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The NPP members in the North addressing the media yesterday

A cross section of members of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) in the Northern Region have taken a swipe at the Vice President, Dr. Mahamud Bawumia over foul attempt to steal-start campaigning for his personal political ambition at the expense of the state. The

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Classifies Ghana As High Debt Distressed Country; Debt To GDP To Hit 104%

The World Bank has classified Ghana as a high debt distress country as it projects the nation's debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to reach 104.6% by the end of 2022.

According to its October 2022 Africa Pulse Report, debt is expected to

jump significantly, from 76.6% percent a year earlier, amid a widened government deficit, massive weakening of the cedi, and rising debt service costs.

It is also forecasting debt to GDP of 99.7% and 101.8% of GDP in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The report is coming at a time the Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are conducting a Debt Sustainability Analysis on the country. A country which is highly debt distressed is unable to fulfil its financial obligations and therefore debt

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COMMENDABLE BUT...

The new amendments made recently to the Criminal Offences law and which seek to ensure stiffer punishment for public officers who are found culpable of corruption is undoubtedly a commendable move.

Corruption appears to be ingrained in our daily activities be it business transaction of any engagement that requires provision of services and this ugly practice rears its head.

Averagely, it is estimated that the country loses a whopping 14 billion cedis annually through corruption which is very disturbing.

This phenomenon has taken root because several of the anti-corruption agencies and institutions both private and state-owned which have over the years been established to fight the cancer have themselves been rendered useless without the resources and personnel to fight it.

Regrettably, even though it is publicly announced that money is been spent on these institutions, nothing concrete comes out of it.

The taxpayers' money is increasing spent on these anti-corruption agencies annually by the government and other so-called international organisations but the problem keeps worsening.

Certainly, the new amendments are commendable but more laws are not adequate but the political will to punish even government officials who are found culpable.

It is also important that the laws of the country are carried to the letter if any official or individual is found to be complicit in any corruption related offence. Prosecution of corrupt public officials has to be devoid of partisan politics or colourisation. These are some of the measures that can help fight the cancer in the country.

There is also the need to build a strong public opinion against the canker if it is to be eradicated.

GWCL Shuts Down Densu Water Plant

The Eastern Regional Office of the Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) has announced an indefinite shutdown of its Densu Water Plant due to flooding caused by the Densu River, disrupting water supply to homes.

As a result, potable water distribution in and around Koforidua would be hampered, with some taps expected to run only at odd hours of the night. Mr. Kwadwo Daase, the Eastern Regional Public Relations Officer, GWCL, told the Ghana News Agency that the Densu Water Plant was one of the company's water supply sources, along with Bukunor, Okume, and Suhyen.

Although the Plant had been closed the Bukunor Water Plant, located in the Yilo Krobo Municipality, was still operational, he said.

However the pressure is low and residents in hilly areas such as Korley Nkwanta, Agyeiwa Lodge, Okorase, Effiduase, and others may be affected.

Mr. Daase said the shutdown would be indefinite until the water receded and the extent of damage to equipment/installations was assessed for redress.

He, therefore, urged residents to always store water and use it wisely whenever the tap flowed until the issue was resolved.

This is the second water plant in the region to be shut down due to flooding, which caused an overflow of the company's water supply sources. He said the Akyem Oda Water Treatment Plant was also shut down last Saturday due to the Birim River overflowing its banks and flooding the plant.

Water supply to Akyem Oda, Kade, Akwatia, and its environs is disrupted indefinitely until the water recedes and the situation is assessed and



addressed.

Mr. Daase warned citizens to avoid illegal mining, deforestation, farming near riverbanks, and building on waterways to avoid flooding the other water plants. Meanwhile, a visit by the Ghana News Agency to the Densu River site revealed that the river had broken its banks due to the water overflow, affecting some residents along the river.

The GNA also noted that the Densu River has overflowed the bridge that connects two communities; Densoagya and Densoano, close to major market centres in Koforidua, causing a halt in all bridge-related activities.

For example, residents of Densoagya were prevented from moving and transporting their farm produce across the bridge to the major market centres in Koforidua.

They have, therefore, appealed to the Government to rebuild the bridge by raising and enlarging it to accommodate both cars and pedestrians.

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group made these comments at a press conference held in Tamale yesterday, Thursday October 6, 2022. The group accused Dr Bawumia of using tribal and religious language in his political message. According to the group, the Vice President's comments about him having been used by the NPP is in bad taste and has the potential to disunite the party. This is the full text of their official statement; THE VICE PRESIDENT, H.E. DR. ALHAI MAHAMUDU BAWUMIA IS OPENLY CAMPAIGNING IN THE NORTH, IN CONTRAVENTION TO THE RULES AND ETHICS OF THE PARTY Ladies and Gentlemen of the Media, we are grateful to you for honoring our invitation to this forum of the group affiliated to the Alan Kyerematen project for his bid to win the flagbearership position to lead the party into the 2024 polls. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is indeed, worrying that H.E. Dr Mahamud Bawumia has snubbed the National Council directives, rules and ethics of

the party and has set a very bad and dangerous precedent by flagrantly breaching the rules and ethics of the party regarding the conduct of Party Delegate Conferences and campaigns. Because Dr Bawumia is aware of these rules and ethics, he is doing the campaign under the guise of an official tour of the Region. Can H.E. Dr Bawumia tell us, specifically, the purpose of this tour other than the prosecution of his campaign programme to whip up support from the delegates to fulfill his flagbearership bid? What is more dangerous and destructive to the party is his campaign message to the delegates to see him as the only hope of Northerners in the NPP. He has told the delegates that he has been used by the party to do the "Dirty Job" of the party, which the Akans would not do, but push the Northerners to do. In other words, the vice president is deliberately whipping up hatred for the Akans and other non-Northern tribes in the party. In fact, the vice president is on a tour to play on the emotions and sensibilities of the delegates, using Tribal Bigotry, Regional and Religious sentiments to drive home his

campaign message, which is aimed at winning the sympathy of the Northern delegates to vote for him in the upcoming internal exercise to choose a flagbearer who would lead the party in the 2024 General Elections. We, of the Alan Kyerematen project, a group affiliated to the Alan Kyerematen's bid to lead the party when the time come, find this approach by the vice-president as very disturbing and strange. But, we are not surprised, because of his obsession to lead the party. Based on this desperate approach to lead the party, our thinking is not far-fetched that if H.E the vice-president had his own way to hasten the departure of the sitting president, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo from the scene, to pave the way for him to lead the party now, he will not hesitate to do so!!!! Ladies and Gentlemen of the media, we are privy to another disturbing information regarding the arrangements of the conduct of the Special Voting, that, Dr Bawumia's team has planned very dangerous and unacceptable moves to have him win at all cost on the Special Voting Day. We view these underground

arrangements as acts of provocation, which have the potential to bring about chaos and mayhem in the region. We have vowed to resist this by any means and form to ensure an even playing field for all contestants in the race. We are aware that, their ugly strategy has started with intimidation of Government appointees that those who do not support and campaign for Dr. Bawumia will lose their jobs/appointments if any of them fail to preach the "Dr Bawumia for flagbearer by all means" message to the delegates in their respective areas. They have already started this strategy on this tour. Ladies and Gentlemen, the team that is following Dr. Bawumia on his campaign tour comprised about 32 Ministers/Appointees and almost all the MMDCEs moving around in at least 30 v8 cross-country vehicles is suggestive of how Dr. Bawumia would exploit his incumbency for his flagbearer contest. Ladies and Gentlemen, we want to state unambiguously that, the



NPP is a broad-based national party, which has no room for tribal bigotry, Regional and Religious considerations. All that the party stands for is competence and good governance to the good people of Ghana. We want Dr. Bawumia and his Cohorts to know that what they are doing is certainly making the party to become unattractive to all and sundry. And we, the Alan group have resolved to counter any move by any person or group who would try to sink the party and drown it on the altar of parochial considerations. We love NPP and will do all within our strength to keep the party sustained and attractive. We will not sit idly by and allow any person to lead the party on the fast lane to self-destruction. Thank You. And, May the Almighty God bless you for honouring our invitation.

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of the cedi, and rising debt service costs. The country's debt is expected to remain elevated at 99.7% and 101.8% of GDP in 2023 and 2024, respectively. Tightening of financial conditions globally along

with the fall of the domestic currency widened the sovereign spread by 233 basis points since December 2021". As a result, the country lost access to international markets", the report mentioned. The World Bank further stated that Ghana needs \$1.5 billion in assistance from the IMF, which could help to shore up public finances and regain access to credit markets, adding "nevertheless, despite the negotiation with the IMF, investors remain nervous about the country's debt sustainability."

These concerns, it said, were expressed by the country's local and foreign currency ratings downgrade from B-/B to CCC+/C, adding, "as a result, despite the news, the cedi fell further with ripple effects on inflation".

Rating agencies, Fitch and Moody's recently downgraded Ghana's credit rating into deeper junk status. They cited the recent macroeconomic deterioration, further heightening of the government's liquidity and

debt sustainability difficulties as well as increasing risk of default as reasons. In August 2022, the IMF classified government as a highly risk debt distress country. The Directors therefore welcomed the fiscal adjustment envisaged in the 2021 budget, adding "they stressed that fiscal consolidation is needed to address debt sustainability and rollover risks, as Ghana continues to be classified at high risk of debt distress."



INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORT

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Hundreds Of Amazon Workers In The US Go On Strike After A Warehouse Fire



Fire at the JFK8 Amazon warehouse. Staten Island Amazon workers stand up to industry giant regarding safety hazards, citing a string of workplace-related deaths

By Natalia Marques

In what the Amazon Labor Union (ALU) is calling “perhaps the largest collective action ever taken by Amazon Workers,” over 650 workers walked off the job in the night of October 3, at the Staten Island JFK8 fulfillment center.

On October 3, a fire broke out in a cardboard compactor in JFK8 while day-shift workers were still on the job. According to reports, this compactor had smoke coming out of it a month ago, yet Amazon

refused to replace it. After the fire broke out, day-shift workers claim they were sent home early with promises of pay. The fire was eventually put out that same day, but night-shift workers, who claimed there was still smoke from the fire, worried about the dangerous effects of inhaling the smoke.

Around 8 pm, Amazon night-shift workers were sent out onto the floor after bosses claimed it was a “safe work environment.” In response, the hundreds of night-shift workers who had been reportedly herded into the break room while the fire was raging demanded to be sent home with pay. Over 650 spontaneously walked out of the break room and off the job and around 100 occupied the human resources office.

The JFK8 warehouse became a site of one of the most pivotal working class victories this year when in April, workers at the warehouse voted to unionize Amazon workers for the first time in the US. The Amazon Labor Union, which began at JFK8 but has since spread, says that workers on October 3 were expressing three basic demands: “Put workers’ lives over corporate profits, real raises to keep up with inflation, and recognize the Amazon Labor Union.”

The Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration (OSHA) opened an investigation against Amazon after three workers died within weeks of each other in New Jersey. And according to the ALU, Amazon’s most recent raises for JFK8 workers are

effectively pay cuts after taking inflation into account. “In the past week, Amazon announced 25 cent raises...With inflation at 9.1%, this “raise” is effectively a pay cut of over \$1.85/hour. Workers are disgusted with the announced plan,” the union explained. Despite workers voting to unionize with ALU in April, with over 500 votes in favor, Amazon has yet to recognize the labor union. “The NLRB hearing officer threw out all 25 of Amazon’s “objections” to our election and yet Andy Jassy continues to stall,” the union states. “Workers are fed up and are demanding immediate bargaining over pay and working conditions.” Amazon has responded to the worker-led action, claiming that

“while the vast majority of employees reported to their workstations, a small group refused to return to work and remained in the building without permission.” But things were far different according to ALU. “Hundreds of Workers bravely marched from the break room into the Manager’s office to make their demands clear. From there, some Workers walked out of JFK8 in disgust while others continued to occupy the break room waiting for a response from Amazon,” the union wrote. “The ALU says Rights Over Rates. We have the right to our lives, the right to real raises, and the right to union recognition.”

Houthis Blame Saudi-Led Coalition For Expiry Of Yemen Ceasefire

The Houthi-led government in Sanaa, on Monday blamed the Saudi-backed coalition for the failure of talks for the extension of the UN-mediated truce in Yemen. The spokesperson for the administration, Mohammad Abdul Salam, claimed that the Saudi-backed coalition refused to pay heed to the Yemeni demands of lifting the blockade completely and helping it pay the pensions and salaries of public servants, Iranian Press Tv reported. On Sunday, the UN special envoy to Yemen Hans Grudenburg had issued a statement announcing that “an agreement has not been reached” for an “extended and expanded truce” as proposed by his office.

The Saudi-backed council had earlier blamed the Houthis for the failure, claiming that it had made enough concessions to extend the truce, Al Jazeera reported. In an earlier statement, the Houthis had alleged that the

Saudi-led coalition had failed to address major humanitarian concerns in the last six months which would have “alleviated the suffering of Yemeni people.”

Ceasefire led to fall in casualties

The two-month ceasefire mediated by the UN that took effect in April was the first since the war began in 2015. It was extended twice in the subsequent months. The ceasefire was based on three major conditions: a partial lifting of the Saudi blockade on the Sanaa international airport, allowing ships with humanitarian supplies to Hudaydah port, and lifting of road blockades imposed by the Houthis in Taiz, Yemen’s third biggest city.

Due to the ceasefire, the overall humanitarian situation improved and the number of casualties went down significantly. This is despite claims by the Houthis that the

Saudi-backed coalition had violated the ceasefire norms, including by seizing ships headed to Hudaydah on several occasions. The ceasefire also enabled hundreds of Yemenis to fly outside the country for the first time in many years. The Houthis had also expressed their interest in expanding the mandate of the ceasefire if the Saudi-led coalition agreed to a full and unrestricted opening of both Sanaa international airport and Hudaydah port and a complete end to all blockades. They also wanted an end to what they called the looting of Yemeni oil and gas resources by the Saudis and sought the use of that wealth to pay pensions and salaries to public sector employees. The foreign minister of the Houthi administration, Hisham



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Sharaf, alleged that the failure of the coalition to address these issues during the ceasefire was a result of them trying to bring Yemen to a “state of clinical death.” The blockade has crippled Yemeni economy and created an unprecedented humanitarian crisis due to lack of imports of food and medicines.

Meanwhile, the UN is still hopeful of a ceasefire. Grudenburg appealed to the parties to “maintain the calm and refrain from provocations” asking them to “fulfill their obligations to the Yemeni people to pursue every avenue for peace.”

Akufo-Addo Govt Full Of 'Wickedness, Envy', Mahama Didn't Target People – Kofi Amoabeng

The Akufo-Addo government is full of wickedness, UT Bank founder Prince Kofi Amoabeng has said.

According to him, unlike former President John Mahama, who, in his view, was tolerant, President Akufo-Addo and his government are full of envy and jealousy; and quick to target people of fortune for persecution.

“One thing I know is that, at least, with the NDC, envy and jealousy and persecutions were limited, if they existed at all”, Mr Amoabeng told Nana Otu Darko on CTV's morning show Dwabre Mu on Tuesday, 4 October 2022.

“With this government [Akufo-Addo administration], however, what you find is that, for some reason, they are full of wickedness”, he noted.

“I mean, the way they willy-nilly pursue people who are supposed

to be making it; it happened only in Rawlings' time and so, for a civilian government, I find it surprising because my relationship with the NPP wasn't bad at all and if you want to close down a bank, I felt the least you could do is to call the directors of the bank and say, 'because of A, B, C, we are closing down the bank'”, he explained.

“The bank cannot run away like a fugitive”, Mr Amoabeng pointed out.

UT Bank and some eight other Ghanaian banks were collapsed by the Bank of Ghana in the first term of President Nana Akufo-Addo for various infractions.

Some of them had gone insolvent while others mismanaged bailout funds given to them by the Bank of

Ghana, the Governor of the central bank announced at various media engagements during the financial sector clean-up exercise.

Mr Amoabeng, however, said using armed security personnel to close down the bank in a war-like fashion spoke volumes of the kind of government Mr Akufo-Addo was leading.

“In the morning [of the bank's closure], like a military operation, you organised the police and the press to go and close down a bank. The bank's insignia was vandalised as though they were bringing down an evil fetish god. That's what happened”, he recalled.

“I was asleep at Kukurantumi when all this was happening”, he revealed to Nana Otu Darko, noting: “I was never told about the closure of the bank”.

In his view, “If you [government]



Defunct UT Bank founder, Prince Kofi Amoabeng

felt because the bank was owing the Bank of Ghana, even if you wouldn't discuss that with us and were going to close the bank down, was that how to go about it?”

“With armed police to vandalise the bank's insignia?” he wondered.

“But I don't live in the past. I'm a very happy person ... Even if we

were at fault, was that how to close down the bank?” he stressed.

He said: “I'm not saying they can't close down the bank; it's an option that they had but unfortunately, I personally don't agree with the option but I don't want us to go there”.

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Ade Coker Joins In Funeral Rites For The Late Chief Mobila In Tamale



Joseph Kobina Ade-Coker, Greater Accra Regional Chairman of NDC with some elders and family members of the Chief Alhaji Abdulai Ibrahim Mobila

The Greater Accra Regional Chairman of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), Mr Joseph Kobina Ade-Coker stormed Tamale yesterday, Thursday October 6, 2022 to attend the final funeral rites of the late Northern Regional Chairman of the NDC, Chief Alhaji Abdulai Ibrahim Mobila. The NDC stalwart is in Tamale to represent the former President, John Dramani

Mahama and the entire members of the umbrella family-NDC to give the last respects to Chief Mobila who passed on at the Tamale Teaching Hospital at the age of 84 two months ago. He was a Chief at Tugu Yapala, a farming community near Tamale and was elected as NDC Northern Regional Chairman in 2018.

Alhaji Mobila has since been buried according to Islamic custom and tradition. But the final funeral rites have been organised to give him the last respect according to the Islamic custom and tradition. Speaking in an interview with this reporter via telephone call from Tamale, Mr Coker on behalf of former President Dramani Mahama expressed their deepest condolences to the family and Islamic communities in Tamale on the passing of Chief Alhaji Ibrahim

Mobila, saying that may his soul rest in perfect peace.

He indicated that the party had lost a great pillar in the region as a whole.

He said he was a father to everyone in the NDC, no matter the political affiliation, saying “we will really miss a man we call to give advice on anything that the youth can think of and he was down to earth just to make sure every party member got the support they desired and we will forever remember him for his good works in the party and the region as a whole.”

Mr Coker described the late Northern Regional Chairman of the NDC as a unifier, humble, courageous, fearless and a listening chief to the people he served and whose death should be used as example to others especially people in high positions of trust to tolerate the views of other people.

Givers CEO Boss Adds GH¢5,000 To GH¢12,000 Bounty On Man Captured On Video Beating A Baby Mercilessly

The bounty placed on a man wanted for assaulting a baby has been raised to GH¢17,000. This comes after the addition of some GH¢ 5,000 to the GH¢12,000 announced by the Ghana Police Service and Child Right International. The additional of GH¢5000 has been announced by Givers Herbal Company Limited.

“The video is very disheartening to even watch. We are even compelled to question if the child is his own. But even if the child is not his, that does not permit him to treat a baby like that. We find it worrying because this is not the first time we are seeing something like this. There was a similar video of a woman abusing a baby and we did not see how this issue ended. So we at Givers have also taken an interest and our CEO, Dr . Kwabi Solomon has also thought it wise to contribute to the search for the suspect. So whoever has information leading to his arrest will be given



an additional GH¢5,000 in cash,” Public Relations Officer of the Company, Richard Sarkodie told Accra FM in an interview.

The Ghana Police Service on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, announced a bounty of GH¢2,000 for any information leading to the arrest of the man who was captured in a viral video whipping a young baby.

Subsequently, children advocacy non-governmental organisation, Child Rights International also announced an additional GH¢10,000 reward for any such information.

Winneba Univ. SRC Race Gets Murky As Court Places Injunction On Elections

A Winneba High Court in the Central Region has placed an injunction on the Students Representatives Council (SRC) elections of the University of Education Winneba which is due to take place this month.

The court injunction follows the disqualification of Mr. Emmanuel Annobil, popularly known as TEA, a frontrunner in the race for SRC president.

He took the action against the Electoral Commission of the SRC, the Dean of Students Affairs and the University itself after he was disqualified during the vetting of candidates for allegedly wearing an electronic watch for the vetting process. Unhappy about the decision, TEA proceeded to the Winneba High Court to place an injunction on the elections until the Elections Committee of the SRC reinstates him as candidate for the contest slated for this month.

WRIT OF SUMMONS
(Order 2 rule 3(1))

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
WINNEBA

WRIT ISSUED FROM: 04-10-22
F12/001/23

BETWEEN

1. EMMANUEL ANNOBIL
2. AMOS EFFUM
UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, WINNEBA.

PLAINTIFFS

VS

1. EUGENE LARYEA ODAI
THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (S.R.C)
UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, WINNEBA.

2. THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, WINNEBA

3. UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, WINNEBA
(PLAINTIFFS SHALL DIRECT SERVICE)

DEFENDANTS

To
AN ACTION having been commenced against you by the issue of this writ by the above-named Plaintiff

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that within EIGHT DAYS after service of this writ on you inclusive of the day of service you do cause an appearance to be entered for you.

AND TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, judgment may be given in your absence without further notice to you.

Dated this day 04 of October 2022

Chief Justice of Ghana

NOT: This writ is to be served within twelve calendar months from the date of issue unless, if it is renewed within six calendar months from the date of that renewal.

The defendant may appear hereto by filing a notice of appearance either personally or by lawyer at Form 5 at the Registry of the Court of issue of the writ at a defendant appearing personally may if he desires, give notice of appearance by post.

*State name, place of residence or business address of plaintiff if known (not P. O Box number).

*State name place of residence or business address of defendant (not P. O Box number).

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Plaintiffs therefore claim against the Defendants jointly and severally the following:

a. A declaration that Plaintiffs' disqualification from contesting the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University is unconstitutional and same is null and void.

b. An order directed at the Defendants to reinstate the Plaintiffs to contest in the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University.

c. Perpetual Injunction restraining the Defendants, their assigns, privies, subordinates, agents, workmen, etc. from conducting, organizing and or holding the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University without the involvement of Plaintiffs.

d. Costs.

This writ was issued by BENEDICT BOSU SIMPSON, ESQ.
whose address for service is ROSEFORD ADVOCATES
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OPPOSITE FORMER G.E.S OFFICE
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SOLICITOR'S LICENSE NO: eCEN 000150/22
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Indorsement to be made within 3 days after service of this writ

This writ was served by me at _____ day of _____
On the defendant _____ day of _____
on the _____ day of _____
endorsed the _____ day of _____

Signed: _____

Address: _____

NOTE: If the plaintiff's claim is for a liquidated demand only, further proceedings will be stayed if within the time limited for appearance the defendant pays the amount claimed to the plaintiff his lawyer or his agent or into court as provided for in Order 2 rule 3(2).

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
WINNEBA
AD 2022

SUIT NO. _____

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2. AMOS EFFUM
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DEFENDANTS

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

1. The Plaintiffs are students of the University of Education, Winneba (the University), the 3rd Defendant herein.

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2. The 1st Defendant is an officer of the Students' Representative Council (S.R.C) of the 3rd Defendant University.

3. The 2nd Defendant is an employee of the 3rd Defendant and serves as Chairman of the Appeals Board, a creature of the S.R.C Constitution of the University.

4. The 3rd Defendant is a legal entity established by an Act of Parliament and is vicariously liable for the acts and omissions of the 1st and 2nd Defendants.

5. The Plaintiffs state that sometime in September 2022, the 1st Defendant pursuant to the 2018 Constitution (as revised) of the S.R.C of the University opened nominations for the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections (elections) for Winneba campus of the University.

6. The 1st Defendant pursuant to the Constitution referred above, published a Constitutional Instrument (C.I. 22) detailing inter alia the qualification requirements for prospective candidates of the elections.

7. The 1st Plaintiff who is interested in contesting for the position of the President of the S.R.C picked a copy of the nomination forms for the elections, filled same and nominated the 2nd Plaintiff as his running mate and duly submitted same to the office of the 2nd Defendant.

8. As part of the electioneering process, the Plaintiffs appeared before the Vetting Committee of the S.R.C which was chaired by the 1st Defendant on 20th September 2022, where they were duly vetted together with other aspirants.

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9. On 23rd September 2022, the Vetting Committee of the S.R.C published the results of the vetting wherein they indicated that the Plaintiffs had been disqualified from contesting the elections.

10. The Constitution of the S.R.C stipulates at its Article 13, the qualification requirements for students seeking to hold any office within the S.R.C of the University and the C.I published by 1st Defendant further alludes to the said requirements.

11. However, the grounds for disqualifying Plaintiffs from contesting the elections under reference are neither captured in the Constitution of the S.R.C nor the C.I. published by the 1st Defendant.

12. The Plaintiffs state that aggrieved by the decision of the Vetting Committee, they filed a petition against their disqualification before the S.R.C Judicial Board on 24th September 2022 and the Judicial Board has refused, neglected, and failed to give its decision relative to the petition filed.

13. The refusal by the Judicial Board of the S.R.C to make a determination on the petition of the Plaintiffs has therefore disabled the Plaintiffs to appeal to the Appeals Board chaired by the 2nd Defendant.

14. Meanwhile, there are frantic efforts by the Defendants to conduct the election unabated and without recourse to the Plaintiffs.

15. The Plaintiffs aver that the reasons for their disqualification from contesting the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University are untenable and an abuse of the powers of the Defendants and therefore claim against the Defendants jointly and severally the following reliefs:

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a. A declaration that Plaintiffs' disqualification from contesting the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University is unconstitutional and same is null and void.

b. An order directed at the Defendants to reinstate the Plaintiffs to contest in the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University.

c. Perpetual Injunction restraining the Defendants, their assigns, privies, subordinates, agents, workmen, etc. from conducting, organizing and or holding the 2022/23 SRC/JCRC Statutory and non- Statutory General Elections of the University without the involvement of Plaintiffs.

d. Costs.

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NPP Grassroots Celebrate Alan Kyerematen On His Birthday

Various groups of delegates of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) have endorsed the presidential ambition of Ghana's Minister for Trade & Industry, Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen, as he marked his 67th birthday on 3rd October, 2022.

As the New Patriotic Party is gearing up to 'Break the Eight', a number of party bigwigs hope to be elected as flagbearer, but most delegates are giving the trade minister the green light to lead the party in the 2024 general elections. One of such delegate groups is the Queens. The Queens, a pro-Alan female group in collaboration with the market women at Adehyee market in the Ashanti regional capital, Kumasi, have organized an alluring party to celebrate Hon. Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen for his enormous accomplishments on his 67th birthday.

Alan cash, as he is fondly called by his followers, has achieved great deals which include an \$8.5 million state-of-the-art factory, the revival of the Oil Palm industry in Ghana, and mobilizing new investments to expand salt mining operations in Ghana.

As at August 2022, 125 factories were reported to be in operation under government flagship programme, 1D1F, believed to be Alan's brainchild.

Elaborating on Alan Kyerematen's achievements, through the ministry of trade, the National President of Queens, Afia Korankyawaa, in her submission at the program said Alan is worthy of celebration judging from his immense contribution to the NPP government. "His ministry, Trades and Industry, is arguably the best ministry so far and has created over 160,000 jobs for the youth in the 125 established factories in the country."

Also, market women at the Adehyee market couldn't hide their joy and were dumbfounded that Queens chose to celebrate the birthday with them this year. Addressing the media, a leader at the Adehyee Market, Eno Mary, ceased the opportunity to throw weight behind Alan Kyerematen, pledging to support him with prayers and even to pay for his nomination forms when the NPP opens nominations.

"Alan is our hope", the market



women shouted.

Madam Mary prayed the NPP government to as a matter of urgency, find strategies and interventions to salvage the harsh economic situation to help sustain their businesses.

She showered blessings unto the life of Hon. Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen and assured him of her support and the support of all the market women at the Adehyee market should he consider to contest in the upcoming flagbearer ship contest in NPP. According to the market women, they believe Hon. Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen has served the NPP for long years and his vast experience in trade and industry will serve their interest better.

Another group of delegates "Pearls Ladies for Alan", rooting for the Trades and Industry Minister to lead the party in 2024 are upbeat about his chances. The Pro-Alan group, Pearl Ladies, said the chances of Mr. Kyerematen winning the December 7, 2024 presidential elections makes best choice as the party's flagbearer.

The national president of the group, Josephine Obiri Yeboah said her group have endorsed Alan because of his track record as a unifier who will help garner votes from all quarters of the party.

"We have all seen honourable Alan Kyerematen's service of sacrifice and humility, he has served under former president John Agyekum Kufuor and the current president, Nana Addo Dankwah Akufo-Addo. It is time for him to lead the party and the country. He will help end the

struggle of the youth, through job creation and other entrepreneurial skills training". She added that "Ghanaians have seen what former president John Dramani Mahama can do and thus they won't vote for him because he has misled the country, Alan Kyerematen, however, has created good grounds for the country through the trade ministry. He can help break the eight."

She advised fellow delegates not to dwell on tribal and monetary grounds to cast their votes rather they should vote for a competent and honest person of integrity who can do the job and who can be trusted by Ghanaians.

"My advice to my fellow delegates is that we should not vote based on tribal and monetary grounds rather we should vote for someone who is up to the task. Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen has been working for the party and the country, we know him this is not the time to vote for a new person, we want a true party man. He can do the job."

The men are not left out of the Alan Kyerematen birthday as a Former NPP Chairman for Ejisu Constituency, Okai Kwanin, recounted how chief Alan, as he refers to him, included the youth in governance.

"I remember in 1992, he was the chairman of the famous Young Executives Forum, which comprised of young business men by then, when the party was at the stage of being incubated, when the party decided to buy its first party headquarters he contributed his quota by giving money to establish the party office". Congratulating Alan on his 67th birthday, Chairman Okai

retreated how he stepped aside for his seniors to contest, he graciously conceded defeat and assisted the current president Akufo-Addo for the unity of the party.

"Alan has helped to re-organize the party, he did a yeoman's job to campaign for the current president to win the election in 2016 and 2020. Everybody in this party knows its Alan's time. I believe that one thing that can propel him to become the president of this country is the industrialization agenda that he is pursuing, now if everything is lost 1D1F is the only policy that is carrying the country along.

I believe that if the story is told well to the delegates and his growing popularity he will be voted for".

On the issue of tribalism and monetary influence, Mr Okai Kwamin, noted that these tribalism has been abolished during independence, he urged delegates to vote for a person that can lead the party to victory. "The issues of tribalism has been relegated to the background and the increasing money consciousness should cease, delegates should vote for Chief Alan the competent and credible man. If they really want power then they should vote for Alan. He is a good brand and if he is sold well the delegates will buy into his ideas, for me I have no doubt in my mind that if he is sold well he will win. He is the hope of the party".

Adding his voice to the call for all to unite and vote for Alan kyereman, Former NPP Electoral Area Cordinator Dawda Jentumah pledged his support for Alan cash. According to him, Mr. Kyerematen stands tall among all his peers and if NPP delegates vote for him, the party will have a good story to tell Ghanaians in 2024.

"He has all the credential to help the party break the eight, 2024 election requires a very innovative and trusted personality to lead the party, and Alan Kyerematen is creative, innovative and trustworthy one NPP needs. His works at the trade ministry is an indication that if the party presents him for the 2024 elections we will have a very attractive campaign message to tell Ghanaian." Dauda Jantuma He believes that the trade minister has all the credentials to help the party break the eight which is the party's core

focus for the upcoming election. "I entreat all delegates not be carried away by monetary influence, tribal and religious campaign to vote against their conviction. They should look at the bigger picture which is breaking the eight to vote. The next generation of Ghanaians will look for a leader who will look at entrepreneurs, who will take entrepreneurs to heart and that is the only way we can build the country." He stressed. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen or Alan Cash, has a lot of accomplishments and achievements both locally and internationally. His name has been mentioned in a lot of functions and important places and occasions. In 1994, Cash was included in a list by the TIME magazine as one of the Hundred (100) Global Leaders for the New Millennium, in the same category as Bill Gates and John F. Kennedy.

In 1990, Kyerematen was responsible for establishing and operating the EMPRETEC Programme in Ghana, and transforming the program from a UN project to an independent project. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Economics in University of Ghana, Legon. Kyerematen also holds a Law degree, LLB from the Ghana Law School. In the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Adis Ababa, He worked as a trade advisor, Ethiopia. He is a leadership and motivational speaker who has attended and spoken at a lot of functions in Ghana and beyond.

As a founding member of the NPP, his political affiliation, Kyerematen has been a leading pioneer and key strategist of the party since its inception in 1992. Alan Kyerematen was appointed as the cabinet minister for the Ministry of Trade and industry. He led the construction of a multimillion-dollar enclave at Tema Free Zone, dedicated to apparel industry for the export market by Ghanaian business owners. He facilitates the 1D1F project under the Ministry of trade and industry with over 100 industries in the private and public sectors. All these achievements set him apart from the other candidates.

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were equally seized from illegal miners were distributed among party people for party work. Even more worrying was the fact that weapons seized from these illegal miners could not be accounted for, as same were either sold or shared to NPP footsoldiers, some of which landed in the hands of vigilante groups affiliated with the ruling government. These facts have been corroborated publicly by NPP's Member of Parliament for Assin Central, Kennedy Agyapong.

The manner in which the missing excavators scandal has been handled, is smoking gun evidence of the complicity of President Akufo-Addo and his government in the illicit "galamsey" trade and their lack of political commitment to fighting the menace and its devastating effects on our environment.

The "party hia Sika" scandal once again exposes President Akufo-Addo and the ruling NPP are the chief culprits of the politicization of the fight against the illicit "Galamsey" trade.

2. Anas' "Galamsey Fraud" Documentary

Friends from the media, you would recall that sometime in 2019, Ace Investigative journalist, Anas Aremeyaw Anas of Tiger Eye PI fame, released an undercover investigative video which contained very startling details of how certain appointees of President Akufo-Addo and NPP apparatchiks made a mockery of the fight against illegal mining.

The documentary exposed the underbelly of official complicity in the fight against galamsey. It provided the clearest and most irrefutable evidence that beneath the surface of all the flowery rhetoric about protecting the environment and regulating small scale mining, President Akufo-Addo's boys at the flagstaff house were promoting "galamsey" with

reckless abandon through the shameful collection of bribes from Chinese and other illegal miners.

The evidence as captured on video revealed clear breaches of Ghana's mining laws and other guidelines as espoused by the then Inter-Ministerial Task Force to help in its fight against the menace. As we witnessed in the undercover video, officials of the Akufo-Addo government who were entrusted with the responsibility to act in the best interest of the state, turned out to be the very enemies who compromised the state's efforts.

In that video, Charles Bissie, the then Secretary to the IMCIM who doubled as a Presidential Staffer at the time, was clearly seen demanding and collecting bribes and abusing his office to facilitate illegal mining activities. Quite symbolically, Charles Bissie could be seen soliciting and collecting these bribes at a scene with a picture of President Akufo-Addo hanging conspicuously on a wall. It could be recalled that another supporting cast in the video was one Andy Owusu, who was dubbed a "connection man", helping to facilitate the deal. Andy doubled as an Aid to Bernard Antwi Bosiako, popularly known as "Chairman Wontumi", the Ashanti Regional Chairman of the NPP whose own galamsey exploits will be discussed later in this presentation. Despite the mystery Mining Company (ORR Resource Enterprise) not meeting the vetting and verification procedure which provides for requirements such as inspection of documents like mining licenses, environmental and operating permits, Tax Identification Number (TIN), and other

registration details, field mapping and other pertinent requirements, Charles Bissie circumvented all laid down regulations for ORR Resources Enterprise (the mystery company). He also sacrificed other mandatory requirements such as Minerals Commission, EPA and Forestry Commission permits on the altar of pecuniary inducement. The IMCIM's roadmap was completely jettisoned and rendered a complete nugatory.

It is instructive to note that, till date no punitive action whatsoever has been taken against the then Secretary to the Inter Ministerial Committee against Illegal Mining, Charles Bissie and his accomplice, Andy Owusu, Special Aide to the Ashanti Regional Chairman of the ruling NPP, Chairman Wontumi who were caught on tape collecting bribes from Chinese and other illegal miners to promote their criminal activities at a time the ban on legal small scale mining was still in force.

Indeed, even before the then Special Prosecutor could probe into the conduct of Charles Bissie, the Police CID contrived to clear him of every wrongdoing and absolved him of his crimes. The handling of "galamsey" fraud scandal is yet another clear instance of governmental complicity in the illicit "Galamsey" trade which is destroying our water bodies, lands, forest reserves, cocoa farms and our entire ecological system.

3. The involvement of MMDCEs in "galamsey".

Distinguished friends from the media, you would recall that sometime in the year 2018, the Minister for local government, Hajia Alima Mahama at an official conference with Metropolitan, Municipal and District Chief Executives of the Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government indicated that her outfit had evidence that several MMDCEs were engaged in the illicit "galamsey" trade. The minister went on to say that she knew the identities of the MMDCEs who were engaged in "galamsey" and was going to publish same but that never happened.

Since then, MMDCEs of the Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government who have been emboldened by this coverup and the President's lack of commitment to the "galamsey" fight, have been actively promoting galamsey with brazen impunity. Of the most troubling reports of the illegal mining activities of officials of the Akufo-Addo government have been those concerning the District Chief Executives for Elembele in the Western Region and Bosome Freho in the Ashanti region. We begin with the DCE for Elembele who as far back as 5th April, 2020, was accused by his own NPP Constituency Executives of his involvement in illegal mining (galamsey) activities. These NPP executives had alleged that after a joint operation was carried out at some galamsey sites leading to the seizure of seven excavators and arrest of five persons, the DCE for Elembele, Kwasi Bonzo: "unpatriotically took ten thousand Ghana Cedis (GHC10,000) for each excavator, totaling GHC70,000 and shockingly released the excavators to them".

No action whatsoever was taken against this DCE.

This is the same DCE who as recent as September 2022, was arrested for obstructing the Police in the retrieval of missing excavators that had been seized from "galamsey" sites in the area.

Under the watch of Kwasi Bonzo, Galamsey has now become a thriving "free for all" business in Elembele. After destroying water bodies and forest reserves in the area, illegal miners have moved their equipment to the main township and are actively doing "galamsey" behind the official residence of the DCE and on the land of the Nkroful Senior High School in broad day light.

Then to the matter of the DCE for Bosome Freho in the Ashanti Region, Hon. Yaw Danso, who was clearly caught on tape directing party people on how they should use Chinese nationals to front their galamsey activities. As far back as Monday, 1st February, 2021, some party executives of the New Patriotic Party and residents of the Bosome Freho District accused their District Chief Executive, Yaw Danso of engaging in galamsey activities. In fact, some residents described him as a "kingpin of galamsey in the area" who is fronting for Chinese nationals in illegal mining, and called on President Akufo-Addo to relieve him of his post as District Chief Executive.

Indeed, the DCE is clearly heard in the audio that has emerged confessing to receiving 5% of the proceeds of galamsey from someone, which translated to an amount of GHC15,000 every two weeks as agreed between he and the owner of the galamsey concession in the presence of

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