



URSULA OWUSU CAMPAIGNS IN THE NORTH WITH PRIVATE JET



Minister of Communications, Ursula, Gifty Owusu-Ekuful was last week flown in a private jet to campaign in the northern part of the country, specifically the Upper East and Upper West Regions.

Our investigations reveal that the mid-sized jet flew just three people and two crew members to the north Mr. Mrs Owusu-Ekuful's political campaign. Aboard the extravagant trip were two other people: One Nana Boatema Asare and Olawole Olaiya Philips.

The private jet is a Challenger CL 604 with registration number T7-MJJ.

Whatsup News is in

possession of photos and videos of the aircraft. Tracking of the flight also shows that it set off from the Kotoka International Airport on October 3, 2020, around 6 am and landed in Tamale around 7 am the same day, in what smacks of wilful wastage of public funds by a political appointee.

Investigations are still ongoing to unravel how much the private jet campaign of Ursula Owusu cost Ghanaian taxpayers.

Further tracking of the aircraft revealed that as soon as it dropped the minister and her mini entourage, the private Jet flew back empty to the Kotoka International airport around 7.40 am. Afterwards, it jetted off to

Haiti.

Mrs. Owusu-Ekuful will later take to Facebook to tout her trip to the north, saying: "My 4 days working tour in the Upper East region saw me visiting the tomb of late Madam Hawa Yakubu in Pusiga to pay my respect to the woman who many referred to as 'Iron Lady'."

Insiders tell Whatsup News that beyond the solemn tribute to the Late Hawa Yakubu, Owusu-Ekuful's trip was more of a reconnaissance to break the front of the opposition National Democratic Congress in the Garu, Pusiga and Tempene constituencies, as she and the governing party are allegedly sponsoring some NDC

candidates in those constituencies to contest as Independent Parliamentary Candidates, to dilute the votes of the NDC.

Apparently, the governing NPP has concluded that they stand no chance in those constituencies and had adopted the ingenious scheme.

Mr. Owusu-Ekuful is not alien to controversies, her fiery outbursts have often brought mixed results to her party and the Akufo Addo administration.

She is also not alien to scandals, as she is in the thick of the infamous US\$180 KelniGvG contract to monitor revenues of telecom operators in Ghana. The contract was reportedly awarded without recourse to the Public Procurement process.

Meanwhile, Whatsup News has been unable to get through to the Communications Minister on the rationale behind flying a private jet to campaign in the two poorest regions in the country.

The owner of the private aircraft is unknown as investigations are ongoing.



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ROBBERS SHOOT VIP BUS DRIVER, ROB PASSENGERS ON ACCRA/KUMASI ROAD

Highway robbers on the Accra-Kumasi stretch struck a VIP bus after midnight on Sunday, shooting its driver and robbing all passengers on board.

The bus with registration number GE 2397-10 which was en-route to Kumasi from Accra appears to have been targeted.

The robbers am-



bushed it near Linda Dor, a popular stop-over on the highway, by invading its path on the highway and then shot at the driv-

er through the wind-screen. After they had immobilized the driver this way, they then stormed the bus and robbed the helpless

passengers on board of personal belongings, including cash and phones.

The robbers are said to have also manhandled some of the passengers.

A Highway Police patrol team later arrived at the scene of the robbery but the robbers had already left.

No suspects have since been arrested.



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MONEY LAUNDERING STINKS IN BELGIUM, AS BANK CLOSES GHANA EMBASSY ACCOUNTS

Suspicious of money laundering by officials of the Akufo Addo administration may have caused the ING Bank in Brussels-Belgium to close all the accounts of Ghana's Embassy in that country, Whatsup News has gathered.

The curious news reveals that the ING Bank gave the embarrassed Ghanaian Embassy no reasons for the closure, but referred to Article 59 of the bank's General Regulations, which allows the bank to terminate the business relationships with some of its clients without any requirement to explain the reasons.

The Ghanaian Embassy has therefore been given till November 12, 2020, to withdraw all their funds from the four accounts that the mission operates at the bank.

"At the embassy, we received a letter out of the blue from our bankers in August that they had decided to trigger an article. When you open an account with the bank you sign that agreement. That article states that both parties can abrogate the agreement without any justification or explanation. They asked us to re-



move our money and put it in another bank. That's how they put it," Ghana's Ambassador to Belgium, Sena Siaw Boateng, told reporters.

The situation leaves many unanswered questions as Whatsup News is gathering that following the Blacklisting of Ghana as a money-laundering hub by the European Union, international intelligence networks are closing in on the suspicious movement of funds by appointees in the Akufo Addo administration.

The embattled Ghanaian Ambassador admitted that all efforts to plead with the bank to reconsider its decision fell on deaf ears.

"We were told that it was a decision from the

bank's headquarters. We got a call five days after, and we were told that the decision was final and irreversible. So, this is where we are. No further explanation from the bank," she added.

Whatsup News gathered that the ING Bank only triggers its Article 59 in "extreme cases" and does not revoke its decision in such instances.

Foreign Minister Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey reportedly said the incident had caught the attention of Ghana's Foreign Affairs Ministry and that the Controller and Accountant Department is planning to transfer all the questionable funds into a new account.

The ING Bank is reputed for its high integrity

internationally and would not want to associate with dirty money, even if it required stepping on diplomatic toes.

The Belgian situation is reportedly one of many more such blacklisting sets to hit Ghana in Europe and other countries.

Already, the government is exposed by a number of official deals that had been routed through notorious money-laundering hubs. For instance, the controversial Agyapa Royalty deal spearheaded by the Minister of Finance, Ken Ofori-Atta is domiciled in Jersey, the world's third-aggressive money laundering hub.

The second such questionable deal is the COVID19 testing at the Kotota International Airport (KIA) by Frontier Health Services Limited, a company linked to several shell companies associated with Panama and Dominica in the interest of fugitive Nigerian Billionaire, Dominick Peters.

Dominick Peters has been linked to high-level international bribes and crude oil theft under the auspices of the disgraced former Nigerian Oil Minister Diezani K. Alison-Madueke.



NIGERIA BANS TANKER-TO-TANKER CRUDE OIL TRANSACTION WITH GHANA OVER OIL THEFT



Nigeria has banned crude oil tankers from transferring consignment of purchased crude from its tankers to tankers belonging to Ghana, Togo and Benin on the high seas because Nigeria claims these countries are unreliable partners in its oil trade.

In a letter issued today from President Muhammadu Buhari's Aso Rock Presidency, Nigeria claims its vessels transporting oil to these three countries have been targeted by pirates.

"We have received many reports on the frustrations potential buyers go through trying to close a transaction in Ghana, Lome and Cotonou ports respectively. The corporation has also suffered lots of losses due to

sea pirates hijacking vessels, non-performance from buyers after moving vessels to their point of calibration, which has affected the corporation and our country (Nigeria)," signed Bello Musa Abdullahi from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

"...The President has issued an EXECUTIVE ORDER to ban all Tanker Take Over (TTO) in the above-listed ports. We hereby advise any buyer who wishes to lift BOCO products on TTO bases to do so either in Nigeria, Cameroon, Senegal or move the vessel straight to her POD. We shall be redirecting all vessels at Ghana, Lome and Cotonou ports to return to Nigeria waters immediately or be blacklisted

from entering Nigeria."

Ghana is increasingly becoming a hub of crude oil thieves given recent expositions.

Indeed, in one of the unfolding sagas, the Jubilee House has been in the piracy of crude from Nigeria.

Explosive documents released a few weeks ago by investigative journalist Kevin Ekow Taylor revealed a stinking paper trail of official collusion, cover-up and a secret conspiracy involving the Jubilee House's frolic with Nigerian petroleum bunkering and smuggling terrorist groups.

According to the revelation, individuals at the Jubilee House are raking in some US\$ 10 million monthly from the nefarious trade

with more than 15 special fuel smuggling vessels off-loading their content with their Ghanaians conspirators.

The payload often average 50,000 metric tonnes as investigations reveal that Col Kwadwo Damoah (rtd), the Commissioner of Customs at the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) is in the thick of the shady trade.

Whatsup News has seen some of these leaked documents covering two incidents in May and June 2020.

The first document shows an incident that happened early May 2020, where a well-known smuggling vessel "MT RANDL" was intercepted at the Takoradi Port but was questionably released by the Col. Damoah and his assistant, Bob Senyallah.

In June 2020, the exact same scenario involving another petroleum smuggling vessel "Dende" was reported again at the Takoradi Port. That vessel was also left off the hook after the fuel aboard were secretly offloaded.

A memo from Ag. Investigator at the Customs Division Rudolf Akumatey dated June 29, 2020, reported the arrest of "Dende", a narrated how the vessel was secretly released.



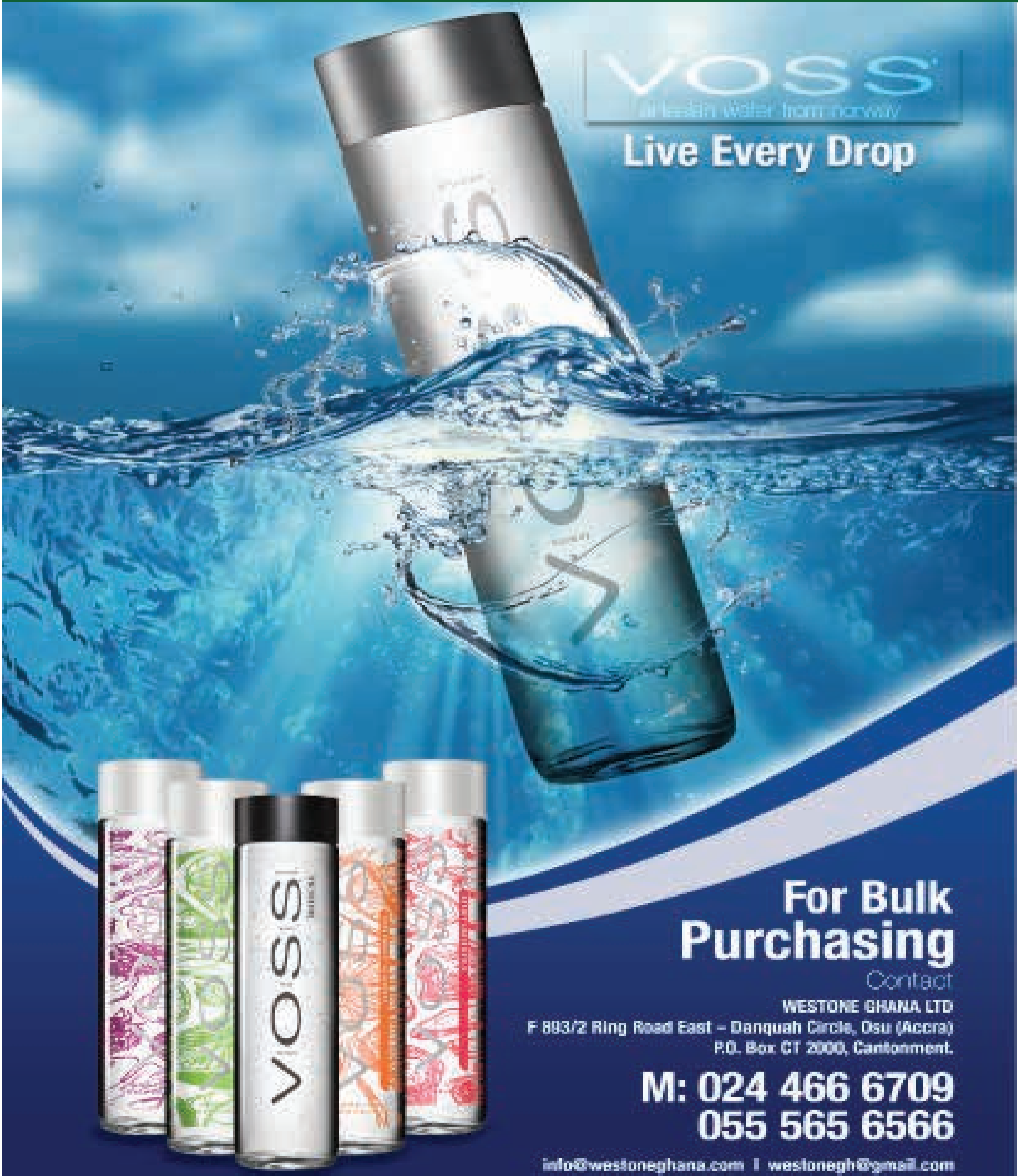
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BNI PICKS UP SHAI OSUDOKU SUB CHIEF OVER VOLTA SECESSION ACTIVITIES



A sub-Chief of Shai Osudoku in the Greater Accra Region has been arrested by the Bureau of National Investigations (BNI) in connection with the recent secessionist disturbances in the Volta Region by the so-called Western Togoland Movement.

Nene Tawiah Agblom II was picked up by the BNI over the

weekend, according to reports confirmed by the Shais Osudoku Police.

According to a report by national broadsheet, Daily Graphic, the arrest has since been confirmed by the Akuse Divisional Police Commander, Chief Superintendent Winfred Asare Nyarko. The Commander would however not provide

any further details, according to the report.

It is difficult to imagine the connection between the sub-chief of a Ga-Dangbe ethnic group in Shai Osudoku and a group of secessionists in the Volta Region, but the Osudoku Traditional Council is said to have hurriedly denounced and washed its hands off the sub-chief.

A statement reportedly issued by the Paramount Chief of the Osudoku Traditional Area, Aadegbor Ngmongmowuyaa Nene Kwesi Animle VI, said, "This press statement has become necessary and appropriate because information reaching me, which has been confirmed when I sent an emissary to follow up to Accra, indicates that one of our chiefs, Nene Tawiah Agblom II, the Head of the Dor-si Clan/Division, has been picked up by the authorities for involving himself in the activities of the Western Togoland secession."'

Meanwhile Daily Graphic reports that over 60 people have so far been arrested in connection with the secessionist disturbances.



ASEPA WRITES TO PRESIDENCY FOR CJ REPORT CLEARING EC BOSS FROM REMOVAL



Civil Society Organization, Alliance for Social Equity and Public Accountability (ASEPA), has written to President Akufo-Addo, demanding a copy of a supposed report by the Chief Justice Kwasi Anin Yeboah, which exonerates the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission (EC), Jean Mensah, from implicated corruption and justification of removal from office.

ASEPA suspects that there is a cover-up between the Chief Justice

and the Presidency on the matter relating to the request for removal of Jane Mensah as the EC Chairperson.

In a letter dated October 5th, Mensah Thompson, Executive Director of ASEPA, wrote that ASEPA would want a copy of the report by the Chief Justice and would want it enclosed in any response that the Presidency would send it.

"In a response to ASEPA dated 16th August, 2020, the Chief Justice admitted that he acted upon our pe-

tion which was referred to the Presidency on the 15th of July, 2020. Subsequently, the Presidency had written to us without a copy of the Chief Justice' report which is accrued to us petitioners.

ASEPA had petitioned the President to remove Jean Mensah as EC Chairperson after it emerged that the woman had neglected to declare her assets upon her appointment by President Akufo-Addo.

The Presidency had written to ASEPA that its

petition had been forwarded to the Chief Justice for action, and so the CSO could contact the Judiciary for answers. However, when the Chief Justice's office was contacted, it wrote back that the petition had been worked on and the report sent to the Presidency.

ASEPA contacted the Presidency again for confirmation, which it did, in a terse reply without enclosing a copy of the said report.

Interestingly even though ASEPA was the one which had petitioned for the removal of Jean Mensah, the CSO was never invited to whatever hearing that Jean Mensah was supposed to have been given.

Even the supposed report on the issue was not communicated to the petitioner until ASEPA wrote to the Presidency for an update.

It is suspected that the Chief Justice never held any hearing or authored any report that exonerates Jean Mensah. The petition by ASEPA was only dismissed on whim, it is believed.



SUPPOSED ROAD AUDIT BY AKUFO-ADDO NEVER HAPPENED – MAHAMA

The 2020 Standard Bearer of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), John Mahama, has said that a supposed road audit that the Akufo-Addo government claims to have undertaken in 2017 to sanitize road contracts awarded by the preceding Mahama government never happened.

In a call out, the former President has dared President Akufo-Addo to prove him wrong by releasing the report if the supposed audit, saying the supposed audit was a political excuse to frustrate the contracts that had been given out for the benefits of the country's roads, especially the cocoa roads.

"They should tell us the findings. Which contractors were paid for work they had not done? But there is no such report. Because of politics, you abandon the roads and now that it's close to elections, you're now scrambling to fix roads. Meanwhile, you had four years to do so."

The former Presi-



dent threw the challenge while addressing a durbar of chiefs and people at Bopa in the Sefwi Akontombra District of the Western North Region.

He explained that his government instituted the cocoa roads project after it had been observed that the cocoa-growing communities had some of the poorest roads in the country. Consequently, the Mahama government, together with CO-COBOD, agreed to vote \$150 million of cocoa pro-

ceeds annually into constructing roads for those cocoa-growing areas.

However, immediately the Akufo-Addo government took office in 2017, one of the first things it did was to freeze all road contracts given by the Mahama government with the explanation, the new government had decided to audit the contracts.

The impression created was that the previous government had fraudulently awarded the contracts and that the audits would reveal the

corruption and help the new government sanitize the contracts. It has been more than three years now and not a single contract has been flagged by the government.

Also, the report from the supposed audit has never been made available. Recently, the government has been scrambling to return contractors to site after it became clear that many voters are not happy about the stalling of road contracts that could have benefited their communities.



NDC PUSIGA BRANCH EXECUTIVE SHOT DEAD BY ROBBERS



An Executive of the Pusiga branch of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) has been murdered.

This happened shortly after the Minister of Communications, Ursula Owusu-Ekuful had flown a private jet to the region to mount a political campaign.

According to reports, the man whose name is given only as Khalifa, was shot twice by suspected armed robbers

and left to bleed to death.

His assailants had reportedly demanded Ghc70,000 that the victim had set aside to buy a house and when he did not give them the money, they shot him dead.

Khalifa, was cut short while still in his thirties. He had been operating a drinking spot at Widana in Pusiga as an income generation activity.

According to re-

ports, he had decided to buy a house and had approached the seller who had asked that the Ghc70,000 price be converted into CFA Franc for the purchase. He was in the process of doing the change when the armed robbers approached him one night and demanded that he hands over the Ghc70,000 he has decided to buy the house with.

The victim is said to

have pleaded that he did not have the money and rather given his assailants Ghc500 that he had on him. However, this did not please his attackers who shot him once in the leg and once in the stomach.

They then abandoned him to bleed to death.

The Pusiga Police has since arrested one suspect, according to reports. Meanwhile, his accomplices are on the run from the law.



SUSPECTED NPP THUGS ATTACK NDC MP'S CAR WITH GUNS, MACHETES



A vehicle belonging to the National Democratic Congress (NDC) MP for Asutifi, Collins Dauda was attacked by gun-wielding thugs on Saturday in the Constituency.

The thugs, suspected to be from the rul-

ing New Patriotic Party (NPP) also wielded and used machetes on both the car and its occupants.

At least two occupants of the car were badly injured after sustaining both gun and machete wounds.

The attack happened while the NDC's 2020 Flagbearer, John Mahama was rounding up a tour of the Ahafo Region on Saturday.

It is suspected that the thugs had thought that the NDC MP was in the car and

had targeted him.

This is not the first time Collins Dauda has been physically attacked by NPP thugs. During the voter registration exercise, a known NPP man sprayed pepper into his eyes and ran away.



GOV'T SNEAKS IN "NUISANCE TAXES" THROUGH THE BACKDOOR

The Akufo-Addo government has reintroduced the so-called "nuisance taxes" that it abolished in 2017 on the blindside of Ghanaians, alerts former Finance Minister, Seth Terkper.

In an appearance on Accra based TV3, Mr. Terkper said the monkey business by the government has meant that the supposed abolishment by the NPP government has not benefited Ghanaians in any way.

The former Finance Minister points out the continuous existence of the Energy Sector Levy (ESLA) which was instituted by the Mahama government to pay off the energy sector debts as a screaming example of the insincerity of the claim that the government has abolished so-called nuisance taxes.

"The biggest nuisance taxes they said they were going to remove was ESLA but you know last year they increased ESLA." Terkper said.

"ESLA before the rate is supposed to be bringing GH¢28 billion by 2022-2025. When you talk about debt to GRIDCo and the rest they were supposed to be paid from ESLA. We refinanced the VRA debt



from dumsor, we injected GH¢250 million from the ESLA and we refinanced GH¢2.2 billion from the ESLA knowing very well that this is what we will use it for. But they kept saying that it was a nuisance tax. Now you come in 2017 you don't even touch the ESLA, you leave it as it is, in fact, you increased it at a point."

Seth Terkper added that it is not only the ESLA that the government has played tricks with. He pointed out that even the levies that the government said it was freeing head porters (kayayei) of has not been entirely removed.

"It is not just about the Kayayei at Makola, there are porters all over. In Kumasi in Tamale taxes are being collected, so where is the law?"

"So the claim that they abolished taxes didn't benefit Ghanaians why because, you have gone back to reintroduce them through other means."

In 2017, the government said it was either abolishing or reducing over 15 "nuisance" taxes.

These included abolishment of 17.5% VAT/NHIL on real estates, the abolishment of 17.5% VAT/NHIL on selected import-

ed medicines, that are not produced locally, the scrapping of 17.5% VAT/NHIL on financial services, and the abolishment of import duty on the importation of spare parts.

Also, a 1% special import levy, 17.5% VAT on domestic airline tickets, and levies imposed on Kayayei by local authorities were supposedly abolished. The government also said it had reduced import duty for all goods excluding vehicles 50% and vehicles by 30%, abolished excise duty on petroleum, among several others.

However, according to the former Finance Minister, the taxes were only abolished by mouth but on the ground, they still exist.

Deputy Finance Minister who was on the show with Seth Terkper however disagreed saying that government had a responsibility to reintroduce taxes that were okay to reintroduce.

"Even though in 2017 we had abolished some taxes, it is the responsibility of government as the economy moves to see which taxes will have to be reduced further, which other taxes will have to be reintroduced in order to achieve specific economic policy objectives," he said.



AKUFO-ADDO QUICKLY DELETES PICTURES OF FAKE ROAD PROJECT AFTER NETIZENS EXPOSE LIE



President Akufo-Addo is trending on social media as a hoodwinker after the President posted photoshopped pictures of a non-existent road project that he had earlier claimed his government was undertaking.

Following a barrage of scorn from Ghanaians on Facebook who had dared the President to point them to the direction of the projects, the President deleted the post from his timeline.

The quick delete has led to more scorn being poured on the President by angry Facebookers.

Among the critics has been Sam Dzata George, NDC MP for Ningo Prampram who has tagged the President in a troll post informing him that his deletion did nothing to cover-up the gaffe because Ghanaians have already saved it on their personal devices.

According to Sam George, the President's hurried attempt to re-

move the post was an unprincipled act of dishonesty that his government and family members, including Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko, are known for such antics.

"I have seen that your dishonest post on infrastructure on your official handle has been deleted after we pointed out the deceit and untruthful nature of your claim. I see it is a DNA thingy. Your cousin, Gabby Asare Otchere Darko

also deletes posts when he is referred to previous positions contrary to the present circumstance. You guys simply think pressing the delete button erases your 'sins.' Well, just so you know, the delete button on your phone is not the blood of Jesus that washes away sins," Sam George wrote.

The fake road infrastructure project the President had posted on his Facebook Timeline had been the picture of a multi-layered interchange which was clearly an internet animation. The President also posted a picture supposedly of the Keta Sea Defence project. However, this picture turned out to have been culled from a similar project in Indonesia.

The President had accompanied the interchange picture with the claim: "We have been working on major road interchanges across the country to ease traffic congestion so that citizens don't have to spend protective hours on the roads."



GOV'T SUSPENDS LISTING OF SCANDALOUS AGYAPA ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

The Government has been constrained by a corruption probe into the Agyapa Mineral Royalties deal by the Special Prosecutor's Office (SPO) to suspend a planned listing on the London Stock Exchange in September.

A letter from the Finance Ministry to the Special Prosecutor, Martin Amidu, communicated the abortion.

"By our letter dated 24th September 2020, we furnished your office with the relevant documents pertaining to the appointment of the transaction advisors for the Agyapa Royalties project. Upon receipt of your letter dated 28th of September 2020, whereby you requested additional relevant information, including the opinion of the principal legal advisor to government, this Ministry... submitted additional documents as requested by your Office." He Finance Ministry wrote.

"Kindly note that this Ministry does not intend to proceed with the IPO



ahead of the results of the corruption risk assessment by your Office as you may well be aware," the letter said.

It did not communicate a new date for listing Agyapa, which has been perceived as a corrupt deal by many Ghanaians, after it became apparent that the champions of the deal: Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta and Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko are the President's close relatives and that they may have been using their influence to personally benefit from the

deal.

The deal entails the Akufo-Addo government converting Ghana's mining royalties received by the Minerals Income fund into a special purpose vehicle to borrow US\$1 billion, using the royalties as collateral for 15 years.

Civil society organisations (CSOs) believe that the deal is aimed to put control of Ghana's minerals royalties into the hands of the "Akyem Sakawa Mafia", made up of the President's family, Akyem tribesmen and a few friends.

The deal has been protested by many Ghanaians, especially CSOs who have said that they have been stonewalled by the government after they requested for documents covering the deal.

Special Prosecutor, Martin Amidu, eventually launched a corruption assessment risk demanding documents covering the deal, but the Finance Ministry headed by the President's cousin, Ken Ofori-Atta, refused to hand over all the appropriate documents covering the deal.

The SP insisted on getting all the necessary documents, along with an opinion from the Attorney General, before the initial Public Offering of Agyapa on the LSE would be allowed to go through. The SPO's stance meant that the government's obscurantism ended up eating away the window of time available for the listing which was scheduled for September.

Consequently, the listing did not happen as planned.



COMPANY OF CHAIRMAN OF COCOA ROADS COMMITTEE AWARDS US \$10M CONTRACT TO SELF

Whatsup News has gathered that the ad-hoc committee that was set up by President Akufo Addo to audit the cocoa road contracts is embroiled in self-dealing, with its Chairman's company getting an alleged US\$10million contract to undertake the audit.

The Chairman of the ad-hoc audit committee is Alhaji Aminu Amadu. He is the owner of Nyagsi Engineers Limited. He is also a member of the Council of State which advises President Akufo-Addo.

Nyagsi Engineers was the one which got the US\$10million contract from the Akufo-Addo government to undertake the audit into the cocoa roads contracts that had been awarded by the erstwhile Mahama government.

The Akufo-Addo government-appointed Alhaji Aminu Amadu as Chairman of the government's ad-hoc committee to audit the cocoa roads project. Alhaji Amadu then somehow got his company, Nyagsi, awarded to do the audit.

And so while Alhaji Aminu Amadu was being paid as Chairman of the



audit committee, his company had also received payment from the same government to do the audit to which the chairman was supposed to do without bias.

The Minority in Parliament alleged in 2019 that the government had spent a whopping US\$10million (almost Ghc-60million) to do the audit.

The supposed audit had been carried out in 2017 and has since not yielded any report indicating that the previous Mahama government had been corrupt in the award of the contracts to pave roads in cocoa-growing communities.

As it could have been carried out by the Auditor General, the government's decision to pay

an ad-hoc committee to audit the cocoa roads has since raised serious questions.

Over the weekend, former President Mahama said that the supposed audit never took place and that the decision by the government to freeze all cocoa roads contracts for the audit was just a political one to frustrate the contracts that the previous government had awarded.

President Mahama who is also the NDC's Flagbearer for 2020 dared the government to prove him wrong by publishing any report that resulted from the supposed audit

In reaction, the government quickly held a press conference and reportedly said that it never froze

the cocoa roads contracts to probe for corruption and that it just did it to help it gain its bearings on the contracts.

The cocoa roads project was a brainchild of the erstwhile Mahama government aimed to pave roads in cocoa-growing areas. Under the project, the Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) dedicated US\$150million annually for the construction of the cocoa roads.

However, immediately the Akufo-Addo government came into office, all contracts under the program were frozen with the explanation that the government wanted to audit the contracts to ensure they had not been corruptly awarded. It has been more than three years and no report has come showing any adverse findings against the Mahama government.

Many in the cocoa-growing areas have since become disenchanted with the Akufo-Addo government over the issue and in an attempt to placate them, the government has hurriedly sent some contractors back to site as the 2020 elections approach.