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I was shaking – Ga Mantse recounts moment his kingship was prophesied



King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, the Ga Mantse, has publicly confirmed that a prophecy made years ago by Prophet Bernard ElBernard Nelson-Eshun accurately foretold his ascension to the throne.

Speaking at Spiritlife Revival Ministries on January 11, 2026, the traditional ruler narrated how the prophecy changed the direction of his life.

"This man sitting here, I have an issue with," the Ga Mantse said,

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Price of premix fuel drops significantly in January 2026



The price of premix fuel saw a significant reduction of 16% on 1st January 2026, compared to the last price review on 1st October 2025.

The product was priced at GHS5.3557 per litre at the same time last year, indicating about 18% year-on-year reduction.

This is a development that is favourable to end users, who are typically fisherfolk.

This price reduction is mainly due to the strong performance of the Ghana Cedi against the US Dollar, combined with a significant reduction in the

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History will judge you harshly for destroying NPP – Frimpong Boateng blasts NPP leaders



Leading member of NPP, Prof. Frimpong Boateng

Former Minister for Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation, Professor Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng, has launched a blistering attack on the General Secretary of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Justin Kodua Frimpong, describing him as “fake, immature, and unfit for leadership.”

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng insists the real problem lies with the party’s current leadership.

“The General Secretary and those around him are not building the party; they are breaking it,” he warned. “And history will judge them harshly for it.”

Speaking on Asempa FM’s Ekosii Sen programme (also known as Eko Sii Sen), Prof. Frimpong-Boateng was responding to a statement issued by the NPP General Secretary announcing steps to expel him from the party following his recent television interview.

According to Prof. Frimpong-

Boateng, Justin Kodua’s decision to issue a statement less than 12 hours after his Channel One TV appearance exposed what he called the General Secretary’s lack of maturity and depth.

“For a General Secretary to rush and release a statement less than 12 hours after I spoke on TV shows how fake and immature he is,” Prof. Frimpong-Boateng said. “This is not leadership. This is panic.”

The former minister accused Justin Kodua and his team of destroying the NPP from within, arguing that their priorities are misplaced at a time when the party is struggling to recover from electoral defeat.

“Look at how we lost the last elections. Look at the state of the NPP today,” he fumed. “Instead of sitting down to find solutions and strategies to win the next elections, you are busy talking about sacking people.”

Reacting directly to the General Secretary’s claim that the party had initiated processes to expel him, Prof. Frimpong-Boateng dismissed the move as empty threats.

“They cannot threaten me. I am not leaving the party,” he declared. “If anyone should be sacked, it is Justin Kodua Frimpong and his entire team. They are the fake ones, and they should leave.”

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng maintained that he remains a committed member of the NPP, insisting that internal criticism should not be treated as betrayal. He accused the current party leadership of intolerance, poor judgment, and failing to uphold democratic values.

“A party that cannot tolerate truth and criticism is already dead,” he said. “This is exactly why we are losing credibility with Ghanaians.”

The sharp exchange follows a statement signed by Justin Kodua Frimpong, in which the NPP accused Prof. Frimpong-Boateng of making “disparaging” remarks about the party and alleging that the 2023 presidential primary was rigged in favour of Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia. The party described his comments as “highly reprehensible” and announced steps to expel him under the party’s constitution.

The escalating war of words exposes deep cracks within the NPP, raising serious concerns about leadership, internal democracy, and the party’s readiness for future elections.

You will eventually end up throwing everybody out – Asah-Asante warns NPP against dismissing Frimpong-Boateng



Political Science lecturer, Dr. Kwame Asah-Asante

Political Science lecturer at the University of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Asah-Asante, has cautioned the New Patriotic Party (NPP) against hasty attempts to expel Professor Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng, warning that intolerance of criticism could ultimately lead to the dismissal of many more members.

He argued that while Prof. Frimpong-

Boateng’s description of the party as a “fake party” went too far, dissent should be handled with care and due process.

“The threat of throwing somebody out because the person has criticised you will eventually end up throwing everybody out,” Dr. Asah-Asante said, highlighting the dangers of undermining internal party democracy. He noted that managing criticism constructively is essential for the NPP to remain a united and

credible political force.

Prof. Frimpong-Boateng made the remarks about the party’s leadership and deviation from founding values during an interview on Point of View with Bernard Avle on Channel One TV on Monday, January 12. The party has since condemned his comments as “highly reprehensible” and initiated steps to expel him, although the former minister has insisted he remains a committed member and will not appear before the National Executive Committee or Disciplinary Committee.

While acknowledging the NPP faces internal challenges, Dr. Asah-Asante described labelling the party “fake” as extreme and cautioned against overreaction. “The bit about it which I am not comfortable with is where he described the party in those terms. For me, the NPP is not a fake party. There are difficulties, and you can talk about them, but to describe the party as fake, the professor went to the extreme,” he stated.

Dr. Asah-Asante stressed that criticism is essential for good

governance and healthy internal party democracy. “Criticisms are the oils that grease the wheels of governance. Without criticism, every political or legal system will grind to a halt. The NPP must develop a very big stomach to accommodate some of these things if they want to remain a united party,” he said.

He further advised the party to follow proper procedures in addressing Prof. Frimpong-Boateng’s conduct, insisting that adherence to the rule of law ensures any decision taken is credible and defensible. “Looking at whatever the professor has said, he should be given an opportunity to speak with a body that is in charge of the conduct of members of the party. After that, the rule of law should be applied,” he added.

Dr. Asah-Asante warned that bypassing established procedures could be perceived as an attempt to silence dissenting voices. “Anything outside this will be misconstrued as something else, such as gagging one or the rest of them. It is in the interest of the party to walk the professor through the rule of law so that at the end of the day, whatever decision comes out, people can stand up, defend it and own it,” he said.

'To hell with you, I'm not leaving NPP' – Frimpong-Boateng rubbishes dismissal threats

A leading member of the New Patriotic Party, Professor Kwabena Frimpong Boateng, has launched a blistering attack on the party's leadership over moves to push him out, accusing executives of presiding over corruption, arrogance and the collapse of internal democracy.

Speaking in an interview on Asempa FM on Tuesday, January 13, the former Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation squarely blamed the party's 2024 electoral defeat on what he described as abuse of power and deep-seated rot within the leadership.

"Look at how we lost the 2024 election: abuse of power, corruption, arrogance. The party could not stand up to anybody; everybody was doing what they wanted. Now you are saying you want to remove someone from the party? To hell with them," he said.

Prof. Frimpong Boateng further alleged that senior party figures manipulated internal processes for selfish interests, claiming that some delegates were bribed

while others were coerced into supporting preferred candidates. He said this culture of intimidation and inducement not only cost the party the election but continues to endanger its future.

According to him, rather than subjecting themselves to accountability, party executives have chosen to shield wrongdoing and recycle the same flawed systems ahead of future elections. "Instead of the executives writing a report for everyone to read and contribute, they are covering up things and allowing us to go into another election with the same format. It is very bad. The executives should leave, and the party will stand," he added.

The NPP has since confirmed that it has activated internal processes to expel Prof. Frimpong Boateng following his description of the party as fake during an interview on *The Point of View* with Bernard Avle on Channel One TV on Monday, January 12.

Asked whether he still considers himself a member of the party, the former minister distanced himself from what he described as the current version of the NPP, insisting that the real party exists beyond the present leadership.

"Not the fake one. The real one is there. It is a virtual thing. The

members are in the background," he said.

Prof. Frimpong Boateng maintained that he remains firmly within the party and argued that those he considers impostors

within the NPP should rather be the ones to exit.

"No, I'm not leaving the party. They should leave the party. They are the fake ones, they should go away, and the true party now will stand," he stated.



Leading member of NPP, Prof. Frimpong Boateng

Frimpong-Boateng made careless statement we were not expecting from a man of his stature – NPP justifies expulsion decision

The New Patriotic Party (NPP) has defended its decision to begin expulsion proceedings against former Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Professor Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng, following his description of the party as "fake."

Speaking to Citi News on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, NPP General Secretary Justin Kodua Frimpong insisted that the party's actions are fully consistent with its constitution and internal regulations. He said the former minister's comments were careless and damaging to the party's unity, values, and public image.

"The party is governed by laws, and when a person makes a statement that amounts to misconduct, the party must follow due process. That is exactly what

we have done," he said.

Mr. Frimpong noted that, ideally, Professor Frimpong-Boateng could have voluntarily resigned to preserve his integrity, but having not done so, the party is compelled to take formal action.

"We could have written a letter to expel him immediately, or he could have resigned on his own. He has done neither. As a party committed to due process, we must now refer the matter to Article 444 of our constitution, which empowers the National Executive Committee to

determine expulsion," he explained.

The General Secretary described the former minister's remarks as "careless" and emphasized that the party will continue to enforce its rules to protect its values and cohesion.



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Dr Nyaho-Tamakloe made it clear that threats to expel former Environment Minister Prof Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng only reinforce how far the party has strayed from its founding principles, warning that any such action would be fiercely resisted by founding members.

His comments follow a letter from the NPP General Secretary, Justin Kodua Frimpong, announcing that internal processes had been triggered to

expel Prof Frimpong-Boateng over comments he made in a media interview on Monday, January 12, 2026. The party described the remarks as highly reprehensible and inimical to its values, unity and integrity.

However, speaking on TV3’s News Central, Dr Nyaho-Tamakloe said he fully supports Prof Frimpong-Boateng’s position and shares his concerns about the current state of the party.

“I listened to Prof Frimpong Boateng’s interview and I agree with him entirely. Everything he said reflects the real problems facing the party,” he said.

He dared the party leadership to extend any disciplinary action beyond Prof Frimpong-Boateng.

“If they sack Frimpong-Boateng, then they should sack me. They should sack Kwame Pianim. They should sack Arthur Kennedy and many of us who have criticised the party even more,” he stated.

Dr Nyaho-Tamakloe accused the current leadership of presiding over failure and corruption, arguing that they lack legitimacy to silence dissenting voices.

“The party is now in the hands of looters. They have not performed well. They came to power through thievery. We all know it. If they want to disturb the party, they should know some of us are

ready for them,” he said.

He urged the NPP to reflect on the substance of Prof Frimpong-Boateng’s criticisms rather than treating them as an offence, describing the former minister as a man of integrity, intellect and discipline.

“Academically, he is solid. He is a hardworking man who chooses his words carefully. If he says the party is fake, he knows exactly why. They should have engaged him quietly instead of reacting

the way they did,” he added.

Dr Nyaho-Tamakloe warned that the leadership’s handling of the issue shows the party is drifting towards destruction, but insisted that founding members would not allow it to collapse.

“This party was built by men of integrity, and it will survive. We will make sure those destroying it are rather removed,” he said.



Founding member of NPP, Dr Nyaho Nyaho-Tamakloe

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His comments follow the party’s General Secretary, Justin Kodua Frimpong’s letter, which indicated that the party has initiated internal processes to expel Prof. Frimpong Boateng from the party for his anti-party comments in an interview on Monday, January 12, 2026.

The party noted that the conduct and public utterances of Prof Frimpong-Boateng are “highly reprehensible and inimical to the values, unity and integrity of the Party.”

However, Dr, Nyaho Nyaho-Tamakloe in an interview on TV3’s News Central today, says he supports the position of Prof Frimpong-Boateng about the NPP.

“I listened to Prof. Frimpong Boateng’s interview and I must say without fear that I agree with him entirely. All the points that he raised are issues that are really worrying the party.

“What I will say at this stage is that if they sack Frimpong-Boateng, then they should sack me, they should sack Kwame Pianim, they should sack Dr. Arthur Kennedy and quite a number of us,” he stated.

“And whoever in NPP now thinks he can sack Frimpong-Boateng should try it. They should try it. The party is now in the hands of looters. They have not performed well. They came to power through thievery. We all know it. And if they are going to disturb the party then they should know some of us are ready for them,” he added.

Dr. Nyaho-Tamakloe has advised the NPP to find sense in the comments and engage Prof. Frimpong-Boateng for better ways to rebuild the broken party.

“Academically, he is very solid.

Frimpong Boateng is a man of integrity, he is a hard-working person. He knows how to choose his words and if he says the party is fake, he knows why he says so. And if I were them, they would have had a quite discussion with him before coming out the way they came,” he stressed.

He concluded that the manner in which the leadership of the party chose to handle the matter “shows clear the party is on its way to destruction and some of us including myself, we shall make sure that these destroyers are rather removed from the party. That the party that was formed by men of integrity will

survive.”

According to him, they will not sit and allow a few people to destroy the party they laboured for as founding fathers.

“I will never resign from NPP because we were there before those in office now came. We respected leadership or hierarchy. The party was founded on the principle of freedom and justice. On the principle of democratic dispensation. On the principle of freedom of expression. If Frimpong Boateng says the party is fake he has not insulted anybody,” he emphasised.



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Running away makes Ghanaians think NPP are thieves – Former NPP MP tells Ken Ofori-Atta

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“Have you ever seen a political party leave government and its finance minister cannot be found? It has been one year since Kissi Agyebeng started mentioning Ken Ofori-Atta's name. Do you know the damage that has caused the party? They have implanted in the minds of Ghanaians that the NPP are thieves,” he said.

Boakye Antwi emphasised that public funds belong to Ghanaians and that officials are merely custodians. “All the taxes we collect go into the Consolidated Fund, and those monies belong to Ghanaians. So, if you are accused by the state of financial malpractice, why are you running away? Come back and explain yourself,” he added.



‘We cautioned NPP about how cancerous Akufo Addo would be’ – Hamza Suhuyini

A member of the National Democratic Congress, Lawyer Hamza Suhuyini, has accused former president Nana Akufo-Addo of destroying both Ghana and the New Patriotic Party, arguing that the opposition party has lost its relevance and capacity to govern.

Speaking on Metro TV's Good Morning Ghana in an interview with Moro Awudu, Lawyer Suhuyini said the NPP has become increasingly irrelevant in Ghana's political space and continues to take actions that make it difficult for the party to regain public trust.

According to him, the NPP currently lacks leadership and internal coherence, a situation he described as worrying for a multiparty democracy. He said even while in opposition, the NDC never descended to the level the NPP has reached today. “This is clearly a third party now, and in all honesty, it will be in the interest of Ghana for it to remain so,” he said. “A party that cannot

organise its own internal affairs cannot be seriously considered as an alternative government.”

Lawyer Suhuyini said the current state of the NPP is far from the party that contested elections in 1992 and formed government in 2000.

He recalled that ahead of the party's flagbearer contest in 2007, the NDC warned the NPP about the dangers of choosing Nana Akufo-Addo as its leader.

“We cautioned them about how cancerous Nana Akufo-Addo would be as a flagbearer, but they dismissed it as political talk,” he said. “Even former president Kufuor had reason to caution the party, but they refused to listen.”

He argued that Akufo-Addo's leadership damaged not only Ghana's economic and social fabric but also weakened the NPP itself, stripping it of relevance and survival as a political party. “It is not only Ghana that was destroyed,” he added.

“The Akufo-Addo leadership

destroyed the NPP too, and that is a reality they must face.”

Lawyer Suhuyini said Ghana is now undergoing reconstruction under the leadership of the NDC and President John Mahama, while the NPP continues to struggle to free itself from what he described as the grip of Nana

Akufo-Addo.

His comments come in the wake of a communique issued on Tuesday by the NPP to begin processes to excommunicate Professor Frimpong Boateng over alleged remarks in which he described the current NPP as fake.



Lawyer Hamza Suhuyini

Kpandai rerun: Supreme Court to decide Nyindam's fate on January 28



MP for Kpandai, Matthew Nyindam

The Supreme Court is set to deliver its ruling on January 28, 2026, on an application seeking to quash the High Court judgment that nullified the parliamentary election results for Kpandai in the Northern Region.

The case arises from a decision by the Tamale High Court which overturned the election of New Patriotic Party Member of

Parliament, Matthew Nyindam, following a petition filed by the National Democratic Congress candidate, Daniel Nsala Wakpal, and ordered a rerun of the poll.

In compliance with the High Court's ruling, the Electoral Commission fixed December 31, 2025, for the rerun. However, the process was halted after Mr Nyindam invoked the Supreme Court's supervisory jurisdiction,

asking it to set aside the High Court's decision.

Mr Nyindam's legal team argues that the Tamale High Court lacked jurisdiction to hear the petition because it was filed outside the mandatory 21-day period prescribed by law. According to them, the Kpandai parliamentary results were gazetted on December 24, 2024, meaning the petition filed on January 25, 2025, was time-barred.

They contend that once the High Court assumed jurisdiction in error, all subsequent proceedings, including the judgment annulling the election and ordering a rerun, were null and void. The lawyers insist that the jurisdictional defect is evident on the face of the record and justifies the Supreme Court's intervention.

In response, lawyers for Mr Nsala Wakpal have opposed the application, insisting that the High Court acted within its constitutional authority under Article 99 of the 1992 Constitution.

They argue that the relevant Gazette for purposes of calculating

the statutory timeline was published on January 6, 2025, not December 24, 2024. According to them, the January 6 Gazette was a consolidated publication covering all constituencies, including Kpandai, and therefore placed the January 25 filing comfortably within the 21-day limit.

The NDC candidate's lawyers further contend that Mr Nyindam relied on the January 6 Gazette during proceedings at the High Court and cannot now shift his position simply because the outcome was unfavourable, raising issues of fairness and estoppel.

For its part, the Electoral Commission has acknowledged the existence of multiple Gazette notifications, explaining that different Gazette numbers were used to publish results for different batches of constituencies at various times.

The Supreme Court has adjourned the case to January 28, 2026, for its ruling. In the meantime, the order suspending the rerun remains in force pending the court's final determination.

'Do you want to die in cells like J.B. Danquah?' – NDC Lawyer warns Ken Ofori-Atta

An NDC legal team member has sharply criticised former Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, questioning his refusal to account for his time in office and warning of the lasting impact such actions could have on his family and legacy.

Speaking on Good Morning Ghana on Metro TV on Monday, January 12, 2026, Lawyer Kojogah Adawudu said he could not understand why a former finance minister would avoid accounting to the people of Ghana, especially given the seriousness of the allegations surrounding his stewardship.

"Why are you running away?" Adawudu asked during the discussion. "For somebody who once occupied the finance position and understands stewardship, why can't you come and account to the good people of Ghana?"

Adawudu went further to question what kind of legacy Ofori-Atta would leave behind if he continued to avoid accountability, describing it as

a burden that could follow his family for generations.

"Is this what you want to leave for your children?" he asked. "That your father refused to account, that your father was uncovered, that your father stole the people's money? Is that the inheritance you want to leave for your family?"

In a controversial comparison, the NDC lawyer referenced Ofori-Atta's great uncle, J.B. Danquah, drawing parallels with historical narratives surrounding his detention during the era of Ghana's first president, Dr Kwame Nkrumah.

"There is already a blot on the family narrative," Adawudu said. "With all the stories around J.B. Danquah and what happened between him and Nkrumah, including his unfortunate death in detention, is that the same story you want to repeat and pass down through generations?"

Adawudu also criticised Ofori-Atta's conduct in relation to law enforcement, insisting that submitting to investigations would not amount to humiliation. "If you are invited by the police

and you go willingly, they won't put handcuffs on you," he said. "I was surprised when the Office of the Special Prosecutor once described him as a fugitive, but his own conduct today tells you that he is running."

He added that Ofori-Atta's Christian faith should compel him to face scrutiny rather than avoid it.

"As Christians, we know this world is not our home," Adawudu said. "At the end of

the day, we all give an account of our stewardship. So why are you refusing to account now?"

The discussion on the programme followed recent reports of Ofori-Atta's detention by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) over issues relating to his visa status, a development that has reignited public debate about his legal and political troubles both at home and abroad.







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(As of 6th January, 2026)

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FX Rate (Commercial Banks Average) (USD/GHS)	11.5222	10.8913	5.79%
Crude Oil (USD/BBL)	61.74	62.57	1.35%
Petrol (USD/MT)	620.00	616.39	-0.58%
Gasoil (USD/MT)	621.92	618.08	-0.62%
LPG (USD/MT)	475.67	456.58	-4.01%
Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT)	693.86	692.53	-0.19%
Fuel Oil (USD/MT)	362.00	363.14	0.31%
*Products figures represent the FOB Prices used in the Price Build-Up (PBU)			

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Only passengers with licensed weapons can carry them on flights – GACL



The Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL) has clarified its weapon policy, stating that passengers with duly licensed weapons are permitted to carry them on flights.

Her comments followed revelations in the 2024 Audit Report, which revealed that the GACL confiscated 20 weapons and over 2,000 rounds of ammunition during the period under review.

The GACL, however, further explained that unlicensed weapons are confiscated by the Airport Security Department and handed over to the National Investigation Bureau (NIB).

Madam Opare assured Parliament that the company would continue to work closely with security agencies to ensure compliance with aviation safety standards and to protect the public.

Madam Yvonne Nana Afriyie Opare, the Managing Director of GACL, made the disclosure on Tuesday when she appeared before the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament.

She emphasised that strict enforcement of the policy remained priority, as Ghana seeks to maintain its reputation as a safe and secure aviation hub in the sub-region.

She explained that the policy was designed to balance passenger rights with national security requirements.

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PAC orders probe into PSC Tema Shipyard over US\$500,000 payment, ground rent arrears

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament has directed investigations of PSC Tema Shipyard over unpaid ground rent arrears and a controversial US\$500,000 payment made to the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA), raising concerns about documentation lapses and possible conflict of interest.

According to the Auditor-General's report, PSC Tema Shipyard is obligated to pay an annual ground rent of GH¢6,000 to GPHA over a 25-year lease period. However, GPHA has reported that the shipyard is in arrears to the tune of US\$6.6 million.

The report indicated that management of PSC Tema Shipyard attributed the non-payment of the ground rent to prolonged financial difficulties. Despite these challenges, the Auditor-General noted that a payment of US\$500,000 was

made to GPHA in 2024.

Appearing before the PAC on Tuesday, January 13, the current Chief Executive Officer of PSC Tema Shipyard, Alhaji Osman Sulemana, explained that the payment was made under the previous administration.

He further disclosed that the former head of the shipyard, who authorised the payment, was seconded from GPHA and was simultaneously serving as Director for the proposed Keta Port at the time. According to the CEO, the current management is reviewing the transaction to establish the circumstances under which it was made and to regularise the situation.

The Auditor-General also found that the payment was not supported by any documentation and that no valid agreement existed to justify the transfer of the funds.

Reacting to the disclosures, Member of Parliament for Ketu North and PAC member, Edem Agbana, raised concerns about

a possible conflict of interest, questioning the propriety of the arrangement.

“The revelation from the CEO are serious issues because if a staff on secondment from GPHA is the one making the payment back to GPHA, there are also issues of conflict of interest. This same person was acting as Chief Executive Officer for the non-existent Keta Port,” Mr Agbana stated.

He further questioned whether

the US\$500,000 payment was captured in the handing-over notes, stressing that the transfer involved public funds between two state institutions and must be properly accounted for.

The PAC has subsequently directed PSC Tema Shipyard to submit all relevant documentation and provide detailed explanations regarding the transaction as part of its ongoing scrutiny of the Auditor-General's report.

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Chief Executive Officer of PSC Tema Shipyard, Alhaji Osman Sulemana

We will fiercely resist any attempt by govt to privatise ECG or NEDCo in whole or in part – PUWU



Secretary General of the Trades Union Congress, Joshua Ansah

The Public Utility Workers Union of the Trades Union Congress has rejected government plans to introduce Private Sector Participation into the Electricity Company of Ghana, describing the move as unjustifiable in light of recent improvements under public management.

The union pointed to gains recorded through a turnaround programme implemented between July and December 2025 in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Green Transition. According to PUWU, the initiative boosted ECG's revenue from GHS900 million to GHS1.75 billion within the period.

For the union, the performance underscores the ability of public institutions to effectively manage power distribution companies such as ECG and NEDCo without private sector involvement.

Secretary General of the Trades Union Congress, Joshua Ansah, said the turnaround represents about a 90 percent increase in revenue and has enabled ECG to make timely payments to Independent Power Producers.

"In the 2026 Budget Statement, the Minister for Finance indicated that ECG has seen its average monthly revenue rise from GHS900 million in 2024 to GHS1.5 billion in 2025," he stated.

The union reiterated its firm opposition to any form of privatisation of ECG or NEDCo, warning that organised labour will resist such a move.

"TUC and all its affiliates will fiercely resist any attempt by government to privatise ECG or NEDCo in whole or in part," he emphasised.

Addressing a press conference,

Govt to convert Terminal 2 at Kotoka International Airport into multipurpose facility

The Minister for Transport, Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has announced plans to transform Terminal 2 at Kotoka International Airport into a multipurpose terminal by constructing a connecting concourse between Terminals 2 and 3.

Speaking before the Public Accounts Committee on Tuesday, January 13, the minister explained that Terminal 3 frequently experiences overcrowding during peak hours, while Terminal 2 remains underutilised. He described the upgrade as a high-priority government project set for implementation in 2026.

"The evenings at Terminal 3 are usually very congested, yet Terminal 2 is not fully utilised at the same time. Our plan is to build a connecting concourse between the two terminals to facilitate smoother movement for international passengers and to optimise the use of Terminal 2," he said.

Once completed, the minister added, Terminal 2 will

accommodate both domestic and international flights, enhancing passenger comfort and improving the overall travel experience at the airport.

"This project is a high government priority. Terminal 2 will now serve as a multipurpose terminal for both domestic and international

passengers, providing much-needed relief and convenience," he stated.



Daddy Lumba widows back to court over estate dispute

Akosua Serwaah has filed an appeal at the Kumasi Court of Appeal, challenging the High Court ruling that recognised both herself and Priscilla Ofori, popularly known as Odo Broni, as lawful surviving spouses of the late highlife legend, Charles Kwadwo Fosu, known in showbiz as Daddy Lumba.

In her Notice of Appeal, Ms Serwaah is contesting the entire judgment, arguing that the trial court committed errors of law by rejecting and declaring inadmissible a marriage certificate she presented to support her claim of being the deceased musician's sole lawful spouse.

She maintains that the High Court wrongly applied the provisions of the Evidence Act, 1975 (NRCD 323), in concluding that she failed to meet the legal requirements for admitting the marriage certificate into evidence.

Based on these grounds, the

appellant is asking the Court of Appeal to set aside the High Court's decision and to declare her the only lawful surviving spouse of the late musician.

On November 28, 2025, the Kumasi High Court, presided over by Justice Dr Dorinda Smith Arthur, dismissed Ms Serwaah's suit seeking exclusive spousal recognition.

The court held that she failed to prove that her marriage to the deceased was contracted under the Marriage Ordinance in a manner that would exclude any subsequent spouse.

Instead, the court found that the evidence established the existence of a customary law marriage between the deceased and Akosua Serwaah, which is potentially

polygamous under Ghanaian law. On that basis, it ruled that the later marriage between Daddy Lumba and Priscilla Ofori, also known as Odo Broni, was valid.

In its final orders, the High Court declared both Akosua Serwaah and Priscilla Ofori as the legally recognised surviving spouses of the late highlife icon.



The judge is biased, what she did was deliberate – Akosua Serwaa's lawyer

Lawyer Kusi Boateng, counsel for Akosua Serwaa Fosu, has launched a fierce attack on the conduct of the trial judge in their case, accusing her of clear bias and conduct he says gravely compromised the fairness of the proceedings.

Speaking to the media, Kusi Boateng said the judge's actions went beyond mere error and reflected a prejudiced mindset that undermined the integrity of the court.

"What the judge did was deliberate. She approached the case with bias. To accuse me of forging documents was a direct assault on my professional integrity, especially when the opposing side knew very well that the documents were authentic," he stated.

He further disclosed that the judge herself acknowledged during proceedings that proof of a valid German ordinance marriage would

have legally barred Daddy Lumba from contracting a second marriage, a point he says strengthens his client's case.

Kusi Boateng also revealed that he and his family have been subjected to threats since filing an appeal against the judgment.

"After we filed the appeal, the threats started coming. My wife was even threatened, and the pressure became so intense that she urged me to abandon the case," he said.

Despite what he described as sustained intimidation, the lawyer insisted he would not be deterred.

"These threats only confirm that we have a very strong case. No one tries to silence you unless the truth is dangerous to them. We are standing on the side of justice, and we will pursue this matter to the very end," he declared.



Lawyer Kusi Boateng

Dr Razak Kojo Opoku exposes Fourth Estate's figures on NLA-KGL deal



Dr Razak Kojo Opoku

Former Public Relations Manager of the National Lottery Authority, Dr Razak Kojo Opoku, has challenged figures published by investigative outlet The Fourth Estate and its Executive

Director, Sulemana Braimah, over the controversial NLA-KGL contract, raising concerns about what he describes as inconsistencies in the data. In a statement issued on Monday, Dr Opoku questioned

claims that the state earns about GHS170 million annually from the deal, arguing that the figures cited have shifted over time and undermine the credibility of the assertions.

He noted that while The Fourth Estate reportedly put the state's earnings at GHS170 million in September 2025, the figure had dropped to GHS160 million by January 2026, a change he said raises serious questions about accuracy and intent.

"For the record, the NLA earned GHS176 million from KGL in 2025 alone," Dr Opoku stated.

According to him, KGL paid more than GHS300 million to the National Lottery Authority and the Ghana Revenue Authority in 2025, adding that between 2024 and 2025, the NLA alone received over GHS333 million from the company.

He argued that these figures contradict claims that the Authority is being shortchanged under the partnership.

Dr Opoku also dismissed suggestions that a state

business allegedly generating about GHS3 billion annually would be handed over to a private company in exchange for GHS170 million, describing such narratives as misleading.

The former NLA spokesperson confirmed that he is part of a team that has appeared before an interministerial committee established by President John Dramani Mahama to review the NLA-KGL agreement, stressing the importance of the committee's work in assessing whether the deal serves the public interest.

He cautioned that it would be "a disaster" if any reforms or renegotiations lead to reduced revenue for the NLA, insisting that any outcome must strengthen, not weaken, the Authority's earnings.

Dr Opoku said stakeholders are now awaiting the committee's findings to determine whether the partnership will sustain current revenue levels or deliver increased returns under a revised arrangement.

I was shaking – Ga Mantse recounts moment his kingship was prophesied

King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, the Ga Mantse, has publicly confirmed that a prophecy made years ago by Prophet Bernard ElBernard Nelson-Eshun accurately foretold his ascension to the throne.

Speaking at Spiritlife Revival Ministries on January 11, 2026, the traditional ruler narrated how the prophecy changed the direction of his life.

"This man sitting here, I have an issue with," the Ga Mantse said, pointing at Prophet ElBernard as the congregation laughed. "He is the reason I'm dressed like this today. For many years, I stopped calling him. I was angry with him."

The king explained that before meeting Prophet ElBernard, he strongly believed his calling was to become a pastor.

"After my encounter with Archbishop Benson Idahosa, everything in me changed," he recalled. "I sang at his 56th birthday celebration, and he

called me forward. He asked for his horn, poured oil on my head and said, 'This boy will raise the dead.' From that day, a new anointing came over my life."

According to King Tsuru II, his plans to enter ministry were later interrupted by a prophecy from Prophet ElBernard.

"He suddenly said, 'Is somebody here called Kelvin Tackie?' I stood up. Then he said, 'I hear something. You are Ga Mantse. You are Ga Mantse.'"

The king said the words left him shaken. "Immediately, I started trembling because I had already applied to go to Belfast to attend Trinity Bible School. All I wanted to be was a man of God," he stated.

King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II said the prophecy eventually aligned with his destiny, leading to his enstoolment as Ga Mantse years later.



King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, the Ga Mantse

Price of premix fuel drops significantly in January 2026



The price of premix fuel saw a significant reduction of 16% on 1st January 2026, compared to the last price review on 1st October 2025.

This is a development that is favourable to end users, who are typically fisherfolk.

The product was priced at GHS5.3557 per litre at the same time last year, indicating about 18% year-on-year reduction.

This price reduction is mainly due to the strong performance of the Ghana Cedi against the US Dollar, combined with a significant reduction in the price of gasoline (the main product used for the preparation of premix fuel) on the international market.

In addition, Government subsidizes the price of premix fuel by 50%. The price is therefore reviewed every quarter by the National Petroleum Authority (NPA) to ensure that the subsidy does not exceed the 50% cap. The Bulk Import, Distribution and Export Companies (BIDECs) are also reimbursed for any under-recovery they incur due to the subsidy intervention by government.

This periodic release of funds to pay the outstanding under-recoveries due the BIDECs is to ensure uninterrupted supply of the product. To this effect, Government has released a total of GHS115.96 million as at the end of December 2025 to settle the under-recoveries that had accrued up to September 2025.

Source: NPA

How BoG injects US\$10 billion to stabilize cedi against dollar, others

The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has injected approximately US\$10 billion into the economy since January 2025 to stabilize the exchange rate and strengthen the nation's foreign reserves.

Appearing before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament in Accra on Monday, Nii Sowah Ahorlu, Head of Financial Marketing at the BoG, and Dr Johnson Pundit Asiama, Governor of the BoG, explained that the intervention primarily covered payments to Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and bondholders as part of a broader strategy to support the market.

Nii Ahorlu said: "Relative to last year, we have had significant

intermediation processes, and that is what we have observed in terms of the stability and appreciation we have incurred. In terms of our support for the market this year, overall it has been close to \$10 billion."

The BoG's intervention has contributed to the cedi's appreciation, with the currency gaining 13.9 per cent against the dollar in October 2025. The central bank's gold reserves also recorded significant growth, reaching 37.06 tonnes by September 2025.

The PAC is holding a public hearing from Monday, January 12, to Tuesday, January 13, to consider the Auditor-General's reports on the Public Accounts of Ghana ministries, departments, and other agencies for the year ended December 31, 2024.



Cedi gains: Trade Minister presses on Abossey Okai dealers to further reduce spare parts prices



Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry Elizabeth Ofosu Adjare has called on spare parts dealers at Abossey Okai to further lower prices in response to Ghana's improving macroeconomic conditions, particularly the sustained appreciation of the cedi.

She pointed to the strengthening of the local currency from about 17 cedis to the US dollar to around 12 cedis, saying the gains have significantly reduced foreign exchange pressures on imports and created room for price reductions.

The Minister also cited recent fiscal measures, including the removal of the COVID-19 levy in the 2026 Budget, which she said is expected to ease import costs and reduce the tax burden on imported spare parts.

Speaking to journalists after engaging traders at Abossey Okai, Elizabeth Ofosu Adjare noted that prices of

some spare parts and related items have already gone down, reflecting improved cost conditions.

She reaffirmed government's commitment to exchange rate stability, fiscal consolidation and broader macroeconomic recovery, urging traders to fully pass on these benefits to consumers through more competitive pricing.

"In 2024, the dollar went up to 17 cedis. Now it is under 12, so there should be no justification for prices to remain the same or go up. This is about my fifth interaction with traders at different levels. Early 2025, when the dollar started moving, I invited traders and we agreed on a four month period for prices to come down," she said.

According to her, many traders honoured that commitment, leading to reductions in the prices of food items such as tomatoes, rice and oil, as well as some spare parts. However, she observed that a section of traders are yet to fully adjust prices to reflect the strength of the cedi.

"In fairness to the people here in Abossey Okai, about

80 percent of those I spoke to have reduced their prices. I am here with some drivers and they are confirming this. A few have not adjusted their prices, but we have discussed it and I am encouraged by the response," she added.

The Minister expressed optimism that prices would fall further in the coming months, especially with the removal of the COVID levy, which is expected to lower import duties.

"From February or March, I expect prices to be even better than what we are seeing now. Generally, I think prices are moving in the right direction," she said.

She also advised vehicle owners to buy spare parts directly from dealers rather than through middlemen, warning that intermediaries often inflate prices and distort the market, even when dealers have reduced costs.

"Do not use middlemen. They inflate prices and give Abossey Okai a bad name. Come with your mechanic, discuss directly with dealers

and shop around. In a free market economy, you must compare prices to get the best deal," she advised.

Elizabeth Ofosu Adjare further pledged that government would engage stakeholders to address concerns raised by Sprinter bus spare parts dealers as part of efforts to improve efficiency and ensure fair pricing across the sector.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Abossey Okai Spare Parts Dealers Association Henry Okyere Jnr. assured that the association is working to ensure members continue to adjust prices downward in line with current market conditions.

He said teams are moving from shop to shop to educate dealers on the need to reflect the stable exchange rate and reduced duties in their pricing, expressing confidence that further improvements would be seen within the next month.



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Asante Kotoko: Signing 'hungry' Dogo Yakubu is part of plan for the future - Karim Zito

Asante Kotoko head coach Karim Zito has expressed confidence in the club's latest acquisition, 21-year-old striker Dogo Yakubu.

Yakubu, who joins the Porcupine Warriors from Midcity Football Academy, has put pen to paper on a three-and-a-half-year contract after passing his medical examinations.

"This signing is part of our plan for the future. Dogo is young, hungry, and has the qualities we look for in a modern striker," Zito said.

"We believe in giving young players the right platform to develop, and this is the right environment for him to grow, gain confidence, and become an important player for the club over time," he added.

Yakubu becomes Kotoko's second recruit of the January transfer window, following the arrival of Prince Badu from Nations FC.



2026 WWCQ: Black Princesses owed per diems paid ahead of South Africa game

The Ministry of Sports and Recreation has settled the outstanding per diems for the Black Princesses ahead of their 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup qualifying tie against Tunisia.

The Ghana U-20 women's team had not received their allowances for the period they spent in camp for last year's double-header against the North African side.

Despite the delay, the Princesses triumphed over Tunisia, winning 4-1 on aggregate to advance to the next stage, where they will face South Africa.

With the next qualifier scheduled in three weeks, the timely payment ensures the squad can focus fully on their preparations as they aim to secure a spot at the World Cup.



AFCON 2025: Ghanaian referee Daniel Laryea to officiate Nigeria vs Morocco semi-final clash



Ghanaian referee, Daniel Nii Laryea

Ghanaian referee Daniel Nii Laryea has been handed the responsibility of officiating the high-stakes AFCON 2025 semi-final clash between hosts Morocco and Nigeria.

The eagerly awaited encounter is scheduled for Wednesday evening at the Prince Moulay Abdallah Stadium in Rabat, with kick-off set for 20:00 GMT, as the Atlas Lions face the Super Eagles for a place in the final.

Laryea will be supported

by an experienced officiating crew. South Africa's Zakhele Thusi Granville Siwela will serve as Assistant Referee 1, while Souru Phatsoane of Lesotho takes up the role of Assistant Referee 2. Mozambique's Arsenio Chadreque Maringule completes the on-field officiating team as Assistant Referee 3.

Rwandan official Samuel Uwikunda has been named Fourth Official and will be responsible for managing the technical areas and overseeing substitutions throughout

the match.

The Confederation of African Football has also confirmed a strong Video Assistant Referee line-up for the fixture. South Africa's Abongile Tom will act as the main VAR, assisted by Tunisia's Haythem Guirat as Assistant VAR 1 and Kenya's Stephen Onyango Yiembe as Assistant VAR 2.

Ethiopia's Lidya Tafesse Abebe, one of Africa's most respected former referees, has been appointed Referee Assessor for the semi-final.

Laryea arrives at the tie

with a solid track record at the tournament. He previously served as VAR during Morocco's tense quarter-final victory over Cameroon, where several crucial decisions were reviewed under intense pressure.

He also took charge as centre referee in the group-stage encounter between Algeria and Burkina Faso, further underlining CAF's confidence in his ability to handle matches of the highest level.

‘How many times would I tell you I’m not gay, basing on the way I dress is ignorance’ – Charlie Dior blasts media houses

Fashion critic and style influencer Charlie Dior has responded to media speculation about his sexual orientation in an interview with SammyKay Media.

“You’re asking me a question based on the assumption that you think I’m gay. That’s wrong because I’m actually tired of the media doing this to me,” he said.

Charlie Dior explained that many of the questions directed at him are based on assumptions rather than facts. “The media is assuming and it’s very dangerous to assume I’m gay. All your questions are directed to like a gay and it’s wrong,” he said.

He compared his treatment to other male celebrities, adding, “You’re asking who I’m

attracted to and if I will start a family with a woman.

“Would you ask someone like King Promise or Shatta Wale those questions?”

The fashion critic also addressed why he believes the speculation is unfair. “I haven’t given these media houses any reason for them to think I’m gay.

“You’ve never seen me kiss a man or grind on a man so that should not lead you to asking me if I’m gay at all,” he said.

Charlie Dior urged media outlets to avoid assumptions based on appearance or behavior. “You’re doing it based on the way I’m acting or the way I dress and that’s very ignorant.

“I’m talking to all media houses, so treat me like the other male celebrities. Don’t assume my sexuality,” he emphasized.



Fashion critic and style influencer Charlie Dior

I used to be involved in galamsey – Kwaku Manu

Actor and producer, Kwaku Manu, has revealed that he was once involved in illegal mining, popularly known as galamsey, but quit after committing fully to movie production and content creation.

Speaking in an interview with Nana Romeo on UTV on January 10, 2026, the actor said he lost interest in galamsey after registering with a movie production company and starting his acting career.

“When I began doing movies, galamsey didn’t interest me anymore, so I decided to quit and focus on acting,” he said.

Kwaku Manu described galamsey as a highly dangerous activity, explaining that the search for gold often leads to serious injuries and death.

“Wherever there’s gold, blood will be shed if care is not taken,” he stated, adding that excitement and the promise of quick money often make miners forget safety precautions.

He recounted how underground miners risk their lives by ignoring the supports used to hold mining pits, sometimes leading to fatal accidents.

According to him, the desire for money often clouds judgment, even when miners know the risks involved.

Despite its dangers and illegality, Kwaku Manu admitted that galamsey attracts people because of the financial rewards.

“We know it’s illegal, but the money motivates us,” he said.

The actor also described galamsey workers, especially those who go underground, as extremely courageous, noting that fear is often outweighed by the promise of profit.

He said quitting galamsey to focus on filmmaking has been one of the most important decisions of his life.



Actor and producer, Kwaku Manu



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