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cost and source of funding for the monument. The latest to join the fray is Daniel Yaw Domelevo, the former Auditor-General who has expressed misgivings about the use of state funds on the construction of the National Cathedral.

According to him, since the concept of the project stems from Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo's promise to God for making him president, the funding should be from his coffers not through state funds.

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continued degradation of the country's lands, forests and ecosystem is very worrying.

In spite of warning from environmentalists about the dangers with continued deterioration of the natural reserve due to exploitation of resources.

Months ago, a group of professors issued the warning to government about to allow for the exploitation of the forests of its bauxite.

The warning was as a result of the fact that mining bodies generate their source of income in the Atiwa Forest reserve. The warning has not been heeded and there are indications that some engineers will exploit the forest.

There are also some forests which are facing various threats.

The Bank recently cautioned Ghana against the continuous wanton degradation of forest and other natural resources so that the country risked not achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15, protecting the ecosystem to promote sustainability.

The hope of this paper is that somebody in the government would see wisdom in taking steps to reverse the land degradation and reverse the process by embarking on reforestation to win back degraded lands and forests.

It is a dire need, in the face of the climate change, for the government to hand over the Atiwa forest and other natural

'Inexperienced' Bawumia Cannot Lead Us, Says NPP Executive Member

Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia as the presidential candidate for 2024.

He believes the party requires a capable leader who can lead the party to victory over the National Democratic Congress (NDC).

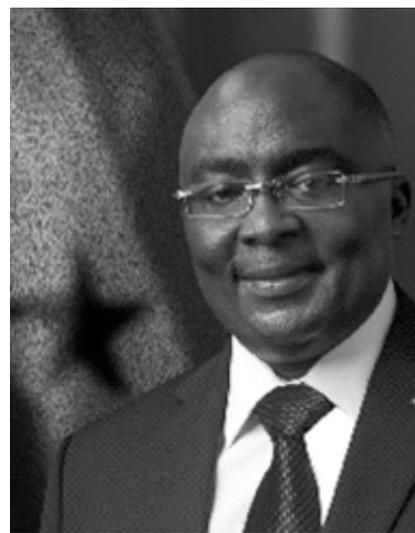
He stated that Dr. Bawumia is not the candidate to whom the party should entrust power because he lacks political experience.

According to him, Dr. Bawumia has no campaign message, and his lack of political experience will make it easier for the NDC to win the presidential election.

He also warned the party would lose miserably in the Ashanti Region which is their 'world bank' should they present Dr. Bawumia as a candidate.

"The battle ahead of us will not be easy, and Dr. Bawumia will not be able to lead the party. He has no political background. How will he (Bawumia) deal with JM, who has previously served as president? There is no campaign message from Bawumia. He has no idea how to campaign. As a party, we should proceed with caution. We do not want to lose the elections in 2024.

Dr. Bawumia is constantly being mentioned. He had his own agenda. He promised to appoint several people as presidential candidates. If we choose Dr. Bawumia as our candidate, the NPP will lose badly in the Ashanti



Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia

Meanwhile, he has called for unity and strength for the party as they go to their primaries to elect the party and presidential candidates.

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personal pledge made to God. Already, the National Cathedral has been fraught in endless controversies with the latest allegation being wrongful payment made to Reverend Kusi Boateng, a member of the cathedral's Board of Trustees. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, the Member of Parliament for North Tongu is on a crusade to expose what he views as wrongful payment of state funds to certain individuals and organizations concerned with the construction of the Cathedral. After an initial allegation that a whopping GH¢2.6 million was dished out to a company named JNS Talent Centre Limited, Ablakwa embarked on a mission to discover the persons behind the company. Ablakwa's investigations into the alleged payment led to the discovery of one Kwabena Adu Gyamfi as a director of JNS Talent Centre. Having confirmed the identities of

two out of three directors of the centre, Ablakwa went on an expedition to discover the identity of the third director, Kwabena Adu Gyamfi. According to his findings, citing a number of statutory documents, Kwabena Adu Gyamfi is the same as Reverend Kusi Boateng, who has allegedly been operating under the pseudonym Kwabena Adu Gyamfi. In an explosive set of allegations which he describes as the Tsar Bomba of all scandals, Ablakwa claimed that Reverend Kusi Boateng holds multiple passports and identification cards with some bearing the name Kwabena Adu Gyamfi. "You will recall that in my earlier exposé of the scandalous GHS2.6million cash transfer from the National Cathedral Secretariat to JNS Talent Centre Limited, I pointed out that incorporation documents reveal that the three directors of JNS Talent Centre

Limited are Johannes Eshun, Sheila Eshun and Kwabena Adu Gyamfi. "I also later revealed that Rev. Johannes Eshun is a branch pastor of National Cathedral Executive Council Member/Director, Rev. Victor Kusi-Boateng's Power Chapel Worldwide. "Hitherto, the third director—Mr. Kwabena Adu Gyamfi has remained a mystery figure. "I am now able to reveal the true identity of this mystery director of JNS, Kwabena Adu Gyamfi. "Definitely, the code has finally been cracked and it shocks to the marrow! "Unimpeachable and incontrovertible evidence confirms that Mr. Kwabena Adu Gyamfi is the famous Rev. Victor Kusi Boateng who still serves on the National Cathedral Board as an Executive Council Member/Director. "For the avoidance of doubt, there is no distinct Kwabena Adu Gyamfi. Kwabena Adu Gyamfi is a criminal creation of Rev. Victor Kusi-



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the opposition from the Economic Management Team and Cabinet against the inclusion of individual bondholders in the domestic debt exchange programme. According to him, it also alleged that the Jubilee House is in favour of the exclusion of individual bondholders. However, the Finance Ministry seems to be

inclusion of individual bondholders in the programme. "How long can Finance Ministry hold out against sentiment in Ghana's Economic Management Team that individuals must be formally exempted from the debt exchange program? And now reports of Jubilee House also moving in that direction. Ministry insists 5% in 2023

wrote on Twitter on January 26, 2023. He said "Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry is pretty isolated at Cabinet this afternoon. Will be interesting to see whether their nerves will hold as the rest of the government begins to buckle under pressure." The Finance Ministry announced that an agreement has been

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2023, the government of Burkina Faso decided to expel foreign military forces to restore national sovereignty within the country. This decision was a response to the military intervention of France, led by General **Damiba**, in a coup in 2022. The French presence in Burkina Faso, which is not fulfilled by the Patriotic Guard and the ejection of their forces. **Damiba** from the country's military, along with the **Damiba** the French

military base at Kamboinsin to launch a strike against the [coup within a coup](#). France [entered](#) the Sahel region in [2013](#) to prevent the southern movement of jihadist elements strengthened by the war in Libya, prosecuted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). In the past few years, [anti-French sentiment](#) has deepened in North Africa and the Sahel. It was this sentiment that provoked the coups in Mali ([August 2020](#) and [May 2021](#)), Guinea ([September 2021](#)), and then in Burkina Faso ([January 2022](#) and [September 2022](#)). In February 2022, Mali's government ejected the French military, [accusing](#) French forces of committing atrocities against civilians and colluding with jihadi insurgents. Burkina Faso has now joined Mali.

The ejection of France does not mean that there will be no NATO countries in the region. Both the United States and Britain have a large [footprint](#) from Morocco to Niger, with the United States trying to draw African countries into its contest against China and Russia. Regular trips by US military leaders—[such as](#) US Marine Corps General Michael Langley (commander of US Africa Command) to Gabon in mid-January – and by US civilian leaders—[like](#) Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen to [Senegal, South Africa, and Zambia](#)—are part of a full-court press to ensure that African states forge closer ties with the United States and its allies over China. The designation of Russia's Wagner Group—which is [said](#) to be operating in the Sahel—as a [“transnational criminal](#)



[organization”](#) by the United States and the [–USAfrica Leaders Summit](#), held in mid-December, are both attempts to draw African states into a [new cold war](#). Almost half of the Burkinabé population lives [below](#) the poverty line, and “more than 630,000 people are on the brink of starvation,” in the country, [according](#) to the UN. The country is, however, not poor with its gold export reaching [\\$7.19 billion](#) in 2020. These gains do not go to the Burkinabé people but go to the large mining companies. Ejection of the French military will not be the answer to these deep-seated

problems faced by the people. **Vijay Prashad** is a historian, editor, and writer. He is a writing fellow at the [correspondent](#) and is an editor of [Le](#) and the director of the [Institute for Social Studies](#), a senior non-resident fellow at the [Chongyang Institute for Studies](#), [Renmin University of China](#). He has written 20 books, including [Nations and The](#). His latest books are [Makes Us Human](#) and [Movements for](#) (with Noam Chomsky). [Withdrawal: Iraq, Afghanistan, and US Power](#). This article was first published on [Globetrotter](#).

Occupation Forces Massacre Nine Palestinians In Jenin Refugee



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died after an IOF military jeep crushed his skull, and two were burned alive by rockets. [According](#) to The Freedom Theater, a community theater center based in the Jenin refugee camp, the IOF destroyed the

Zubaidi. Wissam Baker, head of the Jenin public hospital, [told Al Jazeera](#) that the IOF prevented ambulances from reaching the victims. “The ambulance driver tried to get to one of the martyrs who was on the floor, but the Israeli forces shot directly at the ambulance and prevented them from approaching him,” Baker said. Baker also claims that the IOF fired tear gas at the children’s division of the hospital, causing suffocation injuries to the children and others. The IOF denies deliberately firing tear gas at the hospital, but concedes it is possible tear gas entered the building “through an open window.” Hamas has [denounced](#) the

saying that the “response of the resistance will not be delayed.” Israel has attempted to justify the killings by claiming that the IOF was attempting to detain those suspected of plotting and carrying out “multiple major terror attacks,” and that some victims were shot only after opening fire. Fatah and other Palestinian organizations have called for Palestinians to observe a general strike. The Freedom Theatre [characterized](#) this attack as “the largest and most extensive since 2002,” when Israeli forces attacked the camp in the Battle of Jenin, during the Second Intifada. Since its inception over

attacks. [Shireen](#) world-renowned American journalist. She was in the IOF while covering the IOF last May. In Palestine, [over](#) killed in raids in Jenin. In January, Israeli forces had killed 100 Palestinians in raids from Jenin. United Nations Human Rights Coordinator for the Middle East, [Peace Process](#), stated, “I am deeply saddened by the escalation of violence in the Jenin Bank... Since the start of the year, we are continuing to witness high levels of violence and other

For Oil Policy: John Jinapor Insists Bought At A Premium Not A Discount



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According to him, buying at a premium will mean that the fuel will not be as cheap as it has been perpetuated by the government. Speaking to Citi News, he said "In fact, the information I have is that the oil they

bought is at a premium and not at a discount. So, this narrative that they are going to get cheap oil somewhere is not true. Let me state that there is nothing like cheap oil when it comes to the international oil market. On the contrary, this deal is leading to a premium in terms of pricing."

John Jinapor however explained that the fuel being bought by the government is not enough for the Ghanaian market and it may not be a cheap source to be able to deal with the increasing fuel prices. "The notion that fuel prices will go down is not true. The other side is that the diesel covers only 25% of our requirement and you see that

is not even enough to change the price," he said. John Jinapor also called on the government to halt the programme for broader consultations to be held. Meanwhile, the Head of financial markets at the Bank of Ghana, Stephen Opata, has confirmed that the first consignment from the gold for oil policy is already being sold to the bulk oil distributing companies. He noted that even though the prices are lower than the ex-pump prices, the impact will not be felt since it is just about 20% of the country's market needs. "The product was cleared from the ports today and I know that BOST has started selling. This is just 20% of our market needs

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helped each of these students on their basic education journey," Mr. Agyeman-Budu stated. The former ECG boss, who is very passionate about education development of the youth in the Ejisu Municipality indicated his commitment to continue to help to make education in the municipality "grow more efficiently and effectively for our future leaders." Before the 2022 BECE, Mr. Kwame Agyeman-Budu presented mathematical sets to pupils who participated in the Basic Education Certificate Examination within the



Kwame Agyeman-Budu

The 3,300 mathematical sets were received on behalf of 3,200 pupils by the Municipal Director of Education, and all heads of the 52 basic schools within the municipality.

2022 BECE: WAEC Investigations Results Of Entire Results Of 73 School, 2 Private Candidates

The West Africa Examinations Council (WAEC) has cancelled the subject results of 416 School candidates who took part in the 2022 Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE). This follows the completion of WAEC's investigations carried out into some cases of examination malpractice detected during the conduct of the examinations. The results were cancelled for the offence of either bringing foreign materials into the examination hall or colluding with other candidates. Three private candidates also had their subject results cancelled. In a statement announcing the release of provisional results for both school and private candidates who sat the examination in 2022, WAEC said it approved: "Withholding of subject results for 38 school candidates pending conclusion of investigations into various cases of alleged examination malpractice." Also, WAEC has cancelled the "Entire Results of 73 school candidates and 2 private candidates for the offence of bringing mobile phones into the examination hall"

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JNS Talent Centre, owned by a certain Kwabena Adu Gyamfi, is only an alias of Rev. Kusi Boateng.

In this latest document, the [National Democratic Congress](#) (NDC) MP said that the details show that indeed, the amount of GH¢3.5million that was received by JNS Talent was not a loan but money for the supply of some items.

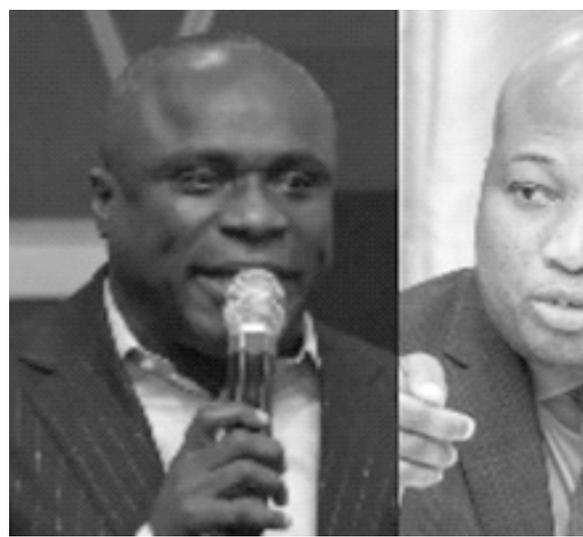
This, he added, is contrary to earlier claims made to the effect that the amount given to the company was a loan from the National Cathedral Secretariat.

“Evidence secured of how the ubiquitous JNS Talent Centre Limited, secretly & dubiously owned by Kwabena Adu Gyamfi AKA Rev. Victor Kusi

Boateng, received a staggering GHS3.5million of Ghana's COVID-19 cash to supply paper towels. This further complicates his cathedral loan claims,” the MP wrote on Twitter.

It will be recalled that the Executive Director of the Cathedral project, Dr. Paul Opoku Mensah, earlier explained that an amount of GH¢2.6 million was paid to JNS Talent Centre Limited because it was an interest-free loan the company helped it secure to meet some contractual obligations in 2021.

“We had signed a contract; we were supposed to pay them (contractors) mobilization and that was part of the seed money from



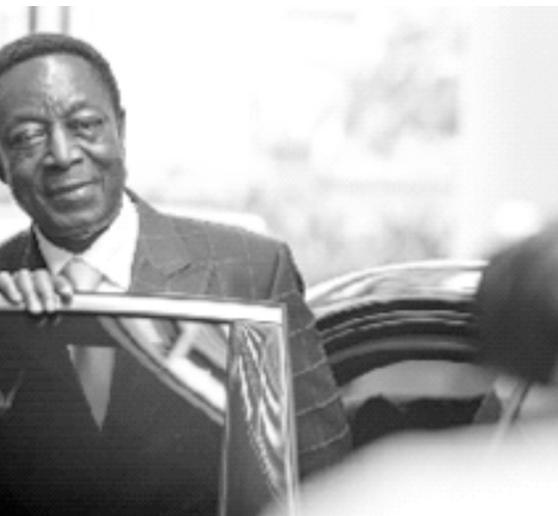
Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa has released new allegations against...

the state, and the state had actually transferred the money to the Minister of Finance, but the Controller (and Accountant General) had asked for some time to pay it.

“We had already kind of

postponed this... the contractors... member said h... top-up because... money, and we... it off to pay the... he stated.

Kwabena Duffuor Calls For Review Of DDEP To Avoid Financial Sector Collapse



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According to him, government must rethink the strategy and engage thoroughly to ensure the programme is sustainable and one that does not erode

Speaking in an interview with Accra-based JoyNews, the former finance minister who is contesting in the flagbearership race of the [National Democratic Congress](#) raised concern about the inclusion of shareholders in the DDEP.

“You cannot deal with my caretaker when I have not been consulted. At the end of the day, it will fall on me the shareholder, so there is the need for them to be part of the broad consultations to express their views.” “If you don't manage the domestic debt exchange programme properly, the financial sector will be weakened in such a way that it won't be able to

explained.

He added that various calls made by stakeholders for government to have a round table discussion with private entities will help in the successful implementation of the programme but if government continued on its current path, the financial sector will be put in harm's way.

Dr Duffuor however charged Ghanaians to treat the matter with all seriousness and speak up to protect the country from the dire consequences the debt exchange programme will bring in the near future.

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financial ins... would have... elsewhere f... pay their cli... He cited the... GH¢1.7 billi... example an... collected at... which are n... government... Dr Duffuor f... expressed c... the already... confidence... instruments... that if the d... programme... state was no... there will be... to buy treas... near future.

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18 Health facilities and payments at US\$4,049,460.12 out of which US\$607,419.02 was paid vide PV No. IPF 22-007 of 2 September 2022 to be delivered by 15 January 2022. However, the ambulances remained undelivered as of 28 November 2022. 122. The Chief Director explained that the supplier applied for extension to meet some technical specifications. 123. Under the current economic difficulties, the supplier could apply for price variation to unduly increase the cost of the contract which could have been avoided if the ambulances had been supplied as scheduled. 124. Management has indicated that upon technical inspection by the World Bank, additional specifications have been recommended and the contract has therefore been extended to March 2023. 125. We recommended that the Chief Director should ensure that the ambulances are delivered no further than the extended date of March 2023. **Medical items not accounted for – US\$247,405** 126. Section 96 of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921), indicates that a person, connected with the procurement or control of government stores, who is responsible for any deficiency in or for the loss, damage or destruction of any public funds, stamp, security, stores or any other government property, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a term of imprisonment or a fine. 127. Contrary to the above provision, we observed that medical equipment valued at US\$247,404.79, procured and received at the Temporary Central Medical Stores and subsequently issued to some specific health facilities the health facilities at the time of the audit (November 2022). Details are attached as Appendix 'B'. 128. The Director at the Central Medical Stores explained that though the items were issued to specific facilities, officers of Regional Medical Stores and nearby facilities were made to sign for the items with the responsibility of delivering the items to the specified facilities on behalf of the Central Medical Stores. The Director admitted that sometimes the officers do not deliver the items on time, hence their remaining unaccounted for. 129. We recommended that the Chief Director should ensure the Director at the Central Medical Stores accounts for the items, failing which the value of the items should be refunded by the Chief Director into the Auditor General's Recoveries account. **Unutilised medical equipment/accessories – US\$367,700** 130. Section 52 of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) states that, 'a Principal Spending Officer of a covered entity shall be responsible for the assets of the institution under the care of the Principal Spending Officer and shall ensure that proper control systems exist for the custody and management of the assets. A control system specified in subsection (1) shall be capable of ensuring that preventive mechanisms are in place to eliminate theft, loss, wastage and misuse; and processes, whether manual or electronic, and procedures are in place for the effective, efficient, economical and transparent use of the assets.' 131. We observed during our field visit to eight Health facilities combat of COVID-19 disease have been packed and not put to use. Details attached as Appendix 'C' 132. The Heads of the Facilities gave various reasons including the need for training before using the equipment, instruction to wait for the supplier to install the equipment, the need to have space to set up the equipment, among others. 133. If the equipment is not installed early for use, benefits from the warranty period could be lost, they could become malfunctional and additional funds would be needed to service them before they are used. 134. We recommended that the Chief Director should ensure the equipment are installed and put to use without further delay. **Faulty/Damaged Medical Equipment – US\$451,979** 135. Contrary to Section 52 of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921), we noted during our visit to nine Health facilities in the Greater Accra, Oti, Eastern and Western North regions that medical equipment procured at a cost of US\$451,979.38 to assist in the fight against the COVID-19 had broken down. The details are provided in the table below:

No.	Date Received	Description	Quantity	Unit Price (US\$)	Totals US\$	Location	Region
1	26-Aug-20	Mobile X-Ray	1	240,000.00	240,000.00	Greater Accra	Greater Accra
2	26-Aug-20	Haematology Analyzer	1	45,000.00	45,000.00	Greater Accra	Regional Hospital

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Suction Machine 1 700 700 Damangreba
Health Centre Oti 5 27-Jan-21
Fetal Detector and Stands 1 735 735 Damangreba
Health Centre Oti 6 24-Aug-21
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Facilities involved provide any real anomaly.
137. Funds could of the Facilities warranty to repair the equipment.
138. We recommended Chief Director should ensure the nonfunctional equipment is repaired for use.
139. Management that the supplier contacted and had sent engineers to check condition for the **Medical equipment at private facility – and GH¢27,895.00**
140. Section 96 of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) states that 'a person connected with the procurement or control of government stores, who is responsible for any deficiency in or for the loss, damage or destruction of any public funds, stamp, security, stores or any other government property, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a term of imprisonment or a fine.
141. We noted that medical equipment valued at US\$110,088.00 was procured at a cost of GH¢27,895.00