



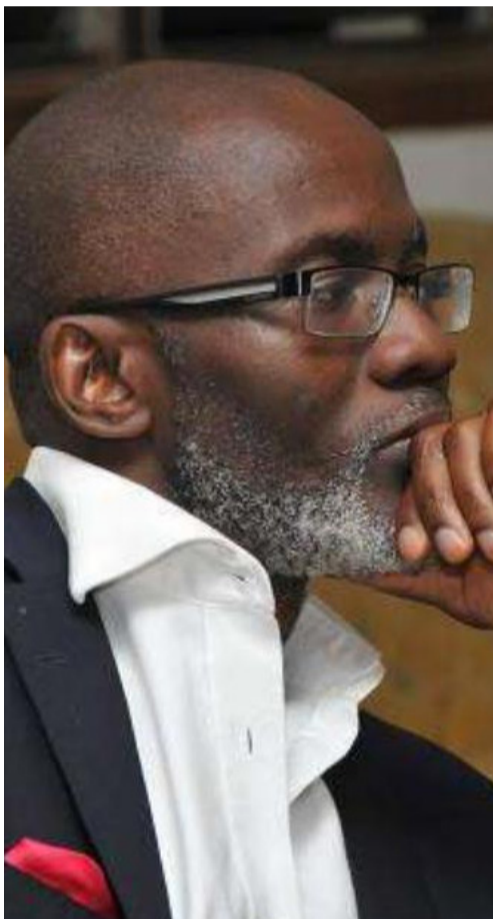
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Akufo Addo is Soaked In Corruption - Octopus Gabby Infers



President Akufo Addo's cousin and right-hand-man, Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko has indicted his kinsman by stating that the ECOWAS Chair position recently conferred on the President is because he is soaked in corruption.

This is contained in a retrospective tweeter post he made in 2015 where he specifically stated that "to be ECOWAS chair you must be corruption soaked." He has quickly deleted the post after netizens descended on the post a day after President Akufo Addo was elected the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

By Mr. Otchere-Darko's estimation, President Akufo Addo may have climbed up the corruption ladder to have earned the laurels as ECOWAS head.

Gabby went ahead in that same tweet to cite all African Union Chairmen as epitomes of power drunkenness, calling them the Despots Club. "To be AU chair you must be power-drunk. The Renaissance of the Despots' Club is alive," he wrote.

The reference to the ECOWAS chair as an exhibition of the most corrupt "despot" in the sub-region is particularly telling, given the curious coincidence that the Akufo Addo administration has been fingered in an unprecedented number of corruption allegations in the past four years, and the glaring attempt to cover these acts up by the President and his administration.

For instance, the Australian visa fraud having the signature of Pius Hadzide, the current Deputy Information Minister all over it; the illegal gold mining syndicate allegedly headed by the Minister of Environment and Technology, Professor Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng and his secretary, Charles Cromwell Bissie, among dozens of other scandals.

Most of the appointees

fingered in these scandals have been shielded much to the angst of the Ghanaian public.

The latest scandal involves the Agyapa Royalties deal which seeks to capture over US\$ 200 million of Ghana's annual mining royalties and ship it off to an obscure company (Agyapa Royalties) registered in the notorious tax haven of Jersey on the British Channel Islands.

There are suspicions that Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko

and the Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, have key personal stakeholding in the questionable Agyapa transaction.

President Akufo Addo was elected new ECOWAS Chairman at the 57th ECOWAS Summit, which is being held in Niamey-Niger.

He took over from the Niger President, Mahamadou Issoufou whose administration in Niger has been punctuated by serious corruption allegations.

APOLOGY AND RETRACTION

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NPP Thinks Entertainers Are Stupid -Socrates



The Director of the National Commission on Culture (NCC) Socrates Sarfo, has said the New Patriotic Party (NPP) Government led by President Akufo-Addo has taken industry players for donkeys.

In an emotionally charged interview on Accra based Okay FM, Mr. Sarfo, who is one of the founding fathers of local movie industry-Kumawood, said the government has only frus-

trated entertainers and had additionally insulted their intelligence.

"If somebody is listening, they should tell the President that some of us are getting tired...the frustration is too much. We've been quiet for far too long, and it looks like some people feel that being quiet means you are stupid. No! Being quiet is giving people time to reform," he told Halifax Ansa-Addo.

According to Socrates, President Akufo-Addo is

being deceived by people around him that things are honky dory with entertainers, but that on the ground there is anguish. Consequently, he warned that the Emperor is naked.

Mr. Sarfo, who got to be NCC Director after campaigning for Akufo-Addo and using his influences to rally support for the NPP in 2016, wept bitterly in the studio during the interview as he complained that he has not been paid his sal-

aries for some time now.

Mr. Sarfo was the architect of the NPP's fanciful manifesto promise of building an ultramodern music studio in a number of regions for musicians.

The promise, which appeared to have not been thought through well has already been dismissed by musicians like Edem, who makes the point that because of technological evolution, beatmakers are nowadays making beats in their bedrooms.

Meanwhile, Socrates Sarfo is not the only entertainment personality who has giving voice to his disillusionment with the Akufo-Addo government. In 2018, the Deputy CEO of the Ghana Tourist Development Authority (GTDC) popularly called "Blakofe" resigned, citing the fact the GTDC has been turned into a per-diem harvesting ground.

Highlife crooner, Kwabena Kwabena has also expressed regret campaigning for the NPP in the past.



Disclose Source of US\$10bn Manifesto Bill-IMANI Probes NDC

Policy Think Tank, IMANI Africa has put the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) to task to disclose its source of funding for the US\$ 10 billion it has estimated as the total cost of its accelerated infrastructural plan, dubbed the Big Push in its recently-launched manifesto.

The ambitious content of the NDC's manifesto is supposedly aimed at providing one million jobs through an industrialisation plan if the party wins the December elections.

But speaking on Citi News IMANI's President, Franklin Cudjoe thought the plan was too good to be true.

"If I listen to the tenor of their argument, they haven't mentioned how they



are going to do that – which is a minus. But there is a clear intent that they may raise money from private sources as well. And I think by doing so, they may have to ensure that the management of this asset is in tandem with the private sector because you can't allow this perpetual abandonment of projects to go on forever. I think they may have to tell

us exactly how they may raise the capital," Mr. Cudjoe stated.

"I can suggest a few things. They can look at the pension fund because it is very easy to raise close to GHS2 billion from the pension industry to do some of these things as far as they can pay for themselves. I think they should provide us with some ideas as to where they will get the money from. And

if they are not able to do that, they should tell us what alternative they have."

The NDC on Monday launched its 2020 manifesto after delaying for a couple of weeks, in what critics say was an attempt to glean from the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP)'s manifesto. However, it appears that although, the flagbearer of the NDC, John Dramani Mahama has promised to continue many of the policies of the Akufo Addo administration, he has an entirely different plan.

Some of the plans include an ambitious tax rebates for entrepreneurs and small businesses; free technical education, extension of the much-talked-about free Senior High School policy to private schools, among others.



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Private Schools Welcome Mahama's Free SHS

The Executive Director for the Ghana National Council of Private Schools (GNACOPS), Enoch Gyatua, has welcomed the promise made by the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) to make private Senior High Schools free.



In what critics think is an unrealistic promise, the NDC is claiming that it will expand the existing free SHS policy instituted by the Akufo Addo administration to cover private schools too.

Speaking at the launch of the NDC's manifesto in Accra on Monday, Septem-

ber 8, 2020, the NDC running mate, Prof Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang said private schools were captured for the free education programme because they also need to be rolled onto the national policy in the next NDC government.

"We plan to make the Free SHS more inclusive by expanding it to cover students in private senior high schools in under-served and deprived parts of the country," she added.

In response to this announcement, Enoch Gyatua recalled how the free SHS of the Akufo Addo adminis-

tration for public SHS' had driven private schools out of business.

"We are for open participation for educational delivery. GNACOPS have had numerous talks with Government on Free SHS. Section 27 of the Education Act empowers the Ministry of Education to include private schools in its policies to enhance open participation of programs in the sector and so an inclusion is a step in the right direction. What we will have to do is to go to the drawing table and find out the best possible way to roll us on" he explained.

Prez's Pastor Reveals He Carries Firearms For Protection



Founder and leader of the Glorious Word Ministry, Rev. Isaac Owusu Bempah has revealed he has a more trusty weapon of safety beyond

the name of Jesus which he asks his congregation to trust in – a gun.

In an interview on Kingdom FM, the "Man of God" who is also the spiritual

advisor of President Akufo Addo revealed his weapon is always loaded.

And to justify his ownership of a gun, he claimed that Jesus Christ encouraged his disciples in the bible to arm themselves with weapons.

"Jesus Christ admonished his disciples to get more swords for themselves; so Peter and John had theirs. So when a soldier attempted to arrest Jesus, Peter drew his sword, not to cut the ears of the soldier but his head. Jesus Christ then urged Peter to put his sword back to his strap, not to throw it away; so this proves that it was a good thing they were armed with swords," he claimed.

A semi-literate Owusu Bempah also has a strange

type of spiritual abilities that only prophecies mostly doom on certain people, including the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) and its current leader, John Mahama.

His doomsday prophecies recently landed him in huge trouble when he claimed to have foreseen the death of the Chief Imam, Shiekh Nuhu Sarubutu. The fear of a possible repercussion from angry Muslims forced him to hurriedly go apologize to the ageing Chief Imam.

Meanwhile, social media is already abuzz with questions as to which particular biblical quotation attributes the imperativeness of carrying deadly weapons, to Christ.



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Upper East Flood Waters Wash Away Cattle

Hundreds of drowning cattle were part of properties worth of hundreds of thousands of Ghana cedis that were lost in the flooding of the Savannah region caused by the twin occurrences of torrential rains and the spillage of the Bagre Dam in the Northern part of the country.

Videos are circulating on social media capturing cattle being washed away



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like flotilla in the currents of the heavy flood waters

which have since cut away Bolgatanga from Bawku in

the Upper East region.

Already, six people have died as well.

In the videos, the hapless cattle are seen being caused away as some moo for help that cannot be given.

The floods started last weekend when torrential rains overwhelmed the region and the Bagre dam was coincidentally spilled at the same time.

The National Disaster Management Organization says it has been trying to reach people, however, the floodwaters have made it difficult to reach desperate people with help.


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NDC Solution To Legal Education Superior To NPP – Law Professor



Renowned US-based law professor, Professor Kwaku Asare has endorsed the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) manifesto promise to reform legal education in Ghana, calling it more superior than that of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP).

“On the issue of making legal education accessible, it is fair to say NDC has done

more listening than NPP and has offered a far superior solution to the problem. Universities, not some centralized government school, should be in charge of legal education,” posted Pro. Asare on his Facebook.

He has mounted a relentless crusade against what he calls a scam legal educational system in Ghana, following the mass failure of prospective law-

yers a few years ago.

The opposition NDC in its 2020 Manifesto appear to have found a solution to the perennial problem that only enrich the legal council of Ghana through the mass failure of desperate lawyers seeking to be called to the Bar.

According to the NDC, it will give accreditations to more certified law faculties across the country to broaden accessibility

to legal education in Ghana.

Currently, there is only one law school in Ghana that accredits lawyers to the Bar. The Ghana School of Law at Mokola in Accra has been fingered in many scandals that critics have said is due to its monopoly over legal education in Ghana.

Prof. Azar who has openly campaigned for the expansion of legal education in the country added that “Universities, not some centralized government school, should be in charge of legal education.”

Indeed, Prof. Asare had dragged the Ghana Law School and the Attorney General to court recently, in an attempt to trigger the break in the monopoly. However, a conservative panel of judges at the Supreme Court shot down the case.



Rawlings Snubs NDC Manifesto Launch



The estranged founder of the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) was copiously absent from the party's manifesto launch for the 2020 elections, when the party held the event on Monday night.

Many party big wigs, led by the party's Flagbearer, John Dramani Mahama were present at the University of Professional Studies main auditorium which was filled to capacity.

Mr. Rawlings' latest

antics have caused critics to suspect that he may have turned coat and was playing on the side of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP) now as he is alleged to be enjoying juicy goodies from the Akufo Addo-led administration.

Others are of the opinion that Mr. Rawlings is still holding grudge against the NDC following the cataclysmic relationship he developed with the then Evans Atta-Mills following Rawlings' alleged dissatisfaction

with the Mills administration's slackness to prosecute corrupt appointees of the John Agyekum Kufour-led NPP.

Another cross-section of political watchers think Mr. Rawlings was still smarting from the crushing rejection of his wife by the NDC when she attempted to become its flagbearer several years ago.

Meanwhile, just one day before the NDC manifesto launch, Mr. Jerry Rawlings had graced

the ceremony for the acclamation of his wife, Nana Konadu Agyemang Rawlings, as the automatic Flagbearer of the National Democratic Party (NDP), a splinter from the NDC.

According to media reports, NDC is now divided along three fault lines – the Mahama faction, the Ahwoi faction and the Rawlings faction which are all working against one another in what may muddy the works of the NDC campaign to return to power in 2021.

Meanwhile, at the UPSA manifesto launch, the lieutenants of NDC flagbearer, John Dramani Mahama managed to frustrate reporters again, annoying many with rather rude dismissals and an excuse that they were not invited to cover the manifesto launch.

James Agyenim Boateng, a man notorious for disrespecting journalists was in charge of this firewall.



Widows Vow To Vote Out Akufo-Addo



The people whose monies have been locked up in micro-finance companies collapse by the Akufo-Addo government, reportedly include some 760,000 widows and they have vowed to vote out “the wicked President.”

According to reports, some of the widows who had saved with the Gold Coast Fund Management Company think that excuses given by the President and his government for locking up their monies lacked common sense.

And therefore as many

suffer, they are looking at organizing themselves and doing a class action against Mr. Akufo-Addo and his party on December 7th.

“I deposited my money there so that I could be doing withdrawals little by little to take care of my children. I have been evicted with my children from the house we used to live in. I can’t pay house rent. My husband died leaving me with the children to take care of. The money has been locked up for [two] years, accumulating interest. They don’t want to give

me my money. There is no work to do,” one widow is reported as saying.

The Akufo-Addo government which collapsed many indigenously owned banks and financial houses in 2018, has not been able to repay many of them even though the government has constantly claimed otherwise.

Dr. Paa Kwesi Nduoum, whose bank, GN Bank, was demoted into a “susu” company by the NPP and then later collapsed, has since described Akufo-Addo as the “enemy,” who has disappointed many.

He has vowed to do everything to ensure that ‘enemy Akufo-Addo’ also loses the Presidency.

Dr. Nduom, an entrepreneur who flourished during the Mills/Mahama era has also been the Founder of the Progressive Peoples Party and has since its founding been the life-long Flagbearer of the party.

However, this year, Mr. Nduom is hanging his boots in what could be attributed to the thorough victimisation from the Akufo Addo administration.



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