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### I AM A CHRISTIAN, I WILL NOT RIG DECEMBER ELECTIONS-JEAN MENSAH



n a rather curious attempt to assure Ghanaians her honesty, the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mrs Jean Mensa claims because she is a Christian, she cannot rig the December 7, general elections.

"I also have a duty to God and to our country to be an agent of peace. As the head of the Electoral Commission, the signals I send out; be it to our staff, or the public is important, as it would have an impact on the election and our nation. As a Christian, I am a firm believer in the principles that Christ stands for: justice, peace and truth," she said at the launch of the 2020 'Agent of Peace Campaign' by the Church of Pentecost on Sunday, 27 September 2020.

"I commit to work and undertake my duties to ensure that it is the will of the people which is the will of God that stands, as an agent of peace I commit to truth and not to alter the will of God. I am committed to being fair to conducting my activities without fear or favour."

Mrs. Mensah's assurance gives little succour, particularly when civil society organisations and several opposition parties are accusing her of setting up the electoral process to make it easy for the incumbent New Patriotic Party (NPP) to manipulate the elections.

For instance, she pandered to the will of the governing NPP by convincing the Ghanaian parliament and the Supreme Court to allow the Electoral Commission under her to compile a brand new voters' register, claiming that the then-existing register was fraught with anomalies such as foreigners and minors.

Mrs Mensah and the

EC claim, the new register will eradicate the anomalies, however, hardly had the new register been compiled than the EC itself admit that the new register had been compromised and inaugurated a committee to allegedly expunge the anomalies.

However, the voter exhibition exercise that was staged about a week ago and ended on Sunday, exposed a disturbing trend where tens of thousands of names of duly registered voters were missing from the new register.

Incidentally, many of those reports were in the political strongholds of the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC). While the voter numbers had been slashed in NDC strongholds, reports from both civil society groups and the NDC indicates that the numbers at NPP strongholds have conversely increased beyond the numbers that were officially registered.

The NDC has unequivocally alerted that Mrs Mensa was scheming to rig the election in favour of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP).

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## POLLS PUT MAHAMA AHEAD OF AKUFO ADDO AGAIN TO WIN PRESIDENCY

x-President John Dramani Mahama has been tipped to win Ghana's next Presidential elections if no significant change happens between now and December 7, 2020, says an online polls conducted on under the auspices of the world-renowned market research company based in Holland, MSI-ACI.

According to the poll that was run between July 1 and August 1, 2020, some 33% of qualified Ghanaian adult voters out of the weighted sample of 2,055 said they will vote for President Akufo Addo while 62% say they will vote for ex-President Mahama.

This poll shows significant improvement by Mr. Mahama over the previous polls conducted by the same organisation.

That poll was conducted between May 1 and June 30, 2020, placed Mr. Mahama's approval rating at 48% and the incumbent President Akufo Addo at 35% of 2,055 respondents. Some 17% of the respondents said they will not vote for any of the two.

However, it appears a significant sample size of Ghanaians who had had no intension of voting for neither Mahama nor Akufo Addo have tilted towards Ex-President Mahama in the latest polls.

Whatsup News gathered that this sudden tilt towards

ex-President Mahama may be as a result of the increasing rate of perceived corruption in the Akufo Addo administration, particularly the scandalous Agyapa Royalty deal which became public in July 2020.

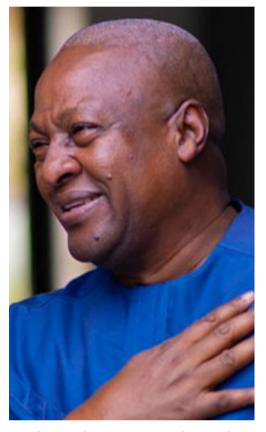
The latest polls show that as it stands currently, only 33% of the male respondents said they would vote for Nana Akufo-Addo while more men (63%) said they will vote John Mahama. The figures for women was almost the same with 33% saying they would vote for Nana Akufo-Addo and 61% saying they would vote John Mahama.

Again, younger voters 15 to 24 are the ones more likely to vote for Nana Akufo-Addo. This could mean the free Senior High School policy of the Akufo Addo government that targets this age group may have resonated well with them. However, this age bracket forms a small percentage of the total voting demography in Ghana.

A significant number of those aged 25 and above said they will vote John Mahama, while 60% of those who have no party affiliation said they would vote for John Mahama if elections were held today.

Only 43% of those with no party, affiliation promised to vote for Nana Akufo-Addo if elections were held today.

In Ghana, this class of voters as called "Floating Voters" and they are the main king-



makers during presidential elections.

On the regional breakdown, John Mahama would likely win the Greater Accra Region by 57% while Nana Akufo-Addo would get 39% of the votes. In the Western Region, John Mahama could win by 47% while Nana Akufo-Addo would get 42% of the votes.

In the Ashanti Region which is undoubtedly the political stronghold of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP) presents a gloomy picture for the party, as only 50% said they will vote Akufo Addo, while Mahama almost split the votes in Ashanti with 48%.

In the Central Region where John Mahama's running mate comes from shows an overwhelming tilt towards the opposition National Democratic Congress' (NDC) flagbearer-John Mahama with 72% while Nana Akufo-Addo would get 22% of the votes. Similarly in the Northern Region, John Mahama would win by 72% while Nana Akufo Addo would get 19% of the votes if elections were held today.

The polls constitute over 90 per cent of the respondents living in Ghana and the rest were living in countries including South Africa, Ethiopia, Botswana and Egypt.

According to the pollsters, the results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error (with finite population correction) of plus or minus 2.162%. A representative sample of the Ghanaian population of 28,956,587 - population projection as stated on page 6 of the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS 7) was achieved by weighting (matching) the data according to age and gender demographics of the 2010 population and housing census and the GLSS 7.

The Ghana Election Poll is powered by GhanaWeb and the Africa Consumer Panel which is a cooperation between the digital publisher Africa Business Communities and renowned market research firm MSI-ACI.

The online poll is conducted every month and the results are published at the beginning of every other month.

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### DIASPORA GHANAIANS SAY AKUFO-ADDO DECEIVED THEM ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL US\$150 COVID-19 TEST PRICE



hanaians in the diaspora, especially the United States, have responded to claims by President Akufo-Addo that they are happy with the government's decision to charge US\$150 (Ghc900) for the controversial Covid-19 test that has become a precondition for admittance into the country.

Through their group, "Diaspora Progressive Movement, US Chapter, they have said that the President's claims are untrue and demanded that the Akufo-Addo government scrap the expensive test fee.

"We were informed that in a nation-wide telecast to the nation, the President said Ghanaians abroad are happy to be paying the \$150 fee. We are aware this President has been misled on several issues and we are not surprised that he has been misled on this one too. We are disappointed that this government in particular wants to steal from Ghanaians at any given opportunity. Examples are these \$ 150 charges for COVID-19 test and GHC 0.30 charge for Ghanaians to check their names on the voters' register," the group lamented in a statement.

The statement was signed by Dr. Lawrence Appiah. It said, charging Ghanaians in the diaspora US\$150 as a precondition to returning home even

though it is also a requirement that every Ghanaian returning home has a test that proves that in the past 72 hours he has not been positive with Covid-19, amounts to stealing.

Government has justified the charging of a whopping US\$150 per arriving person at the Kotoka International Airport, claiming the test is comprehensive. The US\$150 fee for the unreliable Antigen test makes country with the third most expensive Covid-19 test in the world, after the UK and Benin.

In response to complaints that this heavy fee may put off some Ghanaians who wish to return home, President Akufo-Addo announced that Ghanaians in the diaspora are cool with the fee.

But the group claim nowhere have they said they agree with the high testing fees. "We are aware that some countries are charging as little as \$20 or \$30 for the same test and they have offered reasonable reasons why they are even charging. In Ghana, the only reason given is that it is not the government who is charging but some private individuals. As we speak to you, we don't know who those private individuals are," the wrote.

The statement said Ghanaians in the diaspora do not want to believe that the inability of the Electoral Commission to implement ROPAL affected the decision to charge a whopping US\$150 per arriving passenger to Ghana. "But ROPAL or no ROPAL, we should be given the same treatment as Ghanaians who, one way or the other change the destiny of the country."

"...we think, this government is not treating her citizens abroad fairly and with respect. Please Mr. President, withdraw the \$150 virus test fee at KIA," read the statement.

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## ADJOA SARFO DEPRIVES CONSTITUENCY OF ULTRA-MODERN MARKET

he Member of Parliament for Dome Kwabenya, Sarah Adjoa Sarfo has been fingered for frustrating the completion of an ultra-modern market project started by the erstwhile Mahama government for the constituency.

This is according to Elikplim Akurugu, the National Democratic Congress (NDC)'s Parliamentary Candidate for Dome-Kwabenya.

"This ultramodern market that we started, she has abandoned it. But as I speak to you, this market has componentry including hospital, Police station, school; almost any amenity that we need in Dome Kwabenya here is in it and yet since we left office, they have abandoned it," the NDC MP aspirant said.

She heaped the blame on Adjoa Sarfo on Sunday during her official campaign launch at the Dome Park, where constituents had defied rainfall to attend.

"God willing when we



return to power, we will complete it," she said, adding, "we will build a Kejetia in Dome Kwabenya."

In the Constituency,
Adjoa Sarfo is derogatorily referred to in a
number of terms, including, "daddy's girl MP,"
"E-Block magician," (in
reference to her fantastic claim that she built

an E-Block school that everybody knows was built by former President Mahama), and "missing in action MP."

During her campaign launch, Elikplim Akurugu stressed on the frustrating nature of the MP's attitude, "This our "missing-in-action" MP, during the lockdown, did you see her here; during the registration, did you see her here; and what of the verification?"

According to Elikplim Akurugu, she has come up with a solution for the chronic absenteeism of Adjoa Sarfo from her Constituency. "If by the grace of God, you give me the mandate, I will institute an annual meeting with my constituents to appraise myself of their needs," she said.

In addition to completing the Dome Kwabenya ultra-modern market, she said she will also lobby for President Mahama's free apprenticeship program, lobby for a Fire Station, an Industrial Park and set up an MP's Coordination Office in the Constituency, among others.

The campaign launch was graced by heavy-weights including the Greater Accra regional Chairman of the party, Joseph Ade Coker, former Deputy Transport Minister, Joyce Bawa Mogtari and immediate past National Women's Organizer of the NDC, Anita De Sosoo.



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# AKUFO ADDO CAUSES EVERY GHANAIAN TO OWE GHC 50,900



ccording to the latest Summary of Macroeconomic and Financial Data from the Bank of Ghana, when the total public debt is spread across the 30 million Ghanaian population, each person will be owing a staggering GHC 50,900 or approximately (US\$ 9,000).

This is because the total public debt stock has hit GHC 263 billion currently.

Indeed, this year alone, the Akufo Addo added GHC 44 billion to the debt stock. This means this year alone, the government caused each of the 30 million Ghanaians to owe GHC 1,500. The public debt was around GHC 220 billion as at the beginning of 2020, but by July 2020, the Akufo Addo/Bawumia administration had increased the debt overlay to GHC 263 billion.

The disturbing appetite of for debt by the Akufo Addo administration has caused Economist and Professor of Finance, Professor Godfred Alufar Bokpin to predict that Ghana will soon slip into the Highly Indebted Country (HIPC) category as its rampaging debt will exceed the threshold of 70 per cent Debt-to-GDP ratio by the end of 2020.

"We know that

COVID-19 is playing a part in the debt build-up. From where I sit, by the end of the year, we will be doing more than 70% of the GDP as our debt stock. But I think it's also obvious that government is taking advantage of the COVID-19 situation to spend in order to win over the electorates," Prof. Bokpin told Accra-based CITI FM in an interview monitored by Whatsup News.

Comparatively this year has been a particularly trigger-happy one for the government as its accumulated debt pales those all previous years since inde-

pendence.

Official data shows that the same period in the last few years, public debt stock was at GHC11 billion, GHC21.8 billion, and GHc28.9 billion in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 stood at GHs8.7 billion, respectively.

In the first seven months of 2020 however, the amount of new debt accumulated jumped to GHS43.5 billion, representing an increase of 19.8 per cent in the country's debt stock from January to July.

This compares to an increase of 16.4 per cent in the country's total debt stock in the same period in the year 2019.

The significant increases on all fronts have pushed Ghana's debt to GDP ratio to 68.3 per cent, the highest level in more than a year.

Earlier this year, a Former Finance Minister, Seth Terkper, debunked the government's claim that its accumulation of debt was due to COVID-19, saying the Akufo Addo administration had deliberately discontinued measures put in place by the erstwhile government to check overspending.



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#### SIC REDUCED TO GHOST TOWN

#### -As Ofori-Atta's Enterprise Insurance Takes Over

he offices of the State Insurance Company (SIC), especially in Accra, have been reduced to a shell of its former has basically done a hostage takeover of all the business portfolios of the State Insurance Company.

There have been

for the month to end to receive their salaries, insiders tell Whatsup News.

Enterprise is the second of two companies owned by Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, that have received contracts from the

enterprise



self because there is virtually nothing to do these days, WhatsUp News has learnt.

According to available information the redundancy is due to the fact that Enterprise Insurance, a company owned by Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta,

claims that even movable assets of SIC, including cars, have been turned over to Enterprise Insurance.

Consequently, SIC staff have nowadays been mostly holidaying on the job – they come to hang around the office and just wait

Akufo-Addo government in a classic conflict of interest perpetration. The other is the Databank Group.

Since Akufo-Addo became President, his cousin, Ken Ofori-Atta, whom he has made Finance Minister, has had his companies underwrite every major bond or loan that the government issues or contracts. Early in 2017, Ken Ofori-Atta made his first dubious incursion by selling US\$2.25billion worth of bonds to Franklin Templeton, a company in which the Chairman of Enterprise Insurance, Trevor Trefgarne, was also a director.

Public spirited
Ghanaians took the
matter up but Ken
Ofori-Atta was left off
the hook. In the most
recent case, the same
Ofori-Atta's Databank
has been named as
financial advisors to
the Agyapa Mineral
Royalties deal, which
has plunged the scandal-prone Akufo-Addo government in its
umpteenth scandal.

Enterprise Insurance and Data Bank have become the two companies that do under-writing for almost all of government financial contracts.

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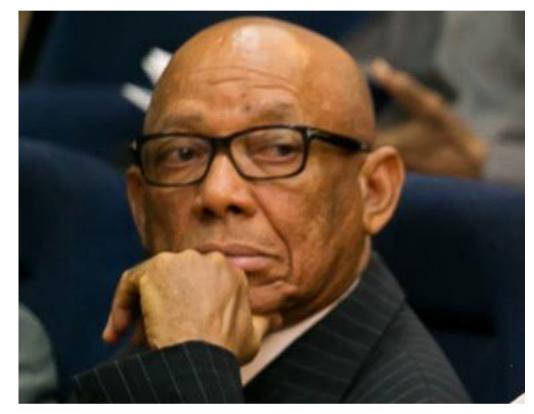
## NAME OF EC ADVISORY CHAIRMAN MISSING IN NEW REGISTER -RAYMOND ARCHER

elebrated investigative journalist, and former Editor-in-Chief of The Enquirer newspaper has revealed that the iconic Justice Emile Short, the Chairman of the Electoral Commission's (EC)'s own Eminent Advisory Committee (EDC) and former boss at the **Commission for Human Rights and Administrative** Justice (CHRAJ) cannot find his name in the Jean Mensah-inspired new voters' register.

Mr. Archer made this revelation today when he released a statement alleging that his [Raymond Archer] name was also missing in the register.

"Yesterday Saturday 26, 2020, I found out that my name was not on the Electoral Commission's official voters register on exhibition at my polling station.

Just before I checked my name, I was informed that Justice Emile Short, Former COMMISSIONER, CHRAJ, CHAIR OF AYAWASO WEST VIOLENCE COMMISSION and CHAIR of the EC's EMINENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE established by the EC during the heated push back against the compilation of a new register did not find his name on the voters register," Raymond



Archer said in a statement released today.

And for caring to ask why his name has spirited out of the register, the EC officials allegedly told him strangely that his [Raymond Archer] name will magically re-appear in the register on Election Day.

Mr. Archer says there is no way that assurance can give him any reassurance and has therefore served EC a notice of the consequence of disenfranchising him. "The officers at the voter exhibition at my polling station assured me on Saturday that on election day my name will surely be on the register. But I seriously doubt it, so please, if anyone finds the EC boss, kindly ask her why my name, Raymond Archer is not on the register on exhibition," Raymond Archer wrote in a statement intended to be a notice of possible action against the EC.

"Ever since I became a voter, there has never been a single occasion when my name was missing from the voters' register. I think this new register is too sophisticated for my name.

I was told that I could travel to the district office of the Electoral Commission to further investigate why my name is not on the voters' register. I was assured that on voter's day my name will surely be on the voters' register," a peeved Archer lamented.

"I have promised myself to be the first person to cast my votes at my polling station in this election. But it appears the EC is trying to stand in my way."

Mr. Archer is a neighbour to Jean Mensah in the Cantonments area and has expressed the desire to stroll to her house and ask how his name managed to take a vacation from the voters' register after he had queued in the hot sun to ensure he is registered. However, the EC boss' house is now the semblance of a military detachment with heavily armed soldiers prowling dangerously.

"Mrs. Jean Mensah is my neighbour, I would have loved to walk to her house and politely ask her why my name is missing from the register, but I realise that these days her house is guarded with an **Armoured Personnel Carri**er from the Formed Police Unit (FPU), a contingent of Police in a Toyota Tundra, a red VW Golf permanently packed in front of her house, another White Toyota pick Up and a contingent of Military personnel armed to the teeth in their brand new SUV, a green Toyota ForeRunner. Securities cameras have been installed on all the access roads that lead to her home," Mr. Archer wrote.

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## DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER TAKES DOUBLE SALARY AS CONSULTANT FOR LEKMA HOSPITAL



eputy Minister of Health, Dr Bernard Okoe Boye has a second job as a consultant for the Ledzokuku/Krowor Municipal Assembly (LEKMA) Hospital in Accra in total breach of his role as a minister overseeing the same facility, WhatsUp News has gathered

Consequently, the

Deputy Minister, in theory, divides his time between the duties that come with his portfolio in the Akufo-Addo government's ministerial organogram, and his consultancy duties with LEKMA Hospital.

In Ghana, such a setup is called "double-salary," and usually, the phrase has a duplicitous connotation to it. According to sources, Dr. Okoe Boye was a Consultant before he was appointed Deputy Minister by President Akufo-Addo. Under normal circumstance, he is supposed to have resigned his position as Consultant before picking up the new job as Deputy Health Minister.

According to sources, he never resigned as

Consultant to LEKMA Hospital, and therefore Dr. Okoe Boye receives double salary from the government.

WhatsUp News
has attempted to get
through to the Deputy
Minister for an explanation as to why he allegedly receives double
salary from the government, but he has not
been available.

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#### STRANEK ACCUSES NPP OF MANIFESTO THEFT



overnance thinktank, the Strategic Thinkers Network (STRANEK) has accused the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP) of pilfering the content of the manifesto of the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC).

In a publication of its findings, STRANEK said at least, five major policies that the NDC had themed in its "Peoples Manifesto" manifesto have been purloined by the NPP even though the NPP never packaged such policies in its "Leadership of Service," Manifesto.

"Recently, the two major political parties released what they will do for Ghanaians when voted for but it seems a particular manifesto of one political party is being appropriated by another political party. The National Democratic Congress (NDC) whetted the ap-

petite of Ghanaians with their promises and that has caused the incumbent government to fulfil some promises made in the People's manifesto of the NDC," STRANEK said in a statement signed by its Executive Director, Nii Tettey Tetteh.

The scrapping of the law banning the importation of salvaged vehicles is captured in the People's manifesto but the ruling political party has appropriated it, said STRANEK According to the People's Manifesto, the Customs (Amendment) Act, 2020 (Act 1014) will be reviewed in order to scrap the law banning the importation of salvaged vehicles.

However, on 17th
September 2020, the
Akufo Addo government
which imposed that ban
in the first place quickly
reviewed its stance, saying the government has
decided to suspend the

implementation of the law banning the importation of salvaged vehicles.

Another knee-jerk pilfering of the NDC manifesto is the reversal of Compulsory Teachers Licensure Examination as well as National Service for teachers stated in the People's Manifesto noted STRANEK.

Perhaps the most glaring act of copying is the Akufo Addo administration's massive U-Turn on categorising the use of commercial motorcycles known as Okada as illegal in Ghana.

The NDC flagbearer's promise to make Okada legal in Ghana was captured in the NDC manifesto stating that the commercial activity will be regulated to make it safer by training the riders and ensuring the riders observe necessary safety precautions including mandating them to pro-

vide helmets for their passengers.

However, on September 9, 2020, the Transport Minister, Kwasi Ofori Asiamah indicated the New Patriotic Party government has begun stakeholder consultation to decide on whether to review the law banning the commercial use of motorcycles or implement it. In a confused frenzy, on 16th September, 2020, the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, announced that the Akufo-Addo government will not legalize Okada business but will provide a better alternative for the Okada riders. The better alternative according to the Vice President of Ghana is to give the riders an opportunity to lease vehicles and pay over time.

That proposal was flatly rejected by the Okada riders.

"The fact that the issue of legalisation of "Okada" has become a matter of discussion and has caused the incumbent government to think on its feet in order to mitigate the rate at which the appetite of the good people of Ghana has been whetted by providing a better alternative is akin to appropriation of a promise stated in the People's Manifesto," STRANEK pointed out.

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#### TERRIFIED KEN AGYAPONG SWERVES COURT, **CLAIMS COVID-19 IS HAUNTING HIM**

n what is clearly viewed as an attempt criminal contempt case, loudmouthed member of the governing New Patriotic Party and Member of Parliament for Assin Central, Kennedy Agyapong failed to turn up in court today, claiming he had **COVID-19 complications.** 

When his lawyer turned up in court today, September 28, 2020, he claimed the foul-mouthed lawmaker had "suffered from complication from the post-COVID-19 condition that he suffered last month."

The lawyers also told the court that arrangements have been made for the Member of Parliament to seek medical support.

This curious excuse is despite the fact that the MP had reportedly recovered fully from COVID-19 and had been seen heartily granting interviews a few days before he was summoned to appear before the court for launching a scathing attack on a trial judge sitting on an ongoing case involving him [Ken Agyapong].

The lawyers produced a report of the MP's physicians in what will perhaps be the first case of COVID-19 complication in



Ghana after a patient had fully recovered.

Consequently, the lawyers prayed for an adjournment to "allow the defendant get a clean bill of health".

Ruling on the matter, Justice Amos, Wuntah Wuni acknowledged the report and the medical excuse duty form "requesting for an adjournment covering 14 days from September 26, 2020, to October 10, 2020.

The Judge in granting the request for adjournment "ordered that the medical officer Dr. Ken Addo of Holy Trinity Medical Center/SPA and health farm appears before this **Honourable Court on** Thursday the 1st of October 2020 to speak to the medical excuse duty form."

However, critics have taken the excuse with a

pinch of salt and are alleging that the MP is systematically trying to dodge a potential jail term for launching serious prejudicial attacks on a trial judge sitting on his case.

Already, investigative journalists, Kevin Ekow Taylor has alleged that President Akufo Addo himself has been in discussion with the Chief Justice Anim Yeboah to ensure that the stalwart of the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) is not iailed for his blatant attacks win Ako Gunn were found on the judiciary.

Ken Agyapong has been in court over a land dispute. However, with the case still ongoing, he went on his Net 2 TV a few weeks ago and started raining strong expletives at the trial judge.

"You are a stupid judge. I will face you," Ken Agyapong said on the programme.

That outburst saw him dragged to court for a serious case of criminal contempt that could easily earn him some substantial days in jail. Last week, when he appeared before the court, Mr Agyapong pleaded not guilty.

Law experts and critics have warned that if Mr. Agyapong is left off the hook, it will set a pretty bad precedence for judicial credibility in Ghana.

Critics pointed out a similar case in 2016 involving politically exposed persons loyal to the National **Democratic Congress** (NDC) who were jailed for criminal contempt in an almost less serious manner as Ken Agyapong's outbursts.

Radio presenter, Salifu Maase and two of his studio guests on Muntie FM: Alistair Nelson and Godguilty of contempt for making threats against chief justice Georgina Theodora Wood over debates about the 2016 general elections.

The three were sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$2,500 each for "scandalising the court, defying and lowering the authority of the court and bringing it into disrepute."



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