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# MCE Denies Zero Infrastructure ClaimsAt Kpone-Katamanso

**The Municipal Chief Executive of the Kpone-Katamanso Municipal Assembly, Samuel Tetteh Kwashie Morton, has vehemently refuted claims of stalled development in the municipality.**

He assured residents that significant infrastructure projects across the roads, health, water, and education sectors are actively progressing under his leadership and that of the Member of Parliament for Kpone-Katamanso, Hon. Joseph Akuerteh Tettey to improve livelihoods and resolve ongoing challenges.



According to the MCE, these projects aim to tar at least half of the municipal roads and alleviate traffic congestion.

Key ongoing road projects in the municipality include:Kpone-Tor (Tema Oil Refinery)

He pointed out that the road rehabilitation works have resumed on this major industrial route managed by Joshob Construction Limited.

On GPHA Terminal (Barrier) - Kpone - Laloi Beach Road, according to him, a 15 km dual carriage rehabilitation project being executed by I.B. Maigida Limited, designed to eventually stretch to Ningo/Prampram as an alternative to the Aflao Highway.Santeo Asphaltic Dual Carriageway:

He added that construction of a 10.4 km road featuring pedestrian walkways and open drains, connecting Kpone-Katamanso to Tema West, Ashaiman, and Adentan.Saki-Bediako-Afienya

Mr Morton revealed that extensive network improvements handled by EUGO Terrand Ltd, stretching from Mkplitsakpo (Saki) Mosque through the Ministry of Energy Warehouse and behind the VRA.

On the work of Michel Camp Gate Routes, he noted that the construction and improvements along the Barrier-Calipso to Michel Camp Gate road, handled by Black Hawk.Zenu and Bediako Bridges.

According to him, the Bridge construction and diversions are actively underway to improve connectivity in these densely populated suburbs.

On Peace Bee to Shanghai Road, the MCE maintained that it was Managed by Skycom construction to ease mobility within the Kpone township.

"It is our hope that things would fall in line properly and we will be able to finish the construction of the major road networks within the communities in the Dome-Kwabenya municipality so that we institute measures for starting the construction of the inner roads within the municipality," the MCE assured.

Mr. Morton stated categorically that he is the only appointed MCE who lobbied for the improvement of social and infrastructure development projects in Kpone-Katamanso during his first year in office.

The MCE stressed that the evidence of his remarkable achievements and track record so far regarding social and infrastructure development projects in Kpone-Katamanso during his first year in office.

"So l wish to reaffirm that, during my year in office, l am the only appointed MCE to lobby for the improvement of social and infrastructure development projects in Kpone-Katamanso," he clarified.

Mr Morton called on the general public to disregard the claims that there are abandoned social and infrastructure development projects in the municipality.

He futher stressed that;"no infrastructure" claims at Kpone-Katamanso are false and misleading to undermine the efforts of the Assembly to spearhead development projects in Kpone-Katamanso.

According to him, there are no abandoned government projects in the area, stressing that several ongoing projects in the health, education, roads, market redevelopment, water, and sanitation sectors are progressing at various stages of completion across the municipality.

The MCE described a recent media report alleging neglect in the municipality as propaganda pieces intended to undermine the efforts of the government and the Assembly in driving social and infrastructure development projects.

Mr. Morton explained that since assuming office, the Assembly has been focused on completing all ongoing and some inherited projects left unfinished by the previous administration under former President Nana Akufo-Addo.

He cited major road improvement works in his communities as evidence of progress, highlighting the reshaping of roads in several areas.

The MCE also rejected claims that communities in the municipality continue to struggle with poor roads, inadequate healthcare facilities, and limited educational infrastructure.

He pointed out that work has begun on the construction of the health facilities at Gbetsile and Agbesi Layea communities to boost the basic healthcare of residents in the municipality."

Mr. Morton also pointed to ongoing road construction projects and the yet to be launched 24-hour economy market project in the litigation-free land at Kpone Gbetsile Gbetsile as examples of interventions expected to boost local economic growth.

He said the market project would improve trade opportunities for farmers and traders by making it easier to transport produce to market centres.

"We are continuing several legacy projects initiated by previous administrations to improve infrastructure and stimulate economic growth in the municipality," Mr Morton explained.

The MCE added that the Assembly had also upgraded several market centres and improved social amenities across the municipality.

Mr. Morton was responding to allegations made by some residents regarding the headline, "Kpone-Katamanso Stranded: Constituents Slam MP, Mahama, and MCE Over Worsening Infrastructure and Water Crisis."

Supporting that claim, residents and grassroots supporters in the Kpone-Katamanso municipality have expressed deep frustration over years of stalled development and growing unemployment."

They accuse the current administration of neglecting local needs despite repeated promises during election campaigns.

According to aggrieved residents, many communities within the area continue to struggle with poor roads, a lack of potable drinking water, inadequate health facilities, and limited educational infrastructure, making daily life difficult.

While admitting that development had moved at a slower pace in the past, the MCE said residents and traditional leaders were now acknowledging the Assembly's efforts, particularly the use of District Road Improvement Programme (DRIP) equipment to rehabilitate roads.

According to him, the Assembly remains committed to continuity in governance by ensuring that inherited projects in education, health, and road infrastructure are completed rather than abandoned.

"As MCE, I am mandated to supervise ongoing development projects to ensure their timely completion and proper use of taxpayers' money across successive administrations," he said.

Mr. Morton also highlighted completed projects in education, sanitation, and market infrastructure as part of the municipality's broader development agenda.

On job creation, he acknowledged that the Assembly could not directly employ every resident but said efforts were being made to create opportunities through infrastructure expansion and economic initiatives.

He pointed out the most pressing challenge currently keeping me busy is the high unemployment rate, requiring :me to drive to various companies daily to seek job opportunities for my people."

"This morning, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, I informed a group of young people that inquiries revealed rumors of a recruitment drive at the Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority are false," the MCE stated.

The MCE stressed that job opportunities for locals in the municipality are a topmost priority on his transformation agenda.

He assured residents that the Assembly remains committed to reducing unemployment and improving livelihoods under the government's development agenda.

He called on local residents to remain calm, since he is actively working with the key stakeholders including owners of the companies to address their unemployment challenges.

He noted that a sod-cutting ceremony will be held soon for the construction of the 24-hour economy market at Kpone Gbetsile, which he said would create employment opportunities for teaming unemployed residents.

He explained that Kpone Gbetsile was selected for the project because of its economic viability, strategic location.

Mr. Morton said the Assembly was also reinvesting internally generated funds into social and infrastructure development projects such as drain dredging and market expansion to improve economic activity.

According to him, proactive steps are being taken to address the water crisis facing some residents in the municipality.

He assured that the Managing Director of Ghana Water Limited (GWL), Adam Mutawakilu, of the government's commitment to investing heavily in water infrastructure projects to resolve the ongoing crisis within three months."

# Support Grows For Delegates To Vote for Patience Quaye!

**Hundreds of grassroots members and supporters of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) in the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency in Greater Accra are advocating for the election of Madam Patience Quaye as Dome-Kwabenya Constituency Women's Organizer in the upcoming 2026 internal elections.**

There are massive ongoing engagements across towns and constituency meetings, and Madam Patience is fast emerging as the woman many grassroots supporters believe can secure the party's future in the constituency.

Once known mainly as the hardworking Deputy Dome-Kwabenya Constituency Women's Organizer, Patience Quaye has become the face of a movement seeking 'renewed energy and stronger grassroots connection' ahead of the next internal elections.

From community gatherings to party mobilization drives, the Patience Quaye Movement is steadily gaining traction among branch polling executives, youth activists, and ward coordinators.

Her supporters insist the movement aims to build a more aggressive and united political machine.

Party insiders say Patience Quaye's appeal stems from her accessibility and deep roots within the grassroots.Constituents describe her as a field operator who understands the daily struggles of party foot soldiers, having spent years organizing campaigns, mobilising polling agents, and coordinating party activities.

**Meanwhile**

Madam Patience Quaye has unveiled a bold vision for NDC Women's Organizer Position.

She has outlined a vision centered on prioritizing welfare and empowerment programs for women and ensuring that hardworking women at the grassroots are recognized."

In an interview with African Today News, Madam Patience Quaye declared her intention to contest the parliamentary position.



She stated that her decision was in response to calls from NDC supporters, members, chiefs, and queen mothers, aiming to increase votes and retain the seat for the NDC.

She noted that her decision followed calls from the party's rank and file, including traditional leaders, to secure victory and retain the seat.

According to her, when given the mandate as Women Organizer for the Dome Kwabenya Constituency, she would continue to demonstrate her to work tirelessly with our women, our branches and our polling stations to strengthen to strengthen the women's wing of our constituency and position it for greater victories ahead.

Against this background, she called on the delegates to vote massively for her to strengthen the women's wing across all branches and electoral areas; build a more united, vibrant and active women's front.

"She stressed that if she is elected NDC Women's Organizer for Dome-Kwabenya Constituency, she would continue to promote grassroots mobilization and political education among women, encourage greater participation of young women in party activities, and work closely with constituency executives, branch executives, and polling station officers to improve party structures.'

"I would demonstrate my earlier commitment to continue to organize regular engagement, welfare, and empowerment programs for women and ensure that hardworking women at the grassroots are recognized, motivated, and included when the delegates give the mandate,' Madam Patience Quaye reaffirmed."

**Political Profile of Patience Quaye**

Patience Quaye is a committed and hardworking grassroots political leader within the National Democratic Congress who has consistently dedicated her time, resources, and energy to the growth and development of the party in the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency.

Her political journey reflects loyalty, sacrifice, and active participation in party activities over several years.

**2008–2012**

Served two terms as Branch Women's Organizer, mobilizing women and strengthening grassroots participation.

Served as Secretary to the Women's Wing Campaign Team, contributing significantly to campaign coordination.

2018:Contested for the position of Deputy Women's Organizer.

2020: Became a member of Elikplim Akurugu's campaign team, actively strengthening the party's fortunes.

Recent Past: Following her persistence, she won the position of Deputy Women's Organizer for the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency.

Achievements as Deputy Women's Organizer

As Deputy Women's Organizer, Patience Quaye has demonstrated practical leadership and a strong passion for women's empowerment and community support. Her notable achievements include:

Organizing skills training programs for women, particularly in soap and doughnut making, and distributing machines to all ten wards to support economic empowerment.

Providing additional support to women after training to help them establish and sustain their businesses.

Providing daily lunch and snacks for party officials and volunteers during the limited voter registration exercise, as well as supporting needy individuals with welfare assistance.

Supporting all ten wards with logistics during the 2024 campaign activities.

Donating 100 T-shirts, two megaphones, twenty packages of water, and assorted drinks to the Taifa Ward during their health walk.

Collaborating with the Youth Organizer and Zongo Caucus to donate items to the Dome Market NDC during health walk activities.

Facilitating access to loans for women in the Atomic Ward to support their businesses.

Through commitment, teamwork, and hard work, she contributed to the NDC winning the parliamentary seat in the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency for the first time in 2024.

Patience Quaye continues to stand as a symbol of dedication, empowerment, and grassroots political activism. Her commitment to women's development, party unity, and constituency growth has made her an influential figure within the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency and the broader National Democratic Congress family.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs, elders, and grassroots supporters of the NDC in the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency have rallied behind Madam Patience Quaye for the position of Women's Organizer.

According to information available to African Today News, constituents describe Madam Patience Quaye as the best choice to be elevated to the substantive NDC Dome-Kwabenya Women's Organizer position.

Their argument is based on her proven capability to strengthen the women's base while acting on behalf of the substantive Women Organizer, Samira Sulemana Saabey.

Patience Quaye's long-standing achievements and track record in the Dome-Kwabenya NDC suggest that anyone contesting her in the internal party elections scheduled for October 2026 will face a significant challenge.

# Apostle Kwadwo Safo to Be Laid to Rest July 30

**The final funeral rites of renowned Ghanaian inventor, industrialist, philanthropist, and founder of the Kristo Asafo Mission, Apostle Dr. Kwadwo Safo, will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, bringing to a close the remarkable earthly journey of one of Ghana's most celebrated innovators and spiritual leaders.**

According to funeral arrangements released by the Head of the Kantanka Family, Hon. Sarah Adwoa Safo, the Kristo Asafo Mission, and the Funeral Planning Committee, the burial service will take place at Gomoa Mpota in the Central Region.

The final funeral rites and national farewell ceremony will subsequently be held at the Independence Square in Accra on Friday, July 31, 2026, where thousands of sympathisers, dignitaries, church members, industrialists, traditional authorities and admirers from across Ghana and beyond are expected to gather to honour his memory and enduring legacy.

A thanksgiving service will also be held at Jackson Park in Kumasi Saturday, August 1, 2026, to celebrate the extraordinary life and achievements of the late Apostle.

Apostle Dr. Kwadwo Safo, widely known as "Kantanka," was revered not only as a spiritual leader but also as a visionary technologist whose works inspired a new generation of African innovators.

He founded the Kristo Asafo Mission in 1971 and later established the Kantanka Group, a conglomerate that became synonymous with indigenous industrialisation and technological advancement in Ghana.

Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Apostle Safo championed the cause of African self-reliance and consistently advocated for local manufacturing and innovation. His pioneering efforts in automobile manufacturing through Kantanka Automobile made headlines across the continent, with the production of made-in-Ghana vehicles tailored for African roads and conditions.

Beyond automobiles, he was credited with numerous technological inventions and breakthroughs spanning electronics, agriculture, engineering, and machinery.

His annual technology exhibitions became major attractions, showcasing locally developed machines and innovations aimed at transforming Ghana's industrial landscape.



The late Apostle was equally admired for his philanthropic works and humanitarian interventions. Through the Kristo Asafo Mission and the Kantanka Group, he supported the needy, created employment opportunities for thousands of young Ghanaians, and invested heavily in education, healthcare, agriculture, and skills development.

Academic studies on his mission highlighted his dedication to uplifting the poor and using science and technology as tools for Africa's transformation.

Many admirers described him as a symbol of African ingenuity, resilience, and self-belief. His contributions to science, technology, and religion earned him several honours and widespread recognition both locally and internationally.

As Ghana prepares to bid farewell to the iconic inventor and preacher, tributes continue to pour in from all walks of life, with many hailing him as a man whose vision and works helped redefine indigenous innovation in Africa.

The funeral ceremonies are expected to attract a massive turnout as the nation celebrates a man many believe dedicated his life to empowering Africa through faith, science, and technology.

# Citizens Demand Legal Action Against ASEPA Executive Director for Spreading Misinformation

**The Citizens have demanded legal action against**

he Executive Director of the Alliance for Social Equity and Public Accountability (ASEPA) Mensah Thompson for spreading misinformation

However, he is also serving in government following his appointment by President John Mahama in 2025 as the Acting Deputy Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

It does appear that Mr. Thompson from ASEPA has the penchant of spewing outright lies and false allegations ostensibly to incite the public and endanger lives.

He persist in doing that, brazenly, because he always get away with it regardless of the magnitude of such evil lies he peddle.

On this current issue, he must be subjected to the full rigors of the law to deter him from hiding behind social media to create confusion in the system.

We can't look on for him to always peddle brazen and wicked falsehood and later turn around to say "I am sorry, I apologise for peddling falsehood".



There are laws in this country and he must face it squarely. He must be arrested immediately.

Section 76, Electronic Communications Act, 2008 (Act 775):

(1) A person who by means of electronic communications service, knowingly sends a communication which is false or misleading and likely to prejudice the efficiency of life saving service or to endanger the safety of any person, … commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than [thirty six thousand Ghana Cedis] or to a term of imprisonment of not more than five years or both.

(2) A person is taken to know that a communication is false or misleading if that person did not take reasonable steps to find out whether the communication was false, misleading, reckless or fraudulent.

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# Close Ghana's Forest Reserves Now!

## ...Bekwai Twafoɔhene Pushes for Total Protection

The Twafoɔhene of the Bekwai Traditional Area, Nana Boampim Perko II, has made a passionate appeal to the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah, to temporarily close the country's forest reserves for four years in a bold effort to restore their depleted ecological strength.

According to the traditional leader, Ghana's forests have suffered severe degradation due to years of illegal mining, indiscriminate logging, hunting, and other destructive human activities, making urgent intervention necessary to preserve the nation's natural resources for future generations.

Nana Boampim Perko II made the call during the handing over and commemorative inauguration ceremony of ten forest protection camps and two checkpoint camps at the Oda River Forest Reserve near Numereso in the Amansie Central District of the Ashanti Region today.

Speaking on behalf of the Omanhene of the Bekwai Traditional Council, the chief expressed deep concern over the alarming destruction of Ghana's forest reserves and stressed that stronger and more unconventional measures must be adopted if government intends to win the fight against illegal activities in the country's forests.

Drawing a comparison with the closed fishing season implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development, Nana Boampim Perko II said a similar strategy should be introduced for the forestry sector to allow the forests to naturally regenerate and regain their vitality.

He explained that just as the annual fishing ban allows fingerlings and other marine species to mature and replenish the sea, temporarily shutting down forest activities would also give vegetation, wildlife, and ecosystems the opportunity to recover from years of exploitation.

According to him, during the proposed four-year closure period, no individual or group should be permitted to enter forest reserves for any purpose, including farming, weeding, logging, hunting, or any commercial activity.



"Our forests are dying gradually, and if we do not take drastic decisions today, future generations may not have any forest resources left to depend on," he stated.

The Twafoɔhene emphasized that Ghana's forest reserves are not only economic assets but also vital environmental resources that play critical roles in climate regulation, water preservation, rainfall formation, and biodiversity protection.

He noted that despite several interventions by government and security agencies, illegal activities such as galamsey and unauthorized lumbering continue to threaten the country's forest reserves, particularly in mining-prone areas of the Ashanti Region and beyond.

Nana Boampim Perko II further urged authorities to ensure that offenders arrested for engaging in illegal forest activities are prosecuted without political interference or external influence.

According to him, consistent enforcement of the law and strict punishment for offenders would serve as a strong deterrent to others involved in the destruction of forest reserves.

He maintained that government's efforts to combat illegal mining and forest destruction would only succeed if laws are applied fairly and decisively.

The inauguration of the forest protection and checkpoint camps forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen forest surveillance, prevent illegal mining and logging activities, and protect the Oda River Forest Reserve from further destruction.

The initiative is expected to enhance monitoring operations within the reserve while supporting collaboration between traditional authorities, forestry officials, security agencies, and local communities in safeguarding the environment.

The event brought together traditional leaders, forestry officials, security personnel, local government representatives, and residents from surrounding communities who reiterated the need for stronger environmental protection measures across the country.

Environmental advocates at the ceremony also underscored the growing threat posed by illegal mining activities to water bodies, forest reserves, and agricultural lands, warning that Ghana risks severe ecological consequences if urgent action is not taken.

Nana Boampim Perko II's proposal is likely to spark national conversation on sustainable forest management and the future of Ghana's natural resources as the country continues to grapple with rising concerns over environmental degradation and illegal resource exploitation.

# Time to Govern: NDCMust Stop Joking With the NPP

Ibrahim Hardi Landlord has vehemently warned the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) government, led by President John Dramani Mahama, to stop underestimating the opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP) and to act like a party in power.

In a strongly worded statement issued by Ibrahim Hardi Landlord and copied to the ***African Today News***, he cautioned and stressed to the NDC to stop treating the NPP like the governing party.

According to him, the recent comments by the National Youth Organizer of the NPP, Salam Mustapha, about weaponizing NPP supporters to make the country ungovernable should serve as a wake-up call to every serious member of the National Democratic Congress.

He stressed that this is not a time for jokes, press statements, and business-as-usual politics. Instead, it is a time to recognize the threat and act decisively to protect the state and the mandate Ghanaians gave to the NDC.

He pointed out that Salam Mustapha's remarks carry weight precisely because he holds an official party position.

He noted that when the National Youth Organiser openly discusses making the country ungovernable, it is a clear signal of the NPP's playbook.



He added that when they lose power, they resort to destabilization, obstruction, and creating chaos to make governance impossible.

According to him, the goal is simple: frustrate the people, blame the governing party, and position themselves to return through disorder rather than policy.

He said this is exactly why Jerry John Rawlings never trusted the NPP. Rawlings understood that the NPP's approach to politics was rooted in elitism, entitlement, and a belief that power was their birthright.

"He saw through the posture of democracy when it was convenient and the readiness to undermine the system when it was not. former President Jeert John Rawlings repeatedly warned that the NPP would never play by the rules when they were out of office, and he was right. His skepticism was not hatred; it was experience and foresight.

"The problem now is that the NDC, while in power, has continued to treat the NPP with kid gloves. There is too much joking, too much hesitation, and too much concern for how harsh action will be perceived in the media," he advised.

He ponted that mistake, addingthat governance is not a friendly football match.

When an opposition official openly talks about making the country ungovernable, responding with restraint is interpreted as weakness. The NPP only respects power that is used.

If the NDC continues to joke with the NPP, it will pay for it with instability, sabotaged policies, and a disillusioned base.

The supporters who voted for change expect action, not endless explanations. They expect the government to secure the peace, enforce the law without fear or favor, and make it clear that no group is above the state.

The call to the NDC is simple: be up and doing. Take governance seriously. Strengthen state institutions, act swiftly against incitement and lawlessness, and communicate with the people directly about what is at stake.

TO WELL-MEANING NDC PERSONS: DO NOT FORGET WHAT RAWLINGS TOLD US IN CAPE COAST IN 2016

At the NDC campaign launch in Cape Coast in 2016, Jerry John Rawlings put it plainly. He said:

"The NPP has never believed in the revolution. They have never believed in the ordinary people. Their interest is power for themselves and their class. When they are out, they will do everything to make the country ungovernable so they can return."

What Rawlings meant is straightforward. The NPP's commitment to democracy is conditional. When they have power, they use it to entrench themselves. When they lose it, they don't accept the verdict and work constructively. Instead, they create problems, fund chaos, and blame the government to regain power by any means.

"That warning from Cape Coast is playing out right now with the comments from the NPP's own National Youth Organiser. Rawlings saw this pattern decades ago.

"If well-meaning NDC members forget that warning and keep treating the NPP like a normal opposition, they will hand the country back to the same people through manufactured disorder," he said

Governance is the mandate. Act on it.

# Deadly Galamsey Clash: Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai MUSEC to Hold Emergency Meeting Today

Credible information reaching African Today News indicates that the Municipal Security Council (MUSEC) of the Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai Municipal Assembly in the Western North Region will hold an emergency meeting following a deadly shooting incident at an illegal mining site in Sefwi Asawinso.

The shooting left one person dead and six others injured.According to sources, the meeting will discuss the massive, ongoing illegal mining activities in the area, which have caused severe environmental damage to water bodies and farmlands, and will seek solutions to clamp down on these operations.

The meeting will be chaired by the Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) for the area, Mr Sebastian Obeng, who will address the galamsey crisis with a focus on restoring polluted water bodies and degraded lands.

Driven by national concerns over food security, public health risks from mercury and cyanide, and municipal water supply, these multi-stakeholder dialogues outline several key strategies:Security & Enforcement:

The deployment of specialized state operatives, such as the Blue Water Guards, along critical river basins to seize illicit equipment and halt unregulated operations.



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**The Shooting Incident**

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The incident occurred when the chief of Sefwi Asawinso “A”, Nana Kwasi Ayim II, and some youth from the community visited the Afao Hill Forest Reserve to assess the extent of destruction caused by illegal mining.

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The attackers opened fire on the group.The Assembly Member for the Asawinso “A” Electoral Area, Frank Nelson Ackah, confirmed that a 36-year-old man, Kwame Ayisi, was shot dead during the attack.

He added that six others, including the chief, sustained serious gunshot wounds and were rushed to the Anhwiaso Community Hospital for treatment.

Backlash Against the MCE

Following the incident, residents have called on President John Dramani Mahama to immediately sack the MCE for his inability to implement sustainable measures to fight illegal mining.

They accused the MCE of being aware of the ongoing mining activities but failing to deploy security to stop them, effectively sabotaging the president's efforts.

"Why does the MCE wait until someone dies before convening a meeting to stop illegal mining activities in the mining community? He must be sacked because it seems the MCE is completely sleeping on the job," the residents stated.

# Double-Track System: NDC Activist Urges Mahama to Fulfill Campaign Pledge

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# Damang Gold Mine Delivers Second 121 Kilogrammes Full Gold Output to GoldBod

**The Damang Gold Mine has delivered its second full gold output to the Ghana Gold Board, reinforcing the mine's commitment to sell its production to the state as part of efforts to support Ghana's gold reserve accumulation and value retention strategy.**

The latest consignment, presented on Monday, May 18, 2026, amounted to 121 kilogrammes of gold, equivalent to about 3,400 ounces. This exceeds the mine's previous delivery of about 103 kilogrammes made during its first transaction with GoldBod.

GoldBod officials described the transaction as another important step in Ghana's attempt to ensure that more of the country's gold output supports the domestic economy, rather than being exported entirely through private channels.

Speaking during the presentation ceremony, Michael Arko, Technical Director of GoldBod, commended the management of Damang Gold Mine and its parent company, Engineers and Planners, for supporting the government's national gold policy.

"Today marks a very significant and refreshing moment for us at Ghana GoldBod," Mr Arko said. "This is the second time Damang Gold Mine is delivering 100 percent of its gold production to the Ghana GoldBod, and we highly commend the management for supporting the national policy."

He explained that government policy encourages large-scale mining companies to supply between 20% and 30% of their gold production to the state to help Ghana retain more value from its mineral resources and strengthen the economy.

"If all the other mining companies follow this good example, it will do well for our economy," Mr Arko added.

The latest delivery follows Damang Mine's earlier sale of its first full gold output to GoldBod. During that first transaction, GoldBod Chief Executive Officer Sammy Gyamfi described the move as a bold and patriotic step that should encourage a wider national conversation on how large-scale mining companies can support Ghana's reserve-building agenda.

"This bold and patriotic step by Damang Gold Mine must challenge us as a nation to begin a serious conversation about the need for large-scale mining companies to contribute meaningfully to Ghana's gold reserve accumulation," Mr Gyamfi said at the time.

He said having Ghanaians at the helm of the minerals and mining sector was critical to maximising national benefits, promoting local value retention and driving economic transformation.

The Damang transaction is significant because Ghana has in recent years been trying to increase the amount of gold retained within the domestic financial system to support foreign exchange stability and strengthen the Bank of Ghana's reserves.

GoldBod has been positioned as a key institution in that strategy, with responsibility for gold trading, assaying, refining, export and value retention. Its broader mandate is to help Ghana capture more value from gold production while improving transparency and traceability in the sector.

For Damang Gold Mine, the second full delivery is also a signal that its earlier sale to GoldBod was not a one-off event.

Lawyer for Damang Gold Mine, Bobby Banson, who represented the company at the handover, said the latest transaction demonstrates the mine's sustained commitment to Ghana's economy.

"For those who thought what we did last time was a nine-day wonder, this is further evidence of the commitment of the mine, wholly owned by a Ghanaian, to support the Ghanaian economy," Mr Banson said.

He said the decision to supply the full output to GoldBod reflects the



mine's willingness to place national economic interest alongside commercial operations.

Mr Banson also reaffirmed the company's commitment to continue giving GoldBod the right of first refusal for future gold production, subject to the Board's financial capacity to purchase the gold.

"As long as GoldBod has the financial capacity to take it, we will continue to give them the right of first refusal because we want to contribute in our own small way to bringing stability to our economic fortunes," he stated.

The development comes at a time when Ghana's mining sector is under intense public scrutiny over resource nationalism, local ownership, lease renewals and whether the country is receiving enough value from its mineral wealth.

The Damang delivery is, therefore, likely to be cited by the government as evidence that Ghanaian-led mining operations can support national reserve accumulation while still operating within the formal mining and gold trading system.

For GoldBod, the immediate message is simple: more large-scale miners should make part of their gold output available to the state. For Damang Mine, the second delivery strengthens its public positioning as a Ghanaian-owned mining operation seeking to align production with national economic priorities.

The deeper test, however, will be whether other mining companies follow the same path and whether GoldBod has the financial capacity to consistently purchase more gold from large-scale producers without disrupting their commercial operations.

# Ghana Law Society petitions GLC over alleged misconduct by Afenyo-Markin, Awuah Agyei Baffour



**The Ghana Law Society has petitioned the General Legal Council over what it describes as professional misconduct by Members of Parliament, Alexander Afenyo-Markin and Awuah Agyei Baffour.**

In a strongly worded statement signed by the General Secretary of the GLS, Sam Atukwei Quaye, the Society condemned what it called the "shameful" conduct of the two lawmakers, both of whom are legal practitioners.

According to the GLS, Ghana's procedural laws provide adequate legal avenues for any aggrieved party to seek redress through the courts, stressing that lawyers are expected to know and respect these legal processes.

The Society further referenced the Legal Profession Act and the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) Rules, 2020 (L.I. 2423), noting that the legal framework clearly outlines the standards of professional conduct expected of lawyers in Ghana.

"As officers of the Court, we must not act irresponsibly in a manner that brings the independence of the Judiciary into disrepute or ridicules judges in the court of public opinion, thereby diminishing their relevance and independence," portions of the statement noted.

The GLS maintained that the conduct of the two MPs "smacks of indiscipline and professional misconduct" and warrants sanctions to preserve the integrity of the legal profession.

The Society disclosed that it has formally filed a petition before the General Legal Council seeking appropriate disciplinary action against the two lawyers.

According to the GLS, the move is intended to maintain the integrity of the legal profession and restore public confidence in Ghana's judicial system.

# 1998 Alumni of Independent Avenue Basic School Donate Learning Materials to Support Education

**The 1998 year group of Independent Avenue Basic School has donated educational materials and classroom items to the school to improve teaching and learning conditions for pupils.**

Receiving the items on behalf of the school, the Head Teacher, Victoria Opoku Mensah, expressed appreciation to the former students for remembering their alma mater and contributing to the development of the school. She said the donation would greatly support effective teaching and learning, especially in the nursery department.

According to her, the items would help create a conducive environment for academic activities and improve pupils' performance in the future. She assured the alumni that the school authorities would maintain the items properly so they could benefit pupils for many years.



Mrs. Opoku Mensah also appealed to other past student groups of the school to emulate the example of the 1998 batch by supporting the institution in diverse ways.

Speaking during the presentation, Philomina Ekpe said the group decided to give back because of the quality education and discipline they received during their time at the school.

She recalled how a teacher once introduced a friend who later helped to establish a library for the school, a facility she said played a major role in supporting their education journey. Philomina Ekpe noted that cleanliness, discipline, and dedication to learning were key values they learnt while schooling at Independent Avenue Basic School.

The donation reflects the increasing contribution of old students' associations towards improving education and addressing challenges facing schools across the country.

# NPP Questions Circuit Court 9 Ruling in Abronye DC Case, Raises Concerns Over Legal Process



**The National Organiser of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Henry Nana Boakye, has raised concerns about judicial proceedings in the case involving the Bono Regional Chairman of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Kwame Baffoe, also known as Abronye DC, questioning what he describes as an unusual ruling delivered at Circuit Court 9.**

Speaking in an interview on JoyNews' The Pulse on Tuesday, May 19, Mr Boakye alleged that certain aspects of the court's ruling appeared inconsistent with constitutional principles and suggested possible undue influence in the judicial process.

He claimed that the ruling appeared to suggest that although all persons are equal before the law under the 1992 Constitution, "some are above the law," a position he described as troubling and contrary to democratic principles.

"In the Abronye DC case, interestingly, it looks like they've employed some elements within the judiciary. And I keep saying, Circuit Court 9, I don't know what the government has planted there. That is the place where we have this strange and weird ruling. A judge can say that yes, in the 1992 Constitution, all of us are equal before the law, but some are above the law," he said.

He further alleged that the judgment gave the impression of being premeditated rather than developed solely from courtroom proceedings, describing it as "a well-prepared or written ruling for the person who just comes to deliver."

Responding to a question on whether he was implying government influence over judicial outcomes at Circuit Court 9, Mr Boakye said his comments reflected his personal belief, adding that the nature of the ruling was "mind-boggling."

His remarks come amid the continued detention of Abronye DC, who was remanded for two weeks on Wednesday, May 13, as investigations continue into allegations relating to misinformation and offensive public comments that were heard by a judge in Circuit Court 9.

He was first arrested on April 13 on charges of false publication and making statements allegedly capable of causing fear and panic. He was later granted bail and subsequently rearrested as investigations intensified.

The developments have triggered political debate, with the NPP questioning the legality and fairness of the process surrounding his detention and calling for strict adherence to due process.

# WAEC Suspends T.I. Ahmadiyya SHS Examination Centre Over Alleged WASSCE Malpractice

**The West African Examinations Council has suspended the 2026 WASSCE examination centre at Ekumfi T.I. Ahmadiyya Senior High School in Essakyir, in the Ekumfi District of the Central Region, following allegations of examination malpractice.**

The decision comes after the arrest of two teachers from the school who allegedly compromised the French 1 paper in the ongoing 2026 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) for School Candidates.

In an official letter signed by Mr. Charles Henyo, Branch Controller and Head of the National Office, WAEC said it had lost confidence in the school's ability to conduct the examination with integrity.

"Following the arrest of two teachers from your school who compromised the French 1 paper in the ongoing WASSCE (SC), 2026, the Council can no longer trust the integrity of your school to conduct the examination devoid of malpractice."

Candidates Relocated to Mankessim SHS

WAEC has directed the school authorities to relocate all affected candidates to Mankessim Senior High Technical School, where examinations from May 18 to May 22, 2026, will be conducted under new supervision and invigilation arrangements.

The only exception is Chemistry 3 Alternative A, which will still be written at the school's original centre.

School to Bear Transport and Security Costs

As part of the interim arrangements, Ekumfi T.I. Ahmadiyya SHS has been instructed to:

Provide transport to convey examination materials and supervisors from the depot to the examination centre and back.

Arrange police escort for the movement of examination materials.

Fully comply with all directives issued by WAEC.

WAEC indicated that further directives would be communicated after a review of the situation.

"Subject to the outcome of a review of the situation, further directives will be given subsequently. Your compliance with these directives is crucial."

WAEC Intensifies Crackdown on Examination Malpractice

The move underscores WAEC's determination to uphold the credibility and integrity of public examinations in Ghana.

Examination malpractice remains a major concern each year, with WAEC and other stakeholders adopting stricter measures to deter candidates, invigilators, and school officials from engaging in dishonest practices.

The suspension of the Ekumfi T.I. Ahmadiyya SHS centre serves as a strong warning that schools found culpable in any form of malpractice will face immediate sanctions.

# Mankessim Local Council of Churches Chairman Pledges Youth Skills and Entrepreneurship Training Initiative

**The newly inducted Chairman of the Mankessim Local Council of Churches, Very Rev. Samuel Boakye Kusi-Appiah, has pledged to roll out a comprehensive skills and** entrepreneurship training programme aimed at empowering young people across the Mfantseman Municipality.

The initiative, which is expected to commence in August 2026, seeks to equip unemployed and underemployed youth with practical vocational and business skills to help them become self-reliant and economically productive.

The commitment was announced during the induction service of the newly elected executives of the Mankessim Local Council of Churches.

The event was held under the theme: "Behold, How Good and How Pleasant It Is for Brethren to Dwell Together in Unity."

The ceremony brought together clergy, traditional leaders, political authorities, and members of various Christian denominations in Mankessim and surrounding communities.



As part of the event, the newly inducted executives presented awards to outgoing officers in recognition of their dedicated service and contributions to the growth of the council.

Speaking after his induction, Very Rev. Samuel Boakye Kusi-Appiah said youth unemployment remains one of the biggest challenges confronting the Mfantseman area, and the Church has a responsibility to support practical solutions.

According to him, the council's proposed training programme will focus on vocational and entrepreneurial development to help young people acquire employable skills and start sustainable businesses.

"We want to provide our youth with the tools they need to become self-employed and financially independent," he stated.

He noted that the first batch of trainees is expected to begin training in August, with details on registration and available courses to be announced soon.

Very Rev. Kusi-Appiah appealed to traditional authorities, the Member of Parliament, the Municipal Chief Executive, and other opinion leaders to partner with the council in creating job opportunities and supporting the initiative.

He emphasized that collaborative efforts are essential to securing a brighter future for the youth of Mfantseman.

Beyond vocational training, the Chairman also highlighted the council's plans to support education in the municipality.

He expressed concern over

He assured the council of his full support and pledged to share his experience and expertise with the youth to help them succeed.

"This is a laudable initiative that will have a lasting impact on our young people and the development of Mfantseman," he said.

Delivering the sermon, the Mankessim Area Head of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Kofi Annan, urged the newly inducted executives to live up to the expectations of the Christian community and the wider society.

He stressed that the people of Mankessim are looking to the new leadership to promote unity, foster development, and deliver meaningful results.

The planned skills and entrepreneurship programme is expected to provide hundreds of young people with practical opportunities to build careers, start businesses, and contribute positively to local economic development.

With the backing of the Church, traditional leaders, and stakeholders, the initiative offers renewed hope for youth empowerment and sustainable growth in Mfantseman.Ghana's high illiteracy rate and said the council intends to create academic support platforms to help students prepare for examinations and pursue higher education.

"Our goal is to contribute to holistic education by supporting students at all levels," he added.

The Omanhen of the Mankessim Traditional Area, Osagyefo Amanfo Edu VI, who chaired the event, praised the vision of the Local Council of Churches.









# Obuasi Fire Outbreak Destroys Several Shops at Fobest Shopping Centre

**A devastating fire has gutted the Fobest Shopping Centre, popularly known as the Obuasi China Mall, destroying several shops and leaving traders counting losses running into millions of Ghana cedis.**

The fire broke out in the early hours of Tuesday, May 19, at Bogobiri in Obuasi.

According to eyewitnesses, the blaze started around 1:00 a.m. in a shop located at the rear section of the complex before spreading to adjoining structures. More than seven shops were destroyed, with goods and properties reduced to ashes.

One of the affected traders, a mechanic shop owner, said he had recently stocked his shop with merchandise worth more than GH¢900,000.

"Everything is gone. I have lost my entire investment," he lamented.

The Municipal Chief Executive for Obuasi, Faustilove Appiah



Kannin, visited the scene to commiserate with affected traders and assess the extent of the damage.

During her visit, Madam Appiah Kannin expressed sympathy to the victims and assured them of the Assembly's support. She also stated that a thorough investigation would be conducted to determine the cause of the fire.

"We will ensure that the cause of the fire is properly investigated. If there is any act of negligence or criminality, the perpetrators will be dealt with according to the law," she warned.

Residents and eyewitnesses have given differing accounts of the possible cause of the fire. While some suspect an electrical fault within the shopping centre, others allege that unknown persons may have deliberately started the blaze in a shop behind the facility.

Officials of the Ghana National Fire Service and other safety authorities are yet to issue an official report as investigations continue.

Eyewitnesses, however, commended personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service and the AngloGold Ashanti Fire Unit for their swift response, noting that their intervention prevented the blaze from spreading to other parts of the enclave and nearby properties.

The Presiding Member of the Obuasi Municipal Assembly, David Odoom, together with some Assembly Members and officials of the National Disaster Management Organisation, also visited the scene to sympathise with the victims.

The incident has renewed concerns over fire safety compliance and emergency preparedness in major commercial centres within the municipality.

# Hardworking Ambassador Victor Smith Takes Ghana's Investment Agenda to Atlanta, Eyes Major US-Africa Partnerships

Ghana's Ambassador to the United States, Victor Emmanuel Smith, has pushed Ghana's economic diplomacy agenda further onto the global stage after holding a strategic investment-focused meeting with Andre Dickens during an official visit to Atlanta, Georgia.

The meeting, held on Friday, May 15, 2026, was part of a broader effort by the Ambassador to deepen economic cooperation between Ghana and influential American cities while attracting investors and strengthening diaspora business participation.

The engagement was facilitated by the Ghana International Chamber of Commerce (GHICC Georgia), with Ambassador Smith accompanied by members of the Ghana Embassy's investment team, GHICC Chairperson Matilda Arhin, and other executives of the chamber.

Speaking during the discussions, Ambassador Smith stressed that Ghana remains open for business and continues to position itself as a strategic investment destination for international investors and Ghanaian entrepreneurs abroad.

He noted that his mission is centered on promoting Ghana's enormous economic potential and building strong partnerships capable of



driving trade, investment, innovation, and long-term development.

The Ambassador praised Atlanta for its global reputation in aviation, logistics, agriculture, finance, higher education, and the creative economy, indicating that Ghana is eager to explore mutually beneficial collaborations with the city.

He further emphasized Ghana's strategic continental advantage as host of the Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat, describing the country as a reliable and credible gateway into Africa's emerging single market of over 1.4 billion people.

According to Ambassador Smith, the African Continental Free Trade Area presents unprecedented opportunities for American businesses seeking expansion into African markets through structured trade and institutional partnerships.

In a statement that captured the essence of the meeting, the Ambassador declared that although Atlanta seeks to become a gateway to Africa, Ghana also provides America with a direct gateway into Africa.

The engagement is expected to boost investor confidence in Ghana, strengthen economic ties between Ghana and the United States, and reinforce the country's growing image as a key hub for trade and investment on the African continent.

# 3y3 Zu! Prophet Badu Kobi Names Julius Debrah as Mahama's Possible Successor in New 2028 Prediction

**Founder and leader of Glorious Wave Church International, Prophet Emmanuel Badu Kobi, has set social media and political circles buzzing after prophesying that Julius Debrah will become the next presidential candidate of the National Democratic Congress ahead of the 2028 general elections.**



In a TikTok video that has since gone viral, the outspoken preacher revealed that the prophecy was given to him by God in March 2025, just weeks after President John Dramani Mahama began his second term in office.

Prophet Badu Kobi claimed he had already made the prediction publicly long before conversations surrounding a potential successor within the NDC became widespread.

"Two months into their term, God told me to tell Ghanaians that Julius Debrah would become the next flagbearer. I have already spoken about it," he said.

As political conversations intensify, several prominent NDC figures are also being tipped by analysts and party supporters as possible contenders for the party's future leadership.

The names often mentioned include Johnson Asiedu Nketiah, Cassiel Ato Forson, and Haruna Iddrisu.

Despite the growing speculation, Prophet Badu Kobi insisted that his prophecy was not rooted in favoritism or political bias.

"It is not that I do not know the others, but this is what God has revealed to me. I have no hatred for anyone," he clarified.

Julius Debrah currently serves as Chief of Staff at the Presidency and remains one of the most influential political operatives within the NDC.

Having previously served in the same role during Mahama's earlier administration between 2013 and 2017, he continues to wield significant influence within the party's internal structures.

Political prophecies by Ghanaian pastors have long played a controversial role in the country's democratic space, often drawing sharp reactions from supporters, critics, and political observers alike.

Even though the 2028 elections are still years away, Prophet Badu Kobi's latest declaration has already intensified discussions about the future direction and leadership of the NDC beyond the Mahama era.

# President Mahama Delivers Keynote Address at 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva

President John Dramani Mahama has called for urgent reforms in global health financing and stronger health sovereignty for countries in the global south.

Delivering the keynote address at the 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva on Monday, May 18, he warned that cuts in international development assistance are already placing severe pressure on vulnerable health systems across Africa.

Mahama disclosed that Ghana has lost about 78 million US dollars following the suspension of US aid to African countries, adding that an estimated 5.7 million Africans could fall into poverty by the end of 2026 if the trend persists. He also urged countries to focus on building resilient and self-reliant health systems anchored in domestic capacity.














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# Zoomlion Kenya Begins Major Transformation ...Of Nairobi Waste Management System.

The Project Director of Zoomlion Kenya , Dr. Peter Dagadu, has announced that the company is making significant progress barely a month after commencing operations in Nairobi under the city's integrated waste management programme.

Speaking during a working visit by Kenya's Majority Leader, Kimani Ichung'wah, to the Zoomlion head office in Nairobi on Wednesday, May 13, Dr. Dagadu stated that the company is working closely with city authorities to deliver an end-to-end waste management solution aimed at improving sanitation, environmental conditions, and public health across the city.

According to Dr. Dagadu, Zoomlion's intervention is focused on transforming Nairobi's waste management system through a combination of emergency clean-up operations, infrastructure development, and long-term sustainability measures.

He disclosed that before the company's intervention, Nairobi had approximately 109 illegal dumpsites spread across different parts of the city, posing serious environmental and public health risks.

He explained that the company has since commenced a large-scale legacy waste evacuation exercise, involving the clearance and transportation of accumulated waste from illegal dump sites to the designated disposal facility at the Dandora Dumpsite. To support the operations, Zoomlion is undertaken major improvements at the dumpsite, including the upgrading of internal access roads, reorganisation of tipping operations, and the introduction of 24-hour operational systems to improve traffic flow and operational efficiency.




Dr. Dagadu revealed that since operations officially commenced on March 27, 2026, the company has evacuated more than 55,000 tonnes of waste from various locations within the city , a performance he noted is more than four times the previous evacuation capacity prior to Zoomlion's intervention.

He further indicated that, as part of the company's long-term sustainability strategy, Zoomlion plans to introduce a modern secondary waste collection system across Nairobi. The initiative will be supported by the construction of four zonal transfer stations, each with a projected handling capacity of between 800 and 1,200 tonnes per day, to improve waste consolidation and transportation efficiency.

In addition, the company is preparing to develop a state-of-the-art 3,600-tonne-per-day waste processing and resource recovery facility at Ruai. The facility, expected to be commissioned by the end of November 2026, will support recycling, composting, and other resource recovery activities aimed at reducing dependence on landfill disposal while promoting circular economy principles.

Dr. Dagadu emphasized that the programme is designed to be highly inclusive, with deliberate efforts being made to engage and integrate all key stakeholders, including actors within the informal waste sector, community groups, and existing waste management operators, to ensure sustainable implementation and shared economic opportunities.

Against this backdrop, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah described the partnership as a positive example of intra-African collaboration and investment, adding that it also reflects a shift in how African countries are approaching development, with greater reliance on homegrown solutions and partnerships across the continent. He noted that such initiatives move beyond speeches and deliver visible impact on urban living conditions.

Hon. Ichung'wah gave the assurance that Kenya is ready to work with serious partners who bring both technical capacity and sustainable solutions to public service delivery.

Earlier, the Chairman of The Church of Pentecost, Apostle Dr. Eric Nyamekye, encouraged staff of Zoomlion Kenya to commit themselves to ensuring the company thrives in its new environment, stressing that dedication and unity are critical to long-term success. He said nations do not prosper merely because of natural resources, but because of sound policies and the quality of their human capital. Countries that have achieved prosperity, he noted, did so through strong governance systems and disciplined work ethics.

He added that competence and moral integrity must guide recruitment and leadership decisions, advising workers and management to remain faithful, competent, and principled as the company expands across Africa.

In attendance was the Executive Chairman of the Jospong Group, Dr. Joseph Siaw Agyepong, and some management members of the Group, who had participated in the two-day Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi on May 11–12, 2026.






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