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ggrieved Customers of the Gold Coast Fund Management, now Black Shield Capital Limited have said they are lacing their boots and will soon sue the government over its failure to pay over Ghc 5 billion locked up funds belonging to over 55,000 of its members following the liquidation of some investment management entities by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The aggrieved customers, most of whom are pensioners are not happy that the Finance Minister,

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other high ranking security officials including some unseen hands backing a company by name Topkings Limited have turned a small unit of the military into land guards thereby forcefully and blatantly seizing lands it legally

acquired over four decades ago. Wearing red arm bands with

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— EDITORIAL

CLOSE THEM DOWN!

Standards Authority in collaboration with the Criminal Investigation
Department of the Ghana Police Service closed down a gas cylinder manufacturing plants in Accra and other areas for operating illegally it has now emerged the some others are operating with bravado.

This development is indeed worrying. Indeed, there are several of these gas plants littered across every nook and cranny of the country and the worry is the danger their operations pose to residents especially in residential areas apart from operating illegally.

Over the years the country has recorded a huge number of domestic fires, which had claimed several lives and property and it is upon this basis that such illegal cylinder manufacturing companies need not be allowed to operate.

Often, these stations are closed down only to be seen a couple of days later, operating brisk business, a clear indication that something has gone amidst.

There is therefore, the need for the state regulatory agencies to ensure that standards are adhered to and especially safety issues not compromised upon.

Again, the is the need for the regulators to ensure that those gas plants and filling stations that operate in residential areas and are sited close to, or sandwiched between houses are stopped from such dangerous operations.

Those that are operating illegally need to be closed down now.

Otumfuo Pledges To Support Alan With Prayers

he Asantehene, Otumfuo Opemsuo Osei Tutu II, has assured Hon. John Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen of his support in his bid to lead the New Patriotic Party (NPP) as its flagbearer and ultimately as the next President of Ghana. Giving audience to Hon. Kyerematen popularly known as 'Alan Cash' at the Manhyia Palace on Monday, the Otumfuo assured the presidential hopeful of his prayers and blessings saying, "I support you with prayers and blessings in the pursuit of your ambition".

The Asantehene advised the former Minister of Trade and Industry to rest assured in the providence of God and the power of the Golden Stool to achieve his dreams. The King also advised Hon. Kyerematen to utilize his expertise and experience to work in the interest of Ghana at all times, even as he seeks to safeguard the confidence and respect that Ghanaians have for him.

The Otumfuo further advised Hon Kyerematen to embark on a clean campaign devoid of insults and abusive words against other contestants in the flagbearer race. Otumfuo Osei Tutu II advised the NPP delegates to consider voting for a personality that all Ghanaians would accept as their president and not the one to just lead the party but fail to win the general vote.

Hon Kyerematen thanked Otumfuo for his support and prayers for him over the years, especially, during his tenure as Ghana's Trade and Industry Minister, and, assured him that he would continue to rely on his good counsel and directions.

He also assured the Asantehene that he would not disappoint the Manhyia Palace and Ghana as a whole when he gets the mandate to lead the party and the natuonbl at large.

The former Minister said he would deliver by building upon the ID1F and other flagship programmes of the government and make a real difference in the lives of Ghanaians. Hon Kyerematen also announced plans for

the establishment of a New Greater Kumasi Industrial City and a Special Economic Zone at Ejisu. The objective of the purported Greater Kumasi Industrial City, Mr.

Kyerematen explained, is to make Ashanti region the new manufacturing hub and put Ghana on the global map.

He touted his achievements as a Trade Minister and highlighted the One District One Factory and African Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA) which is headquartered in Ghana, among others.

According to him, about 296 factories have been established with 47 of them in the



Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen (back to camera) exchanging pleasantries with Otumfuo Osei II, the Asantehene at Manhyia Palace

Ashanti region at various stages of completion. Furthermore, Hon Kyerematen, while speaking to residents of Kumasi on local radio stations on Tuesday, stressed that continuity and longevity in governance were key to 'Breaking the 8'. He explained that the NPP needs a candidate like him who has national appeal to guarantee victory for the in the 2024 general elections.

He stated that, with his competence and vision, he (Kyerematen) has the capacity to consolidate the NPP's support base in Ashanti region and lead the party to win 80% votes in the region. He also asserted that he has the ability to make record gains for the NPP in the Volta region in addition to gaining a sizable number of votes in all other regions in Ghana.

Mr. Kyerematen emphasised that he would work hard to ensure that the party remained in government. He also outlined his plan to modernise the NPP by setting up constituency business ventures and enhancing the entrepreneurial capabilities of party executives as a way of financing party activities without depending on funding from the government. In a similar vein, he suggested that if his plan was put in place, dedicated party executives at all levels would be able to receive a legitimate salary to enable them fend for themselves and earn a decent living. E

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GROUP THREATENS TO SUE GOVT Over GHC 5 Billion Locked Up Funds

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Ken Ofori-Atta who claimed initially to have spent GHC9 billion and subsequently GHC25 billion in the financial sector clean up till date have not been paid their portion of the

Even surprising to them is an approval of a whopping GHC5.5 billion by the parliament of Ghana to ensure that all affected victims of the financial sector clean up are covered yet, their members most of whom are pensioners have not received their monies as 304 of the pensioners have since the crisis died of starvation and ill-health.Charles Nyame, Public Relations Officer of the group told the media yesterday that they will soon drag the government to court to ensure that their monies are paid to them. He said it is surprising that the court case regarding the liquidation of the Gold Coast Fund Management is still dragging whereas their monies are not paid by the government, a process the believe could take over

In court yesterday, the case over the liquidation was again adjourned to 10^{th} February 2023 to enable the Gold Coast Fund Management to file some document being requested by the court, but the aggrieved customers are not happy about the court

process.

This is their statement issued vesterday:

Aggrieved Customers Of Gold Coast Fund Management

Email: mrcharlesnyame@gmail.com Tel: 0247222613 1st February, 2023. PRESS RELEASE

We are a pressure group called; Aggrieved Customers of Gold Coast Fund Management with membership of over fifty-five thousand (55,000) unpaid customers of Black shield Capital Limited, hitherto known as; Gold Coast Fund Management (GCFM) owned by Dr. Papa Kwesi Nduom.

It has been over four (4) years since our investments got locked-up with GCFM which is a government regulated institution under the Asset Management Sector regulated by Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC).

The lock up of our investments was mainly due to Government's policy of a Financial Sector Clean-up Exercise in Ghana initiated in 2018. Affected depositors of other Fund Management Companies have been bailed out long ago and it is most unfortunate that the government is discriminating against us. This discriminatory act on the part of government is in contravention of the 1992 Constitution that requires the

government to treat all its nationals equally without discrimination.
Government taking over the debt and validating customers claims with initial payment of Ghs 50,000 per each investment makes the government liable to the customers on the grounds of absorption of responsibility. Affected depositors would have taken action to retrieve their deposit since 2018 but for the government taking over the responsibility to pay us.

that government owes them and the evidence available clearly confirms same. There can be a set off in the absence of malice to give relief to us. It is however unfortunate that we the ordinary citizens are now made to bear the brunt of a government decision for the past four years in such a dastardly manner. You can imagine how we have been surviving for all these years, especially, the pensioners and sick persons among

It had been the case of Group Nduom

Pensioners among us who have their investment locked up till date, form more than 70% of our membership and it is incomprehensible that government would shield its responsibility with a condition of securing order from court before it pays these dying pensioners. Following the brief background numerated in the previous paragraphs, we would like to humbly petition the media which is fourth estate of realm as follows; A parliamentary approved bailout package as we all know is distinct from a liquidation order being sought



in the court. Therefore we plead the media to treat our plight with the sense of public interest and recommends to the government to proceed to commit the Ghs 5.5 billion budget allocation made in the 2021 budget for payment of Fund Management Customers to pay us.

The initial forensic audit conducted by government on the Financial Sector before the introduction of the Financial Clean-up Exercise policy puts the debt in the Financial Sector to Nine Billion Ghana CEDIS (GHS 9,000,000,000.00). Now, document available from the Finance Ministry shows that amount of money committed to payment of victims of the clean-up to date sums up to Twenty-five Billon Ghana Cedis (GHS 25,000,000,000,000.00). We respectfully plead the media to interrogate and request the Finance Minister to explain

how he arrived at spending an amount of GHS 25,000,000,000.00 to settle a debt of GHS9,000,000,000.00 and yet, the Aggrieved Customers Of Gold Coast Fund Management have not received full payment of our investments.

Finally, we wish to assure the general public that, we are ready to go to court to seek redress of this matter.

Signed

Charles Nyame (Convener and Spokesperson)

Tel. 0247222613

Cc: All Media Houses.

OIG, CSADI Polls Putting Bawumia Ahead Of Kyerematen Not Credible



Vice President Dr Muhammadu Bawumia

act-checks and investigations have revealed that the organisations that recently announced that Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia is leading Former



Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen

Minister of Trade and Industry, Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen in a New Patriotic Party (NPP) presidential primaries polls they undertook are unlikely to be credible think tanks or research institutions.

The organisations, Center for Sustainable African Development Initiatives (CSADI) and Outcomes International Ghana (OIG) are unknown institutions with scanty information on them which, comes with credibility and authenticity challenges.

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Hertfordshire SG1 5NJ, UK is the
registered address of Sustainable
African Development Initiatives,
the main organisation responsible
for the suspicious credibility
deficient polls. Investigations
revealed it has unreported
telephone number, unreported
email address, unreported website,
etc. which is very unlike a credible
international think tank or research

institution in any modern society. https://find-and-update.companyinformation.service.gov.uk/company /14001084

Going to every elections, various think tanks, research institutions. media houses and individuals conduct audience researches to aid political analysis and conversations. In recent times, however, mushroom organisations sprout all over the place to influence national political discourses with all manner of predetermined research findings to create bandwagon effects for their clients or favourite aspirants. "Our politicians know that a lot of people are gullible so they can easily get their attention with some of these cooked polls results to create

a bandwagon effect on their

audiences," one political analyst observed.

"Otherwise, why would anybody take a research body established about a year ago without any wellbuilt credibility and reputation serious enough to discuss on major news and current affairs platforms without interrogating the source and other tangible details?" he asked adding, "now that we know that it's bogus, let discard it. But, next time, journalists must first vet and interrogate the backgrounds of sources critically, check the methodology and other tangible features of authentic and credible research work before they disseminate the findings."



INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORT **Compiled By Peoples Dispatch**

Turkish Court Suspends Public Funding To Left-Wing HDP, The Third-Largest Party In Parliament



(Photo: Bianet) The move is being seen as part of the larger political persecution unleashed by Erdoğan's government, which is likely to face a stiff challenge in the upcoming national elections

he third-largest party in the Turkish parliament, the **Peoples Democratic Party** (HDP), has been temporarily banned from receiving any public funding by the country's Constitutional Court. The decision is a big blow for the party before the upcoming national elections. The Constitutional Court. reportedly after a majority vote, decided to suspend the HDP's access to public funding until a petition to dissolve the party,

currently pending in court, is heard next week.

With a strong base among the Kurdish minority in the country, the HDP is considered to be a leftwing party. It won more than 11.7% of the popular vote in the last elections held in 2018, and holds 56 seats in the 600-seat Turkish National Assembly. The party was slated to receive USD 29 million from the state treasury before January 10, as per Turkish laws that allow for partial funding to political parties that have received more than 7% of the popular vote in the previous election.

The ruling right-wing Justice and Development Party (AKP) and its ally the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) have accused the HDP of having links with the banned Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) and sought its dissolution. HDP denies these allegations and alleged on Thursday that the

Constitutional Court's verdict is a result of pressure created by the ruling AKP. It termed the decision a "blatant attempt to undermine fair and democratic elections."

Political persecution

Elections will be held in Turkey later this year and the ruling AKP is facing a resurgent opposition led by the Republican People's Party (CHP). The CHP has formed an alliance with other parties and is expected to pose a strong challenge to Recep Tayyip

Erdoğan's two-decade-long rule. However, it is also speculated that the HDP will have a crucial role to play if Erdoğan is to be defeated. Erdoğan has been accused of persecuting the opposition over the last few years as a way to prevent them from challenging him. Several of 'HDPs MPshave been disqualified from the parliament in recent years over allegations of links with the PKK, which is banned in the country. HDP denies any links with the PKK. It also alleges that its current persecution is less to do with any links to the PKK and more to do with Erdoğan's fear of facing the party in the upcoming elections The PKK, founded in 1980, has campaigned for the rights of the Kurdish minority in Turkey. It has, however, also been accused of carrying out an armed struggle against the state with the objective of dividing the country. According to **Bianet**, the Turkish

state has banned at least seven pro-

Kurdish parties since the 1990s, apart from two that dissolved themselves following state persecution.

Moves to limit the opposition have not only been used against the HDP. Earlier last month, Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, of the CHP, was sentenced to two and half years in prison for allegedly disrespecting the Supreme Electoral Council. If the sentence is implemented, it will prevent imamoğlu from contesting the next elections. He was considered a <u>lead candidate</u> to run against Erdoğan.

This move has been criticized by every major opposition party in Turkey. The CHP described the verdict as illegal, as it was not taken by the required two-third majority of judges.

The Turkish Communist Party (TKP) called it "bullying by the AKP," claiming that the ruling party was "using public resources" to unleash oppression on its political

Controversy Over Beirut Blasts Probe Escalates

he controversy over the probe into the Beirut blasts of 2020 has intensified following judge Tarek Bitar's decision to resume the proceedings. On Wednesday, January 25, Lebanon's Chief Prosecutor Ghassan Oweidat filed charges against Bitar and ordered the release of those imprisoned in connection with the probe, AI Jazeera reported. The previous day, Bitar had charged former Lebanese Prime Minister Hassan Diab and two of his cabinet colleagues with homicide with probable intent. Oweidat was also among those charged by Bitar. Media outlets also reported protests on Thursday in front of the offices of the

judiciary. According to various sources, judge Bitar has said that formal interrogations will begin in mid-February, despite Oweidat conveying to him that "his probe into the Beirut port blast remained suspended." Oweidat claimed that he only heard about the resumption of Bitar's investigation through media reports, Lebanon's National News Agency reported. Apart from Diab, who was the prime minister at the time of the blast, and his two colleagues—former Interior Minister Nouhad Machnouk and former Public Work Minister Ghazi Zeaiter-dozens of other high ranking state officials have been

reportedly charged. These include the former head of state intelligence Major General Abbas Ibrahim. Bitar's announcements have reignited the political debate over responsibility for the Beirut blasts on August 4, 2020, which killed over 200 people and injured thousands others. According to reports, the homes of over 30,000 residents of Beirut were also, at least temporarily, damaged by the blast. The blast was allegedly caused by accidental fire at the Beirut port where more than 2,700 tons of ammonium nitrate had been stored for years.

Following massive protests, the government, then led by Diab, had constituted an inquiry committee

under judge Fadi Sawan, who soon had to resign after allegations of bias. Judge Tarek Bitar was appointed in his place in December 2020. However, he was also accused of bias and of overstepping his jurisdiction by Hezbollah and other political

Hezbollah has also accused Bitar of politicizing the investigation and following the US's agenda in his investigation.

Following various lawsuits filed against Bitar, the investigation was suspended. As the cases against Bitar's investigation are yet to be disposed of by the Lebanese courts, the legitimacy of his charges against Diab and the others remains disputed.



(Photo: MEE/Hasan Shaaban) The investigation into the August 2020 blasts, which killed over 200 people and injured thousands, has become a point of contention after controversial judge Tarek Bitar said he was resuming proceedings. Lebanon's Chief Prosecutor Ghassan Oweidat has filed charges against Bitar

Protests demanding justice for the blast victims have been held repeatedly in the country since 2020. Earlier this month, hundreds of the relatives of the victims of the blast staged a protest in Beirut in front of the Justice Palace.

Stop Military Brutalities And Topkings Land Grab Empire Builders Tells President Akufo-Addo



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He said it is regrettable that Ghana which prides itself to be a democratic and law-abiding country should witness such brazen theft of land by unseen powerful hands with the backing of the military. Empire Builders in view of the development gave the government a two-week ultimatum to intervene and end the military impunity as well as the unlawful seizure of some parcels of land it has legally

The company explained that Topkings Enterprises Limited with the help of "land guards (which is illegal), some members of the Nungua Stool and men wearing the Ghana Armed Forces uniform, have trespassed onto the land of Empire Builders Limited."

The company added that Topkings with quasi security forces

"...brutally attacked the company's workers; demolished the company's property; cleared part of the company's land, and is preparing to sell the company's land to unsuspecting members of the

This development according to Empire Builders is on the back of a long-standing dispute between the two companies over the land in question located at Adjiriganor in the East Legon enclave of the Greater Accra Region. Briefing the media about the history of the said land, the company said it acquired the land as far back as 1977 when the founder of Empire Builders, Baron Fiore Ernesto Taricone, acquired it from the Nii Ashong Mlitse Family of Odaitei Tse We.

The company said it had been developing the land without any issues until 1998 when it noticed encroachment activities on the land by Topkings Enterprises Limited. A legal battle between the two companies which commenced at a High Court in 1999, ended in a Supreme Court appeal which according to the company, saw the court affirm its interest in the said land, albeit with 22 and 32 acres being allocated to Topkings by the court.

Despite the ruling of the court however, the company belonging to the Trassaco group said Topkings Limited through the support of some individuals have trespassed into its portions of the land.

"Every effort of Empire Builders Limited to protect its land has been met with brute force from these men parading as soldiers," Empire Builders said.

He noted that the activities of the encroachers is putting the jobs of some 4.000 employees, some of whom have been victims of the brutality, at risk.

The workers are therefore appealing to the government and all relevant security agencies including the National Security to intervene in the

According to workers, they will be left with no option but to stage a public protest to register their sentiments should the state fail to intervene in the matter.

"It appears that Topkings Enterprise Limited is operating with the support of some high-level authority, which accounts for the use of soldiers in the land guard activities. Why are military men on the ground able to drive the police away whenever the police try to intervene and maintain peace? Who is giving the orders to the soldiers of the Ghana Armed Forces to engage in these land guard activities? We demand that the soldiers are immediately withdrawn from the land and restrained from committing further activities," the statement

This is the full text of the statement;

PRESS STATEMENT TO SET THE **RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT THE DISPUTE BETWEEN EMPIRE** BUILDERS LIMITED AND TOPKINGS **ENTERPRISES LIMITED OVER LAND** AT ADJIRINGANO AND TO ISSUE A WARNING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE FRAUDULENT SALE OF THE LAND BY TOPKINGS **ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

Tuesday, 31st January 2023 Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have invited you here to bring to your attention that overt illegal activities are being perpetrated by Topkings Enterprises Limited and others on land at Adjiringano belonging to Empire Builders Limited, which is part of the Trasacco Group.

Top kings Enterprises Limited, backed by land guards (which are illegal), some members of the Nungua Stool and men wearing the Ghana Armed Forces uniform, has trespassed onto the land of Empire Builders Limited; has brutally attacked the company's workers; demolished the company's property; cleared part of the company's land, and is preparing to sell the company's land to unsuspecting members of the public.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Empire **Builders Limited and Topkings** Enterprises Limited have been embroiled in a long-standing dispute over the land, and Topkings Enterprises Limited has resorted to misleading the general public and the authorities in an effort to garner their support in order to facilitate the commission of these illegal activities on the land. Ladies and Gentlemen, permit me

to give you the background of the

1. In 1977, the Nii Ashong Mlitse Family of Odaitei Tse We of Teshie granted Baron Fiore Ernesto Taricone, who was a naturalised Ghanaian, a lease of a large tract of land at Adjiringano for a term of 99

2. In 1979, Baron Fiore Ernesto Taricone assigned his interest in the land to Empire Builders Limited, a company in which he was the sole shareholder, and the company subsequently went into possession of the land.

3. In 1987, Empire Builders Limited surrendered part of the land back to the Nii Ashong Mlitse Family of Odaitei Tse We of Teshie, leaving Empire Builders Limited with approximately 456 acres of land. 4. Empire Builders Limited started

developing the Trasacco Valley housing estate on the land without any interference until about 1998 when the company noticed Topkings Enterprises Limited had encroached upon part of the land.

5. In 1999. Empire Builders Limited sued Topkings Enterprises Limited and others for trespass among other things. It is important you are aware that the size of the land claimed by Top kings Enterprises Limited and its affiliates was approximately 40 acres

6. In 2003, judgment was delivered and the High Court held, among other things, that the claim of Empire **Builders Limited against Topkings** Enterprises Limited in respect of approximately 39.5 (40) and 22 acres had failed.

However, the court emphasised that, 114 of the said land belonged to the Government of Ghana, 62 acres to Top Kinas and its affiliates and Empire Builders, to possess the remainder.

7. The High Court held that Empire Builders Limited should retain possession of all the land excent approximately 62 acres Top kings Enterprises Limited; approximately 114 acres that was awarded to the Lands Commission on behalf of the Government.

8. Dissatisfied, Empire Builders Limited filed an appeal against the judgment of the High Court in 2006, and in 2014 the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal. However, the Court of Appeal held that the High Court erred in holding that Empire Builders Limited had no legal capacity to acquire an interest in land in Ghana, and the Court of Appeal (albeit erroneously) curtailed the interest of Empire Builders Limited to 50 years. 9. Still dissatisfied, Empire Builders Limited filed an appeal against the judgment of the Court of Appeal in 2015, and in 2020 the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal. However, the Supreme Court held that the Court of Appeal erred in curtailing the interest of Empire Builders Limited to 50 years. The Supreme Court further held that it was wrong for the two lower courts to pronounce on the issue of the quantum of the interest of Empire Builders Limited and it set aside their respective holdings, thereby confirming that the interest of Empire **Builders Limited is for the entire** remainder of the lease that was granted for a term of 99 years

10. Meanwhile in 2010, by virtue of a lease from the Government and an assignment from the Nungua Stool, Empire Builders Limited acquired the land that had been awarded by the court to the Government.

commencing from 1977.

11. Therefore, Empire Builders Limited currently owns approximately 402 out of 456 acres (having failed in its claim against Topkings Enterprises Limited and REIT-Top Housing Estates Limited in respect of approximately 22 and 32 acres respectively).

However, Topkings Enterprises Limited is deceiving the general public and the authorities by convoluting matters and misapplying the Supreme Court judgment in order to create confusion and pave the way for its spurious claims to the land that was awarded to Empire Builders Limited in the +20 year legal battle as well as the land that was derived by Empire Builders Limited from

the Government in 2010 notwithstanding that throughout the protracted litigation Topkings **Enterprises Limited claimed a different** piece of land (approximately 22 acres), and no court ever made a specific order in favour of Topkings Enterprises Limited in respect of that piece of land or any other part of the disputed land! Ladies and Gentlemen, Topkings

Enterprises Limited, backed by land guards (which are illegal), some members of the Nungua Stool and men wearing the Ghana Armed Forces uniform, has trespassed onto the land of Empire Builders Limited: has brutally attacked the company's workers; demolished the company's property; cleared part of the company's land, and is preparing to sell the company's land to unsuspecting members of the public. Every effort of Empire Builders Limited to protect its land has been met with brute force from soldiers engaged in land guard activities. It appears that Topkings Enterprises Limited is operating with the support of some high-level authority, which accounts for the use of soldiers in land guard activities. Why are military men on the ground able to drive the police away whenever the police try to intervene and maintain the peace? Who is giving the orders to the soldiers of the Ghana Armed Forces to engage in these land guard activities? We demand that the soldiers are immediately withdrawn from the land and restrained from committing further illegal activities. Ladies and Gentlemen, we hereby appeal to the powers that be to uphold the rule of law and hold Topkings **Enterprises Limited and its aiders** accountable for their illegal activities. This flagrant brutality, trespass. destruction of property, attempted theft of land and what is tantamount to contempt of the Supreme Court should be condemned and put in check in order to prevent the situation escalating into a state of anarchy. Ladies and Gentlemen, please be

prudent and do not fall victim to any fraudulent sale by Topkings Enterprises Limited of land at Adjiringano that belongs to Empire Builders Limited. We thank you all for coming. God bless all of you.





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REPUBLIC OF GHANA WRIT OF SUMMONS

SUTT NO. F. SHE/22/202

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE BIGH COURT OF JUSTICE SOWUTUOM - AD 2022

BETWEEN

ROBERT YARBOI BOYE GC- 811-3848 SOWUTUOM ACCRA

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

AND

- SKED ENTERPRISE MICHAEL OSEI DANSO ABIGAIL OPPONG DARKOA GIFTY OPPONG DARKOA
- 5. REUBEN TETTEH AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL IN ACCRA (PLAINTIFF WILL DIRECT SERVICE)

d against you by the issue of this Writ by the above-named Plaintiff.
ROBERT YARBOI BOYE AN ACTION having been commen

YOU ARE HEREBY CONMANDED 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.

1. SKED ENTERPRISE
2. MICHAEL OSET DANSO
3. ABIGAIL OPPONG DARKOA
4. GIFTY OPPONG DARKOA
5. OREUBEN TETTEH AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS
AND TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, judgment may be given in your absence without

Dated this COFF day of RT

2022

Chief Justice of Ghans

The andre, 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)

NB: This writ is to be served within twelve calendar months from the date of issue unless, it is rememble from the date of the date of the control of the date of the date of the control of the date of the date of the control of the control of the date of the control of



STATEMENT OF CLAIM

The Plaintiff claims against the Defendants jointly and severally as follows:

- Declaration of title of ALL PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate and lying at Sarpeiman-Shikpontele in the Greater Accra Region containing an approximate Area 0.604 acre and bounded on the North-West by Proposed Road measuring 145.8 feet more or less on the North-West by Proposed Road measuring 194.4 Fee 145.8 feet more or less on the North-East by Lessors land measuring 194.4 Feet more or less on the South-East by Lessors land measuring 125.0 feet more or less and on the South-West by Lessors land measuring 196.4 feet more or less.
- Recovery of Possession of the land described in (1) supra
- Order for Perpetual Injunction
- 4. An Order directing the Land Commission and its Agencies to ex-punch the registration made in favor of the Defendants
- General Damages
- Costs, Including legal fess.

DATED AT ADUAPROKYE CHAMBERS, C77/2 KWAME NKRUMAH AVENUE, ADABRAKA THIS $13^{\rm TH}$ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

SOLICITORS FOR PLAINTIFF

This writ was issued by

AKWASI OWUSU FORDJOUR ESQ

Whose address for service is

ADUAPROKYE CHAMBERS,C/277 KWAME NKRUMAH AVE, ADABRAKA, OPP UMB BANK, ACCRA.

Agent for PLAINTIFF

Lawyer for the Plaintiff, AKWASI OWUSU FORDJOUR ESQ who resides at ACCRA And whose licence No. is eGAR02008/22, BP NO. P000060234

Indorsement to be made within 3 days after service

This writ was served by me at

On the

Signed.

day of

Endorsed the

day of

Address.....

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

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BETWEEN

ROBERT YARBOI BOYE GC- 585-4400 ABEKA - ACCRA

PLAINTIFF

AND

- SKED ENTERPRISE
 MICHAEL OSEI DANSO
 ABIGAIL OPPONG DARKOA
 GIFTY OPPONG DARKOA
 REUBEN TETTEH AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS
 ALL IN ACCRA

DEFENDANTS

ALL IN ACCRA
(PLAINTIFF WILL DIRECT SERVICE)

- <u>STATEMENT OF CLAIM</u>

 1. The Plaintiff is a business man and resides at Abek
- The 1st Defendant is a company registered under the Laws of Ghana and whose nature of work or line of Business is yet to be known to the Plaintiff.
- 3. The 2nd Defendant is a Ghanaian, whose nature of Business is unknown to the Plaintiff.
- 4. The 3rd Defendant is a Ghanaian, whose nature of Business is unknown to the
- The 4th Defendant is a Ghanaian, whose nature of Business is unknown to the Plaintiff.
- 6. The 5th Defendant is a Ghanaian, whose nature of Business is unknown to the Plaintiff.
- 7. The Plaintiff avers that he purchased a piece on land around 2012 from Adams Mahama at Sarpeiman - Shikpontele.
- 8. The Plaintiff says that he cleared the place and placed people in possession as squatters.
- The Plaintiff further states that he secured the land by renting the place to mechanics to be used as mechanic shops.
 - Plaintiff further avers that at all material times he has being in physical ession on the disputed land.
 - 11. The Plaintiff avers that he has being in peaceful and quite enjoyment on the land
 - for years.

 12. The Plaintiff avers that he initiated or started a Registration process on the pi of Land.
 - 13. The Plaintiff further states that he conducted a search at the survey and Mapping Division of the Lands Commission and to his surprise the Defendants has fraudulently and or mistakenly caused his land to be registered in their names

- PARTICULARS OF FRAUD OR MISTAKE

 a. The Defendants ought to have known that the Plaintiff has being in physical possession for more than 9 years.
 - The Defendants knew or ought to have known that the Nil Sarpei Family of Accra is the Lessors' of the Disputed Land.
 - The Defendants knew or ought to have known that the Nii Sarpei Family of Accra acting through their Head and Lawful Representatives Grace Yarborley Abbey and Emmanuel Abeashie Tetteh made a valid Grant to Adams Mahama.

 The Defendants ought to know that it is only through Adams Mahama that can
- make a valid grant to the land in dispute by the consent of the Family mentioned in Paragraph (b) supra.
- The Defendants ought to have known that their Grantors have no capacity to grant the disputed land.
- 14. The Plaintiff pleads specifically that at all material times that, his grant predates that of the defendants, that aside, their grantor cannot transfer valid legal Title
- 15. The Plaintiff says that the Defendants will not respect his Right as a Bona fide owner of the property unless this Honorable court compels him to do so.
- WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff claims against the Defendant as follows:

 I. Declaration of title of ALL PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate and lying Sarpeiman-Shikpontele in the Greater Accra Region containing an

approximate Area 0.604 acre and bounded on the North-West by Proposed Road measuring 145.8 feet more or less on the North-East by Lessors land measuring 194.4 Feet more or less on the South-East by Lessors land measuring 196.4 feet more or less and on the South-West by Lessors land measuring 196.4 feet more or less.

Recovery of Possession of the land described in (i) supra Order for Perpetual Injunction
An Order directing the Land Commission and its Agencies to ex-punch the registration made in favor of the Defendant General Damages
Costs, including lenal fees

- iii. iv.

- Costs, including legal fess.

DATED AT ADUAPROKYE CHAMBERS, C77/2 KWAME NKRUMAH AVENUE, ADABRAKA THIS $13^{\rm TM}$ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF LICENCE NO: eGAR02008/22 CHAMBERS REG. NO: ePP00152/22 BP NO: 3000060234

THE REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT SOWUTUOM AND SERVICE ON THE DEFENDANT

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of Nana Addo are shining examples to me. Internationally, Barack Obama's political life story is also a source of personal motivation.

So allow me to share with you my vision for NPP as we move forward together: having carefully thought through the critical next steps. I promise four (4) things that I shall commit to throughout the mandate when elected:

- I will continue to be an effective "resultsoriented" unifier, while upholding and applying the values of Justice, of Mercy and of Honesty to support the rank-and-file members of the Party.
- 2. I will ensure that resources are fairly and equitably distributed among the rank and file of the Party, thereby encouraging wide participation and contribution of members to the renewal of the party.
- I will ensure the construction of party offices in every constituency where there is none to date.
- 4. I will establish viable economic ventures in every constituency enabling them each to generate sustained income.

SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR GHANA UNDER MY WATCH

As written by the leader of Dubai, Sheik Al Maktoum, in his famous book titled "Flashes of Thought", "Life was created simple and it is important to live it as such". One of basic functions of the government is to contribute to enabling its citizens in achieving satisfactory levels of happiness. This becomes possible by applying simple solutions to our relatively simple problems without adding layers of bureaucratic complexity when it's possible.

Here's something worth

considering: certain socioeconomic challenges confronting our country are actually indeed relatively simple, and therefore their solutions ought to be simple as well. However, people in positions of authority, knowingly or unintentionally, may often refrain from solving problems with simplicity. This can be due to selfinflicted pain lurking in our public organizations, that may result from personal greed, selfishness, arrogance, ego - you name it. Then organizations tend to resort to inducing artificially complex solutions. Insightful leadership knows this and can help make things simple and easily manageable in all public organizations. And this would help generate significant time and financial savings. This fundamental approach is part of our plan.

The Insight

Mr. Chairman, at this juncture, because tangible details, as I mentioned earlier, are important for the electors to consider, I would like to outline my 7-point policy development strategy for our beloved country. For want of time, I shall only highlight the broad plans here today, but a comprehensive set of communications detailing each point shall be made available over the next few months. I also invite you, as always Ladies and Gentlemen, to send me your questions, which I'll be pleased to address for the benefit of all. My proposed 7-points program for the nation, with each point complementing each other as you'll note, are as follows:

1- Agriculture and Food Security

As a basic human requirement, access to healthy foods and clean water must be always available and affordable. We will significantly improve fresh water and sanitation systems for the benefit of all, while also encouraging productive approaches to agriculture in various sectors, making these government initiatives conducive to achieve food security throughout the country.

Our Ghanaian soil and our climatic

conditions could and should sustain most - if not all - of our domestic food requirements, while also generating additional wealth through strategically targeted exports. It's a matter of smartly organizing and facilitating productive processes to deliver on this promise.

We shall systematically reverse our net-import dependence on food by ensuring the establishments of private-public sector partnerships. This will ensure that our farmers may produce sufficient volumes of all food crops adapted to our agroclimatic conditions.

The Government, under my watch, will make available critical information and resources to support this goal, while also facilitating access to international markets. No one in Ghana should ever again have go to bed, to school or to work hungry!

2- Education

Although basic and high school education for all children is essential, as are Ghana's fine universities, the development of technical, vocational and skillstraining programs will also be a priority. Indeed, hands-on applications have become a major requirement throughout the country to fuel its development. This will enable us to ensure our economic growth - without overly relying on foreign aid and influence.

An Addai-Nimoh-led Government will provide the required support, in coordination with the regions, to link educational programs with local manpower requirements. This will particularly help develop privately-owned small and medium scale enterprises. Science and technology will also take its rightful place at the core of our educational system.

3- Health

Healthy citizens who study and work in a sustained manner, contribute to happiness among one another in their communities. This also contributes to local and national productivity.

The Government will assume its

responsibility in helping Ghanaians to maintain and improve their health. We will do this by ensuring that high-quality health care services are accessible and affordable for all nation-wide, while working to reduce health risks.

4- Employment and Entrepreneurship

All hands are invited on deck in our common pursuit towards nation-building. Every person of working age must have available to her or to him the opportunity to secure employment or to develop thriving enterprises, and thereby to contribute to national productivity. Together, let's make this happen. We will bring in carefully crafted and coordinated policies, with tailor-made educational programs, making available the appropriate resources, along with efficient transport and communications. so that every Ghanaian will be able to work and uplift Ghana whether you wish to work in your native area or seek other avenues within the country.

5- Enhancing our national and regional Infrastructure

Another priority for my Government, if I'm elected, will be to dedicate investments throughout every region in Ghana. This will enhance connectivity for all, particularly in two sectors:

(a) Transportation:

improving roadway networks and rail systems (including support for vehicle electrification) to ease the movement of people and the transportation of goods.

(b) Telecommunications: In

partnership with the private sector, we will establish infrastructure that provides overall telecommunications bandwidth accessible to the

end-user
throughout Ghana.
You can see how
this will enhance
possibilities for
education, telehealth, business,
access government
services, and
improve personal
and professional
communications
that significantly
improve
productivity.

Infrastructure development will also encourage the private sector to develop a wide variety of industrial, commercial and hospitality facilities, which will result in accelerated growth in tourism.

6- Fundamental restructuring of governance for transparency, and major improvements to public service culture and structures to reduce complexities.

We respect and believe in the people who hold delegated authority to run organizations that serve Ghanaians in all socio-economic sectors. In this regard, we commit to an organizational reform placed at the centre of decision-making that will bring increasingly useful services to the people of Ghana. This will also reduce the concentration of power at the executive level.

This efficient devolution of decision-making, combined with a proper separation of power (as espoused by the French social commentator and political thinker Montesquieu) and, most importantly, eradicating the abuse of power by those individuals attempting to enrich themselves in our governance system!

With an effectively functioning governance system, we believe that development and other consequences of good governance will logically follow.

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And through a thoughtful rehaul of the public sector, which also includes the reduction of complex red-tape, we envisage an overall cost-efficient and results-oriented public service.

The principles of the Science of Public Administration, as espoused by former American President, Mr Wildrow Wilson, will be applied with a particular focus on reinventing government where it's relevant to do so. "If it's not broken, there's no need to fix it". The intent here is to enable all Ghanaians and private sector corporations across the country to find practical ways thrive and flourish, with government supporting - not impeding - the fulfillment of their actual potential for growth.

An Addai-Nimoh-led administration will carry out national budgeting from First Principles. We will no longer fall into the trap of following usual incremental approaches to budgeting that blindly occurs annually repeatedly over and over again. All local and foreign partners will appreciate being able to play on the field where the budget choices are realistic. Our government will assemble suggested inputs from various public consultations throughout the country to help achieve a balanced and intelligent budget. And finally, an equally critical element:

7- Accountability Public Accountability, through scrutiny and regular reporting, will be conducted by competent independent bodies. This will provide the bedrock to ensure the optimal and responsible use of the nation's scarce public resources. It will also curb their deliberate waste - which has unfortunately been known to result, here and there, in poor organization or unethical schemes. Probity and accountability will be at the core of an Addai-Nimoh-led government.

On a side-note, I can now also share with you, Ladies and Gentlemen, that there is an 8th point which is being currently designed to stimulate the

economy nationally and internationally. During the campaign, I'll be in a position to announce developments of these proposed policies and initiatives, for your consideration and comments. These policies will most likely be inspiring, as we move forward together on our path leading to the selection of our Party's flag bearer - our Party's candidate for the 2024 presidential campaign.

ENSURING FREE, FAIR & TRANSPARENT FLAG BEARER CONTEST

Mr. Chairman, one of the core values of the New Patriotic Party is to uphold democratic principles - whether internal or external to the Party. With this comes the responsibility to ensure a healthy and fair competition in the selection of Party officers at all levels of the NPP structure. In this regard, allow me to suggest - respectfully, although strongly that it is paramount that every NPP entity involved in the selection of the leader ensure the conduct of Free. Fair and Transparent Flag bearer elections throughout the entire span of the contest. I'm talking here about the National Council, National Council of Elders, National Executive Committee, Regional **Executive Committees and** Constituency Executive Committees. The Party's constitution provides time frames to deliver fair elections, and it is important that we fully comply with these timeline provisions. One area which can and should be improved is the possible Special College Election - should it become part of the process. It's essential to remind ourselves that the objective of the Special College Election is to shortlist the number of nominees to five (5). It is NOT intended to elect or predict the eventual winner of the main flag bearer election through informal processes. Let's remember that the Party experienced this process only once in its history, in the 2014 flag bearer election. When the Special College Election was indeed required, in retrospect, certain important lessons were learned from that ordeal.

I will therefore be submitting a formal resolution to the Party executive in the near future to ensure that the rules allow every delegate to the Special College Election to select their respective five (5) nominees directly on the ballot paper, concurrently with the Party's general election process.

In practical terms, campaigning should be allowed for 6 months, to the very least, which is in accordance with the Party's constitution. So if we do require this exceptional stage this year in the elections process, the adjusted procedure we propose would certainly be useful, costeffective and time saving while also ensuring a fair process. And while we're on the subject of improving the election process, may I also caution in the presence of this wide audience that the particular provision in the Party's Constitution which allows the National Executive Committee to make amends to it should not be used to create favouritism in the process. Such initiatives could

lead to fomenting disquiet and divisiveness which we are actually seeking to dissipate. The Party's fortunes in 2024 and beyond depend on our vigilance. Good governance for the nation starts here, with our Party's own good governance! Simply put, Mr Chairman, a free, fair, transparent flag bearer contest must be ensured and be seem as devoid of any undemocratic tendencies and vices.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I formally serve notice here today that I am Ready, Able and Willing to lead the Party as Flagbearer and to humbly serve our beloved country as President. Mr. Chairman, distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen of the media, allow me to emphasize that our country and our Party, the NPP, needs a fresh new face and audacious leadership objectives that will propel us all into a more prosperous future. This is the direction our movement has termed for this

leadership campaign, and I accept the challenge: A New Face enabling the NPP to "break the 8". Indeed, by electing a leader who is determined to do what it takes for all Ghanaians to live up to their full potential! This fresh energy ought to come from within the Party, and the gentleman before you is prepared to answer this call. It takes the decisive will of the ordinary people for this change to happen, and surely, together we shall succeed! Together, let's break the 8! Let's make it happen! Thank vou Long Live the Media! Long Live New Patriotic Party! Long Live Ghana!

Thank you - and see you along our campaign trail together!

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We Will Introduce \$10 Billion Job Fund To Support Ghanaian Youths In Job Acquisition – LPG Presi Candidate

he founder of the Liberal Party of Ghana (LPG) Mr. Kofi Akpaloo has revealed the plans of his political party to safeguard the youths of the country from rising unemployment situations when voted into power as president in the 2024 general

Mr. Akpaloo speaking in an interview with Kwaku Mensah Abrampa, High Radio Morning Show host disclosed that the LPG will initiate a project called 10 billion dollar job fund which will seek to address the unemployment conditions in the country by supporting the youths who may be interested in the establishment of their own business financially which according to him will curb the rate of unemployment and underemployment problems within the country. Nkoneba

He has promised to financially support farmers to lessen their burden in the farming practices in Ghana therefore the citizenry must vote for him as the next president



of Ghana and he will reduce the burden of the country and fix the economic challenges. He explained that his Motto: (Sor Me Ha na Sor Me Ha) doesn't have any negative meaning but rather it seeks to inform the general public about the need to ensure cooperate responsibility by using the thump to give him the presidential mandate where he also support the citizenry in achieving success

He added the leading flag bearer of the NDC H. E John Dramani Mahama does not qualify to lead the country

again due to the challenges and mess he sent Ghana into during his one term presidential opportunity. He said the era of John Mahama without Covid -19 and Russia -Ukrain war saw a very challenging economy with unbearable hardship hence he doesn't qualify to lead the country again as president because when it happens, the country will retrogress rather than to progress.

He finally pleaded with the general public to end the duopoly in the political front of the country by giving chances to other parties to rule the country to see different ideas

NPP and NDC have ruled the country over several years but it seems no positive change has happened to the country therefore trying LPG will see a different form of governance which will facilitate the economic and social advancement of the country.

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