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Education Ministry to review ‘problematic’ CSSPS after Catholic Bishops’ concerns

The Ministry of Education has announced plans to review Ghana’s Computerised School Selection and Placement System (CSSPS) following calls by the Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference for greater transparency and accountability in the placement process.

According to the Ministry, a Technical Working Committee will be constituted after the ongoing placement exercise to assess the various components of the system and recommend areas for improvement.

In a statement signed by the Minister of Education, Mr Haruna Iddrisu, the Ministry welcomed the Bishops’ call for an “ultimate review” of the CSSPS and reaffirmed its commitment to making the system credible, efficient, fair and responsive to students, parents and schools.

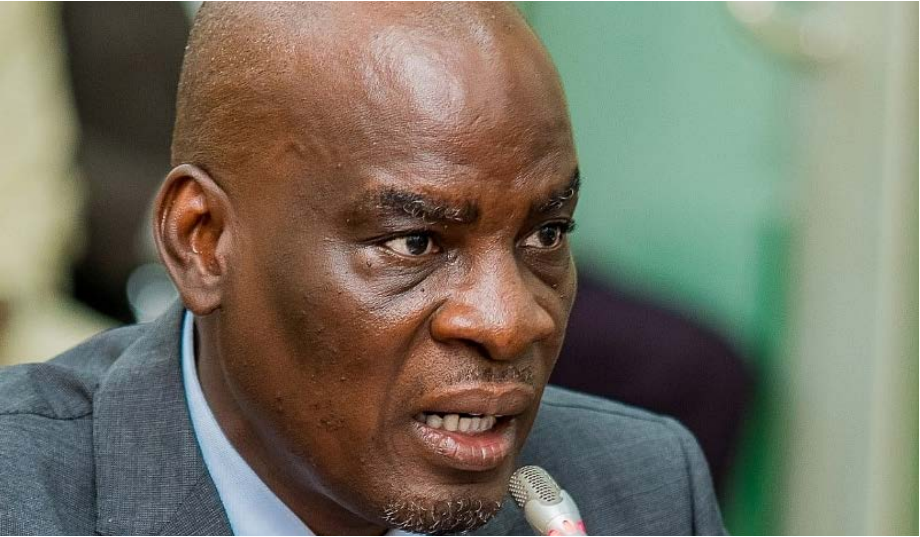
The Ministry maintained that placement under the CSSPS is primarily merit-based, with merit taking precedence over protocol in the placement of

qualified candidates. It explained that placement decisions are made according to established criteria designed to ensure fairness within the approved framework. However, the Ministry acknowledged that the system required regular improvement. “The review will examine the various components of the system, identify areas requiring improvement, strengthen transparency and accountability,” the statement said. The proposed review is expected to generate recommendations to improve the efficiency, credibility and transparency of the placement process. The Ministry also reiterated that CSSPS placement is free and cautioned parents and candidates against paying individuals or organisations to secure placements or alter existing placements. It urged anyone who demanded money in connection with school placement to report the matter to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Parents and guardians with credible evidence of financial

demands by officials of the Ministry of Education, the Ghana Education Service, the CSSPS Secretariat, the Ghana Technical and Vocational Education and Training system or any third party have been encouraged to submit complaints for investigation. “The identities of complainants will be protected,” the statement said. The announcement comes amid continuing concerns

about the secondary school placement process, particularly the transparency of placement decisions and the factors used in determining where students are assigned. The Ministry said it remained committed to safeguarding the integrity of the CSSPS and ensuring that merit, fairness and transparency continued to guide the system.



Minister of Education, Haruna Iddrisu

I felt very ashamed Accra lost major international conferences to Dakar – Mahama

President John Dramani Mahama has disclosed that Accra has missed out on hosting major international conferences on at least 2 occasions because the capital lacked adequate conference facilities. He said one of the events was eventually relocated to Dakar, Senegal, a development he described as embarrassing and a missed opportunity for Ghana. The President made the revelation on Tuesday, September 15, during the sod-cutting ceremony for the Sentuo Airport Garden City project. He stressed that Ghana needed to invest in modern hospitality and conferencing infrastructure to compete for major international events. “I know of two occasions on which Accra was bypassed because we did not have enough conference rooms to host major international conferences. At least one of them was bypassed for Dakar, Senegal, and I felt very ashamed that Accra would be bypassed for Dakar in terms of a major international conference,” he said.

President Mahama said the Sentuo Airport Garden City project, which is expected

to include a 2,500-capacity conference facility and a 600-room hotel, would help bridge the existing infrastructure gap. “This development will end that. We’ll have enough hotel rooms. We’ll have enough conference facilities to be able to host even a UN conference here in Accra,” he said.

He further noted that improving conference facilities should be part of a wider strategy to attract more visitors to Ghana and encourage tourists to explore destinations beyond Accra.

According to President Mahama, an expansion of tourism activity would generate opportunities for transport operators, hotels, artisans, farmers, workers and communities across the country.



President John Dramani Mahama

Mahama summons security, port agencies for answers to major drug seizures linked to Ghana

President John Dramani Mahama is set to meet key security, aviation and maritime-sector institutions to assess Ghana's border-control arrangements and develop stronger measures against narcotics trafficking.

The high-level meeting, scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Jubilee House, follows the seizure of nearly 3.9 tonnes of cocaine by French customs authorities from a container originating from Ghana. The consignment is estimated to have a street value of US\$261 million.

An invitation issued by the Secretary to the President, Callistus Mahama, on Monday, September 14, said the discussions would focus on weaknesses in Ghana's border-control systems and practical steps to prevent the movement of narcotics and other prohibited substances.

The institutions invited have been instructed to attend through their respective heads,

accompanied by not more than one technical officer. They are also expected to present brief reports on existing security vulnerabilities and recommend improvements in intelligence coordination, surveillance, cargo screening and joint enforcement. The meeting comes amid concerns from the Minority in Parliament over Ghana's response to major international drug seizures. Rev. John Ntim Fordjour, Ranking Member of the Defence and Interior Committee, has questioned the absence of what he described as high-profile arrests and prosecutions in connection with such incidents.

Among the institutions expected to participate are the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs, the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority, the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority, the Ghana Shippers' Authority and operators of terminal scanners. Also invited are Ghana Link Network Services Ltd, the Ghana Maritime Authority, the Ghana Navy, Meridian Port Services Ltd, the National Intelligence Bureau,

the Criminal Investigations Department and Interpol units of the Ghana Police Service, the Narcotics Control Commission and Ghana Airports Company Limited. Separately, the Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC) has arrested 3 persons suspected of being connected to the 'Bolle

Jos' cocaine trafficking network following the French seizure. NACOC said the suspects remain in its custody and are assisting investigators in efforts to establish their alleged involvement in the trafficking operation.



President John Dramani Mahama

GBA has become ventilating association for NPP – Dafeamekpor

Majority Whip and South Dayi Member of Parliament, Rockson-Nelson Dafeamekpor, has questioned the political neutrality of the Ghana Bar Association (GBA), accusing it of increasingly amplifying concerns associated with the opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP).

He alleged that the association's recent comments on the Judiciary and Chief Justice Paul Baffoe-Bonnie had largely reflected positions previously advanced by NPP members and sympathisers.

"I have always made the point that the GBA has become a ventilating association for the opposition party, which is the New Patriotic Party," Mr Dafeamekpor said.

Speaking on Eyewitness News on Monday, September 14, 2026, the MP referred to the GBA's concerns about legal vacation and its criticism of the Chief Justice as examples of what he described as a recurring trend.

According to him, the association had sometimes issued statements on allegations raised by lawyers linked to the NPP without adequately establishing the facts. He claimed that the GBA's criticism of the Chief

Justice over the scheduling of cases during legal vacation was based on inaccurate information. "If you accuse a CJ of setting up a court during a vacation to hear certain cases and those facts are most inaccurate, the proper thing to do, the professional thing to do is to apologise," he said. Mr Dafeamekpor said the GBA's conduct raised questions about whether it was exercising independent judgment or merely responding to political narratives.

"Does it mean that the Ghana Bar Association is not independent? Must it always or only toe the line of a political party? Is it that the president of the Ghana Bar Association does not have an independent mind to speak on matters?" he asked.

His remarks follow criticism by GBA President Efua Ghartey of comments made by Chief Justice Paul Baffoe-Bonnie, who compared the performance of some state institutions under the current government with that of the previous eight years.

Ms Ghartey described the Chief Justice's comments as concerning, warning that they could create the perception that the Judiciary was taking sides with the Executive.

Former Auditor-General Daniel Yaw Domelevo has also appealed to

the Chief Justice to avoid political commentary on matters that could later become the subject of court proceedings. Mr Dafeamekpor, however, argued that the GBA had devoted excessive attention to political controversies while failing to give adequate prominence to important developments within the legal profession. He cited legal reforms involving legal education and the creation of district tribunals, saying such issues deserved greater attention during the association's national conference.

The South Dayi MP also accused the GBA President of adopting an overly confrontational posture towards the Chief Justice. "I've listened to her, and I've seen that she's just on an attack spree, attacking the Chief Justice, attacking everyone," he said. Mr Dafeamekpor maintained that lawyers and professional bodies had a duty to defend the Judiciary against unjustified attacks. However, he stressed that such interventions should be guided by verified facts and conducted without partisan influence.



South Dayi MP, Rockson-Nelson Dafeamekpor

AG, GBA in ‘dog fight’ at Ada Bar confab over CJ’s comments



GBA President, Efua Ghartey

Attorney General Dr. Dominic Ayine

President of the Ghana Bar Association (GBA), Efua Ghartey, has waded into the public discussions surrounding Chief Justice Paul Baffoe-Bonnie’s recent comment on the performance of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs).

Speaking at this year’s GBA Annual Conference in Ada, she described the Chief Justice’s comment as unfortunate and has the tendency to create an undesirable impression that the Judiciary is taking sides in the political affairs of the country.

“The recent commendation of a public institution and the comparison to a past government’s output by no mean a person than the Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana left much to be desired,” Mrs. Ghartey stated.

She also pointed out that the statement issued by the Judicial Secretary in the aftermath of the Chief Justice’s comment, which sought to defend the blunder, “was at best lacklustre.”

She said while the GBA is committed to protecting the independence of the Judiciary, the institution itself must act within the provisions of the constitution and not seek to promote the bidding of another arm of government, especially the Executive, “its ultimate appointing authority.”

The five-day conference, which is being held at the Aqua Safari Resort in Ada, is on the theme, “150 Years of Ghana’s Legal Evolution: Transforming the Profession and Driving its Future with Industry.”

Mrs. Ghartey, in her speech, said the Association would continue to defend the independence of the Judiciary in accordance with Article 128 of the 1992 Constitution.

She, however, cautioned that the independence of the Judiciary did not give its officers the latitude to engage in partisan political conduct.

She quoted a Supreme Court decision which held that holders of independent institutional or statutory offices, including judges, were by implication of their independent status constrained in their ability to actively take sides in partisan politics.

Mrs. Ghartey said the Bar would remain vigilant in ensuring that public institutions operated within constitutional standards.

She also raised concerns about excessive bail conditions being imposed on persons arrested for various offences, and called for bail to be reasonable, proportionate and consistent with the constitutional presumption of innocence.

She said the Bar is considering a human rights watch committee to monitor compliance with Article 14 and other human rights provisions as well as provide legal assistance to

suspects where necessary.

AG’s counter-accusation

Attorney General Dr Dominic Ayine urged the Ghana Bar Association (GBA) to uphold consistency in its principles and maintain a clear distance from partisan political interests.

He said the association’s conduct had, at times, created the perception that it was aligned with a particular political side, warning that such impressions could undermine its independence and credibility.

The Attorney General made the remarks in a statement delivered on his behalf by Deputy Attorney General Dr Justice Srem-Sai. He said the GBA must remain independent not only of the government but also of political parties and the Office of the Attorney General.

“An Attorney General who wishes for the bar that agrees with him all the time clearly misunderstands his own job and also the role of the bar as a civil society organisation. Suffice to say that like each of us here in this hall, I too strongly believe that the bar’s authority rests on its independence from the state, from political parties and yes, from the office which I occupy.

“Accordingly, what I asked for in Wa and still ask for here today is not a bar that is silent or hidden but a bar that is visible and present. Not a

bar that flips on principles but a bar that is consistent. Not a bar that keeps its distance from public life and discourse but one that keeps its distance from political convenience,” he stated.

Dr Ayine also disclosed that the government was preparing to introduce a Legal Practitioners Standards Bill.

The proposed legislation is expected to address disciplinary matters involving lawyers and curb the abuse of legal processes.

New Bill

Attorney General Dr. Dominic Ayine said plans are underway to introduce a Legal Practitioners’ Standards Board Bill to reform the regulation and discipline of lawyers.

He said the proposed independent statutory body would set and maintain standards of professional conduct and continuing competence expected of legal practitioners.

He disclosed that the proposed legislation would also create an independent disciplinary committee separate from the licensing and standard-setting functions of the board.

Dr. Srem-Sai said the move had become necessary because the existing disciplinary system had been characterised by delays and concerns about fairness.

He said the intention is to extricate the disciplinary process from government control and give the Bar greater ownership of the process.

Judicial Reforms

Chief Justice Paul Baffoe-Bonnie, in a speech read by Justice Anthony Forson, said the Judiciary was undertaking several reforms to modernise the administration of justice.

He cited the ongoing review of the High Court Civil Procedure Rules and the e-Justice programme as some of the measures intended to improve the efficiency and accessibility of the justice system.

Gov't to broadcast MMDAs' General Assembly, Town Hall meetings live – Ayariga

The government is set to introduce live coverage of General Assembly and Town Hall meetings across Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) to improve transparency and citizen participation in local governance.

Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Mahama Ayariga, said the initiative would provide citizens with greater access to proceedings and discussions at the local government level.

He said it would also help generate public interest in the upcoming District-Level Elections and encourage more citizens to participate actively in

the decentralisation process.

“I have engaged with the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) and the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) to roll out a programme to provide live coverage of General Assembly and Town Hall meetings across our Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies,” Ayariga said in a social media post on Tuesday, September 15.

He said the programme would be implemented in line with the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), which provides the legal framework for Ghana’s decentralised local governance system.

“We also hope this initiative will generate greater public interest in and participation in the upcoming District-Level Elections, while encouraging

more citizens to actively engage in the decentralisation process,” he said.

greater citizen involvement is necessary to build local institutions that are transparent, accountable and responsive to the needs of communities.

The Bawku Central MP said



Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Mahama Ayariga

Expressway: ‘You won’t miss your wife’s fufu again’ – Mahama tells Kumasi husbands

President John Dramani Mahama says the proposed Accra – Kumasi Expressway will drastically cut travel time between Ghana’s two biggest cities and boost economic activity.

According to him, once completed, commuters will be able to travel from Kumasi to Accra in just two hours.

“So, Nana, when this express road is finished, you can leave at 6 a.m. and you will be in Accra by 8 a.m. You can conduct your business, you can go and find some fufu to eat, and you set off at 5 p.m. in the evening. By 7 p.m., you will be home and your wife will welcome you with a bowl of fufu,” President Mahama said, drawing laughter from the gathering.

The Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) has handed over a 175.6kilometre rightofway cleared for the construction of the Accra–Kumasi Expressway to the government. The handover ceremony took place at Kwaso, near Ejisu in the Ashanti Region.

The CommanderinChief described the project as long overdue, noting that Accra and Kumasi remain Ghana’s most populous cities and the centres of major commercial and economic activity.

“Nananom, my fellow countrymen, this project is long

overdue. These two cities have the biggest populations in Ghana, and they also host the largest commercial and economic activities – Accra and Kumasi,” President Mahama added.

President John Dramani Mahama also announced that \$2 billion has been secured to fund the construction of the Accra-Kumasi Expressway, assuring that financing will not hinder the progress of the major road project.

According to the President, the funds, sourced from taxpayers, have been deposited in a dedicated account at the Bank of Ghana to facilitate the timely payment of the contractor.

“We have secured \$2 billion to finance the construction of the Accra-Kumasi Expressway, and we will make sure that funding does not become a constraint to the progress of the project,” he said.

He explained that payment certificates submitted by the contractor would be settled promptly to prevent delays in the execution of the project.

“And let me also announce that this is our own money. We have not gone to borrow money from anywhere. This money is the taxpayers’ money,” the President said.

As part of efforts to accelerate construction, President

Mahama directed the Minister for Roads and Highways to engage the Ghana Armed Forces Engineers Regiment as a major subcontractor.

He said the involvement of the military engineers would complement the work of the main contractor and help expedite the

construction of the expressway.

The Accra–Kumasi Expressway is expected to serve as a flagship infrastructure project aimed at improving connectivity, reducing road accidents, and facilitating trade between the southern and northern parts of the country.



Expressway: ‘People can now live in Kumasi and work in Accra everyday’ – Inusah Fuseini

Former Tamale Central Member of Parliament, Inusah Fuseini, says the proposed Accra-Kumasi Expressway could make it possible for people to live in Kumasi and work in Accra because of the significant reduction in travel time.

He said the project would not only improve transportation between the two cities but could also stimulate economic growth and shift development along the corridor.

Speaking on Accra-based Metro TV’s Good Morning Ghana on Tuesday, September 15, he said the expressway could transform the relationship between Accra and Kumasi by making daily travel between the two cities more feasible.

“It should be possible for people to live in Kumasi and work in Accra. You know, it’s one and a half hours. When you reduce travel time, you start off from 6 a.m. by 7:30, you go to work, you close at 5 o’clock, you go back,” he said.

The former lawmaker said the expected reduction in travel

time would also lower the cost of transportation and vehicle maintenance while improving convenience for motorists.

He noted that motorists currently spend several hours travelling between Accra and Kumasi, particularly when using the existing route, resulting in higher fuel consumption and increased wear and tear on vehicles.

“When you do a major road project like the Accra-Kumasi Expressway, you are shifting development and growth of the country towards that area,” he said.

The comments follow the handover of a 175.6-kilometre right-of-way cleared by the Ghana Armed Forces for the project on Monday, September 14.

Managing Director of Accra-Kumasi Expressway Limited, Engineer Francis Ahlidza, disclosed at the ceremony that the project would cover approximately 198.7 kilometres between Ablekuma in the Greater Accra Region and Sewua in the Ashanti Region.

The project comprises about 176 kilometres of newly

constructed expressway and approximately 23 kilometres of upgraded connector roads at the Accra and Kumasi ends.

The expressway will feature eight grade-separated interchanges, 11 vehicle overpasses and 55 mainline bridges.

The mainline will be a Class A highway with a three-

lane dual carriageway on a 36-metre standard roadbed and a design speed of 120 kilometres per hour.

The connector roads will be Class B roads with a speed limit of 60 kilometres per hour.



Former Tamale Central MP, Inusah Fuseini

Akufo-Addo would have used Accra-Kumasi expressway for galamsey – Mahdi Gibrill

The Director of Elections and IT of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC), Mahdi M. Gibrill, has alleged that former President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo would have exploited the Accra-Kumasi Expressway project for illegal mining, popularly known as galamsey.

According to him, the former New Patriotic Party (NPP) administration had a tendency to use well-intentioned initiatives to advance what he described as partisan interests.

Speaking on The Citizen Show with Kwabena Bobie Ansah on Accra 100.5FM, Mr. Gibrill said, “I believe that if the Accra-Kumasi Expressway project had been initiated under Nana Addo’s administration, there was a possibility that it could have been exploited for activities such

as illegal mining.”

He further stated, “Our concern is that good national initiatives should be pursued in the broader interest of Ghanaians and not be diverted to serve partisan or narrow interests.”

Commenting on the performance of the Mahama administration, Mr. Gibrill said, “The initiatives being undertaken by the Mahama administration demonstrate a clear commitment to national development, and I believe Ghanaians are beginning to appreciate the direction of the government.”

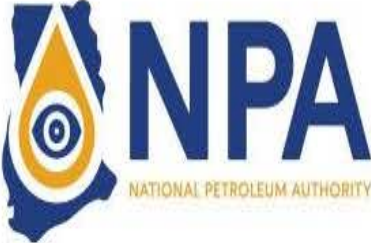
He also called on President John Dramani Mahama to consider renaming the Accra-Kumasi Expressway the “Mahama Expressway,” in recognition of his contribution to the project.



Director of Elections and IT for NDC, Mahdi M. Gibrill

PETROLEUM PRICE INDICATORS

(As of 14th September, 2026)

 NPA NATIONAL PETROLEUM AUTHORITY	AVERAGE FOB PRICES FOR THE PERIOD 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026 (27TH AUGUST - 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AVERAGES) WINDOW	AVERAGE ESTIMATED FOB PRICES EFFECTIVE 1ST OCTOBER 2026 (12TH - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AVERAGES)	% CHANGE
FX Rate (Commercial Banks Average) (USD/GHS)	11.4849	11.5733	-0.76%
Crude Oil (USD/BBL)	104.01	129.28	24.29%
Petrol (USD/MT)	1,275.43	1,403.50	10.04%
Gasoil (USD/MT)	1,418.07	1,523.50	7.43%
LPG (USD/MT)	717.59	784.50	9.32%
Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT)	1,453.11	1,591.75	9.54%
Fuel Oil (USD/MT)	578.18	632.00	9.31%
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Ghanaian girls recruited into sex trade through TikTok – Challenging Heights

Challenging Heights, a Ghanaian child protection organisation, has raised concerns about an emerging network using social media platforms, especially TikTok, to recruit Ghanaian children into commercial sexual exploitation.

According to the organisation, girls living in mining communities are increasingly being targeted, with some victims reportedly below 16 years being drawn into the sex trade.

The warning comes after a joint operation by Challenging Heights and the Ghana Police Service resulted in the rescue of 47 victims of sexual exploitation from six communities near Goaso in the Ahafo Region.

Of the rescued victims, 26 were placed under the care of Challenging Heights for rehabilitation and recovery. Sixteen of those handed over to the organisation were identified as minors.

Although a significant number of the victims were foreign nationals, particularly Nigerians, the organisation says Ghanaian girls are now becoming increasingly vulnerable to recruitment into prostitution in mining areas.

James Kofi Annan, founder of Challenging Heights, told Citi News that the situation reflects a growing pattern of child exploitation in mining communities.

“We are now seeing an active recruitment of Ghanaians, Ghanaian girls, into the sex trade in the mining communities..”

“We are also seeing a worrying trend of babies being affected by this sexual exploitation and forced prostitution in the mining [communities],” he added.

Mr Annan urged the Ghana Police Service to step up investigations and operations against human trafficking and sexual exploitation, particularly in areas identified

as hotspots.

He further appealed to the Ghana Immigration Service to tighten border surveillance and controls to prevent traffickers from transporting victims across Ghana’s borders.



Girls trafficked into sex trade

‘I faced those who openly insisted that there’s no galamsey going on’ – Prof Gyampo

Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers’ Authority, Professor Ransford Gyampo, has rejected suggestions that his stance against illegal mining, popularly known as galamsey, has shifted.

Prof Gyampo, who is also a Political Science professor at the University of Ghana, said videos circulating online featuring his previous and recent remarks on illegal mining should not be interpreted as evidence of a change in his position.

Recounting his advocacy against the practice, he said he had confronted authorities who allegedly admitted that they were hesitant to tackle galamsey for fear of losing electoral support.

“I faced those who openly insisted that there’s no galamsey going on. I faced

those who sought to attack me for what I stood for,” he said.

According to him, efforts were also made to undermine the group he led through the creation of splinter organisations. He further alleged that some group leaders were offered bribes to stop raising concerns about illegal mining.

Prof Gyampo said his campaign against galamsey had also exposed him to death threats and defamatory publications. He added that some ministers declined invitations to participate in discussions on the issue.

Despite these challenges, he maintained that his position had remained consistent, stressing that he had never suggested that the galamsey problem had been completely resolved.

“I have never said galamsey

has been dealt with fully and I have never shied away from calling for more to be done in addressing the menace,” he said.

Prof Gyampo further

described illegal mining as an existential threat and called for more radical measures to confront the problem.



Ghana Shippers’ Authority CEO, Professor Ransford Gyampo



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2027 AFCON Qualifiers: Ghana to host home games at Accra Sports Stadium after CAF approval

Ghana's Accra Sports Stadium has been cleared by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) to host international matches, paving the way for the Black Stars to return to their traditional home for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

The approval follows months of renovation work by the National Sports Authority (NSA), which has been working to bring the stadium back in line with CAF's requirements after it previously lost its certification.

Ghana will now host Gambia at the Accra Sports Stadium on 27 September in their first home match of the 2027 AFCON qualifying campaign.

The Black Stars will travel to Ivory Coast three days earlier for their opening Group C fixture before returning to Accra to face Gambia.

The stadium's return to CAF's approved list ends a period of uncertainty over Ghana's ability to stage major international matches at the venue.

The facility had struggled to meet CAF and FIFA standards in recent years, forcing the national team to consider alternative venues for some of its fixtures.

Concerns over the stadium's condition remained even as renovation work was under way.

Earlier this month, Berekum West MP Dickson Kyere-Duah described the facility as a "death trap", underscoring the wider concerns about the state of Ghana's sporting infrastructure. CAF's approval could also provide a solution for other African countries that do not currently have stadiums meeting international standards.

Niger will use the Accra Sports Stadium as its home venue during the 2027 AFCON qualifiers after securing permission from Ghana. The country is in Group A alongside Morocco, Gabon and Lesotho.

Somalia has also formally approached the NSA for permission to use the stadium for its home matches.

Somalia is in Group C alongside Ghana, Ivory Coast and Gabon, meaning the Accra Sports Stadium could host several matches involving teams from Ghana's qualifying group.

The top two teams from each qualifying group will qualify for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations, which will be jointly hosted by Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

from 19 June to 17 July 2027.

For Ghana, the return of the Accra Sports Stadium offers the Black Stars a familiar home setting as they begin their bid to reach the tournament after missing the 2025 AFCON in Morocco.



Accra Sports Stadium

2027 AFCON Qualifiers: Kudus could miss Côte d'Ivoire and The Gambia games

Tottenham Hotspur head coach Roberto De Zerbi has cast doubt over Mohammed Kudus' readiness for Ghana's upcoming 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers, revealing that the midfielder is still working his way back to full fitness after a lengthy injury lay-off.

Kudus made his return to action late last month, coming off the bench against Newcastle United for his first appearance since suffering an injury in January 2026. The Ghana international has since featured as a substitute in matches against Nottingham Forest and Everton.

Despite his gradual return, De Zerbi believes the 25-year-old is not yet at his optimum physical level.

Speaking ahead of Tottenham's Carabao Cup

clash with Liverpool, the Italian coach named Kudus among several players still regaining full fitness.

"Mat Fernandez, Connor Gallagher and Kudus are not in the best condition yet," De Zerbi said.

The Spurs manager also highlighted Kudus' versatility, suggesting the former Ajax and West Ham United midfielder could be deployed in a more advanced role.

"Kudus can play number 10, more offensive. The idea is to use the characteristics of the players in the first eleven," he added.

Kudus has not featured for Ghana since sustaining the injury that ruled him out of the Black Stars' 2026 FIFA World Cup campaign. His absence was a major setback for Ghana, who exited the tournament in the Round of 32.

The midfielder is expected to be considered for Ghana's

AFCON 2027 qualifying matches against Côte d'Ivoire and The Gambia later this month. However, his chances of making Carlos Queiroz's

squad could depend on whether he can prove his fitness in the coming weeks.



Ghana's midfielder, Mohammed Kudus

CAF Confederation Cup prelims: ‘I am not a magician’ - Nations FC coach Zdravko Logarušić after elimination

Nations FC head coach Zdravko Logarušić says he is “not a magician” after his side’s debut CAF Confederation Cup campaign ended at the preliminary stage.

The Ghana FA Cup holders were eliminated following a 1-1 draw against Mali’s FC Diarra in the second leg of their tie at the Accra Sports Stadium on Sunday.

Having suffered a 1-0 defeat in the first leg in Bamako, Nations FC bowed out of the competition 2-1 on aggregate, bringing their maiden continental adventure to an early conclusion.

Speaking after the match, Logarušić pointed to major changes within his squad and the unavailability of key signings as factors behind the team’s struggles.

“I am not a magician, I am just a coach,” the Croatian said.

“A lot of players left the club and a lot of players came. Our five top signings could not play the game.

“Korsah had to play as a central defender and we had to make other changes. We are a bit disorganised.”

The result extends a difficult period for the Abrankese-based club, who were relegated from the Ghana Premier League at the end of the 2025/26 season despite lifting the MTN FA Cup.

With their continental campaign now over, Nations FC will shift their focus to life in the Division One League, where Logarušić and his players will be aiming to secure an immediate return to Ghana’s top flight.



Nations FC head coach Zdravko Logarušić

ENTERTIANMENT

40-year-old Lady Gaga welcomes first child with Fiancé

American singer and actress, Lady Gaga has reportedly welcomed her first child with her fiancé, businessman, Michael Polansky at age 40.

The couple were reportedly spotted in Northern California, with Gaga seen holding their newborn, according to Page Six.

Gaga, whose real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, started dating Polansky in 2020. The couple got engaged in 2024.

The couple have not yet revealed details about the baby, including the name, gender or date of birth.

Gaga has previously spoken about her desire to become a mother.

In a YouTube video in December 2019, she spoke about her plans

for the future and said she hoped to have children.

“I want to do more movies, I want to have babies,” she said at

the time.

The reported arrival of her first child marks a new chapter in Gaga’s personal life as she

continues her successful career in music and film.



Lady Gaga and her partner Michael Polansky

I’m afraid of becoming a single mother or just a ‘baby mama’ – Sista Afia



Ghanaian singer Sista Afia

Ghanaian singer Sista Afia has opened up about her fears surrounding motherhood and the possibility of raising a child without a committed partner.

In a social media post on Monday, September 14, the singer said she is not afraid of becoming a mother but is concerned

about becoming a single mother or a “baby mama”. She said her desire is to build a loving home and family, rather than simply have a child without the love and commitment she has always envisioned.

“Seeing how many single mothers there are in this generation honestly scares me. I’m not afraid of motherhood, but I’m

afraid of becoming a single mother or just a “baby mama” without the love, commitment, and family I always envisioned.

“I want to build a home, not just have a child. And honestly, that fear scares the hell out of me,” her post read.

Meanwhile, Sista Afia recently revealed that she is single and is

currently not in any relationship. Her comments about single mothers come amid rising concerns about relationships, marriage and raising children in an era where single-parent households are increasingly visible.

“I didn’t struggle entering Ghana’s music industry because my father provided everything I needed” — Reggie Rockstone



Ghanaian music legend, Reggie Rockstone

Ghanaian music legend Reggie Rockstone has revealed that he did not face the usual struggles associated with breaking into Ghana’s music industry because of the support he received from his father.

Speaking during an

interview with Nana Aba Anamoah, the Grandpapa of Hiplife explained that his father was proud of him and made sure he had the necessary support and resources to pursue his ambitions. According to Reggie, his father provided virtually everything he needed, meaning he did not have to struggle financially or fight his way into the music fraternity in the manner many aspiring

artistes experience.

“I didn’t struggle entering Ghana’s music industry because my father provided everything I needed,” Reggie Rockstone stated.

He explained that his father’s support gave him a solid foundation as he pursued music and established himself within Ghana’s

emerging music scene.

Reggie also noted that his father was proud of him as a son and supported his aspirations, making it possible for him to concentrate on his creative journey without some of the financial difficulties that often confront young artistes.



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