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Fake Award Merchants Invade Ghana COVID Fund, Ministry Of Health, Others

Confident tricksters masking as UN Ambassadors may have compromised Ghana's Health Ministry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ghana's COVID-Fund in the wake of the shocking conferment of fake UN awards to more than a dozen Ghanaians celebrities and politicians by one "Dr" KWAME FORDJOUR who claims to be a United Nations Ambassador.

Whatsup News has been finding out that late August 2020, the Ministry of Health with the collaboration, the National COVID-19 Trust Fund and the curiously the World Health Organisation (WHO) partnered with a group of opaque organisations claiming to be affiliated to the United Nations to organise the World Dip-



lomatic COVID-19 Eminence Honours which awarded renowned Clinical Psychologist and Natural Therapist, Dr. Brown Osei Kona-du and Kenneth Nana Kwame Asamoah, the acting National Chairman of United Progressive Party UPP.

The award scheme was organised by World Diplomatic Federation - (WODIF), Institute for Sustainable Environment and Pub-

lic Health (ISEPH), and Rectitude International Mission (RIM). All of these organisations claim to be affiliated to the UN, but probe into their background shows that they were mostly founded by the well-known fraudster named Fauster Atta Mensah (now Professor John Vinzelts) who took Ghana by storm a few years ago with the fantastic claims that he was one of

the few Ghanaians at NASA who had actually gone into space and had earned a Nobel Prize for his technological breakthrough-A robotic hand that feeds paralysed patients with coffee.

It is unclear how much this organisations had ripped-off the government agencies which feature prominently on their websites.

The latest award scheme fraudster, "Dr" KWAME FORDJOUR, (aka Dr. UN) is currently making a massive wave in Ghana, after he tricked several Ghanaians politicians and celebrities into his shady awards scheme called the Global Blueprint Excellence Award which was allegedly

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organised under the auspices of the United Nations and the Kofi Annan Foundation.

ly drooling over them. To complete the facade, a fake UN-embossed backdrop was placed close by the recipients.

Among the recipi-

du, popular radio presenter, "Captain Smart", Popular Musicians, D Black, Sarkodie.

Others include The Vice Chancellor

ered by Whatsup News indicates that Dr. UN who claims to have attended Harvard University was indeed a known fraudster in Kuma-



About twenty individuals and organisations were given prizes by Dr. UN for their alleged service to humanity. The award memorabilia hilariously consisted of Cocktail Shakers, golden horses, table decors, etc, presented as novel items that saw recipients virtual-

ents include: the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP) General Secretary, John Boadu, the National Democratic Congress (NDC) Member of Parliament, Alban Sumana Bagbin, the National Coordinator of the 'One District One Factory' policy, Madam Gifty Ohene Kona-

of the University of Ghana, Professor Ebenezer Oduro; the NPP Ashanti Regional Chairman, Bernard Antwi Boasiako; the former Ashanti Regional Minister, S.K Boafo; popular TV anchors, Johnny Hughes and Berla Mundi, among several others. Information gath-

si, who disappeared into thin air, only to emerge years later with the elaborate scheme.

Similar outcomes have emerged for Fauster Atta Mensah who appears to have earned such influence as to frolic with the rich and powerful in Ghana.



“AKYEM SAKAWA” Complaints Explodes In President Akufo Addo’s Face

President Akufo Addo’s strong condemnation of the reference to him and his close circles as “Akyem Sakawa” for their reported roles in the scandalous Agyapa Royalties deal has taken a turn for the worse, as the President has been called out for the very ethnocentrism he sought to condemn.

A visibly angry President Akufo-Addo has expressed his frustration after ex-President John Mahama posted an article on social media authored by Bolga Central MP, Isaac Adongo on the controversial Agyapa Royalties deal. Mr Adongo described the proponents of the deal that aims to clandestinely rob Ghana of its mining royalties as “Akyem Sakawa people”.

President Akufo Addo had latched onto the Akyem ethnic group mentioned in the statement as an exhibition of ethnic prejudice by the ex-President.

“Presidential candidate, a former President of Ghana, you can call a group of Ghanaians “sakawa people”, and it involves the group for which the sitting President comes, and that statement goes without comment, and at the same time we hear all these statements, “let all try and bring the politics of



insults to an end.”

However, Mr. Mahama, who is the flagbearer of the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) has fired back at the President, saying he has no moral right to condemn ethnocentrism.

“In any case, President Nana Akufo-Addo has lost the right to complain a long time ago. He was an opposition leader who called Presidents before him anything you can imagine including Prof. Do Little and he described somebody as ‘Simpa Panin’ and I don’t want to repeat some of the things he said. He is a President who has called his critics naysayers and Jeremiahs, I don’t understand

what standard he can be offended at this time because he has precedence of name-calling,” Mr. Mahama fired.

Mahama went on to note that he had worked closely with several people from the Akyem ethnic group and thus has nothing against the people: “In the first place, the National Chairman of my party, Samuel Ofose Ampofo is an Akyem and so are many leading members and supporters of my party. When I was President I appointed many Akyems in my government. The Head of our manifesto drafting committee Prof. Danso Bofo is an Akyem and they

have all contributed to our government and forward march to recapture power in December in order that we can create jobs, spread development in an equitable manner throughout the country.”

Meanwhile, a youth group in the Northern Region has also called out President Akufo Addo as the one who was ethnocentric.

In President Akufo Addo’s condemnation of ethnocentrism, he had made a snide reference to some ethnic groups in the North, saying: “If I was to get up to make a comment about Northerners or Gonjas, you can imagine the uproar that will be in this country.”

According to the group in response, the President betrayed his own ethnocentrism by referring to Northerners the way he did. “As much as we acknowledge the context in which the President tried to situate his comment, we suspect his generalization to encompass all Northerners has underpinning sentiments. It is in this respect we disagree with the President and call on him to explain his bitterness against Northerners or Gonjas,” stated Mohammed Nuhu for the Northern Youth group.



Noguchi Distances Self From Outragoeus COVID-19 test at Kotoka

The Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR) has distanced itself from statements made by one of its scientists who revealed the US\$ 150 Covid-19 test rip-off of arriving international travellers at the Kotoka International Airport (KIA),

Noguchi has said in a statement that it was Dr. Kofi Bonney's own personal opinion when he made claims that half of the antigen tests to be conducted at the airport may be inaccurate, and that the US\$150 price tag for Covid-19 tests at KIA is a rip-off.

"The Institute has not put out any official communication on the Covid-19 testing set up at the



Kotoka International Airport," the statement said, adding that only Noguchi's Director, Prof. Abraham Kwabena Annan has the locus to speak on its behalf.

Dr. Bonney had spoken last week on Joy FM, revealing for the first time that the COVID-19 tests being conducted on arriving international travellers at

the KIA was the uncertain and cheap antigen tests which often produce partly accurate results.

The antigen test, according to Dr. Bonney cost on average, between \$10 and \$20, however, the Ghanaian government is charging an incredible US\$150.

Indeed, checks by Whatsup News indicates that Ghana

may be the country charging passengers the highest in the world for COVID-19 antigen test. Most countries conduct the more accurate PCR test for the deadly disease and it cost an average of US\$ 150.

Meanwhile, reports indicate that over US\$40,000 has been generated from Covid-19 tests since the country opened up for international travel on September 1, in what has increasingly been seen as Ghana's curious profiteering from COVID-19.

President Akufo-Addo gave the order for the reopening of international travel, claiming doctors had developed a rapid testing system that can give results quickly.



Heavy Downpour, Bagre Dam Spillage Kill Six In North East



Bagre Dam in the West Mamprusi Municipal

In addition to the six deaths, about 100 people across the North East region have lost their homes and properties worth thousands of cedis.

Also, many communities, including major roads in whole districts in the region, have been overwhelmed by floodwaters.

The National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) says it has organized some relief items. However, Regional NADMO Director, John Alhasan Kweku, says ongoing heavy downpour has made it impossible to reach people.

Two more people have died in the floods that have been induced by heavy rains and the spillage of the Bagre Dam in the Northern part of the country.

The drowning of Adjei Amanita, 42, a native of Kunkoa, and Akumayini Anaab, 39, of Fum-

bisi, on Saturday, brings to six, the total number of casualties from the floods.

According to reports, the two farmers drowned while attempting to use a canoe to harvest their crops from their farms along the white Volta, which had submerged in

the flood.

Earlier, three persons were said to have drowned in the flood in the Bunkpurugu District and East Mamprusi Municipality after a heavy downpour last week, while another person also drowned in the floodwaters from the spillage of the



African Cup Trophy Stolen In Egypt, CAF Is Shocked



A trophy that the Pharaohs, the national soccer team of Egypt won for keeps has gone missing and the Confederation of African Football (CAF) says it is shocked.

"CAF has learnt with shock reports of missing AFCON trophies from the Egyptian Football Association secretariat," CAF said

in a tweet today, adding, "Our doors are open and the EFA can count on our support in the search for the priceless memorabilia."

The missing cup is gold plated and had been won for keeps when Egypt emerged victorious for the third consecutive time at the African Cup of na-

tions, 2010 edition.

According to the Egyptian FA, the trophy along with other souvenirs of sporting achievements has gone missing.

"As the Egyptian FA is currently developing the main headquarters, including changing the entrance to a small museum of Egyptian football, the man-

agement was shocked by the disappearance of some old trophies from the storeroom," a statement from the FA said.

The statement added that an investigation has been launched. "The Egyptian Football Association is now investigating the trophies' disappearance to determine if those old trophies were saved after the building was burned ... or if they were lost when the building was exposed during this incident."

In 2013, the headquarters of the FA was raided by angry fans forcing authorities to transfer various trophies into a storeroom.

Officials searched for them recently after a decision to renovate the FA office' entrance so that Egypt's laurels could be displayed.



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Rawlings Supports Wife's Acclamation As NDP Presidential Candidate



The Founder of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), Jeremiah John Rawlings, was the guest of honour at the ceremony to acclaim his wife as the Flagbearer of the also-ran National Democratic Party (NDP), in what has sent shivers down the NDC.

Even though the event was virtual due to the raging Covid-19 pandemic, Mr. Rawlings made sure to grace the occasion. Rawlings antics have been interpreted as divisive by some wor-

ried members of the main opposition NDC who refer to the glaring absence of the party's founder during the acclamation of the presidential candidate, John Dramani Mahama.

Nana Konadu founded the NDP in bitterness and after she failed in the contest for the flagbearer of the NDC in the lead up to the 2012 elections. The humiliating defeat to then-President Mills had sent Rawlings on a path of choosing between his wife and the party he founded "with

his blood".

Mrs. Rawlings, who together with her husband had become very critical of Mills over Mills' refusal to prosecute corrupt former appointees of the John Kufuor government then formed the NDP, which at the time many believed was aimed to diffuse NDC votes, but then the perceived plan failed badly because the NDC and John Mahama went on to win the 2012 elections.

The NDC has since also lost the 2016 elections but Mr. Rawlings

and his wife's antics at the NDC may present a difficult reconciliation for the NDC which is struggling to claw back from opposition.

Meanwhile, the founder and newly confirmed flagbearer of the NDP, Mrs Rawlings says her political journey is borne out of a sense of service to humanity rather than personal ambition.

"The upcoming general election is really not about me or my individuality but about our nation and our future. We should try to refocus our lenses as a people on long term national development visions," she said.

The NDP had been disqualified from contesting in the 2012 Presidential elections after it became obvious they were not prepared for that election. Again, in 2016, the party barely polled 17,000 votes out of over 12 million votes and scoring an insignificant 0.16% of total votes cast nationally for the presidential elections.



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EC Unveils Voters' Register Exhibition Schedule Amidst Rigging Suspicion

The Electoral Commission (EC) of Ghana has set September 18th to 25th as the dates for the exhibition of the newly compiled voters register across the country.

This is coming in the wake of intense suspicion that the EC may be up to something fishy with the register.

Last week, the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) revealed an explosive content of a secret tape capturing the Deputy

Bono East Regional Minister, Oti Gyaaka revealing how the Electoral Commissioner, Jean Mensah, after the exhibition of the register plans to delete thousands of names from areas known to be strongholds of the NDC.

Mr. Gyaaaka's alleged voice was also hinted that EC's data during the elections will be transmitted and routed to a master computer in the possession of the NPP which will be manipulated to give the governing party a win in the December

general elections.

Meanwhile, the EC claims the exhibition of the register will afford Ghanaians the opportunity to check and confirm their particulars in the register.

Making the announcement, Director of Elections for the Commission, Dr. Serebour Quarcoo also urged Ghanaians who registered to partake in the exhibition exercise.

"This is a new compilation so there is a need for everybody to go and check

his or her particulars. All should go to the centre, get a request form and show your voters' identification card," he said.

The compilation of new voters register by the EC was between June 30, 2020, and August 6, 2020, after countless protests from the NDC and some Civil Society Organisation about attempts to use the register to rig the 2020 elections.

Although the EC had projected registering 15 million eligible voters, the Chairperson for the Commission, Jean Mensa revealed that some 16,663,669 people were registered onto the new electoral roll.

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NDC's People's Manifesto Has No Empty Promises – Running Mate

Prof. Jane Nana Opoku Agyemang, the running-mate to former President John Dramani Mahama and flagbearer of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), has promised that the party's manifesto contains no unrealistic plan.

In an address to the Chiefs and people of Bekwai, as part of her campaign tour of the Western North region, she said the manifesto, which is to be launched on September 7, is also largely bespoke for the needs of the people.

Prof. Agyemang says: "Developing a manifesto is not about gathering some 10 people in a room to write a document on what



they think the people need. You end up with misplaced priorities and empty promises. The question is, who are you doing it for, and

what are the people saying are their actual needs and wants?"

The NDC manifesto is valued at US\$-10 billion in what it calls the "Big Push

Agenda" by President John Mahama.

Key among the policies in the manifesto is to make technical and vocational education (TVET) free.

The push she said would make TVET more attractive and accessible to the youth to address youth unemployment in a proactive manner.

The plan for enhanced TVET, will also feed into the set-up which upgraded polytechnics to technical universities, by the previous NDC administration.

Prof. Opoku Agyemang called on all well-meaning Ghanaians who wish to see Ghana rescued to turn out and vote massively for the NDC on election day.



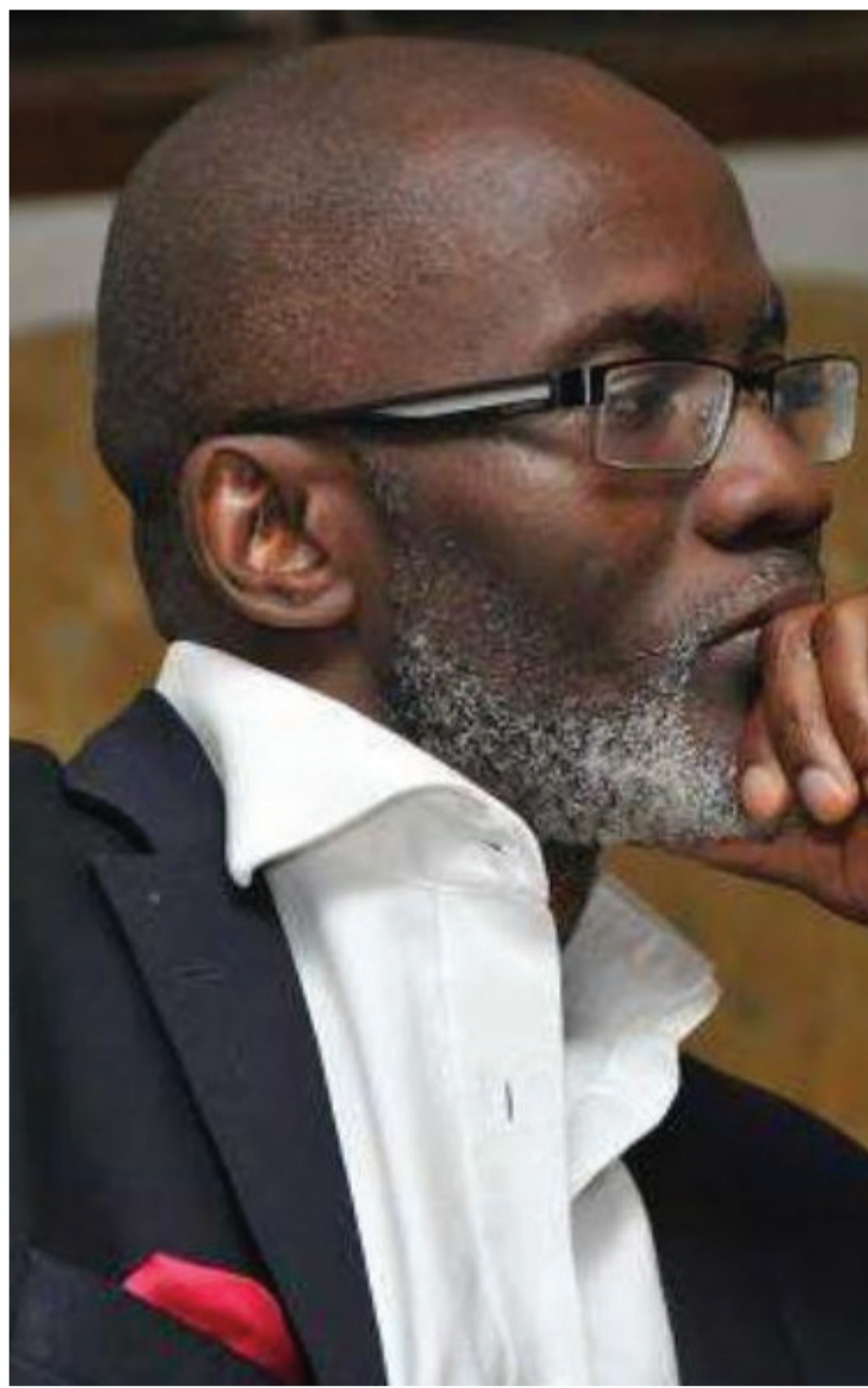
Octopus Gabby In Court Again Over Dirty Agyapa Deal

Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko, the powerful cousin of President Akufo-Addo, has flashed a lawsuit again over his alleged involvement in the stinky Agyapa Royalties deal.

The ubiquitous right-hand-man of President Akufo Addo, linked to several controversial deals in the past few years, has sued Mrs. Zita Benson, a former Tourism Minister in the erstwhile Mills government, for defamation for suggesting that he has his long tentacles in Agyapa deal.

According to Gabby, Mrs. Benson's allegations are "absolutely false," and a deliberate attempt to defame him.

In a video post on Facebook, the former Tourism Minister pointed out the involvement of Gabby's



law firm, Africa Legal Associates LLP, in the deal as legal advisors even though Ghana has a fully functioning Attorney General and proceeded to link

Gabby's Radio Station-Asaase FM to the royalties deal that has set off widespread red flags in Ghana and abroad.

"Who are the peo-

ple involved in Agyapa? Our own senior Minister, Osafo Marfo's son is behind it. Gabby Otchere Darko is in it as a lawyer and he claims he doesn't know about it. He claims he did not know about it and is even going to court but today he himself confirmed that is privileged to be the lawyer of Agyapa," she said.

However, according to Gabby in the write seen by Whatsup News, he is never involved in the Agyapa deal as a shareholder as is being alleged.

This is not Gabby's first time of heading to court over the same allegation. Barely a month ago, he also sued the MP for Bia East, Richard Acheampong, for similarly pointing out that the octopus smells with suspicion over the Agyapa dirty deal.



President of House Of Chiefs, Togbe Afede Hints At Agyapa's Shadiness

The President of the National House of Chiefs, Togbe Afede XIV has aired his opinion about the controversial Agyapa Royalties deal after attempts by faceless people dragged him into the discourse, using a forged letter purporting to be coming from him.

Togbe, who is also the Agbogbomefia of Asogli in the Volta Region said the arrangement for Ghana to incorporate Agyapa in a tax haven makes no sense to him.

"I, in particular, I'm very much hurt by the attempt to use my name to grant legitimacy to a transaction that has been very widely condemned for its secrecy and for the fact that the company involved, Agyapa, was incorporated in a tax haven. I do not see why desperation on the part of anybody who is associated with that transaction to want to use the name of innocent Togbe Afede XIV," the powerful Chief said.

The Chief who is also an investment banker made his thoughts known after some faceless people used his name to condemn for-



mer President John Mahama, for sharing a post that ascribes the opacity of the Agyapa dirty deal to the so-called Akyem Mafia.

A rather convoluted arrangement with the fingerprints of rip-off merchants all around it, Agyapa personifies a Special Purpose Vehicle that was set up using the Minerals Income Investment Fund (MIIF). The MIIF had been set up to pool the mineral incomes of Ghana for de-

velopment.

To give it the personality of a company, the Akufo-Addo government went to Parliament and used its majority advantage in Parliament to change the establishing law for MIIF. MIIF was then given the power to put together a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)-Agyapa and use it to borrow US\$1 billion from the London Stock Exchange using 5% mineral royalties from

mining companies as collateral.

These investors are to give Ghana, first a lump sum of US\$500 million, however, income that Ghana gets from its mineral resources, is US\$200 million every year. Meaning in the next five years, the country can depend on its mineral incomes to raise the US\$1 billion.

According to Togbe Afede XIV, "I've never commented on this kind of transaction and I have decided not to comment for good reason...tax havens typically serve two purposes; helping you to avoid tax or ensure secrecy."

"I don't see why a national transaction should be shrouded in secrecy in the first place and if we are trying to avoid tax or minimize tax. Who are we denying tax payments to? The corporation is incorporated in Ghana, tax will accrue to Ghana which will be paid by this company that is owned, supposedly, majority by Ghana so I do not see why we should be doing that investment," Togbe Afede said.



“Bawuah” – Leader of Top-Secret Assassin Squad Pops Up



The Akufo-Addo government has allegedly put together an assassination squad and stationed it at the seat of Government, the Jubilee House.

Ongoing investigation keeps throwing up “Bawuah” as the surname of the leader of the squad who will be used to target some personalities run-up to the December elections.

These disturbing revelations are coming on the back of revelations by the opposition National Demo-

cratic Congress (NDC) that it has seen secret tapes that unveils an insidious plan by the governing NPP to unleash large scale violence during the December general elections.

According to inside sources, the name of the killing squad’s leader is hidden in plain sight so that spotting the exact “Bawuah” can be tricky. However, investigations have so far thrown up the names of likely candidates.

One is BAWUAH JOHN of Military regimental num-

ber 205807. This Bawuah was part of the 500 recruits whose training was terminated after they mutinied while at the Army Recruits Training School (ARTS) in December 2015.

The second is one Eric Bawuah Adomako, whose rank is not exactly known but is said to be ranked between Corporal and Sergeant and has service number 192143.

Eric Bawuah Adomako’s initial Unit was the 5BN while his last unit is GHQ (Camp) according to insid-

ers. He was born in Tamale and was enlisted into the military on the 18th October 2000 with a BECE certificate and was dishonourably discharged on the 7th of July 2010 for misconduct.

Mr. Bawuah Adomako attended Basic NCO tactics; Regimental and had his younger brother, COL-LINS BAWUAH and himself, along with their father, Ex WO1 Bawuah, who worked as a storeman, living in ABF barracks during his father’s service days.

The third potential agent is one L/Cpl BAWUAH BRIGHT, formerly of 3 Battalion; while the fourth is Staff Sergeant Bawuah who has reportedly been dismissed for extorting money from people under the pretext of helping them enlist into the army.

According to sources, the killing squad has between 50 and 5000 soldiers in rogue service and it is purposed to eliminate persons that are marked out for it.

The alleged existence of this killing machine is illegal as the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana recognizes only one standing army, the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF).



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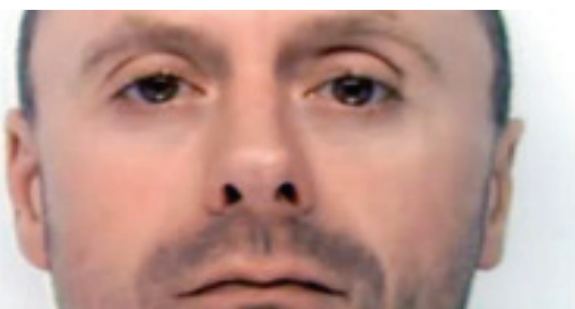
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For me, the banner headline of the Daily Graphic "Operation 1019" destroys 67-acre cannabis farms at Boso, in the Volta Region of Ghana failed to stir up any emotions of a job well done by the Law Enforcement Agencies.

I was not amused to be honest, in the wanton destruction of cannabis even though it was and remains against the law to cultivate it.

It appears there is one law for one and another law for the other! I mean what has happened to the cocaine that went missing whilst in the custody of Custom Officers and the Narcotics Control Commission back in June of this year? Very little has been said about it since that time and both agencies remain at loggerheads as to whose custody it was in at the time of its miraculous disappearance. Those who were peddling the drug have made away and escaped eluding the possibility of arrest, prosecution and imprisonment. Case closed!

This is not the first time either. I will never forget the case of the ship MV Benjamin which docked at Kpone in Tema in 2006 and offloaded 77 parcels of cocaine transporting it away into the sunset; despite the fact that our authorities were alerted by foreign anti-drugs agencies. And then there is a more recent case of missing cocaine that occurred in 2017 where 500 kilograms of cocaine with a street value of \$30,000,000 also mysteriously went missing even though the container was under a 24 hour surveillance!



David Mc Dermot (pictured above) was one of Britain's most wanted cocaine fugitive and he was living right here in Ghana for three years! Did you know that Ghana is ranked the third highest transit cocaine destination behind Nigeria and South Africa? Sorry to burst your bubble but the point I am making is that cannabis is really not the problem that we are facing in Ghana today. It is in fact a side issue being manipulated and used as a fig leaf to hide the real drug problems and challenges and because of its lucrative nature it is being obscured.



As it stands right now hundreds of farmers currently cultivating marijuana illegally are eagerly awaiting the Legislative Instrument to be approved by Parliament. Once this takes place it will open the floodgates for these same farmers to begin a new chapter in their lives by cultivating Cannabis Sativa L (Industrial Hemp) legitimately. They will no longer be looking over their shoulder and worrying about the pending knock at their door. What's more, they will be contributing to the country's gross domestic product through the paying of taxes every time they cultivate.



How many times do I have to say

these farmers are a national asset and specialists within their field? They are an integral part of the industrial hempvolution that is set to take off in 2021 and should be recognized as such. Yes we will fly in experts from all over the world who will also apply themselves to assisting in our development adding value as they go along but they do not have the affinity with Ghana like our indigenous farmers do. Our farmers are Ghana and Ghana is our farmers!

All they need right now is a little hemperstanding because they are in the middle of a transition from illegal cultivation to legal cultivation. The cultivation of cannabis is a generational model that stretches back almost over a hundred years if not more. Families are able to keep a roof over their heads and feed and sustain themselves all because of the cultivation of cannabis. I am not suggesting in any way shape or form that farmers should break the law; certainly not! But those who have unlicensed firearms are given a period of time known as an "Amnesty" when they can bring in unlicensed firearms with no questions asked.

So why can't we bear in mind that in a few months' time the cultivation of cannabis indica (weed) will be outlawed like it has never been before? With the improved powers that the Narcotics Control Commission will have anyone caught will end up losing everything they own including their liberty. A little hemperstanding will lead the authorities to realise that we are in a state of transition. Livelihoods are at stake; men, women and children are all under threat with such potential raids, what purpose will it really serve targeting the small scale cannabis farmers and letting the big cocaine dealers go free?