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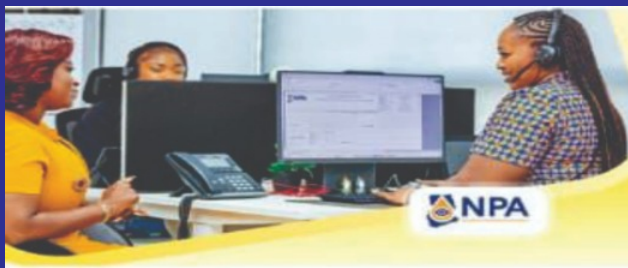
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GCB expands CSR footprint with GH¢100k healthcare support for Korle Bu and tribute to late Tolon Chief

By Adnan Adams Mohammed



GCB Bank PLC has reaffirmed its commitment to social responsibility and national development through two major financial and material contributions.

Management donated GH¢100,000 worth of vital neonatal equipment to the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and presented GH¢20,000 to support the funeral rites of the late Paramount Chief of Tolon.

The dual interventions highlight the bank's ongoing strategy to invest in essential community healthcare services while honoring traditional leadership and cultural heritage across Ghana.

Vital Life-Saving Equipment for Korle Bu NICU

In Accra, executive representatives

from GCB Bank delivered state-of-the-art medical equipment valued at GH¢100,000 to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital to enhance critical care for preterm and critically ill newborns.

Presenting the equipment, representatives of the bank underscored the urgent need to support public health facilities in lowering infant mortality rates and providing adequate resource coverage for specialized medical units.

"As a bank deeply rooted in the progress of Ghana, investing in the survival and health of our infants is one of the most vital contributions we can make," a senior corporate executive from GCB Bank stated during the presentation ceremony. *"Our donation of GH¢100,000 in specialized neonatal equipment reflects our unwavering commitment to empowering Korle Bu's medical team to save precious young lives every day."*

Receiving the equipment on behalf of the hospital, leadership at the Korle

Bu NICU expressed profound appreciation, noting that the donation directly addresses operational capacity gaps in neonatal care.

"We are immensely grateful to GCB Bank for this timely intervention," a senior medical official at the Korle Bu NICU remarked. *"High-quality neonatal equipment is essential for the survival of critically ill newborns, and this gesture will directly enhance our ability to deliver life-saving care to hundreds of infants in our unit."*

Honoring Cultural Heritage in Northern Ghana

In a separate gesture of corporate solidarity, a high-level delegation from GCB Bank paid a courtesy call on the traditional authorities and elders of the Tolon Traditional Area in the Northern Region to pay tribute to the late Tolon Paramount Chief, Major (Rtd) Sulemana Aboubakari.

To support the traditional council and royal family during the final funeral rites, the bank presented a cash donation of GH¢20,000 alongside customary traditional items.

"The late Paramount Chief of Tolon was a revered leader who dedicated his life to community development, peace, and national service," a representative of the GCB Bank delegation noted during the visit. *"GCB Bank stands in deep sympathy with the royal family, the chiefs, and the people of the Tolon Traditional Area as they celebrate the legacy of an illustrious leader."*

Speaking on behalf of the traditional council, elders from the Tolon chieftaincy expressed gratitude to the bank's management for standing with the traditional area during their moment of bereavement and honoring the chief's historic legacy.



Gov't receives \$35mn dividend from Perseus Mining

Ghana's public coffers received a major boost as gold producer Perseus Mining (Ghana) Limited presented a GH¢391.2 million (US\$35 million) dividend to the government, marking a sevenfold increase from the US5 million paid to the state in the previous financial year.

The dividend check, representing the state's 10 percent equity shareholding in the mining company, was presented to Minister for Finance Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Perseus Mining (Ghana) Limited, Ehunabobrim Prah Agyensaim VI.

Presenting the payment, the board chairman highlighted that the substantial payout translates to US2,890 per share, up sharply from the US413 per share declared in 2024. He noted that the surge in returns reflects strong operational

performance and collaborative management with state authorities.

"This remarkable growth reflects the strong performance of the company, our commitment to operational excellence, prudent stewardship of resources, and the value created through our partnership with the Government of Ghana," Ehunabobrim Prah Agyensaim VI stated during the presentation. *"Perseus Mining is proud that its success is generating tangible returns for Ghanaians."*

The board chairman also underscored that the company's economic footprint extends beyond equity dividends, pointing to cumulative tax payments, statutory royalties, and social investment commitments across its operational footprints in Ghana.

"Constructive collaboration among

all stakeholders is essential to ensuring that natural resource development produces lasting economic and social benefits for Ghana," he added, emphasizing the need for a predictable investment environment.

Mining Reforms Yield Results

Receiving the contribution on behalf of the state, Finance Minister Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson welcomed the increased payout, linking the higher returns directly to improved corporate profitability, high global gold prices, and the government's fiscal framework reforms in the extractive sector.

"It tells a story. A story that the company is making more profit, and a story that shareholders are indeed making more profit," Dr. Forson said. *"Ghana must receive its fair share from the extractive sector. That is*

why we introduced the sliding-scale system: when mining companies earn more, the people of Ghana must benefit more!"

The Finance Minister reiterated the government's commitment to maintaining fiscal policies that keep mining operations profitable and attractive to investors while ensuring that the public derives maximum value from the country's natural mineral wealth.



Education Minister leads push for Chinese support to accelerate Damongo University project

Minister for Education, Haruna Iddrisu, has stepped up government efforts to engage Chinese technical and financial partners to accelerate construction of the proposed University of Science and Technology in Damongo, located in the Savannah Region.

The push comes as the ministry outlines strategic infrastructure plans for the new tertiary institution following the initial US\$30 million grant agreement signed earlier between the Ministry of Finance and the Chinese government.

Addressing stakeholders and media representatives on Wednesday, the Education Minister disclosed that while the preliminary US\$30 million grant secured from China provides vital momentum, additional capital investment and technical

collaboration will be required to execute the full master plan for the university.

"The US\$30 million grant secured from China is a very welcome foundation for the Damongo University project," Haruna Iddrisu stated. *"However, given the scope of modern science, technology, and engineering infrastructure required for a fully functional university campus, we are actively engaging Chinese development partners to expand the support framework and expedite execution."*

Bridging the Tertiary Infrastructure Gap in the Savannah Region

The establishment of the university in Damongo forms a central pillar of the government's regional equity agenda aimed at expanding access

to higher education and technical research in northern Ghana. The proposed campus is planned alongside complementary facilities, including a teaching hospital, to anchor healthcare and scientific education in the region.

"President John Dramani Mahama's vision for the Savannah Region requires world-class academic laboratories, lecture halls, administrative blocks, and residential facilities," the Minister emphasized. *"We are working closely with Chinese contractors and development agencies to ensure that design standards are met, timelines are strictly adhered to, and additional resource streams are mobilized without delay."*

The Education Ministry confirmed that multi-agency technical discussions with Chinese diplomatic

and engineering teams are ongoing to finalize site surveys, architectural designs, and phased construction schedules ahead of groundbreaking on the project.



Ayariga tours Adepa landfill as gov't prepares rapid removal of Accra's legacy waste

By Adnan Adams Mohammed



A high-level government effort to transform urban sanitation in the nation's capital has entered its operational phase, as the Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Mahama Ayariga, inspected facilities at the Adepa landfill site in the Eastern Region on Wednesday.

The inspection forms part of a swift response to directives issued by President John Dramani Mahama to permanently remove the notorious, long-standing refuse heaps sprawling across Jamestown and adjacent coastal communities near Korle-Bu.

Rather than relying on traditional procurement delays, the ministry is deploying an unconventional partnership model by rallying major civil construction firms to donate heavy machinery, operators, and fuel over weekend off-days.

"The strategy that we are trying to deploy is to appeal to contractors who are already doing government contracts and have piled up a huge equipment stock," Ayariga said during the tour. *"We are going to convene a meeting... and ask, 'Can you help us evacuate this mess out of this place?' Many of them are actually willing to do it at no cost to the state."*

Multi-Agency Security and Traffic Enforcement

Recognizing the scale of moving hundreds of heavy-duty earthmovers and tipper trucks between Accra and the Eastern Region, the government has enlisted the Ghana Armed Forces alongside police traffic units to ensure seamless transit and secure reclaimed land.

"You are going to have hundreds of trucks and equipment," the Minister highlighted. *"We may decide that from Jamestown up to this place, vehicular movement will be restricted to one side of the road, leaving the other dedicated strictly to evacuation trucks."*

Ayariga emphasized that military personnel will maintain a permanent presence at cleared sites in Jamestown to block illegal dumping activities once the waste is cleared.

"The military will take charge of that land and protect it to prevent people from coming at night to dump waste there again," he declared.

Preparations are being finalized ahead of a potential rollout as early as this weekend, with President Mahama expected to launch the national cleanup initiative alongside participating contractors.



Mahama overhauls state enterprise leadership with sweeping board dissolutions

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

President John Dramani Mahama has undertaken a major restructuring of Ghana's state-owned enterprises, ordering the immediate dissolution of governing boards across nine prominent public institutions.

The decision impacts critical state entities in energy, finance, logistics, and infrastructure, including the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC), Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation Company Limited (BOST), Consolidated Bank Ghana Limited (CBG), and the National Sports Authority (NSA). Also included in the

restructuring are Prestea Sankofa Gold Limited, Volta Aluminium Company Limited (VALCO), Ghana Post Company Limited, the Road Maintenance Trust Fund, and TDC Ghana Limited.

The executive directive was formally announced on Wednesday in a public directive signed by Felix Kwakye Ofori, Spokesperson to the President and Minister for Government Communications.

"President John Dramani Mahama has dissolved the Boards of the following institutions with immediate effect," the statement from the

Presidency confirmed.

The broad restructuring reflects an effort by the administration to realign corporate governance in the public sector, address performance standards, and re-engineer strategic state assets to better support national economic goals.

To maintain continuity and avoid operational disruption during the leadership transition, sector oversight mechanisms have been put in place immediately.

"The President has directed the relevant sector ministers and

institutional heads to ensure a smooth transition of administrative responsibilities while new board appointments are finalized," the statement added.

Industry observers view the move as a foundational step toward appointing new leadership teams tasked with driving efficiency, improving fiscal management, and renewing accountability across key state organizations. Further announcements regarding the newly reconstituted governing boards are anticipated shortly.

BoG taps Non-Interest Banking to unlock new capital and boost inclusion ...dismisses religious propaganda

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has firmly countered claims that its newly introduced Non-Interest Banking (NIB) framework serves to advance religious doctrine, positioning the financial model instead as a purely commercial and inclusive vehicle designed to unlock fresh capital, broaden financial access, and drive investment in real economic assets.

Addressing religious leaders, market stakeholders, and investors in Accra, the Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Dr. Johnson Pandit Asiamah, emphasized that the central bank remains strictly focused on market development and regulatory oversight rather than religious ideology.

"The bank is not a regulator of religion, nor is it introducing a new religious category. Our role is simply to provide the regulatory and supervisory framework within which licensed institutions may offer this inclusive and non-discriminatory model of commercial banking as a complement to conventional banking," Dr. Asiamah stated.

Extensive Stakeholder Consultations

To address public misconceptions and assure investors of policy stability, the central bank engaged in nationwide consultations with major

ecumenical bodies and Islamic leadership over the past year.

Stakeholder Group Consulted Key Focus Area Christian Council of Ghana Religious neutrality, regulatory safeguards, and non-discriminatory access. Ghana Pentecostal & Charismatic Council Distinction between religious beliefs and commercial risk-sharing models. Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference Ethical governance, transparency, and consumer protection. National Association of Charismatic & Christian Churches Public language clarity and market equity across all faiths. Islamic Leadership & Ecumenical Representatives Aligning inclusive framework language with Ghana's religious diversity.

Highlighting the scope of these dialogues, Dr. Asiamah noted:

"Over the past year, the Bank has engaged the Christian Council of Ghana, the Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council, the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference, the National Association of Charismatic and Christian Churches, selected churches, and Christian civil society organisations."

He added that the apex bank took further steps to unify dialogue across faith boundaries:

"We attended meetings of the Christian Council and separately hosted two engagements with the Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council. We also engaged representatives of Islamic leadership and later brought the ecumenical and Islamic leadership together. Those exchanges reinforced the need for a framework and public language that are inclusive, respectful of Ghana's religious diversity, and clear that the products are available to all."

Investor Appeal and Commercial Opportunities

For international fund managers, commercial lenders, and domestic investors, non-interest finance—governed under the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930)—presents a compelling alternative to traditional debt instruments.

By prohibiting interest charges (riba) and contract ambiguity (gharar), the model relies on profit-and-loss sharing, leasing structures, and direct asset-backed transactions. This structure links capital flows directly to tangible economic outputs in key sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, and infrastructure.

The framework allows existing

financial institutions to operate via dedicated non-interest "windows" without mandatory immediate equity capital increases, while establishing clear licensing pathways for fully-fledged standalone non-interest banks. To reinforce institutional governance, the BoG recently inaugurated the five-member Non-Interest Financial Advisory Council (NIFAC) to provide expert oversight and technical guidance without interfering in regulatory enforcement.

Commending the Central Bank's proactive engagement, Presidential Envoy for Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations, Mr. Elvis Afriyie Ankrah, noted that open communication eliminates market uncertainty.

"Where there is insufficient information, misconceptions can easily arise. Where there is no dialogue, assumptions often take the place of facts," Mr. Ankrah remarked. **"It is, therefore, critically important that we seize opportunities such as this to engage one another frankly, honestly, and sincerely."**

With guidelines firmly in place, the Bank of Ghana expects non-interest banking to attract untapped domestic deposits and foreign direct investment, expanding investor choice while strengthening overall financial sector resilience.

Parliament lauds NPA leadership as 2025 revenue hits GH¢819m, surplus surges 76%

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

The Parliamentary Select Committee on Economy and Development has commended the National Petroleum Authority (NPA) for driving systemic reforms across Ghana's downstream petroleum sector, as the regulator delivered stellar 2025 financial results featuring GH¢819 million in total revenue.

The Authority also recorded a 76% surge in operational surplus of GH¢447 million.

The strong financial performance underscores the impact of the NPA's aggressive anti-smuggling enforcement, digital revenue assurance frameworks, and automated fuel tracking systems, which together have curbed revenue leakage and enhanced operational transparency across the supply chain.

Parliamentary Commendation and Sector Governance

During a working assessment of the regulator's operations and strategic programs, members of the Parliamentary Select Committee praised the NPA leadership for transforming sector governance while maintaining robust fiscal discipline.

"The NPA has demonstrated remarkable leadership in advancing Ghana's downstream petroleum sector through transparent governance and robust revenue mechanisms," stated a representative of the Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Development. **"Their ability to deliver a 76% jump in surplus to GH¢447 million while maintaining regulatory integrity across retail and bulk distribution is highly commendable."**

The committee noted that the regulator's sustained revenue growth serves as a model for public institutions seeking fiscal autonomy and operational excellence without

compromising regulatory duties.

Revenue Assurance and Digital Reforms

The rise in revenue to GH¢819 million was fueled by expanded monitoring mechanisms, including the National Petroleum Telemetry System (NPTS), enhanced National Fuel Marking Scheme coverage, and stricter licensing protocols for Bulk Importing Companies (BDCs) and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

An official spokesperson for the NPA highlighted that these measures have effectively neutralized illicit petroleum trading and leveled the playing field for compliant market players:

"Our focused efforts on revenue assurance, digital monitoring, and strict regulatory compliance have delivered exceptional financial health while safeguarding consumer interests. This 76% surge in surplus validates our commitment to building a

resilient, transparent, and world-class downstream industry."

Reinvesting Surplus for Strategic Energy Security

The expansion of the NPA's financial buffer to GH¢447 million provides critical backing for ongoing and future sector infrastructure projects. The authority plans to deploy these resources toward expanding automated regulatory tools, upgrading testing laboratories, and reinforcing safety protocols across LPG distribution networks, bulk depots, and retail service stations nationwide.

Industry analysts and market stakeholders have noted that the NPA's strong balance sheet and active parliamentary support will further solidify investor confidence in Ghana's energy sector, ensuring stable fuel supplies, fair market pricing, and sustained long-term economic growth.

Unlocking Africa's Power Grid: Chief of Staff demands fast-track energy integration for industrial growth

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

Africa's vast energy resources must immediately transition from potential reserves into active engines of industrialisation, job creation, and economic independence, Chief of Staff Hon. Dr. Julius Debrah has urged.

Speaking on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama at the flagship Africa Energy Technology Conference in Accra, Dr. Debrah issued a strong call to action for regional leaders and industry pioneers to break down cross-border trade barriers and accelerate cross-continental infrastructure investments.

"The pace of our energy economic development and investment is too slow. We must shift to high-speed growth immediately," Dr. Debrah declared.

A Crusade for Cross-Border Energy Trade

Framing reliable power as the fundamental prerequisite for modern industrial enterprise and digital economy expansion, Dr. Debrah outlined a bold vision for a interconnected continental market.

"I will lead a crusade until energy becomes Africa's most traded commodity, not constrained by borders but enabled by bridges," he assured attendees.

Backing this policy trajectory, Ghana's Minister of Energy and Green Transition, John Abdulai Jinapor, addressed the pressing challenge of energy poverty, which currently leaves an estimated 600 million Africans without reliable power access. To address domestic generation deficits and build long-term industrial capacity, Jinapor announced plans to add over 1,000 megawatts of emergency base-load power to the national grid while laying the groundwork for small modular nuclear reactors.

Moving from Talk to Action: Self-Financing and Policy Execution

Industry stakeholders gathered at the summit agreed that political commitments must be backed by concrete funding mechanisms and swift project execution.

"African governments must move beyond rhetoric by implementing practical energy projects capable of creating jobs and expanding industrial capacity," asserted Farid Ghezali, Secretary-General of the African Petroleum Producers' Organisation.

Ghezali urged African nations to build robust internal financing structures for both fossil fuels and renewable energy assets, reducing the continent's vulnerability to external capital fluctuations.

The conference concluded with

consensus on actionable priority frameworks designed to scale intra-African energy transactions, optimize regional power pools, and ensure the continent's resource wealth fuels its own economic future.





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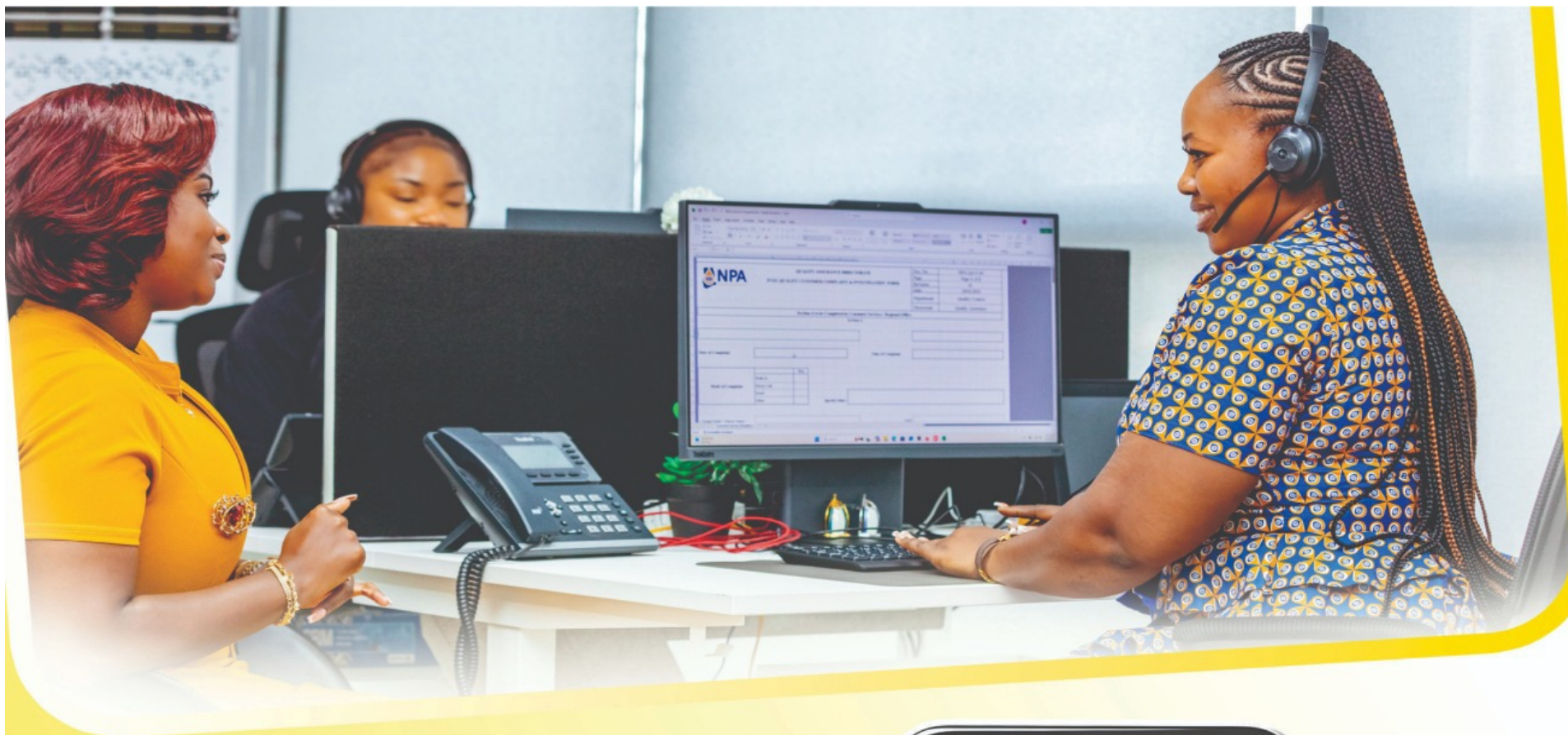
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Courage, Innovation, and Decisive Action needed to defeat galamsey - Dr. Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings asserts

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

Newly appointed Minister for Environment, Science, and Technology, Dr. Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings, has outlined a firm agenda to combat illegal mining (*galamsey*), environmental degradation, and pollution, pledging to confront Ghana's pressing ecological crises through "courage, innovation, collaboration," and "decisive action."

In her inaugural policy statement upon assuming office, Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings warned that the nation's natural assets must be preserved for future generations rather than exploited for short-term gain.

"The challenges before us are significant. Managing climate change, environmental degradation, illegal mining, waste management, pollution and the sustainable use of our natural

resources require courage, innovation, collaboration and above all, decisive action," Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings stated.

"I see our environment not as a resource to exploit, but as an inheritance entrusted to our care. We are stewards with a duty to protect our flora and fauna, water bodies, land, air and natural resources, holding them in trust for this generation and for posterity."

Bridging Research and Commercial Enterprise

Outlining her strategic direction for the ministry, Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings emphasized the need to translate scientific research and technology into concrete economic opportunities, industrial capacity,

and job creation across key sectors.

"Science, technology and innovation can unlock a new chapter in Ghana's development," she remarked. **"Our research must move beyond academia into practical partnerships between government, the private sector, civil society, communities and universities with a focus on creating jobs, strengthening industry, improving agriculture and healthcare, and building a more innovative and competitive economy."**

A Call for Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration

Addressing the broader public, civil society, and scientific community, the Minister called for national solidarity and active partnership to drive environmental reform and

commercial research adoption.

"I will listen, I will learn and I will engage, working with the many talented Ghanaians who believe in our country's potential – our scientists, researchers, innovators, environmentalists, institutions, businesses and communities," she added. **"The ultimate measure of public office is not the position we occupy, but the lives we touch and the difference we make."**

Expressing gratitude to President John Dramani Mahama for the appointment, Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings reaffirmed her commitment to managing the sector with integrity and long-term vision to safeguard Ghana's natural heritage and economic future.

National Security alliance, media sustainability, and digital protection take center stage as PRINPAG rallies stakeholders

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

A powerful alliance between media organizations, state security apparatuses, and digital safety regulators was forged at a capacity-building workshop organized by the Private Newspapers and Online News Publishers Association of Ghana (PRINPAG).

The engagement highlighted the role of responsive journalism in safeguarding democracy, while urging stakeholders to support print publishers and combat emerging cyber threats.

National Security Urges Strategic Media Alliance

Delivering the keynote address under the theme *"Media as a Strategic Partner in National Security,"* National Security Coordinator, COP Osman Abdul-Razak, urged law enforcement and security services to stop viewing journalists as adversaries and instead recognize them as key partners in maintaining peace.

"Don't see them as enemies. The

press is a strategic partner in national security," COP Abdul-Razak stated. **"When the press exposes corruption, it protects the public purse more than any prosecution. When it holds power accountable, it gives a lawful outlet to frustration that would otherwise reduce to violence."**

He added that responsible reporting during moments of heightened tension serves as a stabilizing factor:

"When the press reports truthfully in moments of tension, it becomes the nation's steady hand."

To strengthen cooperation, COP Abdul-Razak announced plans to create a standardized communication channel between security agencies and newsrooms, alongside collaboratively developed reporting guidelines.

PRINPAG Rallies Support for Print and Online Publishers

Addressing the gathering, PRINPAG President David Tamakloe

emphasized that a financially crippled press poses a vulnerability to national security. He appealed to government agencies, corporate entities, and international donors to support local publishers amid soaring production costs, digital disruption, and declining advertising revenue.

"A financially weakened media industry struggles to maintain professional standards and independence," Tamakloe noted. **"We are calling on government and stakeholders to view advertising with private news publishers not as charity, but as a critical investment in democracy and national stability."**

Supporting this call, Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Shamima Muslim highlighted the importance of prompt, accurate information sharing from official sources to combat misinformation.

"Whenever accurate information is delayed, it creates a void that speculation and misinformation quickly fill," Muslim warned,

reiterating the government's commitment to supporting press freedom and transparency.

Addressing Cyber Threats and Protecting Digital Spaces

The conference also addressed broader national security concerns in the digital sphere, with references to recent warnings from the Cyber Security Authority (CSA) regarding online scams, investment fraud, and child safety risks.

Stakeholders agreed that building public awareness through press partnerships is essential to curbing digital financial fraud, which cost citizens millions in early 2026.

The workshop concluded with a joint pledge from PRINPAG leadership and security authorities to institutionalize periodic capacity-building programs, ensuring journalists receive specialized training in security reporting while upholding editorial independence.

Transformative education drive launched for Savannah Region at colorful Damba festival celebration

By Adnan Adams Mohammed

The Chief of Staff, Dr. Julius Debrah, has outlined a series of ambitious educational and development projects for the Savannah Region, promising to transform the area's socio-economic landscape and broaden access to quality learning for its youth.

Speaking as the Special Guest of Honour on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama at the climax of the Damba Festival at the Jakpa Palace in Damongo, Dr. Debrah paid tribute to the rich legacy of the Gonja Kingdom and underscored the government's commitment to prioritizing the region's development.

Addressing traditional leaders, dignitaries, and thousands of festival-goers gathered under the theme *"Celebrating Our Heritage: The Role of Traditional Leadership in Promoting Unity and Development,"* the Chief of Staff highlighted the kingdom's historical contributions to the nation.

"This Kingdom has given the country farmers, traders, scholars, ministers, a Vice President, and a President. That is not a small gift," Dr. Debrah stated. "It means the Savannah Region cannot appear in the national calendar only when there is a

festival."

Broadening Educational Access and STEM Training

To ensure long-term human resource development, Dr. Debrah revealed several key policy initiatives and infrastructure plans designated for the region:

- **Tertiary Institutions:** Establishment of a new College of Education in Bole and groundwork for a fully-fledged University of Science and Technology tailored to regional needs.
- **Specialized & Vocational Education:** Construction of a specialized Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) school at Tinga, a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution at Kulmasa, and the *Mma Nneba STEM School* for girls at Busunu, named in honor of President Mahama's late mother.

Beyond public infrastructure, Dr. Debrah pledged direct state backing for traditional educational efforts,

noting that the administration would collaborate closely with local initiatives.

"Your Majesty, the President has asked me to get the relevant agencies to support the Bii-Kunuto Educational Fund. That Fund is your own proof that the Skin cares about the classroom," Dr. Debrah affirmed.

To support the initiative, a donation of GH¢200,000 was presented to the Bii-Kunuto Educational Fund to assist needy and talented students throughout Gonjaland.

Traditional Leadership Urges Accelerated Completion

Responding to the announcement, the Overlord of the Gonja Kingdom, His Royal Majesty Yagbonwura Bii-Kunuto Jewu Soale I, expressed gratitude for the planned projects while stressing the importance of timely execution.

"We appreciate the good initiatives aimed at developing the young Savannah Region," the Yagbonwura remarked. "We only wish to add our voice to the call on government to expedite work on ongoing projects to ensure their timely completion.

Education is one of the greatest investments we can make in our future, but government alone cannot address the challenges."

The Overlord called on parents, teachers, and community leaders to join forces with state institutions to raise academic standards and curb social issues affecting young people in the area.

Call for National Cohesion and Regional Development

Addressing wider civic priorities, Dr. Debrah reassured the gathering that key utility projects—including the Damongo Water Supply System and rural electrification expansions—remain high priorities. He closed the ceremony with an appeal for harmony and mutual respect across political lines.

"Before our party colors, we were one people, and after elections, we must remain one nation," Dr. Debrah emphasized. "Political disagreements are necessary in a democracy, but they should never turn citizens into enemies. Unity is our strength, service our duty, and development our shared responsibility."

DVLA restores vehicle registration services following technical glitch

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) has announced the full restoration of its vehicle registration platform following a technical disruption that temporarily halted operations across its offices.

In an official public notice update issued today, September 1, 2026, the management of the DVLA confirmed that technical teams successfully resolved the system glitch, allowing vehicle registration services to resume smoothly across all operational centers nationwide.

"The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) wishes to inform the public that its vehicle registration platform, which experienced a glitch, has been restored," the Authority

stated in the public update.

The brief outage had impacted motorists and vehicle owners seeking registration services during the affected hours. Addressing the temporary disruption, the Authority assured clients that operations have returned to standard service capacity.

"Vehicle registration processes have now been restored to provide service to our clients across our operational offices," the statement continued. "The Authority appreciates your patience during the affected hours."

Members of the public seeking further details or assistance regarding vehicle registration services can reach out to the DVLA via their contact hotline at 0203 200

112 or via email at info@dvla.gov.gh.



Domestic services and housing pressures drive Ghana's headline inflation upward to 5.0% in August

Ghana's headline consumer inflation rate edged up to 5.0% year-on-year in August 2026, marking a 0.4 percentage-point increase from the 4.6% recorded in July, official figures from the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) have revealed.

Despite marking the second consecutive monthly uptick in the year-on-year rate, month-on-month price metrics provided a counter-narrative, revealing a 1.0% drop in general consumer prices between July and August—the sharpest single-month price decline recorded so far this year.

Domestic Costs Trump External Volatility

Unveiling the Consumer Price Index (CPI) metrics in Accra, Government Statistician Dr. Alhassan Iddrisu highlighted that domestic structural costs—particularly in non-food categories and essential household services—have displaced external shocks as the primary drivers of

underlying inflation.

"Overall, inflation has declined by more than half in 12 months, and on a month-to-month basis, prices decreased 1% in August, the sharpest monthly fall of the year so far," stated Dr. Alhassan Iddrisu, Government Statistician. "However, the data shows that services continued to be the largest source of price pressures in the economy, growing more than twice as fast as goods."

Dr. Iddrisu noted that non-food items accounted for 70.9% of total headline inflation during the month under review, whereas food items contributed 29.1%.

"About 71 per cent of total inflation originated from non-food items, including transport, housing, rent, education, and other services," Dr. Iddrisu added. "Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels remained the largest contributor to headline inflation, accounting for 29.5 per cent of the overall rate."

Food Eases Overall, But Specific Outliers Surge

Food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation continued a slight downward slope, easing to 3.0% in August from 3.1% in July. However, official statistical breakdowns exposed stark sub-category spikes hidden beneath the moderate top-line food number.

Fresh tomatoes posted a year-on-year price increase of 458.3%, alone generating roughly 21.4% of total inflation pressure. Ginger prices recorded a 128.3% increase, followed by rent payments contributing 14.7% to the overall reading.

Imported inflation remained subdued at 2.2%—anchored by currency stabilization—while inflation for locally produced goods and services climbed to 6.1%, confirming that cost pressures are predominantly domestic.

Regional Disparities and Broader Economic Context

Across regional boundaries, price movement remained uneven. The Central Region recorded the country's highest year-on-year inflation rate at 11.1%—more than double the national benchmark—followed by the Ashanti Region at 8.7% and Greater Accra at 5.0%. Conversely, the Bono East Region recorded the lowest rate at 3.3%.

Comparing the current trajectory to historical benchmarks, August's 5.0% rate reflects a substantial decline from the 11.5% registered in August 2025.

With headline inflation comfortably remaining within the Bank of Ghana's medium-term target band of 6% to 10%, analysts anticipate monetary policy authorities will maintain a cautious stance during upcoming policy meetings, balancing domestic service-cost pressures against broader macroeconomic stability.

Bridging the Capital Gap: ADB takes dev't banking to the doorstep of MSMEs at Central Expo '26

As conversations at Central Expo '26 intensified on its third day, Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) Ghana PLC demonstrated a visible commitment to grassroots enterprise by deploying hands-on financial advisory services directly to business owners at the Adisadel College Park exhibition grounds.

Driving the bank's engagement at the MSME Business Clinic, Joseph Mensah Abakah, Coordinator in charge of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Major Market Accounts Associate at ADB Ghana PLC, spent the day providing practical guidance to prospective entrepreneurs, emerging enterprises, and established local traders.

Demystifying Formal Finance at the Grassroots

Addressing the structural challenges that frequently hinder small business growth in the region, Mr. Abakah

emphasized that financial institutions must move beyond passive balance sheet management and actively partner with enterprise owners in their operational environments.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy, but many struggle to transition from informal operations into credit-ready enterprises," stated Joseph Mensah Abakah. "Our presence at Central Expo '26 is about demystifying the banking process. We are here to sit down with entrepreneurs, understand their daily operational cycles, and help them build the financial discipline required to access structured capital."

Throughout the sessions, Mr. Abakah provided tailored walkthroughs on business formalization, book-keeping practices, credit scoring readiness, working capital optimization, and cash flow management strategies

designed to cushion seasonal market fluctuations.

Transitioning from Survival to Scalable Growth

Highlighting the broader economic imperative of capacity building, Mr. Abakah noted that access to financial literacy remains as vital as access to credit facilities.

"Securing loans is only one part of the equation; managing cash flow and maintaining financial hygiene is what keeps a business sustainable," Abakah explained to participants during an interactive session. "ADB is taking development banking beyond the traditional banking hall. By placing knowledge, structure, and opportunity directly where enterprise is being actively built, we ensure these businesses do not just survive, but scale up to create sustainable jobs across the Central Region."

Commitment

The active footprint of ADB Ghana PLC at the trade fair aligns with the bank's expanded channel strategy, which includes dedicated desks for MSMEs, asset management advisory, and local trade development.

By actively participating in Central Expo '26—which brings together hundreds of regional exhibitors across agriculture, trade, and tourism—ADB continues to reinforce its mandate as a principal catalyst for indigenous business growth and regional economic transformation.



Strategic Institutional

Courage, Innovation, and Decisive Action needed to defeat galamsey - Dr. Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings asserts

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climate change, environmental degradation, illegal mining, waste management, pollution and the sustainable use of our natural resources require courage, innovation, collaboration and above all, decisive action," Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings stated.

"I see our environment not as a resource to exploit, but as an inheritance entrusted to our care. We are stewards with a duty to protect our flora and fauna, water bodies, land, air and natural resources, holding them in trust for this generation and for posterity."

Bridging Research and Commercial Enterprise

Outlining her strategic direction for the ministry, Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings emphasized the need to translate scientific research and technology into concrete economic opportunities, industrial capacity, and job creation across key sectors.

In her inaugural policy statement upon assuming office, Dr. Agyeman-Rawlings warned that the nation's natural assets must be preserved for future generations rather than exploited for short-term gain.

"The challenges before us are significant. Managing

Gov't receives \$35mn dividend from Perseus Mining



Education Minister leads push for Chinese support to accelerate Damongo University project

Minister for Education, Haruna Iddrisu, has stepped up government efforts to engage Chinese technical and financial partners to accelerate construction of the proposed University of Science and Technology in Damongo, located in the Savannah Region.

The push comes as the ministry outlines strategic infrastructure plans for the new tertiary institution following the initial US\$30 million grant agreement signed earlier between the Ministry of Finance and the Chinese government.

Addressing stakeholders and media representatives on Wednesday, the Education Minister disclosed that while the preliminary US\$30 million grant secured from China provides vital momentum, additional capital



investment and technical collaboration will be required to execute the full master plan for the university.

"The US\$30 million grant secured from China is a very welcome foundation for the Damongo University project," Haruna Iddrisu stated. "However, given the scope of modern science, technology, and engineering infrastructure required for a fully functional university campus, we are

National Security alliance, media sustainability, and digital protection take center stage as PRINPAG rallies stakeholders

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A powerful alliance between media organizations, state security apparatuses, and digital safety regulators was forged at a capacity-building workshop organized by the Private Newspapers and Online News Publishers Association of Ghana (PRINPAG).

The engagement highlighted the role of responsive journalism in safeguarding democracy, while urging stakeholders to support print publishers and combat emerging cyber threats

National Security Urges

Strategic Media Alliance

Delivering the keynote address under the theme "Media as a Strategic Partner in National Security," National Security Coordinator, COP Osman Abdul-Razak, urged law enforcement and security services to stop viewing journalists as adversaries and instead recognize them as key partners in maintaining peace.

"Don't see them as enemies. The press is a strategic partner in national security," COP Abdul-Razak stated. "When the press exposes corruption, it protects the public purse more than any prosecution. When it holds power accountable, it gives a lawful outlet to frustration that would otherwise reduce to violence."

He added that responsible reporting during moments of heightened tension serves as a stabilizing factor: