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‘Neither East nor West, but forward together’ – Ghana’s President renews Nkrumah’s foreign policy vision

Ghana has renewed its commitment to the foreign-policy principles championed by its first President, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, calling for a world order where nations can pursue their interests without being drawn into competing geopolitical blocs.

Speaking in Belgrade, 65 years after the historic conference that gave birth to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Ghana’s President John Dramani Mahama said Nkrumah’s vision of an independent foreign policy remains relevant in today’s increasingly fragmented world.

Nkrumah was among the prominent leaders who gave political expression to the Non-Aligned Movement at the 1961 Belgrade Conference, alongside Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and Indonesian President Sukarno.

President Mahama recalled Nkrumah’s conviction that independence should go beyond political freedom and include the

ability of nations to make their own decisions on international affairs.

In articulating that position, Nkrumah declared “we neither face east or west, we face forward”.

Mahama said that principle shaped its decision not to become aligned with either side of the Cold War rivalry, but instead to pursue peace, sovereignty and the right of nations to determine their own destinies.

“We want to be friends of all and enemies to none,” President Mahama said, reaffirming the approach associated with Nkrumah’s foreign policy.

President Mahama, however, said the meaning of non-alignment has evolved since the Cold War.

Mahama pointed to renewed geopolitical competition, economic vulnerabilities, unequal access to finance and technology, climate change and the limited representation of developing countries in global decision-making as modern pressures threatening the strategic autonomy of the Global South.

Mahama therefore argued that non-alignment should not be interpreted as passivity. Instead, it should involve active engagement and collective action by developing countries to influence global affairs.

“In an increasingly fragmented and multipolar world, the non-aligned movement must preserve its strategic autonomy and resist the pressures of the politics of power blocs,” Mahama said.

President Mahama added that NAM must neither become a silent observer of global events nor an instrument of competing geopolitical interests, but should serve as an independent collective voice for peace, dialogue, disarmament, development and justice.

Mahama also stressed that non-alignment cannot mean neutrality when countries face injustice, conflict or violations of international law.

According to Mahama, the movement remains relevant because of its potential to advance the interests of the Global South and push for a fairer international economic

order.

Sixty-five years after the first Belgrade Conference, Mahama said its direction remains unchanged.

“Neither East nor West, but forward together,” Mahama declared, invoking Nkrumah’s philosophy while calling on NAM members to turn their collective strength into practical action for their people.



President John Dramani Mahama

Justice Achibonga gives Atta-Akyea one more day to conclude cross-examination in Adu Boahene trial

The Accra High Court has granted counsel for the accused persons in the trial of former National Signals Bureau (NSB) Director-General, Kwabena Adu-Boahene, an additional day to complete the cross-examination of the fourth prosecution witness.

The court, presided over by Justice Francis Apangabuno Achibonga, granted the request after defence counsel Samuel Atta Akyea and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Justice Srem-Sai approached the bench at the close of proceedings on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, seeking more time.

In granting the request, the court noted that counsel had previously been given several extensions to conclude the cross-examination.

Cross-examination focuses on bank accounts

Mr Atta Akyea continued his questioning of Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) investigator Frank Marshall Cromwell, with particular focus on bank accounts operated by the National Security Coordinator and the then Bureau of National Communications (BNC), now known as the NSB.

The witness told the court that investigations established that the National Security Coordinator wrote to Fidelity Bank in 2017 to facilitate the opening of an operational account for the BNC.

He said the Coordinator was listed as a co-signatory to the account

alongside the then Director of the BNC.

Mr Cromwell further testified that BNC Communications Bureau Limited opened accounts with UMB in 2018 and 2020.

He said investigations did not uncover any letter from the National Security Coordinator authorising the opening of the accounts, unlike the Fidelity Bank account.

According to the witness, the private company had the first and second accused persons as directors. He added that the second accused denied knowledge of the company when questioned by investigators.

Three cheques questioned

The defence counsel also questioned Mr Cromwell about three cheques amounting to GH¢27.1 million, GH¢1 million and GH¢21 million drawn on the Fidelity Bank account.

The witness said investigators did not find request memoranda, payment vouchers or other supporting documents authorising the issuance of the cheques.

He told the court that the Head of Finance of the NSB, Edith Adumua Opokua, informed investigators that the first accused had instructed her to prepare the cheques.

However, Mr Cromwell said he could not identify any specific request made to the NSB that

supported the issuance of the documents.

When asked whether he could determine from any authorising document the purpose for which the three cheques were issued, the witness responded in the negative.

“No my Lord. Because no such document came into our possession during our investigation,” he said.

Questions over account transactions

Mr Atta Akyea also scrutinised transactions in the National Security Coordinator’s Fidelity Bank account.

Mr Cromwell acknowledged that the account recorded numerous transactions, including cash deposits and withdrawals, but said he could not establish whether cash transactions constituted the dominant activity on the account.

He further admitted that investigators had not conducted a correlation between deposits and withdrawals in some of the accounts under investigation.

When asked whether investigators had examined why private individuals deposited funds into an account described as a public account, the witness maintained that there was nothing unusual about the account.

He explained that the account was considered a public account because it was opened at the instruction of the National Security Coordinator, who was also a co-signatory.

The witness also admitted that investigators had not established whether funds deposited by private individuals into the National Security account, including monies from accounts linked to the accused persons, were subsequently refunded.

He further said there were no outstanding advances requiring reconciliation in relation to the transactions.

The court has adjourned the case to September 2, 2026, for the continuation of the cross-examination.



NEDCo cut losses by 54% from GH¢650.75m to GH¢300.46m in 2025 — SIGA report



Board Chairman NEDCo, Cletus Seidu Dapilah (MP)

Board Chairman of the Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo), Cletus Seidu Dapilah, has defended the latest State Interests and Governance Authority (SIGA) report, saying it reflects growing accountability and improved management of state-owned enterprises.

Speaking on TV3’s New Day, Mr Dapilah, who is also the Member of Parliament for Jirapa said the days when managers of state-owned enterprises could oversee losses without being held accountable should be over.

“I am happy about this report because gone are the days when people used to manage state-owned enterprises, whether they incur losses or profit; nobody cared about it,” he said.

According to him, Chief Executive Officers, board chairpersons and board members of state institutions must recognise that they have a responsibility to the Ghanaian people and must work to deliver on their mandates.

He commended SIGA, particularly under the leadership of Professor

John B. White, for enforcing compliance requirements among state-owned institutions.

“SIGA has done so well, fared well under the leadership of Professor White. In fact, he’s been so critical about state-owned agencies in terms of compliance,” Mr Dapilah said. He explained that state-owned enterprises were now required to properly organise and audit their accounts, sign performance contracts and hold annual general meetings as part of measures to strengthen governance and accountability.

“There are indicators that every state agency must comply, and I’m happy under Professor White, no state agency actually takes this for granted,” he added.

Mr Dapilah cited NEDCo’s financial performance as an example of what he described as significant improvement in the management of state-owned enterprises, despite the company still recording a loss.

He said NEDCo’s net loss fell from GH¢650.75 million in 2024 to GH¢300.46 million in 2025, representing a 54 percent reduction in the loss. “In 2024, NEDCo recorded a net loss of GH¢650.75 million. In 2025, we recorded a net loss of GH¢300.46 million. That

is 54 percent improvement. That’s fantastic,” he said.

Mr Dapilah argued that the performance of state-owned enterprises should not be judged solely by whether they recorded profits or losses, but also by the extent to which they were reducing losses and improving their operations.

He attributed such improvements to effective leadership and prudent management, stressing that heads of state institutions must remain focused on fulfilling the mandates for which they were appointed.

“So, it also boils down to leadership. It boils down to prudent management of these organisations,” he said.

The NEDCo Board Chairman also supported the Finance Ministry’s requirement for state-owned enterprises to obtain approval before undertaking major financial commitments, including loans and other facilities.

He acknowledged that some state institutions had complained about the measure but argued that it was necessary to protect the country’s finances and strengthen checks and balances.

“I think, see, somebody must watch somebody. This ensures checks and balances,”

Mr Dapilah said.

He explained that when state-owned enterprises contract financial obligations and subsequently fail to repay them, the burden can ultimately fall on the government and become part of the country’s fiscal obligations.

“You take a facility, you are not able to pay, then at the end of the day, it is in the books of Government of Ghana, and that cannot be allowed to continue,” he said.

Mr Dapilah further praised SIGA and its leadership for ensuring that managers of state-owned enterprises remain accountable and responsive to their responsibilities.

“This is accountability. This is what we call good governance, and I am so happy about this report,” he said

He urged stakeholders to assess the SIGA report objectively, arguing that even among institutions that recorded losses, there were cases of significant improvement that should not be overlooked.

‘You become the nation’s steady hand when you report truthfully during tension’ – National Security, media renew vows



National Security Coordinator, COP Abdul-Osman Razak

The National Security Coordinator, COP Abdul-Osman Razak, has urged journalists to uphold responsible journalism by verifying information, ensuring fair and balanced reporting, and prioritising accountability over sensationalism to help protect the peace and security of the country.

Addressing journalists at a capacity training workshop organised by the Private Newspapers and Online News Publishers Association of Ghana (PRINPAG) in Accra, COP Abdul-Osman said responsible journalism was particularly important because the media formed part of the country’s security architecture and served as an important source of open-source intelligence for the intelligence community.

According to the National Security Coordinator, the country’s security institutions were concerned about media reportage because a free and responsible press could contribute significantly to national security.

He said accurate and

responsible reporting, particularly during periods of tension, could help calm the public and prevent misinformation from escalating into conflict.

“This is because when the press reports truthfully in moments of tension, it becomes the nation’s steady hand,” he added.

COP Abdul-Osman urged journalists to ensure that their reports informed the public, exposed wrongdoing without inflaming tensions or putting lives at risk, and held authorities accountable without weakening the institutions they sought to strengthen.

“Responsible journalism is built on verified truth, represents all stakeholders fairly, and emphasises accountability over sensationalism. This type of journalism informs without provoking, exposes wrongdoing without risking lives, and holds authority accountable without weakening the very institutions we intend to entrench and empower. We are just saying, do it responsibly,” he said.

The National Security

Coordinator stressed that the information space was as critical to national security as Ghana’s borders, airspace and territorial waters, making responsible journalism an essential component of the country’s security architecture.

“Why should the National Security Council concern itself with this? It has to because the information space is as much a part of the nation’s security terrain as the borders, the airspace and waters,” he stated.

Democracy and national security

COP Abdul-Osman described Ghana’s democratic stability as a major national asset that must be protected, particularly as several countries in the region continue to face security challenges.

“If Ghana’s democracy remains outstanding in a region of coups, it is in no small measure because at decisive moments the press has chosen responsibility,” he said.

The National Security Coordinator explained that the security services employed both kinetic and non-kinetic approaches to deal with

threats, educate the public and engage communities to address vulnerabilities that could be exploited by extremist groups.

He also urged journalists to exercise caution when reporting on sensitive matters involving religion and ethnicity, warning that extremist groups could exploit grievances and perceptions of discrimination or unfair treatment as recruitment tools.

According to him, extremist groups could initially portray themselves as philanthropists by providing social amenities such as schools and hospitals before seeking support for their wider agendas.

He consequently encouraged journalists to regard security personnel as partners in national development while continuing to perform their watchdog role and hold security institutions accountable.

He therefore offered to strengthen collaboration between the security agencies and the media through regular training programmes and sustained engagements.

‘Correct misinformation visibly, quickly with same prominence’ — Cyber Security Authority Boss urges media



Director-General of the Cyber Security Authority (CSA), Divine Selase Agbeti

The Director-General of the Cyber Security Authority (CSA), Divine Selase Agbeti, has urged media organisations to correct misinformation promptly and with the same level of prominence given to the original inaccurate report.

He said responsible journalism in Ghana’s increasingly volatile information environment required newsrooms to prioritise accuracy, context and sound professional judgment, particularly when reporting on national security, communal conflicts and public emergencies.

Mr Agbeti made the call on Sunday, August 30, 2026, when he delivered the keynote closing remarks at a two-day residential training workshop for members of the Private Newspapers and Online News Publishers Association of Ghana (PRINPAG) at the Platinum Bay Hotel, Abokobi. The workshop, held on the theme “Media as a Strategic Partner in National Security,” examined issues including Ghana’s national security architecture, emerging threats, communal conflicts, strategic communication, cybercrime, information warfare, press freedom, ethics and the legal framework governing security and intelligence.

Mr Agbeti said national security should not be regarded as the sole responsibility of security agencies, stressing that the media had an important role to play in protecting national stability. “The central message of this workshop is simple: national security is not the exclusive responsibility of the security agencies. It is a shared national duty. The media is not a spectator in that effort. It is a strategic partner,” he said.

He stressed, however, that such a partnership should not compromise the independence of the media or prevent journalists from

holding public institutions accountable.

According to him, a professional and independent media strengthens national security by exposing wrongdoing, challenging false information and providing citizens with credible information.

He warned that irresponsible reporting could have serious consequences, particularly in the digital age where misleading content can spread rapidly. “A misleading headline can spread across the country in minutes. An unverified video can trigger fear, inflame communal tensions, or damage public confidence,” he cautioned.

He added that reports containing sensitive operational information could compromise investigations or put lives and critical infrastructure at risk, while carefully verified journalism could help authorities respond effectively to emerging threats. Cyber threats to media

Mr Agbeti said the rapid evolution of the digital environment had created additional risks for journalists and news organisations, with cybercriminals and hostile actors increasingly exploiting fear, urgency and public trust. He noted that techniques such as impersonation, compromised accounts, manipulated images, synthetic audio and coordinated disinformation were being used to deceive the public and influence public discourse. “Journalists and newsrooms are both targets and potential force multipliers. When a journalist’s account is compromised, the attacker gains access not only to data but also to credibility and an audience,” he said.

He therefore called for cybersecurity to become an

integral part of newsroom operations, rather than being treated solely as a technical issue.

He recommended the use of strong and unique passwords, multi-factor authentication, regular software updates, secure backups, verification of links and attachments, proper access controls and clear incident-response procedures. Mr Agbeti also stressed the need for news organisations to protect sources and sensitive materials while ensuring that staff knew how and where to report cyber incidents.

Five commitments

The CSA Director-General proposed five practical commitments for media organisations emerging from the workshop. The first, he said, should be for journalists to verify information before amplifying it, particularly content relating to security incidents, communal conflicts and public emergencies. He urged newsrooms to independently verify such information, use geolocation where possible and cross-check reports against credible official and community sources. The second commitment, he said, should be to protect operations and people by avoiding the publication of tactical positions, identities of protected persons and sensitive investigative details that could assist criminals or hostile actors. He also called on PRINPAG members to build cyber-resilient newsrooms by appointing cybersecurity focal persons, conducting regular staff training, securing official accounts and establishing procedures for incident escalation, recovery and public correction.

On misinformation, Mr Agbeti said news organisations had a responsibility to ensure that corrections were clearly visible and reached audiences who had encountered the original inaccurate information. “Corrections should be given sufficient prominence to reach the same audiences exposed to the original error. Responsible journalism is demonstrated not by never making a mistake, but by responding transparently when one occurs,” he said. He further encouraged PRINPAG and the security agencies to maintain structured engagement through regular briefings, awareness programmes, incident-reporting guidance

and practical exchanges.

“Trust is built before a crisis, not during one,” he stated.

Call for newsroom protocol Mr Agbeti urged PRINPAG to develop a concise newsroom protocol covering national security and cyber incident reporting. He said the protocol should protect editorial independence while establishing clear standards for verification, handling sensitive information, source protection, corrections and engagement with relevant authorities. “The true value of this workshop will be measured by what changes in our newsrooms after today,” he said. He also called on security institutions to reciprocate the media’s commitment by providing timely and accurate information.

According to him, journalists could not be expected to report responsibly when credible information was unnecessarily delayed or when official communication was inconsistent.

“Classification must never serve as a convenient shield against accountability. When information cannot be released, the reasons should be explained as far as the law and operational realities permit,” he said. Mr Agbeti said Ghana’s national security would increasingly depend on the ability of institutions and citizens to protect both physical and information spaces.

He described the media’s role in helping citizens distinguish facts from manipulation, legitimate scrutiny from reckless speculation and the public interest from harmful exposure as indispensable to democracy and national stability.

He proposed a renewed partnership in which security institutions engage the media with openness and respect, while journalists exercise their freedoms with professionalism and responsibility. He reaffirmed the CSA’s readiness to collaborate with PRINPAG and the wider media community to build safer newsrooms, better-informed citizens and a more secure digital environment. “The workshop may be closing, but the partnership it has strengthened must now begin its most important phase: implementation,” Mr Agbeti said.

Rent Control Boss accuses BoG of ‘dilly-dallying’ in rent dollarisation fight



Acting Rent Commissioner Frederick Opoku says the Bank of Ghana has failed to respond to efforts by the Rent Control Department to collaborate on tackling the practice of charging rent in US dollars.

Mr Opoku said he personally approached the central bank shortly after taking office to explore how both institutions could work together to address the dollarisation of rent in Ghana.

According to him, the Rent Control Department wanted to combine its enforcement efforts with the Bank of Ghana’s regulatory role to deal with the practice, which has become a concern for tenants who earn their incomes in cedis.

Speaking in an interview with Accra FM on September 1, 2026, Mr Opoku said he visited the Bank of Ghana

about three months after assuming office and proposed a joint approach to the issue.

“When I took over, one of the areas I said rent control could assist the Bank of Ghana in addressing was the dollarisation of rent,” he stated.

He said the engagement was based on directives previously issued by the Bank of Ghana regarding the use of foreign currency in domestic transactions.

Mr Opoku said his office subsequently sought further engagement with the central bank but had not received a response to its correspondence or proposal. “Have they even responded to our letter or proposal after we wrote to them?” he asked.

Rent Control seeks stronger enforcement

The Acting Rent Commissioner said the proposed collaboration was intended to strengthen efforts on the

ground, particularly because the Rent Control Department has limited resources to tackle the problem on its own.

He said the department’s task force could work with relevant institutions to identify and address cases where landlords or property managers demand rent in foreign currency.

Mr Opoku’s comments highlight a gap between monetary regulations on the use of foreign currency and the practical enforcement of rent-related rules, particularly in Ghana’s major urban housing markets.

The issue is significant because many landlords and agents continue to advertise or demand rent in US dollars, especially for higher-end properties, while most tenants earn their income in Ghana cedis.

Immigration Service responds

Mr Opoku said the Bank of Ghana was not the only institution his office had approached for collaboration. He said several state

institutions had shown little interest in working with the Rent Control Department, although the Ghana Immigration Service had responded positively.

“I’m being frank with you. I did this to test the pulse of the institutions because I’m limited as rent control,” he intimated.

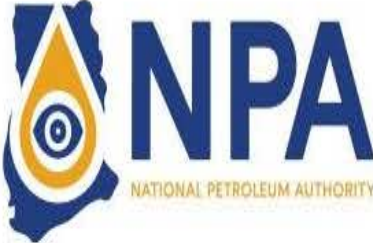
He said he had met the leadership of the Ghana Immigration Service and that arrangements were being made for the two institutions to work together.

“The one who did well was Immigration,” he stressed.

The Acting Rent Commissioner said stronger cooperation among state institutions would be necessary if Ghana is to effectively address persistent problems in the rental sector, including the use of foreign currency for rent payments.

PETROLEUM PRICE INDICATORS

(As of 28th August, 2026)

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FX Rate (Commercial Banks Average) (USD/GHS)	11.3697	11.4100	-0.35%
Crude Oil (USD/BBL)	92.11	90.40	-1.86%
Petrol (USD/MT)	1,126.59	1,223.44	8.60%
Gasoil (USD/MT)	1,319.11	1,287.88	-2.37%
LPG (USD/MT)	616.39	661.00	7.24%
Jet/Kerosene (USD/MT)	1,310.55	1,326.71	1.23%
Fuel Oil (USD/MT)	550.43	536.94	-2.45%
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Note: "Oil prices settled lower on Friday, also down for the week as traders evaluated hints about the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank's inflation-fighting policy and rumors of a possible agreement on shipping through the Strait of Hormuz." - Reuters

“I won’t disgrace a seat once held by J.B. Danquah” – Afenyo-Markin fires back at audio blackmail claims

Minority Leader and MP for Effutu Constituency, Osahen Alexander Afenyo-Markin, has refuted allegations that he uses his office for extortion, dismissing claims that compromising videos or audio recordings of him could embarrass him, his family, or the party amid the ongoing GoldBod controversy.

Speaking to the media after the Asafo Company from Effutu paid a solidarity visit to him at his residence in Accra, the embattled Minority Leader said he will not disgrace a seat that was once held by some of the party’s most respected figures.

“I sit on a seat that J.B. Danquah sat on, that J.H. Mensah sat on, that Busia, Dombo, Kyei Mensah-Bonsu, Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu occupied. I don’t take the NPP for granted. It’s a traditional respect. The elders of this party did not just get up to say, ‘our son, lead the caucus.’ From day one, they entrusted me with this position,” he said.

He said he has always been conscious of the historical weight attached to the office he occupies, insisting that despite his imperfections, he

would not act recklessly while leading the Minority caucus. “I have always acknowledged that weight of history to do what is right. I’m not a perfect guy, but I won’t be reckless. I know what I have to do,” he added.

Audio and video blackmail

Mr Afenyo-Markin addressed growing claims on social media that videos or audio recordings exist that could implicate him in wrongdoing tied to the GoldBod controversy, stating emphatically that no such material exists.

“Some people are playing games on social media. Nobody has any video of me doing anything. Nobody has any audio of me doing anything to embarrass myself, my family and the party. There’s nothing like that anywhere,” he intimated.

He acknowledged, however, that as a public figure, he remains exposed to such attacks and has come to accept it as part of the political machinations. “It’s a social media era. So as a politician, I have to accept some of these things. It will come my way,” he said. GoldBod criticism not

personal The Minority Leader maintained that the ongoing scrutiny of GoldBod’s operations by the Minority in Parliament was not targeted at any individual, but rather formed part of the caucus’s legitimate oversight responsibility following a report on the state of the country’s gold trade by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). “We are not accusing anybody. What we are doing is exercising our oversight. We were served with a report, and the finance team in the caucus analysed it and felt we needed to act on it as part of our parliamentary oversight,” he stated.

Parliamentary probe



Minority Leader, Osahen Alexander Afenyo Markin

‘Complete falsehood’ – Dr Srem-Sai rejects OSP claim of AG collaboration snub

The claim by the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP) that the Attorney-General’s Office has repeatedly rejected requests to collaborate on cases is “completely false”, Deputy Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Dr Justice Srem-Sai, has said.

His response follows comments by the OSP’s Director of Strategy, Research and Communications, Samuel Appiah Darko, who said the OSP had on several occasions approached the Attorney-General’s Office to collaborate on cases but had been turned down.

Darko made the claim on JoyNews’ Newsfile on Saturday, August 29, while addressing concerns about the relationship between the OSP and the Attorney-General’s Office.

He said although the OSP generally had a good working relationship with the Attorney-

General and other stakeholders, there had been instances where requests for case-specific collaboration were rejected.

However, speaking to the media in Accra on Monday, August 31, Dr Srem-Sai said no such request had been made to the current Attorney-General since the government assumed office.

“I do not think there’s any situation where they have approached us to collaborate on anything. And like I said, he didn’t just say one. He said they’ve approached the AG several times on some big issues, and there were ten now. Complete falsehood,” he said.

Dr Srem-Sai argued that the Attorney-General’s Office is the lead law enforcement institution and that the OSP and other agencies operate within a legal framework that places them under its oversight.

“We are the lead law enforcement agencies. OSP and all the other

agencies are under us. And recently, the Supreme Court held that they are supposed to be accountable to us because they are using our power,” he said.

Dr Srem-Sai further noted that the claim could be based on engagements involving a previous

Attorney-General, rather than the current administration. He said since the current government assumed office, he was not aware of any instance in which the OSP had approached the Attorney-General’s Office to collaborate on a matter.



Deputy Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Dr Justice Srem-Sai



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Over 6,000 phone numbers linked to scams as 50% traced to TikTok – TrustGH



TrustGH, a scam verification and reporting platform, has identified more than 6,000 telephone numbers associated with suspected fraudulent activity through community reports and open-source intelligence (OSINT) investigations.

The platform said the findings, compiled by its team of certified cybersecurity professionals, point to an evolving digital fraud landscape in Ghana, with threat actors increasingly using social media platforms, messaging applications, online business directories, telecommunications channels and fraudulent websites to target individuals and businesses.

According to TrustGH, approximately 50% of the reported scam numbers are linked to TikTok, making the platform the largest identified source of reported scam activity in its database.

SMS and WhatsApp also account for a significant proportion of reported cases, while other scam indicators have been traced to Facebook, Google Business Profiles, telephone calls and fake websites.

Social engineering drives scams

TrustGH said many of the schemes identified through its investigations rely heavily on social engineering rather than sophisticated technical exploitation.

The platform explained that threat actors often impersonate trusted individuals or organisations to establish credibility before manipulating victims into transferring money or disclosing sensitive information.

Fraudsters may pose as bank officials, government representatives, company executives, police officers, financial agents, recruitment officers or legitimate business owners.

Once trust has been established, victims may be pressured to make payments, disclose one-time passwords (OTPs), provide Mobile Money credentials or reveal other sensitive information.

TrustGH said these tactics can result in financial losses or account compromise without the attacker necessarily gaining direct technical access

to the victim’s device.

Mobile Money remains primary target

More than 90% of the reported scam cases analysed by TrustGH involved attempts to obtain Mobile Money payments or gain unauthorised access to victims’ Mobile Money accounts.

The platform identified several recurring categories of threats, including Mobile Money fraud, financial impersonation, fake online sellers, fraudulent Google Business Profiles, fake recruitment schemes, prize and lottery scams, social media fraud, suspicious callers and phishing-related account takeover attempts.

In phishing and account takeover schemes, threat actors attempt to obtain authentication credentials, OTPs, passwords or other information that could facilitate unauthorised access to victims’ accounts.

TrustGH said the high proportion of Mobile Money-related incidents was a significant cybersecurity concern given the widespread use of mobile financial services in Ghana.

Fake business profiles exploited

The platform also identified a growing pattern involving the abuse of legitimate business identities.

According to TrustGH, threat actors create fraudulent social media accounts, advertisements and Google Business Profiles that closely imitate genuine companies. These fraudulent profiles may replicate legitimate business names, logos, locations and other publicly available information to create an appearance of authenticity. TikTok emerges as major source of scam indicators

TrustGH said the finding that approximately half of the reported numbers were associated with TikTok highlighted the increasing role of social media in the fraud ecosystem.

Threat actors can use social platforms to establish fraudulent identities, advertise fake products or services and reach large numbers of potential victims. Communication

may subsequently move to WhatsApp, SMS or telephone calls, where social-engineering techniques are used to complete the fraud.

The platform said this creates a multi-channel attack chain in which several platforms may be used at different stages of the same scam.

Collaboration with cybersecurity, police authorities

TrustGH said it is a licensed platform that works closely with the Cybersecurity Authority and the Cyber Crime Unit of the Ghana Police Service to combat scam activity and support investigations involving reported numbers.

The platform has urged members of the public to verify and report suspicious numbers through TrustGH.com.

SOEs swing from GHS2.25bn loss in 2024 to GHS19.8bn profit in 2025 – SIGA

Ghana’s State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) recorded a net profit of GHS19.8 billion in 2025, marking a sharp turnaround from the GHS2.25 billion net loss recorded in 2024.

The latest performance represents a significant reversal after the SOEs recorded losses for four consecutive years up to 2024. The figures were disclosed by the Minister of State in charge of Government Communications, Felix Kwakye Ofosu, in a social media post on Monday, August 31, citing data from the State Interests and Governance Authority (SIGA).

“The State Interest and Governance Authority (SIGA) reports that in 2024, Ghana’s SOEs recorded a total net loss of GHS 2.25 billion,” he wrote

in a social media post on Monday, August 31. The SOEs also recorded a significant increase in revenue in 2025, rising from GHS137.64 billion in 2024 to GHS176.43 billion. According to the figures, the

increase represents a 28.12 per cent growth in revenue over the period. The strong financial performance in 2025 also marks a major improvement from the years of consecutive losses recorded by the state-owned enterprises.

The figures come amid renewed efforts to improve the financial performance, governance and efficiency of Ghana’s state-owned enterprises.



Director-General of the State Interests and Governance Authority (SIGA), Prof Michael Kpessa-Whyte

NPA surplus jumps 76% to GH¢447million as revenue surges in 2025

The National Petroleum Authority (NPA), under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Godwin Edudzi Tameklo has recorded a strong improvement in its financial performance in 2025, with total revenue increasing by 43.09% to GH¢819.50 million from GH¢572.71 million in 2024.

The growth in revenue was accompanied by a substantial rise in the Authority’s surplus, which increased by 75.89% to GH¢447.19 million, compared with GH¢254.24 million recorded a year earlier.

The figures, contained in the 2025 State Ownership Report, reflect stronger revenue mobilisation and improved returns from the NPA’s financial investments.

Internally Generated Funds (IGF) remained a major contributor to the Authority’s performance, rising by 38.40% from GH¢431 million in 2024 to GH¢596.50 million in 2025.

Finance income recorded the most significant growth among the NPA’s revenue streams, surging by 332.11% from GH¢17.35 million to GH¢74.99 million. The report attributed the increase to improved returns on investments and treasury management activities, indicating that investment income played a growing role in boosting the Authority’s financial position.

Other income also increased during the period, rising by 19.22% from GH¢127.29 million in 2024 to GH¢151.76 million in 2025.

Although the NPA’s expenditure increased, the pace of growth was considerably lower than that of revenue. Administrative expenses rose by 17.61% to GH¢354.86 million in 2025, from GH¢301.73 million the previous year, reflecting the expanded scope of the Authority’s regulatory, administrative and

institutional activities. Operating expenses increased by 4.15%, from GH¢16.30 million to GH¢17.32 million, while finance costs edged up by 22.25%, from GH¢0.11 million to GH¢0.13 million.

The stronger growth in revenue compared with expenditure ultimately widened the Authority’s surplus, resulting

in the 75.89% increase to GH¢447.19 million. The 2025 performance underscores the NPA’s strengthened revenue-generating capacity, while the significant growth in finance income highlights the increasing contribution of investment and treasury management activities to its overall financial performance.



NPA CEO, Godwin Edudzi Tameklo

“Hand over properly to new executives” - COKA urges former NPP constituency chairmen

Ashanti Regional Chairman of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Odeneho Kwaku Appiah, popularly known as COKA, has urged former constituency chairmen to ensure proper handovers to their successors to promote administrative continuity and strengthen the party's grassroots structures.

He made the call when a delegation of former constituency chairmen paid a courtesy call on him to congratulate him and the newly elected Ashanti Regional Executive Committee.

Chairman Appiah stressed the importance of accountability, proper documentation and institutional memory as the party prepares to reposition itself ahead of the 2028 general elections.

He urged outgoing constituency executives to prepare comprehensive handover notes, account for party assets in their possession and provide details of unresolved issues together with recommendations for their successors.

Drawing on his own experience as a former constituency chairman, COKA said he ensured a detailed handover to his successor, including an inventory of party

property under his care. “As a former constituency chairman myself, I provided detailed handover notes to my successor, including a full inventory of party assets in my possession. This ensured the new chairman could step in and administer the office effectively from day one,” he stated.

The regional chairman also assured former executives of an inclusive administration, stressing that their experience remained important to the party's efforts to rebuild its grassroots structures in the Ashanti Region. He said the party could only mount an effective campaign for the 2028 elections if past and present leaders worked together and placed the collective interest of the NPP above individual differences.

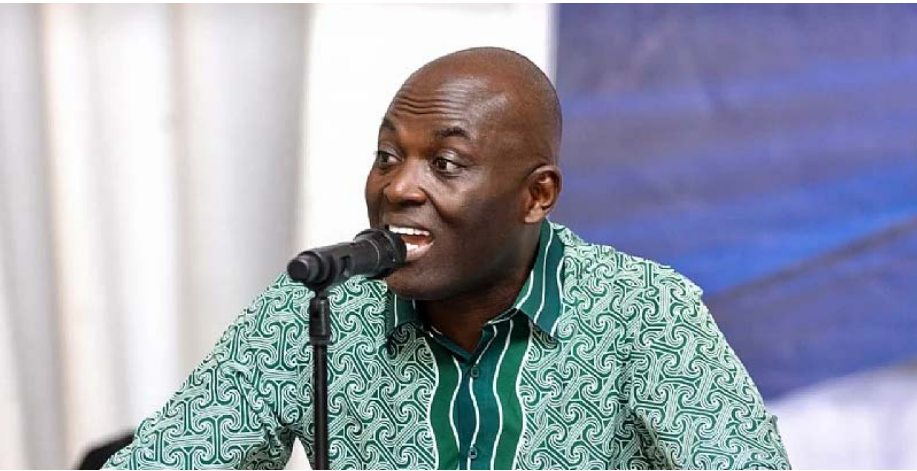
As part of the proposed approach, he indicated that former officers could be integrated into strategic advisory and campaign roles to support grassroots mobilisation. He also called for stronger communication between constituency and regional structures, better resourcing of local party offices and greater collaboration among party executives to improve voter engagement.

The courtesy meeting also attracted other party figures and affiliated groups who expressed their support for the new regional leadership. A former Ashanti Regional Chairman, Mr F.F. Anto, commended COKA for what he described as his early leadership initiatives and encouraged him to maintain his focus on grassroots restructuring.

Nhyiaeso Constituency Chairman, Mr Owusu Bempah, pledged logistical support towards the completion of the party's new regional secretariat donated by Dr Matthew Opoku Prempeh.

He also committed the constituency to supporting the

party's campaign efforts ahead of the 2028 elections. Meanwhile, a Kumasi-based Northern Diaspora Coalition, representing communities from the five northern regions, declared its support for the new regional leadership and pledged to assist in mobilising voter turnout for the NPP in future elections. Chairman Appiah said the support and involvement of former executives, constituency structures and affiliated groups would be critical to rebuilding the party's organisational strength and improving its electoral prospects in 2028.



Ashanti Regional Chairman of NPP, Odeneho Kwaku Appiah

Former MP explains why election defeat can be lifesaver

Alhaji Amidu Chinnia Issahaku, former Member of Parliament (MP) for Sissala East, has described losing an election as something that can sometimes turn out to be a blessing, saying a setback may serve a purpose a person does not immediately understand.

Addressing students at the NUSS AAMUSTED Campus, the former Deputy Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources reflected on his own political experience and said losing an election did not mean he had lost everything. “What you get is good, what you don’t get is good. So let’s appreciate one another. If I’ve lost an election to him, have I lost anything? I’ve not lost anything,” he said.

He explained that losing an opportunity or being removed from a position could sometimes protect a person from something they were not aware was ahead of them.

“Sometimes, even relieving you of a position can be for very good reasons. You may never know,” he said.

Chinnia illustrated the point with a story about a chief whose finger was bitten off by a lion. Although the chief was angry when his servant responded, “Thank God”, the missing finger later saved his life when he was taken to a shrine to be sacrificed. He was released because he was considered incomplete.

The former MP said the experience showed how what appears to be a loss can later

prove to be protection. “So sometimes when you lose opportunities, it may be for your own good. And that is why in everything, you must give thanks to God,” he said.

Chinnia also used the lesson

to call for tolerance in politics, urging Ghanaians to disagree politically without turning against one another. “Let’s tolerate each other. If this person is party A, party B, party C, you can pursue your politics without hurting your brother,” he added.



Alhaji Amidu Chinnia Issahaku, former MP for Sissala East

2026/27 GPL: Hearts of Oak switch home matches to University of Ghana Stadium

Hearts of Oak will play their opening home matches of the 2026-27 Ghana Premier League at the University of Ghana Stadium, after the club confirmed a temporary change of venue because the Accra Sports Stadium is unavailable.

The Phobians announced that the Legon-based stadium will host their Matchday One and Matchday Three fixtures while work continues on the Accra Sports Stadium ahead of Ghana’s 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against The Gambia.

The decision follows comments by National Sports Authority (NSA) Director-General Yaw Ampofo Ankrah, who said there would be no Ghana Premier League matches played at the Accra Sports Stadium until after the Black Stars’ September qualifier.

According to the NSA, the stadium’s pitch is being preserved to ensure it meets Confederation of African Football (CAF) standards for

international matches.

In a statement shared on social media, Hearts of Oak said the temporary move had become necessary because of preparations for the national team’s fixture.

“Accra Hearts of Oak SC has made temporary arrangements with the University of Ghana Stadium for the use of the facility for our Matchday One and

Matchday Three fixtures,” the club said.

It added: “This arrangement has become necessary following the unavailability of the Accra Sports Stadium to facilitate preparations of the pitch for the Black Stars’ September AFCON 2027 qualifier against The Gambia.

“We appreciate the understanding

and continued support of our cherished supporters.”

The Rainbow Boys will begin their 2026-27 league campaign against Berekum Chelsea on Sunday, 6 September, with the University of Ghana Stadium set to serve as their temporary home until the Accra Sports Stadium is reopened for domestic football.



Leaving AJ Auxerre was ‘difficult’ after four years – Gideon Mensah

Ghana defender Gideon Mensah has described his departure from French side AJ Auxerre as an emotional moment, saying the club had become “home” after years of uncertainty earlier in his career.

The 27-year-old left Auxerre at the end of his contract to join German Bundesliga side FC Köln on a two-year deal, bringing an end to four years in France.

Mensah joined Auxerre permanently from Austrian club Red Bull Salzburg in 2022 after spending several seasons moving between clubs on loan, including spells at Sturm Graz, Zulte Waregem, Vitória Guimarães and Bordeaux.

Reflecting on the move, Mensah said Auxerre offered him a sense of stability he had not previously experienced.

“It was a bit difficult. Before Auxerre, I’d spent most of

my career playing for clubs on loan, mostly on one-year contracts, before going back to Salzburg,” he told Flashscore.

“Then I spent four years at Auxerre. I arrived when I was around 24 and left when I was almost 28. It became a home for me.”

The left-back admitted that walking away from a club where he had established himself was not easy, but believes the move to Germany represents an important step in his career.

“Leaving somewhere that you call home was difficult for me. But this is our work, and it’s my career.

“At some point, you need to take risks and make sacrifices by leaving your comfort zone to see what else the world can bring to your career.”

Mensah has already made a promising start to life in Germany, making his Bundesliga debut in FC Köln’s 3-2 victory over

TSG Hoffenheim at the RheinEnergieStadion on Saturday.

The Ghana international is expected to feature again

when Köln travel to face VfB Stuttgart at the MHPArena this weekend.



Ghana defender Gideon Mensah

Ghana could lose CAF goodwill over Accra Sports Stadium – MP warns

Berekum West MP Dickson Kyere-Duah has warned that Ghana risks losing the goodwill of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) if urgent measures are not taken to address the deteriorating state of the Accra Sports Stadium.

According to the lawmaker, CAF has shown considerable leniency by continuing to permit Ghana to host international matches at the venue despite concerns about its condition. His remarks came after an inspection of the Accra Sports Stadium on Wednesday, involving officials from the National Sports Authority (NSA), the Ghana Sports Fund Board and members of Parliament. The inspection comes amid growing pressure on Ghana’s sporting infrastructure, with the country preparing for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers, the 2027 Africa U-20 Cup of Nations and the start of the new Ghana Premier League season. Mr Kyere-Duah, who participated

in the exercise, said the stadium’s condition had deteriorated to the point where authorities should seriously consider demolishing and rebuilding the facility. He cautioned that Ghana could eventually exhaust CAF’s patience if decisive action is not taken. “In our last qualifiers, CAF initially rejected this venue, so we went to Togo and other neighbouring countries. It took diplomatic manoeuvring to eventually get us to play our games here at the Accra Sports Stadium,” he said. “I don’t think CAF will be charitable this time around if we leave the facility in this state.” The MP called for an immediate national conversation on the future of the stadium, stressing that postponing a decision could have significant implications for Ghana’s ability to host international matches. “We need to do a lot more about this facility, and we should start having a conversation about the stadium as soon as possible,” he added.

The Accra Sports Stadium has undergone several renovation and refurbishment works since its construction, with successive upgrades aimed at improving safety standards and maintaining its eligibility for international competitions. However, concerns over the venue’s current state have intensified in recent months as Ghana prepares to host

key domestic and continental football events. With major CAF and FIFA competitions on the horizon, the future of the Accra Sports Stadium is expected to remain high on the agenda for government officials and sports administrators seeking to ensure the country has facilities that meet international requirements.



Berekum West MP Dickson Kyere-Duah

ENTERTAINMENT

“Lilwin and I have personal issues; we only pretend to be cool in public” – Kwaku Manu

Ghanaian actor and comedian Kwaku Manu has opened up about his relationship with fellow actor Lilwin, revealing that the two have personal issues despite appearing cordial whenever they meet in public. Speaking during an interview on ZionFelix TV, Kwaku Manu explained that although they may appear to be on good terms publicly, there are unresolved matters between them that they deliberately keep away from the public. According to him, their public display of friendship does not necessarily reflect what happens behind the scenes, as both parties have chosen to keep their personal differences private. “Lilwin and I have personal issues. We only pretend to be

cool in public,” Kwaku Manu said. He explained that they sometimes act as though everything is fine when they are in public because they do not want their private disagreements to become a subject of public discussion. Kwaku Manu further disclosed that he became particularly upset after Lilwin mentioned his name in one of his movies. According to him, the mention resulted in people repeatedly approaching him and asking questions about when he would meet or reconcile with Lilwin. He said the situation became frustrating because the constant questions from the public affected him and placed unnecessary pressure on him to address a personal matter he had deliberately chosen to keep private.

Kwaku Manu suggested that some issues between the two actors are better handled away from the public eye

rather than being turned into entertainment or speculation.



Women love famous people, but I never took advantage – Reggie Rockstone

Hiplife pioneer Reggie Rockstone has opened up about his experiences of dating women who admired him, insisting that he never used his celebrity status to take advantage of them.

Speaking on ‘Talk To Kula’ on August 26, 2026, the music legend recalled advice his friends once gave him about getting romantically involved with fans. According to Reggie, his friends believed dating fans could sometimes diminish the mystique surrounding a celebrity and the image fans had of their idols.

He then shared a humorous encounter from years ago involving a woman he was dating. Reggie said the woman made an unexpected comment after seeing him in a vulnerable moment, which made him understand what his friends meant about the “mystique” of celebrity.

“My friends used to say we shouldn’t sleep with the fans.

I remember years back, I was with this girl, when I was Reggie Rockstone; she was a fine sister,” he recalled.

He said the woman’s reaction after their intimate encounter caught him off guard and made him reflect on his friends’ advice. “When my friends say don’t sleep with the fans, it kind of demotes the shine,” he said. Despite the advice, Reggie stressed that he never exploited his fame in his relationships with women.

“I’ve never taken advantage of who I am in terms of my relations with women. Women love famous people, but I never took advantage,” he stated.

The hiplife veteran added that many of the women he dated were genuinely interested in him as a person rather than simply being attracted to his celebrity status.

“I met real people and a lot of the women I dated were real. They didn’t come to me because I was Reggie Rockstone,” he added.



Hiplife pioneer Reggie Rockstone

‘Beasts of No Nation’ actor Strika caught allegedly stealing metal railings from Kwashieman footbridge

Actor Strika, known for his role in the acclaimed film ‘Beasts of No Nation’, has reportedly been caught by residents allegedly removing metal railings from the Kwashieman footbridge in Greater Accra.

According to reports, residents who spotted the actor allegedly removing the metal components from the footbridge confronted him at the scene.

The incident has sparked concern among residents, particularly because the railings are meant to keep pedestrians safe on the footbridge.

Strika, whose real name is Emmanuel Nii Adom Quaye, gained international recognition for his portrayal of Strika in Beasts of No Nation, a 2015 war drama directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga.

Details surrounding the reported incident remain limited, and it is unclear whether the actor has been formally arrested or whether any charges have been filed against him.

The allegations have nonetheless generated discussion on social media, with many expressing concern over the reported removal of infrastructure meant to protect pedestrians.

Authorities are yet to provide an official statement on the matter.

Strika shot to international fame after his memorable performance in the 2015 Netflix film. His portrayal of a child soldier earned him widespread recognition and made him one of the young Ghanaian actors to attract global attention.

However, years after the film’s release, questions have continued to surround the actor’s life away from the spotlight. Reports and social media discussions

have claimed that Strika has struggled financially and has at times been seen living on the streets, raising concerns about what became of the young star after his breakthrough role.

One of the issues that has attracted particular attention is the reported US\$30,000 payment associated with his role in Beasts of No Nation. Questions have been raised about how much of the money Strika actually received and what happened to the earnings from the film.

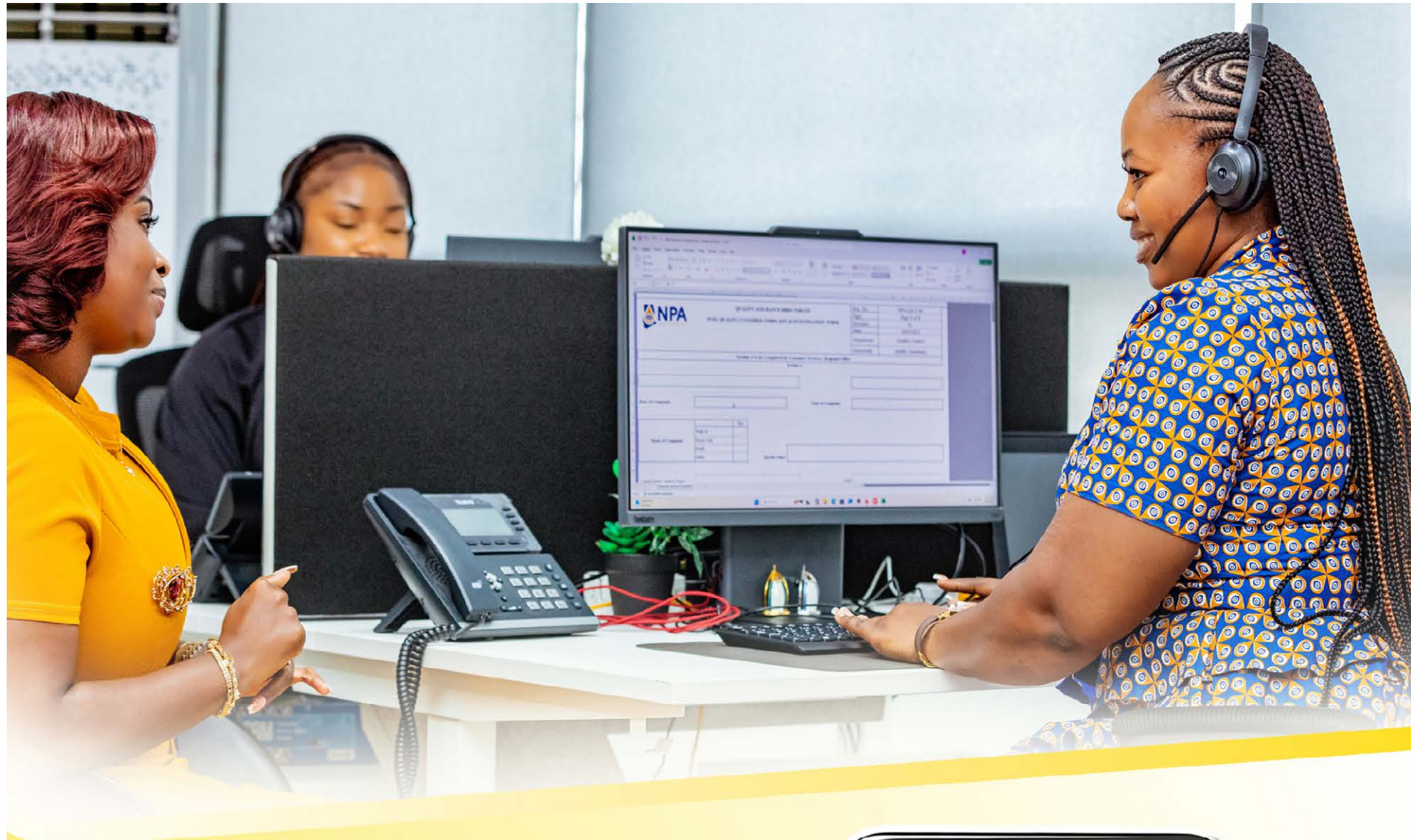
The circumstances surrounding the reported amount, however, have

been the subject of different accounts. Strika’s reported struggles have since reignited a broader conversation about how young talents are supported after achieving international fame, particularly child actors who enter the entertainment industry at an early age.

His journey from a globally recognised film to reports of hardship has left many wondering what went wrong—and whether more could have been done to protect and guide the young actor after the cameras stopped rolling.



Former actor, Strika



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