mrs Deborah Dadzie — and two children, Jason and Deanette.

### Death is inevitable

Delivering the sermon, the Minister of the New Achimota Circuit of the Methodist Church, Rev. Stephen Addo, described Mr Dadzie as a faithful of the Lord who served God and the Methodist Church diligently.

@ a glance



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One of the stalwarts in the printing industry and the Managing Director of G-Pak Limited was laid to rest last Saturday after emotions-filled ceremonies and rituals.

He said although death brought about sorrow, disruptions and setbacks, Christians must take solace in the fact that God had power over death and, therefore, whoever died in the Lord went back to the creator.

He said since no one had control over death, the prudent thing was for people to utilise their window of opportunity to be alive to help humanity and worship God.

"All of us are candidates of death. Death does not respect age, class or status. Let us, therefore, anchor ourselves with God who has power over death," he said.

### Biography

Mr Dadzie was born on August 22, 1970, to Mr Stephen Seth Kojo Dadzie and Mrs Elizabeth Dadzie, both of blessed memory.

He had his primary education at the Achimota Preparatory School, and proceeded to the Achimota School in 1982 where he

had his G.C.E. Ordinary Level education, and then to the Swedru Secondary School for his Advanced Level in 1987.

In 1989, Mr Dadzie was admitted to the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), where he graduated with a B.A. in Book Industry.

He is said to have dreamt of becoming a soldier but later channelled his passion into what he studied at the university — printing.

He began his printing career as Production Manager at Eddy's Press, a printing press at Odorkor in Accra.

Afterwards, he worked with a number of printing companies, including Superflux International Limited, Nigeria.

He also joined forces with an old mate from KNUST to establish a printing company known as Creative Dimensions.

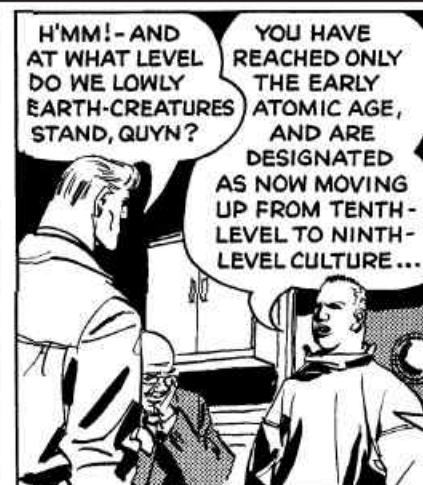
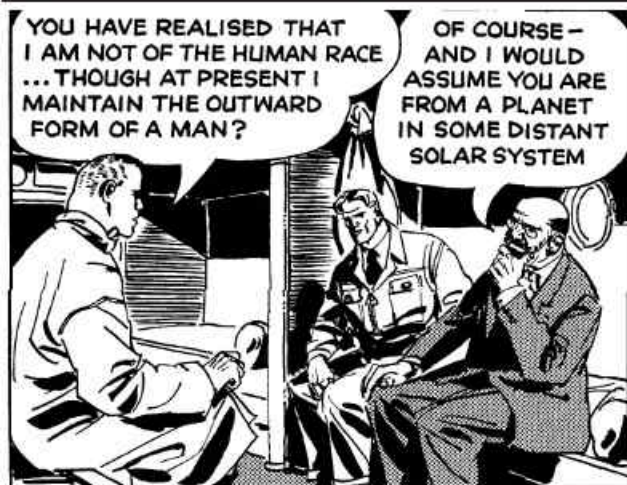
In 2000, he enrolled at the University of Ghana, Legon, to pursue a Master of Arts degree in International Relations.

After many exploits in the printing industry, both inside and outside the shores of Ghana, Mr Dadzie joined the GCGL as Director of G-Pak (Graphic Packaging) in 2012, and devoted his vast experience and knowledge to turn the company into a printing superpower.

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# PwC calls for hard work to achieve 2022 Budget targets

• Vish Ashiagbor speaks ahead of major forum tomorrow

By Maxwell Akalaare Adombila

**A**CCOUNTING and auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Ghana, has called for increased discipline and hard work from the government to help realise the targets set out in the 2022 Budget Statement and Economic Policy.

It said while the revenue and fiscal deficit targets, among other things, were impressive and ambitious, they were not enough to assuage the concerns of investors and the international community about the country's large deficit and high debt levels.

The financial advisory firm noted that strict implementation of the budget and the realisation of the targets were, therefore, needed to reassure investors that the country was capable of reducing the pace of debt accumulation and narrowing the deficit size, among other challenges.

The Senior Country Partner of PwC Ghana, Mr Vish Ashiagbor, told the *Daily Graphic* on Saturday that investors also looked forward to specifics on how the country hoped to narrow the deficit from the projected 12.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2021 to 7.4 per cent in 2022, as well as grow revenues by 44 per cent in a year.

For now, Mr Ashiagbor said investors were adopting a "wait and see approach" as more details on the government's plans that were unveiled in the 2022 Budget last Wednesday emerged.

## Budget digest

The chartered accountant and Country Head of PwC Ghana was speaking to the paper ahead of the PwC

2022 Budget Digest scheduled for tomorrow in Accra.

The dialogue session on the budget is expected to provide the platform for key government officials to shed more light on next year's budget.

The annual event in partnership with the *Graphic Business*, the country's foremost business and financial newspaper, will also afford businesses and the citizens the opportunity to seek clarification on policy proposals in the budget with the view to making informed decisions ahead of its debate and possible approval by Parliament.

Mr Ashiagbor said the event would feature a presentation from PwC fleshing out the key issues in the budget and how they related to businesses and consumers, a keynote address from the Minister of Finance,

Mr Ken Ofori-Atta, and panel discussions by selected business groupings such as the UK-Ghana Chamber of Commerce.

He said the firm's Tax Leader, Madam Ayesha Bedwei Ibe, would also give insights into the tax policies proposed in the budget.

## Expectations

The Senior Country Partner of PwC Ghana said the 2022 budget generally met his expectations

**"While the E-Levy was a credible attempt to widen the tax net in response to earlier calls, it also committed the crime of increasing the burden of existing taxpayers with additional levy."**



• Mr Vish Ashiagbor — Senior Country Partner of PwC Ghana

although the nature and types of some of the policies were a bit surprising.

He said the economic situation indicated that the government would introduce policies to increase resource mobilisation as confirmed in the introduction of the electronic transaction levy (E-Levy) and the proposed 15 per cent increment in the fees and charges of public service providers.

Mr Ashiagbor, however, said the choice of electronic transactions, including mobile money (MOMO) and the rate of 1.75 per cent on all sending transactions except for remittances were a bit surprising.

## Tax net

He said while the E-Levy was a credible attempt to widen the tax net in response

to earlier calls, it also committed the crime of increasing the burden of existing taxpayers with additional levy.

He said there were also genuine concerns about the levy's potential to slowdown the pace of electronic transactions in the economy, noting that the scope and the rate of the tax needed further clarification.

Mr Ashiagbor said slapping the 1.75 per cent levy on all electronic transactions except for remittances, the government was raising the cost of business operation, especially in the area of payroll management, which relied on transfer of funds from an employer's account to those of employees.

He said when that happened businesses would now have to decide whether to absorb the cost for it to hit their profits or pass it on to consumers through prices.

He expressed the hope that the PwC 2022 Budget Digest would provide platform for the needed clarity and context on the tax, as well as the bases for the scope for the benefit of businesses and the citizens.

## 2 Institutions receive funding to research into catalytic capital

### Business Desk Report

TWO institutions, Ashesi University and Impact Investing Ghana (IIGH), have received a grant from the Catalytic Capital Consortium's (C3) Grantmaking Programme.

The grant is to enable the two institutions conduct a research on why, where and how catalytic capital has been deployed in Ghana to drive the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

They are also to find out the positive and negative outcomes of the financing and what gaps still existed.

Established in 2019, C3 is an investment,

learning, and market development initiative created and led by John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation and the Omidyar Network.

In a press release issued by Impact Investing Ghana, its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ms Amma Lartey, said the organisation had a strategic objective to mobilise catalytic funding to drive the growth of SMEs in Ghana and West Africa.

### Investment capital

She said IIGH dealt in the kind of investment capital that intentionally strived towards building a more equitable and sustainable world, and it was willing to bridge

the capital gaps left by conventional investing.

"This kind of capital has greater patience, risk tolerance, concessionality and flexibility which is essential for Ghana's development.

"This research will enable us to learn what has worked well in the past and what has not to give us a firm foundation to do this effectively," the CEO

**"This research will enable us to learn what has worked well in the past and what has not to give us a firm foundation to do this effectively."**

(entrepreneurship) ecosystem," he stated.

For his part, the Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Ashesi University, Dr Gordon Adomdza, said "In our part of the world, early-stage funding is very limited. So, it makes a lot of sense to understand how to deploy catalytic capital that

entertains concessionary returns and paves the way for early-stage investors to support young entrepreneurs.

"We at Ashesi are excited to be part of the Evidence-Based work stream of C3 Grantmaking programme to contribute to the understanding of this type of capital in our

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE  
ASOKORE MAMPONG PLANNING AREA**

1. Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned application for Rezoning / Change of use and Subdivision of some parts of the planning area designated Asokore Mampong Municipal Assembly has been deposited at the AMMA office of the Physical Planning Department (formerly, Town & country Planning Department).
2. The site plans and the proposed User(s) are open to the study between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon any working day of the week.
3. Any person may make presentation (in the form of objection etc.) in respect of these plan(s) within fourteen (14) days after which the Asokore Mampong Spatial Planning Committee shall, on behalf Asokore Mampong Assembly, proceed to consider the application.
4. Representation, if any could be made to the Municipal Director of Physical Planning, Asokore Mampong, P. O. BOX CN 24, KUMASI.
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  3. Request for Subdivision Plot no.23, Buobai Asokore Mampong Road, Buobai into 2 separate plots -

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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**SUIT NO.: CMRPC/0525/2021**

**BULK OIL STORAGE & TRANSPORTION COMPANY LIMITED**

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**PLAINTIFF**

**VS**

**CAPSTONE OIL LIMITED**

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**DEFENDANT**

**(SGD)**

**JUSTICE JUSTIN DORGU**

**JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT**



**ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**

**UPON READING** the affidavit of **GODFRED ANNOR**, of GT 299-6946, East Legon, Accra, filed on 11th October, 2021 in support of motion Ex-parte of an order of substituted service:

**AND UPON HEARING** the submission of **AKUA KONADU -YIADOM ESQ.**, counsel for plaintiff/applicant herein;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that leave is granted the plaintiff/judgment/creditor/applicant to serve the Defendant the Entry of judgment by way of substituted service in the following manner and places: By posting a copy of this order alongside the entry of judgment process at

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3. By one publication in the *Daily Graphic* newspaper

Service shall be deemed affected twenty-one (21) days after posting and publication.

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(SGD.)  
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**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 38th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of AFRAM COMMUNITY BANK LTD which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 to transact the business of Annual General Meeting; will now be held on **Saturday, December 11, 2021** at Salem Presbyterian Church Premises, **Kwahu Tease-Afram Plains**.

**AGENDA**

1. To read the notice convening the meeting
2. To confirm the minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting
3. To receive the Chairman's report for the year ended 31st December, 2020
4. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2020 and the reports of the Directors and auditors thereon
5. To transact any other business appropriate to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting

**Dated at Kwahu Tease, 19th November, 2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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# Ghanaian-flagged vessel delivered

## • To support Ghana's offshore operations

From Dotsey Koblah Aklorbortu,  
TAKORADI

**A** WHOLLY owned Ghanaian company has delivered the first Ghanaian-owned, Ghana-flagged supply vessel to Ghana's premier offshore operator, Tullow Oil Ghana, to support the country's upstream oil and gas activities.

The vessel— *Flag Confidence*— registered in Ghana and flying Ghana's flag, is 71 metres long and 19 metres wide.

It was delivered by Flat C Marine Offshore to provide hold-back support during oil export operations at the calm buoy and deck cargo supply services to both of Tullow's Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSOs) systems— Kwame Nkrumah and John Evans Atta Mills.

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It would also deliver multiple liquid and dry bulk cargoes from beneath deck without cross contamination and in a timely fashion, with a fully indigenous Ghanaian crew, trained and with the

requisite capability and a safety management system in line with recognised global marine standards.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Deputy Minister of Energy, Mr Andrew Agyapa Mercer, said the government had been a strong advocate of the participation of local companies in the country's upstream oil and gas sector.

He said as a way of creating economic opportunities and increasing financial value in the oil and gas value chain, "the Flat Confidence Vessel is, therefore, evidence of the invaluable work done by both the government and private sector actors to ensure that Ghanaians become critical players in the oil and gas industry".

### National vision

Mr Mercer said the current fit also tied in with the vision for a Ghana that was beyond aid and which had competent Ghanaians taking critical positions in all sectors of the economy.

"Indeed, if we will realise a Ghana that is truly beyond aid, we must take bold steps to build the requisite capacities, skills and competences needed for accelerated development in the country," he said.

Mr Mercer said the government

continued to make huge strides in the oil and gas industry, and that the 2021 Resource Governance Index published by the Natural Resource Governance Institute indicated that the country's oil and gas sector scored 78 out of 100 points, improving by 11 points since 2017.

### State institutions

The deputy minister said the report

noted the impressive performance was driven by improvements in the governance of licensing and national budgeting, along with continued improvements in the management of state institutions responsible for the sector.

"Ghana's enabling

environment continues to provide a solid base for good resource governance under the leadership of President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo," he said.

The successes achieved in the oil and gas sector so far, he said, had been a consequence of good collaboration between the government and private sector institutions such as Tullow Ghana.

"Government has taken particular notice of the invaluable contribution Tullow Ghana is making to local content development in the upstream oil and gas industry," he added.

**It is expected to boost local content drive to guarantee Ghanaian dominance in the local oil and gas production space.**



• The Flag Confidence vessel

# Kojo Tsikata dies at 85

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Tsikata said: "I have just returned from a trip outside Ghana. While abroad, I learnt of the bizarre proceedings in the High Court before Mrs Henrietta Abban on Wednesday, June 18 which have led to the incarceration of my cousin Tsatsu.

"I have now learnt that my name is on a list of persons on whom national honours are to be conferred. I cannot fathom the mental processes that led to my name being put on that list.

"Let me put it beyond doubt that I will not accept any honours from Mr John Agyekum Kufuor or any of his cronies who have blatantly and cynically engaged in a systematic manipulation of the judicial process."

### National Reconciliation

During the sittings of the National Reconciliation Commission in 2002, a retired Supreme Court judge, Mr Justice G. E. K.

Aikins, had alleged that Capt. Tsikata had been implicated in the kidnapping and murder of three High Court judges and a retired Army officer on June 30, 1982 during the PNDC regime but was never tried.

Among the suspects were Capt. Tsikata and Sergeant Aolga Akata-Pore, both key members of the then PNDC.

Ghanaians brought Capt. Tsikata under scrutiny, but during the NRC hearing, he denied being involved in the killing of the judges.

There was insufficient evidence to buttress the allegation against Capt. Tsikata, according to the Attorney General.

One reason was that before the execution of the sole witness in the matter, he (witness) had withdrawn his accusation against Capt. Tsikata.

Joachim Amartey Kwei, one of the architects of the murderous incident, along with some soldiers— Tekpor, Dzandzu and Helki— were all found guilty of murder, sentenced to death and executed by firing squad.

One of the convicted, Amedeka, escaped prison and has not been seen since.

### International exploits

Capt. Tsikata was appointed by the late Libyan Leader, Col Mummar al-Gaddafi, to a senior advisory position in charge of the Al Mathaba Central Committee, a support centre for the liberation movement and anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist organisations.

Tsikata was also sent to the Congo, along with Major General Ankrach, as part of a Ghanaian military contingent, with orders from President Kwame Nkrumah to protect the Pan-Africanist and anti-neocolonialist Patrice Lumumba, who was the Prime Minister of that country.

Tsikata later went to Conakry, Guinea, to visit Nkrumah. He was arrested, detained and put on death row as a suspect of an assassination plot against Nkrumah on his arrival.

Samora Machel, a freedom fighter, intervened to pardon him. Samora travelled with him to Mozambique. He later arrived in

Angola in 1964 to join the MPLA fighters and internationalist fighters from Cuba.

In 1995, the late Capt Tsikata was asked to join a negotiating team with Dr Mohammed Ibn Chambas, who was then the Deputy Foreign Minister, and Brigadier General Agyemfra, accompanied by Mr Harry Mouzillas from the *Ghana News Agency* as a journalist to cover the events.

They travelled to join Mr James Victor Gbeho, the then Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Resident Representative of Ft Lt Rawlings, and Mr Ate Allotey, a diplomat.

### Awards

Captain Kojo Tsikata received one of Angola's highest honours, known as Carlos Silva among Angolan fighters, for his role in the struggle for national independence.

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Completed application forms together with Curriculum Vitae, two (2) referee reports and relevant certificates should be submitted to the Deputy Registrar (HRD) not later than **Friday, December 03, 2021.**

# Sports

## Dogboe outpoints Diaz

**F**EATHERWEIGHT contender Isaac Dogboe scored a majority decision victory over Christopher "Pitufu" Diaz in a back-and-forth battle in an preliminary bout on the undercard of the Terence Crawford-Shawn Porter card last Saturday night at the Michelob Ultra Arena at Mandalay Bay.

Dogboe, a former junior featherweight world titlist, won the entertaining bout 96-94 and 97-93 while one judge scored the fight 95-95.

It was a competitive fight all the way with both fighters landing their share of solid shots. Maybe the best shot of the fight came in the third round when Diaz rocked Dogboe with a left hook, although he recovered quickly.

### Dogboe boxed more

By the fourth round, Diaz had some swelling around his eyes but continued to fire combinations and stiff jabs.

Dogboe looked to box more and pick his spots to punch, which he did with a strong close to the sixth round when he caught Diaz with a combination along the ropes.

Dogboe (23-2, 15 KOs), 27, of Ghana, kept it going as he opened the seventh round with a flurry of punches that forced former world title challenger Diaz (26-4, 16 KOs), 26, of Puerto Rico, back and got the crowd excited.

### Referee's warning

They traded three-punch combinations early in the ninth round and later in the round Dogboe was warned by referee Raul Caiz Jr. for lifting Diaz off the canvas when they were in a clinch.

In the 10th round they fought as though they both believed the outcome was in doubt and tried to close impressively.

Dogboe won his third fight in a row since losing his WBO 122-pound world title to Emanuel Navarrete by



• Isaac Dogboe (left) delivers a left jab on the face of Christopher Diaz during their featherweight bout at Las Vegas last Saturday

unanimous decision in December 2018 and getting stopped by him in the 12th round of an immediate rematch in May 2019.

Diaz lost his second fight in a row.

On April 24, he was stopped by Navarrete, now the WBO featherweight titlist, in the 12th round of a title challenge. —Ring Magazine

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## Hearts to make amends ... In Confed Cup against JS Saoura on Sunday

By Peter Sarbah

**G**HANA'S Accra Hearts of Oak will be under pressure to make amends when they turn their attention to the CAF Confederation Cup after a botched CAF Champions League campaign when they host JS Saoura in a playoff first leg at the Accra Stadium on Sunday.

This is especially after tasting a 0-2 defeat to Ashantigold in their fourth week Ghana Premier League match at the Obuasi Len Clay Stadium yesterday. Before the match, Hearts fans had anticipated a positive away result to end their string of draws and also provide them the tonic for a good

show against the Algerians at home on Sunday.

### Hearts need a miracle

As things stand now, embattled Coach Samuel Boadu and his men will need a miracle against JS Saoura in their backyard on Sunday to restore the smiles on the faces of their fans and push for a place in the money zone of the Confederation Cup.

After winning the maiden edition in 2004, Hearts look set to stage a comeback in the competition for the first time since 2015 when they were stopped by Tunisian side, AS Tunis, following a massive 4-0 defeat in the return leg after a 1-1 draw in Accra.

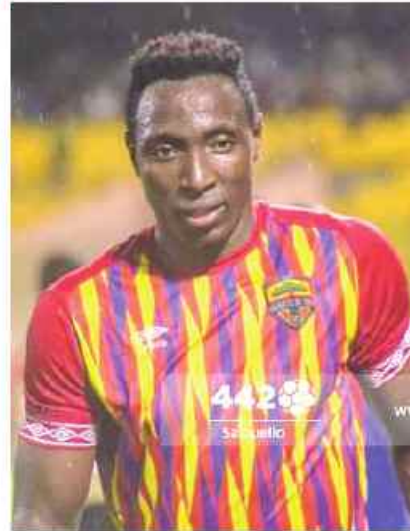
That notwithstanding, Hearts seem more experienced at this level than their Algerian counterparts who are

making their Confederation Cup debut despite crashing out in the early stages of the CAF Champions League twice. However, Hearts' poor run in the domestic league has raised questions about their ability to glitter against the Algerians who have won two games and drawn one out of four league matches played this season.

### Pressure on players

The situation has brought intense pressure on the players and the technical team to find an antidote to their winless streak as they struggle to recover from the humiliating 6-1 drubbing by Moroccan side, Wydad Athletic Club, in the CAF Champions League last month.

Hearts are also expected to use Sunday's game to exorcise their fear for



• Kofi Kordzi — Hearts

North African teams, who have in recent times derailed their continental ambitions.

As the Phobians seek to find their rhythm, Coach Boadu will have a difficult task motivating his charges to snatch their first win of the season to give their followers something to cheer about.

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## Kotoko beat Wonders to maintain lead

From Daniel Kenu, KUMASI

**L**EAGUE leaders, Kumasi Asante Kotoko, scored in each half against struggling Eleven Wonders last Saturday to maintain a 100 per cent record after four matches in the ongoing Ghana Premier League.

Playing before expectant home fans at the Baba Yara Stadium in Kumasi, and galvanised by continuous drumming and dancing by students from the KNUST, Samuel Boateng chanced on a long pass and delivered a carpet shot which caught goalkeeper Abdulai Ibrahim ball-watching in the 28th minute. Isaac Opong, aka Sunyani Neymar, also produced an individual brilliance to put the icing on the cake for Kotoko in the 76th minute.

Boateng's opener in the 28th minute should have opened the door for Kotoko to score at least two more goals before the break, but Opong and Fabio Gama, who were presented with

those glorious opportunities, messed up.

In spite of Kotoko's victory over lowly-placed Wonders who have just two points, there was little to choose between the two sides as the visitors put up a splendid performance to battle the homesters throughout the match.

### Abalora's saves

Before Kotoko broke the deadlock, Wonders' Isaac Kwain sparked the stadium with a powerful free kick in the second minute but a brilliant display by Kotoko's goalkeeper, Razak Abalora, saved his side from conceding an early goal.

### AshantiGold worsen Hearts' woes

Two second half goals scored by Yaw Annor and Abdul Salam gave Obuasi AshantiGold an emphatic 2-0 victory over Champion Club,

Accra Hearts of Oak, at the Obuasi Len Clay Stadium yesterday.

After both teams struggled to break the deadlock in the first half, AshantiGold resumed the second half full of venom and opened the scoring through Annor in the 53rd minute.

AshantiGold set the stadium agog in time added on when Abdul Salam intercepted a rebound and slammed the ball home to worsen the woes of Hearts.

### Scoreboard

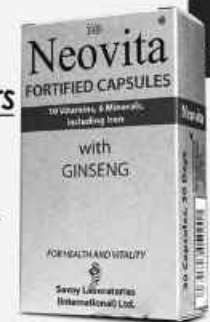
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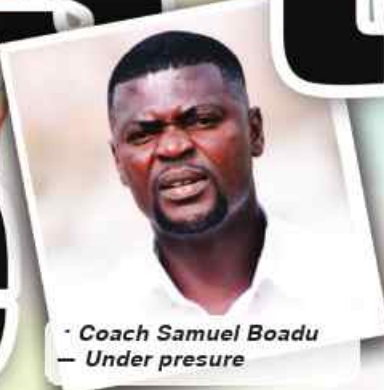
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• Kofi Kordzi — Hearts livewire

# Hearts to make amends



• Coach Samuel Boadu — Under pressure

Story: Peter Sarbah

**G**HANA'S Accra Hearts of Oak will be under pressure to make amends when they turn their attention to the CAF Confederation Cup after a botched CAF Champions League campaign when they host JS Saoura in a playoff first leg at the

Accra Stadium on Sunday. This is especially after tasting a 0-2 to Ashantigold in their fourth week Ghana Premier League match at the Obuasi Len Clay Stadium yesterday. Before the match, Hearts fans had anticipated a positive away result to end their string of draws and also

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• **In Confed Cup against JS Saoura Sunday**

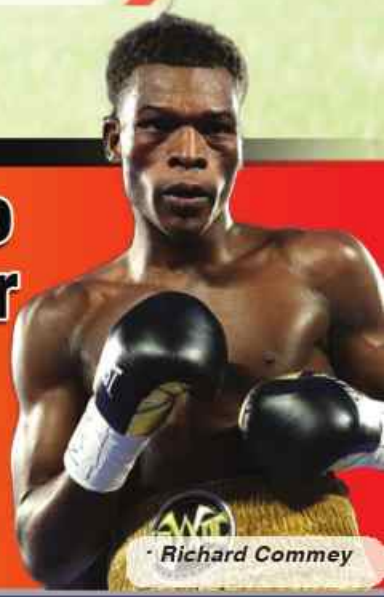


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# INSIDE MAX VERSTAPPEN PRIVATE JET

**F**ormula One driver, Max Verstappen, became the youngest driver to compete in the Formula One race at the age of 17.

After making his debut for the Red Bull team in the Australian Grand Prix in 2015, the Dutchman became the youngest driver and the first Dutch driver to ever win a Grand Prix in Spain a year later.

The 24-year-old has subsequently won several other races which came along with financial rewards and endorsements from corporate organisations.

Despite his young age and relatively short career, his net worth stands at almost \$60 million, thanks to multiple endorsements.

However, Verstappen's net worth could shoot up, considering the substantial rise in pay in 2021. The Dutchman will receive an on-track salary of a whopping \$42m, which includes \$17m worth of bonuses.

This explains why the young driver has splashed \$15 million on a luxury private jet to enable him to shuttle across the globe to participate in Formula One races.

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### Hearts must make this chance count

**CHAMPION club Accra Hearts of Oak will be on the war path once again this Sunday when they play host to AS Saoura of Algeria in a CAF Confederation Cup playoff first leg at the Accra Stadium.**

**Sunday's encounter offers the Phobians a fine opportunity to make amends in their African campaign after suffering a humiliating 1-6 defeat to Wydad Athletic Club (WAC) of Morocco in their CAF Champions League second round tie last month.**

**While some pundits believe that the Champions League standard might perhaps be too high for Hearts following the manner in which WAC reduced them to an ordinary side with that memorable 6-1 spanking in Casablanca on October 24, 2012, the same cannot be said of the CAF Confederation Cup, which is less tasking.**

*It is on this basis that we want to encourage Hearts to pick up the pieces and go all out against AS Saoura with the aim of qualifying for the group stage of the Confederation Cup. Per the rules, whichever club wins on aggregate over the two-leg affair will be privileged to enter the money zone.*

*That, for us, should be enough motivation for the Hearts players to put the Champions League setback behind them and chase for the Confederation Cup glory. It is obvious that the Phobians have not been themselves since that heavy defeat they suffered at the hands of WAC, but the fact remains that the stakes are still too high for them to allow the past to hold them down.*

*Another motivating factor for the current generation is that Hearts are on record to have won the maiden edition of the Confederation Cup at the expense of arch rivals Asante Kotoko in 2004. Therefore, Coach Samuel Boadu and his men can draw inspiration from this impressive record to make a name for themselves this time around.*

*However, whether they can make an impact in the competition or not largely depends on the outcome of the first leg in Accra on Sunday. To guarantee their qualification, it goes without saying that the Phobians need to score not less than two unanswered goals against their Algerian opponents at home. That is the only way to survive against North African opponents, especially when you play*

*home first.*

*Unlike Hearts, AS Saoura cannot be counted among the heavyweights in African football history. However, they can be described as an emerging force in Algerian football after finishing third in the Algerian Premier League last season.*

*Currently, they are seventh on the league table, with seven points from four matches, as against Hearts' three points out of the three games. This makes them two opponents with similar fortunes; hence, the need for Hearts to capitalise on their rich continental experience to outwit the Algerians.*

*Though Hearts have not been impressive as defending champions in the Ghana Premier League (GPL) this season, they have their destiny in their hands to make amends in their African campaign, which is a different terrain altogether, with better remuneration to boot.*

*Though fatigue might have slowed down Hearts' performance since they did not have the luxury of an off-season break due to the GPL and CAF schedules; that cannot be an excuse for them to disappoint their teeming fans and Ghanaians in general.*

*We believe the Phobians have what it takes to advance to the group stage by upstaging their Algerian opponents, albeit through the hard way. We urge Coach Boadu and his men to ride on the "Never Say Die" spirit to make themselves and the entire nation proud as the sole torch bearer in Africa.*

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### Voice of the Fan

*THE Black Stars managed a lone goal victory over Bafana Bafana of South Africa in Cape Coast last week to qualify for the play-off of the Qatar 2022 World Cup.*

*Graphic Sports hit the streets to seek the views of readers on the performance of the team so far and their expectations ahead of the play-off slated for March next year.*



Lanteh Seth

**T**HE Black Stars showcased a fighting spirit in their last qualifying match against South Africa in Cape Coast. Prior to that match, the Stars had struggled to play above average in their previous matches despite winning some of them.

In their first match against Ethiopia in Cape Coast which the Stars won by a lone goal, they did not play as a team. That was because they were not cohesive in their passes, easily losing many of the

50-50 balls to their opponents and also squandering the few chances they created.

Their next match against South Africa in Johannesburg was the same and they lost 0-1, which explains why they shared the points with Ethiopia after taking the lead in their penultimate group match.

In that match, the Stars defence was shambolic and they allowed their opponents to penetrate easily, leading to the equaliser by the Ethiopians.

However, the Stars'

performance against South Africa in Cape Coast was a bit different, especially the second half when South Africa pressed hard in a bid to draw level. The likes of Mohammed Kudus, Daniel Amartey and Andy Yiadom proved that with time, we will see a better side as we fight for continental honours.

I am expecting that the coach will fine-tune the striking role of the team by getting good finishers who can easily bang in the goals during tough matches.

Lanteh Seth, Tema

**OUR victory over South Africa in our last 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifying match has generated much controversy. This is because our opponents are contesting that we won the match through a dubious penalty awarded against them.**

Ghana could have won by a wider margin to avoid this

controversy. If we had taken the chances created, especially the first 20 minutes when we had the chance to score not less than three goals.

I am really disappointed about the performance of the current Black Stars players. Throughout the qualifying series, the team proved that they lacked the venom to fly the flag of Ghana high in

international tournaments.

Incidentally, the coach seems to be interested only in foreign players who have been warming benches. The time has come for the coach to focus his attention on some of the local players who are playing well to transform the Black Stars into a winsome side.

Dickson Agyemang, Accra



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# We need a cleaner game

## Refereeing Questions

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**T**HE reported visit of Kurt Okraku and his Executive Committee members to the Police High Command is the latest piece of good news concerning the growth and development of our football. The purpose, we are told, is to seek cooperation and assistance from the security services in wiping out hooliganism, corruption and other ills that are associated with the game.

Nobody should teach us the negative

effects and harm that these could cause to our cherished game. As it happened through bad and corrupt officiating, we all appeared to look on when our team owners, together with our referees, ganged up and handled our matches to satisfy their pockets and won match points in the name of strategies in football.

We reached a point where team owners were able to select their own referees, accommodated them, led them and paid their own transport to and from match venues. It must be pointed out that it was not all referees who participated in this. We had referees at match venues who assisted home teams in this corrupt enterprise.

As if not satisfied with this crooked method, some team owners ganged up and supervised the selection of teams to win league championships and those to be relegated. That resulted in match-fixing

which was before alien to our football.

Naturally, it was not all players who supported this way of winning and throwing away match points.

I remember a referee confessing at a match review meeting that he was forced to award a very bad penalty to a team that was supposed to win a match because they could not score any goal on their own. And both teams were happy, except one of the players of the visiting teams.

The player reported the incident to the FA president who ordered for a second match report from one of the assistant referees. The report could not be used to change the scoreline but the referee was made to face a long-term ban.

Yet, there was another incident in which an assistant referee correctly raised his flag for an offside goal just 30 minutes to the end of the match. The home team's players

who did not benefit from the assistant referee's action rushed on him and assaulted him for spoiling the fixed match. That assistant referee, although promoted to the class one grade, refused the promotion because he didn't want to handle Premier League matches. He remained a class one referee till he retired.

With regard to the assault of referees, the matter is in the hands of the match officials. First of all, they should ensure that security at their matches are adequate before they start the game.

Additionally, they should allow the law to deal with those who assault them instead of taking money from the teams whose fans assaulted them and they deny that they were assaulted. In other words, they should cooperate with the police. Period.

## Red Star, PSG and contrasting global brands of Parisian football (II)

"THE story of the club, and I totally believed this even when I was a player, is that it is not only about performance," he says.

"Of course it is important to perform and try and get promoted, but we have maybe 500 kids at the club from under-6s to the reserves, so it is also important to build culture and education in their life.

"We want to use the football club to send a message, we want them to be well-built citizens, we need to work the body and feed the mind."

To do this the club launched Red Star Lab, hosting workshops to help academy players learn and draw inspiration from vocations outside of football. One of Bellion's favourites was seeing the teenagers handmake their own football boots with local craftsman Rakhmi.

"We know that maybe one kid out of a generation will make it as a professional, so what about the others?" he asks. "We are giving them other passions to try - photography, fashion, music. It is free, they watch, they learn.

"If 10 years down the line you see one of those kids say I'm working at the BBC because I fell in love with media, one says I am working at Nike, one at StockX, one at the art exhibition, this is a victory more important than winning a Champions League."

PSG now boast a frontline of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe

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Even if PSG were defeated Champions League finalists in 2020, president Nasser Al-Khelaifi's investment has established Les Parisiens among Europe's elite. The continental title the club so craves is



proving elusive, but there has already been huge commercial success off the pitch.

Three years ago, PSG entered into a partnership with Nike that would see them become the first football club to sport the Jumpman logo that is renowned with basketball legend Michael Jordan, selling the initial exclusive 40,000-item collection within a week.

A Nike spokesperson told BBC Sport the collaboration "marked two icons of sport and style partnering to fuel sports lifestyle culture", while Fabien Allegre, PSG's director of brand development, said it was "aimed at bridging sportswear and street fashion".

The club's mandate, Allegre told a Harvard Business School study, is to connect with cultures beyond football and spread the brand in different directions. He pointed towards partnerships with Justin Timberlake and rapper Travis Scott, and to LeBron James wearing the club's shirt before an NBA game.

When a fan wearing a Thiago Silva shirt, bucket hat and checked shorts combo was

dragged up on stage to be celebrated during a 2019 performance by Dave the rapper at Glastonbury, it was confirmation the PSG brand was successfully seeping into youth culture.

PSG's social media following has also rocketed, with Russell Stopford, chief digital officer, saying: "We are disrupting the world of football, on and off the pitch, in a uniquely Parisian style - that's the story we want to tell."

Club shirts have featured in designs at Paris Fashion Week, while players have appeared in promotional videos for Hollywood films. PSG even sold Rolling Stones-inspired merchandise when the band played in the city.

"It enabled us to reach fans who didn't necessarily follow PSG as a soccer club but who felt that wearing an item from the collection was cool from a lifestyle point of view," said Allegre.

In 2019 the club topped one million shirt sales and more than half of their Jordan collection went to customers outside France. They have since opened stores in

Los Angeles and Tokyo.

Following the Qatar Investment Authority takeover, commercial revenues increased from £22m to £310m in eight years, according to the Harvard study. Al-Khelaifi believes the club can grow further still, towards "a value far in excess of €3bn". He wants PSG to be one of the top-three sport brands in the world. He wants them to be synonymous with Paris in the way the Yankees are with New York.

The Red Star Lab in action and, on the right, artwork at the Stade Bauer

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The ambition is unquestionable but PSG are not without their critics; the club's spending on superstars such as Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi has attracted accusations of both sportswashing and a disregard for Financial Fair Play, with La Liga chief Javier Tebas among the most vocal opponents.

Bellion has no issue with PSG. He jokes that Red Star are the Rolling Stones and Les Parisiens the Beatles but says the clubs respect each other's position in the city and the French football landscape. He is happy his own side have a "fantastic" story to tell.

"My son likes to watch Kylian Mbappe and Neymar and it is normal - it is entertainment to watch a big game, but it is blockbuster in terms of all the marketing," he says.

"We cannot compare ourselves to Paris St-Germain. What they do is fantastic for their own audience and the audience of Paris St-Germain is a blockbuster audience.

"Even if we had that kind of money we would not do that because we are more drawn into indie???? things, but we work with Foot Locker, we work with Vice. We don't see ourselves as snob people because we are deep into this kind of culture, that's just what we like, that is our vibe.

"We have a different way of thinking, a different way of communicating," he adds.

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# Is Dogboe ready for world title now?



Isaac Dogboe was at his best against Christopher Diaz in Las Vegas



I STAYED up late to watch Isaac Dogboe win a close contest against Christopher Diaz and one thing caught my attention throughout the 10-round bout.

The majority decision victory represents one of Dogboe's biggest comeback statements against the reliable Diaz.

Judging from the fight, it was

obvious the Ghanaian would have suffered another defeat if he had relied on only power against Diaz.

Dogboe was skilful and combining it with his ferocious powers troubled the Puerto Rican throughout the entertaining bout.

The win makes it three consecutive wins since losing twice to Emanuel Navarrete in 2018 and 2019. I am impressed with the steadily comeback for Dogboe which is getting him closer to a world title shot.

After comeback wins over Chris Avalos, Adam Lopez and now Christopher Diaz, the 26-year-old's confidence is gradually returning since moving up in

weight to featherweight. He really needs that to turn around his career. He has improved his craft since moving to trainers Barry Hunter and Patrice Harris in his last three fights.

But is he ready for another world championship fight? That is yet to be tested but with the changes in him, I am hopeful he has what it takes to become a two-time world champion.

### Possible opponents

Dogboe has the best of opportunity to challenge for the WBO featherweight title next but there is a problem.

Navarrete holds the title and the Ghanaian must challenge him to win that, a move that could be a stumbling block to Dogboe.

The Mexican is the only fighter to have defeated Dogboe in his professional career and a possible showdown for the third time could happen if the Ghanaian decides to go for the belt.

Dogboe had stated previously that he would have a bright chance of avenging his two painful defeats to Navarrete at a favourable weight class such as featherweight but I doubt.

I believe Dogboe will struggle to beat the Mexican hard-hitting puncher who possesses height and reach



Gary Russell Jr holds the WBC featherweight title

advantage.

There are other champions in the featherweight division that he can look forward to facing such as Leo Santa Cruz (WBA Super), Leigh Wood (WBA Regular), or Gary Russel Jr (WBC) with the IBF title vacant.

All these champions are tough but I think it makes sense to face them than a fighter Dogboe had lost twice to in the past.

I don't see the need for the fight and I believe Dogboe must continue working hard to enjoy his new beginning.

### What next for Dogboe?

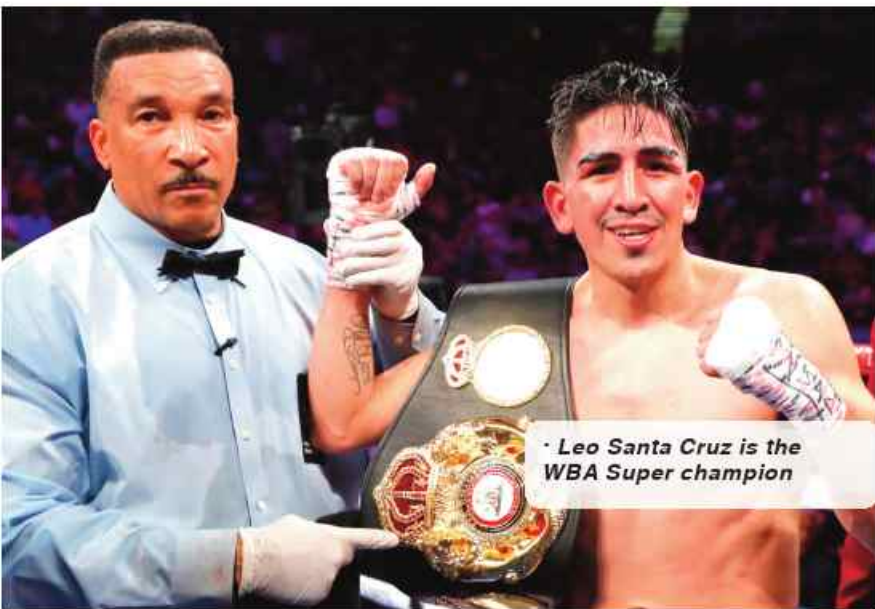
Inasmuch as I feel he is ready

for the world championship, Dogboe must not rush into it because it might be a dangerous situation.

Where he is now, he doesn't need any more defeat to tarnish the kind of reputation he is building after a long wait.

He might choose to defend his NABF featherweight title once again to continue building him up for the world championship when he feels it is right to do so.

Until the right time, I am confident that by the time he decides to go in for the championship, he will put up a spectacular performance to win Ghana another title.



Leo Santa Cruz is the WBA Super champion

# Dogboe vs Diaz fight in pictures



Referee Raul Caiz Jr raises Dogboe's hand as he displays his NABF featherweight belt with a broad smile

Isaac Dogboe (left) hits the midsection of his opponent with a right hook

Christopher Diaz attacks Dogboe with a right hook

Isaac Dogboe ducks to avoid a left hook from Diaz

Isaac Dogboe delivers a left jab on the face of Christopher Diaz during their featherweight bout at Las Vegas last Saturday



Perry Addison Rockson of Eleven Wonders (right) clears the ball ahead of George Rodrigue Mlege



Skipper Abdul Ganu Ismail of Kotoko (middle) being escorted from the field following an injury



Yaw Acheampong of Eleven Wonders (right) confronts Kotoko's midfielder Fabio Gama Dos Santos in a midfield action

## Snapshots of Kotoko vs Eleven Wonders match at Baba Yara Stadium



Kotoko's goal poacher Samuel Boateng raises his hand in celebration of his opening goal with a teammate

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# Commey must fight Lomachenko courageously — Akai Nettey

Story: Kwame Larweh

**T**HE assistant Black Bombers coach and lead trainer of the Attoh Quarshie Gymnasium, Vincent Akai Nettey, says Richard Commey must rid himself of any fear he has for his opponent, Vasyl Lomachenko, and fight him courageously.

He stated that Lomachenko was a dangerous fighter but added that Commey must face that danger fair and square on December 11 when they clash at the Madison Square Garden in the United States.

“Commey must hold his guard and strengthen his defence against the handspeed of Lomachenko; it is not going to be easy but one punch



• Vincent Akai Nettey

can settle everything,” he said in an exclusive interview with Graphic Sports in Accra last Thursday.

Commey, 34, (33-3-0) became a world champion after beating Russian Isa Chaniev via a technical knockout in the United States in February 2019.

But he lost the title 10 months later to America's Teofimo Lopez in New York.

The Ghanaian has since been determined to reclaim his title and also annex other world titles in the lightweight division. He secured a technical knockout against Dominican Jackson Martinez in the United States early this year.

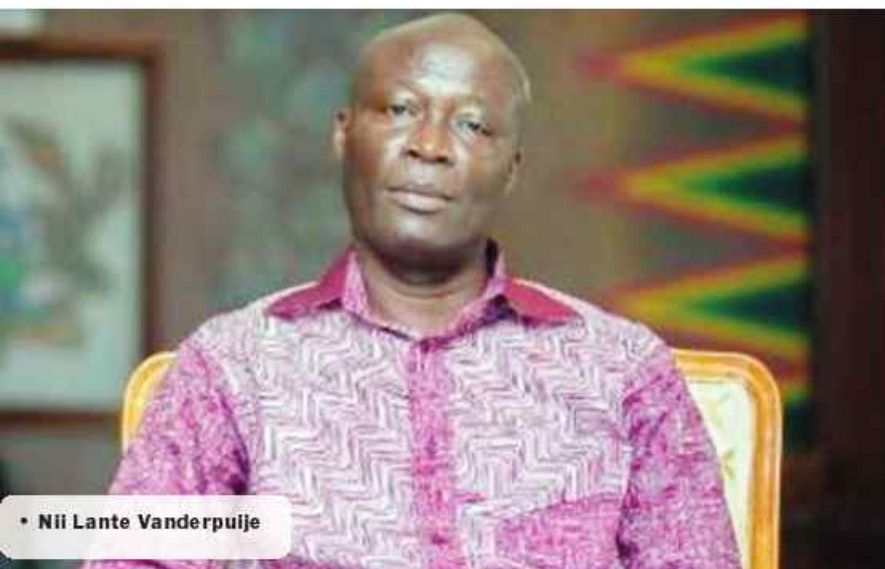
“Lomachenko has lost before so he can be beaten. He is very dangerous so Commey must improve upon his fighting techniques and watch Lomachenko's handspeed,” he stressed.

He was, however, hopeful that Commey could spring a surprise by winning on December 11.

He wished him luck and charged him to fight hard to make Ghana proud.



• Richard Commey



• Nii Lante Vanderpuije

## Let's protect sanctity of boxing — Former Minister advises

Story: Bernard Neequaye

**F**ORMER Minister of Youth and Sports, Edwin Nii Lante Vanderpuije, has called on the boxing fraternity to come together to protect the sanctity of the sport in the country.

The Member of Parliament (MP) for the Odododiodioo Constituency explained that the image of boxing in the country could best be protected by boxers who risk their lives to enter the ring.

In recent times, the decision by managers and promoters to build records of their fighters by offering them walkover bouts have been criticised by many boxing enthusiasts who feel the canker has destroyed so many talents in the country.

Adding his voice to the call to end walkover bouts, Nii Lante Vanderpuije

said administrators of the sport must avoid selfishness to enable them get the best out of their boxers.

“We have to come together to fight what is destroying boxing in the country and it is upon all of us to ensure that.

“But I don't think anybody can best fight for the sanctity of boxing more than the boxers themselves and it is their duty to maintain the high standards of the sport,” the former minister told Graphic Sports.

Touching on how to make boxing great again in Ghana, Nii Lante Vanderpuije said the upcoming fighters in the country must be self-disciplined to be able to reach higher heights.

“If we want to make boxing great again in this country, then the boxers must be self-disciplined because that is where everything starts from,” he added.

## Lomachenko is a tall order for Commey — Pappoe

Story: Kwame Larweh

**C**ELEBRATED ring official, Ataa Eddie Pappoe, is pessimistic about the chances of former IBF world champion, Richard Oblitey Commey, against Ukrainian Vasyl Lomachenko at the Madison Square Garden on December 11.

Ataa Eddie believed that although Lomachenko cannot kayo Commey, his footsteps and hand speed would be too much for the Ghanaian to contain on the night.

“I am not too sure about Richard winning this 12-rounder; I think I will lean towards Loma,” he told Graphic Sports.

He charged Commey to condition himself very well for the bout and urged him to go for a knockout when the opportunity offered itself.

“I think Richard should go for a knockout; if it gets to the 12 round, Lomachenko will take it,” he stated.

Ataa Eddie wished Commey the best of luck and challenged him to make Ghana proud and give something for Ghanaians to celebrate with this Christmas.

Meanwhile, the legendary ring official believes former world bantamweight champion, Isaac Dogboe, is too small for the featherweight division and has, therefore, advised him to move back to the bantamweight division.

He maintained that Dogboe, 27, (22-2-0) who fought Puerto Rico's Christopher Diaz in Las Vegas last Saturday, cannot carry his bantamweight punches to the featherweight, where he would need much heavier and powerful punches.

“At worst, Dogboe should be fighting at 126 pounds in the featherweight division, but I personally still think he is too small. The height and reach departments are crucial for him to



• Ataa Eddie Pappoe

succeed in that weight class,” he told Graphic Sports in an exclusive interview in Accra last Thursday.

He, however, noted that be that as it may, Dogboe must ensure his comfortability in the featherweight, work on his reach and his ring generalship.

“This is a litmus test for him; Dogboe is a good boxer, and all eyes will be on him and how he fights after his engagement with his new trainer,” he told Graphic Sports.



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# Govt institutes provident fund for **Satellites**

Story: Kweku Zurek

The government has instituted a provident fund scheme for the Black Satellites squad which won the 2021 Africa U-20 Cup in Mauritania last March.

This followed a directive by President Nana Addo Akufo-Addo in May this year that 50 per cent of their winning bonuses of \$10,000 each be invested in the GLICO Pension Fund on behalf of the 26 players.

This was disclosed last Thursday when the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr Mustapha Ussif, presented a cheque for GH¢802,100 to GLICO on behalf of President Akufo-Addo.

In an address at the ceremony, Mr Ussif said the ministry decided to adopt a policy to invest a percentage of the winning bonuses of all matches played by the national teams following troubling reports of players turning paupers after retirement.

"In order to address this challenge, I had a discussion with the President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, when the U-20 team became the African champions on how to present the presidential package," Mr Ussif revealed.

"The President directed that 50 per cent of the winning bonus should be invested in the GLICO Pension Fund for the team and come up with a policy to that effect. A draft policy was lodged at the Attorney-General's Department for advice. The Attorney-

General approved the policy and the agreement was signed on September 12, 2021".

He said after the initial investment, the players were at liberty to contribute whatever they wished from future bonuses to the fund named 'GLICO MASTER TRUST PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME'.

The Greater Accra Football Association Chairman, Samuel Aboabire, expressed gratitude to the President and the ministry



• Mr Mustapha Ussif, Minister of Youth and Sports (right) displaying the dummy cheque together with coach Abdul Karim Zito (3rd from right) and Daniel Afriyle Barnieh (left)

for the initiative, assuring that the players would be encouraged to make personal contributions to the fund.

The Black Satellites defeated the Hippos of Uganda 2-0 in the U-20 AFCON final to win the competition.

# Hearts will win Confed Cup — **Adjah-Tetteh**

Story: Peter Sarbah

FORMER Accra Hearts of Oak midfielder, Lawrence Adjah Tetteh, is confident that nothing can stop Hearts of Oak from winning the CAF Confederation Cup.

The talented midfielder said Hearts had a track record as the first club to win the maiden edition of the CAF Confederation Cup in 2004 against arch rivals, Asante Kotoko, and could replicate that feat.

Speaking to the *Graphic Sports* last Friday, Adjah-Tetteh was optimistic that the Accra-based club had what it took to take the continent by storm once again. He predicted that the rainbow club would qualify to the final and win the cup for the second time.

Incidentally, Adjah-Tetteh, whose equaliser in the 80th minute cancelled Charles Taylor's 51st minute opener to push the 2004 final into a penalty shootout, however cautioned Hearts players to approach the upcoming game against AS Saoura with a different strategy.

He explained that given what the North Africans are capable of doing, Hearts should score at least two goals in the first leg in Accra on Sunday to help them overcome any machinations that could be employed by the Algerians in the return leg.

"The strategy should be to prevent them from scoring and also make sure you score at least two goals because when you score them more than two goals and you go there, there will be pressure on them to make mistakes," Adjah-Tetteh advised.

Adjah-Tetteh, who currently runs the Adjah-Tetteh (AT) Football Academy at Dansoman in Accra, also encouraged the players to believe in themselves because winning the Premier League and the FA Cup was no mean achievement which should serve as a motivation to them that they had what it took to conquer Africa.



• Lawrence Adjah Tetteh

The player, whose era saw Hearts winning the CAF Champions League, CAF Super Cup, CAF Confederation Cup, as well as some Premier League titles, refrained from comparing their generation to the current players, except to advise them to work harder to excel in the continental competition.

"I don't like comparing because now I am also in the football business. I am a football coach so I will only advise them to improve more and continue to play in international competitions. Even though they are out of the Champions League, they are still playing the Confederation Cup.

"So they must excel and make a name for themselves. Today, you can call most of these former players who won the Champions League, so they should have the determination that they can do it and write their names in the history books," he stated.



• Mr Rupen Samani, Chief Executive Officer of Betika

## Kotoko secure Betika sponsorship

Story: Kweku Zurek

A GAMING brand, Betika, has announced a two-year partnership with Kumasi Asante Kotoko Sporting Club worth GH¢1.3 million.

The partnership grants Betika the rights as the official betting partner of Kotoko.

Betika, in a statement, said under the sponsorship, Kotoko would receive about GH¢630,000 per annum, in addition to the provision of footballs, goal nets and other equipment.

"Through the sponsorship, Betika will seek to nurture and improve the club's visibility and help scout for talents from other grassroots football activities across the country," the statement said.

Speaking at the unveiling of the partnership, Mr Rupen Samani, Chief Executive Officer of Betika, said: "This partnership confirms our commitment to invest in the youth in the country through sports, arts and culture with football being a key focus.

"Through this, we aim to improve the standard of the game as we nurture

talent both at the grassroots and national level. We also believe that through the partnership we can influence positive change among the youth through creating an atmosphere of talent and skills development in sports.

"Through our sponsorship we hope to maintain Asante Kotoko as the most successful club in the history of the Premier League."

The Chief Executive Officer of Kotoko, Nana Yaw Amponsah, lauded Betika for coming on board at a crucial time, saying, "We are honoured by this partnership and would like to welcome Betika to the Porcupine Family"

"We are certain that through our partnership we will be able to do a great deal in ensuring that both our organisations have the best visibility. We certainly look forward to a wonderful partnership."

"The Porcupine Warriors believe that this partnership will go a long way towards not only easing the club's financial obligations but also increasing the league's monetary incentive," Mr Amponsah added.

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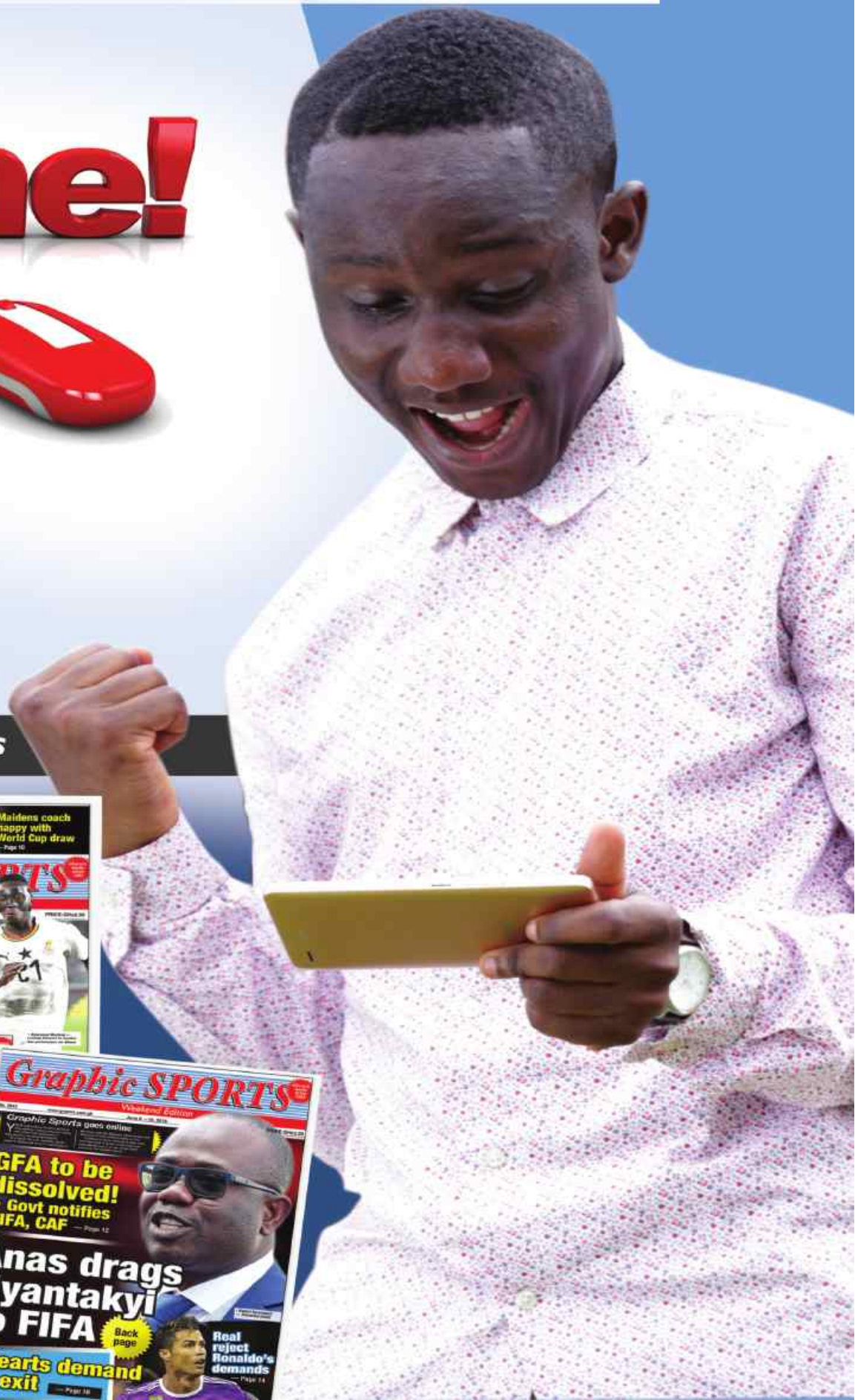
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# Ronaldo wants Enrique at Man United

**C**RISTIANO Ronaldo's preference as the new Manchester United manager has been revealed as Luis Enrique, according to reports.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was finally sacked as United manager on Sunday morning, with the club already on the hunt for the Norwegian's successor.

And influential forward Ronaldo wants Enrique to replace Solskjaer in the Old Trafford dugout, rather than reunite with Zinedine Zidane, according to Sky Sports.

Former Real Madrid manager Zidane worked with Ronaldo at

the Spanish giants, where they won three successive Champions League titles between 2016 and 2018.

But Ronaldo, 36, who is understood to have a big influence at the club, prefers Enrique rather than the Frenchman or Ajax boss Erik ten Hag, who are three of the most prominent names in the running.

Ex-Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino, now at Paris Saint-Germain, and Leicester's Brendan Rodgers are thought to be long shots as things stand.

Enrique has been leading Spain since late 2019, and reached the semi-finals of this

summer's Euro 2020 tournament, before bowing out to eventual winners Italy on penalties.

The 51-year-old managed Barcelona to two LaLiga titles and a Champions League crown in his three years at the Nou Camp, the same time Ronaldo was at their rivals in Madrid.

United axed Solskjaer after an embarrassing performance in a 4-1 drubbing by promoted Watford, following on from convincing defeats at the hands of rivals Liverpool and Manchester City by an aggregate score of 7-0.

— Daily Mail



• Jose Eurlque could replace Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as Manager of Man United

## Aguero considers retirement after heart problems

**S**ERGIO Aguero has told close friends he will bring his glittering career to an end after suffering heart problems, according to reports.

The Barcelona striker was diagnosed with cardiac arrhythmia last month after being forced off with chest pains in their 1-1 draw against Alaves.

The Catalan giants ruled the 33-year-old Argentine out of action for the three months as a period of rest once extensive medical tests had been carried out.

But The Telegraph, as well as reports in Spain, claim Manchester City's all-time leading goalscorer is now set to hang up his boots,

bringing a stunning career which has included five Premier League titles to a close.

Spanish journalist Gerard Romero also claims a press conference has been scheduled to announce

his retirement next week, though Barcelona have yet to make a formal announcement.

There have been conflicting statements since the shock reports in Spain first broke, however.

Ex-City star Samir Nasri told Canal Plus in France that his former team-mate 'sent me a message and unfortunately he has confirmed [that

he is retiring].'

The ex-France international added: 'A lot of sadness, he's a great guy and a great person. I am sad because it is not a choice, it is unfortunately forced.'

'I know the love he has for the sport, and to end like this will hurt a lot. He is someone I appreciate a lot.'

But new Barcelona boss Xavi - whose tenure got off to a winning start with a 1-0 victory against Espanyol in the Catalan derby - insisted 'what has come out is not true'.

The Barcelona coach said: 'I don't know [the latest]. I spoke to him the other day and what has come out is not true. The club does not have this information. I don't know where it's come from. This is a medical issue.'

— Daily Mail



• Sergio Aguero has been diagnosed of a heart problem

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David Ramos

## We finished Brighton game strongly — Gerrard

**NEW** Aston Villa manager Steven Gerrard said victories like last Saturday's 2-0 win over Brighton & Hove Albion are like "medicine" for the highs he misses from his playing days.

Late goals from Ollie Watkins and Tyrone Mings gave Villa the win over Brighton, ending a run of five league defeats that ended in the club sacking Dean Smith and replacing him with Gerrard on 11 November.

The former England captain played more than 700 games for Liverpool between 1998 and 2015 and won nine trophies at the Anfield club.

'I will always be as authentic as I can. If anyone doubts me watch me after those goals. That is real. They are the buzzes, the highs you miss as

a player. They are why you want to stay in the game. They are my medicine,' Gerrard said.

'You are trying to control your emotions, but inside you are kicking every ball. I want to coach from the side, I want to be visible and help them, guide them. Inside is what was with me as a player, that will to win, that drive.... I hate losing'

'We were a bit tense at times (against Brighton) but I thought we finished the game extremely strongly. We have got a lot of things to build on. In time we will become stronger and grow and get better.'

Aston Villa, 15th in the league standings on 13 points, will take on Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park last Saturday — Reuters



• Gerrard starts his Aston Villa coaching job on a bright note

## Arsenal must learn from Liverpool defeat — Arteta

**ARSENAL** manager Mikel Arteta said his side need to channel their energy into learning from their mistakes after last Saturday's 4-0 English Premier League defeat at Liverpool, ahead of a busy schedule which will see them in action nine times in all competitions until the end of the year.

A touchline row between Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp and Arteta fired up the home fans and players at Anfield before a four-goal salvo sent Arsenal packing.

The result ended an eight-game unbeaten run for the north London side, who have not won a league game at Anfield since 2012 when Arteta was still playing for them.

'It is one of the toughest places to play football in

Europe and in the moment something goes a little bit wrong or the timing is not right, you get punished and they deserved to win the game,' Arteta said.

'I don't like learning like that, but there's a lot of learning that we can take from the game for sure. One of the biggest learnings after a disappointing result is focus tomorrow on the next one.'

'We'll look at what we should have done better and why we got punished the way we did and after that put our energy and focus on the next game.'

Arsenal, fifth in the league standings on 20 points from 12 games, will host Newcastle United on Saturday

— Reuters

## Depay's penalty earns Xavi winning start

**X**AVI Hernandez made a winning start as Barcelona coach on Saturday as a dubious Memphis Depay penalty was enough to defeat local rivals Espanyol 1-0 in LaLiga.

Depay's strike at the start of the second half ensured Xavi's homecoming at Camp Nou ended in victory, but a nervy one that will have left him under no illusions about the difficulty of the task ahead.

Raul de Tomas twice struck

the post late on as Espanyol spurned a flurry of late chances that really should have seen them take a draw from a game Barca dominated for an hour and then almost let slip from their grasp.

Results, though, must come quickly and this one lifts Xavi's team from ninth in the table to sixth, six points behind Atletico Madrid, who earlier needed a late Felipe header to win 1-0 at home to Osasuna after Sevilla were held to a 2-2 draw by

Alaves.

There was also an undeniable uplift in mood at Camp Nou, with the 74 418 attendance almost double the 37 278 that watched Barca draw here against Alaves two weeks ago.

At his unveiling last week, Xavi had emphasised the need for "rules" and even before kick-off there were signs of a shift. The players rolled into Camp Nou under a plume of red smoke, with the squad arriving all together on the team bus.

Barcelona's XI boasted eight La Masia graduates, including Ilias Akhomach, who was handed his debut. Ilias was the second 17-year-old in Xavi's first starting line-up along with Gavi and when he was replaced at halftime, on came the 19-year-old Abde Ezzalzouli.

In the warm-up, there was a more intense exercise of attack against defence and when Depay scored it was perhaps not just relief that saw all 10 outfield players celebrating together in the corner. —AFP



• Xavi Hernandez led Barcelona to a narrow win over Espanyol

# We want Rudiger to stay —Tuchel

**A**NTONIO Rudiger's steep wage demands are growing more reasonable by the game. After a goal, clean-sheet and praise from Thomas Tuchel at Leicester, his case couldn't be stronger.

The 28-year-old headed the opener as Chelsea bullied Leicester in their own back-yard, employing the ruthlessness so loved by Tuchel to shut down the Foxes attack and force his seventh shut-out of the season.

With the popular German's deal slipping towards expiry next summer, interest is swelling elsewhere. Bayern Munich are reportedly willing meet his £10m wage demands, which would double his current pay.

Tuchel, when asked if he agreed with assessing Rudiger's performance as 'brilliant', said: "Yes, exclamation mark. He's been outstanding from the first day to now.

"I hope it stays like this. Defensively we are strong as usual and they deserve the praise for it. They do a lot of invisible work, they protect each other, support and are brave in attacking. We want to be dangerous from set-pieces.

"Everybody wants him to stay, it's clear but sometimes there is a delay in these things and there is obviously a delay. He knows what he has here, a fantastic club, fantastic league. He's a

competitor.

"We'll have a bit of patience and hopefully a happy end."

The German joined the Blues in 2017 from Roma but by the end of Frank Lampard's reign, a likely cut-price exit looked assured. Now he's a European champion, the envy of Europe, and absolutely crucial for Tuchel's system.

No Chelsea star has played more minutes than Rudiger this season, and only Kai Havertz has made more appearances.

Joe Cole and Rio Ferdinand — who lost some credibility in contract-related chat for his 'Ole's at the wheel' blunder — were full of admiration for the powerhouse centre-back in the BT Sport studio. "They've got to pay him so he feels he's paid what he should be, which is upper echelons of the squad," Ferdinand said.

"I think he sees himself as one of those highest earners. He's a player you wouldn't want to lose in this squad, even for a few games.

'He'd be one of the first on your list because of his influence. He's aggressive, he sets the tone and he's normally the one to put his foot in where it hurts.'

Cole added: 'He's in a fantastic position (for contract talks), similar to what Callum Hudson-Odoi was in a few years ago as a valuable member of the squad. He's fantastic and Tuchel will be wanting to get it done and dusted.

"There are other great CB's at the club but I don't think

there's anyone with his aggression and influence on the team.

"There's not many better places to be playing football then in west London for Chelsea."

After Rudiger's opener, Christian Pulisic and N'Golo Kante added goals for a commanding victory at the King Power which takes the six points clear of Manchester City.

## Porter retires after defeat to Crawford

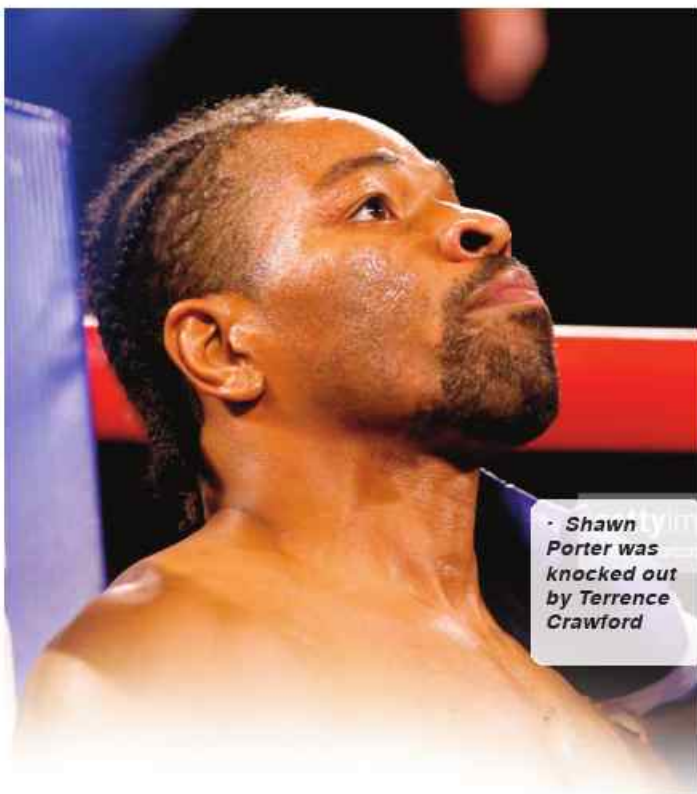
**SHAWN** Porter confirmed that he would retire from boxing in the wake of his defeat to Terence Crawford and his father's admission that he "didn't prepare like I wanted".

Porter was stopped for the first time in his career when Crawford floored him twice in the 10th round to successfully defend his WBO welterweight championship.

He later revealed that, regardless of the result, he had planned to end a boxing career that yielded two reigns as world welterweight champion.

Kenny Porter, his father and trainer, explained why he pulled his son out after the second knock-down: "Honestly? He didn't prepare like I wanted him to prepare so I didn't want him in that situation.

"When guys get to certain levels they think they know what they are doing, and they don't take



• Shawn Porter was knocked out by Terence Crawford

on information.

"It was an easy decision for me.

"My kid was at a deficit, he couldn't defend himself, I had to protect him."

Porter later said: "I understand my dad. I took too many clean shots which isn't the Porter way"

He confirmed his retirement, admitting he only remained in the sport after fighting Errol Spence Jr in 2019 to earn a crack at Crawford. He looked at his father and

said: "This is a conversation we have not had."

But Porter's father responded:

"I already knew this.

"He thought Errol Spence Jr would be his last fight. I'm his father, I knew that!

"I know things before they happen. This was something that was coming

"I could see it in training, in his movement, how he looked at the clock like 'how long do I have to be here for?'" — Sky Sports



• Antonio Rudiger is yet to put pen to paper on a new deal

## Dogboe inch closer to world title shot

• After majority decision over Diaz

**G**HANA'S Isaac Dogboe remains in contention for a featherweight world title shot after last Saturday night.

The former IBF 122-pound champion outpointed Christopher Diaz and won a debatable majority decision in a classic crossroads bout between boxers who have been beaten by the WBO featherweight champion, Emanuel Navarrete. Dogboe got off to a slow start but he picked up the pace and had some success during the second half of this 10-rounder on the Terence Crawford-Shawn Porter undercard.

Judge Eric Cheek scored the action even, 95-95, but judges Tim Cheatham (96-94) and Don Trella (97-93) scored in favour of Dogboe at Mandalay Bay

Resort and Casino's Michelob ULTRA Arena.

Puerto Rico's Diaz (26-4, 16 KOs) had hoped to revitalise his career by defeating Dogboe (23-2, 15 KOs) in his first fight since Navarrete stopped him in the 12th round of their fight for Navarrete's WBO featherweight title on April 24 in Kissimmee, Florida. Navarrete previously defeated Dogboe twice in 122-pound championship matches.

Dogboe tried to press Diaz during the 10th round but he had trouble catching Diaz with flush punches. He landed a straight right in the final minute of the fight, though, and repeatedly threw hard shots at Dogboe's body.

Dogboe landed a counter left on the inside about 40 seconds into the ninth round.

A left hook by Diaz knocked Dogboe off

balance with just over 20 seconds to go in the eighth round.

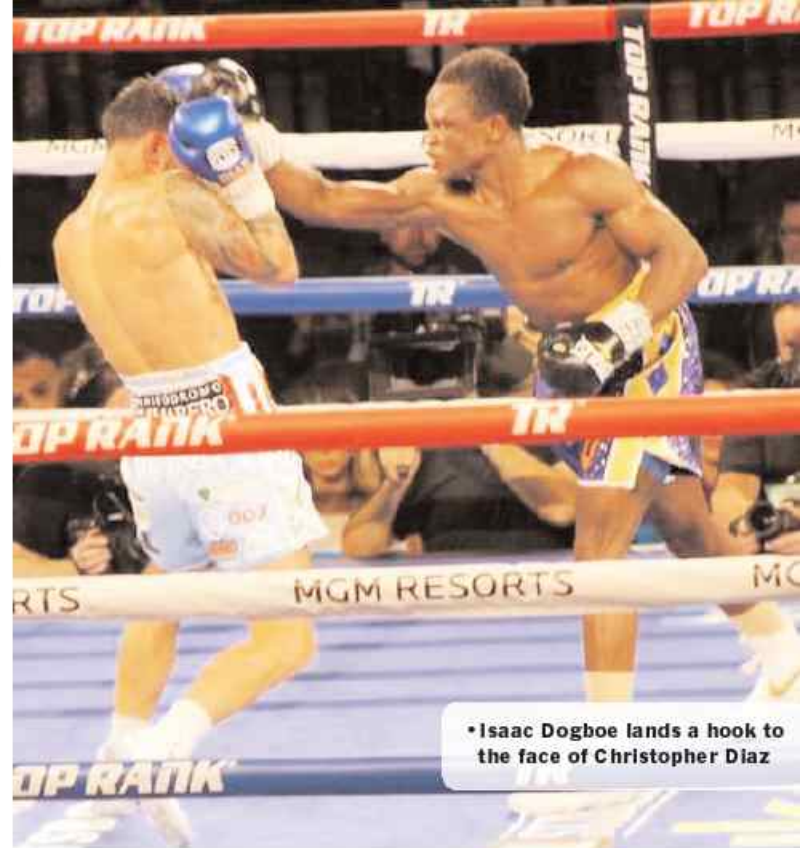
Approximately 10 seconds later, a clash of heads caused a brief break in the action and prompted Caiz to warn Dogboe for leading with his head.

Out of a southpaw stance, Dogboe landed a straight left that backed up Diaz about 1:20 into the seventh round.

Dogboe had a very strong sixth round after having difficulty catching Diaz with flush punches in the first five rounds.

Barely 30 seconds into the sixth round, Dogboe landed a right hand that caused Diaz to hold him. With just under two minutes remaining in the sixth round, Dogboe drilled Diaz with a thudding left to his body.

With about 40 seconds to go in the sixth



• Isaac Dogboe lands a hook to the face of Christopher Diaz

round, Dogboe landed another left to Diaz's body and followed with a right hand up top that made Diaz retreat.

Diaz snapped back Dogboe's head by landing a hard jab with just over a minute to go in the fifth round.

Diaz connected with a counter left hook toward the end of the fourth round. With just over a minute to go in the fourth round Dogboe snuck in a hard left to Diaz's body.

Diaz landed a right hand that made Dogboe move away from him with just over 20 seconds on the clock in the third round.

Diaz worked well off of his jab and avoided most of Dogboe's power punches during the opening round.

—BoxingScene



• Salifu Ibrahim — Expected to play an important role for Hearts in Sunday's game

## Hearts to make amends

• In Confed Cup against JS Saoura Sunday

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provide them the tonic for a good show against the Algerians at home on Sunday. As things stand now, embattled Coach Samuel Boadu and his men will need a miracle against JS Saoura in their backyard on Sunday to restore the

smiles on the faces of their fans and push for a place in the money zone of the Confederation Cup.

After winning the maiden edition in 2004, Hearts look set to stage a comeback in the competition for the first time since 2015 when they were stopped by Tunisian side, AS Tunis, following a massive 4-0 defeat in the return leg after a 1-1 draw in Accra. That notwithstanding, Hearts seem more experienced at this level than their Algerian counterparts who are making their Confederation Cup debut despite crashing out in the early stages of the CAF Champions League twice.

However, Hearts'

poor run in the domestic league has raised questions about their ability to glitter against the Algerians who have won two games and drawn one out of four league matches played this season.

The situation has brought intense pressure on the players and the technical team to find an antidote to their winless streak as they struggle to recover from the humiliating 6-1 drubbing by Moroccan side, Wydad Athletic Club, in the CAF Champions League last month.

Hearts are also expected to use Sunday's game to exorcise their fear for North African teams, who have in recent times derailed their continental ambitions.

As the Phobians seek to find their rhythm, Coach Boadu will have a difficult task motivating his charges to snatch their first win of the season to give their followers something to cheer about.

This is the first time the two teams are

meeting at this level, but the Ghanaians hope to put up a fine display to underline their status as a

continental giant.

Sunday will also be a moment of redemption for the Ghanaians who must win at all cost, with players such as Ibrahim Salifu, Daniel Afriyie Barnieh, Kofi Kordzi, Fatawa Mohammed and Kwadwo Obeng Jnr. all eager to turn the situation around.

JS Saoura will likely approach this game with much confidence following their impressive form in the Algerian league this season, including a 6-0 mauling of RC Relizane on November 2.

Coach Moustapha Djallit will count on his hat-trick hero, Belaid Hamidi, to ensure an upset against Hearts.

He will also parade other stars such as Mohamed Amine Ouis, Imadeddine Boubekeur and Mohamed Amine El Hammia to enhance their chances against the desperate Hearts side.

