

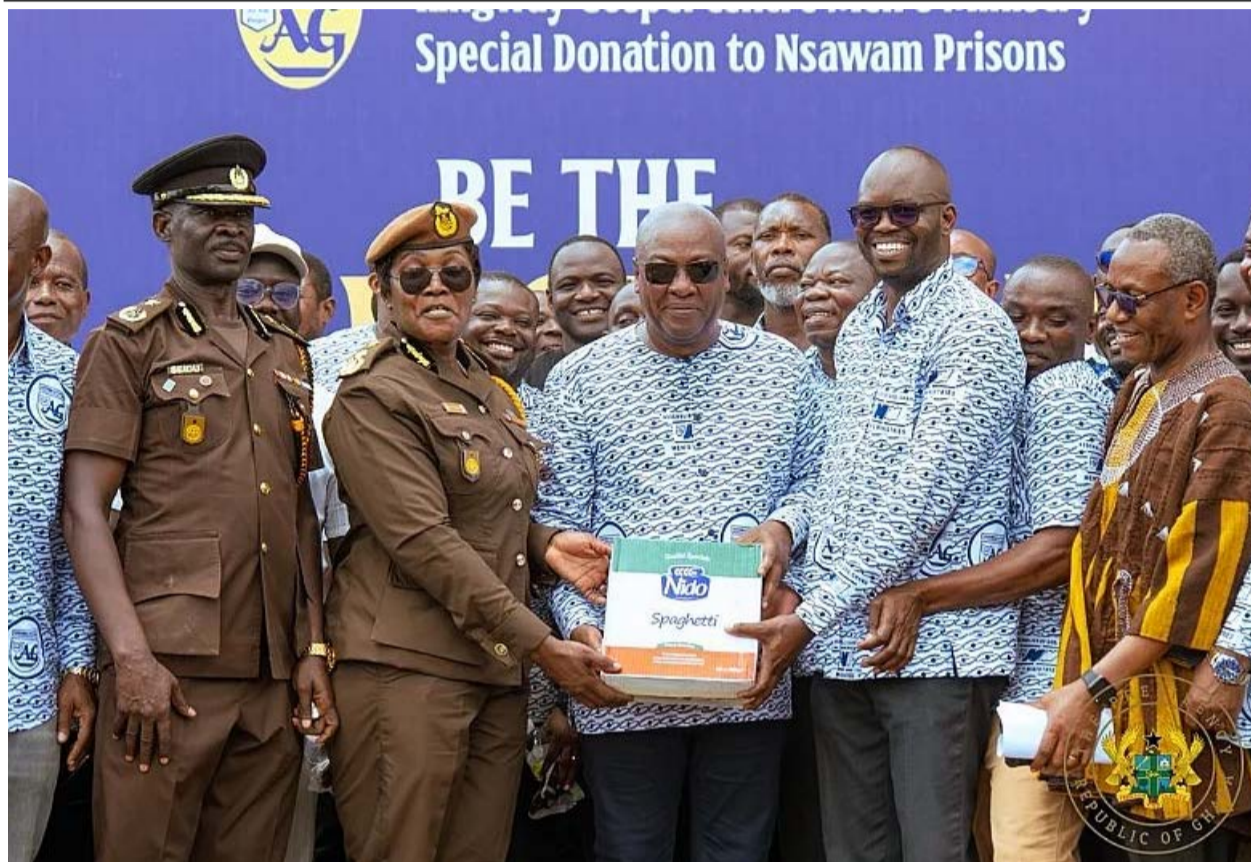
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President Mahama fellowships with Nsawam Prison inmates



President John Dramani Mahama, together with the Men's Ministry of the Ringway Assemblies of God Church, has

visited the Nsawam Medium Security Prison to fellowship with inmates.

A statement from the Presidency said the group

donated a range of items to support inmate welfare, including 250 bags of rice, 50 bags of maize, 50 bags of gari, 50 bags of sugar, 30 gallons of cooking oil, 50 cartons of tomato paste, 50 cartons of spaghetti and 50 boxes of sardines.

The visit featured a worship session with praise, music and preaching led by the Men's Ministry.

In a sermon, Reverend Benjamin Tettey, Head Pastor of the Ringway Gospel Centre Assemblies of God Church, encouraged inmates to remain hopeful and embrace repentance and personal

reform through faith.

President Mahama emphasised the need for compassion and support for prisoners, assuring them of continued attention to their welfare. He pledged to improve sporting facilities within the prison and indicated that the Lordina Foundation would assist with inmates' healthcare needs.

The delegation also toured ongoing development projects at the facility, including a 5,000-layer poultry unit and an 800-capacity remand block, both aimed at easing congestion and improving conditions within the prison.

OSP creation was unnecessary and populist – Constitutional Committee Chairman

The Chairman of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee, Mahama Shaibu, has maintained that the establishment of the Office of the Special Prosecutor was unnecessary, describing it as a populist initiative that could have been avoided.

He explained that at the time the office was introduced, several Members of Parliament argued that existing institutions were already equipped to handle its mandate if properly resourced. "The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice was already there, the Economic and Organised Crime Office was there, the special branch of the police service was available, and then the Attorney-General's department was there," he said.

Mr Shaibu also threw his weight behind a recent High Court ruling involving the Office of the Special Prosecutor and the Attorney-General, stating that the decision aligns with the law.

"The pronouncement they made is apt, and it is in accordance with law. All we needed to do was to empower the A-G's department, get it the needed resources to be able to prosecute," he stated.

He reiterated that opposition to the creation of the Office dates back to 2017, insisting that the

institution was not structured to function independently.

"The OSP did not have legs to stand on, and if it did at all, it did at the behest of the Attorney-General," he said.

According to him, the Office cannot exercise prosecutorial authority without constitutional backing, particularly in the absence of amendments to Article 88 (4). "As things stand now, no other institution except the A-G can prosecute, and unless you are authorised by the AG to do so," he noted.

Despite his concerns, Mr Shaibu acknowledged the role of the Office in investigating criminal matters, noting that it retains powers to conduct inquiries, searches and related activities.

He further indicated that the ongoing constitutional review process presents a timely opportunity to reconsider the allocation of prosecutorial powers.

"You come with an amendment to Article 88 (4) and say that these institutions can prosecute," he said, calling for reforms to strengthen the legal framework.



Mahama Shaibu

Angel Maxine scares 'gay lover' Ntim Fordjour

Transgender musician Angel Maxine has responded to a legal threat from Member of Parliament for Assin South, Rev. John Ntim Fordjour.

This follows a cease-and-desist letter issued by lawyers for Rev. Ntim Fordjour, demanding a retraction and apology over alleged defamatory statements made by the musician on social media.

Maxine, in the said social media post that has since gone viral, alleged that the lawmaker, who is one of the lead sponsors of the anti-gay bill, is homosexual and has allegedly had a sexual relationship with her in the past.

However, the MP has denied ever meeting or knowing Angel Maxine and has given her a seven-day ultimatum to retract the allegations or face legal action.

In a letter dated April 27, his lawyers described the claims as false and damaging to his reputation.

Reacting to the notice in a statement on Tuesday, April 28, Angel Maxine said her comments were only meant to

illustrate the wider risks of the legislation but nothing else.

"I have taken note of the demand letter issued on behalf of Hon. Rev. John Ntim Fordjour, Member of Parliament for Assin South, concerning videos I posted on my social media platforms sometime this month," she said.

She explained that her reference to the MP was part of a broader argument on the impact of the proposed law on queer persons and public discourse.

She said the Bill promotes

stigma and could expose individuals to harm through suspicion and false accusations, suggesting the use of the lawmaker's name to establish her point.

"In demonstrating the risk of such an expansive criminal law, I mentioned Hon. Ntim Fordjour as my lover. My purpose was to press the point that false reporting, public suspicion, and the mob-like justice that animates the Bill put everyone at risk," the statement read in part.

"The Bill is one of the most regressive legislative

instruments placed before our Parliament. Its effect is to dehumanize queer people and make their ordinary lives a matter for criminal suspicion," it added.

Angel Maxine further argued that the MP's legal response highlights the concerns she raised about the Bill's potential consequences.

She said she remains open to dialogue and has directed her lawyers to respond formally to the notice.



Three Akosombo units restored after fire incident – Energy Ministry

The Ministry of Energy has announced that three generation units affected by the recent fire at the Ghana Grid Company substation at Akosombo have been restored, bringing partial relief to the country's electricity supply.

The fire, which damaged the facility's control room, disrupted power transmission and affected electricity evacuation across several parts of the country.

Speaking on Eyewitness News on Tuesday, April 28, the Ministry's spokesperson, Richmond Rockson, confirmed that engineers have successfully restored three out of the six affected units,

representing about 50% of the plant's capacity.

"The good news is that I can confirm to you that earlier today, the third unit came back on stream," he said.

He noted that the recovery effort has progressed rapidly, with engineers working continuously to stabilise the system following what he described as an unprecedented incident.

According to him, the restoration has already led to noticeable improvements in electricity supply, with half of Akosombo's generating capacity now operational while work continues on the remaining units.

Rockson also commended the technical teams for their dedication and swift response

in managing the disruption. The Ministry further dismissed calls by the Minority for the dismissal of the Energy Minister over claims of incompetence,

insisting that government is effectively handling the situation and making steady progress toward restoring full and stable power supply.



Energy Ministry's spokesperson, Richmond Rockson

Amardeep Singh Hari named Ghana's most influential tech entrepreneur of all time



Amardeep Singh Hari (right) receiving the award

Amardeep Singh Hari, Executive Chairman of IPMC Group, has been named Ghana's Most Influential Tech Entrepreneur of All Time at the Ghana Entrepreneurs Awards.

The accolade is in recognition of his enduring contribution to the country's digital transformation and enterprise growth.

The award was presented to Mr. Hari at the 16th edition of the GEA, held at the Mövenpick

Ambassador Hotel in Accra, where business leaders, policymakers, and members of the diplomatic corps gathered to celebrate excellence in entrepreneurship. The event honoured about 30 individuals and institutions for their role in driving Ghana's socio-economic development through job creation, innovation, and business expansion.

Mr Hari's citation highlighted a career that began at the age of 23 when he established one of Ghana's first information technology companies. Over the decades, he has built IPMC into a major player across Africa's technology landscape, with a footprint that spans multiple countries and sectors. His leadership has been closely associated with advancing IT education, enterprise solutions, and digital infrastructure on the continent.

Organisers say Mr. Hari's impact extends well beyond corporate success. Through training programmes and business automation systems, his work has helped transform operations for more than 15,000 businesses in Ghana, positioning technology as a central driver of productivity and growth. The recognition, they note, reflects his sustained influence in shaping how businesses adopt and integrate digital tools in a rapidly evolving

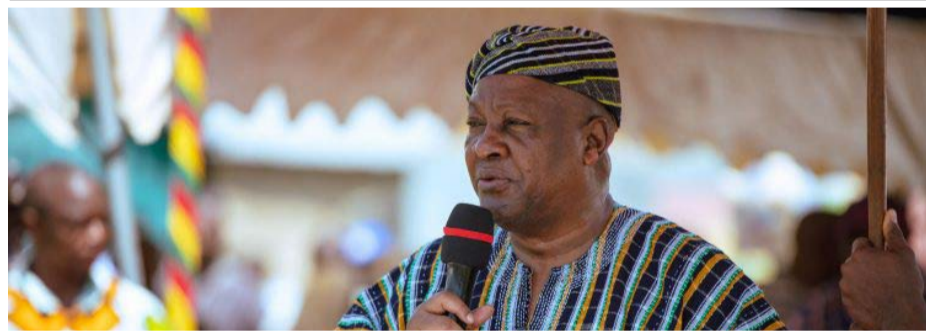
economy.

Mr Hari's latest honour places him among a distinguished group of entrepreneurs recognised across sectors ranging from health and media to logistics and renewable energy. For many in Ghana's technology ecosystem, his recognition signals both a celebration of past achievements and a reminder of the central role innovation will play in the country's development trajectory.

The 2026 awards were held under the theme "Entrepreneurship as a Catalyst for Economic Transformation," underscoring the role of business leadership in shaping Ghana's economic future.

Delivering the keynote address, entrepreneur Prince Kofi Amoabeng urged business leaders to innovate with purpose, focusing on efficiency while delivering meaningful value to customers.

Mahama cuts sod for new Accra Airport concourse to ease rising congestion



President John Dramani Mahama

Construction has officially begun on a new concourse linking Terminals 2 and 3 at the Kotoka International Airport, as rising passenger numbers continue to place pressure on facilities at Ghana's main aviation hub.

Passenger traffic has increased from 1.8 million in 2022 to 2.5 million in 2025, representing a growth of about 39 percent within three years.

President John Dramani Mahama performed the sod-cutting ceremony in Accra on Monday, April 27, 2026, explaining that the project is aimed at easing congestion and improving passenger movement across the airport.

He noted that pressure on services is already visible during peak hours, particularly

between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., affecting key airport operations.

"We are already seeing congestion during peak hours, particularly between the hours of 1800 and 2200 GMT," he said. "This is affecting check-in, immigration, security screening, boarding and baggage handling. If these are not addressed, these pressures will undermine efficiency and erode the passenger experience."

The new concourse will physically connect Terminals 2 and 3 and feature five passenger boarding air bridges, expanded waiting areas, VIP lounges, and retail and commercial spaces designed to improve passenger comfort.

As part of a wider redevelopment plan, Terminal 2 is also being upgraded to handle both domestic and international flights, with government

planning to relocate some airlines from Terminal 3 to reduce congestion.

President Mahama acknowledged resistance from some airlines but expressed confidence that improved facilities would encourage relocation.

"I hear some airlines are reluctant to move to Terminal 2," he said. "But what I am going to see at Terminal 2 today, I am sure when we finish, they will be ready to move."

The project forms part of a broader aviation modernisation agenda that includes a seven-storey car park at Terminal 3 with capacity for about 2,000 vehicles. The facility will also include retail shops, restaurants, a viewing lounge, conference spaces and an airport hotel.

On security, the President announced plans to install advanced 3D scanning systems at Terminals 2 and 3 to improve screening efficiency and passenger convenience.

"It will make aviation security safer, and it will remove the need for passengers to take out their laptops and tablets during screening," he said.

Beyond Accra, government is also pushing ahead with regional airport developments

in Bolgatanga, Wa and Nsuatre, while work continues on extending the runway at Kumasi Airport to accommodate larger aircraft.

He further disclosed that a new 54-metre air traffic control tower is nearing completion to strengthen airspace management.

On the proposed national airline, he said a task force is expected to present its roadmap within the week, adding that the initiative would create jobs and position Ghana as a stronger aviation hub in West Africa.

He also announced plans for an electronic visa system that will allow travellers to apply online without visiting embassies.

In addition, the President revealed that a private individual is funding the refurbishment of the airport's VVIP lounge at a cost of nearly \$2 million, at no cost to the state.

"When the work is completed, we will grant the individual lifetime access to the lounge," he said.

The new concourse is expected to significantly reduce congestion and improve operational efficiency as passenger demand continues to rise.

‘Weep for your dying nation, not rude CEOs’ – Kwesi Yankah tells Julius Debrah

Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana and former Minister of State in charge of Tertiary Education, Prof. Kwesi Yankah, has called on Chief of Staff Julius Debrah to channel his emotions toward addressing environmental degradation rather than political disputes.

His comments follow an emotional moment on Sunday, April 26, 2026, when Julius Debrah publicly apologised to the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Eric Nyamekye, over remarks made by Dr. Mary Awusi, Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Free Zones Authority.

In an open letter titled “Weep Not Julius, Mourn Your Dying Nation,” Prof. Yankah questioned what he described as misplaced public emotion. “Julius, weep not for rude CEOs, weep for your dying nation,” he wrote.

He argued that Ghana’s more pressing challenge is not political controversy but the worsening destruction of the environment, largely driven by illegal mining activities. According to him, illegal mining, commonly referred to as galamsey, has caused

severe damage to water bodies and ecosystems, with long term consequences for public health and livelihoods.

“Galamsey has won, Ghana has lost the fight,” he stated, pointing to increasing

pollution of rivers and its impact on communities, especially children.

Prof. Yankah urged national leaders to focus attention on restoring the environment,

warning that continued degradation poses a far greater threat than political disagreements.



UCC lecturer, TA die in tragic accident

A lecturer at the University of Cape Coast has died in a tragic road accident at Cape Coast.

Dr Kwabena Agyemang reportedly lost his life after a tipper truck fell onto his vehicle in a fatal incident.

A Teaching Assistant who was in the same car is also believed to have died.

The crash is said to have occurred at the 3rd Ridge Junction in Cape Coast.

The news has plunged the university community into mourning as colleagues, students, and staff come to terms with the loss.



A lecturer and his Teaching Assistant killed

Senyo praises Ayine's role in OSP creation, urges broader policy approach to dispute over prosecutorial powers



The convenor of the OneGhana Movement, Senyo Hosi has defended the Attorney General, Dominic Ayine, against claims of hostility towards the Office of the Special Prosecutor, while urging the AG to adopt a more policy-driven approach to the ongoing legal dispute over the OSP's prosecutorial powers.

Speaking on PM Express on JoyNews, Mr. Hosi commended the Attorney General for his role in shaping the law that established the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP).

He described him as “a great lawyer... a great academic” who was instrumental in refining the legislation that created the anti-corruption body.

Mr Hosi rejected suggestions that the Attorney General was seeking to undermine the OSP, insisting that his position in the current dispute reflected a strict legal interpretation rather than a political agenda.

“I don't think that he actually meant anything here,” he said. “He's a pure academic. He's giving his own personal opinion at a particular point in time.”

The comments come amid a legal and political debate over whether the OSP has

the independent authority to prosecute corruption cases without explicit authorisation from the Attorney General.

A recent High Court ruling has cast doubts on that authority, effectively stalling several ongoing prosecutions and prompting a broader constitutional challenge now expected to be resolved by the Supreme Court of Ghana.

While defending the Attorney General's motives, Mr Hosi urged him to move beyond a purist's legal reading of the issue and consider the broader policy intent behind the OSP's creation.

“I think that in taking those decisions, the office [of the Attorney General] must look more at the policy essence and value,” he said.

He pointed to Ghana's legal tradition of adopting a “modern purposive approach” to interpretation, arguing that the focus should be on the underlying objective of the law rather than a strict technical reading.

“What really was the intent? What is it that we really want to achieve?” he asked.

Mr Hosi said the OSP was created in response to strong public demand for an independent body to prosecute corruption, particularly in cases involving politically exposed persons.

“We needed to have somebody

who independently prosecutes corruption,” he said, describing the passage of the OSP law as the result of a “strong groundswell”.

He stressed that the fight against corruption was not merely a legal issue but a constitutional and societal obligation.

“Corruption is a canker. It destroys the very fabric of our society,” he said.

The ongoing legal dispute is focused on the interpretation of Article 88 of the Constitution, which vests prosecutorial authority in the Attorney General but allows for delegation.

Mr Hosi maintained that the law establishing the OSP already provides that authorisation, arguing that the focus should now be on strengthening the institution rather than weakening it.

“If you think that you want to withdraw it, go through the process and repeal the act,” he said.

He warned that reducing the debate to technical legal arguments risked undermining the broader national objective of tackling corruption.

Mr Hosi argued that governance requires more than strict adherence to legal form, emphasising the importance of values in public decision-making.

“Governance is not just about laws. It's even more about values,” he said. “The constitution is not just a legal document. It is a promise on how we as a people want to live.”

He urged policymakers to ensure that their actions align with the constitutional commitment to probity and accountability.

Mr Hosi also called for closer collaboration between the Attorney General and the OSP, saying both institutions should be working together to strengthen the fight against corruption.

“We should have had a situation where we have an Attorney General and an OSP who cooperate to optimise this fight [against corruption],” he said.

He added that the Attorney General had an opportunity to align legal interpretation with the policy goals that led to the creation of the anti-corruption office in the first place.

With the matter now before the courts, he said the focus should be on ensuring that legal outcomes support, rather than frustrate, the broader public interest.

“We, the people of Ghana, believe that our OSP must maintain its independence,” he said.

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Petrol (USD/MT)	1032.75	1,100.50	6.56%
Gasoil (USD/MT)	1199.30	1,288.25	7.42%
LPG (USD/MT)	813.58	882.50	8.47%
Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT)	1505.70	1,529.25	1.56%
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Aboakyer festival: Let's be reminded of deep ancestral connection that guides our steps to move forward with unity – Afenyo-Markin



MP for Effutu, Osahen Alexander Afenyo-Markin

The Member of Parliament for Effutu and Minority Leader, Osahen Alexander Afenyo-Markin, has called on constituents, particularly the youth, to play an active role in advancing development in the area while preserving their cultural heritage.

“We stand at a critical historical intersection where culture must evolve from symbolic inheritance into a functional system of development and identity formation,” he stated.

In a message issued from Winneba ahead of the Aboakyer Festival, celebrated in the first week of May, he urged residents to adopt a renewed sense of cultural responsibility to sustain and expand the legacy of Effutu Oma.

He emphasised that the festival is not merely a traditional event but a dynamic force that shapes present realities and future aspirations. He pointed to its spiritual importance, particularly the symbolic capture of the live bushbuck, which represents courage, identity and continuity.

“As we prepare... we are reminded of the deep ancestral connection that guides our steps to move forward with unity, reverence and discipline,” he said.

Osahen Afenyo-Markin extended greetings to the people of Effutu, describing the festival as a repository of identity, resistance, continuity and shared memory. He noted that it goes beyond celebration, functioning as a system of knowledge transmitted through rituals, storytelling and community participation.

He further highlighted the role of cultural institutions as informal governance structures that promote discipline, unity and social cohesion beyond formal political systems.

According to him, cultural preservation must be integrated into broader development strategies and identity formation. “Culture is not merely an inherited asset... it is a living institutional system that shapes values, influences behaviour and determines development,” he said.

He stressed that safeguarding cultural heritage should be a collective responsibility involving both traditional authorities and the wider community.

Osahen Afenyo-Markin also called for a shift from routine participation to meaningful

engagement, urging residents to use the festival as a platform for innovation and development.

“As we celebrate, let us reaffirm that our heritage must inspire innovation; our traditions must drive development; our identity must strengthen unity; and our culture must generate opportunity,” he said.

He encouraged the people of Effutu to ensure the festival becomes a moment of renewal, unity and purposeful development, while positioning the area as a model for cultural-led growth.

“Long live Effutu Oma, long live the Aboakyer Festival, and may our cultural heritage remain a living force for development, unity and prosperity,” he concluded.



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Government begins process to attract investors for new national airline

The government has initiated steps to engage qualified investors for the establishment of a new national airline, the Ministry of Transport Ghana has announced.

In a statement signed by Joseph Bukari Nikpe, Minister for Transport on April 28, the Ministry indicated that the proposed airline will be developed as a commercially viable and internationally competitive carrier, with Accra serving as its operational hub for both regional and intercontinental routes.

The engagement process will be carried out in three phases, culminating in the selection of a strategic partner to lead the project.

As part of the process, the Ministry is conducting market sounding and has invited interested aviation partners to begin formal discussions with the Government of Ghana.

According to the statement, prospective partners must either be an existing airline, a subsidiary of an airline, or a consortium authorised by an operating

carrier. They are also required to demonstrate expertise in airline operations, management, marketing, route planning and network development.

The selected strategic partner is expected to hold a majority stake in the new joint venture company that will operate the airline.

The airline is expected to run a full service carrier for long haul routes to Europe, North America,

the Middle East and Asia, while also operating a hybrid or low cost model for regional travel to promote affordability and connectivity. It will further include a cargo division to support trade and logistics, alongside plans for fleet acquisition and deployment in the short, medium and long term, with initial operations targeted before the first quarter of 2027.

Interested investors are required to submit their proposals to the Task Force Secretariat at the Ministry of Transport by May 29, 2026.

“The Government of Ghana reserves the right to accept or to reject any request for inclusion and shall not be liable to any party for its decision to include or exclude any prospective investor,” the statement said.



Full power recovery expected by December 2026 – Deputy Minister for Energy



Deputy Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Richard Gyan-Mensah

The Deputy Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Richard Gyan-Mensah, has outlined a phased strategy to restore stability to Ghana's electricity supply, indicating that full recovery from ongoing outages is expected by December 2026.

Speaking on Joy News' PM Express on April 27, 2026, he explained that the restoration process will unfold in stages, beginning with immediate improvements within days.

“Our generation challenges will be addressed by the end of this week,” he said, referencing

repair works at the Akosombo hydroelectric facility. “Beyond that, by the end of June, we should see improvement. By the end of the year, we should see full restoration.”

According to him, the plan starts with the return of all six generating units at the Akosombo plant, expected within the week. This will be followed by the first phase of a nationwide transformer replacement programme, targeted for completion by the end of June. A final phase aimed at achieving stable and sustained supply is projected for December 2026.

The current power disruptions

worsened after a fire on April 23, 2026, damaged the control room at the Akosombo facility, reducing generation capacity by more than 1,000 megawatts.

As of April 27, two generating units had been restored, adding an estimated 280 to 300 megawatts to the national grid. The Minister for Energy, John Abdulai Jinapor, visited the site the same day to assess progress, as engineers continue emergency restoration works with support from the Volta River Authority, GRIDCo, the Electricity Company of Ghana, and retired engineers.

Mr Gyan-Mensah said restoring all Akosombo units will significantly reduce the generation shortfall, although he cautioned that distribution challenges may persist due to ageing infrastructure, including overloaded transformers.

He explained that the first phase of the transformer replacement programme will address faulty equipment across the Electricity Company of Ghana and the Northern Electricity Distribution Company by June. A second

phase targeting overloaded systems will follow, with full completion expected by December 2026.

He also noted that a GRIDCo report indicated that national generation stood at about 54 percent of expected capacity, with thermal plants operating below optimal levels due to maintenance works that were temporarily halted after the fire incident.

Additionally, electricity exports to Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin have been suspended since April 25 to prioritise domestic supply.

While acknowledging that intermittent outages may persist in the short term, the Deputy Minister said response times and system reliability are expected to improve progressively.

He added that full restoration of Akosombo output should bring noticeable relief to consumers, even as longer-term reforms continue toward a stable national power system.

85.5% of Ghanaian adults die without wills – Report



A recent report by the Institute for Liberty and Policy Innovation has revealed that an estimated 85.5% of adults in Ghana die without leaving a will, a situation that is raising serious concerns about estate planning, family welfare, and wealth preservation in the country.

The report indicates that Ghana's figure is well above the global average of about 50% and the African average of 59%, underscoring what analysts describe as a persistent gap in awareness and practice of estate planning.

According to the findings, dying intestate often leaves families exposed to prolonged disputes over property distribution, mismanagement of estates, and in some cases, the gradual erosion of generational wealth, which can deepen financial hardship among surviving relatives.

In response to the challenge, the Universal Merchant Bank (UMB) has launched a new estate planning initiative known as UMB LegacyCare+, designed to make will writing and estate management more accessible and less complicated for the public.

Speaking at the launch in Accra on Friday, April 24, the Head of Registrars and Wealth Management at UMB, Niine Inkumsah Sarpong, said the initiative is aimed at helping individuals plan their estates with greater clarity and confidence.

He explained that the platform seeks to remove long standing barriers such as fear, cultural hesitation, and limited access to professional advisory services, which have discouraged many people from preparing wills.

According to him, LegacyCare+ combines digital tools with professional guidance to support users through the entire estate planning process, from understanding available options to drafting and finalising legally sound documents.

He stressed that estate planning should not be viewed as something reserved for wealthy individuals, but rather as a practical step for anyone who wishes to protect their family and ensure orderly transfer of assets.

The Head of Corporate Communications at UMB, Edem Knight Tay, added that the initiative forms part of the bank's broader transformation agenda focused on delivering innovative and customer centred financial solutions.

She noted that although discussions around wills are often avoided due to cultural beliefs, proper estate planning is essential to prevent confusion, conflict, and unintended outcomes after death.

She said the LegacyCare+ platform is intended to give customers greater clarity, control, and peace of mind by ensuring their wishes are properly documented and professionally managed.

According to her, the initiative responds to a real societal need by helping families avoid vulnerability and disputes when a loved one passes on, while also strengthening long term financial security.

HEALTH

Two-month salary arrears for newly recruited nurses paid – Health Ministry



Ghanaian nurses

The Ministry of Health has announced the payment of two months' arrears to newly recruited nurses across the country.

The Ministry says the move is part of ongoing efforts to address salary delays affecting health workers.

It also forms part of broader government commitments

to strengthen the health workforce and improve service delivery in public health facilities.

A statement issued on Tuesday, April 28 and signed by the Ministry's Spokesperson Tony Goodman, further assured that additional payments covering subsequent months are already scheduled.

"The Ministry of Health is pleased to announce that, in line with its commitment, two-month arrears for newly recruited nurses have been duly paid," the statement read in part.

"The next payment will be made for 3 months each, from May to July 2026 as announced earlier," it added.

The Ministry also urged newly recruited nurses experiencing challenges to seek clarification through the Human Resource for Health Development Directorate.

According to the statement, plans are underway to recruit about 16,000 health workers this year, with financial clearance already secured for 8,000.

It added that efforts are ongoing to obtain clearance for the remaining personnel, stressing that no recruitment will be done without approved funding.

The Ministry further indicated that its recruitment portal remains the only official channel for all processes, aimed at ensuring transparency and fairness.

It acknowledged challenges faced by some applicants due to high traffic on the portal and assured that measures are being taken to resolve the issues.

Malaria deaths fall by 98% since 2011 – GHS

Ghana has cut malaria deaths by 98 percent over the past 14 years, health officials say, marking one of the country's most significant public health gains and raising hopes that elimination is within reach.

Deaths fell from 3,259 in 2011 to 52 in 2025, according to the Ghana Health Service. The figures were announced at a durbar in Accra to mark World Malaria Day 2026, where officials said the decline reflects sustained investment in prevention, treatment and surveillance.

The Director General of the Ghana Health Service, Dr Samuel Kaba Akoriyea, in remarks delivered on his behalf, said the country's progress shows what is possible with consistent effort. He pointed to a sharp fall in child deaths, down 76 percent in the past three years, and said new vaccines are strengthening protection for young children. First dose coverage of the RTS,S and R21 vaccines has reached 78.3 percent.

Speaking at the event, the Director of Public Health, Dr Franklin

Asiedu Bekoe, said Ghana now has the tools and capacity to eliminate malaria. He warned, however, that progress could stall without urgency. Delays, he said, continue to cost lives and affect livelihoods.

He added that malaria control is not only a health issue but also central to national development. Plans to establish an End Malaria Council and the rollout of free primary health care were cited as steps to sustain progress and increase local ownership of the response.

At the regional level, the Greater Accra Regional Director of Health Services, Dr Robert Amesiya, called for stronger community action. He urged households

to improve sanitation, asked traditional and faith leaders to promote prevention, and told health workers to follow strict testing and treatment guidelines. He said the region would step up surveillance and focus on protecting pregnant women and children under five.

The World Health Organization Country Representative, Dr Fiona Braka, said malaria elimination is now an achievable goal rather than a distant target. While Africa still carries the highest burden, she said countries like Ghana are showing leadership through the use of vaccines and improved mosquito nets.

She stressed the need for stronger national leadership, better use of

data and a continued focus on primary health care.

The National Malaria Champion, Oheneyere Gifty Anti, called for a united national effort. She urged political leaders to prioritise malaria in budgets, asked businesses to see malaria control as key to productivity, and encouraged families to use treated nets and vaccinate their children.

The commemoration began with a health walk through parts of Accra and ended with a durbar at the University of Ghana, bringing together health workers, students, traditional leaders and development partners in a show of support for ending malaria in Ghana.



Gaps in malaria prevention persist despite declining cases in Ashanti Region – GHS warns

The Ashanti Regional Directorate of the Ghana Health Service has raised concerns about persistent gaps in malaria prevention, despite recording steady improvements in case reduction and treatment outcomes.

Speaking at a media briefing to mark World Malaria Day 2026, the Regional Director, Dr Fred Adomako-Boateng, said although progress has been made, critical challenges, particularly in preventive care, could undermine efforts toward malaria elimination if not urgently addressed.

He identified low coverage of intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy as a key concern. Coverage increased from 49.2% in 2023 to 58.44% in 2025, but remains below national targets, leaving many pregnant women at risk.

Dr Adomako-Boateng also called for stronger community involvement in prevention, stressing the need for consistent use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets and

improved sanitation to reduce mosquito breeding sites.

He cautioned against self-medication, noting that not all fevers are caused by malaria, and urged strict adherence to the test before treat policy to ensure accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

Despite these concerns, the region has recorded notable progress in malaria control over the past three years. Data from the Ghana Health Service shows a decline in malaria-related hospital admissions across all age groups.

Admissions among children under five dropped from 27,846 in 2023 to 21,343 in 2025, while cases among persons aged five years and above declined from 70,311 to 57,886 over the same period.

The proportion of hospital admissions linked to malaria also fell significantly from 24.1% in 2023 to 15.67% in 2025, reducing pressure on health facilities.

Testing compliance has improved, with malaria testing rates for suspected cases rising from 97% to 99%, reflecting stronger adherence to national treatment guidelines.

Severe malaria cases have also declined, with very low fatality rates recorded, particularly among children under five.

Dr Adomako-Boateng emphasised that malaria control requires collective effort from individuals, households and communities.

He urged families to ensure that children and pregnant women sleep under insecticide-treated nets and encouraged early antenatal visits to allow pregnant women to complete

the recommended preventive treatment.

He also called on communities to maintain clean environments by eliminating stagnant water, which serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

He concluded that while the region is making progress, sustained commitment and stronger prevention efforts are needed to achieve a malaria-free future.



Ashanti Regional Directorate of GHS, Dr Fred Adomako-Boateng

Public urged to be cautious of roadside foods to prevent hypertension, kidney disease



Roadside food vendor

Professor Sampson Antwi, a Nephrologist at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), has advised the public to be more mindful of the foods they purchase and consume from street vendors, warning that some may pose significant health risks.

In an interview with the Ghana News Agency (GNA) in Kumasi, he cautioned against excessive sodium intake, describing it as a major contributor to rising cases of hypertension and kidney

disease in Ghana.

Professor Antwi acknowledged that street foods remain an important and convenient source of meals for many people, particularly in busy urban centres. However, he expressed concern about their nutritional quality and safety.

He explained that many vendors rely heavily on salt, seasoning cubes, and processed ingredients to enhance taste, often without considering the long-term health implications for consumers.

According to him, continuous consumption of high-sodium foods can gradually damage vital organs, particularly the kidneys, while also increasing blood pressure levels, which could lead to serious health complications over time.

Professor Antwi noted that hypertension, often described as a “silent killer,” continues to rise due to unhealthy dietary habits and low public awareness.

He added that kidney-related diseases were also becoming increasingly prevalent, placing a heavy burden on individuals, families, and the healthcare system.

“Treatment for such conditions can be expensive and, in many cases, inaccessible, making prevention through proper diet and lifestyle choices essential,” he said.

The nephrologist advised the public to adopt healthier eating habits by reducing salt intake, limiting processed foods, and being selective about where and what they eat.

He encouraged increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, more home-cooked meals, and adequate water intake.

Professor Antwi also appealed to street food vendors to be more mindful of their food preparation practices by reducing the use of salt and artificial additives, while maintaining proper hygiene standards to safeguard public health.

He further called on health authorities and regulatory bodies to intensify public education on the dangers of excessive sodium consumption and strengthen monitoring systems to ensure food safety compliance.

Professor Antwi emphasised that improved public awareness and healthier dietary choices would significantly reduce the prevalence of hypertension and kidney disease, contributing to a healthier population and a more sustainable healthcare system.

SPORTS

Ghana to host U-20 Africa Cup of Nations in 2027 during 70th Independence celebrations



The Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF) has awarded the hosting rights of the TotalEnergies CAF U-20 Africa Cup of Nations 2027 to Ghana in the same year that the West African nation will celebrate a special milestone in its history.

Next year, Ghana will be commemorating 70 years of independence, underlining the country’s rich football heritage

and enduring contribution to the development of African football.

This will be the second time Ghana hosts the TotalEnergies CAF U-20 Africa Cup of Nations, having previously staged the competition in 1999, where the host nation lifted the trophy in front of home supporters.

The TotalEnergies CAF U-20 Africa Cup of Nations will

feature 12 teams, bringing together Africa’s brightest young talents in a tournament that continues to serve as a key pathway to global football.

The four-time champions, Ghana, have a proud tradition in youth football and have consistently contributed to the development of world-class talent on the African and global stage.

The tournament holds a special place in Ghanaian football history, having served as a platform for the emergence of some of the continent’s most celebrated players.

Over the years, Ghana’s U-20 programme has produced a remarkable generation of football icons, including Stephen Appiah, Michael Essien, Sulley Muntari, Samuel Osei Kuffour, Derek Boateng,

André Ayew, and Abdul Fatawu Issahaku, among others.

Ghana also holds a unique place in global football history as the first African nation to win the FIFA U-20 World Cup in 2009.

The top four teams from the TotalEnergies CAF U-20 Africa Cup of Nations will qualify to represent Africa at the FIFA U-20 World Cup, adding further significance to the tournament.

The most recent edition of the competition was hosted by Egypt, with South Africa emerging as champions, highlighting the growing competitiveness and quality of youth football across the continent.

CAF will confirm the dates, host cities and venues for the TotalEnergies CAF U-20 Africa Cup of Nations Ghana 2027 in due course.

Kofi Adams denies \$100,000 salary claim for Black Stars new coach Carlos Queiroz



Sports Minister Kofi Adams (right) and new coach Carlos Queiroz (left)

The Minister for Sports and Recreation, Kofi Adams, has rejected reports suggesting that newly appointed Black Stars head coach Carlos Queiroz earns a monthly salary of \$100,000.

He insists the figures circulating in the media are inaccurate, stressing that the Portuguese tactician is on a lower remuneration package than what has been widely reported.

Speaking on Asempa FM, the Buem MP said the exact salary details will be made public before the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

“Carlos Queiroz is being paid less than \$100,000; his salary is not up to the \$100,000 being quoted out there,” he said.

“The actual salary and details will be revealed later, before the World Cup. He was signed on a four-month contract,” Adams added.

Queiroz, who replaced Otto Addo on a short-term deal following Ghana’s inconsistent run in the World Cup qualifiers, was unveiled in Accra last week. The experienced Portuguese coach has since travelled to Europe on a scouting mission as he begins preparations for the tournament.

Ghana will be making their fifth appearance at the World Cup and have been drawn in Group L alongside England, Croatia, and Panama.

The Black Stars will open their campaign against Panama on June 17, before facing England on June 23 and Croatia on June 27.

Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury fight confirmed



Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua

Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury are set to meet in their long-awaited heavyweight mega-fight later this year.

Joshua will make his comeback with a bout against Albanian heavyweight Kristian Prenga in Riyadh on 25 July before facing his British rival.

Eddie Hearn, Joshua’s promoter, posted on social media: “Signed, sealed and delivered! AJ vs Fury is on!”

He described it as “the biggest piece of business we’ve ever done but more importantly the one we’ve always wanted”.

“Biggest year of AJ’s career coming up, the comeback is on,” the promoter wrote.

Hearn, who did not confirm

the date or location for the bout, has previously told Sky Sports that November was the date they were targeting.

Hopes will be high for another British stadium fight, with the contest being shown on Netflix.

Ring Magazine said the fight was a “done deal” and would take place in “Q4, 2026” in a social media post on Monday.

Joshua, 36, and Fury, 37, are two of the biggest names in British boxing and, after a decade of circling each other amid aborted attempts to agree a showdown while still in their prime, they will collide in a contest Fury has called “The Battle of Britain”.

Fury first became a heavyweight world champion when he upset Wladimir Klitschko in 2015.

Joshua turned professional after winning Olympic gold at London 2012 and rocketed through the professional ranks, but by the time he picked up his first world title belt in 2016, Fury had stepped away from the sport.

Later, after Fury returned to the ring and became WBC world champion, the pair were

close to agreeing to fight for the undisputed world heavyweight championship as Joshua held the unified IBF, WBO and WBA championships.

That proposed contest fell through, and Fury fought Deontay Wilder for a third time, while Joshua lost to Ukrainian Oleksandr Usyk, who later beat Fury.

Fury, who retired again at the start of last year, returned to the sport with victory over Arslanbek Makhmudov in London earlier this month.

Joshua has been waiting for the all-clear to resume full training after being injured in a road accident in Nigeria in which two of his close friends and members of his team lost their lives.

The two-time world champion had been on holiday following his knockout victory over US YouTuber turned-boxer Jake Paul in Miami on 19 December.

He is now in camp working with his former rival Usyk, who has backed AJ to beat Fury, Sky Sports said.

Roman Fada sues TikTok Queen Emma for GHS20million over alleged defamation



Roman Fada and TikTok Queen Emma

Roman Fada, former manager of the late legendary Ghanaian highlife musician Daddy Lumba, has reportedly filed a lawsuit against TikTok personality Queen Emma over alleged defamatory statements made against him.

According to reports, the music executive is seeking GHS20,000,000 in damages after Queen Emma allegedly accused him in a viral TikTok video of being responsible for the death of Daddy

Lumba. The claim, which quickly gained traction online, has sparked widespread reactions and debate among social media users.

Roman Fada has strongly denied the allegations, describing them as false, baseless, and damaging to his reputation. Through his legal team, he maintains that his relationship with the late musician was strictly professional, having managed him during part of his illustrious career, and insists he had no involvement in any circumstances surrounding his death.

In the suit filed before the court, Roman Fada is demanding GHS20 million in damages, a full retraction of the statements, and a public apology from Queen Emma across all her social media platforms. He is also seeking an injunction to prevent her from making any further defamatory remarks.

Legal observers say the case highlights the growing issue of defamation on social media, where unverified allegations can spread rapidly and cause serious

reputational harm.

As of now, Queen Emma has not publicly responded to the lawsuit. The case is expected to attract significant attention due to Roman Fada's past association with Daddy Lumba and the nature of the allegations.

The court is expected to set a date for hearing in the coming weeks as both parties prepare to present their case.

When people say I have not changed, I ask if they themselves have changed – Nana Agradaa



Nana Agradaa

Evangelist Patricia Asiamah aka Nana Agradaa says she will no longer engage in social media fights, insisting that she has genuinely repented of her past behaviour.

She made the remarks while responding to critics who continue to question the sincerity of her transformation, saying she does not

understand why Ghanaians doubt her change of life.

Speaking in an interview with Roman Fada on Atinka TV, she said, “When people say I have not changed, I ask if they themselves have changed. I don’t understand Ghanaians sometimes.”

She urged critics to examine their own conduct, adding, “There is no one without sin...

You that you are talking about somebody’s life, have you changed?”

Agradaa explained that she prefers to describe her transformation as “repentance” rather than simply “change,” saying, “Someone may have changed but has not repented of her sins.”

She noted that while her personality and charisma remain the same, “the days of me

fighting other people are over.”

The former shrine operator, who later converted to Christianity, maintained that her decision is final, insisting, “I will not fight anyone again. I have repented from that,” despite continued public scepticism about her transformation.

'I don't smoke, drink, but always get harassed by Police because of my dreadlocks' – Kin Dee



Ghanaian producer, Kin Dee

Award-winning Ghanaian producer, Kin Dee, has disclosed being harassed by police solely because of his dreadlocks, despite not smoking or drinking.

He described as unfair the profiling where officers assume his

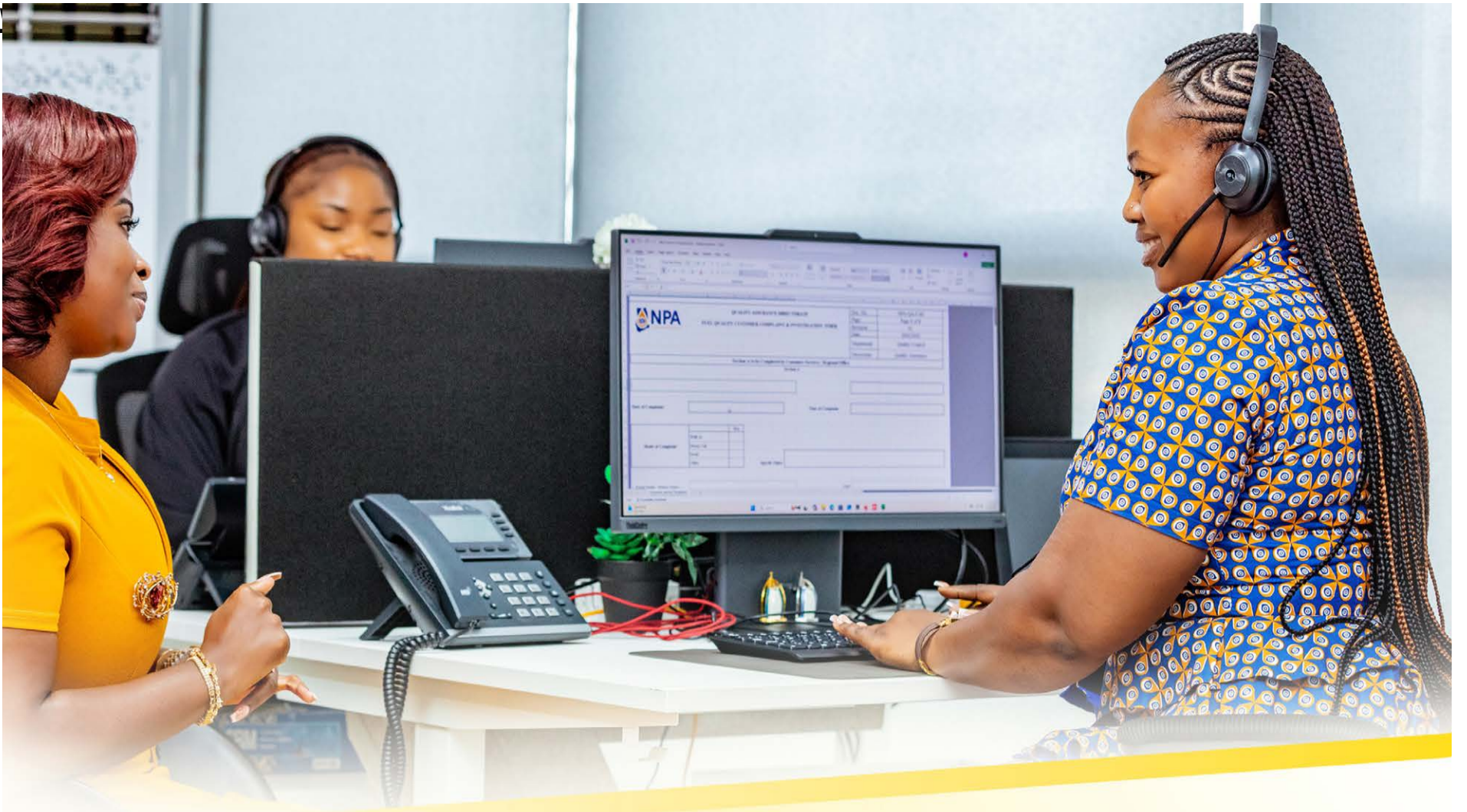
hair equals criminal activity, prompting him to call for a change in mindset regarding lifestyle choices and public harassment.

Speaking in an interview on Atuu show on UTV hosted by Nana Romeo, Kin Dee indicated that, "with me, I don't smoke, I don't drink, and my friends can attest to that. But the police

constantly harass me anytime they meet me on the road because of my locks. They stop me and vigorously carry a search on me with the intent of discovering either wee or hard drugs on me (sic)."

He further called for a mental shift on how people with locks or Rasta hairstyles are perceived as criminals, saying, "I remember

travelling to Kumasi, a police stopped cars on the road, could you imagine I was the only person they came to conduct a search on whether I am with a hard drug, and unfortunately for them, they saw nothing (sic)."



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