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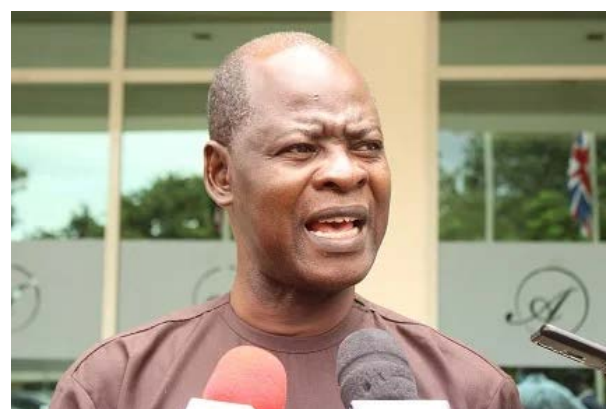
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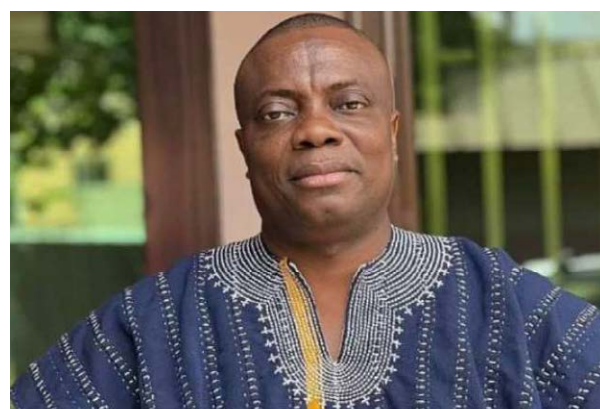
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We will formalise mining to create jobs for young people, curb galamsey – Mahama

President John Dramani Mahama has promised that his government will sustain the fight against illegal mining and work to formalise mining activities to create jobs for young people.

He said the government had intensified efforts to clear illegal miners from forest reserves and other affected areas across the country.

Speaking during his Resetting Ghana tour in the Upper East Region, the President said the government is deploying military personnel to some reclaimed forest reserves to prevent illegal miners from returning to the sites.

NAIMOS is working very hard. We’ve seized excavators. We’ve seized Chanfang machines. When you drive them out of this area, they run to this other area. But we are making progress,” Mahama said.

President Mahama said nearly 49 forest reserves that had been invaded by illegal miners had been targeted in the government’s efforts to reclaim degraded areas.

He explained that previously, reclaimed forest reserves were

handed over to the Forestry Commission, but illegal miners often returned after driving forest guards away. According to him, the government has therefore resorted to deploying military detachments to some cleared areas to prevent illegal mining activities from resuming.

“Before, what we did was, when we clear, we hand over to the Forestry Services Commission,

but they don’t fear the forest guards. They go and drive the forest guards out, and they go back into and mine. And so now we put a military detachment,” he said.

The President acknowledged that keeping military personnel in the forests comes with additional financial obligations, including feeding the soldiers and providing logistics for their

operations. He, however, maintained that the government would not abandon the fight against illegal mining.

President Mahama also stressed the need to formalise mining activities in the Upper East Region to enable the sector to generate employment and also give the government greater control over mining operations.



President John Dramani Mahama

My govt contract went through competitive tendering; not sole-source – Mussa Dankwah

Pollster Mussa Dankwah has confirmed that he secured a government contract under the current administration but has denied claims that the contract was awarded through a sole-sourcing arrangement.

Mr Dankwah said the contract was awarded through a competitive tendering process, dismissing speculation circulating on social media, particularly among some members and supporters of the New Patriotic Party (NPP).

In a social media post responding to the claims, Mr Dankwah said he was surprised by the controversy surrounding the contract and maintained that he followed the required procurement process.

“Eii, so I have been trending for an alleged sole-source contract?”

“Well, I am not aware of any sole-sourced contract. I submitted a tender and won and we have delivered on all project

milestones while using my own money to pre-finance the project. I am still waiting to be paid.

“I don’t just accept any project; I ensure that I check the relevant boxes before saying yes. The work I delivered will have a significant impact on the future of the country’s youth and I am proud I led the team to deliver it. What is your contribution to this country?”

“ALL reports have been delivered and engagement on the last is still ongoing. Proud to be associated with this project tother with my team,” he emphasised.

Mr Dankwah said his decision to undertake the project was based on its potential impact on Ghanaian youth and insisted that his team had met the agreed project milestones.

He also disclosed that the project had been pre-financed with his own resources and that he was still awaiting payment from the government.

The pollster maintained that he

conducts due diligence before accepting projects and would not associate himself with

arrangements that fail to meet the relevant requirements.



Pollster, Mussa Dankwah

GoldBod facing opposition because it blocked loopholes— Dr Steve Manteaw

Policy analyst Dr Steve Manteaw has suggested that individuals who previously benefited from unaccounted gold exports are among those uncomfortable with the establishment and operations of the Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod).

According to him, significant amounts of Ghana’s gold exports were previously not properly accounted for, creating loopholes through which the state lost substantial revenue.

Dr Manteaw cited a 2018 disclosure by then Senior Minister Osafo Marfo, who reportedly said Ghana exported gold worth US\$7 billion to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) but was able to account for only US\$2 billion.

He said the unexplained US\$5 billion represented a major revenue gap and argued that the establishment of GoldBod had helped to close some of the loopholes that facilitated such losses.

In a social media post, Dr Manteaw said those who benefited from the unaccounted exports were now opposed to measures aimed at strengthening accountability in the gold trade.

“In 2018 the then Senior Minister, Hon. Osafo Marfo reported that

Ghana had exported \$7 billion worth of gold to the UAE, but the country was able to account for only \$2 billion.

“Those who benefitted from the \$5 billion loss of revenue, arising out of the unaccounted exports are today at pain with the establishment of the GoldBod, because it has closed the loophole that facilitated the loss of gold revenue to the state.

“Let’s all support efforts to stem illicit financial flows in our mining sector, and let’s be mindful of the fact that these efforts will come at a cost,” he stated.

Dr Manteaw further cited estimates by Corruption Watch on illicit financial flows from Ghana’s small-scale gold sector.

“An analysis by Corruption Watch estimates Illicit Financial Flows from Ghana’s small-scale gold sector, arising out of gold exports that could not be accounted for, at a staggering \$6.4 billion annually.

“Certainly, we cannot allow this to continue. We must support GoldBod to plug the loopholes,” he stressed.

His comments come amid growing debate over GoldBod’s operations and the financial performance of the country’s domestic gold purchasing

programme. Afenyo-Markin raises concerns over GoldBod losses

Meanwhile, Minority Leader Alexander Afenyo-Markin has raised concerns about reported losses associated with GoldBod’s gold trading operations.

Mr Afenyo-Markin described the reported losses as worrying and questioned how an institution established to strengthen Ghana’s gold trade could record significant losses.

He has also called on the Majority in Parliament to allow the Minority

to summon the Chief Executive Officer of GoldBod to appear before the House to provide answers on the entity’s operations and financial performance.

The competing positions have intensified scrutiny of GoldBod, with supporters highlighting its role in closing loopholes in the gold trade, while critics are demanding greater transparency over its financial performance and transactions.



Policy analyst Dr Steve Manteaw

GoldBod criticism is about Ghana, not bitterness — Osahen Afenyo-Markin

The Minority Caucus in Parliament has defended its criticism of the Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod), noting that its concerns are motivated by patriotism and not personal attacks on the institution or its Chief Executive Officer, Sammy Gyamfi.

Minority Leader Alexander Afenyo-Markin said the caucus is raising concerns about GoldBod because it believed the institution’s operations had implications for Ghana’s economy and public finances.

His comments follow a recent response by Sammy Gyamfi, who accused the Minority Leader of persistently peddling what he described as false claims about GoldBod’s financial performance.

Speaking to the media in Parliament on Tuesday, August 18, Osahen Afenyo-Markin said the Minority’s concerns are

based on figures contained in an International Monetary Fund (IMF) report on Ghana.

“We are concerned for our country, and there is the difference. The head of an institution accused of losing GH¢22 billion plus in one year should not be talking about our tone. It should be talking about his ledger,” he said.

The Minority Leader rejected claims that the caucus is motivated by bitterness or hatred towards GoldBod officials.

He said the figures being cited by the Minority are not generated by the caucus but were contained in an IMF report published in August 2026.

According to him, the government had also not publicly disputed the findings contained in the report.

The Minority Leader further said the caucus would continue to scrutinise GoldBod and raise concerns it believes are in the national interest.

“If IMF facts sound personal to the GoldBod and its officials, the

problem is not ours. The problem is what the facts say,” he said.

Osahen Afenyo-Markin also referred to a reported GH¢1.7

billion loss associated with GoldBod, insisting that the figure should be openly discussed rather than treated as a minor accounting issue.



Osahen Afenyo-Markin

Ghana must own more, refine more and retain more from gold – Sammy Gyamfi



GoldBod CEO, Sammy Gyamfi

Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod), Sammy Gyamfi, has called for a fundamental rethink of Ghana’s approach to mining, insisting that the country must own more, refine more, process more and retain greater value from its mineral resources.

According to him, Ghana’s century-long history of gold production should no longer leave Ghanaians as spectators in an industry built around their natural resources.

Mr. Gyamfi made the call on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, when he delivered the keynote address at the National Mining Dialogue in Accra, held on the theme, “Rethinking the Social Licence to Operate.”

He argued that the social licence to operate must go beyond legal permits and regulatory approvals to include the confidence of mining communities that mineral wealth is contributing meaningfully to their development.

“Natural resources are God’s gift to the communities that host them and a blessing to the State. If those resources do not transform the communities from which they are taken, then we have not fully converted blessing into development,” he said.

Mr. Gyamfi said it was unacceptable for mining communities to continue

experiencing poverty, inadequate access to potable water, poor roads, youth unemployment and weak local economies while mineral wealth extracted from their lands generates enormous economic value.

He identified the youth question as one of the strongest reasons Ghana must rethink the social contract surrounding mining.

According to him, young people in mining communities often see mineral wealth leaving their lands without corresponding opportunities for decent employment, skills development, ownership and entrepreneurship.

“A social licence cannot survive where the youth believe mining has no place for them except as casual labourers and bystanders,” he said.

He therefore proposed greater integration of young people into the mining value chain through capacity building, sustainable jobs, mining-related services, local enterprise development and alternative livelihoods.

Mr. Gyamfi further called for mining communities to be treated as development partners and economic shareholders rather than merely land donors.

He questioned why, after more than a century of commercial gold mining, Ghanaians still have limited ownership of the mines and a relatively small share of the wider value chain.

He cited Obuasi as an example,

arguing that the town’s long history of gold production had not translated into the level of industrial depth, urban development and economic opportunities associated with some major mining cities elsewhere.

“Mines do not build nations by accident. Nations build value through deliberate ownership, strategic partnerships, infrastructure, linkages, reinvestment and disciplined policy management,” he said.

The GoldBod CEO said Ghana must deliberately expand indigenous participation across exploration, production, logistics, fabrication, refining, jewellery manufacturing, environmental services and other mining-related businesses.

He said such an approach would transform mining communities from places where minerals are simply extracted into industrial and economic centres capable of creating jobs and supporting local businesses.

Mr. Gyamfi also stressed the need for mining revenues to translate into visible development for host communities.

He noted that gold remains Ghana’s dominant export commodity, contributing significantly to the country’s foreign exchange earnings, reserves and broader economic stability.

He said the economic importance of gold also creates a moral responsibility to

ensure that the communities producing the resource benefit directly from it.

To achieve this, Mr. Gyamfi proposed an “IPE” model built around three principles: Involve, Protect and Expand. Under “Involve,” he called for greater participation of mining communities in decisions affecting them, higher and more decentralised local royalty retention, clear commitments to local jobs and businesses, and stronger indigenous ownership.

Under “Protect,” he said water bodies, forests, farmlands and public health must be treated as non-negotiable national assets.

He also called for mandatory reclamation and reforestation, stronger formalisation of artisanal and small-scale mining, improved traceability and firm enforcement against irresponsible mining.

The “Expand” component, he explained, should focus on expanding Ghanaian ownership and capital participation across exploration, production and mining services, while accelerating local refining, jewellery manufacturing and other downstream industries.

Mr. Gyamfi said the success of Ghana’s mining sector should ultimately be measured not only by the volume of gold produced but also by the number of jobs, businesses, industries and prosperous communities created from the resource.

He called on government, mining companies, traditional authorities, communities, development partners, civil society, academia and the private sector to work together to renew the social licence for mining.

“If we get this right, Ghana will not only produce gold. Ghana will produce prosperous mining towns, strategic industries around its minerals and deeper community trust,” he said.

He urged stakeholders to make the National Mining Dialogue a turning point in Ghana’s mining history by choosing to involve, protect and expand for the benefit of current and future generations.

Bawumia can only be president of old students’ association of Tamasco, not Ghana – Solomon Owusu

The National Communications Director of the United Party (UP), Solomon Owusu, has said former Vice President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia will not become President of Ghana.

He said the New Patriotic Party’s (NPP) decision to field Dr Bawumia again for the 2028 presidential election does not represent a new political strategy.

Dr Bawumia lost the 2024 presidential election after securing 41.74% of the valid votes cast.

Speaking on GTV on Tuesday, August 18, Mr Owusu said the NPP had largely retained the same party structures that supported Dr Bawumia’s 2024 campaign and was therefore repeating its previous approach.

“Clearly, the NPP has not done anything new. They presented Dr Mahamudu Bawumia in 2024. He had 41.74%. They have retained most of their regional

executives,” he said.

According to Mr Owusu, the party’s decision to retain Dr Bawumia amounted to an attempt to repeat a strategy that had already been rejected by voters in the 2024 election.

He claimed that the NPP did not conduct polling station-level elections and had instead retained the executives who previously supported Dr Bawumia.

Mr Owusu also predicted that the NPP would perform poorly in the 2028 elections, claiming that it would not cross 18% of the votes.

“I believe that he could be the president of the old boys’ association of the Tamale Secondary School, and not Ghana,” he said.

Dr Bawumia was officially selected as the NPP’s presidential candidate for the 2028 election in January 2026, as part of the party’s preparation to wrestle power from the party.



Solomon Owusu

‘We’ll spend more to keep soldiers in forests to fight illegal miners’ – Mahama

President John Dramani Mahama says Ghana is making progress in its renewed fight against illegal mining, popularly known as galamsey, particularly in forest reserves that have been severely degraded by illegal miners.

The President said the government was intensifying efforts to reclaim affected forest reserves and other environmentally sensitive areas while preventing illegal miners from returning to cleared locations.

Speaking during his Resetting Ghana Tour of the Upper East Region, President Mahama credited the National Anti-Illegal Mining Operations Secretariat (NAIMOS) with playing a significant role in the ongoing campaign.

He said the operations had resulted in the seizure of excavators and changfang machines used for illegal mining, as well as the removal of miners from several forest reserves.

“NAIMOS is working very hard.

We have seized excavators, we have seized Changfang machines, and we have driven illegal miners out of this area, and we are making progress. Out of the almost 49 forest reserves that were invaded [by illegal miners], we have been able to clear as many of them as possible of illegal miners.

“What we initially did was that we handed the places to the Forestry Commission after clearing them, but the illegal miners don’t fear the forest guards, and so we now put a military detachment after we clear a forest reserve.

“That means we will have to spend more money to feed the soldiers and provide logistics for them to continue to stay in the forest, but we will not give up the fight,” he stated.

President Mahama acknowledged that maintaining military personnel in reclaimed forest reserves would require additional financial and logistical resources.

He explained that the decision was necessary because illegal miners had previously returned to areas after security operations had ended and control was

handed back to forest guards.

The President said the government was therefore determined to sustain its operations and protect reclaimed areas from renewed illegal mining.

He reaffirmed his administration’s commitment to protecting Ghana’s forests, water bodies and other natural resources from the environmental damage caused by galamsey.

Illegal mining remains a major

environmental challenge in Ghana, with the destruction of forest reserves, pollution of water bodies and degradation of farmlands continuing to raise concerns despite successive efforts by governments to curb the practice.

President Mahama said his administration would not abandon the fight, stressing the need for sustained enforcement and protection of areas already cleared of illegal miners.



President John Dramani Mahama

Police officer reveals how his colleague officers are doing arms deals with criminals

A police officer has raised serious allegations of misconduct within the Ghana Police Service, claiming that ammunition is being sold to armed robbers who allegedly use the weapons to attack civilians and police officers in the Ablekuma Central and Ablekuma North areas.

General Lance Corporal Nicholas Ohene Ampong Kissi made the allegations in videos shared on social media by Crime Check TV, calling on the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Christian Tetteh Yohuno, to investigate the claims.

According to the officer, hardened criminals have allegedly taken over parts of the Mataheko and Odorkor Police Barracks.

“At Mataheko Police Barracks and Odorkor Police Barracks, the current station officer is selling ammunition to armed robbers to go and kill their own police officers and attack civilians. At Odorkor Police Barracks, hardened criminals have taken over the place and two of them came and assaulted me. One slapped me twice.

“I had intelligence that they were operating around the area and as a result, I was attacked. So, if the IGP gets this video, investigate this matter,” he said.

The officer further alleged that he had been assaulted after attempting to bring the matter to the attention of senior officials within the Police Service.

He said the alleged attack followed information he had gathered about the activities of suspected criminals operating in the area.

General Lance Corporal Ampong Kissi subsequently appeared at a police hospital, where he was seen displaying a medical report bearing the Ghana Police Service logo, apparently as evidence of the alleged assault.

The allegations have not been independently verified, and it remains unclear whether any disciplinary or criminal investigations have been initiated into the claims.

The officer has, however, urged the IGP to investigate the allegations and establish the facts surrounding the alleged sale of ammunition, activities at the two police barracks and the reported assault.



POLITICS

“Your bail conditions will be scary” – Afenyo Markin warns GoldBod officials

Minority Leader Alexander Kwame Afenyo Markin has warned that Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod) Chief Executive Officer Sammy Gyamfi could face “scary” bail conditions in the future if the standards currently being applied to some former government officials become the norm.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, the Effutu MP said the bail conditions imposed on individuals under investigation could establish a precedent with implications for officials of the current administration if the New Patriotic Party (NPP) returns to power.

Mr Afenyo-Markin argued that the approach adopted by the governing National Democratic Congress (NDC) could eventually affect officials currently holding public positions, particularly those managing GoldBod.

He linked his warning to what he described as losses of about GH¢22 billion associated with the government’s domestic gold purchasing programme, although the figure and its interpretation remain subjects of political debate.

The Minority Leader urged government officials to consider the potential consequences of the standards being applied to persons currently facing investigations.

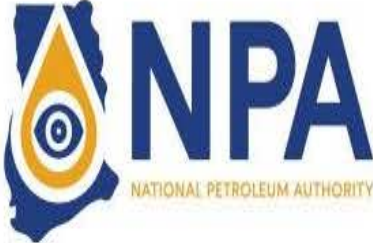
He maintained that investigations and bail conditions must be guided by established legal principles and due process rather than political considerations.

Mr Afenyo-Markin cautioned that political power changes hands and that the treatment of individuals under the current administration could set standards that future governments may apply to officials who serve today.



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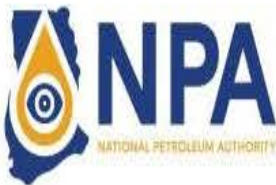
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FX Rate (Commercial Banks Average) (USD/GHS)	11.7850	11.3167	4.14%
Crude Oil (USD/BBL)	90.53	90.16	-0.41%
Petrol (USD/MT)	1,034.92	1,123.25	8.54%
Gasoil (USD/MT)	1,250.21	1,317.50	5.38%
LPG (USD/MT)	596.63	606.50	1.66%
Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT)	1,254.42	1,293.75	3.14%
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Stop going about calling yourself ‘incoming MP’ to undermine sitting MPs— COKA warns NPP members

The opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP) newly elected Ashanti Regional Chairman, Odeneho Kwaku Appiah, popularly known as COKA, has warned party members against describing themselves as “incoming MP”, saying the practice undermines sitting Members of Parliament (MPs) and disrespects the party’s structures.

“I see people who are going about in the constituencies calling themselves ‘incoming MP’,” he said, addressing party members.

Mr Appiah said he had no objection to party members aspiring to become MPs, but opposed the practice of declaring oneself an “incoming MP” before the party’s parliamentary primaries and the general election.

He emphasised he was “absolutely not in support” of proclaiming oneself an incoming MP “when the time is not due for us to use the ballot papers”.

“It’s okay to support people at funerals with money but do not go announcing yourself as an incoming MP. We have cancelled that incoming MP tag,” he admonished.

Mr Appiah also called on party members and leaders to recognise his position as regional chairman and support his administration for the party’s sake.

“Without your support I cannot succeed,” he noted.

He said it was his responsibility to ensure that sitting NPP MPs were respected and that the party’s structures were upheld.

“I will not sit unconcerned for anyone, including polling station staff, electoral area members, constituency officers, to disrespect you,” he said.

“Let’s all follow our laws,” he urged.

Mr Appiah stressed the importance of respecting the party’s structures and allowing elected officials to discharge their duties without any hindrance or disregard.

“And that is how we can win power,” he said.



Ashanti Regional Chairman, Odeneho Kwaku Appiah

‘You can attack our personality but post-regime accountability awaits you’ – Afenyo-Markin warns GoldBod officials

Minority Leader Alexander Afenyo-Markin has warned that officials responsible for the operations of the Ghana Gold Board (GoldBod) could face accountability over reported financial losses linked to the Bank of Ghana’s Domestic Gold Purchase Programme.

Mr Afenyo-Markin said the Minority would continue to demand answers from the government and GoldBod over what he described as significant financial losses to the state.

Speaking to journalists on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, he cautioned officials involved in managing the programme against assuming that the issues surrounding its financial performance would be forgotten.

“The Minority will say this firmly and boldly. It doesn’t matter the adjectives you will use to attack our personality. We know that a day of reckoning will come. They should remember that post-

regime accountability awaits them,” he said.

His comments follow an August 2026 report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which indicated that the Bank of Ghana’s Domestic Gold Purchase Programme, implemented through GoldBod, recorded losses exceeding US\$1.7 billion in 2025.

The IMF said the losses were equivalent to about 1.5 per cent of Ghana’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Mr Afenyo-Markin maintained that the Minority would not be discouraged by criticism over its scrutiny of GoldBod and the gold purchasing programme.

He said the caucus would continue pressing the government and relevant officials to account for the financial implications of the programme.

The Minority Leader further cautioned those currently overseeing the programme that their decisions and actions could come under scrutiny in the future.

He insisted that public officials must be prepared to account for their stewardship, particularly where significant public funds are involved.



Minority Leader, Alexander Afenyo Markin



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FIFA bans Karela United from registering new players over unpaid debt ahead of 2026/27 GPL season

The world football governing body, FIFA, has imposed a registration ban on Ghana Premier League club Karela United FC over outstanding financial obligations to former player Sana Camara.

The decision, contained in a letter dated 17 August 2026 and issued through FIFA’s Legal Portal, prevents Karela United from registering new players at both international and national levels.

According to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee, the ban will remain in force until the amount owed to Camara has been paid.

FIFA said the registration ban would apply for a maximum of three entire and consecutive registration periods if Karela United fails to settle the outstanding debt.

“In this context, it appears that, despite the Decision, Karela United FC ... has not yet complied with its financial obligations towards Sana Camara,” FIFA’s Head of Disciplinary, Américo Espallargas, wrote in the notice.

The world governing body said it had therefore imposed a ban preventing the club from registering new players, both nationally and internationally.

“The registration ban will remain active until the amount due is paid and for a maximum duration of up to three entire and consecutive registration periods,” the letter stated.

FIFA has also instructed the Ghana Football Association (GFA) to immediately implement a ban preventing Karela United from registering new players at national level, if such a restriction had not already been imposed.

The case stems from an earlier decision by FIFA in which Karela United was ordered to meet its financial obligations to Camara.

The latest notice indicates that the club has yet to fully comply with that decision, prompting FIFA to enforce the registration restriction.

The ban could have significant implications for Karela United’s squad-building plans ahead of the 2026/27 Ghana Premier League season, as the club will be unable to register new players until the outstanding amount is

settled or the maximum period covered by the sanction expires.

The restriction applies to both international registrations, which are handled through FIFA’s transfer system, and domestic registrations under the jurisdiction of the GFA.

Karela United will therefore need to resolve the dispute with Camara to have the sanction lifted and regain the ability to register

players without restriction.

The FIFA communication was copied to Sana Camara, his representatives and the Ghana Football Association (GFA).

Karela United is scheduled to open its new football campaign with an away trip to FC Samartex.



Karela United players

Desmond Ofei must not be given Black Stars coaching job – George Afriyie

Former Ghana Football Association (GFA) vice-president George Afriyie has questioned the possible appointment of Desmond Ofei as the next head coach of the Black Stars.

Carlos Queiroz, who took charge of Ghana on a short-term contract following the dismissal of Otto Addo in March, is expected to leave his position after his four-month deal expires.

The Portuguese coach guided Ghana to the knockout phase of the 2026 Fifa World Cup in North America, where the Black Stars reached the last 32 for the first time since the 2010 tournament.

With Ghana preparing for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers, Ofei has emerged as one of the leading candidates to take over from Queiroz.

However, Afriyie has strongly opposed the idea of handing the former Ghana Under-20 coach the job.

“If today we are looking for a

coach for the Black Stars and Desmond Ofei is the answer, then we have a problem,” he said.

Afriyie, who previously chaired the Black Stars Management Committee, also criticised Queiroz’s tactical approach despite the team’s progress at the World Cup.

“As for Carlos Queiroz, I don’t like his defensive approach. It’s old-fashioned,” he added.

Queiroz was appointed in April on a four-month contract after Ghana parted ways with Addo following a difficult run of results in the build-up to the World Cup.

The Black Stars are scheduled to regroup in September to begin their campaign in the qualifiers for the 2027 AFCON, increasing the urgency for the GFA to decide on the team’s next permanent coach.

The choice of successor will be closely watched as Ghana look to rebuild after missing out on the 2025 AFCON and secure a place at the next tournament.



Former GFA vice president George Afriyie

Executive Council want Carlos Queiroz to remain in charge of Black Stars – Henry Asante Twum



Carlos Queiroz

The Ghana Football Association (GFA) has unanimously recommended Carlos Queiroz to remain as head coach of the Black Stars following his assessment after the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

GFA Communications Director Henry Asante Twum said the Executive Council had reviewed the Portuguese coach’s performance and agreed that he should continue in the role on a long-term basis.

Queiroz, 73, was appointed on a four-month contract to replace Otto Addo and was tasked with leading Ghana at the World Cup.

His future has remained uncertain following the tournament, particularly

amid reports of outstanding payments and negotiations over a possible new contract.

However, Asante Twum told Graphic Sports that the GFA’s highest decision-making body had reached a unanimous decision to retain the experienced coach.

“The council, which is the highest decision-making body, after assessing the performance of Coach Carlos Queiroz, have agreed that the coach is made to stay,” he said. Asante Twum said he could not confirm whether the government still owed Queiroz, explaining that he did not have access to details of the coach’s financial arrangements.

Despite the GFA’s recommendation, Queiroz’s continuation is not automatic, as any new agreement must receive approval from the

Ministry of Sports and Recreation, which is expected to finance the coach’s salary.

“The final decision does not rest on the FA. It must go to the ministry for them to look at the contract and approve because they will pay the salary of the coach,” Asante Twum said.

He also disclosed that Queiroz had been informed of the Executive Council’s decision but could not confirm whether the coach had responded.

“I don’t know what the offer from the FA is to the coach and the counteroffer he is also proposing,” he added.

The development is expected to pave the way for further negotiations between the GFA, the Sports Ministry and Queiroz over the proposed contract and outstanding financial matters.

Queiroz took charge of the Black Stars after Otto Addo’s departure and led Ghana at the 2026 World Cup. However, his future remains subject to agreement with the government, despite the GFA’s decision to back him for a longer-term role.

Earlier reports had indicated that Queiroz had stepped away from the position following Ghana’s World Cup elimination, with the coach’s contractual situation becoming a subject of uncertainty.

The latest recommendation from the GFA could therefore trigger fresh discussions over his return and the terms of a potential long-term contract.

It’s not shame for Stonebwoy to do show and use curtains to cover the space — Shatta Wale



Ghanaian dancehall artiste Shatta Wale has defended fellow musician Stonebwoy against criticism over the setup of one of his shows, saying there is nothing shameful about using curtains to cover a space during an event.

Speaking during a live

TikTok session, Shatta Wale said artistes should not feel pressured to prove themselves by trying to replicate the scale or achievements of others. According to him, every artistehasdifferentresources and circumstances, and the most important thing is to do what one can within their ability. “It’s not a shame for Stonebwoy to do a show

and use curtains to cover a space. He did the part he can do to his ability,” Shatta Wale said. He further explained that there is no requirement for an artiste to always match what other musicians have done simply to demonstrate their status or credibility. Shatta Wale urged artistes to focus on making the most

of the opportunities and resources available to them instead of competing over appearances. He stressed that success in the music industry should not be measured solely by the size of a venue, the number of people present or how an event is physically presented.

Abeka Manye explains why we must speak local dialects with children at home



Abeka Manye

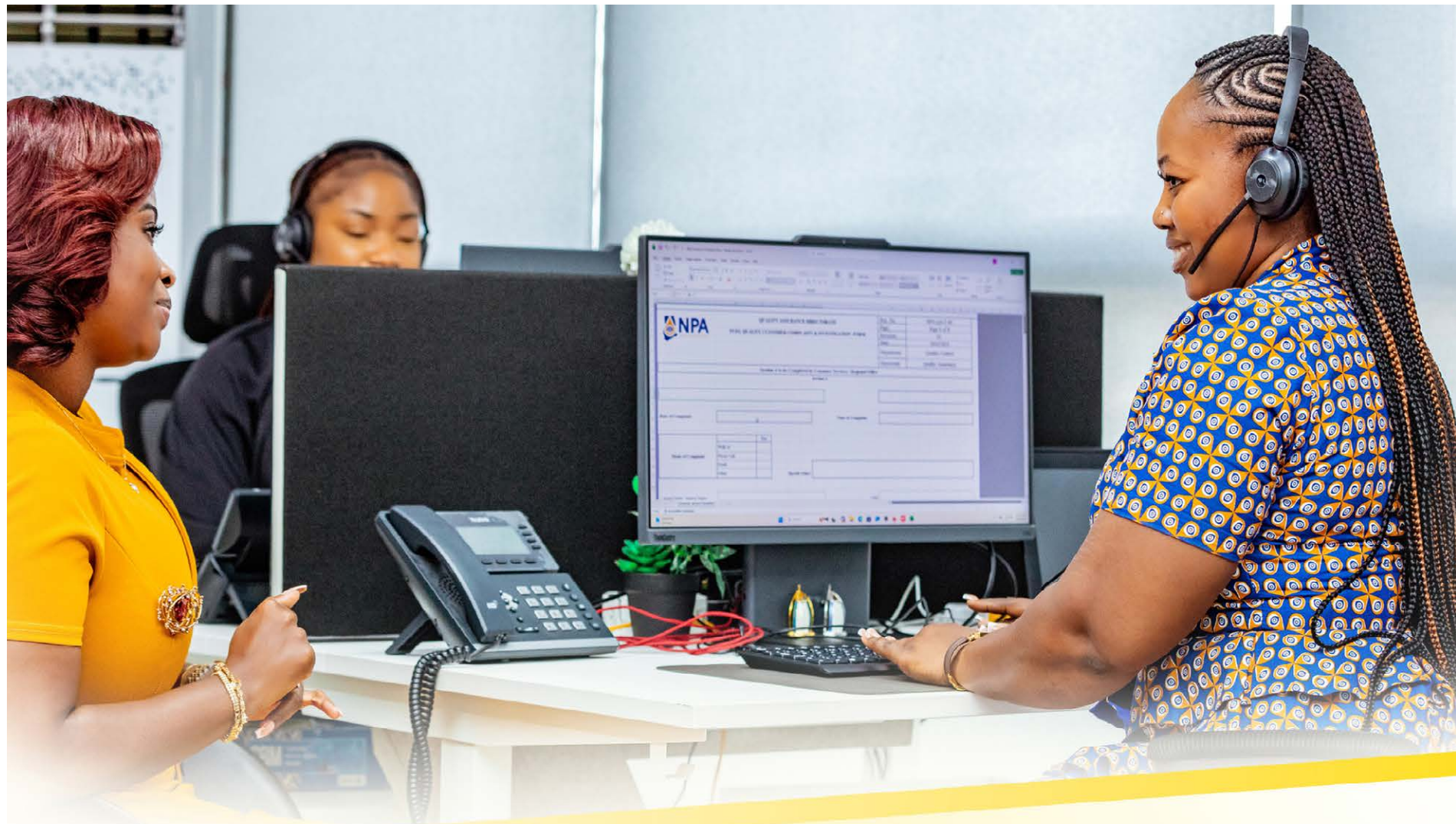
Abeka Manye, Naa Ayeley Osongor II, has expressed her dissatisfaction with how parents, particularly Ga mothers, have adopted the use of English language in their homes, neglecting the mother tongue in recent times.

Speaking in an interview with BEATWAVES on

the sidelines of the Abeka Homowo celebration, Naa Ayeley Osongor II vowed to embark on a massive campaign on the need to incorporate the Ga language in communication in the home, stressing that the language risks becoming extinct. “Nowadays, it is very disturbing to see our Ga women speaking English language with their children even in the house, which to me is very disturbing.

As mothers, educating our children using our indigenous Ga language will help us preserve our culture and tradition. “In my capacity as the Abeka Manye and a mother, I entreat our beautiful Ga women to speak the language with our children. They are the future,” she stated. Naa Ayeley Osongor II also called on the Ministry

of Education and other Ga leaders in authority to reintroduce the compulsory Ga language in schools, saying, “One of the things I will be championing is the reintroduction of compulsory Ga languages in our schools. Because if we have schools on the Ga land, it is just proper that its languages are also taught.”



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