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# Politics

## Bawumia Urges Mahama Not to Sign Tribunals Bill

**Story By: Sophia Arthur**

FORMER Vice President and presidential candidate of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) Mahamudu Bawumia has appealed to John Dramani Mahama not to assent to the Tribunals Bill, arguing that the proposed legislation could have significant implications for Ghana's justice system. Speaking on July 19, 2026, Dr. Bawumia called on the President to reconsider the bill and engage stakeholders before making a final decision to ensure the protection of constitutional principles and judicial independence.

The appeal has reignited public debate over the balance between legal reforms and the independence of Ghana's judiciary. While supporters of the bill believe it could improve the administration of justice, critics fear it may weaken judicial safeguards and create room for political interference.



*Dr. Mahamadu Bawumia*

## Ato Forson Expected to Outline Fiscal Measures in 2026 Mid-Year Budget Review

**Story By Emmanuella Samadji**

FINANCE Minister Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson is expected to present the 2026 Mid-Year Budget Review to Parliament today outlining government's strategy to sustain economic growth while maintaining fiscal discipline amid rising inflation and challenges in the energy sector. The review is also expected to provide updates on key economic reforms, revenue mobilisation, debt management and Ghana's post-IMF policy direction, as government seeks to consolidate gains made under the economic recovery programme.



*Finance Minister Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson*

Despite improvements in inflation, economic growth and foreign exchange reserves, analysts say the finance minister faces difficult decisions on managing energy sector debts, controlling public spending and preserving macroeconomic stability ahead of the country's transition from the IMF bailout programme to a Policy Coordination Instrument. The budget review is expected to indicate how government intends to maintain fiscal discipline while supporting long-term economic growth without introducing measures that could undermine the country's recent economic progress.





# Education

## Kindergarten Pupils to Learn Chinese Under Ghana's Revised Curriculum

THE Ministry of Education has approved a revised Kindergarten to Primary Six curriculum that introduces Chinese as an optional foreign language from Primary One, alongside Arabic, French and Ghanaian languages, as part of efforts to strengthen foundational education and prepare learners for a global economy.

The curriculum, submitted by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA) on July 22, 2026, also introduces coding artificial intelligence concepts, Citizenship education and task-based assessment, with the Ghana Education Service directed to prepare it for implementation.

The revised curriculum has sparked nationwide discussion about the future of education in Ghana. While many welcome the eaqrly introduction of foreign languages and digital skills to improve global competitiveness, others believe greater attention should first be given to strengthening literacy, numeracy and teaching of Ghanaian languages and culture

**Story By Tamara Owusu**



*Hon. Haruna Idrisu, Educational Minister*

**Story By Jacob Booyere**



*Manasseh Azure Awuni, Investigative journalist*

## Manasseh Hails UEW-IJC as Ghana's Most Dedicated Investigative Club

RENOWNED investigative journalist Manasseh Azure Awuni has described the University of Education, Winneba Investigative Journalism Club (UEW-IJC) as Ghana's most dedicated student investigative journalism club during a training workshop organised by the Department of Journalism and Media Studies on June 16, 2026, at UEW. He praised the club's commitment, citing members' consistent participation and engagement, which motivated the decision to provide specialised training and mentorship to strengthen investigative journalism and promote accountability.



# Health

## Afenyo-Markin Care Foundation Supports Over 20,000 People in Fight Against Hepatitis B

**Story By Emmanuella Samadji**



THE Afenyo-Markin Care Foundation has supported more than 20,000 people with free hepatitis B screening, vaccination and treatment as part of efforts to reduce the spread of the disease and prevent avoidable deaths.

The intervention, backed by over GH¢10 million from the Member of Parliament for Effutu, Alexander Afenyo-Markin, has provided life-saving healthcare to vulnerable residents since the foundation launched its HepaGuard project in 2023 following research that revealed high hepatitis B prevalence in the municipality.

Project Manager Israel Adorbely said the initiative has enabled thousands of beneficiaries to complete all three doses of the hepatitis B vaccine, making them immune to the disease while reducing infection rates in the area. He explained that the foundation, established after a 2019 hepatitis B prevalence study, continues to conduct community education, testing and treatment programmes to improve public health. Beneficiaries, including Angelina Mensah and Moro Adam, credited the foundation for giving them access to treatment they could not otherwise afford. The project was highlighted as part of activities marking World Hepatitis Day, with the foundation reaffirming its commitment to expanding access to hepatitis B prevention and care across Effutu.

**Story By, Tamara Owusu Ansah**

## Ghana's tallest man dies at 32



*Late Awuche*

Awuche has died after battling a prolonged illness, despite receiving specialist treatment at the Tamale Teaching Hospital in recent months. Before his death, doctors were assessing him for possible surgery, including the option of a leg amputation, while businessman and philanthropist Ibrahim Mahama stepped in to cover his medical expenses in an effort to support his recovery. His family is yet to announce the cause of death and funeral arrangements. Awuche's passing has sparked renewed conversations about access to quality healthcare and the financial burden many Ghanaians face when treating serious medical conditions. While many have praised the timely intervention by Dr. Ibrahim Mahama, others believe stronger healthcare systems and affordable specialist care are needed so patients do not have to rely on private donations.



# Business

## Bank of Ghana Warns Against Rejecting Cedi Coins

**Story By, Zenaibu Abu**

THE Bank of Ghana (BoG) has warned traders, transport operators, businesses and the public that refusing to accept Ghana cedi coins as payment is an offence punishable by a fine, up to three years' imprisonment, or both. In a public notice issued on July 22, 2026, the central bank stressed that all cedi coins, from 1 pesewa to GH¢2, remain legal tender and said it would work with the Ghana Police Service to enforce the law against offenders. The directive has sparked over the continued use of low-denomination coins in Ghana's economy. While some support strict enforcement to protect the integrity of the national currency, others argue that the low purchasing power of the coins makes them impractical for everyday transactions.



## COPEC Urges GPRTU to review 30% transport fare hike

**Story By Hannah Yamoah**



*Duncan Amoah, COPEC Executive Secretary*

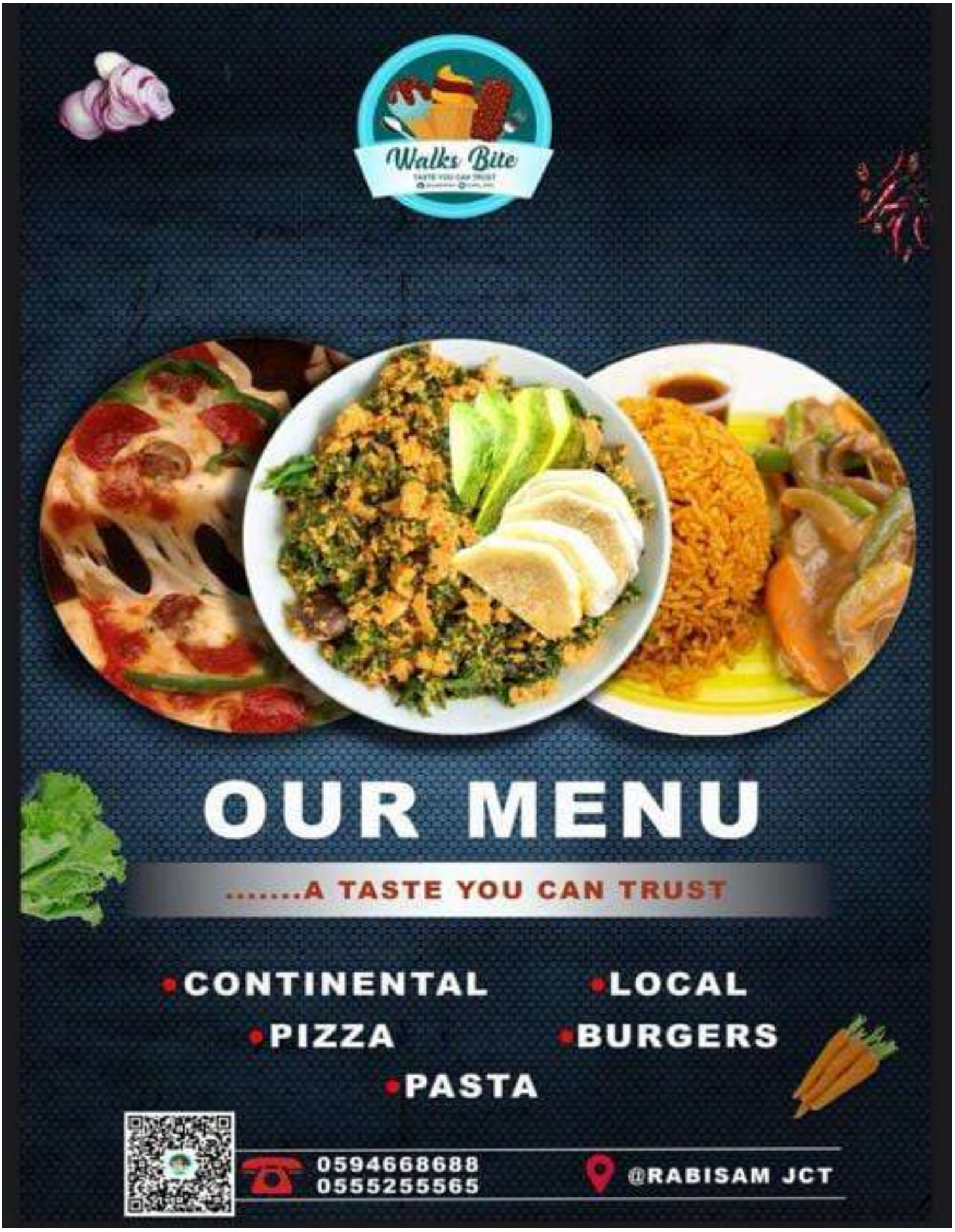
THE Chamber of Petroleum Consumers (COPEC) has called on the Ghana Private Road Transport Union (GPRTU) to reconsider its proposed 30% increase in transport fares, saying the adjustment should better reflect current fuel prices without placing undue pressure on commuters. Speaking on July 27, 2026, COPEC Executive Secretary Duncan Amoah said transport operators have grounds to seek a fare review due to rising fuel prices but suggested an increase of 15–20% would be more appropriate than the proposed 30%. The proposal has sparked debate over the rising cost of living and the balance between protecting commuters and sustaining transport businesses. While transport operators argue that higher fuel prices and operating costs justify a significant fare increase, many commuters believe another sharp rise will worsen their financial burden.

## Ghana Completes IMF Bailout, Secures Final US$371 Million

**Story By, Zenaibu Abu**

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved the final review of Ghana's US$3 billion Extended Credit Facility (ECF) programme, releasing a final US$371 million to the Bank of Ghana and officially ending the three-year bailout. Announcing the development on July 28, 2026, Finance Minister Cassiel Ato Forson said the programme helped stabilise the economy through fiscal discipline, lower inflation, stronger foreign exchange reserves and key economic reforms. The completion of the bailout has sparked mixed reactions over Ghana's economic future. While some see it as a sign of economic recovery and renewed investor confidence, others believe the real measure of success will be whether ordinary Ghanaians experience lower living costs, more jobs and sustained economic growth.

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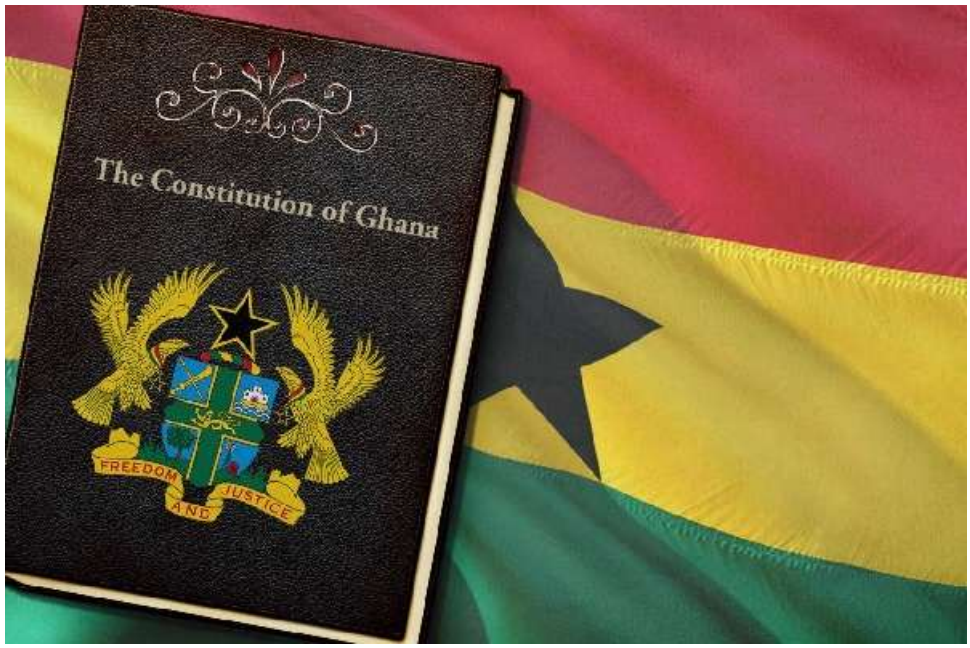
# Opinion

## Return of the tribunals: Judicial Reform or a political weapon

**Tamara Owusu**

PARLIAMENT has passed the Tribunals Bill, 2026, following a marathon sitting that ended on July 17, 2026, paving the way for the reintroduction of public tribunals under Ghana's 1992 Constitution. The bill, which awaits presidential assent, seeks to reduce the backlog of court cases by establishing specialised tribunals to handle public interest and state-related matters within the country's formal judicial system. The bill has generated widespread debate, with the government and its supporters arguing that it will improve access to justice through faster case resolution, while the Minority and legal critics warn it could be used for political. purposes, citing the legacy of the PNDC-era tribunals. If signed into law by President John Dramani Mahama, the tribunals will operate under the constitutional judiciary, renewing discussions on balancing judicial efficiency with due process, independence and the protection of citizens' rights.

## Extension of Presidential Term of Office – Justine A Newton-Offei Writes




LEGAL practitioner Justice A. Newton-Offei has criticised proposals to extend Ghana's presidential term from four to five years, arguing that the move would weaken accountability instead of improving governance.

In an opinion article, he said presidents should be fully prepared to form their governments and begin implementing campaign promises immediately after assuming office, citing the swift transition processes in countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom.

Justice Newton-Offei maintained that extending the presidential term to allow more time for government formation is unjustified because incoming administrations have sufficient time to prepare before taking office.

He argued that citizens should continue to determine a president's stay in office through performance and re-election under the current four-year constitutional arrangement, rather than through a longer presidential term.






# Crime/Court

Story By Ridwan Aminu

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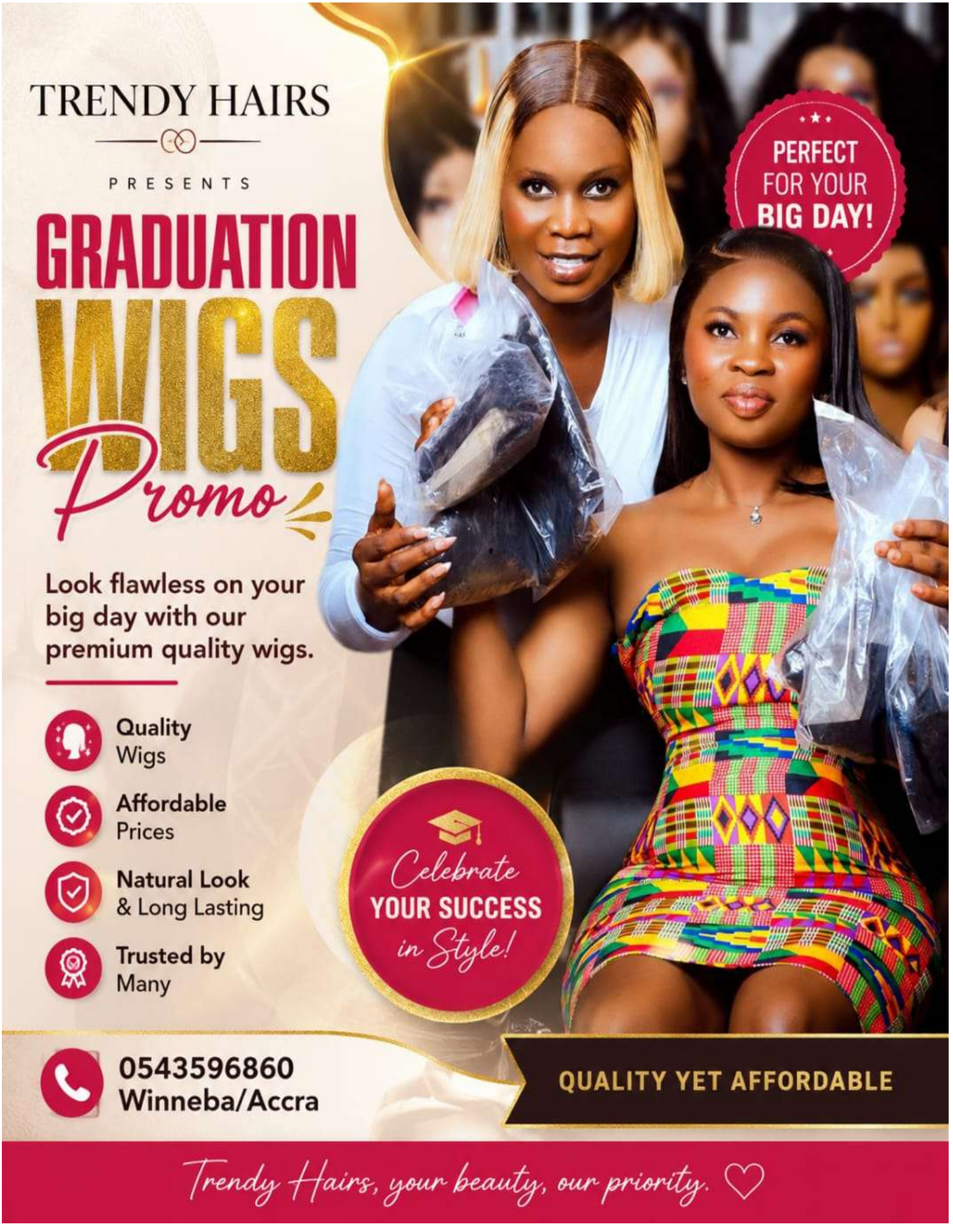
## TikToker Camilla Alhassan Jailed One Year for Spreading False Claims About Mahama



TIK-TOKER Camilla Alhassan has been sentenced to one year in prison by the Accra Circuit Court on July 16, 2026, after pleading guilty to offensive conduct and publishing false news. The conviction followed videos in which she falsely claimed, without evidence, that President John Dramani Mahama buried 32 cows as part of rituals to win the 2024 general election, with the court saying the sentence was necessary to deter the spread of misinformation.

The ruling has reignited debate over the balance between freedom of expression and accountability on social media. While some Ghanaians believe the sentence sends a strong message against fake news, others argue that custodial sentences may be too harsh for online misinformation and advocate greater emphasis on public education and digital literacy.

Story Bernice Yamoah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# Entertainment

## Stonebwoy Dismisses Shatta Wale's 'Daddy' Claim

**Story By Ridwan Aminu**

GHANAIAN dancehall artiste Stonebwoy has dismissed claims by fellow musician Shatta Wale that he once addressed him as "Daddy," describing the allegation as false. Stonebwoy made the remarks in a social media post on July 27, 2026, after Shatta Wale reportedly made the claim during an unreleased episode of the

Honest Bunch Podcast, stating instead, "The last time you saw me, you hugged me like an obsessed woman. Aren't you tired of lying?"

The latest exchange has reignited discussions about the long-running feud between the two award-winning musicians. While some fans believe the rivalry keeps Ghana's entertainment industry lively and competitive, others argue it overshadows their musical achievements and sends the wrong message to younger artistes.



*Stonebowy and Shatta Wale hugging*

## MUSIGA Winneba Branch Holds General Meeting to Promote Music Industry

**Story By Sophia Arthur**

THE Musicians Union of Ghana (MUSIGA), Winneba Branch, has held a general meeting in Winneba to discuss measures aimed at promoting the music industry and supporting the growth of musicians in the Central Region. The meeting also marked the official adoption of the branch's new identity as MUSIGA, Winneba Branch, replacing its former name, Winneba Musicians Union. Speaking at the meeting, the discussion focused on building relationships with industry stakeholders, including DJs, bloggers, and radio and television presenters, to improve their visibility and career opportunities. The Chairman also announced plans to establish a Music Village at Anomabo in the Central Region, which will include MUSIGA offices, a hospital, a guest house and a conference hall for musicians. Members of the union expressed optimism that the initiative would contribute to the development of musicians and the wider music industry in Winneba.



# Lifestyle

## Mental Health Authority Urges Ghanaians to Embrace Digital Detox

**Story By Bernice Yemoah**

THE Chief Executive Officer of Ghana's Mental Health Authority, Adwoa Pinamang Appau, has encouraged Ghanaians to adopt healthier digital habits by reducing screen time to protect their mental well-being. She said a digital detox the intentional reduction in the use of smartphones, social media and other digital devices can improve sleep, reduce stress, strengthen relationships and promote a healthier lifestyle. International social psychologist Jonathan Haidt also supports regular breaks from screens, saying they help improve focus, attention and overall mental health.Experts recommend practical steps such as limiting daily screen time, avoiding phones before bedtime, turning off unnecessary notifications and spending more time on physical activities, reading and face-to-face interactions. They stress that digital detox is not about abandoning technology but using it more intentionally to improve productivity, mental health and overall well-being.




## Young Artist Nlarry Discusses Debut Single 'Pressure' on Joy Prime

**Story By Ridwan Aminu**



EMERGING Winneba musician Nlarry has shared the story behind his debut single, Pressure, during an appearance on Joy Prime's entertainment programme Fresh Juice. Speaking on the show, the artiste said Pressure was the first song he ever wrote and explained that it reflects his early experiences and inspiration as he begins his music career.

Nlarry said he aims to use his music to tell authentic stories while promoting Winneba's growing music scene. He added that fans can expect more releases later this month as he continues to build his presence in Ghana's entertainment industry.

## Birthday Wish

*Happy birthday to Mr. Eric Biney, Graduate Assistant at the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, UEW and General Manager of Osimpam FM.*




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# Technology

## Ibrahim Mahama Signal Support for Young Innovator Samuel for AI-Powered Invention

**Story By Emmanuella Gyimaa**

BUSINESSMAN and CEO of Engineers and Planners, Ibrahim Mahama has expressed support for young Ghanaian innovator Naamgwinaa Samuel for developing AI-powered technologies aimed at solving real-world challenges and improving lives through innovation.

The recognition follows Samuel's showcase of a humanoid-inspired smartphone stand designed to hold mobile phones while engaging users through human-like interaction.

Samuel, through his concept Naamgwinaa Samuel Technologies (NaSaT), has attracted public attention after incorporating AI into his inventions, with many calling for greater support for young technology talents in Ghana.

Speaking on behalf of Ibrahim Mahama, Rafik Mahama praised Samuel's creativity and determination, saying,

"Every great innovation begins with someone who dares to dream and with others who believe in that vision."




The government also described Samuel's work as an example of the potential of young innovators to contribute to national development, adding that support for such initiatives could help advance local technological solutions with global impact.

## Ghana Bets on AI and Coding to Modernise Basic Education

**Story By Jacob Booyere**



THE Government of Ghana is set to introduce artificial intelligence (AI), coding, robotics and other digital skills into the basic school curriculum as part of efforts to modernise education and prepare pupils for a technology-driven future.

Education Minister Haruna Iddrisu said the revised curriculum, developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA), will equip learners from kindergarten to junior high school with practical digital and problem-solving skills.

The minister said the reforms are aimed at strengthening STEM education, digital literacy and innovation while aligning Ghana's education system with global technological trends. The new curriculum is expected to be rolled out nationwide after the required government approvals, marking a major step towards transforming basic education in Ghana.



# Foreign

## Canadian Lawmaker Sparks Debate After Reading AI Prompts During Parliamentary Speech

**Story By Ridwan Aminu**



*Bill Oliver, Canadian Lawmaker*

CANADIAN opposition lawmaker Bill Oliver has sparked widespread debate after accidentally reading artificial intelligence (AI) prompts during a speech in the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly on June 9, in what is believed to be the first publicly recorded case of a politician including AI-generated instructions in an official parliamentary address.

The speech, which criticised a proposed bill to establish an energy sector consumer advocate, included phrases such as, "Here's a more natural flowing version of that section that reads like a legislative speech," indicating it had been generated or edited using an AI tool.

Neither Oliver nor other lawmakers noticed the error during the session, but the incident gained international attention after video clips circulated on social media weeks later. The mistake has renewed discussions about the growing use of AI in politics and public communication, with experts stressing that while AI can assist in drafting speeches, public officials remain responsible for reviewing and verifying their content before presenting it publicly.

## US-Iran Negotiations to Begin After Calling Off Planned Attack

**Story By Jacob Booyere**

PRESIDENT Donald Trump says negotiations with Iran are expected to begin on Monday, August 3, 2026, likely through intermediaries, after he cancelled what he described as a planned "massive attack" on Friday. According to Trump, discussions involving Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Iran influenced his decision and he expressed optimism that the talks could lead to agreements on managing the Strait of Hormuz and advancing efforts toward Iran's denuclearisation.

Iranian officials also indicated progress in diplomatic efforts, with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi stating that negotiations with Oman on the management of the Strait of Hormuz are in their final stages.

Meanwhile, Hassan Ghashghavi, spokesperson for Iran's parliamentary national security commission, said mediators are working to revive the June memorandum of understanding with Washington, adding that discussions are ongoing and further talks in Muscat remain possible.

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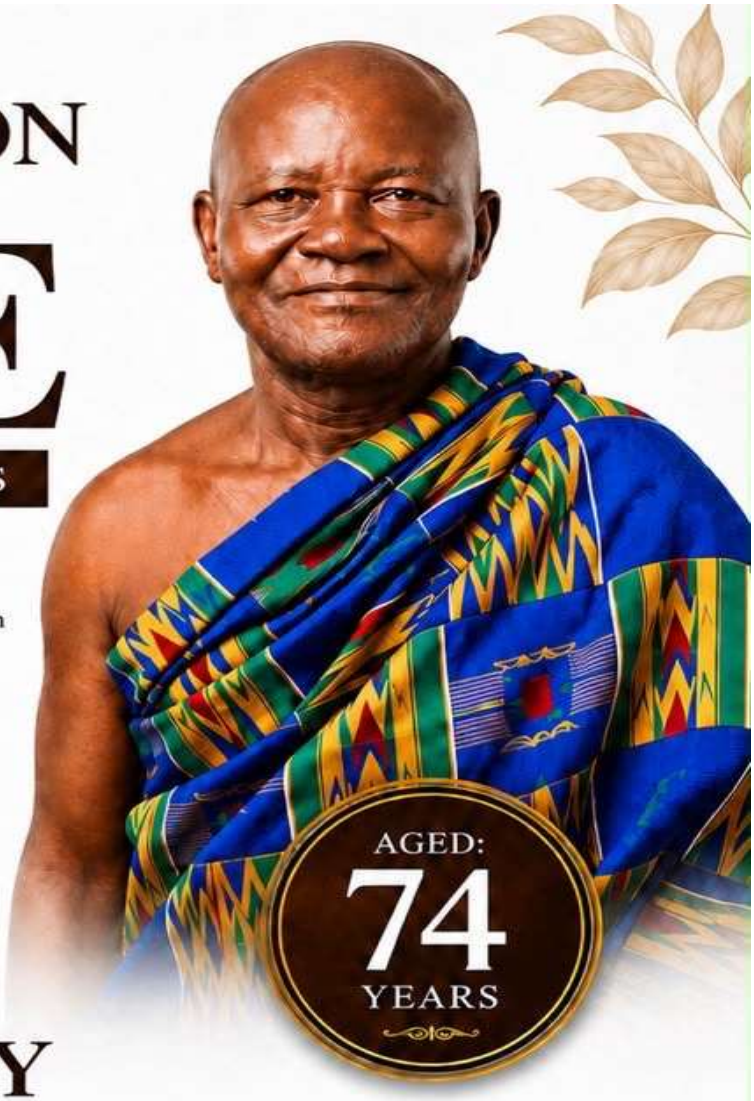


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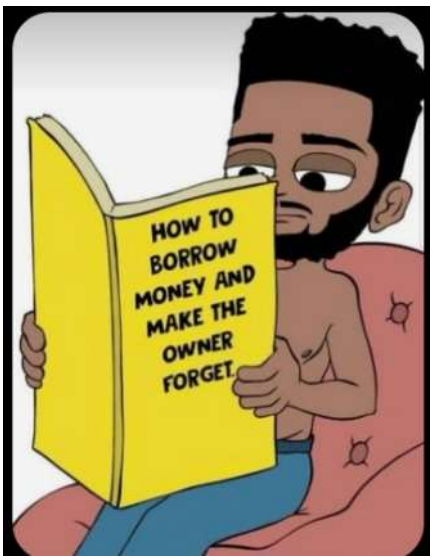

















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# Sports

## WAFCON 2026: Black Queens win opening game against Cape Verde

**Story By Sophia Arthur**



*Black Queen celebrating their victory*

GHANA'S Black Queens opened their TotalEnergies CAF Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) campaign with a 2-0 victory over tournament debutants Cape Verde in their Group D opener on Wednesday. Doris Boaduwaa gave Ghana an early lead in the sixth minute after being set up by Portia Boakye, before Cape Verde defender Eleia Vieira scored an own goal in the 54th minute to seal the win.

The victory gives Ghana a strong start in their quest to improve on their bronze medal finish at the previous tournament, while Cape Verde's historic first appearance at the continental championship ended in defeat. The debutants finished the match with 10 players after Klaydiana Borges was sent off in stoppage time, as Ghana comfortably secured all three points and a clean sheet.

## UEW Cuts Sod for Modern Sports Complex Ahead of 2027 GUSA Games

**Story By Emmanuella Samadji**

THE University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has begun constructing a modern Sports Complex at its North Campus in Winneba following a sod-cutting ceremony on July 7, 2026, to strengthen sports infrastructure ahead of the 29th Ghana University Sports Association (GUSA) Games in January 2027. The project, funded through the University's Internally Generated Funds (IGF) and to be completed in phases, aims to provide world-class sporting facilities, promote athletic development, and reinforce UEW's reputation as a leading sports institution.

The project has also sparked discussions about whether universities should prioritise major sports infrastructure while facing other pressing needs such as lecture halls, student accommodation, research facilities and digital learning resources. Supporters argue that modern sports facilities enhance student development and national competitiveness, while critics believe academic infrastructure should remain the top priority.

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