

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FINANCIAL DIVISION "2"
ACCRA – A.D 2024

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SUIT NO CR/0198/2022

THE REPUBLIC

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RESPONDENT/RESPONDENT

VERSUS

1. CASSIEL ATO FORSON 1ST ACCUSED/APPLICANT
2. SYLVESTER ANEMANA 2ND ACCUSED(DISCHARGED)
3. RICHARD JAKPA 3RD ACCUSED/RESPONDENT

SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT OF DR. CASSIEL ATO FORSON IN SUPPORT OF THE
MOTION ON NOTICE FOR AN ORDER OF MISTRIAL,
INJUNCTION AND/OR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE INSTANT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

I, **CASSIEL ATO FORSON**, of House No. 27B, MKOGH BRIDGE DRIVE, West Legon, Accra
make oath and say as follows: -

1. That I am the Deponent and Applicant in this matter, and I swear to the facts contained in this supplementary affidavit. Unless otherwise stated, these facts are within my personal knowledge, information, or honest belief.
2. That on 28th May, 2024, I caused to be filed a Motion on Notice for an Order of Mistrial, Injunction and/or Stay of Proceedings in the present proceedings, which application is yet to be determined by the Honourable Court. This Affidavit is supplemental to the Affidavit filed in support of that application. At the hearing of the said application, my counsel shall seek leave of this Honourable Court to refer to and rely on this Supplementary Affidavit in support of the instant motion filed on 28th May, 2024.
3. That it has become necessary to file this Affidavit in order to bring to the attention of the Court and in the interest of justice, certain pertinent, material and relevant matters that have a bearing on the fair and just determination of the current application.
4. That I say that I have since filing the instant application had the opportunity of listening to a recording widely circulating in the media depicting the voices of the Attorney-General and A3 fervently discussing the evidence the Attorney-General will prefer the said A3 to adduce at the trial. At the hearing of the instant application, my counsel will seek leave of the Court to have the said audio recording played in open court. [Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 2 is a pen drive containing the said audio recording.]

5. That from the said recording, **Exhibit CAF 2** there is no doubt the Honourable Attorney General, Godfred Yeboah Dame, the Prosecutor-in-Chief, had engaged A3 on many occasions discussing the current proceedings and the evidence the Attorney-General desired A3 to give in order to support the Prosecution's case in this matter.
6. That the content of **Exhibit CAF 2** is scandalous, and leaves no doubt that the Honourable Attorney General, Godfred Yeboah Dame and his office cannot reasonably be expected to conduct the instant prosecution fairly and in accordance with the hallowed principles of prosecution. In **Exhibit CAF 2**, the Honourable Attorney General, Godfred Yeboah Dame is heard on the tape saying, among other things:

“...In my view, if we agree to this theory, it's so simple, the theory of the case.... Okay, fine. If you agree to it this way, for me, it makes it simple. Yes, it will make it... It doesn't also involve; it doesn't involve any difficulty for you.”

“If you finish next week, I would appreciate it ...”

“You can bring one of the medical reports next week...”
7. That the particular discussions referenced in the recording were held in the absence of the other parties or their lawyers in the matter and were clearly designed to pervert the course of justice.
8. That I have also seen a copy of the press release signed by the Deputy Attorney-General dated 23rd May 2024 denying the testimony of A1 in **Exhibit CAF1** that Honourable Attorney General, Godfred Yeboah Dame has sought his cooperation in order to secure my conviction. [**Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 3 is a copy of the press release.**]
9. That the said press release, **Exhibit CAF 3** further falsely claimed that I have met the Honourable Attorney General, Godfred Yeboah Dame “to plead with him to discontinue the prosecution”.
10. That I have also become aware of a news report titled “**Ambulance Case: Plot by Richard Jakpa to entrap Attorney-General revealed**” published by Asaase Radio on its website on 26th May, 2024. In the said report, it was stated that the Attorney-General had met A3 in the house of an unnamed Justice of the Supreme Court, where a supposed plea-bargaining proposal of A3 was discussed. The Attorney-General “*assured him [A3] in the presence of the Justice of the Supreme Court once again, that he had nothing against him [A3], and that, in the particular case of the 3rd accused person, if he was truthful when testifying and did not attempt to be “clever” or evasive, it would facilitate an acceptance of a plea proposal by him*”. [**Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 4 is a copy of the Asaase Radio news report.**]

11. That the Asaase Radio news report, **Exhibit CAF 4** concluded that the Attorney-General “told Jakpa [A3] in the presence of the Justice of the Supreme Court that, for instance, he would show him the Cabinet approval for the transaction (which the prosecution had already tendered at the trial) and ask whether Big Sea Company was mentioned in the Cabinet approval”.
12. That as of today, the Honourable Attorney General, Godfred Yeboah Dame who is otherwise very vibrant in the media has, to my knowledge, not denied the above quotations attributed to him by the Asaase Radio report and I am therefore given to believe that the said statements are true and do reveal some collusive scheme between the Attorney-General and A3.
13. That I am advised by counsel and I verily believe the same to be true that the above facts constitute cogent and unassailable evidence that the Attorney-General has tampered with the evidence of the 3rd accused person by inducing him to testify in a particular manner so that A3’s supposed plea-bargaining proposal would be accepted. This would amount to tampering with a witness, contempt of court, and seeking to abet the fabrication of evidence in order to pervert the course of justice, among other possible crimes.
14. That other news reports have confirmed that meetings took place between the Honourable Attorney General, A3 and a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana. I say that a news report by **The Daily Guide** dated Monday, 27th May 2024 and titled “**Ambulance Case: Secret Recordings, Plea Letters Exposed**” claimed among others, that:

“Details have emerged about the circumstances that led to businessman Richard Jakpa, surreptitiously recording the Attorney General and Minister of Justice Godfred Yeboah Dame in the house of a Justice of the Supreme Court”

“.... The sources also confirm that the said meeting at which the accused recorded the AG actually happened after the court had already held that the prosecution has made a prima facie case against the accused persons...”

“The source said the AG told Jakpa in the presence of the Justice of the Supreme Court that, for instance, he would show him the Cabinet approval for the transaction... and he would ask whether Big Sea Company was mentioned in the Cabinet approval”

[Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 5 is a copy of *The Daily Guide* news report.]
15. That in another news report in **The Ghanaian Observer** of Monday, 27th May 2024 and titled “**NDC’s Plot to Frustrate Ambulance Trial Exposed**” it was stated among other things, that:

“ Investigations have uncovered a diabolical strategy by the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) to use a secretly recorded conversation that took place in the residence of a Supreme Court between the Supreme Court Judge, the 3rd accused person in the Ambulance Trial, Richard Jakpa and the Attorney General as the main weapon to stop the prosecution of the Minority Leader, Cassiel Ato Forson, and two others for causing financial loss to the State.”

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“Richard Jakpa, in the presence of the Supreme Court Judge, accused the A-G of being too difficult and that the AG had something against him, stating that the AG was the main hindrance to the settlement efforts and that if the A-G was really inclined , the case would have been settled long ago...”

[Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 6 is a copy of *The Ghanaian Observer* news report]

16. That the same news report per Exhibit CAF 6 is contained in **The New Crusading Guide** of Monday, 27th May 2024. **[Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 7 is a copy of *The New Crusading Guide* news report].**
17. That in view of the unconstitutional, potentially criminal and scandalous conduct of the Attorney-General, there have been reports calling on the Honourable Godfred Yeboah Dame to resign **[Annexed and marked as Exhibit CAF 8 is a copy of a news report calling on Honourable Godfred Yeboah Dame to resign].**
18. That I am further advised by counsel and I believe the same to be true that the recording, **Exhibit CAF 2**, and the various media reports provide incontrovertible evidence that the Attorney-General sought to tamper with the evidence of A3to secure only one desired outcome, my conviction.
19. That I am also advised by counsel and I verily believe the same to be true that the conduct of the Attorney-General as captured in the recording, **Exhibit CAF 2** and the various news reports, reveal a dubious scheme by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to manufacture, twist and in whatsoever manner, manipulate the evidence in this matter to ensure that his avowed aim of securing my conviction is achieved.
20. That I am advised by counsel and I do believe same to be true that it is in the interest of justice, which must not only be done but be manifestly seen to be done, that the Honourable Court declares a mistrial since based on the impugned conduct of the Attorney-General, which stands uncontested, it is clear the prosecution led by the Attorney General has embarked on reprehensible and unlawful conduct, conduct unbecoming of an Attorney-General, let alone the Minister for justice, for the sole purpose of securing my conviction.

21. That if the Court were to ignore these rather grave matters to proceed with the trial regardless, that would amount to a real travesty of justice as the Court would have disregarded credible and cogent claims of misconduct by the Attorney General.
22. That it will adversely affect public confidence in the administration of justice if such blatant disregard for the rule of law and the ethics of prosecution by no mean a person than the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice of the Republic of Ghana is glossed over and allowed to pass without any consequences.

WHEREFORE I swear to this supplementary affidavit in further support of the instant application.

Sworn in Accra this
Day of May 2024

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DEPONENT

BEFORE ME

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

THE REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT
FINANCIAL DIVISION "2"
ACCRA

AND FOR SERVICE ON:

1. THE REPUBLIC/RESPONDENT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, MINISTRIES, ACCRA.
2. 3RD ACCUSED PERSON/RESPONDENT AND/OR HIS SOLICITORS, THADEUS SORY, SORY@LAW, HOUSE NO. 04, SECOND CLOSE, BOUNDARY ROAD EXTENSION, NEAR UBA BANK, EAST LEGON, ACCRA

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- 1. CASSIEL ATO FORSON 1ST ACCUSED/APPLICANT
- 2. SYLVESTER ANEMANA 2ND ACCUSED(DISCHARGED)
- 3. RICHARD JAKPA 3RD ACCUSED/RESPONDENT

CERTIFICATE OF EXHIBITS

JUSTINA CLOTTEY

I, Commissioner for Oaths do hereby certify that I identified the Exhibits listed hereunder and attached to this affidavit which was duly sworn to before me.

- 1. Exhibit CAF 2: A pen drive containing the said audio recording
- 2. Exhibit CAF 3: Copy of press release by the Deputy Attorney General
- 3. Exhibit CAF 4: Copy of Asaase Radio news report
- 4. Exhibit CAF 5: Copy of The Daily Guide news report
- 5. Exhibit CAF 6: Copy of The Ghanaian Observer news report
- 6. Exhibit CAF 7: Copy of The New Crusading Guide news report
- 7. Exhibit CAF 8: Copy of reports calling on Honourable Godfred Dame to resign.

DATED AT ACCRA THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY 2024

SIGNED

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

EXHIBIT (AF "3")

PRESS RELEASE

RE: REPUBLIC VRS. CASSIEL ATO FORSON & 2 OTHERS FALSE ALLEGATIONS BY 3RD ACCUSED PERSON AGAINST ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The attention of the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice has been drawn to media commentary by persons associated with the National Democratic Congress (NDC) on an allegation made by the third accused person, Richard Jakpa, during proceedings in court on 23rd May, 2024 that the Attorney-General desired his cooperation in the matter in order to secure a conviction of the 1st accused, Cassiel Ato Forson.

For the record, the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice categorically denies the allegations and insinuations of the NDC, and responds as follows:

1. The Republic has throughout the trial, relied solely on the record of the impugned transaction, i.e. the purchase of ordinary vans purporting to be ambulances, to sustain its case against the accused persons. This record existed before January, 2022 (when the case was commenced) and was duly filed in Court by the prosecution before the commencement of the trial.
2. The Republic has never required or desired the cooperation of any of the accused persons in the matter, in which it has already succeeded in establishing a prima facie case against all the accused persons. Neither the Attorney-General nor any officer from the Office of the Attorney-General has approached any of the accused persons with the view to obtaining evidence from them.
3. It is rather the third accused who, by various letters dated 27th April, 2023, 16th May, 2023, 30th May, 2023 and 12th June, 2023, has proposed to the Republic through the Attorney-General to engage in plea bargaining or plea negotiations. This plea bargaining proposal has, to date, not been accepted by the Attorney-General.

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permits a prosecutor to negotiate with an accused person after a plea proposal has been made, the Attorney-General has not engaged the third accused person to give false testimony in the matter.

5. The Attorney-General has also come under enormous pressure from all manner of persons for him to discontinue the prosecution of the 1st accused person, Cassiel Ato Forson, but has not yielded.
6. The Attorney-General has video evidence of the first accused, person, Cassiel Ato Forson, coming to meet him and to plead with him to discontinue the prosecution. This, the Attorney-General has refused to do.
7. The Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice considers the latest allegation levelled against the Attorney-General as part of a grand scheme by the NDC to put more pressure on him to discontinue the prosecution or to divert attention from the real issues regarding the actions of the accused persons which have caused enormous financial loss to the State.
8. The public is entreated to disregard the allegations. The Attorney-General remains focused on a zealous prosecution of the case.

END!!!

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Ambulance case: plot by Richard Jakpa to entrap Attorney General revealed

Richard Jakpa, the man suspected to have recorded the Attorney General, is on trial with the former deputy finance minister Cassiel Ato Forson, the Minority Leader

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Cassiel Ato Forson (left) and Attorney General Godfred Yeboah Dame

Asaase News has uncovered what appears to be a deliberate plot to entrap the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Godfred Yeboah Dame, last April in the house of a Supreme Court judge (name withheld) who happens to be a very close relative of the accused person suspected secretly to have recorded the Attorney General.

Richard Jakpa, the man suspected to have recorded the AG, is on trial with the former deputy minister of finance Cassiel Ato Forson, the Minority Leader, in the ambulance procurement trial over an alleged €2.3 million financial loss to the state.

The facts available to Asaase News show that Yeboah Dame was invited by a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana to come to his house for a discussion. He obliged, as would be expected, but had no indication that Jakpa would show up there.

Invitation by SC judge

In the course of the conversation with the Justice of the Supreme Court, the accused person Jakpa, whom the judge had introduced as a cousin, came into the room. The judge enquired what was happening with the plea-bargaining proposal submitted by the accused and whether it could be accepted.

This conversation happened shortly after the prosecution had closed its case and the trial judge, against the submission of no case to answer by the accused persons, had ruled that there was indeed a case to answer and that Dr Ato Forson and Jakpa should go ahead to open their defence.

But Jakpa, who was allegedly wired, breaching the trust of his cousin the judge, is said to have spoken in a way designed to commit the AG to say something injurious.

However, our checks show that the AG limited his interventions to facts and evidence of the case he had presented in open court.

The high-profile nature of the case, our checks show, has led to a lot of pressure being brought to bear on the prosecution against the continuation of the trial. The AG, from one check, has always remained firm but has welcomed the option of plea bargaining once properly framed.

On 30 March 2023, Justice Afia Serwaa Asare-Botwe's court ruled that a prima facie case had been made by the prosecution against all the accused persons and that they ought to open their defence. Jakpa subsequently applied for plea bargaining but the request was rejected on the grounds of not being properly framed and his lawyers were asked to resubmit it.

The Attorney General, at the said meeting with the Supreme Court Judge (which took place about six weeks ago), informed the judge about the circumstances that had led to non-acceptance of the plea negotiations and said that essentially it could be attributed to the strategies adopted by the accused persons.

The reasons, the AG said, were as follows: Richard Jakpa had indeed submitted a plea proposal to the Office of the Attorney General by letters dated 16 April, 27 April, 16 May and 30 May 2023, but the difficulty was that the letters only stated that Big Sea General llc, a Dubai-based

company, had heard about the dispute and was prepared to pay €2 million and to take back the vehicles purporting to be ambulances.

In consideration of this, Big Sea would request for the Republic to discontinue the case against all the accused. The Office of the Attorney General replied that Big Sea was not a party to the court case in Ghana, and therefore a plea agreement whereby Big Sea would offer to pay the amount in question in settlement of the case was improper. The third accused subsequently wrote "improving" the offer made.

The first accused person, Cassiel Ato Forson, through his lawyers, also wrote a letter to the AG, dated 25 July 2023, stating that "he had no objection" to the proposals by the third accused. The Office of the AG replied to the letter from the first accused, Ato Forson, and asked him to clarify whether by the letter, he is to be understood as also making a plea request. The first accused's lawyers replied that he should not be understood as making a plea request.

Based on the above, the AG wrote to the accused persons stating that the third accused person's offer was not acceptable. Even after this, counsel for the accused persons, particularly the third accused, Jakpa, continued to engage the AG both in court and out of court on the possibility of negotiating a plea agreement.

The Supreme Court judge then asked whether it was possible for an opportunity for a settlement to be given to the third accused person, his cousin.

During the meeting, the third accused person, who was secretly recording the meeting, accused the AG of being too difficult, claiming that he had something against him, the third accused person, and wanted to see him jailed.

The AG stated categorically that in a case involving financial loss to the state, the focus is more on the public officials whose acts occasioned the

alleged crime(s).

But Jakpa declared that the AG was the main hindrance to the efforts to reach a settlement and that the offer by the accused persons for plea-bargaining was good and reasonable. He alleged that if the AG was so inclined, the case would have been settled long ago.

Recorded conversation

Unknown to the AG, the whole conversation was being recorded. Our checks show that apart from telephone conversations, the third accused knew that he could not have direct contact with the AG anywhere and secretly record him unless, as it happened, in the house of a judge that AG respected and also knows as a good friend.

The Attorney General assured the Justice of the Supreme Court that he did not have a problem with any of the accused persons and that if plea-bargaining was what they wanted, they simply had to come clean and indicate unequivocally that they wanted a plea bargain.

He said that the situation whereby they shied away from categorically applying for plea-bargaining and proposed to pay the cost of purchase of the ordinary vans purporting to be ambulances, rather seeking to hide behind an entity which was not a party to the case (Big Sea General llc in Dubai), was unacceptable.

The AG said this because, in the case of the first accused, for instance, Ato Forson had pleaded with the AG to stop prosecuting him when he came to the AG's house to plead in the company of a senior Member of Parliament. The AG had told him that the only way he would compromise was for the first accused, together with the other accused persons, to submit a plea-bargaining proposal.

Even though the first accused accepted to do this, he was not prepared to acknowledge explicitly on paper that he had offered to reach a plea-bargaining settlement with the AG because he thought an indication of

the same would imply acceptance of wrongdoing on his part, a situation which, according to him, would lower his standing in the eyes of society.

The third accused, Jakpa, said at the meeting that, despite all the AG had said, he was still pursuing him and that the AG meant to secure his conviction. The AG assured him in the presence of the Justice of the Supreme Court, once again, that he had nothing against him, and that, in the particular case of the third accused, if he was truthful when testifying and did not attempt to be "clever" or evasive, it would facilitate acceptance of a plea proposal by him.

The Attorney General indicated that it was easy to accept a plea-bargaining proposal from Jakpa because he was not the principal actor in the processes for payment of the defective ordinary vans purporting to be ambulances, and so, to that extent, he was not the main target of the legal process.

The AG stated that the principal actors in the transaction, or the main targets, were the public officers through whose acts the state had lost millions of euros for the purchase of the ordinary vans held out as ambulances. Those public officers were the other two accused persons, for one of whom a nolle prosequi had been entered on account of his sickness and inability to stand trial.

The Attorney General stated that all he would require of the third accused to facilitate a plea negotiation was for him to co-operate by being truthful and faithful to the record of the transaction. The AG told Jakpa in the presence of the Justice of the Supreme Court that, for instance, he would show him the cabinet approval for the transaction, (which the prosecution had already tendered at the trial) and ask whether Big Sea Company was mentioned in the cabinet approval.

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EXHIBIT (AF-5)

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Godfred Yeboah Dame

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Godfred Dame: The Legal Lighthouse In The Storm Of Allegations!

FELLOW ASOMD-WEKROMANIANS, gather round the campfire, for I shall weave a tale as intricate as a spider's web and as fiery as a dragon's breath.

In the fascinating world of courtrooms, a legal turmoil echoes through the circuits of time, and at the heart of this legal battle stood the indomitable Godfred Dame, Attorney-General extraordinaire, clad in robes of logic.

The Umbrella, that perennial thorn in the side of the ruling party, the Great Elephant, has sharpened its propaganda daggers. They howl like wolves in a forest, accusing Godfred of sins both imagined and concocted. "Resign!" they cry, their voices echoing across the virtual plains. But Godfred, oh, Godfred! He stands firm, like a firewall against the storm.

"Why should I resign?" he retorts eloquently, "Because a certain Richard Jakpa threw an allegation my way? Nay, my friends, I am no stranger to the complex corridors of jurisprudence. I tread where others fail as my legal compass is ever calibrated to the North Star of justice."

And so, the battle rages on. The accused, Ato-For-

son and his ilk, cling to their defense like shipwrecked sailors to a splintered plank. Zu-za, like a band of pirates, seeks to board the ship of public opinion, waving their banners of propaganda. But Godfred is the lighthouse, guiding truth-seekers through the fog of misinformation.

"Injustice?" he scoffs. "You folks are a bunch of jokers. Justice is not a fragile jug to be shattered by your bitterness. It is a mighty oak, its roots anchored in precedent, its branches reaching toward the heavens of due process."

And lo, the court proceedings will unfold, witnesses will testify with words encrypted in legal jargon, and exhibits will dance across screens. Godfred will weave arguments like a master weaver, threading together facts and statutes until they form a textile of irrefutable logic. "My aim is to retrieve funds, not mere coins," Godfred choruses.

Abusuapanin, the verdict will soon come. And the chips will fall where they may. We know those who will wail. Their tears will flow and they will scream, "Injustice." But the bitter truth is that Justice

will stand tall, its blindfold secure, and its scales unbalanced by political winds.

And the CSOs? Let us delve deeper into the complex mindscape of these so-called CSOs. I call them the chameleons of virtue, the

tion badges. "See, we are the guardians of truth, the sentinels of integrity!" they say. Yet, as the sun sets, their colours change. They blend seamlessly into the vegetation of political convenience.

LETTER TO ABUSUAPANIN

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whisperers of agendas, and the navigators of moral compasses.

Picture them, if you will: chameleons perched upon the branches of public discourse. Their scales sparkle with righteous indignation, their tongues flicker with eloquence. "We fight corruption!" they declare, their camouflage shifting to match the prevailing winds. But beware my fellow Asomdwekromanians, for their virtue is tainted with political party colours.

In the morning light, they bask in the glow of transparency, their profiles adorned with anti-corruption

And so, they move from cause to cause, their wings beating in sync with the news cycle. Today, it's embezzlement; tomorrow, it's nepotism. Their tweets are like fireflies - brief, illuminating, and gone before you can grasp their essence. And we, the spectators, watch their dance in awe and suspicion.

Abusuapanin, hear the rustle of encrypted whispers in the political corridors. These CSOs, the self-appointed sages of accountability, gather in clandestine forums. "Who's in power?" they murmur. "Whose turn is it to be scrutinised?"

"Aha!" they exclaim with glee. "This scandal shall trend today!" And so, they unleash their hashtags, their petitions, and their impassioned blog posts. The accused are mere pawns in their grand chess game. And the truth is a flexible construct, bent to fit their narrative.

"But what about due process?" you ask. Abusuapanin, that is the beauty of their art. They weave webs of half-truths, catching unwitting politicians like flies. "Innocent until proven guilty?" they scoff. "Nay, let the court of public opinion decide!" And so, they spin their tales, each thread a calculated move on the board.

Imagine a compass app gone rogue. North becomes South, and East becomes West. Such is the moral compass of these CSOs. "Follow us!" they cry. "We know the way!" But where does their true north point? Toward justice or the next trending scandal?

Their coordinates shift with the tides of politics. When the Elephant sails into power, they adjust their focus. "Retrieve the \$2 million!" they chant, their voices echoing through cyberspace. But when the winds change, so do their bearings. "Ignore the

funds," they whisper. "Focus on the throne!"

The CSOs are like mariners, who steer us toward rocky shores. Their moral maps are scribbled with invisible ink. "Trust us," they say. "We are the custodians of virtue." Beware, for their compass spins faster than a quark particle. And in their web, truth becomes a distant phenomenon.

So, Abusuapanin, let us sharpen our own moral compasses. Let us quest the chameleons, decode whispers, and navigate thunderstorms of misinformation. For in this digital age, virtue is not static; it is forever shifting. And for the CSOs, they will continue their dance, their colors blending seamlessly into the vegetation of political convenience.

But Godfred? He remains unmoved, his fi wall unbreached. For he knows that justice will eventually prevail. So, let us raise our virtual gob to Godfred Dame - the luminary, the guardian truth, and the bane of pagandists.

And as the sun sets remember this: Hate is rage, but justice endures. See you next week for an interesting *konkonsa*, *De volente!*

Ambulance Case: Secret Recordings, Plea Letters Exposed

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The source also disclosed that the following day, the AG called Jakpa on telephone and indicated that he desired an adjournment as he had to respond to a very pressing issue in Cabinet.

The AG called him because he had failed to reach lawyer for the accused on phone.

Jakpa expressed his inability to be absent from court since the trial judge had, at the previous adjourned date, issued a bench warrant for his arrest since he had been absent from proceedings without reasonable cause.

The source said, unknown to the AG, Jakpa recorded that conversation as well.

The AG eventually got through to Jakpa's counsel and told him exactly what he had told the accused on phone.

Jakpa's counsel later went to meet the AG and held discussions with him regarding the plea bargaining proposal of the 3rd accused.

Our sources add that the accused persons have "resorted to all manner of strategies including pressure on the AG for him to discontinue the trial."

Jakpa's Letters
DAILY GUIDE has also obtained four sepa-

rate letters written by lawyers for Richard Jakpa to the Office of the Attorney General, proposing and following up on a plea bargain so that the case would be dropped against him and the other accused persons.

The first letter written on April 27, 2023, indicated that Big Sea General LLC was willing to pay the cedi equivalent of €2 million to the state so that the case against the accused persons would be dropped.

The letter proposed a payment term of €500,000.00 on the execution of the settlement agreement and the remaining €1.5 million within the space of six months.

That proposal was turned down by the Office of the Attorney General and the accused through his counsel followed up with another proposal on May 16, 2023.

That letter promised a payment term of the cedi equivalent of the €2 million in two tranches - €1 million upon execution of the settlement and remaining €1 million in six months upon execution of the settlement agreement.

That proposal was also turned down by the Office of the Attorney General as "unacceptable."

BY Samuel Boadi

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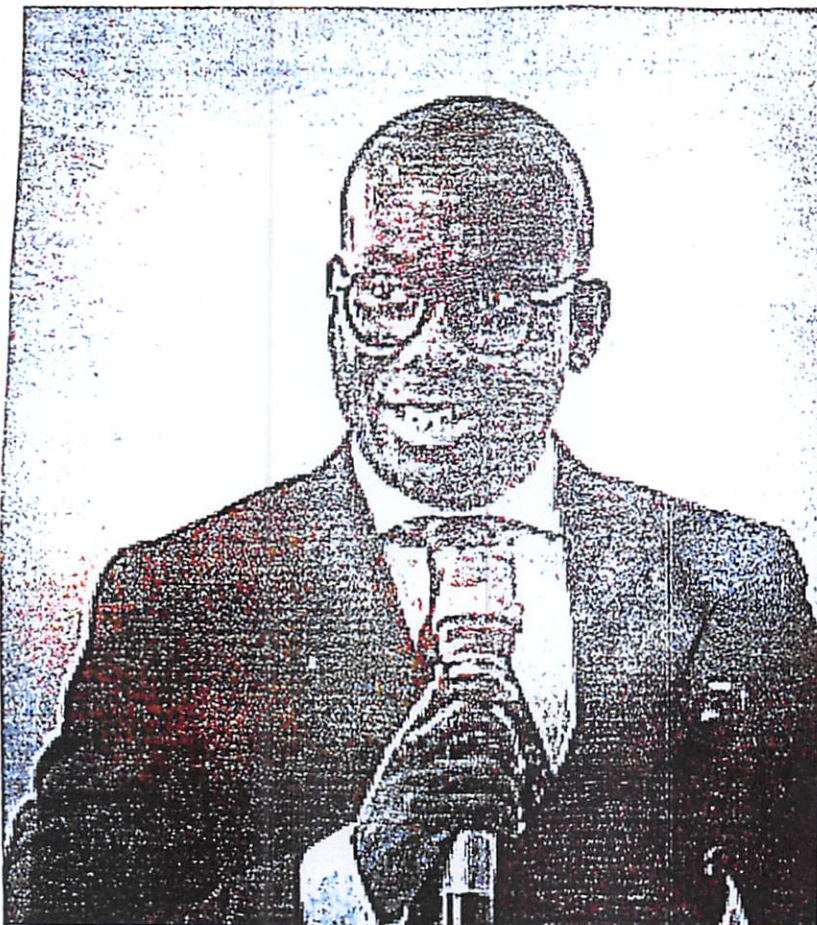
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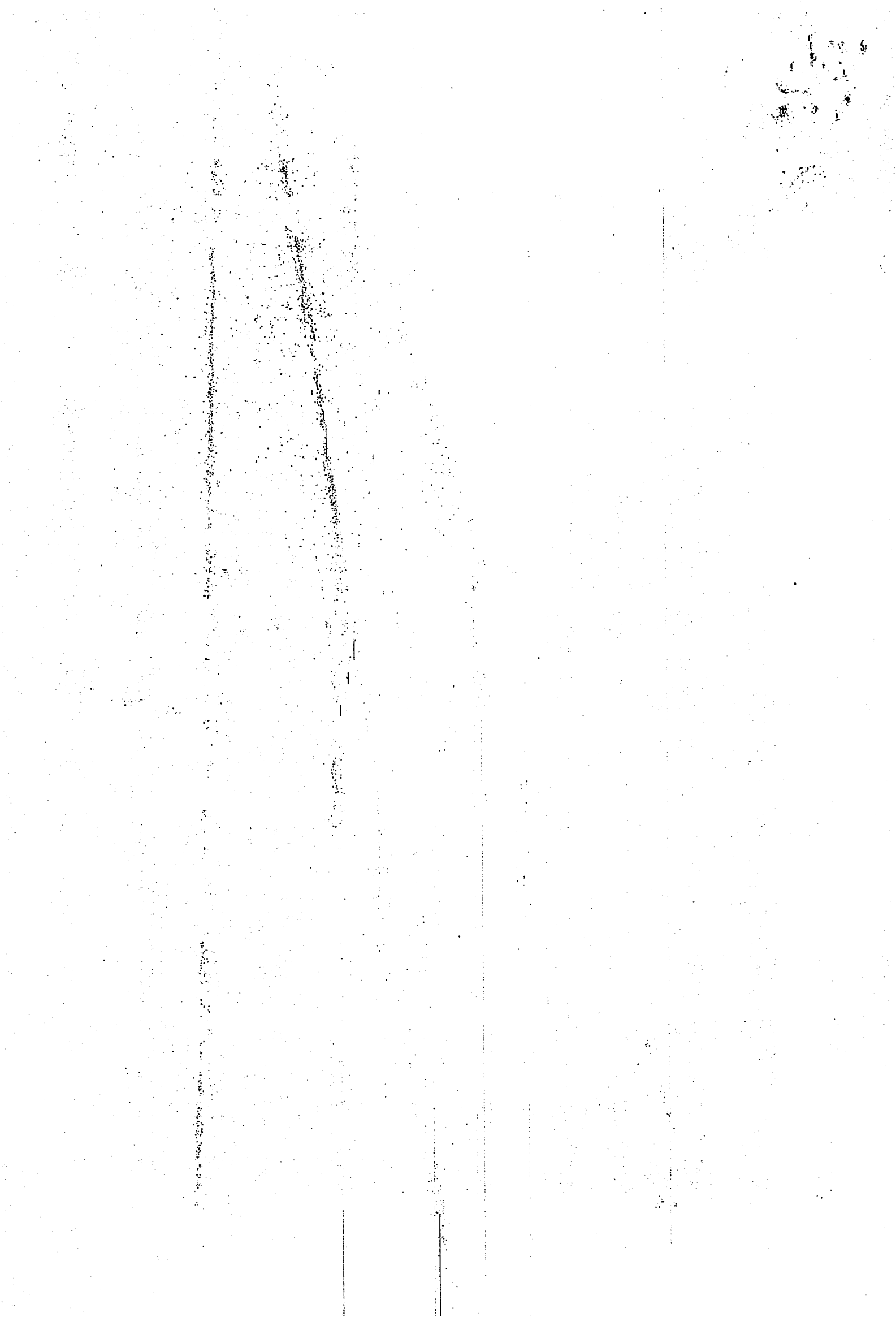


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"Just a little research could have avoided this embarrassment," he said.

According to him, Kevin Taylor must tell whether he is aware of any instance where in previous administrations, the Minister responsible for Petroleum signed and/or approved the Billions of Dollars of contracts awarded by Tullow in the development of the Jubilee and TEN Fields and if that was not the case, why would he assert same against the current Energy Minister.

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Mr Adam acknowledged the challenges but remained optimistic, citing ongoing efforts to strengthen the economy and stabilize the currency. He emphasized the government's commitment to maintaining monetary stability and fostering economic growth.

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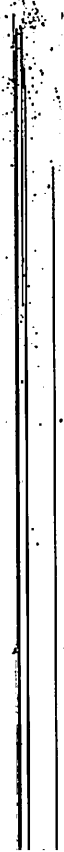


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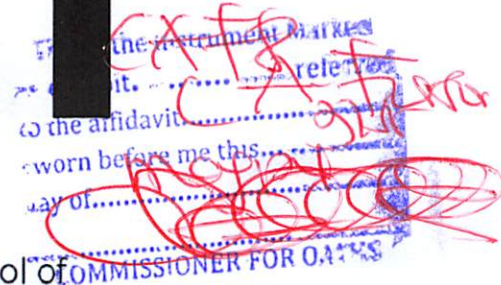
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This Is Scandalous; Attorney-General Must Resign – Ansah Asare



by News Africa Gh

- May 27, 2024



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Speaking on Joy FM's Midday News, he explained that the Attorney General is a lawyer for the state; therefore, it is not right for the plaintiff to meet the accused behind closed doors as he did.

"My candid opinion is that the learned Attorney General knows or is deemed to know the law. Apart from the judges, I think the other person we can say the law rest in his bosom is the Attorney-General.

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In response to the judge's caution, Attorney-General Yeboah Dame accused Jakpa of defending the Minority Leader.

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However, Mr Ansah recalled that in 1975, a similar plea bargain in the case of The Republic vs. Dr Isaac Ohene Gyan resulted in the Attorney-General at the time, Justice Austin Amisah, losing his position.

As such, he argued that Mr Dame should advice himself and resign.

Both the AG and the accused have threatened to release further evidence to fortify their cases. Other lawyers have also called on the right state institutions to investigate the matter since it has serious implications for justice delivery in the country.

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