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GNAPS Cries And Accuses Govt Of Sabotage



he Ghana National Association of Private Schools (GNAPS) has alleged that there seems to be a conspiracy to sabotage private schools in the country through unfavourable policies and total neglect of policy

interventions by the government in an attempt to boost public schools. Addressing the opening ceremony of the 8th Biennial National delegates conference last Wednesday in Koforidua, the President of GNAPS,

Dr. Damascus Tuuroson, stated that private schools were sidelined in the national standardized test, denied training on the new

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After Outdooring Students Council Website

tudents of the University of Education Winneba (UEW) in the Central Region have hailed the transformational leadership of Master Felix Donkor, President of the Students Representative Council (SRC) barely a year into his tenure as president. At the launch of an SRC website for the students and also the delivery of the

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Samuel Eto'o Fils Hails Music Icon Klala Over Song For Black Stars



For The American Empire, Hypocrisy And War Go Hand In Hand



EDITORIAL —

STOP THEM!

he Auditor General's Report released recently about tax irregularities, payroll fraud and other malpractices at the government ministries, departments and agencies including the metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies is most disheartening.

Some of these irregularities have always attracted media attention because of how the nation often loses moneys which could have been used to address some developmental challenges.

For instance the issue of payroll fraud has been a major concern over the years necessitating the introduction of the electronic payment system for public sector workers.

The Controller General's Department also in a bid to stop this malpractice has introduced the verification system for government workers before salaries are paid.

It is therefore most surprising that we continue to record cases of payroll fraud despite all these stopgap measures introduced over the years.

Clearly, the identification and prosecution of these individuals behind this fraudulent practice most of who are public servants is long overdue.

Institutions such as the Economic and Organized Crime Office and the Financial Intelligence Centre need to team up with other state agencies such as the Office of the Special Prosecutor and that of the Auditor General to ensure the prosecution of these criminal gangs and thieves instead of the existing arrangement of reporting and surcharging offenders if this nation-wrecking practice is to grind to a halt. There is no denying the fact that the 'soft' handling of these 'thieves' behind the 'ghost names' is what has emboldened them and made their exorcism difficult.

Elmina Zongo Gets New Sarkin

arki Salihu Yahaya has been sworn in as the new Elmina Zongo Chief.

Sarki Yahaya was on August 14, 2022 enstolled after the previous chief, Ahmed Dauda was dethroned. The previous chief was accused of improper conducts and thus summoned before the Central Regional Zongo chiefs before being shown the exit.

Ahmed Dauda was accused of failing to organise communal labour, abandoning the community without informing the elders, and failing to perform the daily five-time prayers as a true Muslim.

He was also accused of refusing to marry despite several pieces of advice from the community elders.

Following that, efforts were made to find a new person who is educated, humble, and dedicated.

According to sources, after his brother, the former chief, was destooled, the throne had to rotate to another house, but they allegedly attempted to select his younger brother to succeed him in the position but failed.

He was removed because he did not honour an invitation from the community kingmakers.

Dr. Ibrahim Yahaya, an elder in the Elmina Zongo community stated that the old destooled chief lacked several qualities and did not observe the Islamic prayers despite being a chief for over twelve (12) years.

He stated that before a chief is selected and sworn in, his marital status is considered important, but the destooled chief refused to marry and rather engaged in activities that harmed the throne.

Moreover, he said that the old chief



Sarki Salihu Yahaya

showed no respect for his elders who reposed trust in him.

He also alleged that, the old chief failed to honour series of invitations and meetings sanctioned by his elders and rather insulted them without any provocation.

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS COLLAPSING **GNAPS Cries And Accuses Govt Of Sabotage**

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curriculum, and were treated unfairly in recent computerized selection and placement system.

"The state institutions which are supposed to nurse private schools during this period of crises have failed us rather than assisting us to brace this economic storm. Some state institutions are worsening the plight through their actions, inactions, pronouncements, and in some cases, deliberate sabotage.\

"Inasmuch as many of us are reluctant to believe the conspiracy theorists who claim that some government agencies are deliberately trying to sabotage the progress of private schools as a means of boosting public school education. Current happenings strengthen the position of the conspiracy theorists." "How else will you explain a suggestion by the Director General of Ghana Education service to the effect that 80% placement into category 'A' SHSs should be reserved for public school children whilst private school students seeking

to enter Category 'A' schools be made to sit an entrance Examination aside the BECE. There appears to be almost 100% concentration on public schools to the neglect of private schools, in particular, our low fees private schools". Dr Damascus Tuuroson stressed that GNAPS would go to court to challenge the constitutionality of the priority quota system in category "A" schools. He again said the current economic challenges in the country had worsened the plight of private schools after Covid-19 dealt a major blow. He said the increased policy rate by the Bank of Ghana, high inflation, and depreciation of the cedi are suffocating Private schools, particularly low fees schools that depend on loans to run. "In Ghana, covid-19 dealt a mortal blow to private schools, especially low-fee private schools, many of which are still in the intensive care unit being kept alive with oxygen ventilators. Unfortunately, many schools,

schools, never recovered from the coronavirus attack. A major lifeline which we used rate increases by the bank of Ghana have further worsened the woes of schools as proprietors find it too financial institutions." "Persistent fuel price hikes have grounded school buses, and increasing prices of foodstuffs have left many private school children hungry, staring into the faces of school matrons wondering where their hitherto delicious meals have gone to. The free fall of the cedi against major international currencies, especially the US dollar, has

parents are struggling to pay fees of their wards due to hardship adding some parents

allowance (COLA)."

particularly low fees private

to revive our distressed private schools is credit, however, base expensive borrowing from the

escalated the cost of doing business to the extent that private school workers are also crying for the cost of living

He, however, said many



are withdrawing their children to public schools. "Many parents blame their failure to pay fees on the financial depression government is experiencing currently. The harsh economic situation has reduced enrollment in private schools since many parents cannot afford our

At the private senior high school level, the least said about the situation, the better. Many private Senior High schools have simply fallen out of business or

have diverted to other areas of operation as numbers dwindle, cost of running a business has shot up. Meanwhile, former President John Dramani Mahama, who was the guest speaker at the event, reiterated his position for private schools to be included in the Free Senior High School policy. He also charged private schools to make ICT an integral part of basic education.

Source: starrfm.com.gh

Indiscriminate Burning Of Rubbish Require Collective Efforts To Deal With Menace —Chairman Henry Kokofu



Hon. Henry Kwabena Kokofu

By Joseph Nana Yaw Cobbina

he open burning of rubbish and tyres can be dealt with through collective efforts and this is according to Hon. Henry Kwabena Kokofu popularly called 'Chairman Kokofu'.

Speaking at a news conference held in Accra, the Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Henry Kwabena Kokofu assured of public safety and health. According to him, the EPA is doing its best to ensure that the public and the air is not polluted with airborne diseases.

Even though the toxic waste is on the rise in recent times for which the EPA is doing

everything within its mandatory power to avoid the situation before it gets out of hand. He cautioned the churches, pub, night clubs and restaurant over noise making in the public because in the coming months it won't contain both of them. The EPA is going to fix a device that they can track menace of nuisance of noise making in the community. Mr. Kokofu was optimistic

that given the readiness of the MMDCEs to enforce their by-Laws which is a step in a right direction, they can arrest and prosecute perpetrators. The issue of human face is bound to happen but he assured the public that whoever is caught would be dealt with without fear or favour.

He appealed to dealers who engaged in counterfeit goods to desist from it and gave them two weeks ultimatum. Ghanaians have a role to play in the fight against noise

making, he said. He urged fake goods dealers and counterfeit goods to stop such trading in our markets. The offense of fake dealers and counterfeit goods are not bailable offense. "Why must one go and trade without license whilst there are Laws in the country" he warned. He revealed that some perpetrators have been arrested and facing trials.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORT

Compiled By Peoples Dispatch

US Carries Out Airstrikes In Syria's Deir ez Zor Province

he US armed forces on Tuesday have carried out air raids in Syria's Deir ez Zor province, allegedly targeting forces allied with Iran and the Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad, as per a statement issued by the US Central Command. The exact location of the airstrikes and number of casualties, if any, are yet not confirmed.

The statement claimed that "precision strikes" inside Syria were carried to "defend and protect U.S. forces from attacks like the ones on August 15." It said that the strike targeted "Iran backed groups" and were carried out under the direction of US President Joe Biden.

On August 15, at least three drones targeting the US' al-Tanf base in Syria's Homs province were intercepted and destroyed, as per claims by the US forces.

The US has carried out several air strikes inside Syria since Biden came to power last year, causing the deaths of innocent civilians as well as destruction of civilian infrastructure

The US claims that most of its airstrikes are "defensive" in nature, in order to protect its forces in northeastern Syria and its allies. Even in Tuesday's statement, the Pentagon claimed that the US "does not seek conflict" and reiterated that its forces "remain in Syria to ensure the enduring defeat of ISIS." However, this is despite the fact that the US had claimed back in 2017 that ISIS was defeated in Syria, and in 2019 that all areas in the country under ISIS control were liberated.

Syria objects to US military presence on its territory and

considers the US base in al-Tanf illegal. The government has accused the US forces of using its presence to prolong the war in the country and steal its natural resources.

Earlier this month, Syria's Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources <u>claimed</u> that the US occupation forces have looted more than a billion dollars worth of Syrian oil. Video footage released on Syrian media showed around a hundred trucks moving towards the country's borders with Iraq, apparently filled with oil extracted under US security cover from Deir ez-Zor province.

Syria has also accused the US of aiding the anti-Assad forces -Maghawir al-Thawra - and thereby prolonging the war in



(Photo: Air National Guard/ Twitter) The US Central Command claimed that the airstrikes targeted "Iran backed groups" that were allegedly involved in last week's drone attack on its al-Tanf base in the region

the country.

The US military base at al-Tanf has been repeatedly attacked due to strong opposition to US military presence. According to Rudaw, the base has been targeted with drones at least five times already this year. Syrian Foreign and Expatriates Minister Fayssal Mikdad, in a press conference with his Russian counterpart Sergei

Lavrov in Moscow on Tuesday, demanded the immediate withdrawal of US forces from Syria, saying that "the US state is the side which supports terrorism in Syria, destroys its infrastructure and economy and continue to plunder its resources and impose coercive economic measures in flagrant violation of the UN charter."

Haitians Mobilize Against Insecurity And High Cost Of Living

housands of Haitians on Monday took to the streets across the country to protest against rampant insecurity, chronic gang violence and a rising cost of living. The protesters demanded the resignation of Prime Minister and acting President Ariel Henry, arguing that under his management, the economic and social crisis deepened in the Caribbean country. In the capital of Port-au-Prince, members of several civil society organizations, popular movements, trade unions, and opposition parties held a massive rally, condemning fuel shortages and soaring prices of essential commodities and basic services. Protesters blocked roads with burning tires in and around the capital. Haiti's central bank reported that inflation had reached 29% and hit a 10-year high.

In Cap-Haïtien, citizens held sit-ins outside banking institutions to reject the devaluation of the national currency, the Haitian Gourde, against the USD, which has lost almost 40% of its value so far this year. Hundreds of people mobilized in the streets criticizing the Henry administration's

inability to combat insecurity or create the conditions necessary to hold elections. They also condemned the international community, especially the US, the UN, the OAS and the Core group for installing a puppet government in Haiti and continuing their interference in the country's internal affairs. The protest actions in Cap-Haïtien were called by former senator and former presidential candidate Jean Charles Moïse, leader of the left-wing Platfòm Pitit Desalin party, who recently withdrew his support for the Henry government. Last week, Moïse and various other political leaders withdrew from the political agreement signed last September to find solutions to the crisis facing the country following the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. They argued that the ruling right-wing Haitian Tèt Kale Party (PHTK) party has no interest in solving the real problems of Haiti, or organizing the elections before the end of this year, as it promised last year. They also condemned the opposition Democratic and Popular Sector (SDP) and the Fusion of Haitian Social Democrats parties for supporting the Henry government. continuing their interference in supporting the Henry government. Demonstrations and marches

took place in other major cities such as Petit-Goâve, Miragoâne, Les Cayes and Jacmel against widespread insecurity, political instability and the cost of living crisis.

The mobilizations coincided with the 231st anniversary of the 1791 slave uprising that triggered a long struggle for Haiti's independence from France in 1804. The demonstrators marched on the streets chanting slogans, such as "rise up for another independence".

The authorities responded to these social protests with violent repression. In Port-au-Prince, the police shot tear gas at protesters in an attempt to disperse them from the Delmas 40 highway. A group of armed supporters of the Henry government then opened fire on protesters at Delmas 38. According to the Platform for National Mobilization, at least two people were killed and several were injured. According to reports from Radio

Resistance, on Tuesday, August 23, members of various social organizations and trade unions organized a sit-in outside the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to denounce the situation. They also demanded the resignation of trade minister Ricarden Saint Jean. Since 2018, Haiti has been going through an acute social, political, institutional and economic crisis. The situation has worsened since the assassination of Haiti's de-facto president Moïse in July 2021. Following his assassination, armed gangs have been increasingly seizing control of the national territory. The government has repeatedly claimed that it needs support to arm the police against the criminal gangs. However, civil society organizations and popular movements have claimed the government and the police collaborate with the gangs in looting the citizens and public resources. According to the UN report in February, kidnappings have increased by 180% in 2021

compared to the previous year. The

The World Food Program says nearly half of Haiti's population, some 4.4 million people, are going hungry and need lifesaving assistance.

hundreds dead and thousands displaced. Serious incidents of sexual violence against women and girls, as well as boys being recruited by gangs, have also been reported. According to a recent report by the

battles between rival gangs have left

UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, nearly 1.5 million people are trapped in gangcontrolled neighborhoods only in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area. The agency warned that conditions are worsening as growing violence is keeping people and children from nutritious food, drinking water and adequate health care.

Corrupt Officials Are Termites At The Woodwork – Togbe Afede Laments

ogbe Afede XVI, the
Agbogbomefia of the
Asogli Traditional Area,
has described corrupt officials
as termites to the woodwork
of national development.
The former investment banker
has thus tasked Ghanaians
from all walks of life to unite to
combat the scourge of
corruption, which he identified
as the cause of national
retrogression.

Togbe Afede made the comments at the inaugural anti-corruption summit of the Asogli State – an event that is to become part of the annual Te Za – Yam festival of the

state.

"I have reflected further on all of this as someone who has done some economic and who has been in business for some time. Looking at all the factors militating against our development, I came to a conclusion that the most important of all of this is corruption.

"Greed-inspired corruption, corrupt officials are termites at the woodwork. Eating at the very foundations of our progress, so that is what we have to deal with... let's eschew greed and unite for the development of our country,"

he stressed.

The summit was attended by some anti-corruption crusaders including journalist Manasseh Azure Awuni and ASEPA boss, Mensah Thompson. Also in attendance was media personality, Blakk Rasta. Government appointees have routinely been accused of engaging in corruption with President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo said to be paying only lip service to the fight against the canker. According to the 2021 edition

of the annual corruption ranking chart by



Togbe Afede XIV, Paramount Chief of the Asogli Traditional Area

Transparency International,
Ghana ranked 73rd out of
180 countries on the
Corruption Perception Index,
CPI, report released on April
4.

"Ghana's current performance is still below 50 which is the expected average, thus leaves much to be desired," the report noted.

Out of 49 African countries ranked, Ghana placed 9th with Senegal, each bagging a score of 43.

Samuel Eto'o Fils Hails Music Icon Klala Over Song For Black Stars



ameroonian football international, Samuel ■ Eto'o Fils has praised Ghanaian Music Icon, Daniel Neequaye Kotey popularly known in showbiz industry as Klala for his exciting lyrical song for the Black Stars. Samuel Eto'o was in the country last weekend in a three-nation tour as the FIFA Goodwill Ambassador for the 2022 World Cup tournament due to be played in Qatar later this year. Eto'o who visited the

musician in his house in
Accra had the opportunity
to see his ultra-modern
state-of-the-art in-house
studio where he produces
most of his songs.
After dancing to the new
song for the Ghana Black
Stars, an excited Samuel
Eto'o asked Klala to
produce similar
rejuvenating song for the

Accompanied by Ghana Football Association (GFA)

Cameroonian national

President, Kurt Edwin Simeon-Okraku, Samuel Eto'o also granted interview to other media organizations in the country during the tour. Klala in an interview praised Samuel Eto'o for his kind-heartedness which has endeared him to millions of Africans on the continent and the diaspora.

Klala, apart from being a musician is also a Herbal practitioner with Rank T/Dr Daniel Neequaye Kotey.

The versatile artiste was recently among the commentators for the just-ended 2021 African Cup of Nation tournament for GBC-OBONU TV and has an array of hit songs to his credit as a musician

Central Region Police Ladies Celebrate 70th Anniversary



olice Ladies of the Central

East Region have celebrated
the 70th anniversary of the

association in grand style at Kasoa.

Police Ladies was formed in 1952
when 12 ladies at the time were
enlisted into the Ghana Police Service
(GPS) under the leadership of
Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.
As part of the celebration, the Police
Ladies made a presentation to the
Kasoa Polyclinic where several items
were donated to the hospital.
Speaking to the media after the
presentation, Chief/Supt Nancy
Wilson Brown who is the President of
Police ladies in Central East Region

said the idea behind the celebration is to showcase that women also contribute meaningfully as they play numerous roles in policing and security in the country.

She noted that the Police Ladies have supported women, children and several vulnerable people in the society.

She said numerous activities have been planned as part of the celebration and are to be celebrated in all the region of the country by the Police Ladies of the respective regions.

The occasion was graced by

the respective regions.
The occasion was graced by
Gomoa East Member of
Parliament (MP), Desmond
Paitoo and the Municipal Chief
Executive for Awutu Senya East,
Madam Anita Love Obo Amissah.
Assistant Superintendent of
Police (ASP), Doris Laryea who is
also the Divisional DOVSU Head
urged parents to forward reports
of any abuse case against their
children.

Ghana Has A Leadership Problem, Try A Businessman As President — Dr. Kwabena Duffuor

ormer Governor of the Bank of Ghana Dr. Kwabena **Duffuor** has described Ghana's challenges as a "leadership problem" hence the need to elect a businessman as President. Speaking in an interview on JoyNews he said "we have had lawyers as Presidents. Kuffuor was a lawyer, Professor Mills was a lawyer, Akufo Addo is a lawyer, Mahama is a communications expert, why don't we try a businessman?"

He debunked the assertion by government officials that Ghana's current economic difficulties and alarmingly depreciating currency are due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war. According to him, it is an issue of leadership mismanagement. "Fifteen African countries have registered single-digit inflation during this same period including Togo, Ivory Coast, Morocco, Kenya, Uganda, and so on. These countries didn't jump over Covid-19 or Russia - the Ukraine war. We are doing something wrong in Ghana." He, therefore, called on the government of Ghana to stop spending most of its revenue, borrowings, and grants on consumption expenditure and rather invest more in capital expenditure in order to generate jobs and increase government revenue.

"Ghana has over-borrowed and we have revenue shortfalls. But we are spending over 70% of our revenue, grants, and borrowed funds on consumption but we must invest in infrastructural development for government revenue to grow through the increased job creation. Currently, very little goes into capital expenditure." He added, "we borrow to fill our

revenue gap, we pay interest on loans with borrowed funds and now the international market has shut us off from borrowing simply because we cannot manage our debt."

Dr. <u>Kwabena Duffuor</u> also attributed the pressure on the Ghana cedi to the lack of US dollars in the system as a result of excessive government borrowing as well as structural defects in the country's mineral and oil export arrangements to balance its import payments.

"Less than 20% of our total export earnings impact the **Bank** of Ghana's cash flow, according to data from the Ministry of Finance itself. That is a big problem". He continued, "take for example oil exports for 2021. Ghana exported 3.9b USD worth of oil but Ghana actually earned only 513m USD out of the total export while 3.4b USD went to the owners of the oil

companies."

He added, "at the same time Ghana spent 2.7b USD to import petroleum products for our own local consumption and this is where we have the structural difficulties with our balance of payment."

He argued that a new business approach is required to reverse the negative trend and suggested a participatory business model that will replace the current concessionary business model which benefits foreign companies in the oil and minerals industry at the expense of the Ghanaian economy.

On arresting the Ghana cedi, reducing inflation, and stabilizing the economy, the former BoG governor suggested that the Central bank leverages gold exports to ease the pressure. "If BoG organizes all the gold exporters, buys off all their gold, even at premium prices, and also gathers the projected data from the gold exporters, there are two things the government can do with it to stabilize our currency" the former governor explained. "Government can sell the gold forward with instruments to bring more dollars into the system. Secondly, the government can use the projected data from the gold exporters for swap arrangements



Dr. Kwabena Duffuor is a former finance minister

for more dollars to pay off some of our debts and to import goods and services. If done well, it will take pressure off the Ghana cedi. This can be done and this is my suggestion."

He noted that the swap arrangement allows gold to be exchanged for a foreign currency not sold an act that will, in the meantime reduce the pressure on the local currency.

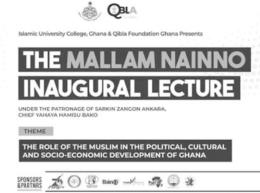
Dr. Duffour added that the BOG can always have the gold back when they have enough dollars in the system.

He also insists that no government under the fourth republic has beaten the

economic management record of President John Evans Atta Mills under whose Presidency he served as finance minister. "Under President Evans Atta Mills, we managed our economy so well that we even achieved the ECOWAS convergence criteria and the IMF adopted our austere and efficient budget as their program. This was because we managed to reduce our budget deficit from 14.5% to 9.4% within a year. In three years we achieved the best economic results ever."

WE ARE STOPPING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HAUSA AND ZONGO PEOPLE — BEN ABDALLAH





he Presidential Coordinator responsible for Inner Cities and Zongo Development, Hon Ben Abdallah Banda has indicated steps he has personally taken to ensure that the rights of Hausa people to

acquire passports and other documents of national identification are protected. According to him, through his hard work a desk has been created at the main passport office in Accra to aid Hausa and Zongo people who are qualified to access these services with

He was responding to comments by Dr Harun Zagoon and Alhaji Alhassan Sulley who suggested that people of Hausa and Zongo extraction face discrimination as their citizenship is constantly challenged.

These happened at the Mallam Nainno Inaugural Lecture which was organized as part of activities to mark the World Hausa Day.

The international Hausa day is celebrated annually by people of Hausa descent across the globe. To mark this year's celebration, the Hausa people in Accra under

the leadership of Sarki (Chief) Hamisu Bako, the Chief of Zango of Accra organized series of activities which commenced on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 with a commemorative lecture in honour of Mallam Naino, the first Hausa/Muslim to establish a 'Zango' community in Accra. The event was graced by Sheikh Mustapha Ibrahim of ICODEHS, Zongo Chief for Greater Accra, Chief Yahya Hamisu Bako, Alhaji Osman Yunus who is Technical Advisor at the office of the Vice President and several other dignitaries.

During the event, Hon. Ben Abdallah called on people in the Zango communities to prioritize the education of their children, as education they say is the key to success. He further called for unity amongst the entire Muslim Ummah in Ghana.

Other activities lined-up for this year's International Hausa Day include, a local wrestling competition (Dambe) on Friday August 26, 2022 and a Soccer Gala on Saturday August 27, 2022. This year's celebration will be climaxed on Sunday, August 28, 2022 with a Durbar which will have full participation from people across the various Zango communities in Accra.

After Outdooring Students Council Website...

UEW Students Give SRC President Thumbs Up Over Massive Achievements At State Of SRC Address

from front page

State of SRC Address on Wednesday, the thousands of student who attended the programme praised Master Donkor for his visionary leadership which has addressed most of their concerns on campus.

Through the SRC
President and his team of officers notably the Public Relations Officer, Mr.
Shadrach Appiah, the newly outdoored SRC website – *uewsrc.edu.gh* is intended to help the students with the ITL which is a portal for registration of students' courses and for checking their results.

The website will also afford every student the opportunity to advertise or broadcast and serve as an LMS or V-Class for online activities for the students who can also place articles and have them published including the numerous associations and groups on campus which can also use the medium to communicate and share information to members among others.

Some of the students who hailed the website as coming in the right time also pointed to the SRC president's initiative where they visit the University Hospital at no fees or cost to them.

Others also mentioned

the provision of benches on campus, among others. Master Felix Donkor who delivered the State of the SRC Address however outlined some of his achievements as follows; *DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 2021/22 SRC?* (The previous semester in focus).

The Construction of lover benches across the 3 Campuses in Winneba and the creation of the UEW SRC Website

- . Lobbying for the completion of all abandoned projects 6000 bed capacity to solve accommodation to be ready soon
- 1. Lobbying and facilitating Vodafone, AirtelTigo and MTN sim card biometric re-registration on campus.
- 2. Passport and birth certificate application
- 3. Driving and license acquisition
- Lobbying and facilitating Ghana Card Registration for students.
- 5. Organising female Students Summit
- 6. Mentorship training summit in collaboration with Ghana Library Authority/ABSA ICT
- 7. SRC hosting of Guinness Ghana Obaasima Summit
- 8. Leadership Summit in collaboration with Gender Mainstreaming

Directorate/GRASAG UEW.

9. Maiden Secretaries

Connect (Capacity building programme)

- 10. Orientation for Judicial Board members and Attorneys.
- 11. Maiden Orientation and Sensitization Program for Departmental and various Associations PRO's, Student bloggers and Student journalists
- 12. Maiden Orientation for Local Assembly members
- 13. Influencing the 50% payment of fees to enable registration of courses
- 14. Countless reopening of the registration portal for students to register even during examination
- 15. Providing accommodation for the 2021 graduated students
- 16. Taskforce to assist in accommodation search and its related issues
- 17. Introduction of letterhead for the office of the PRO for effective communication.
- 18. Restoring Entertainment on Campus
- 19. Provision of the SRC Shuttle Bus
- 20. Acquiring permanent Sim Cards (3) for the Council
- a. Office of the President
- b. Office of the secretary
- c. Office of the P.R.O
- 21. Creation of social media platforms which would be handed over to subsequent administrations.
- 22. Putting in place proper documentation system of the SRC
- 23 .Creating of asset register 24. Purchasing of equipment for the Council
- a. Desktop computer 4
- b. Laptops 4
- c. Fridge 8
- d. Printers 3
- e. Stapler 5
- f. Office LAN line 2
- g. Pendrives 6
- h. Extension board 9

i. Stamp and stamp pad 10 j. Digital Camera 1

- k. and other stationeries 25. Providing light and fixing all sockets in all the SRC summer huts.
- 26. Distribution of SRC Cloth
- 27. Peoples Akwaaba i. Rep Your Old School
- ii. Rep Your Jersey
- iii. Jama Night
- iv. Artist Night
- 28. Employing the service of an Administrator to make the SRC office run more effectively
- 29. Attending all National meetings expected of the Council
- 30. Leading campaign of 3 UEW candidates in NUGS election and wining 2 portfolios
- 31. SRC President and executives familiarisation tour with the Freshers
- 32. Creation of the SRCDisability Committee33. Providing supports to
- survivors of Asuboi accidents by paying medical bills, providing some clothes, transporting them to Winneba and to their various hostels and donation of provisions to the survivors.
- 34. Facilitating in providing counselling services to survivors of the Accident 35. Facilitating the donation of GHc500 each to every survivor of the Accident by the University Management.
- 36. Attending all funerals and making donations to families of the demised.37. Donation to Ghana
- Muslims Students Association during Ramadan.
- 38. Disbursement of funds

to students who needed financial support (ie payment of fees, hospital bills etc)

- 39. Hosting the USAG Congress and aiding in the victory of one portfolio.
- 40. Organising of two LA meetings in the Semester
- 41. SRC Academic Committee facilitating course registration processes.
- 42. Housing and Utilities Committee addressing several Accommodation challenges
- 43 Audit board auditing SRC assets and accounts 44. Accreditation for bus organisers at no cost to
- the organisers 45. Sanitation Committee seeing to tidiness of the environment
- 46. Aiding in the organization of the Inter Hall Games
- 47.Organising Freshers Games
- 48. Participating in Annual National Athletics competition.
- 49. Participating in the All African University Games in Kenya and the appearing 3rd in the All African Universities Games.
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For The American Empire, Hypocrisy And War Go Hand In Hand

uch of the world held its Nancy Pelosi circled around the Philippines to sneak into Taiwan late in the evening on August 2nd, 2022. The fear was that Pelosi's trip would initiate a broader war between China and the United States. Taiwan is China's "red line." This was no secret to Pelosi or the Biden administration. China had sent numerous warnings from a variety of channels in the days leading up the trip. While Pelosi entered and left Taiwan unscathed, her stunt placed already fragile U.S.-China relations in their worst condition yet. As expected, China took decisive measures in response to the U.S.'s latest and perhaps most provocative violation of the One-China policy to date. The People's Liberation Army conducted three days of military exercises surrounding Taiwan island <u>beginning</u> August 4th, 2022. China also reduced ties with the United States in eight key areas such as climate change and defense coordination. These measures were derided by **National Security Council** Spokesperson John Kirby as an attempt to "change the status quo" and "provocative" in nature. For the American Empire, hypocrisy goes hand in hand with endless war. Sending Taiwan, a legally recognized territory of China, tens of billions in



Nancy Pelosi and Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen (Photo: Getty Images). American exceptionalist hypocrisy was on full display during Nancy Pelosi's recent provocative trip to Taiwan.

weapons transfers does not qualify as "provocative." But China conducting military exercises in its own territorial waters after one of the most prominent politicians in Washington visited Taiwan and called the island a "country" does. China has never launched an attack on U.S. military instillations that have grown by the hundreds in the Asia-Pacific. But the people of China remember quite well the U.S.'s long history of aggression toward China.

The U.S. provoked war with China in the Taiwan Straits in the 1950s and threatened to use nuclear weaponsto undermine the Chinese revolution. From 1950-1953, the U.S. invaded Korea and partook in the murder of thousands of Chinese <u>volunteers</u>fighting alongside Koreans in their war of liberation. The U.S.-NATO alliance's bombing of China's embassy in Belgrade led to the death of three Chinese

journalists on May 7th, 1999. Two years later, a U.S. naval aircraft collided with a Chinese fighter jetoff the coast of Hainan Island in the South China Sea, killing a Chinese pilot. As of 2022, more than 200,000 military personnel and at least fifty percent of all U.S. military assets have been stationed in the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S.'s military presence in Taiwan doubled from 2020 to 2021. Military aircraft and naval power escorted Pelosi to her illegal trip to Taiwan. China's so-called "aggression" is really nothing more than selfdefense. This makes the U.S.'s claim of Chinese "provocation" nothing more than hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is little more than an expression of contradictions stripped to their most naked form. The American Empire was never fully dressed, but whatever clothes were left hanging from its rotten skeleton have been incinerated by the dangerous U.S.-led New Cold War campaign against Russia and China.

As Pelosi was preparing to make her trip to Taiwan on behalf of "democracy," the Democratic Party voted overwhelmingly to admit Sweden and Finland into NATO. And as the Biden administration approved another \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine in its proxy war on Russia, Israel began another bombing campaign that killed sixteen Palestinian children.

According to the American Empire, supporting Israel's settler colonial and genocidal war on Palestinians is "democracy" but China's historic claim over Taiwan is "imperialism." Arming and funding neo-Nazis to massacre ethnic Russians is a legitimate crusade to protect the sovereignty of Ukraine while Russia's assertion of sovereignty is nothing but naked "aggression." Such hypocrisy serves the aims of war propaganda. Russia and China are "evil" and therefore have no rights that the American Empire is bound to respect. Biden's claim that his

administration is leading a battle between "democracy" and "autocracy" is a war cry

meant to dissolve the actual aggressor, the U.S., of its criminality. American exceptionalism is the biggest lie in the arsenal of the American Empire. This lie is extremely useful given that the American Empire is biggest threat to peace in the world. China and Russia have every right to defend themselves from the American Empire's ceaseless aggression. All nations have this right, which is enshrined in the United Nations (UN) Charter. But the American Empire doesn't recognize the UN Charter because it believes itself to be the sole arbiter of international law. Hegemony is a drug with dangerous side effects that have seeped into every aspect of planetary existence. U.S. imperialism is suffering from severe withdrawal symptoms at the very possibility of sharing economic and political power with the rest of the world. China and Russia's willingness to stand up for their interests is a threat to the bloodletting required for the American Empire to maintain its superpower status. The American Empire cannot cease its addiction to war and violence lest it fall like a house of cards. Hypocrisy is thus not a choice at all for the rulers of the American Empire, but a matter of imperial preservation. Danny Haiphong's work can be followed on Twitter @SpiritofHo and Telegram at The Haiphong Press. You can support Danny on Patreon by clicking this link. You can contact him at haiphongpress@protonmail .com.