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Founder of Glorious Word Power Ministries International, Rev. Isaac Owusu-Bempah, has added his voice to growing calls for President John Dramani Mahama to be allowed to continue in office beyond his constitutionally mandated tenure.

Speaking during an interview on Okay FM, the outspoken cleric praised President Mahama’s leadership, describing his performance as exceptional since assuming office.

According to Rev. Owusu-Bempah, Ghana’s economy has shown significant improvement under Mahama’s

administration, citing debt repayment efforts and economic stabilization as key achievements.

“President John Dramani Mahama deserves commendation because things have been going well since he became president. Ghanaians can see the good works he is doing,” he said.

He questioned why a president he described as “doing well” should be compelled to leave office after four years, arguing that Mahama should be allowed to continue unless he personally chooses to step aside.

“For me, I don’t want him to go because I don’t see anyone else who can manage the country better than him,” he added.

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“They have refused to accept that Ghanaians returned a verdict based on their lived experiences,” she said on Good Morning Ghana.

“They still cannot accept what they did wrong,” she stated. According to her, the party’s internal problems and past governance failures contributed directly to their loss.

“It was their actions, their inactions, and their consistent arrogance that caused their defeat,” she stated. “Even in opposition, they still show the same attitude.”

She questioned why NPP figures are now offering solutions when they had been in power.

“If they had all these brilliant ideas, why didn’t they use them when they were in government?” she asked. “Where were these solutions during their eight years in office?”

Shamima Muslim further accused the party of avoiding accountability, particularly in relation to its former officials.

“They have no words of wisdom for their own former leaders to return and face accountability,” she said.

She also criticised the conduct of the NPP in Parliament, describing it as out of touch with the concerns of ordinary Ghanaians.

“How tone-deaf can you be to the intelligence of the Ghanaian people?” she asked.

She warned that continued confrontational politics would not serve the nation’s interest.

“This grandstanding and constant intransigence is what put them where they are today,” she said. “If they continue on this path, Ghanaians will respond again.”

Present Shatta Wale If NPP wants a 'street candidate' – Kwabena Agyepong

Flagbearer hopeful for the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Ing. Kwabena Agyepong, has described as propaganda claims that the street is clamouring for one of the aspirants in the flagbearership race.

According to him, the street cannot decide who should lead the New Patriotic Party; rather, members of the political party should decide.

Speaking on Kumasi-based Pure Fm, he said after the party has decided, they will go to the people to sell their candidate and the message, not the other way round.

“They say mechanics and market women say we should bring one candidate, but that should not be the case. The party is ours, and so the party will choose their candidate, and afterwards, the party will market its candidate. They

say we should bring the one Ghanaians are clamouring for but how did you know this is the one Ghanaians are clamouring for?

“We are a political party, there is something called leadership.

The five of us have to contest and after contesting, we will go to the people of Ghana with the candidate we have chosen and sell his strengths to the people. There is propaganda that the streets want one candidate and

if that's the case then there is no leadership. If that is the case then we should go and bring Shatta Wale because he's the popular one and has the numbers,” he stated.



NPP Flagbearer aspirant, Ing. Kwabena Agyepong

Afenyo Markin gives blow by blow details of how NDC leadership crisis will be worse than NPP

Minority Leader, Alexander Afenyo-Markin, has alleged that Vice President Professor Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang has already selected the Minister for Education, Haruna Iddrisu, as her running mate ahead of what he described as an impending and bruising flagbearer contest within the governing National Democratic Congress (NDC).

Addressing a press conference by the Minority in Parliament yesterday, Mr. Afenyo-Markin said while the NDC continues to focus its attention on internal developments within the opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP), it is quietly grappling with deepening leadership ambitions and succession battles of its own. According to him, the activities of some senior NDC figures point to an early but intense struggle for the party's next presidential ticket.

He cited the ongoing “thank you tour” by NDC National Chairman, Johnson Asiedu Nketia, as a veiled campaign for the flagbearership, claiming that both the party and the government have preferred

candidates for the contest.

Mr. Afenyo-Markin further alleged that the Chief of Staff, Julius Debrah, is also positioning himself to lead the party and has chosen NDC General Secretary, Fifi Fiavi Kwetey, as his running mate.

He added that the Majority Leader, Mahama Ayariga, and the North Tongu Member of Parliament (MP), who is also the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, were also exploring possible permutations ahead of the contest.

He claimed that the Minister for Finance, Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson, is equally preparing to enter the race and is in the process of selecting a running mate, while the Minister for Food and Agriculture, Eric Opoku, has also set his eyes on the presidency.

Mr. Afenyo-Markin criticised Mr. Opoku's alleged presidential ambition, arguing that despite challenges with funding for programmes under the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the minister appeared more focused on personal political advancement than addressing sector constraints.

He warned that by the middle of the year, President John Dramani Mahama could effectively become a lame-duck president, as attention within the NDC shifts to internal competition for the flagbearer position.

In contrast, the Minority Leader said the NPP was focused on unity and consolidation after its own flagbearership contest, expected to conclude on January 31.

“Those of us in Parliament are determined to rally around the winner of our flagbearership and

help move the party forward,” he said, urging the NDC to focus on resolving its own internal challenges rather than commenting on the affairs of the opposition.

Mr. Afenyo-Markin stated that the NDC's forthcoming contest would be “brute” and cautioned the governing party to “leave the NPP alone” and address what he described as a muddy and crowded leadership race within its own ranks.



Minority Leader, Alexander Afenyo-Markin addressing the press

NPP is going through a very challenging and difficult phase – Abu Jinapor

The Member of Parliament for Damongo, Samuel Abu Jinapor, says the New Patriotic Party (NPP) is facing one of its most difficult moments following its defeat in the 2024 general elections.

He said the party's loss by a margin of more than 1.6 million votes has forced a period of reflection and reorganisation, making the upcoming flagbearer election critical to its revival.

Speaking on Accra-based Channel One TV on Monday, January 26, the former Lands and Natural Resources Minister said the party must be honest about its current state.

"We all have to be courageous and honest enough to admit that the party is going through a very challenging and difficult phase,"

he stated.

Abu Jinapor said the NPP has already taken steps to rebuild, including constitutional amendments at the 2025 extraordinary national delegates conference held at the University of Ghana, Legon.

He noted that the January 31 presidential primaries form part of these reforms and described the process as unprecedented in the party's history.

"This is the first time the party is electing its presidential candidate almost three clear years to the general election, and also before electing any other officer of the party," he said.

The Damongo MP urged the more than 200,000 delegates expected to vote across 333 polling centres to consider the broader context of the party's future when casting their ballots.

Five aspirants; former Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, Dr Osei Yaw Adutwum, Kennedy Agyapong, Dr Bryan

Acheampong and Kwabena Agyei Agyepong, are contesting the NPP flagbearer slot ahead of the 2028 general elections.



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SOCIAL NEWS

Ghana's relations with China excellent – Mahama

President John Dramani Mahama has described the ties between Ghana and China as excellent, calling for greater collaboration in areas of security, logistics, and anti-terrorism.

Speaking during a farewell meeting with the outgoing Chinese Ambassador to Ghana, His Excellency Tong Defa, on Tuesday, January 27, President Mahama emphasised the need for joint efforts to strengthen Ghana's border surveillance and prevent infiltration.

"We want to see a greater cooperation with China in terms of logistics, in terms of training to move on anti-terrorism, in terms of building surveillance of our borders to make sure that we don't have any infiltration of these areas", he added.

He also lauded Ambassador Defa for strengthening the existing relationship between Ghana and China during his tenure.

"You haven't just been an ambassador or diplomat, you have been a friend, and I'm sad to see you go. Of course, our relations with China are excellent," he said

President Mahama also

thanked Chinese President Xi Jinping for his country's involvement in negotiating Ghana's debt restructuring and for providing significant support for Ghana's development. He cited a \$30 m grant for the Aflao Market Project and another \$30m allocated for the construction of a new Science and Technology University in Damongo.

President Mahama suggested

a payment and settlement system between the two countries.

Ambassador Tong also congratulated President Mahama on the successes chalked up in the first year of his tenure, especially in turning the fortunes of Ghana's economy and called for strengthening cooperation between the two countries in industry, trade, mining, and science and technology.

Ambassador Tong noted that the China zero-tariff arrangement for Ghana's exports would soon be operationalised. He appealed to President Mahama for Ghana's support for China's bid to host the Secretariat of the new United Nations treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.



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Confirming the development, Minister for Foreign Affairs Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa commended the YouTuber for his genuine connection to Ghana and his contribution to projecting Africa positively on the global stage.

In a post on his official Facebook page, the Minister said the approval was granted after engagements with prominent Ghanaian content creator Wode Maya and a verification of IShowSpeed's personal ties to the country.

"Following our discussions and subsequent confirmation of the irrefutable ties of IShowSpeed to Ghana, I am pleased to inform you and our compatriots that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has approved the issuance of a Ghanaian Passport to IShowSpeed," he stated. Mr Ablakwa also expressed appreciation to both IShowSpeed

and Wode Maya, who was granted a diplomatic passport in 2025, describing them as "worthy ambassadors" of Ghana and Africa. "Keep making our great nation Ghana, and our beloved African continent proud," he added.

The passport approval caps a visit

that attracted global attention. During his stay, IShowSpeed was traditionally enstooled in Akropong, where he was given the name Barima Kofi Akuffo in a spiritual naming ceremony.

His tour took him from the Asenema Waterfalls to Independence Square, where

massive crowds gathered amid supercar drifting and high energy fan interactions. Beyond content creation, the visit reflected deep cultural engagement, as he embraced local customs, sampled Ghanaian jollof, and connected with well known personalities including Dancegodlloyd and Bukom Banku.



American streaming star, IShowSpeed

Twifo Nuamakrom residents stunned as man arrested for burying wife in bedroom

Residents of Twifo Nuamakrom in the Twifo Atti Morkwa District of the Central Region have been left horrified following the arrest of a 44-year-old man for allegedly burying his 80-year-old wife in their bedroom and keeping it hidden for more than two weeks.

The suspect, identified as Kweku Charles, is accused of secretly burying his wife, Sofomaame Esther Bolu, popularly known as Nigeria Woman, inside their home after her death. Esther Bolu was the founder and leader of the Miracles Prayer Centre and had reportedly been ill for some time, during which her husband took over the running of the church.

According to community sources, Charles failed to inform family members, church leaders or residents about his wife's death. Instead, concerns began to mount when neighbours realised that

Esther Bolu had not been seen for over two weeks.

When questioned about her whereabouts, Charles reportedly told residents that she had been taken to Accra for medical treatment. However, inconsistencies in his explanation raised suspicion among community members.

Matters escalated when Charles allegedly attempted to flee after further questioning. His actions prompted residents to search the house, leading to the shocking discovery of the elderly woman's body buried in the bedroom.

The incident was immediately reported to the Twifo Praso Police, who arrested Charles. Authorities have since directed environmental officers to exhume the body as investigations continue into the circumstances surrounding the burial.

Charles remains in police custody as investigators work to establish the full facts of the case.



Chief Justice visits Speaker Bagbin to strengthen judiciary-legislature collaboration

Chief Justice, His Lordship Justice Paul Baffoe-Bonnie, paid a courtesy call on the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin, in a bid to reinforce collaboration between the Judiciary and the Legislature.

The meeting, held at Parliament House on Monday, was described by Speaker Bagbin as historic, signalling a renewed commitment to cooperation between the two arms of government in advancing Ghana's democratic governance.

During the engagement, the Chief Justice outlined his vision for improving the administration of justice. Key proposals included expanding access to justice, implementing a shift system in court operations to reduce delays, and establishing specialised courts to address illegal mining and related offences, particularly

those identified by the Public Accounts Committee.

Justice Baffoe-Bonnie also highlighted reforms in legal education, emphasising the need for training programmes that align with emerging trends, technological advancements, and the evolving requirements of the legal profession.

To facilitate these reforms, the Chief Justice appealed for practical support, including secure office accommodation for the Judiciary, enhanced security for judicial officers, and expedited approval for the recruitment of additional staff and specialised experts.

The discussions reflected mutual respect and a shared dedication to public service, with both leaders reaffirming the importance of dialogue, institutional reform, and sustained investment in strengthening Ghana's justice system for the benefit of all citizens.



Speaker of Parliament Alban Bagbin exchanging pleasantries

Illegal state land grabbers in trouble as govt takes action

The Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah, has announced that government has commenced a full scale review and audit of all public lands sold in recent years to determine whether proper procedures were followed.

The Minister made the disclosure during a visit by Vice President Jane Naana Opoku Agyemang to the Ministry, explaining that the exercise is intended to safeguard state assets and ensure that the country received full value for its lands.

He stated that any transaction found to have violated laid down processes or left mandatory procedures incomplete would be annulled without exception.

Mr Buah said the decision to undertake the review was informed by increasing concerns that large tracts of public land, originally acquired by the state for purposes such as agriculture and national development, had been improperly sold or mishandled by officials entrusted with their care.

He cautioned that officials

implicated in any wrongdoing would be exposed and punished to serve as a warning to others, stressing that every public land sale is being examined to confirm that proper valuation was conducted and that due process was strictly observed.

“We began the processes of reviewing. One of the things that we all heard is that public lands that the government had taken

for specific purposes, some for agriculture, somehow, the people who had been given the charge to protect these lands were abusing them.

“We constituted a team led by my able Deputy, and we got cabinet approval to address that. By the time we finish, it will not cross the mind of any government official to take public lands because we will publish your name in every

newspaper.


“All public lands that had been sold are going under review to make sure there is value for money, and a process audit was done. Those that didn't finish the processes are automatically canceled. We are going on to ensure we implement it the latter to give confidence to the people of Ghana that we are going to protect public lands,” he said.



Lands Minister, Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah





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|  | PBU EFFECTIVE 16TH JANUARY 2026 (27TH DECEMBER - 11TH JANUARY 2026 AVERAGES) | ESTIMATION OF PBU EFFECTIVE 1ST FEBRUARY 2026 (12TH - 26TH JANUARY 2026 AVERAGES) | % CHANGE |
|--|---|--|-----------------|
| FX Rate (Commercial Banks Average) (USD/GHS) | 10.9000 | 10.9835 | -0.76% |
| Crude Oil (USD/BBL) | 62.75 | 67.44 | 7.48% |
| Petrol (USD/MT) | 613.39 | 627.75 | 2.34% |
| Gasoil (USD/MT) | 617.67 | 658.82 | 6.66% |
| LPG (USD/MT) | 459.50 | 476.55 | 3.71% |
| Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT) | 693.39 | 732.66 | 5.66% |
| Fuel Oil (USD/MT) | 361.11 | 370.52 | 2.61% |
| *Products figures represent the FOB Prices used in the Price Build-Up (PBU) | | | |

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Mahama pledges support for GAF Mutual Health Fund to benefit personnel, families



President John Dramani Mahama

President John Dramani Mahama has announced government support for the establishment of a Mutual Health Fund for the Ghana Armed Forces and their families, aimed at improving access to healthcare and enhancing the financial security of service personnel.

Under the proposed arrangement, the National Security Secretariat will provide seed funding to support the welfare trust fund and ensure its long term sustainability. The president also acknowledged the contribution of Mr Kofi Appiah, Chief Executive Officer of All Day Ventures, for his role in

advancing the initiative.

President Mahama made the announcement on Friday at the West African Soldiers' Social Activity held at Burma Camp in Accra, where he addressed officers, soldiers and defence civilian staff and described his message as "tidings of great joy".

He revealed that new salary scales for personnel of the Ghana Armed Forces will take effect in March 2026, with arrears for January and February to be paid in the same month, a declaration that drew loud applause from the gathering.

"I bring you tidings of great joy. It pleases me to announce that your new salary scales will start in March, and the arrears for

January and February will also be paid in March," President Mahama said.

The president explained that the salary adjustment reflects the government's commitment to the welfare, motivation and morale of military personnel, stressing that the effectiveness of the armed forces is closely tied to the wellbeing and professionalism of those who serve.

In his role as Commander in Chief of the Ghana Armed Forces, President Mahama reaffirmed his resolve to ensure that the military remains well resourced, properly trained and adequately equipped to respond to current and emerging security threats.

He described WASSA as more than a social event, noting that it serves as a platform for reflection, engagement and planning. According to him, the annual gathering symbolises unity, discipline, loyalty, esprit de corps and professionalism, values that continue to define the Ghana Armed Forces.

WASSA remains a key tradition that allows the president to interact with service personnel in a relaxed but purposeful setting, while outlining the government's vision for the armed forces in the year ahead.



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Speaking to ModernGhana News on the sidelines, Joel Amoah, Course Representative for the Evening Level 200 Law class, described the experience as “very fruitful” and a valuable part of their legal education.

“The High Court judge here is our lecturer in school. He teaches

us Ghana Legal Systems, and he invited us to come witness court proceedings and learn directly from the process. It has been very insightful,” Amoah said.

“We were advised to take our studies seriously and learn from our seniors. Seeing the law applied in real time makes us appreciate what we are learning in class,” he added

Amoah also noted that the field visit was the first of its kind for their level, but expressed hope it would become a regular part of their curriculum.

“This is our first practical experience since starting school, and we hope it will continue frequently. Opportunities like this help us understand legal principles in action,” he said.

On his part, Michael Nelson Obeng, the Course Representative for the Weekend Class, also highlighted the value of witnessing proceedings firsthand.

“There have been changes in legal education at Zenith that emphasize practical exposure from the start. Attending this session has broadened my understanding of how legal principles are applied in

court,” Michael said.

“For instance, in criminal matters, evidence must meet the standard of ‘beyond a reasonable doubt.’ Minor errors in documents, such as a misspelt name, do not automatically void the case. Observing this in real time was eye-opening.”

Obeng, who is affectionately known as Wise Man, further praised the approach of Justice Twumasi in explaining his judgments.

“Unlike some high-profile cases where judgments seem rushed, the judge here took time to explain each element of the case, citing precedents and reasoning clearly. It helped me see how legal principles are applied and why details matter,” he said.

They noted that the visit has further strengthened their resolve to pursue legal practice with diligence and to continue observing courtroom procedures for hands-on learning.

Justice Solomon Oppong Twumasi, their lecturer, advised the students to focus on practical experience and learn from senior colleagues in the field.



It's becoming difficult for us to renew Samba O'Neil's contract - Kotoko chief Sarfo Duku

Communications Director of Asante Kotoko, Sarfo Duku, has hinted that the club is finding it difficult to extend the stay of Samba O'Neil.

The Congolese defender's contract at the club will expire at the end of the season.

Despite several attempts by the hierarchy of the club to get him to sign a new deal, O'Neil is reluctant to put pen to paper for a new deal.

It is believed that he has attracted several interests from Libya, South Africa, and Tanzania.

"We sent a new proposal to Samba and his team, and we await their response," Sarfo Duku told Luv FM.

"Looking at how long it has taken, because we started this conversation almost a year

ago, it appears to us that it is becoming difficult for the player to renew his contract.

"But we keep pressing with the hope that he will have a change of mind because he feels that

he would want to continue somewhere," he added.

Samba has made 19 appearances this season, scoring three goals. He is

expected to feature for the Reds when they travel to play Heart of Lions in the Matchday 21 games at the Kpando Sports Stadium.



Congolese defender, Samba O'Neil

What Michael Essien told me before my move to Sunderland — Asamoah Gyan reveals

Former Ghana international Asamoah Gyan has revealed a light-hearted exchange he shared with compatriot Michael Essien before his move to Sunderland.

Following a standout performance at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, Gyan secured a club-record transfer from French side Stade Rennais to the Premier League outfit. In a conversation recounted by the former striker, Essien — then at Chelsea — asked whether Gyan was set to join the English top flight.

Gyan said he responded with a joke, promising that if he did make the move, he would score against Essien's Chelsea. The pair shared a laugh, and Essien wished him luck — a wish that would soon become reality.

"I remember Michael Essien, who was my national teammate, calling to ask if I was coming to the Premier League, and I remember jokingly saying I was going to score against Chelsea, and we all laughed about it, but he

wished me the best of luck, and I scored against Chelsea," the former Liberty Professionals forward told Rio Ferdinand.

Gyan made an immediate impact on his Sunderland debut, scoring after coming off

the bench for Danny Welbeck in a 1-1 draw with Wigan Athletic on September 11, 2010.

He went on to feature 34 times for the Black Cats, netting 10 goals, before moving to UAE side Al Ain on loan — a deal that was later made permanent.



Asamoah Gyan

There is no pressure on me to win trophies with Uganda – Laryea Kingston

Former Ghana International Laryea Kingston has insisted that he is not feeling pressured to deliver trophies in his role with Uganda's youth national teams.

The 46-year-old was appointed last year as head coach of Uganda's youth setup on a five-year contract.

Since taking charge, he has guided the Uganda U-17 side to the 2026 U-17 Africa Cup of Nations after a commanding 3-0 win over Ethiopia in the CECAFA U-17 Zonal Qualifiers.

In an interview with Sporty FM, Kingston explained that his mandate is centred on team building rather than immediate silverware.

"I'm not under pressure to win a trophy with Uganda. I have only been tasked with building a team for five years," he said. Kingston added that this

long-term approach has eased expectations and allowed him to focus on developing a competitive side.

"That decision has taken away pressure from me, and I am solely focused on building a team. If the trophies come

along the way, that is a bonus, but the focus is to build a winsome team," Kingston added.

Kingston brings considerable coaching credentials to the role, holding both a UEFA A and CAF B license.

His experience includes managing Ghana's U-17 national team and working with Danish side FC Nordsjaelland within the Right to Dream Academy system, renowned for developing young African talent.



Head coach of Uganda's youth setup, Laryea Kingston

ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLE NEWS

'This is just crazy' – Davido reacts to \$50,000 wedding debt allegation

Nigerian Afrobeats star Davido has reacted to claims that he owes a wedding planner \$50,000, dismissing the allegation as "crazy."

The singer made the comment on Sunday evening after social media was flooded with reports alleging that Funke Bucknor-Obruthe, CEO of the event planning company behind his wedding to Chioma, had accused him of failing to settle an outstanding bill.

The viral report was accompanied by an alleged chat in which the wedding planner was said to be threatening legal action over the unpaid fee.

Responding on X, Davido appeared visibly displeased by the accusation, describing the situation as an insult. "This is just crazy atp," the singer wrote.



Davido and wife, Chioma

‘Whether my BBL is obvious or not, it is what I wanted’ – Salma Mumin fires critics over body shaming



Ghanaian actress, Salma Mumin

Ghanaian actress, Salma Mumin, has hit back at social media critics who have persistently mocked and criticised her body following claims that she underwent a body enhancement procedure.

In an Instagram post on Friday, she expressed frustration with what she described as relentless,

harmful commentary about her appearance. She urged individuals who habitually attack her online to desist, stressing that their words carry serious consequences. “The constant commentary about my body has gone too far. Words are not harmless. Words have the power to affect a person mentally, emotionally, and psychologically in ways many people underestimate,” she stated. Salma Mumin emphasised that any decision to alter

her body was entirely personal, adding that the harsh judgments and character attacks directed at her on social media were unjustified. According to her, she does not seek public approval or validation, and she believes critics should allow her to live her life on her own terms. “I made a personal decision about my body. I changed how I looked because I wanted to, because I did not like how I looked before. I

did it for me. Not for public approval. Not for opinions. Not to meet anyone’s preference,” she explained. She further added that opinions about whether her alleged BBL is noticeable or aligns with others’ preferences are irrelevant. “Whether my BBL is obvious or not, whether it fits what you would have chosen for yourself or not, it is what I wanted. And that should be enough,” she said.



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Marriage is about responsibility, love alone is not enough – Duncan-Williams



Archbishop Nicholas Duncan-Williams

Presiding Bishop of Action Chapel International, Archbishop Nicholas Duncan-Williams, has said marriage should be entered with a strong sense of responsibility, not just love or physical attraction.

Speaking in an interview on TV3's New Day on Friday, the renowned cleric

criticised the growing trend of couples relying on family and friends to finance their wedding ceremonies. According to him, men who cannot independently afford to marry are not ready for the commitment marriage demands.

He warned that starting married life with debt and financial dependence often leads to hardship after the wedding celebrations are over. "Marriage is

responsibility. Love alone is not enough," he stressed.

Archbishop Duncan-Williams also reiterated his stance against extravagant weddings, urging couples to prioritise financial preparedness over lavish ceremonies. He explained that his earlier comment suggesting a man should have at least GH¢100,000 before marrying was meant to highlight the cost and responsibility involved, not

to set a rigid benchmark.

He further advised parents to stop funding expensive weddings for their children, suggesting instead that such money be saved to support the couple's life after marriage.

According to him, many marriages struggle because couples focus on the wedding day while neglecting the realities and demands that follow.



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