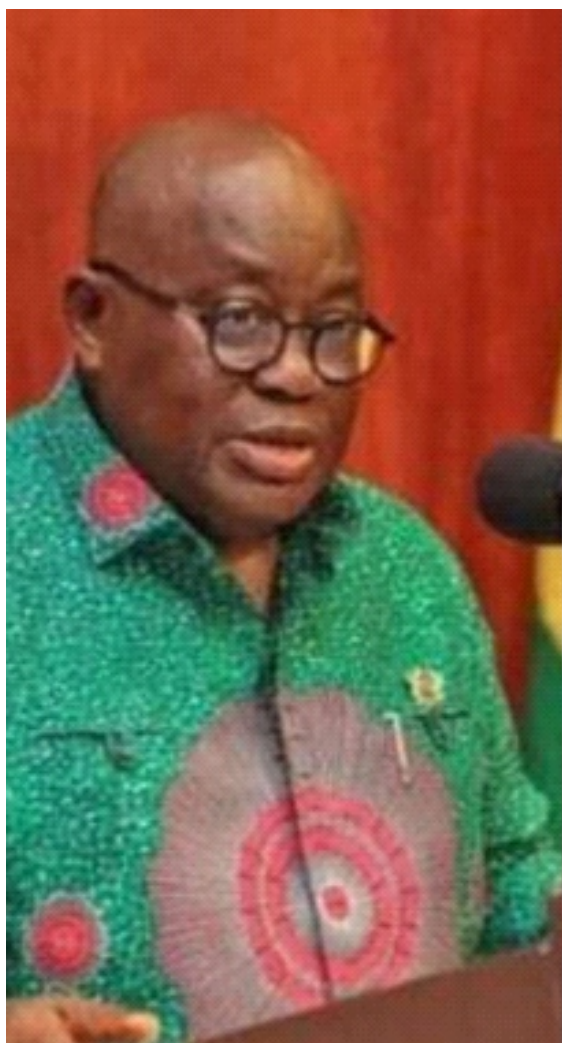


NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Ablakwa Wails Over Lack Of Information On US\$400 Million Project



President Nana Akufo-Addo



Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa

The Member of Parliament (MP) for North Tongu Constituency, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa has once again released some documents revealing much controversies about the construction of the National Cathedral of which he says that "there is just no end in sight to the extremely putrefying and ungodly National Cathedral scandal." According to him, on the 4th of July, 2022, he decided to make a formal RTI request under Section 18 of Act 989 to the Public Procurement Authority to establish the procurement status regarding the construction of the National Cathedral by RIBADE Company Limited.

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SMG Rejects Govt Financial Bailout From IMF

...Says It Signifies Collapse Of Neo-Liberal Order

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) has roundly rejected the government of Ghana's decision to seek economic bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). A statement issued yesterday by the SMG signed by Comrade Kwesi Pratt Jnr.,

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RISING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Ex-NPP Minister Osei Akoto Denies Voice Audio Of Attacks On Bawumia And Ofori-Atta

Dr Anthony Akoto Osei, Presidential Adviser On the Economy has denied an audio recording in which a voice alleged to be his is heard attacking Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia and Finance

Minister Ken Ofori-Atta over the country's economic situation. In a statement issued by his Office titled --**RE: Ofori-Atta and Bawumia are worse as each other**", Dr Anthony Akoto Osei said, "My attention has

been drawn to a post on GhanaWeb and other social media platforms including a purported leaked tape which has me allegedly commenting on the performance of the two personalities mentioned in the

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Dr Anthony Akoto Osei

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EDITORIAL

THE WAR ON SANITATION

Sanitation issues have been the 'talk of town' lately due to heaps or pile of refuse that are seen in the cities and the localities.

Certainly, the handling of sanitation or waste continues to be a major headache to governments especially in Africa.

This is as a result of lack of genuine commitment to tackle filth and address the broader sanitation challenges.

In other parts of the world, the issue of waste has been adequately dealt with such that waste from other countries are imported for power generation and recycling among others.

There are also bye-laws to check indiscriminate dumping of waste which are strictly enforced and individuals who fail to comply with the law, made to pay spot fines for littering the environment indiscriminately.

In Ghana, the government upon assumption of office vowed to make Accra the cleanest in Africa.

However, it thus appear that dream is gradually becoming a mirage despite enormous resources being devoted towards that cause.

Clearly, there is the need for policy makers to change strategy and develop and adopt a more holistic modern approach in the fight against the menace and this can be done through the construction of recycling and waste treatment plants in all regions and in future, all districts of the country. It is possible and should be done.

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headline.

"I wish to categorically deny making these unfounded statements either in an interview or in an engagement with anybody".

"The voice in the leaked tape is emphatically not mine. Neither do I subscribe to the alleged comments".

The Insight for the avoidance of doubt publishes the full statement by Dr.

Anthony Osei Akoto and the original story from the voice recording for the benefit of readers:

Source: Office of Dr Anthony Akoto Osei

RE: Ofori-Atta and Bawumia are worse as each other - Akoto Osei booms in leaked tape

My attention has been drawn to a post on GhanaWeb and other social media platforms including a purported leaked tape which has me allegedly commenting on the performance of the two personalities mentioned in the headline.

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This is the full statement:



"Were are not breaking any 8, we are going to opposition, let's forget it" - Top NPP Member Fumes

A leading member of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Mr Osei Akoto, has heavily descended on the Akufo-Addo administration especially the Vice President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia and Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta blaming the country's current economic hardship on their crass incompetence.

According to the former Minister of State for Finance and Economic Planning under the erstwhile John Agyekum Kufuor administration, the NPP's current mantra of "Breaking the 8" is an illusion considering the level of hardship in the country and should be immediately discarded.

Blaming the leadership of his own party for the country's current economic malaise, Osei Akoto who once served as the Member of Parliament for Old Tafo in the Ashanti region stated boldly that the NPP should forget about breaking the eight (8) because they will definitely go to opposition.

In a leaked Audio, Mr Akoto Osei is said to have stated that the country has been highly mismanaged by his own Party the NPP but he can only blame the current Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta and the leader of the Economic Management Team, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia for the woes of the country.

He noted that Ken Ofori-Atta is the worst Finance Minister the country has ever had.

Dr Akoto Osei stressed that the NPP should not deceive themselves because from a just point of view, things are not well in the country. He again established that the party ran their mouth that they have the men but there is nothing to show from them.

He noted that about 70% of the men the NPP claims they have are inept. He used the word 'bullshit.'

The NPP administration has been highly criticized for assuring Ghanaians that they have the men yet the country is moving from bad to worse.

Anthony Akoto Osei is a Ghanaian banker and politician.

Osei was in the cabinet of President John Agyekum Kufuor as Minister of State for Finance and Economic Planning. He was a Member of Parliament for the electoral district of Old Tafo in the Ashanti region.

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NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Ablakwa Wails Over Lack Of Information On US\$400 Million Project

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To everyone's utter shock, the PPA's Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Mante, responded in a 5th July, 2022 letter that there is no records at their end on the National cathedral project. "It is absolutely despicable to discover the sinful levels of recklessness and lawlessness which the Akufo-Addo government is exhibiting in the construction of a massive US\$400million cathedral which has already siphoned a colossal GHS200million of public funds, albeit unconstitutionally, without any regard, whatsoever, for Ghana's procurement laws", the lawmaker said. "Meanwhile, Section 14(2)(e) of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) is unambiguous that state owned enterprises to the extent that they utilise public funds are subject to Act 663. It is also instructive to note that Section 14(1)(a) of Act 663 makes clear that Ghana's procurement laws apply once the project is financed in whole or in part from public funds." "There is also no evidence that Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta

followed due process to make an exception as provided for under the law after my painstaking checks of all Gazette publications as demanded by Section 14(3) of Act 663." "Additionally, it is obvious from the PPA response to my RTI request that their board have granted no waiver or ratification as they may consider under exceptional circumstances". "When procurement laws are not respected and cronies are handpicked in sweetheart deals as in this instant case, there is no value for money, Ghana is shortchanged financially and technically; this therefore explains why the National Cathedral project cost has become a corrupt moving target from the initial US\$100million, to US\$200million, then US\$250million, rising to US\$350million and now US\$400million", he stated. The MP said the development is yet another significant addition to the already countless cases of flagrant violation of the 1992 Constitution and other laws of Ghana, ironically in a temple

project which should have edified God.

"Even people who build for Satan do not engage in such a lawless orgy. It must not be lost on us that this Akufo-Addo government has prosecuted political opponents and succeeded in jailing some, and then serving as an elated conveyor belt in a conspiracy that removed an Electoral Commissioner from office, all for alleged procurement breaches — none of those procurement infractions measure up to this egregious transgression", he said. Meanwhile, media reports say the Public Procurement Authority has confirmed not having any information relating to the construction of the National Cathedral of Ghana.

This was contained in a letter responding to a Right To Information (RTI) request filed by Member of Parliament for North Tongu, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa.

Ablakwa who had been at the forefront of disclosing issues he

described as bordering on corruption and corporate governance infractions said in a Facebook post that he had made the July 4 request to establish the procurement status regarding the construction of the cathedral by RIBADE Company Limited.

"To my utter shock, the PPA's Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Mante, responded in a 5th July, 2022 letter that it "holds no information relating to the construction of the National Cathedral by Ribade Company Ltd." (See attached).

"It is absolutely despicable to discover the sinful levels of recklessness and lawlessness which the Akufo-Addo government is exhibiting in the construction of a massive US\$400million cathedral which has already siphoned a colossal GHS200million of public funds, albeit unconstitutionally, without any regard, whatsoever, for Ghana's procurement laws," he said in a Facebook post dated



July 6.

The project has recently been mired in a raft of controversies among others corruption relating to payments made to the architect and issues Parliamentary breaches and corporate governance issues.

Ablakwa, who has been at the forefront of the exposure insists that the government has committed public funds in excess of 200 million cedis to the project. Meanwhile, construction works on the Cathedral site have stalled due to the unavailability of funds.

Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa
Member Of Parliament For North Tongu Constituency

My Ref. No: NRC/MP/07/2022/001

4th July, 2022

The Information Officer,
Public Procurement Authority,
Private Mail Bag 30,
Ministries – Accra.

Dear Madam,

APPLICATION TO ACCESS INFORMATION ON PROCUREMENT APPROVAL RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL BY RIBADE COMPANY LIMITED

Kindly accept my warm compliments.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 (f) of the 1992 Constitution and Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989), I hereby formally apply to access information on the following:

- If the Public Procurement Authority has granted any procurement entity approval for the construction of the National Cathedral by RIBADE Company Limited;
- The procurement entity which requested the approval;
- The date of the approval request;
- Precisely when the Board of the PPA granted the said approval, if any such approval exists;
- The procurement method used;
- The value of the contract.

To put this RTI Request in proper context, you may be aware that on the 5th of March, 2020, H.E. President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo cut sod for the construction of the National Cathedral after a number of structures including the Passport Office, Scholarship Secretariat, Judicial Training Institute, Judges' Bungalows, Malian Ambassador's Residence and other private companies were demolished in 2018 to pave way for the construction of the Cathedral which the President describes as his "priority of priorities."

Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa
Member Of Parliament For North Tongu Constituency

My Ref. No: _____

Subsequently, it has emerged that contrary to initial assurances, the National Cathedral Project is no longer a private initiative but a public project being executed by National Cathedral of Ghana – a state-owned company limited by guarantee and incorporated on July 18, 2019. (See attached: National Cathedral Secretariat Press Statement of June 17, 2022 and Articles of Incorporation.)


Additional documents in our possession confirm that public funds are being used for the construction of the National Cathedral, albeit in flagrant violation of Article 178 of the 1992 Constitution. We attach for ease of reference a 29th October, 2020 warrant signed by Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta instructing The Controller and Accountant-General to release an amount of GHS142,762,500.00 to the National Cathedral Secretariat. Additionally, please see another letter attached, dated 31st March, 2022 and signed by Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta instructing The Controller and Accountant General to pay GHS25,000,000.00 into the CAL Bank PLC account of RIBADE Company Limited for the construction of the National Cathedral.

As required under Section 18 (1) (e) of Act 989, kindly send your response to:

Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa (MP, North Tongu)
8th Floor, Job 600 Building
Parliament House
Accra-Ghana

Counting on your co-operation.

Yours in the service of God and Country,



Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa (MP)

Cc: Chief Executive,
Public Procurement Authority

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In case of reply the Number and date of this Letter should be quoted.

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5th July 2022


RE: APPLICATION TO ACCESS INFORMATION ON PROCUREMENT APPROVAL RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL BY RIBADE COMPANY LIMITED

Reference is made to your letter dated 4th July 2022, on the subject above.

Please be informed that the Public Procurement Authority holds no information relating to the construction of the National Cathedral by Ribade Company Ltd.

You may wish to refer your enquiry to the National Cathedral Secretariat.

Yours faithfully,


FRANK MANTE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

HON. SAMUEL OKUDZETO ABLAKWA (MP, NORTH TONGU)
8TH FLOOR, JOB 600 BUILDING
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
ACCRA-GHANA

Cc: Dir. Legal, PPA, Accra



INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORT

Compiled By Peoples Dispatch

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson Steps Down As Leader Of Conservative Party

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson yesterday resigned as leader of the Conservative party of Britain. BBC Political Editor Chris Mason stated that Johnson planned to remain in office until later this year, pending a leadership race within the Conservative Party. The new PM will be in place ahead of the Tory party conference in October. However, sections within the party demanded that he stepped down immediately.

The announcement follows major chaos within the government this week, triggered by a record wave of resignations of Cabinet members, junior ministers, and aides. The crisis snowballed following the significant resignations of Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, on July 5.

In a statement he shared on Twitter, Javid wrote that the public had concluded that the Conservative party was neither “popular” nor “competent in acting in the national interest,” and that the previous month's vote of confidence had shown that many of their colleagues agreed with this assessment. Sunak, in his own statement, said that he was resigning because under Johnson's leadership the public had lost faith that the government was “conducted properly, competently and seriously.” By the morning of July 7, 54 out of the Johnson government's 120 members had resigned, with the *Guardian* reporting five resignations at the Cabinet level, and 22 at below cabinet level.

Despite growing pressure, including a grueling Prime Minister's Questions session in Parliament on July 6, Johnson refused to step down. It was later reported on Wednesday night that a delegation of senior politicians, including Johnson loyalist Home Secretary Priti Patel, had approached the PM asking him to resign. Patel was accompanied by newly-appointed Chancellor, Nadhim Zahawi.

On July 7, Zahawi made his stance public, calling on Johnson to leave the government. While the prime minister seems to have finally acceded, reports indicated disagreement within the Conservative Party regarding whether he should be allowed to stay on till a new leader is chosen.

The ministerial resignations were the latest shock to the embattled Johnson administration, which has been at the center of a series of scandals and crises in the past several months. Most recently, the Prime Minister was forced to issue an apology for the appointment of Chris Pincher as the deputy chief whip, despite being informed of an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by the MP. Meanwhile, public outrage had been growing for months over rising inflation and a country-wide cost-of-living crisis which left millions unable to afford food and energy. Anger over the government's mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic, both in terms of public procurement and public health was also compounded by the revelations made in the “Partygate” scandal. Growing opposition within the Conservative Party resulted in a

no-confidence motion in June, with 40% of Tory legislators voting to remove Johnson from office.

The looming collapse of the Johnson government follows a wave of popular unrest and workers' mobilizations in the UK. Taxes have increased for ordinary workers in ways that they have not for the wealthy, making conditions worse for people who have already been suffering under years of austerity.

Food costs and energy costs have already increased sharply and will only increase further as Europe deals with supply problems stemming from the war in Ukraine. Ofgem, the government energy regulator, increased its maximum price cap on household energy bills by £700 in April, and is likely to increase it by a further £800 in October 2022—an almost 50% increase since the beginning of the year. While the government has offered energy rebates, these are required to be paid back over the next few years. Rental costs have also increased sharply, adding to workers' woes.

Workers from the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) Union organized a historic strike recently over better pay and working conditions and National Health Service (NHS) workers have also called for strikes. Teachers' unions and doctors have threatened to strike as well; dubbed 'essential



Photo: Boris Johnson/Twitter British Prime Minister Boris Johnson stepped down following a spate of resignations from his government. Reports say he may remain in power till later this year when a new party leader is elected

workers' during the early days of the pandemic, the salaries of these workers have suffered real-term cuts because of inflation and rapidly rising costs over the last two years. Protests over rising fuel costs have also been organized to bring motorways around the country to a halt. In a blow to public health services, the government had planned to offer nurses a pay increase of between 3% and 5% in 2022, well behind an inflation rate of 9%, and which the Bank of England says could climb as high as 11%. These austerity measures, essentially a stealth defunding of the NHS, are likely to increase wait times and push nurses and doctors to look for other, private employment, in turn increasing the pressure on those who remain. Other public services and their employees—in education, transport, sanitation, council work, communications, and others—face similar problems.

Nothing is likely to change on this front even if a new Conservative government comes to power. Leftist sections say the present crisis will not automatically resolve itself with a mere change in Tory leadership. “Downing Street change not enough!”, declared the Communist Party of Britain. The Party's anti-racism and anti-fascism convener, Tony Conway, stated during a political committee that “a change of Conservative leaders will not alter the government's pro-big business, anti-democratic, racist and war-mongering agenda”. The party has called for a united response from trade unions and movements to address the cost of living, housing, climate change and food crises. Conway further called for a “generalized strike action” as workers across sectors including civil services and communications prepare to down tools alongside railway workers and barristers and other workers “in the fight for jobs, services, and a living wage”

SMG Rejects Govt Bailout From IMF ...Says It Signifies Collapse Of Neo-Liberal Order

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General Secretary of the movement described the action as signifying the collapse of the neo-liberal order. This is the full statement:

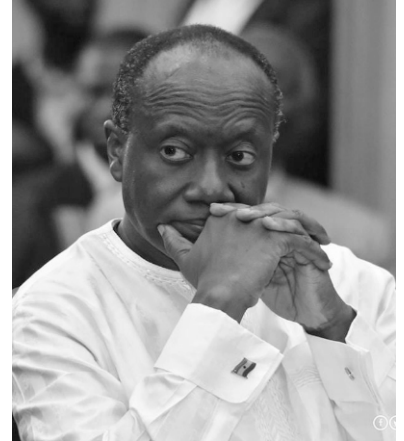
7th July, 2022

SMG STATEMENT ON GHANA GOVERNMENT'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) ON THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC CRISES

The Socialist Movement of Ghana has noted with very deep concern that the Government of Ghana has decided to engage with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the search for stop gap measures in dealing with the current economic crises. From statements made by government spokespersons, it can be deduced that government is seeking to obtain a bail-out facility of up to US\$2.5 billion and what has been described as policy credibility. In our view, the crisis the Ghanaian economy has been plunged into is only a symptom of the collapse of the neo-liberal order which has been diligently enforced by the IMF, the world Bank, the centers of power in the colonial metropolis and neo-colonial regimes spread across Africa, Asia, South America and elsewhere. The enforcers of this order have insisted over the last 30 years or more that the path to economic recovery

lies in the unbridled and doctrinaire privatization of state enterprises, the withdrawal of subsidies on social services, reckless devaluation of national currencies and the massive retrenchment of labour in the public sector. The current crisis in neo-colonies after 30 years of the rigorous implementation of the Economic Recovery and Structural Adjustment programmes is the clearest indication that these measures have woefully failed to address the crippling conditions imposed on the working people. Ghana currently spends 128 percent of her total nation revenue on public sector emoluments and debt servicing. Food prices have risen by more than 400 percent over the last two years. The Ghana Statistical Service puts the rate of inflation at 29 percent. Petroleum prices have doubled and the real value of wages and salaries are reported to be only about 40 percent of what they were six years ago. A direct consequence of the worsening economic crises, is the turbulence on the labour front. Currently four teacher organizations, the Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT) the National Association of Graduate Teachers (NAGRAT) the Teachers and Educational Workers Union of the Trades Union

Congress (TUC) and the Concerned Teachers Association of Ghana have declared a nationwide strike. The Trade Union Congress (TUC) has threatened to embark upon a general strike, if the conditions of workers are not improved. The University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) has warned that, it 'would not tolerate any IMF conditionality that negatively affects the existing agreements between Government and UTAG to improve the conditions of service of our members'. The SMG's expectation from the engagement with the IMF is not optimistic. This is in view of the fact that Ghana has had at least 16 such engagements with the fund and none of them led to a revamping of the national economy. Indeed, all these engagements have contributed significantly to a worsening of the plight of the working people. There is also no evidence which suggests that any country anywhere in the world has managed to improve its economic fortunes as a result of the implementation of measures under the marching orders of the Bretton Woods Institutions. The SMG is unable to accept the suggestion that the current



economic crisis arises out of covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine-Russia war. This is because total Covid-19 related expenditure from 2020 as confirmed by the Minister of Finance is less than GH¢25 billion out of more than GH¢200 billion. While the Russia-Ukraine war has had a global impact on petroleum prices, the availability of grains and fertilizer, it must be pointed out that its effect on the Ghanaian economy is not that profound. Last week, the Country Director of the World Bank in Accra, punched holes in the claims that external factors are responsible for the sorry state of the Ghanaian economy and asked the Government to tell the people the truth. According to him "although Covid did not help" the signs of a crumbling economy were visible long

before the pandemic. The SMG is convinced that only the fundamental restructuring of the economy of Ghana hinged on Socialist transformation can remove the country from its current state of dependence. We need to focus on building an economy in which the resources of Ghana are owned by its people and are exploited for their own benefit. The effort ought to be guided by principles of self-reliance. Reference to the Nkrumah model of development based on massive industrialization can become a key factor. The current situation in which Ghana is largely dependent on the importation of virtually everything including food and machines is inimical to national economic development. The SMG joins the trade Unions and mass public organizations in Ghana in rejecting the so-called engagement with the International Monetary Fund as a solution to pain and suffering the working people are enduring under the neo-liberal order. The answer is Socialism!

Signed.
Kwesi Pratt, Jnr.
General Secretar

NOTICE OF SCOPING

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has contracted Messrs Sienna Services Limited to establish a 160-Bed Regional Hospital at Nalerigu in the East Mamprusi Municipal Assembly of the North East Region. Notice of the proposed

construction project is hereby served for public information as required under the procedure for the conduct of EIA in accordance with Regulation 15(1) of (LI 1652). Any person(s) who has an interest, concern, or

special knowledge relating to potential environmental effects of the proposed undertaking, may contact or send such concerns, etc to: Nana Yaw Wiafe-Annor and The Executive Director Sienna Services Limited

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COCOBOD's Official Report Acknowledges Efficacy Of Lithovit Fertiliser – Senior CHED Official

It has been revealed in court that COCOBOD's own official report attested to the fact that Lithovit liquid fertiliser was "very effective".

This report was compiled by the management of the Cocoa Health and Extension Division (CHED) following a field visit to some cocoa farms. The team that went to the field included the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director (Monitoring and Evaluation), Technical Officer, accompanied by regional managers.

A former District Cocoa Officer based in Assin Fosu, Samuel Tsatsu Adigler made the above disclosure under cross-examination on June 6 led by Chief State Attorney Evelyn Keelson.

The witness is the 5th defence witness testifying on behalf of former COCOBOD Chief Executive Dr Stephen Opuni who is standing trial together with businessman Seidu Agongo, charged with causing financial loss to the state, breach of the procurement law among others.

Mr. Adigler has given extensive testimony about the efficacy of the Lithovit liquid fertiliser, which he said

was the preference of farmers due to its ability to increase yields.

But Prosecution, Evelyn Keelson challenged the witness' claims, putting it to him that, "your testimony on Lithovit liquid fertiliser and the agitations from farmers on that fertiliser is not supported by the records".

The witness however placed on record that, "COCOBOD's own official report written by CHED management team, they acknowledged the efficacy of Lithovit liquid fertiliser and they admitted that farmers were showering praises on the chemical, and in my own capacity as a field supervisor I saw its performance."

He further added, "Again, there are a lot of farmers who testified that by using Lithovit fertiliser, it increased their yields, out of which some of them said they put up their buildings and bought their personal vehicles."

The witness noted that a copy of the report that he saw when he was transferred to Adabokrom as the District Cocoa Officer would be at the head office of COCOBOD for verification.

Mr. Adigler's claim appears to

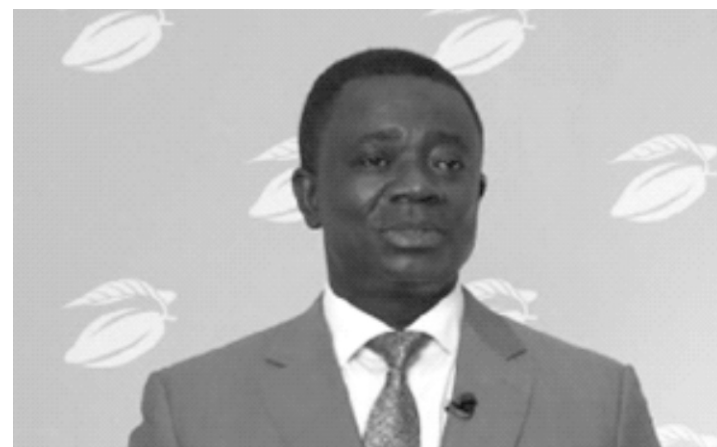
confirm what the former board chairman of COCOBOD Ambassador Daniel Ohene Agyekum told the High Court on June 10 about a management report on Lithovit liquid fertiliser.

"With all due respect, emphasis with all due respect, I find the court's finding rather strange. My lord, my reasons are as follows:

"One as a board chairman, I am very much aware that there was a unit within COCOBOD which I referred to in my earlier submission, that is CHED. I'm very much aware that that division was responsible for monitoring how the fertilisers and other agrochemicals were applied in the field and that there was or should be a report by CHED monitoring team at cocoa board.

"My lord, I am aware of my passion for the farmer and the farming industry as a whole that the CHED proceeded to train the cocoa farmers on the proper application of the fertiliser and so my lord I am saying that there was a report by CHED or there should be such a report which concluded that lithovit liquid fertiliser was effective," Amb. Ohene Agyekum told the court.

CHED is in charge of monitoring how fertilisers and other



Stephen Opuni, Former Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD)

agrochemicals are applied in the field and compiles an annual report on their activities under the CODAPEC and HI-TECH programme.

Approved Chemicals

Evelyn Keelson, early on, told Mr. Adigler that he does not have an idea of any report from CRIG recommending Lithovit foliar fertiliser to COCOBOD.

He responded by saying, "My Lord, I earlier said Lithovit liquid fertiliser is among the list of agrochemicals approved by CRIG and sent to us. Additionally, in the course of our operations on the field, CRIG staff who came to inspect the effect of the chemicals we are using would give feedback on it. And since after their visit, no negative recommendations came from them to us showed

that there is nothing wrong about its usage."

"I am putting it to you that there is no CRIG report recommending Lithovit," Mrs Keelson insisted.

Mr. Adigler also asserted, "My Lord, COCOBOD does not operate in a vacuum. CODAPEC/HITECH unit I know will submit its request to COCOBOD on the types of agrochemicals to procure before funds are released for its purchase to farmers. As such, the secretariat does not recommend any chemical they don't know anything about."

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Sanction Officers Domelevo Recovered GH¢66m From – CSOs To Auditor General



Auditor General, Johnson Akuamoah Asiedu

A Coalition of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) has called on the Auditor General, Johnson Akuamoah Asiedu, to prosecute persons his

predecessor, Daniel Domelevo, recovered over GH¢66 million from. According to the group, Citizens Coalition, nothing has happened to the individuals from whom the monies were recovered since the Domelevo left office in 2020.

The leader of the Coalition, Nana Afadzinu, who made these remarks at the inauguration of the Coalition in Accra, said that the fact that nothing has

happened to the public officers who were found culpable is worrying, citinews.com reports. "We note that in 2019, Mr. Daniel Domelevo recovered over 66 million cedis back to the government office through surcharges. Following his exit from office in 2020, the office of the Auditor-General is yet to issue any surcharges of persons found to have misappropriated public funds," he said.

Nana Afadzinu further stated that if the Auditor General fails to act, the Coalition will take the necessary steps to get the corrupt agencies and individuals sanctioned. "If the Auditor-General persists in ignoring his clear constitutional mandate, our coalition will take the necessary action to ensure that he complies with the constitution of Ghana," he added. Also, Afadzinu called for the restructuring of the Gender,

Protection Ministry, whose minister has not been at post since 2021. "For almost a year now, the Gender, Children and Social Protection Ministry has been without a substantive Minister. This has obviously impeded the work and commitment of the Ministry to push not only Affirmative Action but to address the increasing poverty level among children and poor households. The state of Ghanaian women is in a precarious state," he said.

Call to Glory

Osabarimba Kwesi Atta II (Omanhen of Oguua Tradional Area), Obaahemaa Nana Ekua Abookye VI (Obaahemaa of Oguua Traditonal Area), Ebusuapanyin Kwesi Mensah of Fikesim, Ebusuapanyin Joseph kwegyir Gerrar, Ebusuapanyin Francis Essel Peter Brown of Abookye Royal House, Nana Kodwo Botse IV Odikrow of Siwdu, Opanyin Kobina Fosu of Apewosika, Opanyin Antobam of Kolegya, Nana Addae (Aburahen), Ebusuapanyin Okotompo of Abura Ebiradze Family, Ebusuapanyin Kobina Owusu of Siwdu, Nana Dentah I (Adisadel Hene), Mr. Stephen Gerrar, Ebusuapanyin Kojo Atabora of Adisadel, Opanyin R. W. Thompson of Atopi Christian House, Okyeame Kobina Atta, Dehyina Royal Family Ebusuapanyin Kwame Foh of Kwamankese Abompi, Nana yaa Anno Kuma Tawiah (III) Odikro of Abompi and Kwamankese Esumankwahene, Obaapanyin Araba Esson of Twidan family of Cape Coast, Anona Ebusua Family of Apewosika Kokwaado, U. C. C Ebusuapanyin Kweku Kakraba , Madam Jane Youngo, Robert Arthur and Jacob Arthur all of Cape Coast and the entire Ebiradze family of Oguua and Abroad announce with deep sorrow the death of their beloved

William Benjamin

CRENTSIL

aged: **68**

a.k.a. Nana Kofi Badu

Whose sudden death occurred at UCC Hospital on 7th April, 2022

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Friday 8th July, 2022: Wake Keeping at House D6/4 Royal Lane Ntotoo Cape Coast at 8:00 pm
Saturday 9th July, 2022: Burial Service at House D6/4 Royal Lane Ntotoo Cape Coast by Destiny Life Church International at 10:00 am and thence to Siwdu Royal Cemetery for Interment
Sunday 10th July, 2022: Thanksgiving Service at Destiny Life Church International at 9:00 am and thence to House D6/4 Royal Lane Ntotoo Cape Coast for final funeral rites
Brother & Sisters: Kobina Kwantair Crentsil, Maame Twiba Crentsil, Maame Besiwa Crentsil, Kwesi Edu Crentsil, Maame Dede Crentsil, Maame Kakraba Crentsil, Sister Hawa, Afia Acko, Yaa Yanta, Akosua Children: Victoria Winifred Crentsil, William Abakah Crentsil, Mrs. Victoria Esi Aggrey (Victoria Esi Crentsil), Derrick Abakah Crentsil, Winnifred Ama Crentsil

Grandchildren: Jacob Kobina Eduah, Jessie Efua Eduah, Joel Nhyiraba Eduah, Ethan Kaiser Kodjo Aggrey, Nevaeh Carolyn Kukuwa Agyman Aggrey, Kwesi Egyir, Fatl, Sister, Maame Ekua, Kweku Annan, Inlaws: Duane Kweku Aggrey, Michael Kweku Eduah Cousins: Joyce Quist, Elizabeth Quist (Trader - Accra), Paa Quist (Canada), Ato Quist (Accra), Ekow Quist (Cape Coast), Janet Quist (Yaababy) Accra , Patricia Quist (Tachiman), Andy Quist, Adams Brothers & Sisters, Nephews And Nieces: Maame Esi, Maame Fenyiwa, Ebu Kofi, Papa Annan, Nana Ackon, Nyameyle, Amosiwa, Maame Adjoa

Chief Mourners: Osabarimba Kwesi Atta II (Omanhen of Oguua Tradional Area), Obaahemaa Nana Ekua Abookye VI (Obaahemaa of Oguua Traditonal Area), Ebusuapanyin Kwesi Mensah, Ebusuapanyin Joseph kwegyir Gerrar, Ebusuapanyin Francis Essel Peter Brown, Nana Kodwo Botse IV Odikrow of Siwdu, Ebusuapanyin Kobina Owusu, Opanyin R. W. Thompson, Obaapanyin Nancy Appaih (Nana Ekua) Brothers & Sisters, Obaapanyin Ekua Mensimah & Children, Obaapanyin Aba Mpopo & Children, Obaapanyin Efua Ackon & Children, Sister Awill & Children, Ewuraesi Linsay & Children, Papa Brookma Mends, Nana Appiah Mends, Diana Morgue & Children, Philomena Mends & Children, Sister Aba Splo Brothers & Sisters, Mercy Lemaire Brothers & Sisters, Adams Brothers & Sisters, Konduah Brothers & Sisters, Dada Koomson, Kojo Okosu, Efua Dadzewa Brothers & Sisters, Ekua Tawiah Brothers & Sisters, Adjoa Bodei & Children, Araba Gari & Children and the entire Ebiradze family of Oguua and Abroad



All Friends And Sympathizers Are Cordially Invited.

How Cuba Is Eradicating Child Mortality And Banishing The Diseases Of The Poor

By Vijay Prshad And Manolo De Los Santos

Palpite, Cuba, is just a few miles away from Playa Girón, along the Bay of Pigs, where the United States attempted to overthrow the Cuban Revolution in 1961. Down a modest street in a small building with a Cuban flag and a large picture of Fidel Castro near the front door, Dr. Dayamis Gómez La Rosa sees patients from 8 am to 5 pm. In fact, that is an inaccurate sentence. Dr. Dayamis, like most primary care doctors in Cuba, lives above the clinic that she runs. “I became a doctor,” she told us as we sat in the clinic's waiting room, “because I wanted to make the world a better place.” Her father was a bartender, and her mother was a housecleaner, but “thanks to the Revolution,” she says, she is a primary care doctor, and her brother is a dentist. Patients come when they need care, even in the middle of the night. Apart from the waiting room, the clinic only has three other rooms, all of them small and clean. The 1,970 people in Palpite come to see Dr. Dayamis, who emphasizes that she has in her care several pregnant women and infants. She wants to talk about pregnancy and children because she wants to let me know that over the past three years, not one infant has died in her town or in the municipality. “The last time an infant died,” she said, “was in 2008 when a child was born prematurely and had great difficulty breathing.” When we asked her how she remembered that death with such clarity, she said that for her as a doctor any death is terrible, but the death of

a child must be avoided at all costs. “I wish I did not have to experience that,” she said.

Eradicate the diseases of the poor

The region of the Zapata Swamp, where the Bay of Pigs is located, before the Revolution, had an infant mortality rate of 59 per 1,000 live births. The population of the area, mostly engaged in subsistence fishing and in the charcoal trade, lived in great poverty. Fidel spent the first Christmas Eve after the Revolution of 1959 with the newly formed cooperative of charcoal producers, listening to them talk about their problems and working with them to find a way to exit the condition of hunger, illiteracy, and ill-health. A large-scale project of transformation had been set into motion a few months before, which drew in hundreds of very poor people into a process to lift themselves up from the wretched conditions that afflicted them. This is the reason why these people rose in large numbers to defend the Revolution against the attack by the US and its mercenaries in 1961. To move from 59 infant deaths out of every 1,000 live births to no infant deaths in the matter of a few decades is an extraordinary feat. It was done, Dr. Dayamis says, because the Cuban Revolution pays an enormous attention to the health of the population. Pregnant mothers are given regular care from primary care doctors and gynecologists and their infants are tended by pediatricians—all of it paid from the social wealth of the country. Small towns such as Palpite do not have specialists such as gynecologists and pediatricians, but within a



The authors at a clinic in Palpite in Cuba. Photo: Odalys Miranda/Twitter. The drastic reduction in infant mortality rates is yet another testimony to the Cuban Revolution's attention to the health of the country's population

short ride a few miles away, they can access these doctors in Playa Larga.

Walking through the Playa Giron museum earlier that day, the museum's director Dulce María Limonta del Pozo tells us that the many of the captured mercenaries were returned to the US in exchange for food and medicines for children; it is telling that this is what the Cuban Revolution demanded. From early into the Revolution, literacy campaigns and vaccination campaigns developed to address the facts of poverty. Now, Dr. Dayamis reports, each child gets between 12 and 16 vaccinations for such ailments as smallpox and hepatitis. In Havana's Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB), Dr. Merardo Pujol Ferrer tells us that the country has almost eradicated hepatitis B using a vaccine developed by their Center. That vaccine—Heberbiovac HB—has been administered to 70 million people around the world. “We believe that this vaccine is safe and effective,” he said. “It could help to eradicate hepatitis around the world, particularly in poorer countries.” All the

children in her town are vaccinated against hepatitis, Dr. Dayamis says.

“The health care system ensures that not one person dies from diarrhea or malnutrition, and not one person dies from diseases of poverty.”

Public health

What ails the people of Palpite, Dr. Dayamis says, are now the diseases that one sees in richer countries. It is one of the paradoxes of Cuba, which remains a country of limited means—largely because of the US government's blockade of this island of 11 million people—and yet has transcended the diseases of poverty. The new illnesses that she says are hypertension and cardiovascular diseases as well as prostate and breast cancer. These problems, she points out, must be dealt with by public education, which is why she has a radio show on Radio Victoria de Girón, the local community station, each Thursday, called Education for Health.

If we invest in sports, says

Raúl Fornés Valenciano, the vice-president of the Institute of Physical Education and Recreation (INDER), then we will have less problems of health. Across the country, INDER focuses on getting the entire population active with a variety of sports and physical exercises. Over 70,000 sports health workers collaborate with the schools and the centers for the elderly to provide opportunities for leisure time to be spent in physical activity. This, along with the public education campaign that Dr. Dayamis told us about, are key mechanisms to prevent chronic diseases from harming the population. If you take a boat out of the Bay of Pigs and land in other Caribbean countries, you will find yourself in a situation where healthcare is almost nonexistent. In the Dominican Republic, for example, infant mortality is at 34 per 1,000 live births. These countries—unlike Cuba—have not been able to harness the commitment and ingenuity of people such as Dr. Dayamis and Dr. Merardo. In these other countries, children die in conditions where no doctor is present to mourn their loss decades later.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

(All amounts are expressed in Ghana Cedi unless otherwise stated)

	Notes	2021	2020
Interest Income	7	232,471	60,171
Interest Expense	8	-	(11,315)
Net Interest Income		232,471	48,856
Commissions and Fees	9	3,100	-
Other Income	10	190,136	922,618
Total Operating Income		425,707	971,474
Operating Costs	19	(2,210,344)	(1,797,823)
Loss before Taxation		(1,784,637)	(826,349)
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Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive (Loss) Attributable to the Shareholders		(1,784,637)	(826,349)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

(All amounts are stated in Ghana Cedi unless otherwise stated)

	Notes	2021	2020
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank Balances	13	51,779	105,515
Loans and Advances	14	1,375,020	2,231,540
Trade and Other Receivables	15	142,421	895,937
		1,569,220	3,232,992
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	11a	234,432	364,459
Intangible Assets	11b	14,121	18,009
		248,553	382,468
TOTAL ASSETS		1,817,773	3,615,460
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Stated Capital	17	15,300,000	15,300,000
Statutory Reserve Fund		200,000	200,000
Retained Earnings		(13,781,548)	(11,996,911)
TOTAL EQUITY		1,718,452	3,503,089
LIABILITIES			
Taxation	16	68,161	68,161
Trade and Other Payables	18	31,160	44,210
TOTAL LIABILITIES		99,321	112,371
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,817,773	3,615,460

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board on 27-06-2022 and signed on their behalf by:


Director


Director