



## Ken Agyapong Given Royal Treatment After Plotting Dangerous Coup On Judiciary



In a blatantly dangerous precedent, the Akufo Addo administration is scheming to let off the hook the New Patriotic Party Member of Parliament for Assin Central Constituency, Kennedy Ohene Agyapong, who launched a scathing prejudicial attack on a Judge sitting on an ongoing suit involving him [Ken Agyapong].

Insiders report that Ken Agyapong had been coached from the Presidency to quickly apologise for his devastating attacks on the trial Judge, Justice Rockson, who has been forced to recuse himself from the case.

As part of the grand scheme to allow Ken Ag-

yapong to walk free, he was asked to quickly pen down an apology which is contained in a September 8, 2020 letter. A copy of the letter seen by Whatsup News indicates Mr. Agyapong's claim that it took sober reflection for him to realise his extreme prejudicial attack on the courts and was therefore rendering "an unqualified apology" for his "harsh" words against the trial judge whom he called "Stupid".

Reports picked up by Whatsup News indicates that President Akufo Addo himself appear to have been behind the attempt to influence the Chief Justice, Justice Anim Yeboah to ensure

that the loud-mouthed Kennedy Agyapong is not jailed for contempt, despite hints given by the trial judge, Justice Amos Wuntah Wuni, that he was planning to slam the NPP parliamentarian for contempt.

Apparently, Ken Agyapong is in court over a land dispute, however, while the case is still ongoing, he went on his Net 2 TV and started raining strong expletives against the judge sitting on the case, One Justice Rockson.

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

In a September 7, 2020 memorandum

from Justice Rockson to his replacement in reference to suit number LD0742020 for Kennedy Agyapong to be dragged before the court to "show cause why he should not be committed to prison for contempt of court for his scandalous and contemptuous vituperation made on his Net 2 and OMAN FM station on 2nd September 2020."

The peeved Justice Rockson argues that the loose-talking Ken Agyapong is lowering the authority of the court and bringing the administration of justice in Ghana to disrepute.

The latest attack by Kennedy Agyapong appear more serious than a similar incident in 2016 when pro-National Democratic Congress (NDC) radio presenter, Salifu Maase and two of his studio guests on Muntie FM: Alistair Nelson and Godwin Ako Gunn were found guilty of contempt for making threats against chief justice Georgina Theodora Wood over debates about the 2016 general elections.



## NPP Splashes GHC 2 million On Shatta Wale Through Exim Bank

The Akufo Addo administration acting through the state-owned Ghana Export-Import Bank has splashed a staggering GHC 2 million on musician Charles Nii Armah Mensah Jnr (Shatta Wale) for his alleged role as a brand ambassador for made in Ghana products.

Another entertainer known for his strong affinity to the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) Kofi Adu, known in showbiz as Agya Koo was also reportedly gifted GHC 250, 000.

These disturbing expenditure by the Exim Bank was revealed at the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

According to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Exim Bank responsible for Finance and Administration, Kwame Adu-Darkwa, the amount was for a "media campaign" and that an independent consultant had selected Shatta Wale.

"As deputy CEO of Exim Bank I have not signed or seen a cheque signed to any artiste that you have mentioned for that amount. You will be surprised how brand ambassadors can be good at promoting a particular sector," Mr. Adu-Darkwa said, much to the chagrin of some members of par-



liament who thought the amount was wasteful.

This is not the first time the Exim Bank has made questionable payments to people associated with the governing NPP.

Some three years ago, the Exim Bank virtually gifted GHC 8 million to the Ashanti Regional Chairman of the ruling party to fund a phantom farming project that cannot be traced.

Meanwhile, Whatsup News can report that the seeming financial incentives being extended to Shatta Wale is part of a grand plan by the shadow campaign

machinery of the NPP controlled by President Akufo Addo's cousin and right-hand-man, Gabby Asare Otchere Darko.

Incidentally, Shatta Wale is also the brand ambassador for Asaase FM, an extravagant radio station owned by Mr. Otchere-Darko.

Insider information available to Whatsup News indicates that the flirtation between the NPP and Shatta Wale is due to his huge cult following in what has been dubbed The Shatta Movement (SM) and his huge social media following.

The NPP is targeting reportedly targeting at least a quarter of the 2.5 million fans base of Shatta Wale to leverage its chances in the December 2020 general elections.

Early June 2020, Mr. Otchere-Darko went on twitter to shower praises on Shatta Wale on how his SM fan base was well-organised. "In contemplation... I have watched and have been impressed about the apparent growing maturity of this young man. He recognises his influence on young people and seems determined to exploit it for positivity. His actions and messages in this Covid-19 period have been exemplary," Gabby stated, to which Shatta Wale acknowledged by saying: "Thank you, sir, coming from you means a lot to me and the whole Shatta Movement."

Our sources say this was the nuanced kick-starting of the plan by Gabby to leverage on SM fans for the re-election bid of President Akufo Addo in December 2020.

On June 14, 2020, ahead of the full political campaign season Shatta Wale massively endorsed President Akufo's second term bid, saying the incumbent president deserves another shot at the presidency.



## Bawumia, Akufo Addo Clash Over New University Bill-UTAG Baffled



The University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) is stunned by the apparent disagreement between President Akufo Addo and his Vice President Mahamudu Bawumia on the status of the controversial Public University Bill that is currently before Parliament.

During the launch of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP) manifesto a few weeks ago, Vice President Bawumia categorically opposed the bill that will put public universities will reduce the influence of the academic community on public universities and shift most of its control to the executive arm of government.

However, on September 4, 2020, in an interview with Oman FM, President Akufo Addo categorically stated

that his government is determined to push the bill through saying the rationale for the new structures for universities, as contained in the bill, is "incontestable".

"While we are relieved to see that the PUB is being given the attention it deserves in political discussions, we believe that its impact on Ghana's higher educational system is too consequential to be merely a partisan or election issue," said UTAG in a press statement released on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

UTAG has insisted that the new bill is unconstitutional and "unnecessary and harmful".

"Regrettably, in recent times, we have witnessed acts of undue executive interference in the internal matters of public universi-

ties, in a manner that threatens the integrity of higher education in Ghana," read the statement signed by Dr. Bethel Kwansa-Bentum Secretary to UTAG.

UTAG cited the attempt by the governing party to take over the governing structures of some public universities recently, for instance, the failed attempt to dissolve the governing council and to oust the Vice-Chancellor of KNUST and the unresolved confusion created by the Akufo Addo administration when it arbitrarily installed a new Vice-Chancellor at the University of Education-Winneba (UEW)

UTAG points out that the examples at KNUST and UEW are "handy examples of attempts at political control of public universities,

without regard to existing laws and institutions (including the judiciary) set up to regulate universities. These attempts at political interference are capped by the Public University Bill."

According to the sponsors of the bill, it is to ostensibly harmonise the laws that regulate public universities. But critics say it is a disguised attempt to expand the frontiers of executive power.

The provisions in the bill include the right of the President to dissolve the University Council and the organization of the Council to give the Executive majority representation. The bill also contains an explicit clause that allows the Minister of Education to give "directives" to the universities on any range of issues, with which "they shall comply".

"Taken together with the flurry of other bills on education put forward by the Minister of Education, the PUB grants the Executive unprecedented political control over the entire educational system, and in a manner that is inconsistent with Ghana's democratic credentials." UTAG charged.

Opponents of the bill have warned that if allowed the bill will cause the Akufo Addo administration to destroy public universities in the country.



## OKADA Chases President Akufo Addo & NPP

The Akufo Addo administration has been sent scurrying to usurp the plans by the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) to legalise commercial motorcycle transportation in Ghana (Okada) if voted into office in the December general elections.

This is after the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP) had strongly condemned the plan and vowing to keep OKADA on the fringes of high crime.

The highlight of the confusion that the OKADA policy had struck within the NPP is President Akufo Addo himself, who has hurriedly deleted a Facebook post he made on September 5, 2020, where he was emphatic that his government will never make OKADA legal in Ghana.

"@JDMahama promise of legalising and regulating the activities of the OKADA business is nothing but a desperate and populist vote canvassing gimmick. The activities of the OKADA business is illegal in our law books and must remain so. The nuisance they cause on



our roads must not be legalised by any right-thinking Ghanaian," President Akufo Addo wrote.

The post has surreptitiously been deleted from his timeline as at September 9, 2020. However, President Akufo Addo had repeated a similar sentiment on pro-NPP Oman FM and that report is still available online.

He said on Oman FM: "A law was made during the Mills/Mahama era [which banned okada operations in Ghana]. Today he [John Mahama] has changed his mind. He said he is going to legalise it. How can that provide more jobs than NABCO and Planting for foods and jobs? We have provided over two mil-

lion jobs with these social intervention initiatives. So how can you say that okada will provide more jobs? It's just populist. It's another sign of inconsistency—when you are in power you say one thing and when you are out of power you say something else. It doesn't help in creating better public discourse."

However, barely a day after the President had uttered these words, his Minister of Information, Kojo Opong-Nkrumah and the Transportation Minister, Kwasi Ofori Asiamah, were all over the media claiming the Akufo Addo government has begun stakeholder consultations to make a decision on legalising OKADA.

"We as a government

know that this is a matter that we need to take our time to confront the people, come out with their views and that, will determine the law that should be put in place," The Transport Minister stated.

To add to the confusion of the Akufo Addo administration, nowhere in its recently-launched manifesto had it stated that it had plans to legalise OKADA.

Apparently, the government which had chastised the Okada policy as populist has realised its popularity and is attempting to capitalise on it.

It is believed there are hundreds of thousands of commercial motorcycle riders, particularly in rural areas and urban areas with poor road networks. The burgeoning industry is said to be relied on by almost one million Ghanaians who would lose out if any government insist on making it illegal.

The inconsistency displayed by the NPP administration has already put it at the butt end of ridicule by Ghanaians, including known supporters of the governing party.

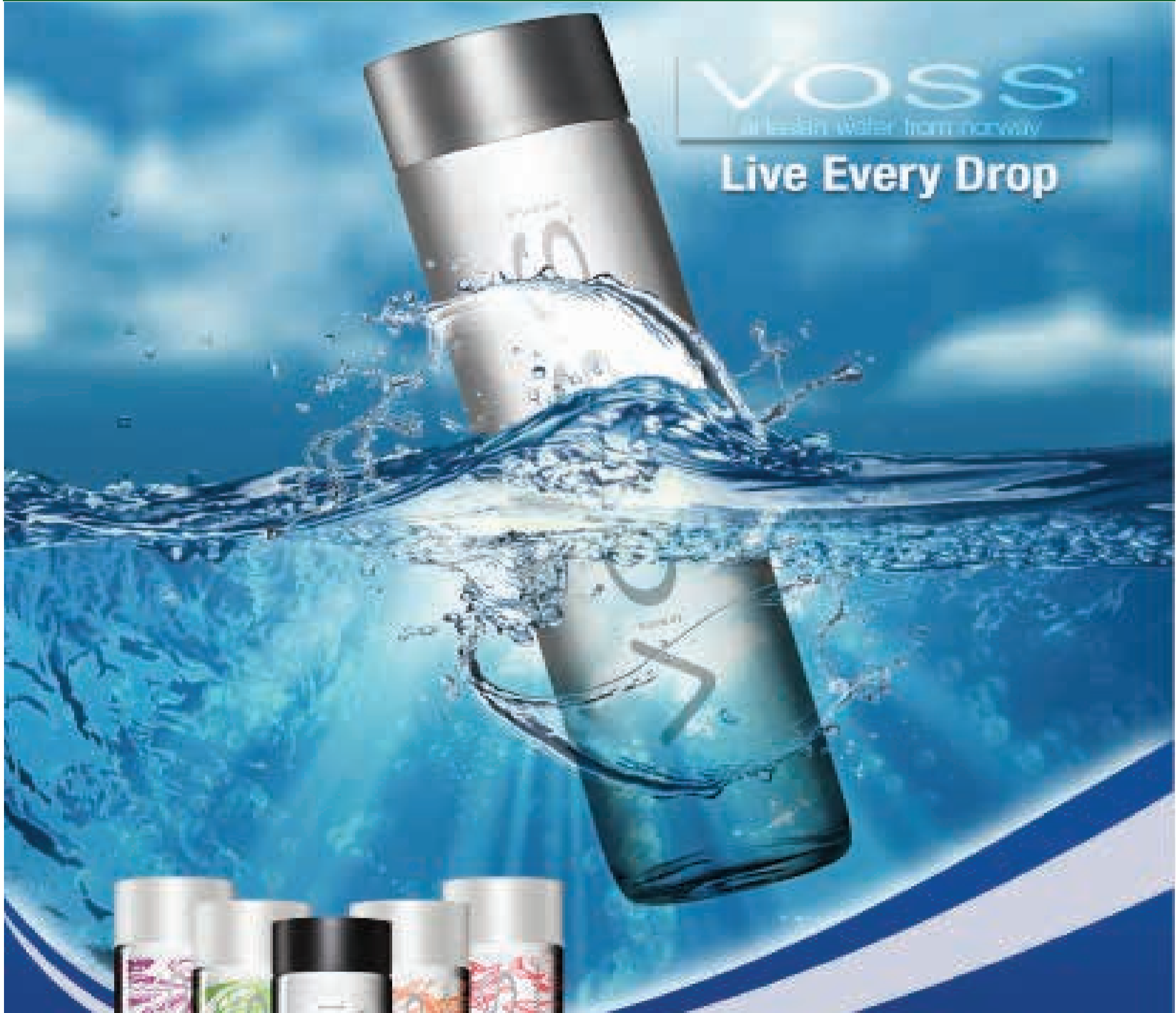


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## “Juju” Forces Prez Akufo-Addo To Avoid Unfamiliar Chairs In Savannah Region



President Akufo-Addo was careful to avoid seats that were offered him by traditional leaders in the Savannah Region during a recent tour of the region, Whatsup News has gathered.

According to information picked up

by Whatsup News, the President carried along his own gold-plated Presidential Chair during the tour.

Indeed, this strange paranoid antics of the President has been a familiar feature in the past couple of months where he has been spotted on that gold-

en chair even in radio and television studios where he is granting exclusive interviews.

Meanwhile, Chiefs and traditional leaders of the various towns in the region are said to have felt slighted by the President's behaviour.

Sekou Nkrumah, son of Ghana's

Founding President, Osagyfo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah recently posted the revelation as a quote on his Facebook timeline, saying that he was disappointed in the leadership. If the President really disrespected Savannah chiefs by his new-found superstition.

“If the above quote is true and not political propaganda, then I am very disappointed in the NPP leadership,” Sekou wrote.

The quote in question from an unknown source read: “When Nana Addo came to the Savannah region, he carried his chair moving from place to place, from palace to palace which is a direct insult to our chiefs. When he went to Akyem land he left the chair at Jubilee house and used the chairs offered him.”



## EC Announces Voter Register Exhibition Is From 18th To 25th September



Some temporal staff that the Electoral Commission (EC) had recruited for the 2019 local level elections remain unpaid of their allowances, What-sup News has gathered.

According to estimates, hundreds of such staff have been dumped empty-handed after they were used by the EC for the local level elections.

"We have complained to our respective district offices who then forwarded our complaints to Accra

via the regional offices but all to no avail," an affected staff had complained in a report forwarded to Whatsup News.

According to information, the affected people range from Presiding Officers to as ballot paper issuance officers, verification and names reference officers, etc.

The amounts they are supposed to be paid are said to range from Ghc500 to GHC 1000.

The aggrieved offi-

cers are said to be from all regions in the country but mostly from Oti

Interestingly, Mrs. Jean Mensah, the Electoral Commission Chairperson is claiming that the Commission has paid all temporal staff.

At one of the EC's press conferences, she claimed that the Commission owed no temporal staff any longer.

"We have written to Accra informing them about the infractions but nothing has changed," a regional

officer who wants to remain anonymous said.

And in response to the EC boss' claim that everybody has been paid, another regional head who does not want to be identified said, "even some of the people who worked as exhibition officials have not been paid yet."

Over the years, temporary staff who worked for the commission were paid at the district offices of the commission.

This arrangement, however, changed when Mrs Charlotte Osei was appointed as the chair.

The commission's decision to pay through the banks has resulted in a lot of infractions and unnecessary delays, insiders told Whatsup News.

It is not known if this situation is a mere infraction or an orchestrated attempt by some officials at the headquarters of the commission.



## Ghana Water Announces Upcoming Water Cuts



**T**he Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) has announced that there will be water supply interruption in parts of Accra next week.

In a release, the company said the affected areas will be in the Eastern half of Accra and that the interruption is to enable the GWCL to undertake crucial repair works on waterlines to the area.

“The Management of Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL), wishes

to inform the general public, that there will be an interruption of water supply to the eastern part of the Greater Accra Region from Monday the 14th to Saturday the 20th of September, 2020. GWCL Engineers will be replacing close to 2 kilometres of a weak section of the main 42-inch diameter transmission pipeline from Kpong to Tema, which is causing GWCL to lose several volumes of water on daily basis and consequently hav-

ing a serious impact on the volumes available for consumption,” GWCL said.

“Management is as a result of entreating consumers in Accra, especially consumers in the eastern part of the metropolis to store enough water for consumption during the period of the shut-down,” a release signed by Stanley Martey, PRO for the GWCL said.

Meanwhile, the GWCL is saying mitigating measures have

already been worked out for the affected areas. “The Governments COVID-19 free water reservoirs will still be filled with water tankers to enable consumers to fetch for free.

Essential service providers like the hospitals and schools will also be served with water tankers: most importantly, consumers should/ must store water ahead of the shutdown to reduce the impact of the shutdown, the release said.





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## Rawlings' Mother Turns 101

Former President Jerry John Rawlings' mother, Victoria Agbotui, celebrated her 101st birthday yesterday.

She was born on September 9, 1919.

As September is the 9th month of the year, Mr. Rawlings' mother's birthday is 9 - 9 - 1919 when written in letters - a rather alliterative date that some superstitious people have attributed to her being the parent of one of the great-



est Ghanaians ever.

Last year, Madam Victoria Agbotui was rumoured to have passed on, however former President Rawlings' office had released a statement debunking the



claim, saying she was old but still strong and kicking.

About his relationship with his mother, Mr. Rawlings often talks of how Madam Agbotui had wanted him to become a doctor

or a Lawyer and had given him a big slap in the back when he announced that he had wanted to become an army pilot.

In the end, Jeremiah John Rawlings achieved his dream, became an Air Force pilot, and then surpassed his mother's dreams for him. He became the longest-serving Ghanaian President, founder of a party and the founding President of Ghana's Fourth Republic.

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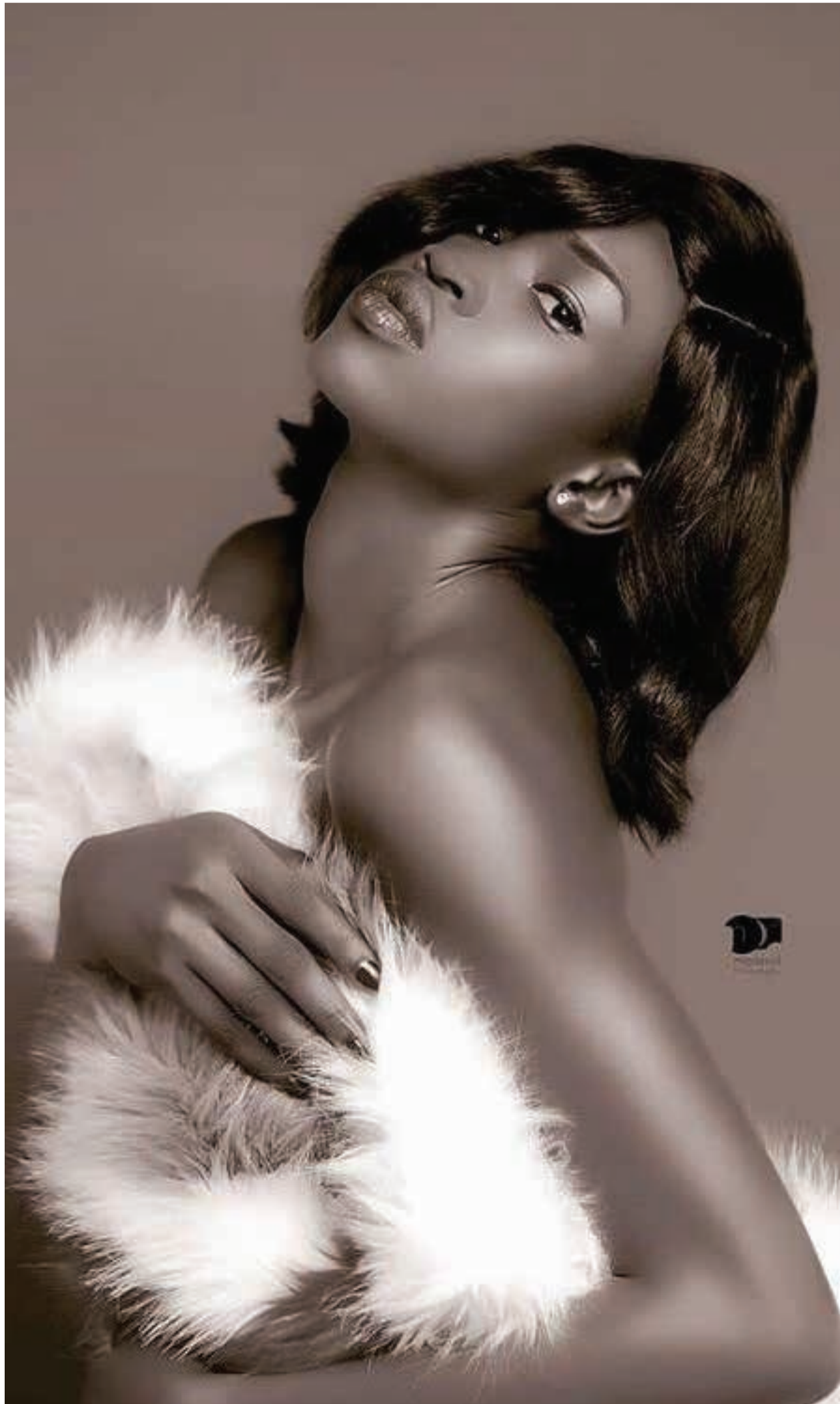
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