

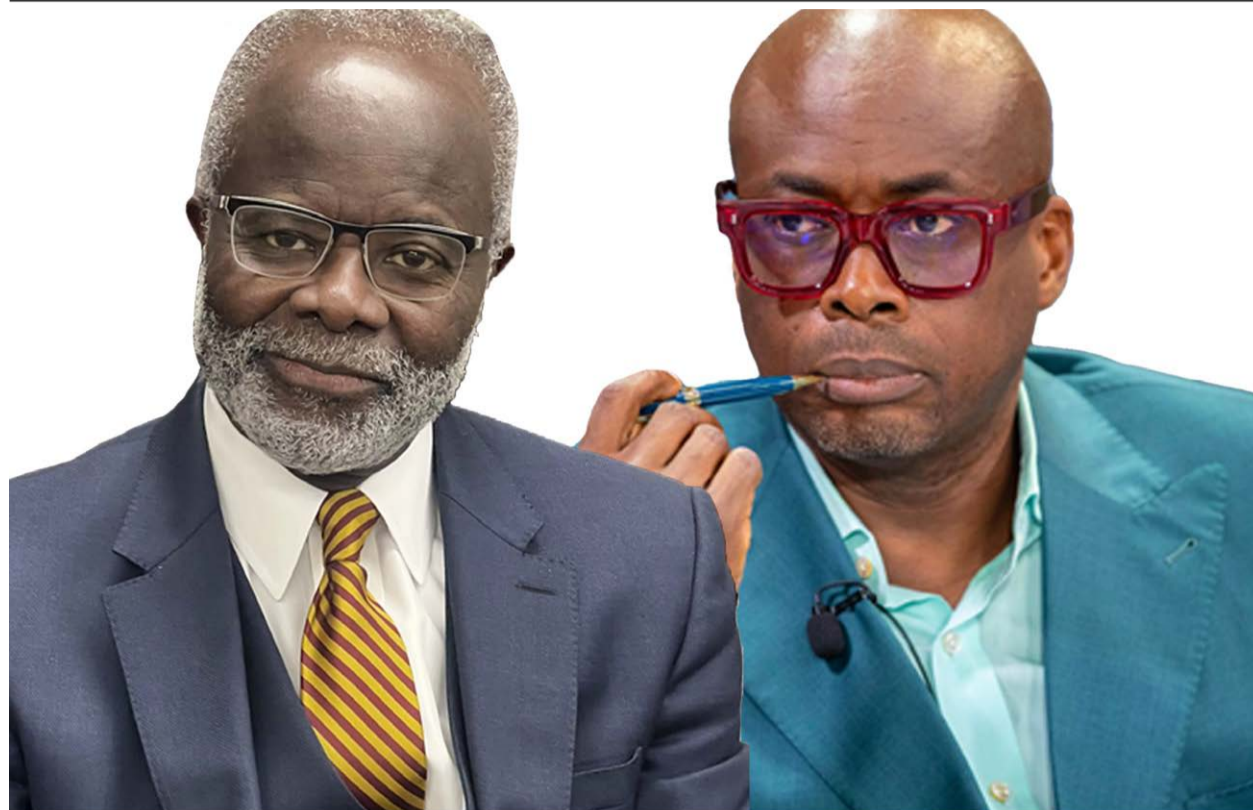
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NDC committee submits report on Ayawaso East primary vote buying allegations



Committee member, Inusah Fuseini

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) has received the report from the three-member committee tasked

with investigating claims of inducement and vote buying during the Ayawaso East parliamentary primary.

The submission was made to the party's Functional Executive Committee (FEC) on Tuesday, February 10.

Confirming the development to the media at the NDC headquarters in Accra, committee member Inusah Fuseini declined to reveal the contents or recommendations of the report.

"We have submitted the report. Any report we have produced is the property of FEC. The party will communicate to you what is in the report," he stated.

The submission comes as the NDC moves swiftly to meet the Electoral Commission's February 11 deadline for filing nominations ahead of the Ayawaso East by-election, scheduled for March 3.

The investigation was launched following allegations that the party's primary was tainted by inducements, including the distribution of television sets, boiled eggs, and other items to delegates. These claims have generated public debate and raised concerns within the party.

Baba Jamal, who emerged as the winner of the primary and faces accusations of vote buying, has consistently denied any wrongdoing, asserting that he did not engage in inducement of delegates.

Separately, Baba Jamal appeared before the Office of the Special Prosecutor on Tuesday for questioning as part of ongoing investigations into the allegations.

NDC vote buying probe committee clears Baba Jamal to contest Ayawaso East by-election



Baba Jamal, parliamentary candidate for the Ayawaso East by-election

The National Democratic Congress has resolved to retain Mohammed Baba Jamal as its parliamentary candidate for the Ayawaso East by-election, despite allegations of vote buying that surfaced during the party's parliamentary primary held on Saturday, February 7.

The decision is contained in a report submitted by a three member committee set up by the party to probe claims that some aspirants engaged in inducement during the primary.

Sources close to the party have confirmed that the committee's findings clear the way for Baba Jamal to continue as the NDC's flagbearer for the by-election. He is expected to file his nomination with the Electoral Commission on Wednesday, February 11.

The committee was constituted after widespread reports alleged that television sets and cash were distributed to delegates during the primary, sparking controversy and renewed debate about vote buying and monetisation in

internal party contests.

According to party insiders, the committee reviewed petitions from delegates and party members, assessed available evidence and engaged key stakeholders connected to the election before reaching its conclusions.

While acknowledging broader concerns about inducement in internal elections, the committee reportedly found no grounds to disqualify Baba Jamal or overturn the outcome of the primary.

Baba Jamal, who won the contest, has consistently denied any involvement in vote buying, maintaining that his campaign complied fully with party rules and guidelines.

The Ayawaso East seat became vacant following the death of the former Member of Parliament, Naser Toure Mahama, making the by-election necessary.

The NDC is expected to formally announce the committee's conclusions as it prepares to step up campaign activities ahead of the by-election.

No running mate slot for you, it is not done anywhere – Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu tells Bawumia ‘rivals’

Former Majority Leader in Parliament and Campaign Manager for Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, Hon. Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu, has dismissed suggestions that contenders in a party's flagbearer race could later be selected as running mates, describing such an arrangement as impractical and politically unwise.

Speaking on Atumpan on AsassePa Fm, the former lawmaker said he is unaware of any precedent where a candidate who contested a party's flagbearership was subsequently chosen as a running mate.

“I have not seen anywhere that a contender in a flagbearer election is later chosen as a running mate,” he said. “I don't know if anyone else has heard of such a thing.”

According to him, the intense nature of internal party contests makes it difficult to later unite former rivals on a single ticket. He noted that the recent contest was highly competitive and, at

times, acrimonious.

“The contest was heated, and some of the things that were said, including insults and even claims by some that they did not believe in Dr. Bawumia's policies, make such considerations unrealistic,” he explained.

Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu stressed that political tickets must be built on ideological alignment and mutual trust, warning against pairing individuals with sharply opposing views or personalities.

“We cannot put together two diametrically opposing candidates or personalities on one ticket,” he stated. “It is not possible. Cementing such a partnership becomes very difficult.”

Beyond party unity, he said the choice of a running mate must be based on competence, reliability, and the ability to effectively complement the flagbearer.

“The running mate should be someone who complements you, not someone you will be afraid to leave matters in their care,” he added.

He also pointed out that regional balance remains a critical factor in selecting a running mate. With Dr. Bawumia hailing from northern Ghana, now made up of five regions, Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu said it would be difficult to select another running mate from the same geographical area unless the individual is exceptionally

outstanding.

Given these considerations, he concluded that both political harmony and strategic balance must guide the selection of a running mate, rather than pressure from internal party rivalries.



SOCIAL STORIES

‘May the Lord forgive you’ – Nduom blasts Paul for describing Nkrumah ‘terrible for Ghana’

Businessman and politician, Dr. Papa Kwesi Nduom, has criticised claims that Ghana's first president, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, was “terrible for Ghana,” describing such remarks championed by seasoned journalist Paul Adom-Otchere and other anti-Nkrumah as unfair and disrespectful.

In a Facebook post reacting to the ongoing debate, Dr. Nduom wrote: “Kwame Nkrumah ‘... was terrible for Ghana’? May the Good Lord forgive you!”

His comments follow recent statements by Metro TV journalist Paul Adom-Otchere and others who have described Dr. Nkrumah as a despot and a poor leader.

The renewed debate comes after Majority Leader in Parliament, Mahama Ayariga, announced that the government plans to rename Kotoka International Airport to Accra International Airport.

The airport is currently named after Lieutenant Colonel Emmanuel Kwasi Kotoka, one of the military officers involved in the 1966 coup that overthrew Dr. Nkrumah.

Speaking on JoyNews' NewsFile, Paul Adom-Otchere argued that the proposed renaming is part of a broader agenda to “restore Nkrumah's image 100 percent” ahead of the 60th anniversary of the coup on February 24, 2026.

He claimed that some individuals were attempting to portray Ghana's first president as a saint, insisting that this was “far from the truth.”

According to him, removing Kotoka's name from the airport represents the final stage of what he described as efforts to erase the legacy of those who opposed Nkrumah.

“This Kotoka's name on an important edifice like the airport is the remaining last leg of the nemesis of Nkrumah that must be taken away,” he said.

He further dismissed claims that the issue is being framed along tribal lines, stressing that the focus, in his view, is on removing the image of what he called a “coup maker.”

Mr. Adom-Otchere also maintained that Ghanaians must be reminded of what he described as excesses under Nkrumah's leadership, which he believes led to the 1966 overthrow.

“We cannot ignore history. We have to make obeisance to

history. The history is that from 1960 up to the time Nkrumah was overthrown in 1966, he was a despot. He was not good for Ghana. He was terrible for Ghana,” he stated.

It is against this backdrop that Dr. Nduom's post has attracted attention, with many interpreting it as a strong defence of Dr. Nkrumah's legacy.

The airport renaming proposal was formally announced by Majority Leader Mahama Ayariga on February 3, 2026, at the first sitting of the Second Session of the 9th Parliament.

He disclosed that the Minister for Transport will soon lay a bill before Parliament to change the

name from Kotoka International Airport to Accra International Airport.

“We are changing the name of our airport from Kotoka International Airport to Accra International Airport. A bill will be brought by the Minister for Transport to facilitate this change,” he said.

The development has reignited national discussions about Ghana's political history, the legacy of Dr. Nkrumah, and how the country should remember key figures from its past.

While some, like Dr. Nduom, continue to honour Nkrumah as a visionary leader who championed Ghana's independence and development, others insist that his record must be assessed critically.



Bawku Police officers say if you don't transfer me I will resign over attacks – Muntaka laments

The Minister for the Interior, Mohammed Mubarak Muntaka, has disclosed that a number of police officers deployed to the Bawku enclave have threatened to resign if they are not transferred out of the area.

He explained that persistent insecurity has placed officers at extreme risk, noting that several personnel, including those stationed at checkpoints, have been shot and killed within the past three months amid the ongoing disturbances.

His comment follows a robbery incident along the Zebilla-Widnaba road in the Bawku Division, which resulted in the death of a Police officer on duty. On Sunday, 8th February 2026, two Police officers travelling towards Zebilla encountered the robbery in progress. The robbers opened fire on the officers, hitting one of them in the process. The officer was rushed to the

Bolgatanga Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Addressing Parliament on Tuesday, February 10, Mr. Muntaka appealed to Members of Parliament from the affected constituencies to support efforts aimed at restoring calm and creating a safer, more enabling environment for security officers to effectively perform their duties.

“I have had instances where some officers say that if you don't transfer me from that area, I will rather resign. Why? Because the citizens themselves over there are not helpful. To the extent that people have the courage to go and openly fire at police officers and kill them...at the checkpoints. At a point in time, the IGP had to withdraw all police officers from checkpoints.

“I had to insist that the answer is not to withdraw but rather position them with armored vehicles. As MPs, we need to work with these security people

so that we will be able to create an enabling environment within

the area so they can assist and help us,” he said.



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President Mahama further revealed that the project includes a solar power component, designed to contribute an additional 30 to 40 megawatts. Combined,

the dam's energy output will exceed 100 megawatts, ensuring both economic sustainability and energy security.

“There is also a solar component designed to

produce an additional 30 to 40 megawatts. Altogether, the project aims to generate over 100 megawatts to ensure economic viability,” he said.

He explained that the second phase will involve constructing

irrigation canals, installing pumps, and preparing farmland to maximize the dam's utility for agriculture, ensuring it delivers dual benefits for energy production and food security.



President John Dramani Mahama

Ghana resumes citizenship vetting for historic diaspora community

The Ministry of the Interior, in collaboration with the Diaspora Affairs Office at the Office of the President, has announced the resumption of vetting for applicants under the “Historic Diaspora Community” citizenship initiative.

In a press release dated February 10, 2026, the Ministry stated that applicants will be scheduled in batches for vetting at the Dubois Centre in Cantonments, Accra, beginning February 11, 2026. Prospective applicants are advised to wait for official notification of their vetting dates to avoid overcrowding.

The Ministry acknowledged that, due to the high volume of applications and the limited timeframe ahead of the ceremonial swearing-in scheduled for March 5, 2026, not all applicants may be accommodated in this initial phase.

However, authorities assured that the citizenship process remains open online at <https://e-services.mint.gov.gh> and that no qualified applicant will be disadvantaged. “The Government of Ghana is committed to granting citizenship to all eligible applicants as part of its ongoing diaspora engagement initiatives,” the statement emphasized.

The announcement follows a temporary suspension of the application process for historical diasporans, announced on February 1, 2026. At the time, the Ministry and Diaspora Affairs Office explained that the pause was intended to streamline the process, improve accessibility, and enhance the overall experience for applicants worldwide. They stressed that the suspension did not signal a withdrawal of Ghana’s commitment to welcoming members of the global African family, but rather a step to introduce improvements for a smoother application process.

Authorities further assured applicants that revised timelines and updated guidelines would be shared through official channels and thanked them for their patience and cooperation during the review period.

The citizenship pathway for historical diasporans has been a

cornerstone of Ghana’s broader diaspora engagement agenda, building on initiatives such as the Year of Return and Beyond the Return. Officials confirmed that vetting and the application process will continue as planned once the improvements are fully implemented.



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Discussions at the meeting focused on opportunities for collaboration to attract private sector investment into Ghana’s agricultural sector, with emphasis on improving productivity, value addition, and agribusiness development.

Mr. Mould highlighted MiDA’s mandate to promote inclusive economic growth through targeted investment interventions.

He noted that partnerships with international investment bodies such as CWEIC could help mobilise resources to support Ghana’s development priorities.

Ms. Cohen, on her part, reaffirmed CWEIC’s commitment to facilitating investment across Commonwealth countries and expressed interest in supporting

Ghana’s efforts to grow its agricultural economy through sustainable and impactful investments.

The meeting ended with an

agreement to explore practical steps towards strengthening collaboration in areas of mutual benefit, particularly within the agriculture sector.



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The Ambassador addressed concerns raised by participants regarding frustrations they face to bring business to Ghana government.

Listening attentively and responding to issues relating to Ghana's governance, H.E Victor Smith said the economic direction and the role of the

diaspora in national development are mutually exclusive.

He therefore encouraged frustrated potential investors to reach out to him when they face challenges.

"Call me personally when you fail to mee the right people, that's why I'm here," he stated.

The tone of the discussion was calm but candid, with moments of animated exchanges indicating strong interest from attendees.

Participants sought clarification on matters of public interest and bilateral cooperation, while the Ambassador emphasized dialogue, mutual understanding and continued engagement

between Ghana's diplomatic mission and Ghanaians living abroad.

The meeting forms part of broader outreach initiatives by Ghanaian diplomatic officials to strengthen ties with citizens abroad and incorporate diaspora perspectives into national discourse.



Amb. Victor Smith engages members of Ghanaian business community

Mahama receives UGMC transition report, promises Cabinet review for full university integration

Professor Aaron Lawson, the Co-Chair of the University of Ghana Medical Centre Transition Committee, has presented the committee's final report outlining a roadmap to reintegrate the University of Ghana Medical Centre (UGMC) into its original academic mandate under the University of Ghana.

Presenting the report, Professor Lawson said the committee was established on the directive of the president with an eight-point mandate to review UGMC's operations, assess funding, staffing and resource challenges, and propose integration mechanisms and solutions.

He explained that the report examines operations across UGMC, the University of Ghana Medical School and the College of Health Sciences, aimed at creating "a coherent academic health system."

According to him, the report identifies key challenges and offers solutions through a seven-chapter structure, including proposals for a complete

handover of UGMC to the University of Ghana, stakeholder integration guided by global best practices, and a three-phase implementation plan over a 10-year period to achieve sustainability and excellence.

"This report marks the culmination of our mandate and reflects our commitment to a smooth, transparent and sustainable transition," Professor Lawson said, as he formally submitted the document.

President John Dramani Mahama, in his response, commended the committee for what he described as its diligence and dedication.

He noted that UGMC remains "the highest quaternary medical facility in the country" and stressed that it must be maintained at world-class standards in clinical care, logistics and equipment.

The president recalled that the facility was established as a centre of excellence for research and learning for the University of Ghana and said the report would help guide that vision.

"We will study the report and take

it to Cabinet for discussion," he said, adding that once adopted, clear steps would be outlined towards the full transition of UGMC to the University of Ghana.

President Mahama thanked the

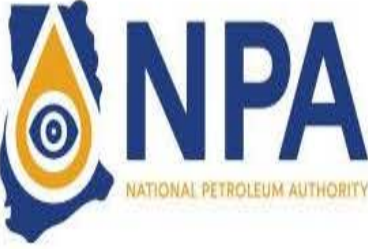
committee for its service, joking that if the work had been done without pay, "your reward is in heaven," and wished members well for what he described as an excellent job.



President Mahama receives report from Professor Aaron Lawson

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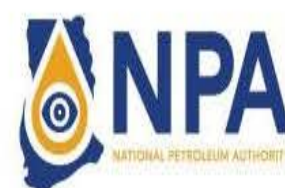
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Crude Oil (USD/BBL)	67.40	70.64	4.81%
Petrol (USD/MT)	626.36	649.77	3.74%
Gasoil (USD/MT)	659.25	697.85	5.86%
LPG (USD/MT)	476.32	506.38	6.31%
Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT)	732.70	768.90	4.94%
Fuel Oil (USD/MT)	370.20	392.35	5.98%
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According to the Ministry, the initiative is part of broader efforts to deepen cultural consciousness and reinforce Ghana's national identity on the global stage.

"This initiative is meant to affirm our identity and project Ghana's heritage with pride to the world," the statement added.

Beyond its cultural significance, the Ministry noted that the policy is expected to deliver economic benefits by supporting local weavers, designers, artisans, and

traders involved in the production and distribution of Fugu.

"It will empower players across the value chain and create more business and employment opportunities nationwide," the statement explained.

The government also expressed

optimism that the initiative will foster national unity and stimulate growth within the creative economy.

"This collective embrace of Fugu will strengthen national unity and serve as a symbol of our cultural confidence," the Ministry said.



President John Dramani Mahama

Man posing as soldier for 7 years arrested at 37 Military Hospital

A man who reportedly masqueraded as a Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) officer for seven years has been arrested at the 37 Military Hospital in Accra while visiting his girlfriend, a nurse, authorities have confirmed.

According to eyewitnesses, the suspect had long worn a military uniform and carried himself with the demeanor of a trained soldier, successfully convincing colleagues, friends, and the public that he was a genuine officer.

The deception unraveled when hospital security grew suspicious of his presence on the premises. During questioning, he was unable to provide accurate information regarding his posting, rank, or commanding officer.

Security personnel promptly took him into custody for further investigations.

The arrest has sparked widespread attention, with many expressing disbelief that the man maintained the ruse for seven years without detection. Authorities have not yet disclosed the specific charges he may face.



Suspect

Amasaman High Court drastic reduction of Agradaa's jail term will embolden charlatans – Lawyer Samson



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such leniency, stressing that the scale and impact of the crime demanded a sentence that reflected its gravity.

According to him, Agradaa was "not a mosquito," underscoring that her conduct caused extensive harm rather than negligible damage. He described her actions as organised, faith-based fraud deliberately structured to exploit vulnerable people in search of spiritual and financial relief.

Anyenini explained that such conduct is inherently predatory, abusing religious trust and belief systems while leaving victims emotionally, spiritually and financially wounded.

"Beyond individual victims, the offence inflicts serious social harm, eroding public trust and normalising exploitation under the guise of religion," he argued.

He cautioned that the ruling risks transforming the law from a deterrent into a shield for wrongdoing, potentially encouraging other self styled spiritual leaders and charlatans to engage in similar fraudulent activities with little fear of serious consequences.

"This ruling will empower these charlatans to persist in their fraudulent activities," he warned, adding that it weakens the state's capacity to confront organised religious scams.

The Newsfile host further

described the judgment as fundamentally defective and urged the Attorney General to take swift steps to address the matter. He argued that allowing the decision to stand unchallenged would undermine public confidence in the justice system and expose vulnerable citizens to continued exploitation.

Describing the sentence reduction as a "sledgehammer ruling" with far-reaching implications, Anyenini insisted that the decision must be revisited to protect the integrity of the law and ensure that organised fraud, particularly when cloaked in religion, attracts punishment proportionate to its seriousness.

We must redeem ourselves against Hearts of Oak on Sunday - Asante Kotoko IMC chairman



Chairman of Asante Kotoko IMC, Nana Apinkrah Akwasi Awuah (middle)

The Chairman of Asante Kotoko Interim Management Committee (IMC), Nana Apinkrah Akwasi Awuah has cautioned the players to secure a win against Hearts of Oak.

The Porcupine Warriors head into the Super Clash game against their bitterest rivals without a substantive head coach.

Karim Zito has left his role on Monday, following their FA Cup Round of 16 elimination on Sunday, after losing 4-2 on penalties to Aduana FC.

Addressing the players on

Tuesday at the training grounds, Nana Apinkrah cautioned that excuses will not be accepted on Sunday.

According to him, it is time for the club to redeem itself against Hearts of Oak at the Baba Yara Stadium. "We can't afford further excuses. It's redemption time, and let's leave the past behind and focus on what is ahead," he said.

"We must redeem ourselves on Sunday," Nana Apinkrah added.

Kick off for the much-anticipated game is scheduled for 17:00 GMT.

We are ready to face Hearts of Oak – Asante Kotoko forward Albert Amoah

Asante Kotoko forward Albert Amoah says the Porcupine Warriors are fully prepared for Sunday's Super Clash against arch-rivals Hearts of Oak.

The forward also underlined the significance of the fixture, not only for the club but for its supporters, who have endured an inconsistent run of results.

"Well, I think we need that point very seriously. It's

important for us to win back our supporters' hearts, especially since we haven't been consistent in our matches. This is a match our supporters truly need, so I believe securing the points is absolutely crucial," he added.

Kotoko will head into the Super Clash under the guidance of Prince Yaw Owusu and Hamza Obeng following the resignation of head coach Karim Zito.

Kotoko will welcome Hearts to the Baba Yara Stadium with kick-off set for 17:00 GMT, as the two giants of Ghanaian football renew their fierce rivalry.

Speaking on Akoma FM, Amoah disclosed that the team has intensified preparations ahead of the encounter, with particular emphasis on sharpening their finishing.

"We are preparing very well. I think we are working more on our goal scoring, and we also need to get more goals in that match," Amoah said. "So, I think we are ready for Sunday."



Asante Kotoko forward Albert Amoah

My mind was made up to resign from Kotoko coaching role – Karim Zito

Abdul Karim Zito has opened up about his decision to step down as head coach of Asante Kotoko, revealing that the club made efforts to retain him, but he opted to resign.

Zito, who led Kotoko to a 4-2 penalty shootout defeat to Aduana FC in the FA Cup Round of 16 on Sunday at the Baba Yara Stadium, officially resigned on Monday.

Speaking on Asempa FM, the former Black Satellites coach explained,

“It became a family issue, and we had to talk it out and find an amicable solution. In the end, we all agreed that I should leave,” he said on Asempa FM.

“They did their best to change my mind, but my mind was already made up. I am a legend of the club, and if an issue arises, you need to remain calm and talk things out. I have resigned.”

Reflecting on his time at the club, Zito added, “I have been on the job for barely a year, and I won four trophies. I am very happy about it.”

Zito took over the Porcupine Warriors in April last year and guided them to FA Cup success at the end of the season.

Kotoko have confirmed that assistant coaches Prince Osei Yaw and Hamza Obeng will take charge of the team for Sunday’s

Super Clash against Hearts of Oak.



Former head coach of Asante Kotoko, Abdul Karim Zito

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

I wish I could go back and fix my mistakes to do better – 2Face

Renowned Nigerian musician Innocent Idibia, widely known as 2Face, has expressed regret over decisions he made earlier in his life and career.

In a preview of an upcoming episode of the Mic On podcast, the music icon admitted that looking back, there are many moments he wishes he had handled differently.

“There are so many things I wish I could rewind and do better,” he said. “As a human being, there are times when you are overwhelmed or don’t make the best decisions. My thick skin is weaker now.”

2Face acknowledged that his past actions, both professionally and personally, were not always the best, adding that maturity has given him a clearer perspective on his choices.

Addressing reports surrounding an alleged altercation with his wife, Natasha Osawaru, and his arrest in London in October 2025, the singer accepted responsibility for the incident.

“I was angry that day. It was an unfortunate incident,” he said.



Renowned Nigerian musician, 2Face Idibia



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Kojo Antwi reflects on growing up without a mother's love



Legendary Ghanaian highlife musician Kojo Antwi

Legendary Ghanaian highlife musician Kojo Antwi has spoken candidly about a painful childhood shaped by the absence of maternal affection, revealing how the experience left a lasting imprint on his life and music.

The iconic singer made the disclosure while reflecting on his newly released memoir, *Mr Musicman*, during an interview on Accra based TV3's *New Day* programme on Friday, February 6.

"It really broke my heart because every child's first place of comfort is their mother, and I never had that," Kojo Antwi said.

He recounted that he was sent away from his mother at a very young age to live with his father, a separation that deprived him of the emotional warmth many children rely on in their formative years. Although his stepmother showed kindness at times, he explained that the absence of a mother's presence created an emotional gap that never fully closed.

"I never heard that voice that cuddles you and tells you everything will be fine, and I think that absence shaped who I became," he noted.

According to Kojo Antwi, the lack of motherly affection deeply influenced his emotional sensitivity and artistic expression, a reality he believes is reflected in his music. He pointed out that many of his songs are written from a woman's perspective, a creative approach he links to his longing for maternal connection.

The highlife legend also revealed that he did not reunite with his mother until he was about 19 years old, at a time when he had already started playing in a band and carving his path in music.

Despite the emotional hardship, Kojo Antwi said he has come to view the experience as part of a divine plan that strengthened his resilience and ultimately guided him towards his enduring musical journey.

My 'big ears' landed me job at TV3 – Portia Gabor

Celebrated TV3 broadcast journalist, Portia Gabor, has revealed that a part of her she was once mocked for became the reason she landed her job at the media house.

In an Instagram post on February 5, Portia said her "big ears," which were a source of ridicule during her childhood, turned out to be her blessing in the media industry.

"Growing up, I thought I looked perfect until someone pointed out that I had big ears. That's when my insecurities began," she shared, recalling years of teasing and nicknames that affected her confidence.

Portia explained that while doing her national service, her friends—Augustina, Leo and Jeff—encouraged her to apply for a TV3 advert seeking news anchors and journalists. Despite her fears that her appearance would attract mockery, she submitted her application at the last minute,

with her hair in a ponytail and her ears clearly visible.

"I thought I would never be chosen," she said.

To her surprise, the next day she received a call from Osei Boakye, then News Editor of TV3, who told her that her ears caught his attention because they looked like his daughter's.

"He called me in, not because of my CV, but because of my ears," Portia said.

What followed was an informal interview that eventually led to her selection.

"At that moment, my insecurity became my security," she noted.

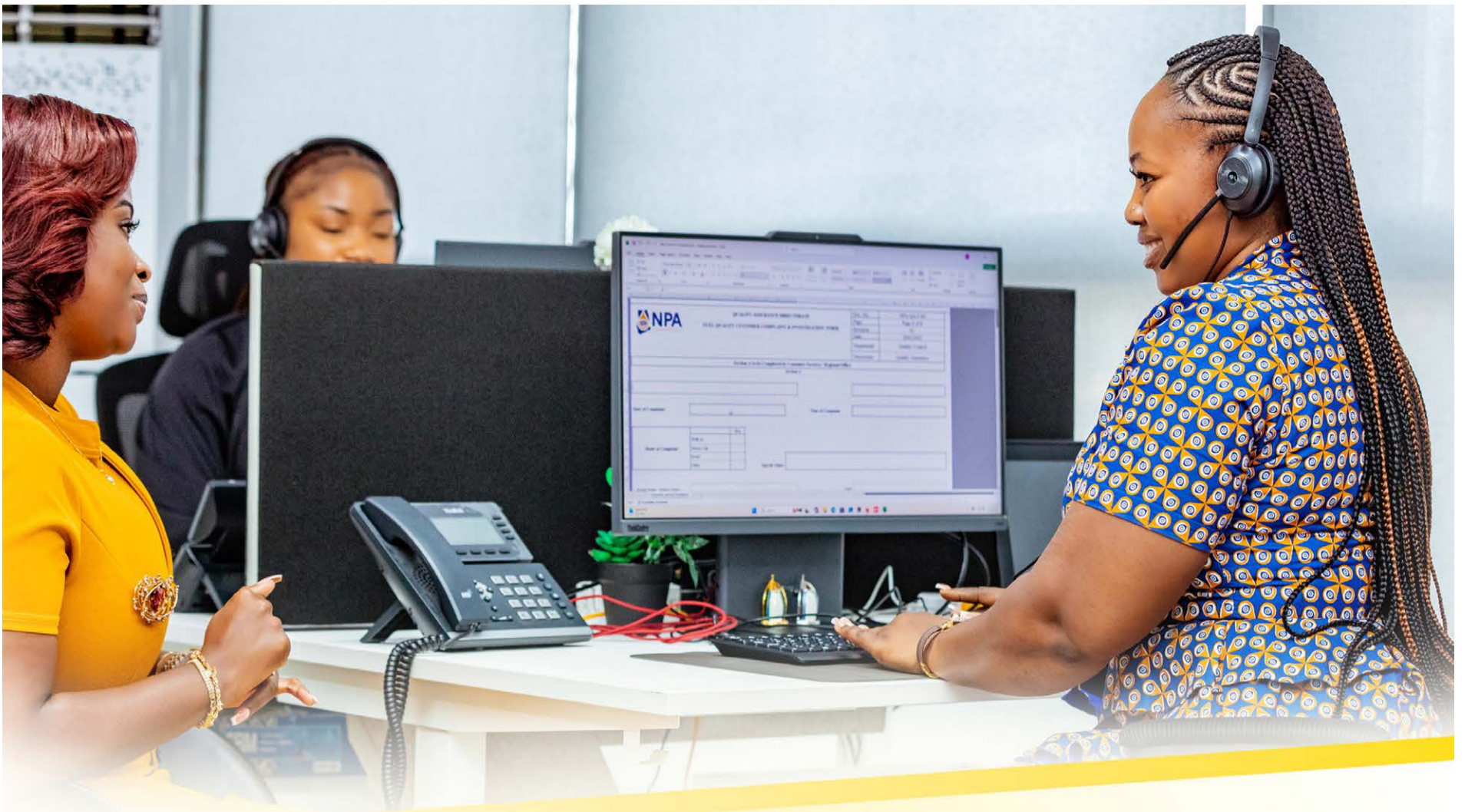
Portia used her story to

encourage young people, especially women, to embrace themselves and not allow physical insecurities or past experiences to hold them back.

"In my case, my ears landed me a job before my CV and competence were even considered," she said, stressing that people are worth more than their physical appearance.



Celebrated TV3 broadcast journalist, Portia Gabor



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