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I DIDN'T WANT TO PANIC OVER WESTERN TOGOLAND SECESSIONIST -AKUFO ADDO



After being jabbed for his unusual silence on the agitation in the Volta Region by the Separatists group seeking independence for the so-called Western Togoland, President Akufo Addo responded that he did not want to panic, hence his silence.

According to the President who is the Commander-In-Chief of the Ghana Armed Forces, if he had shown signs of panic, the country would have been thrown into a state of panic.

Speaking during his campaign in the Ashanti Region, President Akufo-Addo said: "I have to be calm because in-

stitutions are in place. The security agencies are doing their work. They've started already and we'll see results. If I panic, the country panics. It's like the COVID-19 disease, if I had panicked, fear would have gripped all of us."

He claims the security agencies will deal with the problem. "I have no doubts about it. I trust the security agencies. I trust the Armed Forces. I trust the Police. I trust their leadership. The intelligence agencies, I know they are all working very, very, very hard to make sure that this matter is dealt with as quickly as possible," he said.

However, fingers are

pointing at his administration as the mastermind of the volatility in the Western Togoland. Indeed, it is being reported that the supposed insurgents that blocked entry into parts of the Volta Region and attacked two police stations may have been political vigilantes of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP).

The known secessionist group called the Homeland Study Group Foundation (HSGF) have officially denied being behind the violence that erupted in the Volta Region last week Friday.

Some members of the HSGF have alleged that the Volta Regional Min-

ister Dr. Archibald Letsa has been a long-term financier of the group.

The territory of Western Togoland had been agitating for separating from Ghana because they claim there was no legal document binding the former German colony to be part of Ghana.

After Germany's defeat during the First World War, the colony of Togoland was divided between France and Britain as protectorates. The western part of Togoland became part of Britain's Gold Coast colony, which became independent in 1957 to form modern-day Ghana. Togo gained independence from France in 1960.

Western Togoland is a member of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) and the HSGF thinks its union with Ghana has outlived its usefulness and would therefore want to declare its independence for its 4 million inhabitants.

The group has tried several failed attempts at independence. The latest was in March 2020 where some 80 members were arrested but freed inexplicably.



POLICE PATROL VEHICLES CONVERTED TO NPP CAMPAIGN CARS



Whatsup News has seen a disturbing video where an official police patrol vehicle was in the thick of the campaign for the governing New Patriotic Party in an unknown town. The Patrol vehicle with registration number GP 3852 was clearly seen conveying NPP foot soldiers.

An inherent phenomenon that has often been hushed up despite widespread criticism, the viral video demon-

strates the extent to which the police administration has been severely compromised with partisan politics.

Meanwhile the police administration today, October 2, 2020, confirmed the incident, saying it is investigating the matter.

"The attention of the Police Administration has been drawn to video and pictures showing people with political party identity apparently rallying in a Police vehicle.

The administration does not sanction acts of this nature," reads a letter signed by Shiella Kessie Abayie-Buckman, the Public Affairs Director of the Ghana Police Service.

According to the statement, the Inspector-General of Police, James Oppong-Boanuh has directed the Professional Standards Bureau (PPSB) to launch an investigation into the incident so that the officers involved to be sanc-

tioned.

"The Police Service is committed to its avowed principle of impartiality. The general public should be assured of the performance of the police duties without fear or favour," the statement concludes.

However, this assurance will do little to comfort the general public given the persistent actions of the police service to be partial towards governing parties.

Indeed, the behaviour of the Police in the past months have demonstrated its entire hierarchy is in cahoots with the governing party.

For instance, in the guise of effecting COVID-19 protocols against mass gatherings, the police administration has smashed several protests that appeared to be targeted at the NPP administration, yet, protests favouring the government has been given free passes by the same police service.



SAM GEORGE CAUSES SUSPENSION OF NDC SECRETARY FOR SIX MONTHS



The Greater Accra Regional Executive Committee of the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) has suspended the Ningo Prampram Constituency Secretary of the party, Okoe Mensah for six months following his fight with Sam George, the NDC

MP in the area.

A statement dated October 2, 2020, and signed by the Regional Secretary, Theophilus Tetteh Chaie stated that the matter has been referred to the Constituency Disciplinary Committee for further action to be taken.

Mr. Okoe Mensah's

suspension was triggered by Sam George who had complained and gone to court over Mr. Mensah's accusation that the incumbent Member of Parliament was behind an indiscriminate shooting incident that took place in the Prampram on Sunday, September

27, 2020.

Sam George vehemently denied the allegations and has sued Okoe Mensah for defamation.

According to Mr. George's suit, at no point in time was any weapon discharged during his visit to the Mobole electoral area in Prampram.



MURDERED LEGON LAW PROF. WAS WRITING A DAMNING BOOK



The University of Ghana (Legon) Law Professor who was murdered in his mansion at Adjiringanor in Accra was writing a book that contained very damning revelations about some people at the time of his killing.

This is one of many tidbits that have been thrown up by investigations. Together with other revelations including the fact that Prof. Yaw Benneh was bludgeoned to death while the Central Processing Unit (CPU) of a computer that he was working with was dumped by his murderers, the new revelation has changed the complexion of the case.

It is increasingly becoming

apparent that Prof. Benneh was killed over the highly revelatory book that he was writing. The content of the book is currently not known. Meanwhile, the Police have confirmed that Prof. Benneh was indeed writing a book and that they have secured a copy.

This morning, the Ghana Police Service told journalists that they had established a motive for the killing and that the motive was armed robbery.

The same Police, however, reveals that only a wad of Ghc450 which was stuffed in Prof. Benneh's wallet was taken by the prime suspect in the case – James Nana Womba. Womba is said to have also admitted to taking

two mobile phones and the CPU of his victim's computer and dumped it in a septic tank after bludgeoning him with a metal bar.

Supposedly, Womba said he was trying to clear any possible CCTV camera recordings that he feared was captured by the computer.

Selfsame Womba, has, according to the Police, also changed his confession a little bit, naming another person as an accomplice.

The flurry of new developments appears to be putting into question, the robbery motive that the Police has assigned to the murder.

It would be recalled that earlier in the week, Prosecutors told an Accra court that James Nana Womba, a do-

mestic staff of the late Professor, confessed to the dastardly murder of his master and named two accomplices, one of whom is on the run.

The Police have since arrested a certain Opambour Agya Badu, one of the alleged accomplices that Womba named while under interrogation.

According to the prosecutors, the confession has also since informed the State's decision to drop charges against three other suspects that had earlier been picked up along with Nana Womba - Christian Pobee, Isaac Botchwey, and Adams Mensah Mansur – on September 16th.

The State had earlier charged the four suspects with murder before securing Womba's confession to the crime.

The name of the second suspect named by Womba was not revealed in court. The court remanded the self-confessed Womba and Opambour Agyei Badu in custody and given October 14th as return date.

Prof. Yaw Benneh, a University of Ghana Law Professor was found dead in his Adjiringanor home earlier in the month, with his hands tied behind his back and his mouth stuffed with a rag, indicating he was molested by his assailants before his murder.



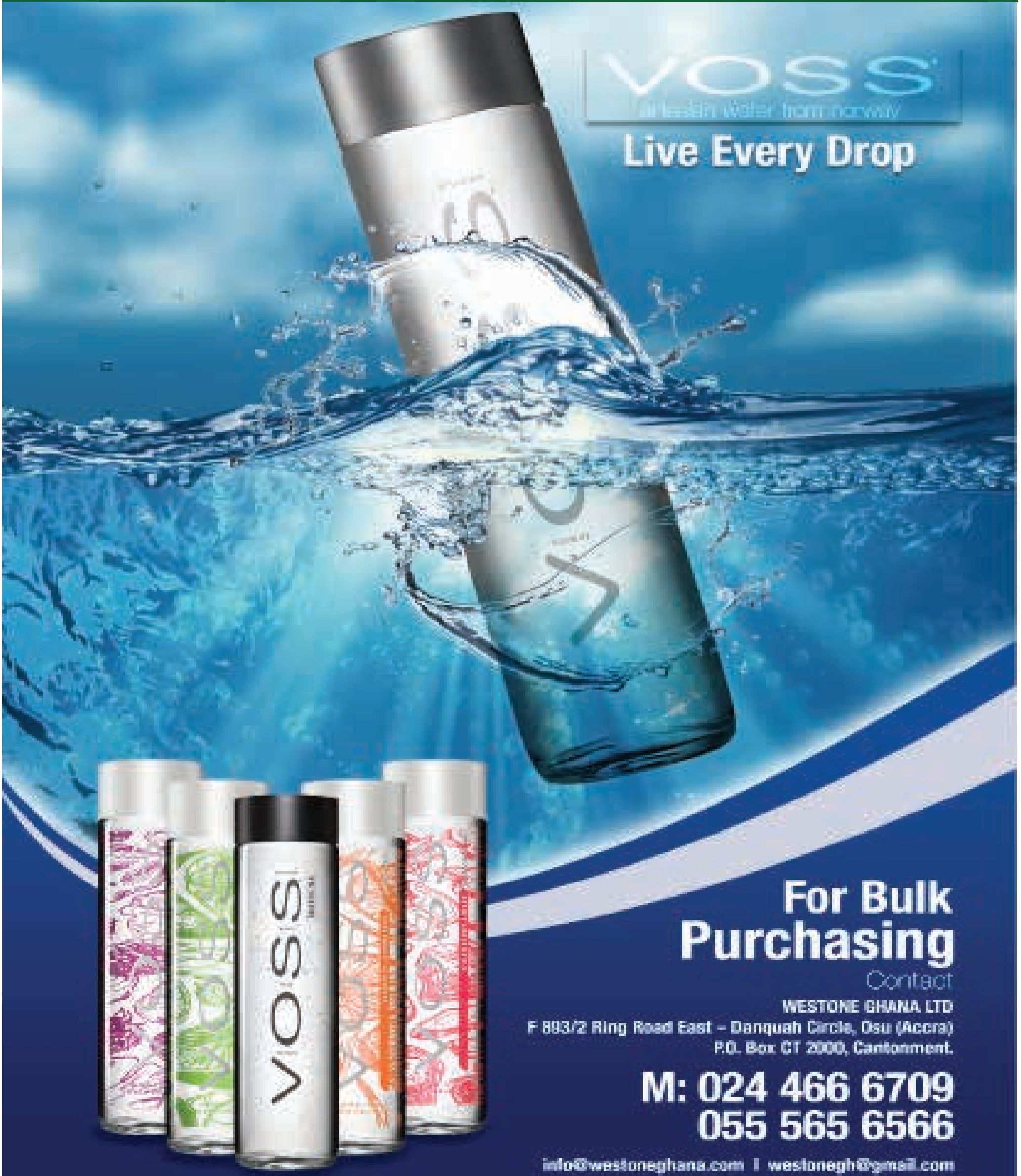
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MAHAMA TOURS 28 COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN NORTH STARTING SUNDAY



The 2020 Flagbearer of the National Democratic Congress, Former President John Mahama is visiting 28 communities as part of a four day tour of the Western-North Region.

According an itinerary released by his Campaign team, the tour begins on Sunday, October 4, 2020, at Sefwi Bopa, Aprutu and to

Kramokrom in Akontombra constituency, where he will address a durbar.

President Mahama will also pay a courtesy call on the chiefs and elders of Aowin Traditional Area after which he will visit some communities in the Aowin and Suaman constituencies to round up the first day of his tour

The second day's

tour will see the NDC Flagbearer make a brief stops at Sefwi Bonsu-Nkwanta in the Juaboso constituency, address a durbar at Mafia, Boinsan, Patakro, Benumsuo, Kojina and Bodi.

Then, on the third and fourth day of his tour, the former President will visit Bia West and Bia East, Wiawso and Bibiani Anhwiaso

Bekwai to conclude the tour. He will also pay a courtesy call on Sefwi Wiawso traditional area overlord, Katakryire Kwasi Bumangama II.

As part of the tour, the former President will appear on radio stations where he will explain the NDC's manifesto for the 2020 election and field questions from the general public.



TRUMP AND WIFE TEST POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS



Coronavirus: Trump and first lady test positive for coronavirus after going into quarantine

US President Donald John Trump is in quarantine together with First Lady, Melania Trump after the First Couple tested positive for the Coronavirus.

"We will get through

this together," Trump tweeted Friday. The US President is 74.

As prelude to his own infection, one of Mr Trump's closest aides, Hope Hicks, had earlier tested positive for the virus which has claimed thousands of lives across the globe.

The 31 year old had travelled with him on Air Force One to a TV

debate in Ohio this week.

Late on Thursday, Mr Trump had said he and his wife were going into quarantine after Ms Hicks's positive test.

"Hope Hicks, who has been working so hard without even taking a small break, has just tested positive for COVID 19. Terrible!

"The First Lady and I

are waiting for our test results. In the meantime, we will begin our quarantine process!" he had tweeted.

It is not clear how Mr Trump's positive test will affect arrangements for the second presidential debate, which is scheduled for 15 October in Miami, Florida, reports the BBC.



FIVE GALAMSEYS PERISH AFTER MINE CAVE-IN



Five illegal miners have reportedly died after the mine in which they were prospecting for gold caved in on them.

The incident happened at Ayanfu-

ri-Gyaaman in the upper Denkyira West District of the Central Region.

Fifteen others who were also involved in the illegal mining expedition sustained various degrees of in-

jury and have been admitted at the hospital for treatment.

The bodies of the deceased have since been deposited at the Dunkwa Municipal hospital.

According to reports, the

mine gave way after a crack developed in its top part.

Personnel from the Ghana Police Service have since taken over the site and are undertaking investigations.



ASHANTI REGIONAL IMAM UNDER PRESSURE TO RESIGN OVER NPP POLITICS



The Ashanti Regional Chief Imam, Alhaji Abdul Mumin Harun, is under pressure from Muslim youth in the region to resign after he allegedly twisted Quranic edicts for the purpose of political propaganda in favor of the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP).

Concerned Muslim Youth of the Ashanti Region (CMYA), an umbrella body for Muslim youth in the region, says it has given the NPP Imam up to next week to step down or face

their wrath.

"We are already in touch with our lawyers to whom we have given video evidence that he is an NPP party man, we have also petitioned the Ulama of the Ashanti Region to remove him. If they don't we will also petition the National Chief Imam," the angry youth threatened.

"We cannot have a politically tainted person occupying that very important position for Islam in Ghana," said Mohammed Rabiou, leader of the Concerned Mus-

lim Youth of Ashanti."

In a phone interview with WhatsUp News, Mr. Rabiou also said a press conference was on the way to drum home their position, emphasizing, "we are not giving him any choice in the matter, he must step down."

The Ashanti Regional Imam is said to have granted an interview in which he claimed that it is forbidden in Islam to have special mortuaries. The claim was seen as a deliberate detraction of the promise by the Flag-bearer of the National

Democratic Congress (NDC) to ensure that Muslims are accorded special mortuary in public health facilities to enable them bury their dead according to Islamic custom.

"we want him (the Ashanti regional Imam) to come out and tell us from which of these books he got the edict that Muslims cannot have special mortuaries," Mohammed Rabiou said.

WhatsUp News has also been finding out that the man has a personal grudge against former President Jerry John Rawlings and his party, the NDC, because his father was arrested and detained during the military junta under Rawlings.

In 2014, he requested for a diplomatic passport from then-President John Mahama and was refused, and this also became another reason to hate John Mahama and the NDC. Then in 2016, he imported a car Canada and was expecting to be exempted from paying duty but was made to pay the duty.



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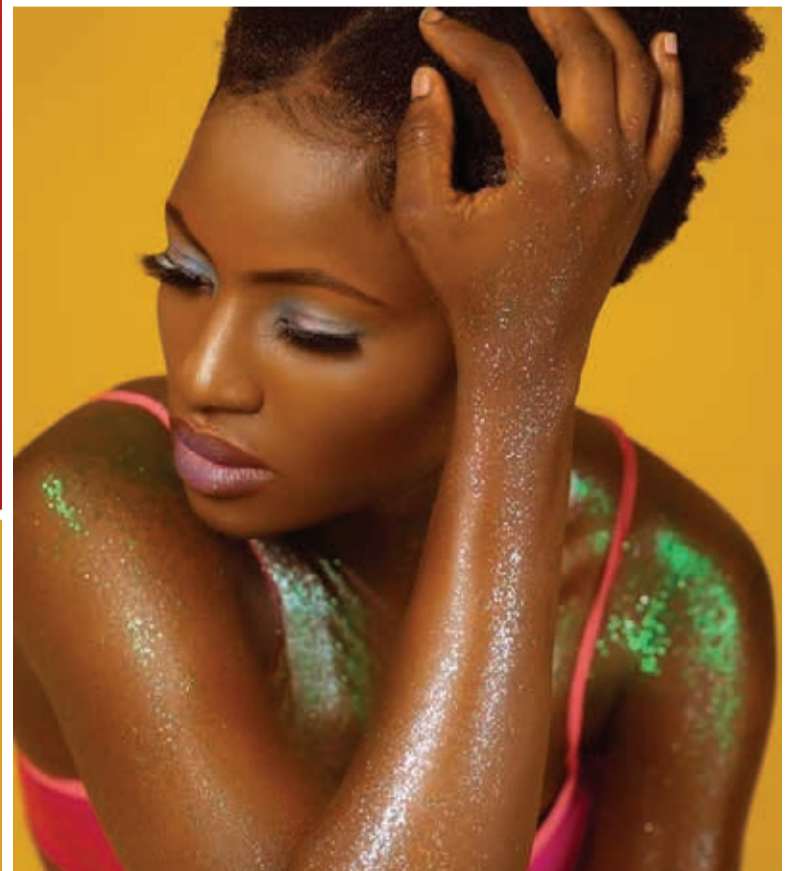


Bio

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Height: 5'4
Weight: -
Waist: 29
Bust: 33
Hip: 34.5
Shoe Size: 38
Eye colour: Black
Hair Colour: Black
Dress: 10
Speciality: Video Vixen, Commercial, Photo
Language: Fante, Nzema, Twi, English
Hobbies: Singing, Reading, Watching Movies, Crotcheting

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THE NEW ZEALAND EXPERIENCE



Social media is awash with the news of an impending referendum specifically focused on whether or not New Zealanders should accept cannabis as the new norm within their society.

It has not been a brutal battle but rather refined because both sides of the fence are well aware

of the issues. No one is under any false illusions about the positives and negatives; if there are any negatives to mention in the first place.

They just have a little more than two full weeks before they will all go and vote about it once and for all. The 17th of October 2020 will undeniably be a big day in the history of New Zealand. The twist in the tail of this cannabis referendum is that the results will not bind the government to act either way. If the referendum goes in favour of those who wish to see the legalization of cannabis, the victory will be somehow muted because of the fact that the government can't be held to ransom.

One purpose of the Bill is to ensure that the government has a way to control and regulate cannabis. This regulation will cover how people can produce, supply and or consume cannabis. But the main reason for the Bill is to reduce cannabis-related harm to individuals, families and communities at large.

You will be interested to know that



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the Bill proposed does not cover medicinal cannabis. In fact, medicinal cannabis is already legal under the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme.

It is quite interesting really because the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme is not even a year old yet. It was introduced

in April 2020 and is entirely separate from the referendum that is set to take place shortly. The scheme has been established in order to improve access to quality medicinal cannabis products. Medicinal cannabis products are only available to patients on prescription by



a doctor. There is a Medical Cannabis Agency that regulate and monitor standards and quality of the cannabis before it can be prescribed.

For those New Zealanders that want to participate in the industry, they will need to hold a medicinal cannabis licence. The licence is specific with regards to what the holder can actually do, such as cultivation, manufacture and the supply of medicinal cannabis products.

Those who want to work in the industry need to hold a medicinal cannabis licence or work for a person or company that holds a licence. The licence will specify the types of activities that a licence holder may carry out, such as commercial cultivation of cannabis or manufacture and supply of medicinal cannabis products.

Patients must have a prescription from a doctor that is registered to practice in New Zealand before they can be supplied any medicinal cannabis products and this includes any cannabidiol (CBD) products.

Prescriptions for medicinal cannabis products:

- should specify the brand and prohibit any generic substitutions

- must not be for a product in a form intended for smoking
- must not be for a product meeting the definition of 'food' under the Food Act 2014

- must not be for a product in a sterile dosage form (e.g. eye drops).

What I like about New Zealand is that they have clearly got it together. The debate about cannabis is a matured one. There are no scaremongers



and most of all they are prepared to conduct the research before they start talking positively or negatively about it. A bit different here. Yes, we know. People especially professionals are afforded the platform to say anything without any substance at all, polluting the minds of those who are generally unaware.

The other aspect of the New Zealanders approach to cannabis is that research and development has been the key to the debate. Scientists are well aware of the health benefits and doctors are too; which is not the case here at all. Hardly any, if any research has been done on cannabis at all and our doctors would not know the first thing to do when they are faced with a medicinal cannabis patient.

It is as if they are too shy to be associated with cannabis because it may dampen their reputation and or lay them bare to criticism. They do not realise or understand that it would enhance their credibility but more to the point, it would broaden their scope and their medical horizon.

But still, all is not lost and eventually, I hope we will get there. Make it legal New Zealand and show Ghana the way!