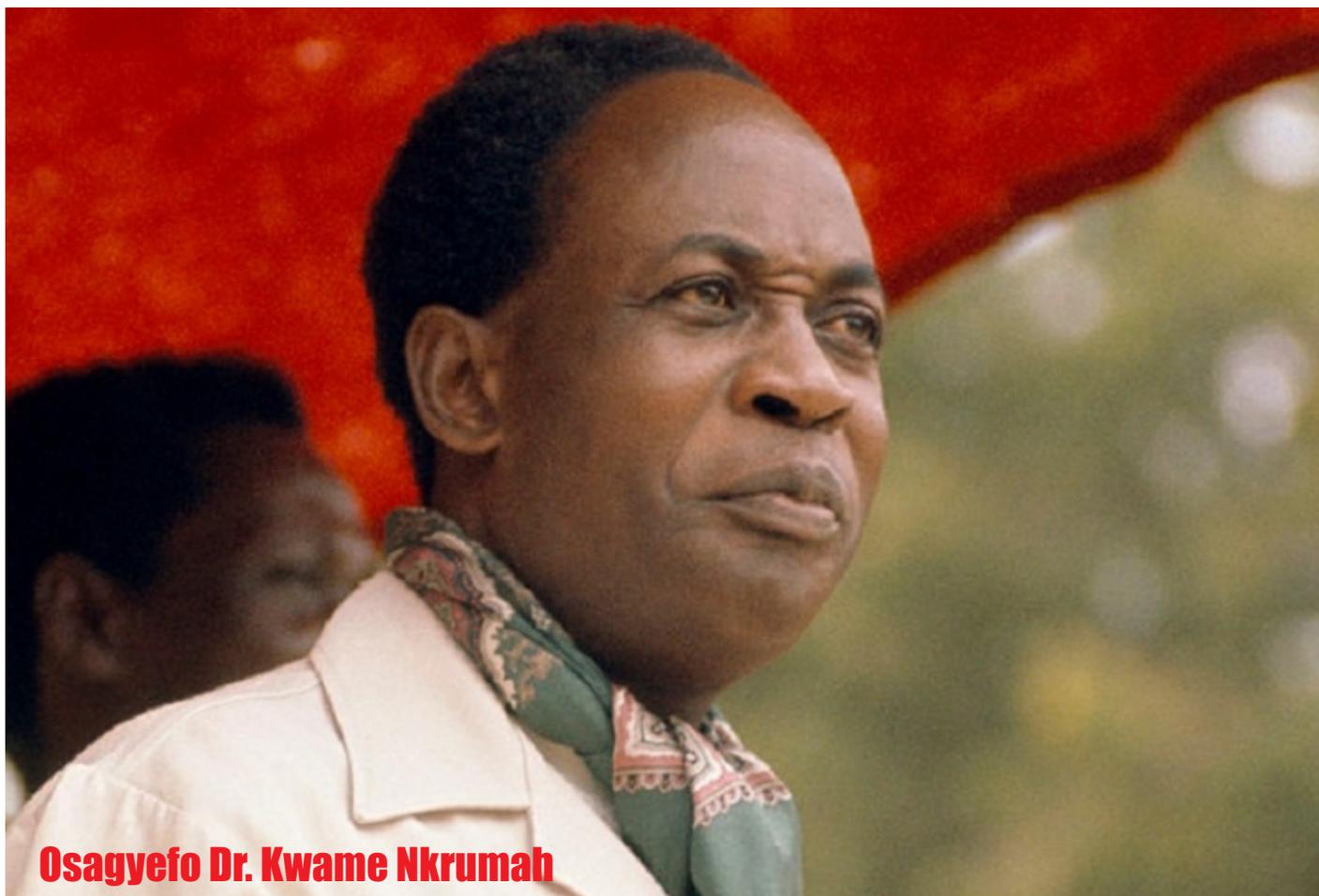


SALUTE FOR NKRUMAH



Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

Ghanaians from all walks of life have saluted the heroic achievements of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the First President and Founder of the Modern Republic of Ghana on his 113th Birthday celebration on 21 September 2022.

The day which is popularly referred to as the Founder's Day seeks to celebrate the life and legacy of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah who led the struggle for Ghana's independence from British colonial rule and also ensured freedom from servitude for many other

African countries from colonial bondage. Speaking at this year's Founder's Day celebration lecture organized by the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG), Professor Raymond Atuguba who is the Dean of the University of Ghana

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Samuel Abu Jinapor, Minister of Lands..

WACAM, a leading Civil Society Organization on responsible mining advocacy in the country has expressed concern about the dangers

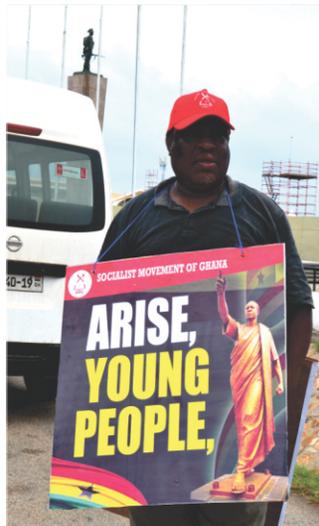
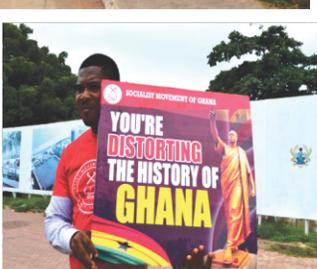
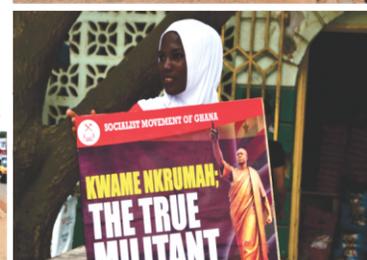
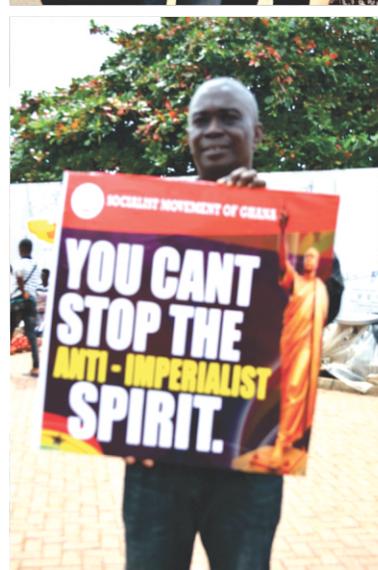
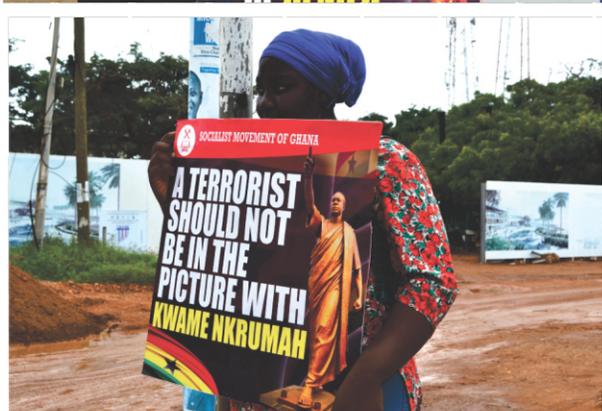
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The INSIGHT

— EDITORIAL

THE CASE OF PALESTINE

The Israeli authorities' constant murders and destruction of Palestinian homes in Occupied territories has continued unabated and is most unwarranted and appalling.

In spite of the persistent international condemnation, the dastardly acts by the Israelis still continue.

Apart from targeted killings, the West Bank's Area C, Gaza have also been turned into a huge killing field as Israel has over the years committed acts of genocide with impunity. Nobody has been spared the atrocities of the Zionist state which has killed women and children, the old and the young, abled and bodied persons and people with disability. Only recently Israel launched a new aggression into Gaza which left many people dead and destroyed residential areas and agricultural lands.

The recent killing of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh is most condemnable and unacceptable.

We firmly believe that Israel is emboldened to carry out these atrocities because of the support it receives from the United States and its surrogates around the world.

The Insight urges the international community to vehemently condemn Israeli atrocities against the people of Palestine and to take firm action to end the impunity of the Zionist state.

We once again urge all progressives to solidarise with Palestine and to oppose the occupation by Israel.

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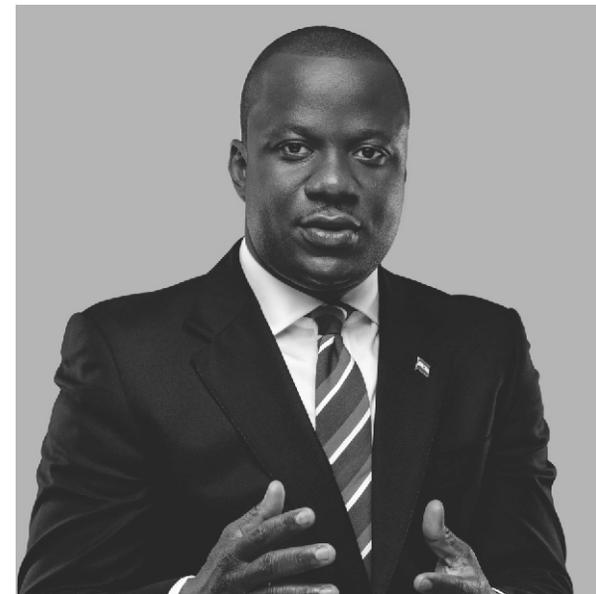
posed to the environment through irresponsible mining activities which have led to residents of mining communities getting cancer through cyanide spillage and water pollution among others.

According to WACAM, surface mining operations apart from its economic dangers and social displacement has resulted in cyanide spillage and pollution of rivers thus exposing mining communities to various forms of cancers as they continuously drink from these polluted streams. Madam Hannah Owusu-Koranteng, Associate Executive Director of WACAM who expressed the concern yesterday at a responsible mining forum in Accra said the situation is worrying as some mining companies have also established mine pits at headwaters of important rivers all over the country.

She noted that cemeteries and sacred groves have not been spared as the destruction caused by irresponsible mining have led to graveyards being mined for gold.

She pointed out that surface mining operations have also taken place in protected forests like the Kubi Forest Reserves and in Ajenua Bepo forest reserve that serves as the source of many rivers and contain plants that are new to science.

Madam Owusu-Koranteng said that beyond the negative economic, environmental and health consequences of the surface mining operations, mining companies regrettably are treated as 'pampered' entities with tax incentives, while



companies that do not cause such social and environmental harm to society do not enjoy such incentives.

She stated that the strength of the law to hold a polluting company such as a mining company to responsible operational behavior lies in the strength of the law to hold multinational mining companies to responsible corporate behavior but unfortunately the country's Minerals and Mining Act does not have strong provisions to hold mining companies to infractions of the Minerals and Mining Act.

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School of Law said Nkrumah deserves all the praise since he spear-headed the struggle for independence in Ghana. According to him what has come to be referred to as the 'Big Six' does not exist, since there was no 'Big Six' at the time of the struggle. Professor Atuguba said five out of the so-called Big Six on realizing the going was tough gave Nkrumah up as the main instigator of the agitations and that is clearly captured in the Watson Commission Report of 1948.

The learned law Professor said that the Big Six is and has always been a myth and called on Ghanaians shelve it.

Prof Atuguba said that Nkrumah is a leading light in Ghana, Africa and the world and deserves to be celebrated as the Founder of Ghana.

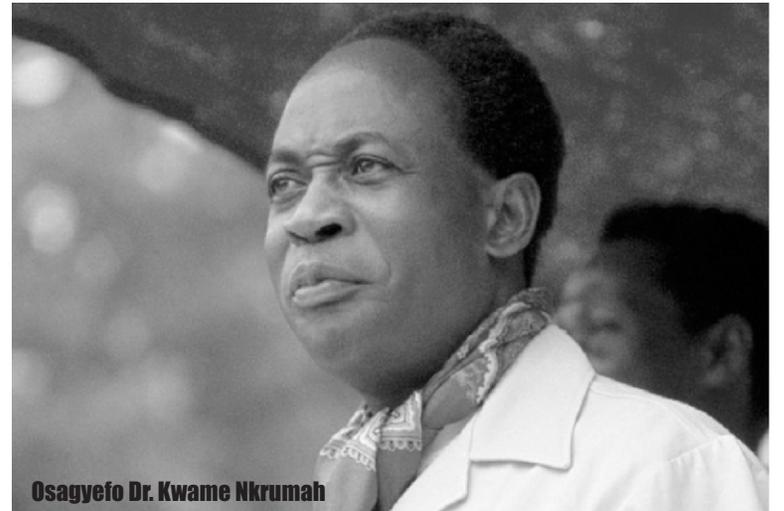
The role of J.B. Danquah, he noted, is captured in the United States (US) Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA) report as a spy for the organization and the Kyebi Murder Case are all well documented insisting that his name should not be added to the big six.

He said that there is the need as comrades to script what they have done, are doing and will do so as to prevent the twist and negation of history by others stressing that Nkrumah himself was a scripter who was philosophical and action oriented. Professor Atuguba spoke on the Theme: "The Myth of the Big Six and the Real Founder's Day". Comrade Kwesi Pratt Jnr., General Secretary of the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG), who also spoke at the event lashed out at the Akufo-Addo administration for allowing the depreciation of the Ghanaian Cedi against the major trading currencies. He said the depreciation of the local currency is what Dr. Nkrumah

wanted to avoid when he proposed the establishment of a single currency market for Africa.

According to him, it is laughable for the leaders of Africa to blame the current economic hardship on the Russia-Ukraine war forgetting about their own deeds. He described as useless the leaders of Africa when the very Russia they are blaming for the weakening Ghanaian cedi is getting their Ruble currency strong against other foreign trading currency, particularly the US dollar. Comrade Kwesi Pratt Jnr. said Dr. Nkrumah saw through negative impact of trading in foreign currencies which is why he wanted Africa to have a common currency. He said Russia has managed to maintain a strong currency in the midst of a war because it decided long ago not to trade in any foreign currency except for theirs. On the issue of shortages of fertilizer to Africa which is said to be as a result of the same Russian-Ukraine



Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

war, Comrade Pratt expressed his disgust at the reason when he said Africa with its arable land hold the key to organic fertilizer and does not need fertilizer from war-torn countries. "We are still nowhere near controlling our resources and exploiting these resources for the benefit of our own people that was the cardinal objective of Dr Kwame Nkrumah," Mr. Pratt said. Speaking on theme "The Myth About the Big Six and the Real Founder's Day", Comrade Pratt indicated that the father of current President, Nana Akufo-Addo together with other judges jailed Mr. Obetsebi

Lamprey for terrorism. This, he explained showed how the supposed other members of the Big Six were agents of imperialism and worked against the liberation of the Ghanaian and Africa's independence. He also bemoaned the inclusion of other members of the Big Six such as J. B. Danquah and Edward Akuffo-Addo in the celebration of the Founder's Day as he was of the view that they had a different vision and ideology in contrast to that of Dr Kwame Nkrumah.

'Political Galamseyers' Wreaking Havoc, Small Scale Miners Lament

Small Scale Miners in the country have said the activities of 'Political Galamseyers' is wreaking havoc for the mining industry and should be checked.

According Francis Opoku, Financial Director of Small

Scale Miners Association of Ghana, these 'Political Galamseyers' operate with impunity as they use their connections and influence to flout the laws of the country. Speaking at a mining forum organized by WACAM in Accra yesterday, Francis

Opoku who is the former Public Relations Officer for Small Scale Miners Association defined 'Political Galamsey' as illegal mining (Galamsey) activities undertaken by politicians who use their political influence to get mining

concessions and undertake their operations with impunity without recourse to the laws of the country'. The need for responsible mining to protect the country's water bodies and environment and also prevent climate change has become necessary in

view of recent activities of galamseyers which many believe have impacted negatively on the environment. The theme for the two-day mining forum is "Achieving the Responsible Mining Goals: A Reality or a Mirage?"



INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORT

Compiled By Peoples Dispatch

Residence Of Swazi Pro-Democracy Leader Bombed By Alleged State-Sponsored Hit-Squad

In Swaziland's eastern town of Siketi in the Lubombo region, an alleged state-sponsored hit-squad has bombed the residence of Mlungisi Makhanya, President of People's United Democratic Movement (PUDEMO), after midnight at about 1 AM on September 20.

"Residents in neighboring houses heard gunshots. Then they saw armed men had climbed a wall fence [of Makhanya's house] and were shooting at the electric cable. After the lights went out, they threw what seemed to be explosive grenades into his house," Wandile Dlodlu, Secretary General of PUDEMO, told *Peoples Dispatch*. When flames engulfed his house "they sped away in their cars." Makhanya, however, is safe. Two months ago in July, PUDEMO had received credible information that its president was going to be a target of assassination, Dlodlu said. PUDEMO is one of the leading pro-democracy parties in the continent's last absolute monarchy where all political parties are banned. Makhanya had been moved to safety in neighboring South Africa, where several pro-democracy activists from Swaziland have been

forced into exile or hiding from the regime of King Mswati III. When asked if the police have registered any case, Makhanya replied, "Of course not." He said, "It was them [who did it]. They don't entertain cases that require them to investigate themselves, or even worse, to investigate the army soldiers."

In a [statement](#) after the bombing, PUDEMO said, "This attack comes in the backdrop of threats from Mswati's traditional governor, Timothy Ginindza, to the effect that the regime has trained an arson squad whose sole purpose is to target and burn down the homes of leaders of the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) and to assassinate them." MDM is a coalition of more than a dozen pro-democracy political parties, student unions, trade unions, youth organizations, and other groups. Ginindza's threat to such organizations, Dlodlu said, has been caught in an "intercepted" cell phone conversation in which he was "discussing.. the plot to bomb properties belonging to political leaders," according to [Swaziland News](#).

PUDEMO maintains that this hit-

squad is a direct result of Mswati's order to the security forces to take an "eye for an eye," as he threatened in his Police Day address on August 5. Dlodlu said that there has been a significant rise in "attacks on homes of leaders and activists, arrests, and clampdown on mass activities like protests" since this speech.

Leaders of other prominent pro-democracy parties, including the [Communist Party of Swaziland \(CPS\)](#), have also faced increased attacks and raids on their homes. Many believe his threat is an incitement to exact revenge for the attacks on his properties last year. These attacks occurred during the broader anti-monarchist insurrection that followed the violent crackdown on unprecedented nationwide peaceful pro-democracy marches. Amid the attacks on the businesses and industries he owns, the King had briefly fled the country, returning only after his army had [put down the rebellion](#) by killing over 70 people and arresting hundreds.

Nevertheless, strong anti-monarchist sentiments have not only prevailed within urban

contexts, but has also taken root in villages, which until last year were presumed loyal to the King. Despite intensifying repression by the security forces who have since grown increasingly nervous, protests have continued as a regular feature in this small landlocked country with a population of 1.2 million. Most of the Swazi economy is owned by the King and run to finance the royal indulgences, including palaces, a fleet of Rolls Royce cars, and private jets. The youth see the myriad businesses and industries owned by him as a prime target to attack. In this context, the monarch's call for security forces to take an "eye for an eye" appears to have translated into increasing attacks and arson on homes of pro-democracy activists. PUDEMO has assured that "the president remains unshaken, defiant, and ready for the revolutionary task of fighting side by side with you in attaining the freedom and liberation of the country from royal rule." "The value we attach to our material possessions is ephemeral, but the value we attach to our



noble struggle is permanent," the party states. PUDEMO and the [pro-democracy movement](#) in Swaziland also received international messages of solidarity. The International Peoples Assembly (IPA) wrote in a [statement](#): "We vehemently condemn this and all attacks, harassment and intimidation of the people of Swaziland by the monarchy as a blatant violation of basic human and political freedoms." The IPA, comprising about 200 progressive organizations from across the world, has reiterated that "peoples' sovereignty and democracy are core pillars of our work and must be defended from Western Sahara and Morocco to Swaziland!"

Majority Of Puerto Rico Still Without Power After Hurricane Fiona



On the morning of September 20, Hurricane Fiona, with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph (185 km/h), struck the Turks and Caicos Islands as a Category 3 storm, after causing severe devastation in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

According to the US National Hurricane Center, Fiona, which has become the first major hurricane of the 2022 season in the Atlantic, is likely to strengthen further into a Category 4 hurricane as it approaches Bermuda on Friday. It has been

forecast that it will weaken before hitting eastern Canada over the weekend.

The hurricane, while it passed through the Caribbean Sea, left at least four people dead in Puerto Rico and one in the Dominican Republic in addition causing extensive infrastructural damage in both countries.

It hit the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic early on September 19 as a Category 1 hurricane, bringing strong winds and heavy rains. According to preliminary reports, around 12,400 people were displaced, at least fifty homes suffered partial or total damage, and over 11,000

households suffered power outages. It also left several highways blocked and cut off several villages.

A red alert was declared for 13 of the 32 provinces located in the north and east part of the country. Following the storm, Dominican President Luis Abinader declared the provinces of La Altagracia, La Romana, El Seibo, Samaná, Hato Mayor, María Trinidad Sánchez, Duarte and Monte Plata as "disaster zones" due to the damage caused. The nation remains on alert against floods and landslides.

In Puerto Rico, Fiona caused destruction at a far greater level. It made landfall on the southwest

coast of the country on the afternoon of September 18 as a Category 1 hurricane, unleashing torrential rains and gusty winds in a large part of the island.

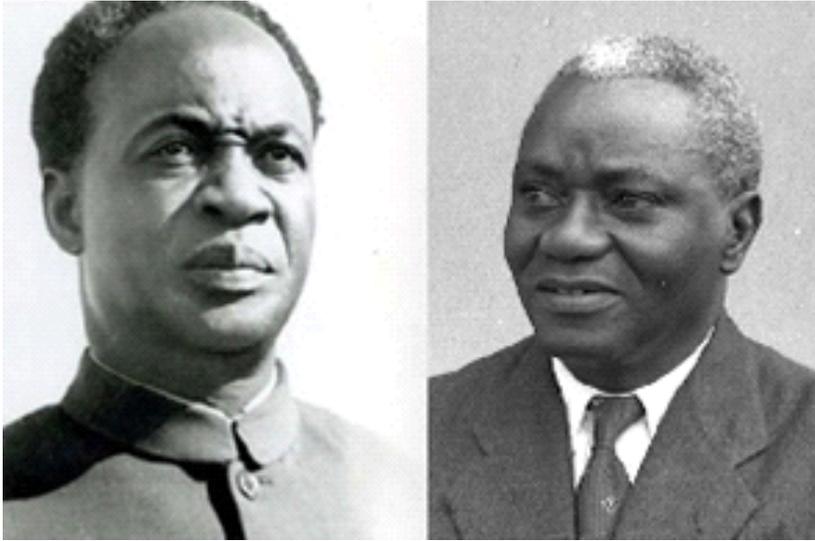
According to reports, it triggered a widespread blackout on the island, leaving over 1.3 million customers without electricity. Due to lack of power, water services remain cut for more than 830,000 customers, which represent two-thirds of the total on the island. The private Canadian-American electricity transmission and distribution company, LUMA Energy, against which Puerto Ricans [have repeatedly mobilized](#) in recent months, said that "the total restoration of the electrical service could take several days."

Additionally, severe floods and landslides caused vast damage to public and private infrastructure as well as banana plantations and coffee trees. Several power lines and telecommunications lines were also knocked down. The collapse of at least one bridge was reported in the municipality of Utuado. Roads and highways across the island were blocked with trees down and a lot of flooding.

Puerto Rican Governor Pedro Pierluisi described the damage caused as "catastrophic."

Hurricane Fiona exacerbated the situation in Puerto Rico, which is still recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Maria, which destroyed the power grid and killed more than 3,000 people in 2017.

JB Danquah Never Thought Of An Independent Ghana, He Only Thought Of Liberating His Province – Historian



Kwame Nkrumah (left), J. B. Danquah (right)

A lawyer and historian, Yaw Anokye Frimpong, has insisted that the first President of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, is the country's founder, contrary to assertions by some factions in the public.

According to him, Ghana does

not have founders but a founder because aside from Dr. Nkrumah, all the other persons who are part of the Big Six only wanted independence for the territories they were from and not the whole country. In an Onua TV interview, the historian added that J. B.

Danquah and the other United Gold Coast Convention members only wanted independence for the Gold Coast, which comprised the Eastern and Western Provinces (current day Western, Central Region and Greater Accra and Eastern Regions).

"Nkrumah was the only person who had thought of having an independent Ghana. The others only thought of having independence for their territories. He (Nkrumah) came to meet the United Gold Coast Convention, which had the idea of liberating the Eastern and Western Province (the Western, Central Region and Greater Accra and Eastern Regions). These areas were

referred to as the Gold Coast. "If you go to the Ashanti Region, there was the National Liberation Movement; if you go to the North, there was Northern Peoples Party. All these groups never thought of liberating Ghana or Africa; they only thought of liberating their territories. "What most Ghanaians don't know is that Danquah, who was added to the big six, never thought of Ashantis being part of Ghana. He wanted a united Gold Coast, and the Gold Coast then constituted communities along the coast. He never wanted Ashantis to be part of Ghana.

"The fact is that Danquah is from Akim Abuakwa palace who were at loggerheads

with the Ashantis and so he will not allow Ashantis which was a big empire to be added to Ghana for them to rule them (the people of the Gold Coast," he said in Twi. He added that the then Ashantehene, Agyemang Prempeh II, was so happy with Nkrumah's ability to bring all the territories together to fight for independence, and that was why he conferred on him the title, Osagyefo.

Anokye Frimpong further stated that there were more prominent people, including Paa Grant and RS Blay, who deserve to be added to the big six than J. B. Danquah. The big six "is something a particular family has come up with to help themselves; we have only one founder", he reiterated.

We'll Bring Down Anything Non-Nkrumah At His Mausoleum When Renovation Works End – Mornah

Former Secretary of the Peoples National Convention (PNC) Benard Mornah has accused the Akufo-Addo-led government of undermining the legacy of the first President of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. Mr. Mornah bemoaned the inaccessibility of citizens to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park on a day set aside to commemorate his birthday.

Speaking at an event, held by the Convention Peoples Party (CPP) to commemorate Memorial Day on Wednesday, 21 September 2022, Mr. Mornah said: "I went to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, and when I got there this morning, it was difficult to go there because the contractor claims they have taken control of that site." "21st September has been declared a public holiday, and people are working at the site of Kwame Nkrumah



Former Secretary of the PNC, Benard Mornah

and where Kwame Nkrumah is lying and the government of Ghana is happy and preventing citizens from visiting the tomb of Kwame Nkrumah," he lamented. He noted that any attempt by the government to alter the initial plan of putting up the Memorial Park will be resisted. "And their[government] attempt to impose other people that do not qualify to be at the Memorial Park, I sent a warning and let me repeat it here, if they make a mistake and put anything

either than Kwame Nkrumah in the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, we'll bring that thing down," the former PNC Secretary stated. The Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park in Accra was closed temporarily closed on Friday, 27 May 2022, for maintenance works. Contractors are working to upgrade the memorial park to a standard that befits the stature of the former president and boosts the attractiveness of the park and the overall tourism performance of the country.

Kassah Cultural Troup Hailed Over Performance In Frafra Dance

The Kassah Cultural Troupe has been hailed for its splendid performance for the ongoing regional traditional dance and music organized by the Centre for National Culture Ashanti Regional Chapter. The history of frafra dance has been well documented and observed as a major traditional dance from the Northern regions of Ghana. Through the unique performance of Kassah cultural troupe at the ongoing regional traditional dance and music organized by the center for national culture



Ashanti region chapter, attendees have come to like the dance through their moves and curvatures including the stamping of the feet among others drawing a loud applause from the guests and panel.

Letter To Kwame Nkrumah



Dear Mr. President, my hero and master. It's your birthday again. You would

have been a hundred and thirteen years today. Last night at the dinner table, my daughters were singing your

name. Me and my household remember you with great fondness and longing. My children see your photo every day to and from their bedroom. You are our hero. I took them on a drive on the Tema motorway this week. Showing them one of your many legacies to Ghana. Like many, old and young, our hearts are heavy laden with pain, wishing you had been with us today, but more than anything, wishing your reign as the greatest President Ghana's ever had had ruled our country a little longer. We always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap. They cowardly even burnt down any literature about you in the country you

sacrificed your youth and life for. They thought they could obliterate your legacy and love from our hearts. How crazy of them to think a selfless and dedicated man like you is destructible. The country you fought for is in a mess, trapped in a cycle of visionless leadership. The descendants of those who fought against our independence and committed the greatest sins against our country are in charge today. How Ghanaians soon forgot them and allowed this to happen is unbelievable. With the same old tricks and lies, they warmed their way into the People's hearts. And the man they

thought was our present day messiah has been a major disaster. I do not wish to disturb your solace with what you know already. The traitors and their descendants are no good. Happy birthday Sir. We mourn the day those traitors and their Western sponsors rewound the clock of progress in Ghana and Africa, hoping that some day, from amongst us would emerge a great leader like you. You remain now and forevermore in our hearts till we meet again. Yours in the love of the African Liberation Struggle,
from
Ras Mubarak.

Eulogizing The Man Nkrumah: Mensah Thompson Of ASEPA Write

Let me pay a very important tribute to the man Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, he was a man who was ahead of his time, when the Russian-Ukrainian war broke, Ghana was one of the first "kiddie" African Countries that was quick to condemn Russia this raised a very critical question of what Ghana's Foreign Policy direction really is and I'm sure Nkrumah was turning in his grave.

You see Nkrumah adopted a foreign policy of positive non-alignment with the West and the East, he said, Ghana is ready to work with any Country that is willing and ready to work with Ghana and help the nation achieve its vision but it cannot be permanently aligned to the East nor the West but only aligned to its interest!! This Foreign Policy direction came to bear when Nkrumah

wanted to build the Akosombo dam and provide nationwide electricity supply to the new nation Ghana, he approached the Americans (representing the Western Allies) who were playing games with Nkrumah, tired of their games Nkrumah flipped and went straight to the Soviet Union(representing the Eastern block), the Soviets agreed and decided to fund the project, Nkrumah was elated and started making plans.

When Britain who at the time was struggling to keep their grips and influence on post-colonial Ghana found out that Nkrumah had approached the Soviets and that the Soviets had agreed to fund the project, they panicked, they perfectly understood the risks of allowing Ghana to fall for the Soviets.

You see Ghana was the first Country in the South of the Saharan who gained Independence, so Ghana was a symbol of freedom on the

Continent, Nkrumah had also remarked that the Independence of Ghana was meaningless unless it was linked with the total liberation of the African Continent, this means Ghana was at the fore front of the Independent struggle for a lot of the other African Countries that also wanted Independence, that decade was a decade of Independence for Africa.

The Brits knew that if they allow Ghana the pioneer of the Independence movement on the continent to fall for the Soviets, other African Countries gaining independence will follow suit and it will be only a matter of time and communism and socialism will spread over Africa and they would lose their influence on the Continent but most importantly access to the rich mineral resources of the Continent.

The Brits then intervened spoke to the Americans and the Americans agreed to fund the project but now there was

another big task, the task of convincing Nkrumah to dump the Soviets who had already agreed to fund the project for the Americans, and there was no better person to send to convince Nkrumah than Queen Elizabeth II, the reigning monarch of England, this was what brought Queen Elizabeth II to Ghana for the first time in 1961.

And it had to take the reigning monarch more than just an appearance, in fact she had to dance with Dr. Nkrumah at the State ball organized in her honor, her best charm had to come to play to achieve that important purpose of her trip, in the end she succeeded but Nkrumah became the first ever black man to dance with Queen Elizabeth at a public function. People don't understand this, this happened at a time where racial segregation was still a big deal in America and for not just a white woman but a reigning monarch at the time to dance and fall in the arms of a



Blackman was a huge deal, and the following day it was splashed all over the front pages of the international media with interesting captions.

In the end Nkrumah got not just his dam and electricity for his people but he also achieved an impeccable international prominence that prevails till today, this is the man whose birthday we are celebrating today, this is the legacy that will prevail any day over that of bomb-throwers and spies who died in prison.

In 1989 The Soviet Union Honoured Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah With This Postage Stamp



Kuntuse Chief Does Not Own Land In East Legon Enclave, Claims Topkings



The management of Topkings Company Limited has said the Kutunse chief who recently alleged that some lands belonging to him have been taken over by the company does not own a land in the East Legon enclave.

It will be recalled that the Chief of Kutunse Traditional Area in the Ga East Municipality of the Greater Accra Region, Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II had in some local and social media platforms alleged that Dr. Benjamin Kwame Danso, the Managing Director of TopKings Enterprise Limited, a real estate company is engaged in forceful

seizure of his five-acre land at East Legon.

At a press conference held in Kutunse on Saturday September 10, 2022, Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II, accused Dr Danso of forcibly and unlawfully building structures on the 5-acre land at East Legon he legally and genuinely bought for some of his friends living outside the country.

He told journalists that he paid GH¢ 10,000, GH¢ 2,000, GH¢15,000 and GH¢ 5000 which has accumulated to GH¢ 32, 000 to Dr Danso and others to erect pillars and clear the 5-acre land he bought for his friends at East

Legon; but they had ended up stealing the land for their boss who is currently building structures on it at his expense. According to the chief, the land in question does not belong to the Topkings Boss, but his friends who are currently living outside the country and appealed to President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo to intervene in the matter and ensure that the five-acre land is given to the rightful landowners.

However, Topkings in a rebuttal has said Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II rather wanted to convince Dr. Danso and Manager in-charge of project sites of Topkings, Mr Kweku Boakye to fraudulently buy land for his friends in the Topkings Village Project Site in East Legon in Accra.

“Our investigations have shown that when the deal was not successful, Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II resulted in using the media to attack the integrity of Dr. Danso and Mr. Boakye to create the impression that the two prominent personalities have used their company to take his land from him at East Legon.

“However there are records to

show that Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II has not purchased any land from the Topkings Village Project Site in East Legon and the general public should disregard his claims of buying the land for his friends in that area.

According to the management of Topkings, Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II has no land or never bought any land at Topkings Village Project Site in East Legon for which he (Dr. Benjamin Kwame Danso) has taken it from him, saying that he is a law abiding citizen and would be the last person to do something to violate the law. Topkings noted that Dr. Danso recounts series of moves made by Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II to convince him through the Project Site Manager of Topkings, Mr. Kwaku Boakye to sell the land in question to him on behalf of his friends but he told him that he does not have capacity to sell the said land to him since he is just a care taker on the land.

On the allegations that Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II separately paid GH¢ 32, 000 to Dr Danso and others including Mr Kweku

Boakye to protect the land, erect pillars and clear the 5-acre land, the management responded that it is true.

“We want to state that the claim made by Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II that he paid GH¢ 10,000, GH¢ 2,000, GH¢15,000 and GH¢ 5000 to Mr. Danso and Mr Boakye is never true.

“We are challenging Nii Ayikumah Teikuba II that if he claims that he gave us these monies, the he should take the case to the law court for justice to prevail in the case and stop using the media to destroy Mr. Danso and Mr Kweku Boakye,“. Mr Kweku Boakye the Manager in-charge of project sites of Topkings Company Limited who took journalists onto the land in question on Tuesday September 19, 2022, described the chief of Kutunse as 'a pathological liar'. He told journalists that he was shocked about the way and manner Nii Ayikumah Teikuba has gone to change the whole matter ostensibly to create the impression that the company rather has stolen his land.

Every Bullet, Bomb That Hits A Target In Ukraine Hits Our Pockets – Akufo-Addo tells UN



Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has reiterated the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on the global economy,, more especially on African countries. The president holds that the war which started in February 2022 aggravated an already precarious situation for African economies

that were starting to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Akufo-Addo said the war had direct impact on Africa especially in the area of food supply triggering importantly, inflation.

“Two years ago, our world came

to a thundering halt, as we covered from a health pandemic from an unknown, malicious virus, coupled with a devastating global economic pandemic. High budget deficits were no longer concerns of only developing nations.

“By 2021, COVID-19 had pushed Africa into the worst recession for half a century. A slump in productivity and revenues, increased pressures on spending and spiralling public debts confronted us without relent,” he submitted.

On the specific case of the Russian invasion, even though Moscow insists it was a military operation, Akufo-Addo stated: “As we grappled with these economic challenges, Russia's invasion of Ukraine burst upon us, aggravating an already difficult situation.

“It is not just the dismay that we

feel at seeing such deliberate devastation of cities and towns in Europe in the year 2022, we are feeling this war directly in our lives in Africa.

“Every bullet, every bomb, every shell that hits a target in Ukraine, hits our pockets and our economies in Africa. The economic turmoil is global with inflation as the number one enemy this year,” he added. Government has routinely explained that recent economic headwinds are attributable largely to the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the banking sector clean-up. The rippling effect has been an increase in the cost of living, record high inflation rates and downgrades of the economy by rating agencies such as S&P and Fitch – a situation which has

dealt a heavy blow to government's ability to access the international capital market. The Cedi has also been on a free fall compelling the Bank of Ghana to resort to hiking its monetary policy rate to deal with the situation.

The worsening economic situation compelled the government in July to initiate contact with International Monetary Fund for an economic support programme. Ghana is targeting an amount of US\$3 billion over three years from the Fund once an agreement on a programme is reached.

Government hopes to complete negotiations by end of the year in order to receive the funds in the first quarter of next year.