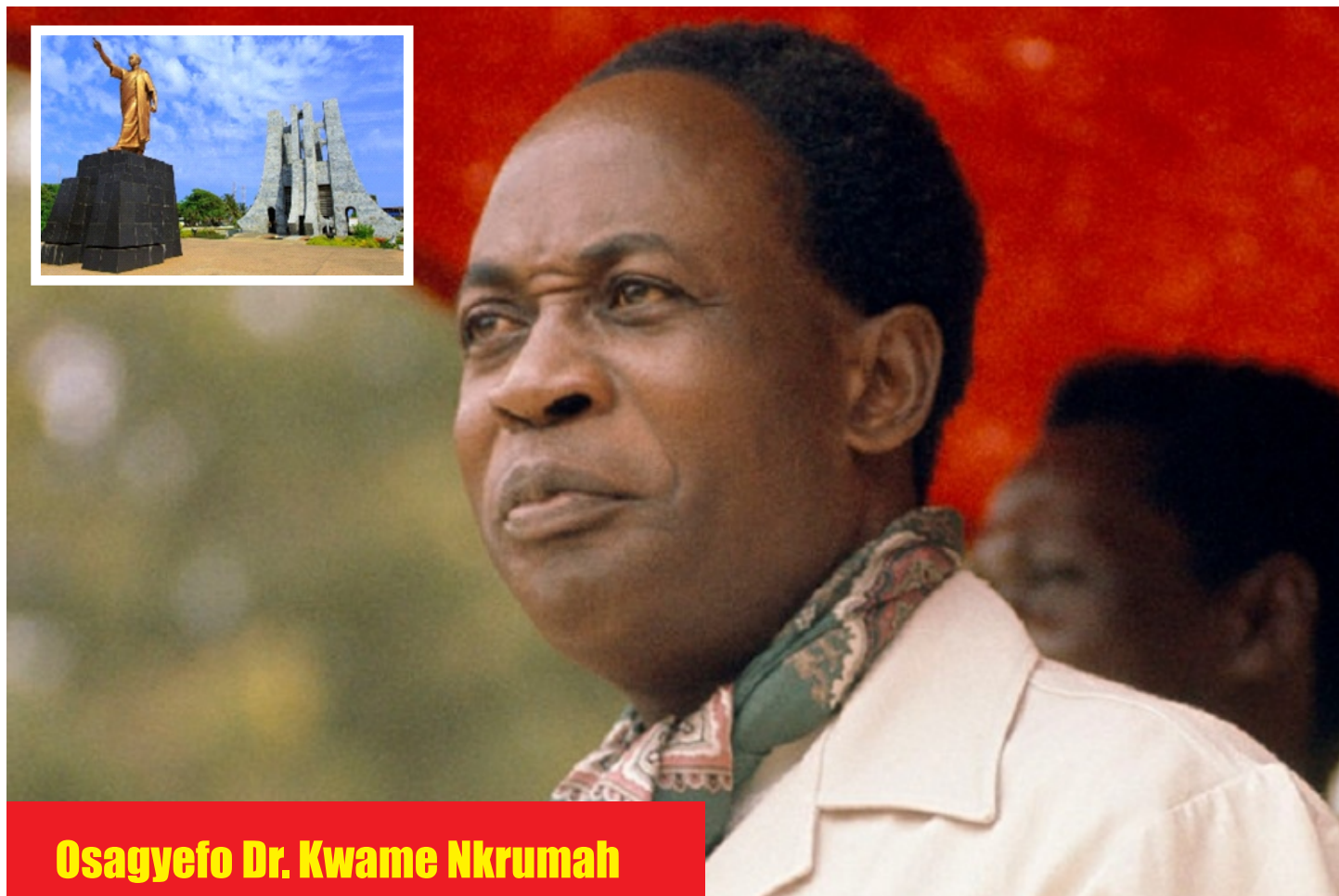


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## Sekou 'Fights' Govt Mischief Over Mausoleum Rehabilitation



**Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah**

**S**ekou Nkrumah, son of Ghana's first president and founder, Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, has questioned the scope of a recent announcement relative to the rehabilitation works at the Kwame Nkrumah mausoleum, the final

resting place of his father. He specifically cited a part of the upgrade that allows for a 'freedom way' aimed at bringing to bear the contribution of the other five compatriots of the Osagyefo in Ghana's fight for independence.

Sekou in a July 28 Facebook post said he was not happy because while admitting that others played a role in the independence struggle, the mausoleum had been purposefully

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## Ibrahim Mahama Urges Students To Find Solutions To Ghana's Problems



Ibrahim Mahama, CEO of Engineers and Planners and Dzata Cement

**T**he Chief Executive Officer of Engineers and Planners and Dzata Cement, Ibrahim Mahama, has charged students in the country to strive toward finding

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**Gborbu Wulomo**

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## EDITORIAL

### THE NEW HEALTH MENACE

**R**ecent revelation that there is upsurge in stroke cases among young people per records at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi is very deeply worrying.

There is clearly no doubt that non-communicable or lifestyle diseases appear to have fast taken over from communicable afflictions which used to be our bane as a country. According to the Neurologist, Dr. Fred Stephen Sarfo those as young as 13 are now developing the condition which one suffers when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts resulting in lack of blood to the brain and thus death of the brain cells.

According to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital it records between 800 and one thousand cases, each year with more than 300 dying and the rest becoming permanently disabled.

With its high risk factors being hypertension, diabetes, high alcohol intake and lack of exercise among others, there is the need for improved or change in lifestyle including other health measures to adequately deal with the situation. Stress is also another causative or factor and health authorities need to intensify public education to reverse the tide.

## Ibrahim Mahama Urges Students To Find Solutions To Ghana's Problems

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solutions to problems bedeviling the country.

In a speech to students of the University of Ghana School of Allied Health, Mr. Mahama underscored the importance of thinking global.

"There are many entrepreneurs all over Ghana and even globally. But how many of them have you heard of? I will not bother you by asking what you have heard or know of them, but for a certainty, those you have heard of did something unique. They found solutions to mankind's everyday problems. This is the kind of mindset you should have and solutions to financial expectations you may be looking up to. He related to his dream of setting up Dzata Cement and how it started from a problem of inferior cement he identified.

"In the past, news of collapsed buildings were a regular feature in the media as a result of the usage of substandard materials for buildings. What do you think an entrepreneur will do? He/she after studying and understanding the cause, will then come up with a solution and mainstream it and, when properly commercialised, brings forth financial fortunes. The birth of Dzata Cement hinges on a solution to protect and add value to the construction sector. In the world of entrepreneurship, financial gains will come after the people buy into your solutions/services.

Mr. Mahama urged the students who want to be successful entrepreneurs to, first of all, be innovative, commercialise their innovations and be financially literate.

"How are you able to convert your innovative ideas into a resilient entrepreneurship concept with a global reach in mind? With the existence of technology, cross-border transactions among different countries have become possible; you can cite Netflix and amazon as an example."

He urged the students to eschew selfishness and collaborate if need be in the building of



Ibrahim Mahama, CEO of Engineers and Planners and Dzata Cement

their businesses.

"Learn to avoid "I want to do it all by myself" culture; there are times you must rely on friends with expertise in some fields, learn to collaborate to create value for your ideas. In all of these, do not limit your target market or audience to people within your community or country; the world's population should be your target market to reach; work hard at it, consult more, and the financial reward will naturally follow suit."

The Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Summit was organised by the University of Ghana School of Allied Health Students Association under the leadership of Kwabena Asante, founder of Probity Leadership Council (PLC), Financial Secretary Gideon Frederick Owusu and his deputy Muntaka Mohammed as part of a week-long celebration.

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## Sekou 'Fights' Govt Mischief Over Mausoleum Rehabilitation



Sekou Nkrumah

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built to celebrate Nkrumah. His write up titled 'Why this mischief at the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum?' read in part: "It was Nkrumah who carried out the concept of decolonization and Pan

Africanism. Yes, others contributed to Ghana's independence, however the mausoleum symbolizes Ghana's appreciation for the leader who led us to independence."

### About the Park upgrade and role for 'Big Six'

News of the rehabilitation was first announced by President Nana Akufo-Addo in the United Kingdom during Destination Ghana launch in April 2022.

He said it was part of a US\$25 million World Bank facility under the Ghana Tourism Development Fund.

Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts Minister, Dr. Mohammed Awal explained at the sod cutting on July 20 that the new park would befit the status of the first president but also give recognition to the other members of the 'Big Six.'

The others being: Edward Akufo-Addo, Ako Adjei, Obetsebi-Lamprey, William Ofori-Atta and Dr J.B. Danquah. "It will further concretise the Pan-African Triangular Centre

— the George Padmore Library, the W.E.B. Du Bois Centre for Pan-Africanism and the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park — thereby consolidating Ghana's position as the foremost centre of Pan-Africanism and Diaspora research," he said. However, Sekou Nkrumah is not happy about the inclusion of the other members of the 'Big Six'.

### This is Sekou's full post;

Why this mischief at the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum? My vacation at Vegas has been rudely interrupted by calls from Ghana bringing my attention to the rehabilitation work that is taking place at the Kwame Nkrumah memorial park!

The bone of contention for these concerned people has to



do with the proposed "freedom way" that bring attention to the "big six" and their contribution to Ghana's independence!

To the concerned this means a rewrite of history that misrepresents the significance of Nkrumah's contribution. It was Nkrumah who carried out the concept of decolonization and Pan Africanism. Yes others contributed to Ghana's independence, however the mausoleum symbolizes Ghana's appreciation for the leader who led us to independence.

## NPP's Amoako Baah Slams Govt For Peddling Lies Over Printing Of Gh¢22 Million New Currency Notes

Former Political Science lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Dr. Richard Amoako Baah, has stated that the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) is right about a claim of new currency notes printed by the Central Bank. Cassiel Ato-Forson, the Ranking Member on the Finance Committee of Parliament alleged last week that per the mid-year budget review presented by Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, an amount of over GH¢22 million had been advanced to the government by the Bank of Ghana, BoG.

He claimed that the amount was in the form of new currency notes injected into the economy, a claim that has been dismissed by government and the apex bank.

Speaking on the issue on Accra-based Okay FM, last week, the former lecturer said information available to him showed that the NDC was speaking the truth and that even the International Monetary Fund, had affirmed the issue indirectly. "It is true, even the IMF mentioned it, but they do not say it in a manner for people to grasp so to avoid any skirmishes. "They (IMF) confirmed that the Bank of Ghana is still

financing the government, that is the meaning. Self-financing the government means government goes to them (BoG) for money. Let no one lie to you.

He stressed that to the extent that the BoG does not take deposits like a normal bank claims by deputy Finance Minister that the sum was an overdraft were untenable.

"They claim it is an overdraft to government, they are financing government and it's not only in Ghana, but it is also a temporary measure where you print more money to pay internal debts. But it is done in such a way that the amount is withdrawn from the system in the short term.



Dr. Richard Amoako Baah

"Let no one think they can lie to us...they will resort to this same measure when they fall on hard times," he added. He said it was only a matter of time before the truth will come out. "The IMF knows, the printing house also knows, so it is just a matter of time before the issue becomes public. Ratings will fall with a

move like this and it is not good for the economy." Government is currently in talks with the IMF for an economic rescue plan amid an acute economic downturn that government partly blames on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war.



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORT

## Compiled By Peoples Dispatch

### FBI Conducts Coordinated Raids Against Black Liberation Organization

On July 29 at 5 am, the US Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) conducted a violent raid on the home of Omali Yeshitela, Chairman of the US-based African People's Socialist Party (APSP), in St. Louis, Missouri. In a [video](#) posted the next day, Yeshitela claims that FBI deployed flashbang grenades, carried automatic weapons, damaged the property of his neighbors including smashing windows, and handcuffed himself and his wife. Yeshitela also claims that the FBI refused to show him a search warrant and that they took his cellphones and all other devices from his home.

It was only later that Yeshitela learned that the raid on his home was only a part of several raids across the country against locations affiliated with the APSP. That same day, the FBI raided the Uhuru Solidarity Center, also in St. Louis, and the Uhuru House in St. Petersburg, Florida, both locations of the Uhuru

Movement, led by the African People's Socialist Party. According to Yeshitela, the FBI also raided the APSP's radio station Black Power 96.3 FM, and reportedly detained a prominent APSP leader. The raids came as a result of a Justice Department indictment of a Russian man, Aleksandr Ionov who the US government alleges funded and supported Black organizations as part of a "foreign malign influence campaign against the US". The indictment never specifically names any organization but refers to a "U.S. Political Group 1," in St. Petersburg, which allegedly partnered with Ionov. "Ain't no Russian been responsible for what we face everyday in our lives," Yeshitela stated. "[The US] is going to say that the Russians somehow had to tell us that we are being oppressed...[the US is]

telling the world that Black people don't have enough sense to be able to lead our own struggle, but that's not true."

In response to the raid, [Ajamu Baraka](#), leader of the Black Alliance for Peace, [tweeted](#), "As predicted, Black radicals are targeted again for not falling in line with US imperial agenda on Ukraine." The APSP has been critical of the US involvement in the Russia-Ukraine war. Attorney and organizer Kamau Franklin stated, "This is a COINTELPRO operation. One meant to destroy Black organizations." COINTELPRO was an FBI program that existed from 1956 to 1971, which, in its own words, existed to "[expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize](#)" revolutionary organizations. The FBI and local police conducted raids on offices of



organizations such as the Black Panther Party (BPP). In a particularly harsh illegal raid in Philadelphia, Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo threatened, "[if they break our law, we will be there. The police, we will be there, and we will see who wins.](#)" US law enforcement also conducted raids on individuals, such as Fred Hampton, the chairman of the Chicago BPP, who was assassinated by Chicago police during one such

raid. In his video, Yeshitela notes that the raid on his house was conducted one hour after Hampton's assassination, which occurred at 4 AM, December 4, 1969. COINTELPRO is a central reason that many US political prisoners, who were former Black revolutionaries in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, are in prison today. Examples include [Mutulu Shakur](#) and [Mumia Abu-Jamal](#).

### Moqtada Al-Sadr's Supporters Go On Indefinite Sit-In Inside Iraqi Parliament

After storming the high security Green Zone in Baghdad on Saturday, July 30, thousands of protesters last Sunday began an indefinite sit-in inside the Iraqi parliament, demanding the scrapping of the nomination of Mohammed Shia al-Sudani as the new Iraqi prime minister. The protesters stormed the parliament inside the high security area on Saturday for the second time in the week. At least 125 people, including protesters and security personnel, were injured when the security forces tried to stop the protesters from entering the zone. The protesters are supporters of Moqtada Al-Sadr, who had opposed Sudani's nomination claiming that he is corrupt and close to former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Sudani is the candidate of the Coordination Framework, a coalition of parties and forces considered to be close to Iran.

On Wednesday, when they last stormed the parliament, Sadr had asked his supporters to leave the high security zone after a few hours, claiming that their message had been conveyed. However, on Sunday, he called on his supporters to stage an indefinite sit-in inside the parliament, calling it a "demonstration against corruption, quotas and subordination." In a [statement](#) issued later in the day on Twitter, Sadr asserted that this demonstration is a "golden opportunity" to "fundamentally change the political system and constitution" and to "eliminate darkness, corruption, exclusivity in power, loyalty to the outside, quotas and sectarianism that have prevailed in Iraq." He also instructed his supporters not to repeat earlier

mistakes. Iraqis have been demonstrating against the country's political system and the ruling elite for several years now. Numerous demonstrations have taken place demanding changes to the constitution that was formed after the US-led invasion in 2003. Protesters claim that consensus-based government formation and the sectarian quota of power sharing are the core reasons for inefficiency and widespread corruption in the country, and have demanded an end to them. **Coordination Framework calls for counter mobilization** Meanwhile, the Coordination Framework called for counter demonstrations on Monday at 5 pm in front of the Green Zone. A statement issued by the group said that "we call on the Iraqi people who believe in law, constitution and constitutional legitimacy to defend the

state and its institutions," adding that legitimacy of the state is a "red line" which is being threatened by protesters storming the Iraqi parliament, *Rudaw* reported. This was despite the fact that in an earlier [statement](#) issued on Sunday, the Coordination Framework had offered a conciliatory note, terming the storming of the parliament an "unfortunate development" and saying that "the Iraqi people, their honorable clans and their living forces will not allow any prejudice to these constitutional constants by a single political block that does not represent all the Iraqi people." The group had also called for dialogue to resolve the issues. The Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF)-affiliated Fateh alliance, which is a constituent of the Framework, has however refrained from supporting the

call for counter demonstrations so far. Its leader Hadi al-Amiri, on Monday, called for a dialogue to resolve the outstanding issues. Calls for talks were also issued by caretaker Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi. President Barham Salih issued separate calls for a national dialogue. Meanwhile, the Kurdish Democratic Party, an ally of the Sadrist movement, called for the dissolution of the parliament. Its deputy leader Jiay Timur [claimed](#) that despite all efforts taken by Nechirvan Barzani, president of Iraqi Kurdistan, to resolve the political crisis, "the majority opinions are with the dissolution of parliament." Reacting to last weeks' developments, the Iraqi Communist Party [expressed](#) concern about the country's future. It reiterated the demand for abolition of the sectarian quota system and demanded holding of early elections "in which the final say will be for the people."

# GJA Prez Honoured By GIMPA For Being An Outstanding Alumnus



later grabbed a Masters of Art in International Relations and Diplomacy in 2020, also at GIMPA.

According to the GJA President, it was tiring combining school activities with his campaign for the GJA President seat but “I challenged myself some 8 years ago to acquire an academic improvement every year, at least a certificate. It was not easy due to the schedule in the media work, but with determination.”

“Gimpa goes through you, you don't grow through GIMPA,” he said

He, therefore, urged Journalists to go pursue further academic goals “regardless of the busy schedule and financial constraints to upgrade themselves”

“We must be learned in all areas. Let's not only focus on Journalism and communication. We need knowledge in all angles and this will guide our

interviews and reports perfectly”.

“It is very necessary to upgrade ourselves. Welfare tops my agenda. Capacity building is the next on my heart and a leader must lead by example and this is what I'm doing” – he advised Journalists to prepare for the good plans loading.

Read Also: Photos: NPP holds 30th anniversary thanksgiving service

“We (GJA) have secured 20 scholarships with the Wisconsin University College, a partnership with the US Embassy in Ghana to train Journalists, and many other projects. We've hit the ground running and we are going to see a new GJA”. Albert Kwabena Dwumfour was also honored by GIMPA for attaining one of the highest positions in the Country, the GJA President.

He thanked GIMPA Management for choosing to honour him and believes this will help encourage him to carry the GJA to a new level.

“I am very honoured” – he said in an interview with Atinka TV's Ebenezer Madugu on the sidelines of the GIMPA Congregation.

The Rector of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, Professor Samuel Kwaku Bonsu, who shared his memories of Mr. Dwumfour, said the GJA will experience a new facelift under Dwumfour's leadership.

“We are very happy that you (Journalists) voted for him (Dwumfour). We are grateful. This shows the direction of GIMPA. I remember him at the SRC level. I remember he was a tough man and we were also tough. We worked together and that helped us. We believe he will put the

same energy into the job for development.

Congratulations to him.” – Prof. Kwaku Bonsu told Ebenezer Madugu. Ghanaian business mogul who was the Guest of Honor of the Third Session of the 22nd Congregation, Daniel McKorley, an Alumnus of GIMPA urged the Congregants to be professional in their dealings.

“To be ordinary is easy; excellence requires commitment. Ghana and the world await you. You have a chance to show what you can do. There will be opportunities to succeed and also to fail. Accept both, for even in failing we all learn. Question and challenge everything that doesn't seem to be working. Bring your energy, enthusiasm, and drive to the world,” – McDan urged.

Source: [Peacefmonline.com](http://Peacefmonline.com)

**P**resident of the Ghana Journalist Association, (GJA), Albert Kwabena Dwumfour, has bagged his third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Post Graduate degree, Master of Arts in Monitoring and Evaluation, from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). The 22nd congregation of the school saw some prominent Ghanaians Graduate from the Institution. Amongst them is Kwame A Plus, Abiba Sinare, etc.

Mr. Dwumfour first secured a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration in 2016/2017 from GIMPA, then

## SIM Card Re-Registration Extended To September 30

**G**overnment has extended the deadline for the SIM card re-registration to 30th September 2022.

The Minister of Communications and Digitalization, Ursula Owusu-Ekuful disclosed this during a press briefing held today, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

“The programme will be extended to 30th September to end the anniversary of its commencement, which will give us a full year. Any sim that has not been registered by end of August will be barred from receiving certain services, including voice and data services,” the Minister told the press.

The government had initially set July 31 as the deadline for all persons to re-register their SIM cards with their Ghana Cards.

Persons who fail to comply with



the directive would have had their **SIM cards deactivated**.

The regulations are to help law enforcement agencies to identify SIM card owners, track criminals who use phones for illegal activities, curb phone theft, hate text messaging, mobile fraud activities, and SIM Box fraud. They are to also help identify subscribers for the use of value-added services such as mobile banking, mobile money, and electronic payment services.

However, not all Ghanaians have been able to secure their Ghana Card.

The National Identification Authority has indicated that 15,702,719 cards have been issued while 808,493 cards have been printed but not issued.

The Minority in Parliament had urged the President to intervene in the matter and one of its members, Sam George, said he was still concerned that the SIM Registration Regulations, 2011 (LI 2006) was being misinterpreted.

## 3 KNUST Students Hospitalized After Road Accident On Campus

**A**t least three people believed to be students of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) are receiving treatment at the hospital after their vehicle got involved in an accident on campus.

The accident which occurred around 6 pm on the Brunei-Katanga road involved a white Toyota Corolla with registration number AW 5652-21 and a yet-to-be-identified vehicle.

“They embarked on a speed race on the Brunei road”, an eyewitness who was on a bicycle at the time told [dailymailgh.com](http://dailymailgh.com). “So the driver of the Toyota Corolla engaged in a wrongful overtaking hitting the barriers in the process. The car somersaulted three times.”

The police and University

authorities have been informed of this development.

In March 2021, three students of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) died in separate accidents on campus Saturday.

University authorities said the first incident happened after a vehicle carrying at least five occupants got involved in an accident about 3 a.m. local time.

Two of them were confirmed dead while the others, including a University of Ghana student, were responding to treatment at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH).

“They crushed into a tree by the roadside [on campus] and two of them lost their lives”, a University Relations Officer, Dr. Daniel Norris Beckoe told Accra-based JoyNews.

A committee was set up to investigate the incident.

Source: [www.dailymailgh.com](http://www.dailymailgh.com)

# China's Xi Jinping Tells US President Joe Biden Not To 'Play With Fire' Over Taiwan

By Vincent Ni and Joan Greve, Washington US

The Chinese president has warned Joe Biden against “playing with fire” over Taiwan in a highly anticipated phone call that lasted more than two hours on Thursday, as tensions remain high over the House speaker Nancy Pelosi’s possible trip to the island next month. “Those who play with fire will be perished by it. It is hoped that the US will be clear-eyed about this,” said Xi Jinping, according to a [Chinese statement](#). He also urged the US to implement the three joint communiques that serve as the foundation for relations between the two countries “both in word and in deed”. Xi vowed “resolutely” to safeguard China’s national sovereignty and territorial integrity and said this is “the firm will of more than 1.4 billion Chinese people”.

This is not the first time Xi has used such language to dissuade Washington from publicly supporting Taipei. Last November, Xi also warned the US president in a virtual summit that [China was prepared to take “decisive measures”](#) if Taiwan makes any moves towards independence that cross Beijing’s red lines.

In response to Xi’s comment on Taiwan, Biden reiterated Washington’s policy and said it had not changed and that “the United States strongly opposes unilateral efforts to change the status quo or undermine peace and stability across the Taiwan strait”, according to [the US statement](#), which was much shorter than the Chinese one.

The White House press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, would not comment on China’s readout of the call, simply saying that Biden and Xi had “a direct, straightforward conversation”. “This is something you hear from the president all the time, the importance of having leader to leader conversations,” Jean-Pierre told reporters at her Thursday press briefing. “But again, I’m not going to speak to or characterize” the Chinese readout of the call. Noting that Biden and Xi have

known each other for about four decades, Jean-Pierre said the call had been “in the works for quite some time”. Biden’s national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, proposed the conversation in June when he met with his Chinese counterpart “as part of our efforts to maintain open lines of communication and manage the relationship responsibly”, Jean-Pierre said.

The men agreed to schedule their first in-person summit as leaders, according to US officials, but no detail was given on the timing or location. Taiwan’s foreign ministry said on Friday that it would continue to deepen its close security partnership with the United States.

Last week, it was reported that Pelosi was planning a trip to Taiwan, although it has still not been confirmed. Biden cautioned against the trip, and Beijing threatened Washington with serious consequences if it went ahead. A visit by the House speaker would be a dramatic, though not unprecedented, show of US support for the island.

Taiwan has complained of increased Chinese military manoeuvres over the past two years to try to force it to accept Beijing’s sovereignty.

On Thursday, Taiwan’s military said it fired flares to warn away a drone that “glanced by” a strategically located and heavily fortified island close to the Chinese coast that was possibly investigating its defences. A senior Taiwanese official said it was a Chinese drone, probably one of China’s new CSC-005 drones. China has not commented.

In 1997, China complained about the then-speaker Newt Gingrich’s visit to Taiwan, but eventually swallowed its irritation. Analysts worry that as Xi prepares for an extraordinary third term as China’s president later this year, he would not

want to be seen as weak in his response to such a move.

“If the US insists on going its own way and challenging China’s bottom line, it will surely be met with forceful responses,” said Zhao Lijian, the Chinese foreign ministry’s spokesperson. “All ensuing consequences shall be borne by the US.”

Thursday’s call began at 8.33am EDT (1333 BST) and lasted two hours and 17 minutes. China’s spokesperson, Hua Chunying, described the exchange as “candid”. It is the two leaders’ fifth conversation since February 2021, soon after Biden became US president.

During the call, Xi said Washington’s definition of Beijing as its primary rival and most serious long-term challenge was “misperceiving China-US relations and misreading China’s development, and would mislead the people of the two countries and the international community”, [according to Hua](#). Chinese state media said Xi told Biden the US should abide by the “one-China principle” – which the US calls the “one-China policy” – and stressed that China firmly opposed Taiwanese independence and interference of external forces.

Yet, although Taiwan has dominated the headlines of late, the leaders also spoke about other issues. Tensions surrounding the South China Sea, for example, were high on the list raised by Biden during the call. The two leaders also discussed Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and bilateral trade, global supply chains, and the ongoing food and energy crises, according to the Chinese statement. Biden previously said he was still considering lifting some of the tariffs on Chinese imports in an attempt to ease the domestic cost of living crisis.

No big announcement was made immediately after the call. The US said the two leaders had tasked their teams to follow up on their conversation, in particular to address the climate



**China described the exchange between Joe Biden and Xi Jinping as 'candid'. Photograph: Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty**

emergency and health security. The [Biden administration](#) has been debating whether to lift some tariffs on Chinese goods as a way to ease soaring inflation, but US officials said a decision was not expected before the call. Advertisement

When Biden last spoke to Xi in March, he warned of “consequences” if Beijing gave material support for Russia’s war, and the US government believes that red line has not been crossed in the months since. As a co-equal branch of government, the US executive has little control over congressional travel. China has grown more powerful militarily and economically since Gingrich’s visit in 1997 and some analysts worry such a trip by Pelosi at a time of fraught ties could spur a crisis across the 100-mile (160km)-wide Taiwan strait.

Ali Wyne, a senior analyst at Eurasia Group and the author of America’s Great-Power Opportunity, said the two leaders’ call would at least serve to reinforce the imperative of avoiding miscalculations over Taiwan.

He said: “The consequences of a military confrontation between Washington and Beijing would be that much more devastating against the backdrop of a grinding war in eastern Europe

and a fragile recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.” *Reuters contributed to this report*

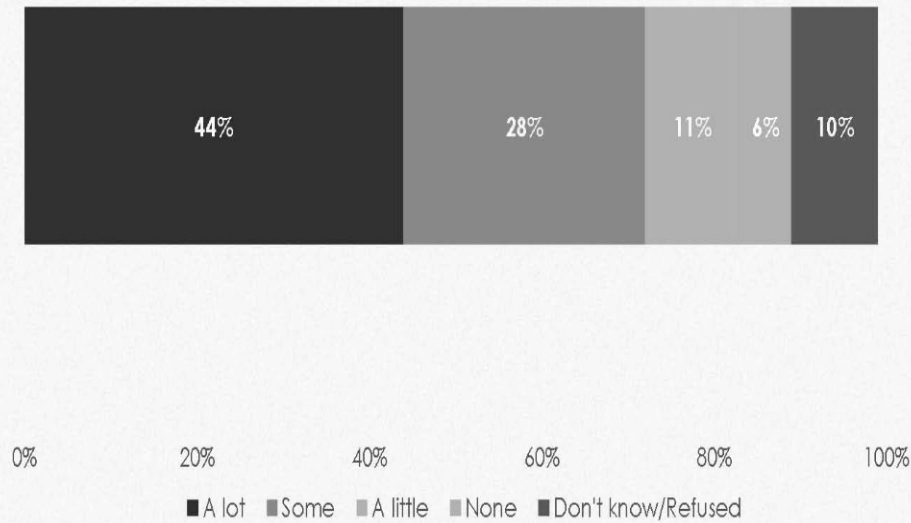
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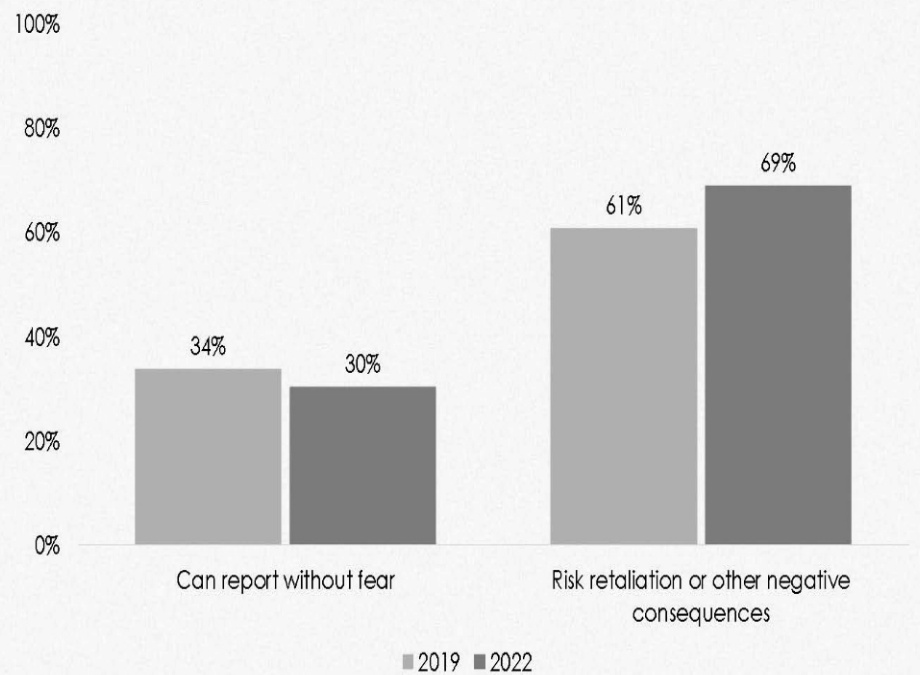


**Respondents were asked:** Considering all of the funds and resources that were available to the government for combating and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, how much do you think was lost or stolen due to corruption?

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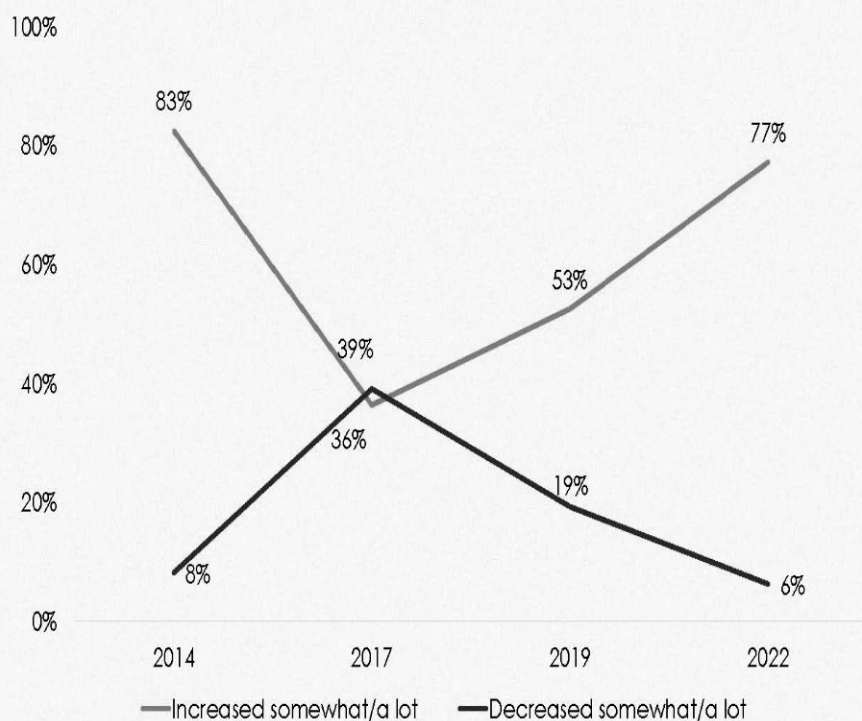


**Respondents were asked:** In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?

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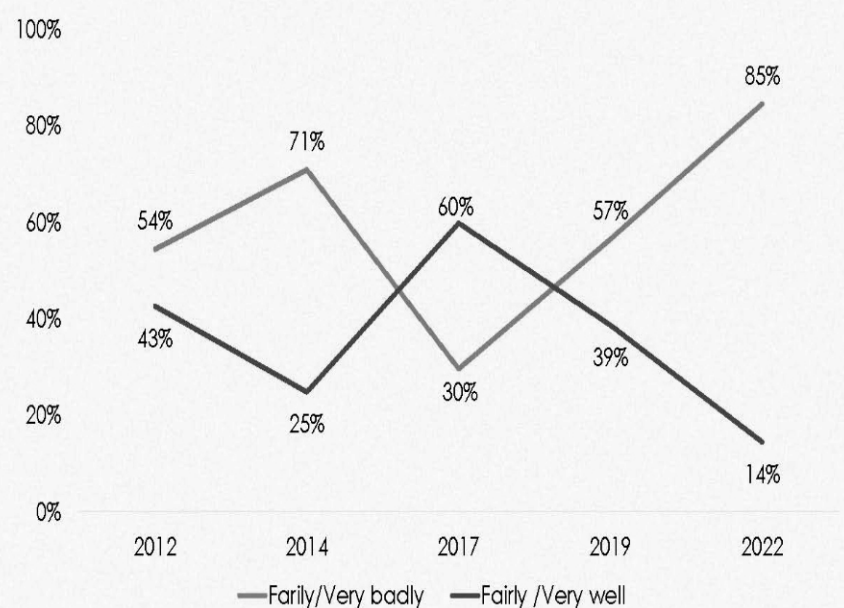


**Respondents were asked:** In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

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**Respondents were asked:** How well or badly would you say, the current government is handling the following matters[...], or you haven't heard enough to say: Fighting corruption.

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# Nungua Elders Warn Gborbu Wulomo Over Shitse Title

If there is, indeed, a Shitse in the Ga State, that Shitse is none other than the Nungua Manste, Nii Odai Welentsi, the first Ga to arrive at the Coastal before the Gamashie came, and by tradition and custom, his successive descendants, Nungua Mantsemei.

Gborbu has never been and can never be the Shitse of Nungua, let alone of the Ga State.

Nungua, led by the legendary Nii Odai Welentsi, was the first Ga State, followed by the Ga Mashie. The two original Ga States had their demarcating boundary around the Arts Center / Usher Fort area. Later, upon the arrival of Osu and Labadi, the then Nungua Mantsemei, successors / descendants of Nii Odai Welentsi, gave them land as fellow Gas. They also gave the Tema people their land, and many, many years later, ceded part of the Sakumonor Lagoon to them. All the while, in appreciation and bowing to Nungua Mantse and his supremacy, they, the Tema leaders, call him Nii Odai Mpremaso, meaning "Nii Odai the Supreme."

Teshie, eventually sprang from La and Tema when some of the La people left La to settle at Teshie, also by Nungua Mantse's goodwill.

Interestingly and ironically, none of these benefactor Nungua Mantsemei ever went around parading himself as the Shitse. Nor did any other Ga Danme Mantse.

Originally, the Nungua Mantsemei of Nii Ablade Odai Nkotobo's pedigree placed the La people and the Nungua Amanfa people around the Wordoku area. However, the two fellow Gas stock did not get along as fellow Ga brothers and sisters, and always fought one another. Eventually, the Nungua Mantse pulled the Amanfa people and their leader, Nuumo Borketey Laweh, and settled them in "part of the Town" — "maa afa". "Nye ba hia maa afa", the phrase from which their name "amanfa" derived — "Maa afa", meaning "part of the Town."

The Nungua Mantse is and has always been the highest priest of the entire Nungua, the Oshwe Wulomo. In those days, a person's or clan's deity was an epitome of his /her dignity and honor. Therefore, the Nungua Mantse's people gave their guests, the Amanfas,

a place to worship their deity. Give our "guests' children," "gboiabii" somewhere to worship their deity. The "gboiabii", meaning "guests' children" is the word from which "Gborbu" derived.

Gborbu is the Chief Priest for the Amanfa's, but a subdeity in Nungua as a whole, just like the other subdeities under the Oshwe. The shrine given the Amanfa's was part of the shrine that housed and symbolized the home of the gods of Nungua; and the sheer unequivocal permission for them to worship at that prime location indiscriminately with the Owners, Nungua Mantsemei, should speak volumes of the magnanimity and kindness of these Nungua Mantsemei. It should interest all to know that none of these authentic Mantsemei has ever fomented or had any strife or tension with any brother-sister Ga State. Imagine the massive tension and instability looming among the Gas by the current Gborbu's overtures about Shitse—something never heard of until well after the malicious exile of Nii Odai Ayiku and assumption to Gborbuship by the immediate past and current Gborbu after the demise of their predecessors. It should be further noted that, upon maligning the authentic Nungua Mantse Nii Odai Ayiku IV to Rawlings, making Rawlings aggressively force him into exile, a move that Rawlings latter profoundly regretted and apologized for, the Gborbu people exploited the voidness created in the Shrine and have provocatively barricaded it and been building what they now call the Gborbu Temple there.

Originally, the Labadis, as part of their appreciation and homage to the Nungua Mantse, gave one of their daughters, Odole, by name, to the Nungua Mantse for marriage to one of the Mantse's relatives. In turn, the Amanfa people, as part of their homage to the Mantse of Nungua, customarily gave the Nungua Mantse a human head for the Annual Festival. Over the years, through a painful killing of Odole by the Amanfas and bringing her head to the Nungua Mantse for the festival, the Nungua Mantse, in utter disgust and distraught, swiftly abolished the customary human head homage, and in its place, instituted and imposed on the Amanfa's the role of walking

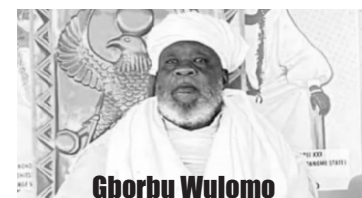
bare feet to Oyibi to carry and walk back to Nungua with the corn to be sanctified by the Mantse as the Oshwe Wulomo and given back to Gborbu and few other sub deities for scattering to purify the Town ahead of the Annual Nungua Festival. This customary practice continued steadily as a subservient role of the Amanfa's until the malicious exile of the Mantse. The Gborbu people's carrying and bringing the corn for sanctification by the Mantse and joining other subdeities in scattering the sanctified corn were, indeed, the only major roles the Amanfas played in the affairs and governance of Nungua.

The Odole's killing has been one of the darkest episodes in Nungua's customary history, but it also progressively moved the Town away from the hitherto regressive custom of human head homage for the festival. One historic account attributes the killing to jealousy of the Amanfas regarding the relationship between the Nungua Mantse's people and La people. Without needless belaboring that sad history, it suffices to state that, after relentless searches for Odole for a while, her remains were unearthed at a place that became and is still known as "heni Agbeshi Awo," meaning, where her mortal remains were "unearthed and carried." In retaliation for that murder and other crimes committed against the La people, the La people contaminated the well from which the Amanfa people fetched their water by salting it. When a woman oversalts the food she is cooking and the expression "La m3 eho eei 3" is interjected, that murder, unearthing, and salting of the well is where that phrase emanated.

The ambush-murder-unearthing-and water contamination episode culminated in the historic war between the La people and Nungua Amanfa. In the ensuing arbitration that restored the peace, the Amanfa war leader Nuumo Borketey Laweh's finger nail was removed when the agreed-upon efforts to cut off his arm and that

of his La counterpart, Nuumo Sowah Gborbilor's proved futile. In the aftermath, Nuumo Borketey Laweh and his family — wife and children— fled Nungua and for that matter the Ga State for good, after some historic prohibitions were placed on him; inhibitions which, still in vogue, are, with huge constrains, better not recited here! The adage, "Mantse edzwa man", is advisedly pivotal, here. We must respect and love each other, as Gas, no matter what! Indeed, according to some accounts, Nuumo Borketey Laweh and his family went and settled in Nigeria after they fled Nungua. Again, this is better left as is, to avoid washing our soiled linen in public.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Amanfa people were allowed to live in Nungua by the magnanimity of Nungua Mantsemei as brothers and sisters, Gas, but with absolutely no role in the governance of Nungua other than the carrying of the corn and participating in its scattering after the Mantse sanctified it. In 1926, or so, the Nungua Mantse, out of the goodness of his heart, gave the Amanfa people the position of the Mankralo. In the 1960s and 1970s, the father of Mr. Bortey Naawu, Ghana's "Rubberman" goal keeper, was the second ever Mankralo from Amanfa in Nungua. If for several hundreds of years, long before the Whitemen came to the shores of Ghana, the Amanfas never had a role in the rulership of Nungua, until they were given the Mankralo in 1926, reader, you add the math yourself! In 1979, when Rawlings staged his coup, the Amanfa people made Nungua the hub of Rawlings' government, calling themselves the June 4th Group. They filled the government staff with Amanfas in their numbers, with some even sent abroad by Rawlings for training. After Rawlings handed over power, the Amanfa people formed the commandos unit that joined in bringing back Rawlings by his second coup. At that time, they maligning Nungua Mantse Nii Odai Ayiku, IV, to Rawlings so badly that he —Odai Ayiku, IV,—had to flee the country into exile when the efforts to kill him



got too rampant and out of control. Having created a void on the Nungua Throne, the Amanfa people started overtures to usurp the Throne but, because they are not royalty, they could not get anywhere. Indeed, Rawlings eventually did not only scold them for orchestrating his hatred for Nii Odai Ayiku and sending him into exile, but also profoundly apologized calling for the reinstatement of Nii Odai Ayiku as the "good King of Nungua." However, because Rawlings was then out of Office, nothing unfolded from his holistic remorse and entreaty to restore Nii Odai Ayiku's Mantship. In the process, the Amanfa's people managed to corrupt some Mantse We people to support and install this Professor King Odaifio Welentsi as the Mantse. In doing so, they, the Gborbu people, presented themselves as a friend of Nii Welentsi, especially when Nii Odai Ayiku got back to the Country and started moving to reclaim his Throne. What the Amanfa's are doing seems to be a continuation of their efforts to usurp the rulership. Gborbu is not and has never been the Shitse of Nungua, let alone of the GaDangmes. If any one can call himself the Shitse, it is the authentic Nungua Mantse. But, as you can see from the axiom that "moni he wa l3, eshwaa ak3 ehe wa l3," neither that authentic Nungua Mantse nor any other GaDangme Mantse calls himself "Shits3." This exposition need not delve into the recent encounter between Nii Welentsi and Nuumo Gborbu, as the effusions of the Gborbu's are clearly to exploit Nii Welentsi's vulnerability to further their malicious efforts to usurp the Nungua Throne and arrogate to themselves a title they don't and cannot have.

I say the TRUTH nothing but the TRUTH so help me GOD...