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# MOT CHIEF DIRECTOR RECEIVES RMU DELEGATION; REAFFIRMS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR MARITIME EXCELLENCE



A high-level delegation from the Regional Maritime University (RMU), led by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jethro W. Brooks Jr., has paid a courtesy call on the newly appointed Chief Director of the Ministry of Transport, Mr. William Kartey.

The visit served to officially welcome the Chief Director and discuss strategic pathways for the university's continued growth.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor highlighted the university's impressive trajectory, noting a significant surge in student enrolment. He emphasised that RMU's remit has reached a new milestone, with membership now spanning six nations: Ghana, Cameroon, The Gambia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and a newly admitted member state. With a seventh nation expected to join in the near future, this expansion further underscores Ghana's strategic importance and leadership as the host nation of this premier maritime institution.

While expressing gratitude for the over 40 years of government support, the University leadership outlined critical operational challenges. With an annual budget of \$8 - \$9 million and staff costs reaching \$7 million, current member state contributions (\$300,000 -

\$350,000) fall short of the required \$1.1 - \$1.2 million. The university appealed for regular subventions to ensure fiscal stability.

On infrastructure, the Acting Vice-Chancellor commended the Government for resuming work on two previously stalled building projects. However, he emphasised the urgent need for additional classrooms and at least 100 new beds to keep pace with rising enrolment. He specifically highlighted the growth of the female student body, noting that the university currently hosts over 100 female cadets, with an additional 35 expected to join during the current academic year.

The Chief Director, Mr. William Kartey, pledged the Ministry's continued support, specifically noting progress on securing a training vessel via Chinese investment and praising the strategic value of RMU's upcoming Blue Economy Master's degree.

With Ghana set to assume the Chancellorship of the RMU Governing Board in June, both the Ministry and the University reaffirmed their dedication to providing outstanding services in maritime education and regional cooperation.



# GOVERNMENT PLEDGES RENEWED COLLABORATION WITH UNIONS TO STABILIZE COUNTRY'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has reiterated the government's commitment to restoring efficiency and reliability in Ghana's public transport system amid ongoing challenges facing commuters nationwide.

Addressing journalists in Accra, the Minister stressed that the Ministry remains actively engaged with transport unions, private operators, and stakeholders to find lasting solutions to the current transport difficulties that have affected parts of Accra and other major cities.

*"We are working hard, and we are ready to collaborate with all unions and operators, public and private, to ensure our transport system works smoothly,"* the Minister stated.

Hon. Bukari also highlighted longstanding operational setbacks within state-owned transport agencies, noting that Metro Mass Transit Limited (MMTL), Ayalolo, and Intercity STC have suffered from years of underinvestment, resulting in aged fleets and reduced capacity. He added that many vehicles have been operating without proper retooling or maintenance, significantly hampering service delivery.

*"We have inherited a system that had long been neglected, so I am urging Ghanaians to judge the Ministry's performance based on tangible results over time,"* he said.

He pointed out that parts of Metro Mass and Ayalolo have been non-functional for extended periods, with some buses grounded and unable to serve commuters. The Ministry has also vowed additional buses to support commuters during peak hours, leveraging idle return vehicles from Intercity STC routes to ease congestion and waiting times across major corridors in Accra and surrounding areas. The government continues to patronize long-term strategies for fleet expansion and modernization, including discussions on private sector participation and potential introduction of new buses to supplement existing services.

The Minister assured the public that strategic interventions and dialogue remain at the core of efforts to stabilize Ghana's transport sector for the benefit of commuters and national development.



# TRANSPORT MINISTRY COMMENDS AIB - GHANA'S PROGRESS IN AVIATION SAFETY FRAMEWORK



The Ministry of Transport has commended the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB-Ghana) for its remarkable achievements in strengthening Ghana's aviation safety framework as the Bureau marked its fifth anniversary in Accra.

Speaking on behalf of the Minister, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, Deputy Minister Dorcas Affo-Toffey praised AIB-Ghana's role in ensuring that investigations into aircraft accidents and incidents are conducted with transparency, objectivity, and in line with international standards. She noted that the Bureau's independence has been crucial in safeguarding lives and reinforcing public confidence in air travel.

*“The establishment of AIB Ghana, as an independent institution, has significantly strengthened the country's aviation safety framework,”* the Minister stated.

The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to supporting AIB-Ghana's work, stressing the importance of transparency, accountability, and a “just culture” in accident investigation and accentuated that the Bureau's independence has also been instrumental in ensuring credible outcomes that strengthen Ghana's aviation safety framework.

Acting Commissioner of AIB-Ghana, Mr. John M.K. Wumborti, highlighted the Bureau's progress since its

establishment in 2020, including conducting investigations, issuing safety recommendations, and contributing to regional aviation safety improvements. He emphasized AIB's active participation in global safety data sharing and called for continued investment in modern investigative tools and technologies to further enhance aviation safety.

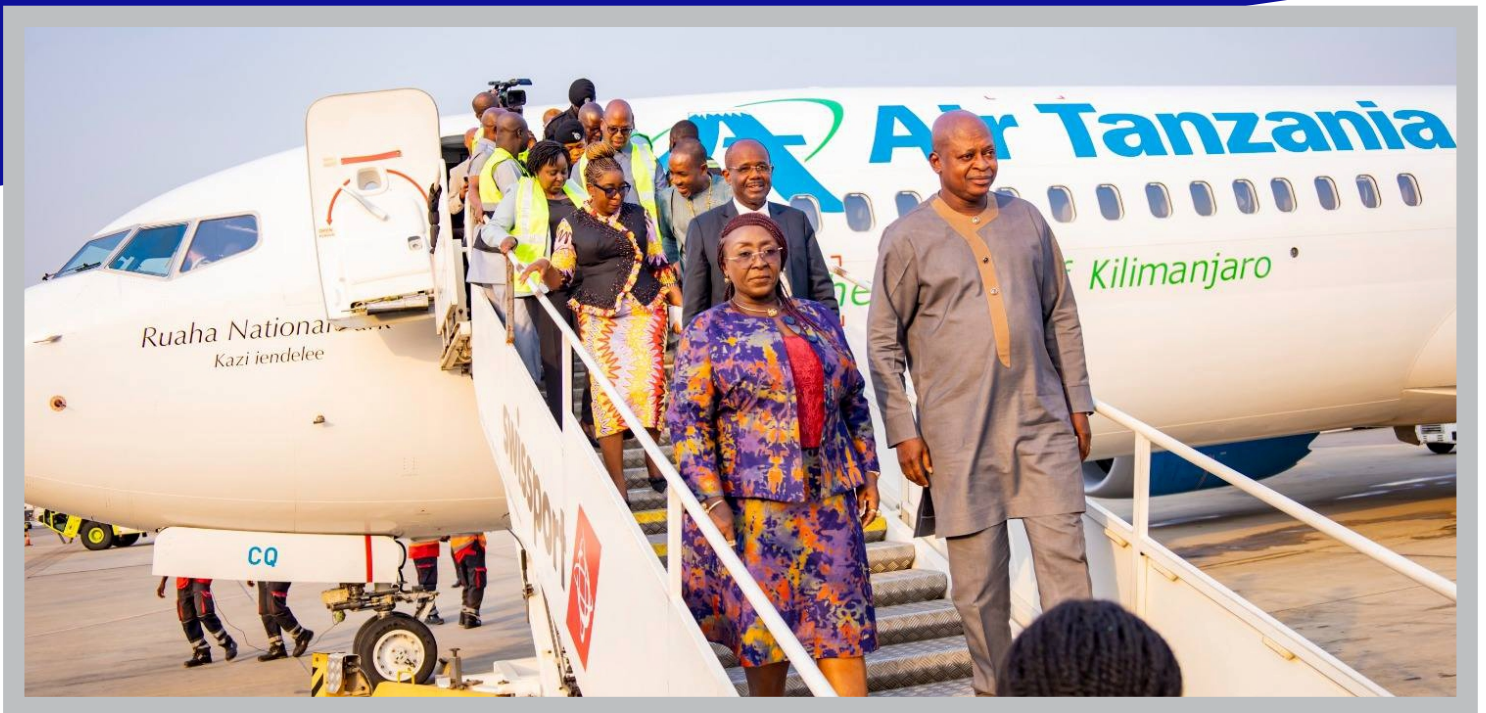
The Acting Director-General of the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Rev. Stephen Wilfred Arthur, also delivered a guest address, commending AIB-Ghana's contribution to deepening Ghana's aviation safety culture and aligning with international best practices.

*“It safeguards lives, informs policies, strengthens oversight, and builds public confidence in our aviation system,”* he said.

The anniversary celebration, held under the theme *“Enhancing Safety: The Role of Accident Investigation in Aviation Safety in Ghana,”* brought together government officials, aviation regulators, industry stakeholders, traditional and religious leaders, development partners, and members of the media. The Bureau and its partners pledged to continue working collaboratively to ensure Ghana remains a leader in aviation safety across the region.



# AIR TANZANIA MAKES MAIDEN LANDING IN GHANA



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has welcomed the maiden flight of Air Tanzania to Ghana, describing it as a historic breakthrough in the country's aviation journey. Speaking at the Kotoka International Airport, the Minister recalled the pride of Ghana, the Ghana Airways, which was once a symbol of the Black Star in the skies, acknowledging that the airline was liquidated years ago and that several attempts to re-establish a national carrier had not materialized.

However, he assured Ghanaians that under the leadership of His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama, a task force has been set up and working diligently, and that Ghana Airlines would be revived in the next 12 months.

*“Within the next period of 12 months we will be celebrating Ghana Airlines flying to the rest of the world. Very soon we will re-establish our own national airline because the task force is doing a good job and we are up to task,”* he stated

The Minister further highlighted Ghana's improved aviation infrastructure, pointing to the expansion of Kotoka International Airport and the plan underway to connect Terminal 2 and Terminal 3 to ensure seamless travel for passengers.

The ceremony was also graced by the Minister for

Transport of the United Republic of Tanzania, Prof. Makame Mabarawa who spoke on the strategic importance of the new route describing the launch of the flight between Dar es Salaam and Accra as more than a transportation link.

*“This new route represents more than a transportation link, it is a strategic bridge that will enhance mobility between our two nations while strengthening the historical, cultural and economic bonds that unite Tanzania and Ghana,”* he expressed

Prof. Makame further commended the management and staff of Air Tanzania for their professionalism and vision, while expressing appreciation to the Government of Ghana for granting the necessary approvals and extending hospitality to Air Tanzania.

Ghana's Minister for Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts, Hon. Abla Dzifa Gomashie, at the event emphasized the broader significance of the collaboration between the two countries for tourism and regional integration, stating the essence of connectivity in promoting tourism.

*“We are not just witnessing the arrival of another international airline to our capital, but also witnessing the strengthening of the umbilical cord that connects East and West Africa. Three of the most important things that affect our continent, especially tourism, are the lack of connectivity, infrastructure and the building*

of the capacity of industry players and by reducing travel time within our region, we are connecting it stronger," she remarked.

The maiden flight of Air Tanzania to Ghana is therefore not only a celebration of aviation progress but also a reaffirmation of the shared vision of both countries to deepen

cooperation, stimulate tourism, encourage trade, and create new economic opportunities. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in Ghana's aviation story and strengthens the ties between Ghana and Tanzania, while contributing to the broader goal of African



(6th from right), the Minister for Transport, (6th from left) Minister for Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts, (4th from left) Mrs. Yvonne Nana Afriyie Opare, the MD of the GACL and other dignitaries from Tanzania.



# TRANSPORT MINISTRY INAUGURATES NEW INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE



The Ministry of Transport has inaugurated a new Internal Audit Committee during a handing over ceremony held at the ministry's conference room in Accra.

The event, attended by the Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, Directors of the Ministry, and representatives from its agencies, marked the formal transition from the outgoing committee to the newly appointed members.

In his address, the Minister for Transport underscored the critical role of the Internal Audit Committee in promoting accountability and efficient resource management.

*"This ceremony is necessary because the audit committee helps the Ministry to manage resources provided by the government and also enhances accountability to the general public,"* Hon. Nikpe said.

He thanked the outgoing members for their dedicated service, noting that their efforts helped in reducing financial infractions. He stated that their good work has helped the Ministry to minimise infractions that usually occurred annually.

Hon. Nikpe charged the new committee to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, describing them as key partners in safeguarding public funds, improving financial reporting, and building public confidence in the ministry's operations.

The new members took the Oath of Office, administered by Mr. T.A. Thompson-Aryee, Acting Director of the Internal Audit Agency (IAA).

The five-member committee comprises:

Frederick Agropah, Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana)

Rita Anowuoh, Internal Audit Agency

Ernestina Okailey Djanetey, Internal Audit Agency

Nathaniel Wilson, Director, Human Resource Management, Ministry of Transport

Merlyn G.J. Gaskin, Director, Research, Statistics and Information Management, Ministry of Transport.

The inauguration reinforced the Ministry's commitment to good governance, transparency, and efficiency, in line with the government's broader agenda for public sector accountability

# GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AS DEMAND FOR TRANSPORT SERVICES RISE



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has emphasized the crucial role of the private sector in meeting the growing demand for transport services across Ghana. He noted that despite continuous reductions in fuel prices, private sector vehicles have declined, creating long queues at bus stops and leaving commuters stranded.

According to the Minister, the government cannot sit back and allow citizens to suffer due to transport shortage. He explained that while government procurement processes are lengthy, private operators can easily secure buses and should take advantage of the current demand.

*“There has been a continuous reduction in fuel prices, making it a great atmosphere for the private sector to thrive. Surprisingly, there has been shortage of vehicles starting from 14th December to date. Government cannot sit and allow the citizens to suffer, so we had to call in the Intercity STC to help salvage the situation while we wait for fleet renewal,”* Hon. Nikpe said.

Hon. Nikpe made these remarks during a working visit to the Intercity STC Coaches Head Office in Accra. He stated that the purpose of the visit was to assess the internal conditions of the Intercity STC before implementing new initiatives or renewing the fleet. He further encouraged the company to strengthen its

evaluation services to attract more customers, since increased patronage translates into higher profits.

The Managing Director of the Intercity STC, Mr. Al-Hassan Ligbi highlighted some challenges facing the agency, including flooding at the central store building whenever it rained and issues of staff motivation. He however was hopeful that the new buses expected by May would help improve operations, while plans were also underway to attract investors to revamp the terminal.

*“The major issue facing us is staff motivation, and in the past few months, a number of our key staff have been poached because of the nature of their salary. But we are hopeful that when we receive the new buses, we can use them to make more profit and improve upon our staff salaries”* Mr. Al-Hassan noted

He also revealed a major achievement in safety, announcing that accident rates had been reduced from 80 in 2024 to 44 in 2025, because of the defensive driving training they conducted in collaboration with the Ghana Armed Forces Supplies and Transport Training School.

*“We have managed in the period to reduce our accident rates; we brought it down from 80 in 2024 to 44 in 2025. We have conducted some defensive driving training with the military, and I am happy to announce that since that training, we have not recorded any accident cases. So, we*

will want to continue on that path to give our people this training once or twice a year.” He added

The Minister commended the ISTC management for their progress and assured them of the government's support in addressing challenges and renewing their fleet. He reiterated that government exists to solve the problems of the people, but urged private sector operators to act swiftly to meet public demand.

“I want to thank the Intercity STC for the good work you are doing for Mother Ghana, especially your quick response to my call during the issues of congestion during the Christmas season. I am again

happy to hear the progress you have made so far, raising about GHS1.7 million in January alone for parcel services and about GHS500,000 from vehicle valuation services,” he noted.

The Minister was accompanied by the Deputy Minister, the Chief Director, and other officials from the Ministry of Transport.



# YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY - TRANSPORT MINISTER TO THE 9TH GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CILT



The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Ghana has held its hand-over to a new leadership and inaugurated the 9th Governing Council.

Presenting a goodwill message on behalf of the Minister for Transport, Mr. Merlyn G.J. Gaskin, the Director for Research, Statistics, and Information Management at the Ministry, highlighted the importance of CILT in Ghana's transport sector. He urged the newly inaugurated council to serve diligently, stressing that their leadership and dedication would be essential to the growth and development of the sector.

Mr. Gaskin stated that the transport industry was a highly dynamic and ever-evolving industry and required practitioners to stay up to date with evolving trends in managing the day-to-day product flow or responding to unexpected shocks within the transport and logistics value chain.

He reiterated, this required that the necessary infrastructure and services were in place to promote the seamless movement of goods, people, and information. The ultimate goal was to create a seamless integrated system that delivered maximum value to all and sundry while minimising cost.

The Director revealed that the government was embarking on a sustained programme to improve and modernise transport infrastructure and services through road network rehabilitation and expansion under the Big Push Agenda, railway rehabilitation and redevelopment, expansion and rehabilitation of port facilities, and the modernisation of our airports, as well as promotion sustainable transportation systems.

He further noted that CILT Ghana was unquestionably a strong and dependable partner in the country's development journey, especially through its unwavering dedication to upholding industry standards, improving professional skills, and advocating for policies that improve and modernise the transport sector.

He thanked the outgoing Council Members of the institute for their excellent working relationship with the ministry over the past years to advance the transport sector. To the newly sworn-in Council Members, he noted that their leadership and dedication would be instrumental in shaping the future of the industry.

He encouraged them to continue promoting collaboration with government, industry stakeholders, and academia to advance innovation, professionalism, and inclusive growth within the sector.



## DEPUTY MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT PAYS WORKING VISIT TO GACL AND GCAA



The Deputy Minister for Transport, Hon. Dorcas Affo-Toffey, has undertaken a familiarisation tour of the Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL) and the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA). The visit provided her with an opportunity to interact with the staff and management of the two agencies.

During her engagements, Hon. Affo-Toffey commended the workers for their dedication, pledging government, through the Ministry of Transport, would ensure that the agencies receive the necessary support to function effectively and contribute to the success of the government's resetting agenda. She encouraged the staff of the two agencies to be more innovative and look beyond only aircraft operations.

The Deputy Minister then toured some facilities and projects of the two agencies. These included the repurposing of Terminal 2, the runway overlay project, the Air Navigation Services (ANS) building, the Control and Engineering Centres, and the Aviation Training Centre. She also inspected the ongoing office building project for GACL and the construction of the new tower for Air Traffic Control by the GCAA.

Management of the GACL briefed her on the increase in staff numbers, which had grown from 400 to about 1,600 nationwide, with over 1,000 based in Accra

alone. Hon. Affo Toffey commended the management of both Agencies for their role in ensuring regulatory compliance, aviation safety, and adherence to international aviation standards.

*"I am really overwhelmed with the progress of ongoing constructions; the Managing Director of GACL and the Director General of GCAA, together with the contractor, have told us the timelines for completion of the various projects they are undertaking. As a Deputy Minister, I would do a routine check-up, maybe every month or two, to ensure that the timelines are met,"* she stressed.

Some challenges faced by the two agencies, including financial constraints, expansion needs, and connecting terminal 2 to terminal 3, were presented to the Deputy Minister. In response, Hon. Affo-Toffey assured management and staff that she and the Minister for Transport would work closely with them to address these concerns and provide full support to ensure smooth operations.

*"I am assuring you that the Government, under the leadership of his excellency John Dramani Mahama, through the Ministry of Transport, would work with the managements of the two agencies to adopt best practices to ensure that these challenges are solved as soon as possible,"* Hon. Affo-Toffey assured.

The Managing Director of GACL, Mrs. Yvonne Nana Afriyie Opere, highlighted the importance of government support in sustaining growth and meeting international benchmarks. She emphasised that the ongoing projects at Terminal 2 and the new office building for GACL would be completed by mid-year and July 2027, respectively

*“I must say that the Government has supported us a lot in our journey of progress to this point. To the honourable Deputy Minister, I want to assure you that the total project for the terminal 2 would be completed by mid-year. So, we are expecting some international airlines to operate from the terminal by mid-year. The new office building would also be completed by July next year,”* she added.

The Director-General of the GCAA, Rev. Stephen Wilfred Arthur, also acknowledged the unending support from the government through the ministry and how the support has enhanced progress in the aviation industry.

He expressed appreciation to President John Dramani Mahama and the Ministry of Transport for the assistance they have given to ensure they operated smoothly as far as Ghana's Aviation industry was concerned.

*“We now have a fully completed new radar in Accra, Kumasi, and Tamale. The Advanced Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Naming Record (PNR) systems are 100% completed. The New Air Traffic Control Tower you see here at the (KIA) is also 54% completed, and I assure you that by December this year, we are hoping for it to be commissioned,”* Rev. Arthur noted.

The Deputy Minister's tour is part of the Ministry's proactive approach to monitoring and supporting its agencies. By engaging directly with staff and management, Hon. Affo-Toffey's visit portrayed the government's commitment to building a resilient aviation sector capable of meeting current demands and positioning Ghana as a competitive player in global aviation and making Ghana an aviation hub.



# MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT LAUNCHES GCAA @40 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) has officially launched activities to mark its 40th Anniversary celebrations, with a renewed commitment to aviation safety, security and regulatory excellence.

The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, who launched the celebrations, described the occasion as a significant milestone in Ghana's aviation history. He noted that the growth of the Authority had been strengthened by key legislative reforms, including the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority Act, 2004 (Act 678), and the Consolidated Ghana Civil Aviation Act, 2024 (Act 1120), which have enhanced regulatory oversight and aligned Ghana's aviation sector with international standards.

*“Today's event formally signals the beginning of a historic journey, one that will culminate in May 2026, when we celebrate four decades of dedicated service to aviation safety, regulatory excellence, and national development,”* he said.

He reiterated the government's commitment to developing Ghana into an aviation hub in the West African sub-region, adding that investments in air navigation systems, surveillance infrastructure and training facilities were part of efforts to ensure safe and efficient operations within Ghana's airspace.

*“The government's commitment to aviation development has also been demonstrated through sustained investment in modern aviation infrastructure*

*and facilities. These include the commissioning of operational, administrative and training facilities, advanced air navigation and surveillance systems, and air traffic management infrastructure designed to support safe, secure, and efficient operations within Ghana's airspace”*, he added.

Hon. Nikpe stated that the government was committed to enhancing aviation security and data integration, as is evident in the Air Navigation Service Complex commissioning by His Excellency the President last year. The complex, he noted, houses the Advanced Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems.

The Minister highlighted the remarkable progress made by the GCAA, noting the Authority was one of the most accomplished public institutions in the country.

*“In 2023, GCAA was adjudged the Best State-Owned Enterprise in Ghana at the Public Enterprises League Table (PELT) Awards, ranking first among over sixty state-owned enterprises, and placing second overall among all public sector entities. This recognition underscores strong governance, operational efficiency, and financial discipline,”* he said.

Hon. Nikpe stated that the launch was not merely ceremonial, but marked the beginning of months of reflection, engagement, and celebration, honouring the pioneers who laid the foundation, recognising the professionals who sustain the system today, and inspiring the next generation of aviation leaders.

He encouraged all staff of the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority to actively participate, support, and rally behind the activities planned for the anniversary and commended the Board, Management, past and present staff of the Authority for their unwavering dedication and service. He said their commitment over the past forty years had laid the strong foundation for the future of Ghana's aviation sector.

The Minister pledged the Ministry's support in working together with the GCAA to make the 40th Anniversary celebrations a meaningful and memorable one and reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening Ghana's aviation ecosystem. He noted that he was confident the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority would continue to play its critical role in ensuring that all aviation developments met the highest standards of safety, security, and regulatory compliance.

The Director-General of the GCAA, Rev. Wilfred Arthur, said the Authority remained committed to maintaining safety and security standards in the aviation sector. He said they remained firmly committed to safety and security to uphold the integrity of Ghana's aviation sector. Rev. Arthur mentioned that the focus of the Authority has always been to ensure that every aircraft that enters or leaves Ghana's airspace does so under the highest standards

of regulatory oversight.

Board Chairman of GCAA, Ing. Simon Allotey, traced the history of aviation in Ghana and stressed the significant progress made over the years. He also indicated that in 2020, GCAA achieved one of the highest aviation safety oversight scores in Africa under the International Civil Aviation Organisation's audit program, placing Ghana among the top-performing aviation regulators on the continent.

Activities lined up for the anniversary celebrations include media engagements to promote the work of the Authority, corporate social responsibility programs, in-house departmental activities, a health walk and games, and a conference to bring together industry players to reflect on the Authority's 40-year journey. The celebrations will climax on 16th May, 2026 with an awards and dinner night.

The event brought together Board Members, Management and staff of the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority, stakeholders and representatives from the aviation industry.



Minister for Transport speaking at the Launch

# MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT CALLS FOR STRONGER MARITIME COLLABORATION AS MOWCA MARKS 50 YEARS



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has reassured Ghana's commitment to strengthening regional maritime cooperation at the 19th Session of the General Assembly of the Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa (MOWCA), which coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the organisation, held in Banjul, The Gambia.

The Minister stated that the Organization's mandate to drive the maritime aspirations of member states remains more relevant today, particularly in the face of rapid global transformation within the maritime industry. He stressed that Africa must actively participate in shaping these global developments to ensure that the continent's realities and development priorities are reflected in emerging international maritime frameworks.

*“As a continent, we must take stock of our collective strengths and weaknesses. Africa is rich in coastline, strategic sea routes, youthful human capital, and growing markets. Engagement in global security discussions and technical bodies allows us to contribute to and benefit from collective solutions, technologies, and best practices that help protect our coasts, our waters, and our Nations,”* he added.

The Minister further highlighted Ghana's ongoing

investments in port modernization, maritime administration reforms, seafarer development, and enhanced maritime security coordination. He however emphasized that national efforts alone were insufficient, reiterating the need for collective action among African states.

Hon. Nikpe emphasized that technological advancements have made security challenges at sea more complex and far-reaching. He reiterated issues such as piracy, cyber threats and illegal maritime activities, noting that maritime security was no longer solely a naval concern but an economic, environmental and national security priority. He added that, collective action would enable member states to develop green port initiatives, invest in alternative marine fuels, strengthen maritime education and training, and ensure that African seafarers remained competitive in an increasingly digital and automated shipping industry.

*“Ghana is strengthening Institutional Frameworks, improving training, and working with Regional and International Partners to promote safe, secure, and sustainable shipping. However, National efforts alone are not enough,”* he stressed.

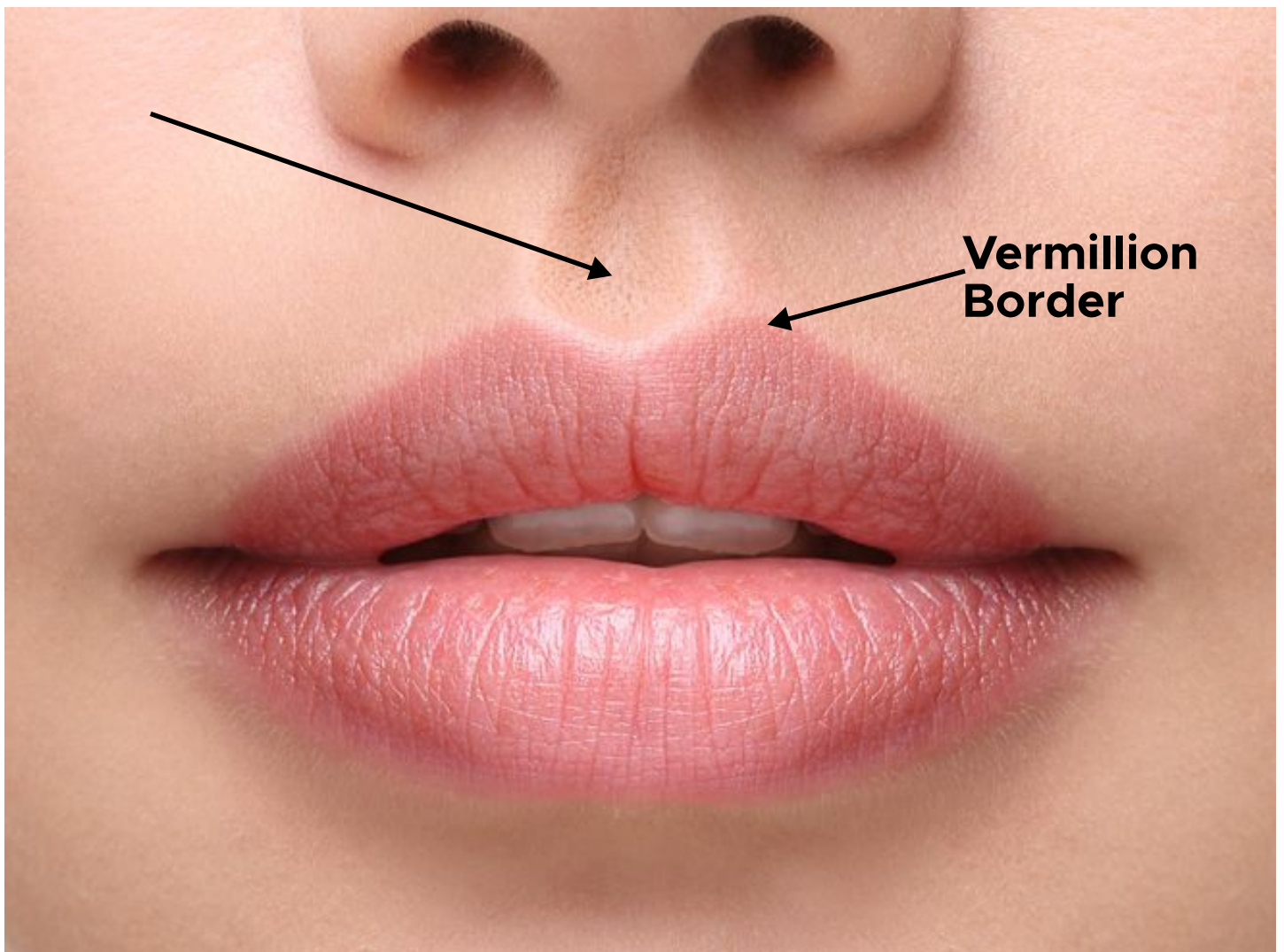
He further noted that approximately 90 percent of global trade was carried by sea, therefore, efficient and resilient maritime transport systems were essential to

economic prosperity, food security, industrialization and regional integration, particularly under the African Continental Free Trade Area framework. He expressed optimism that MOWCA's 50th Anniversary would usher in a new era of innovation, unity and strategic action for the sub-region.

The 19th Session of the MOWCA General Assembly united Ministers responsible for maritime transport, senior officials, representatives of the International Maritime Organization, and other key stakeholders from across West and Central Africa to deliberate on the future of maritime development in the region.

The Minister, Hon. Nikpe, conveyed warm greetings from the people of Ghana and congratulated MOWCA on its 50th Anniversary. He also commended the President of The Gambia, H.E. Adama Barrow, and the Government on their Independence Day anniversary celebrations and for the successful hosting of the General Assembly.

## DID YOU KNOW



### **PHILTRUM** Pronunciation(/'filtrəm/)

**the vertical groove or indentation in the middle of the upper lip, situated between the base of the nose and the vermilion border.**

# PRESS RELEASE



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## PRESS RELEASE

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### RENAMING OF KOTOKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ACCRA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1. The Ministry hereby informs the general public that the Government of Ghana has officially reverted the name of Kotoka International Airport to its original name, **Accra International Airport**.
2. The facility was originally known as Accra International Airport before its redesignation. The government has considered it appropriate to restore the Airport to its former and internationally recognised name.
3. This change will not affect airport operations, safety standards, or international travel arrangements. Notably, within the records of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the airport code has remained "ACC".
4. Implementation of the renaming will involve the systematic update of official documentation, statutory instruments where necessary, airport signage, digital platforms, aviation publications, and related communication materials.
5. The general public, stakeholders, and international partners are kindly requested to support and cooperate with the relevant authorities to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.
6. The Ministry appreciates the continued cooperation of all stakeholders.

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# GOVERNMENT REVERTS KOTOKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ACCRA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



The Minister for Transport, Honourable Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has briefed the media on the government's decision to revert the name of the Kotoka International Airport to its original name, Accra International Airport.

The engagement follows a press statement that was issued yesterday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, by the Ministry on behalf of the Government, announcing the reversal of the name of the airport to its historical name.

Addressing the media, Hon. Nikpe explained that the decision was informed by historical records and consultations. He noted that the facility was originally a British Royal Air Force base during the Second World War and was handed over to civilian administration in 1956. Ghana's first President, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, subsequently developed it into a passenger terminal and named it Accra International Airport.

According to the Minister, the government considered several proposals and public discussions regarding the name, and following deliberations at Cabinet, resolved to restore the airport to its original identity. He clarified that the timing of the announcement, which coincides with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the overthrow of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, was purely coincidental and not deliberate.

Responding to questions on the legal basis for the

decision, Hon. Nikpe explained that the previous renaming was effected by a decree (NLCD 309), which primarily established a trust fund to support the families of soldiers who were killed during the 1966 coup. He added that the decree's main objective was to set up the trust and not to enact legislation specifically governing the renaming of the airport.

The Minister emphasized that, in Ghana, airports are named by executive action and not through specific Acts of Parliament. He further explained that the current decision was executed through established executive processes.

*"It was an executive order that was given to recognise somebody who was killed at the forecourt of the airport and the airport therefore named after him. In the vein the rightful thing is for us to again come through an executive order or announcement that the name has been reverted to its original name,"* he reiterated.

He revealed that Ghana's airport codes assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have remained unchanged to date even after the airport was renamed to Kotoka International Airport. As such, there will be no alterations at the international level.

According to the Minister, the exercise would not bear huge cost to the nation because the changes will largely

involve updating signages and office materials. He noted that with signages, due to ongoing works at the airport and the repurposing of the terminal 2, to take on both international and domestic flights, and the connecting concourse to be built to link terminal 2 and 3, many of the signages and billboards would have undergone replacement due to the ongoing works at the airport. Therefore, these replacements would not come at huge cost to the Ghanaian taxpayer since the ongoing works would take on most of the cost.

With office materials he further explained that existing vendors responsible for printing and branding of materials for the Ghana Airport Company Limited (GACL) would still be handling their updates and printing within the current operational arrangements and would only have to be changing and updating the name from “Kotoka to Accra” going forward when they are producing any

material for the Company till the transition period was over.

Hon. Nikpe also emphasized that significant rehabilitation and upgrade works were ongoing at the airport and indicated that the process of the reverting the name would be implemented systematically alongside these infrastructure improvements to ensure efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Government, he assured, remains committed to transparency and would keep Ghanaians informed as the transition back to Accra International Airport has begun till it is completed.



# TRANSFORMING GHANA'S ECONOMY THROUGH STRATEGIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES - SONA 2026



The government is supporting Intercity STC Coaches Limited, Metro Mass Transit Limited, and the private road transport operators to renew their fleets as part of its initiative to transform Ghana's economy. 300 buses have been procured to improve road transport, and the first fleet of 100 are expected to arrive in the country by end of the first quarter to support the transport sector.

Speaking at the State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2026, the President of the Republic, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, noted that his government was in the process of re-establishing a national airline, remodelling Terminal 2 at the Accra International Airport into a dual-purpose facility to serve both domestic and international flights. He said the Ministry of Transport was going to construct a new concourse to link Terminal 2 and 3, and there was going to be a new seven-storey car park to support Terminal 3.

He added that the government was expanding the runway and overlay at the Accra International Airport, and government was going to commence works on new regional exports in Sunyani, Bolgatanga and Wa.

H.E. also noted that government was going to operationalise the Tema-Mpakadan rail line to maximise passenger and freight traffic between Tema and the North using the Volta Lake waterway. These

projects, he said, were aimed at supporting the efficient transport of container and bulk cargo to and from our ports, as well as facilitating the efficient carrying of minerals from mines in Nsuta, Awaso, and Nyinahin to the Takoradi ports, while also providing passenger transport along the respective rail corridors.

“Mr. Speaker, we are working to fully operationalise the Tema and Mpakadan rail line to maximise passenger and freight traffic between Tema and the North using the Volta Lake waterway and modernise the Western and Eastern railway lines. These projects are aimed at supporting the efficient transport of container and bulk cargo to and from our ports and to facilitate the efficient haulage of minerals from mines in Nsuta, Awaso, and Nyinahin to the Takoradi port, while providing passenger transport along the respective rail corridors,” the President reiterated.

The president also stated that the Tema port and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) office at Adenta were working 24 hours around the clock as part of the 24-hour economy initiative, and this would help bring significant growth of the economy through the transport sector.

Through these transformative initiatives, the Ministry of Transport is not only improving the efficiency of Ghana's transport systems but also unlocking the

## **YOUR HEALTH OUR CONCERN**



### **CHIA SEEDS**

**Chia seeds are tiny, nutrient-dense black or white seeds from the *Salvia hispanica* plant, native to Central America.**

#### **Health Benefits of Chia Seeds**

- 1. Keeps you full (helps with weight control)**
- 2. Great for digestion**
- 3. Boosts energy**
- 4. Heart health**
- 5. Good for skin & hair**
- 6. Helps control blood sugar**
- 7. Strengthens bones**

#### **Easy ways to use chia seeds**

- \*Add to water (let it sit becomes gel-like)**
- \*Mix into oats or yogurt**
- \*Make chia pudding (milk + chia + honey = elite combo)**
- \*Blend into smoothies**

#### **Don't do this**

- \*Don't eat them dry in large amounts (they swell and can choke you)**
- \*Always soak them or mix into food/liquid**
- \*Start small (1–2 spoons a day is enough)**

## MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT INAUGURATES BOARD FOR TEMA SHIPYARD AND DRYDOCK



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has inaugurated the newly appointed Board of Directors for the Tema Shipyard and Drydock Limited in Accra.

The Minister urged members to provide strategic leadership, ensure transparency and accountability, and work collaboratively with Management to reposition the Shipyard as one of the key drivers of Ghana's Blue Economy. He described the Shipyard as a historic and strategic national asset, stressing that its retooling and revamping were central to the government's industrial transformation drive.

He added that for Ghana to connect the full potential of the Blue Economy resources, maritime infrastructure must be developed to be world-class, efficient, and commercially viable, whilst emphasising the importance of the facility to create jobs for the youth of Ghana.

*“For Ghana to harness the full potential of our Blue Economy resources, our maritime infrastructure must be developed to be world-class, efficient, and commercially viable. This informs the Government's priority to retool and revamp the shipyard, given the potential of the facility to create jobs for the youth of Ghana,”* the minister said.

Hon. Nikpe outlined the government's intention to attract strategic private sector participation to

modernise the facility, inject capital, and improve operational efficiency. He noted that beyond ship repair and dry-docking, the Shipyard holds significant potential to support fabrication and engineering services for the oil and gas industry.

He further indicated that partnerships would be pursued to promote technical training in shipbuilding and marine engineering, ensuring that the Ghanaian youth acquire specialized skills to actively participate in the sector.

While charging the Board to provide strong policy direction and strategic oversight, the Minister emphasised the need for transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to corporate governance principles. He reminded members to focus on oversight responsibilities and avoid involvement in the day-to-day management of the company. He added that the board was under the Ministry and should report to it, cautioning, the board should not deal with other Authorities above the Ministry without due consultation.

*“Permit me to use this opportunity to caution the Board from either directly or indirectly taking over the day-to-day management of the Shipyard, but work as a team with management in line with good governance principles. Under no circumstances should the Board deal with other Authorities above the Ministry without due consultation,”* the minister advised.

The nine-member Board includes

1. Dr. George Sipa-Adjah Yankey - Chairman
2. Alhaji Osman Sulemana - Member
3. Millicent Wutsika - Member
4. Mahama Adam Jandah - Member
5. Samuel Bavug Wusah - Member
6. Kofi A. Asmah - Member
7. Abubakari Muaz Zemoli - Member
8. Obed Koah Opintan - Member
9. Albert Derrick Fiatui - Member

The new Board Chairman, Dr. George Sipa-Adjah Yankey, thanked the President and the Minister for the trust placed in them and pledged to work

collaboratively with Management and Staff to restore the Shipyard's competitiveness. He expressed confidence that, with the right investments and operational reforms, the facility would not only be the envy of West Africa but a principal player in the drydock and shipbuilding industry in Africa.

The reconstitution of the Board signals renewed momentum towards further strengthening Ghana's maritime industry and leveraging the Shipyard as a catalyst for industrial growth, employment generation, and economic transformation.



## MINISTER INSPECTS DREDGING WORKS AT TEMA PORT, TOURS JAMESTOWN FISHING HARBOUR



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has paid a working visit to Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA) to assess ongoing dredging projects aimed at enhancing Ghana's maritime infrastructure and supporting the government's economic transformation agenda.

The visit began at the Tema Harbour, where the Minister and his delegation inspected ongoing dredging works intended to improve navigational safety, increase operational efficiency, and enhance the port's capacity to accommodate larger vessels.

Officials of the port briefed the Minister on the progress of the dredging exercise, stating that Berths 13 and 14 have been deepened to accommodate larger vessels, with Berth 13 expected to receive ships of up to 65,000 tonnes. The exercise was part of efforts to strengthen Ghana's position as a competitive maritime hub within the West African sub-region.

Speaking during the inspection, Hon. Nikpe highlighted the importance of maintaining modern and efficient port infrastructure to support the government's broader economic development agenda. He noted that the dredging works would significantly improve port operations and facilitate an increased maritime trade, which remains vital to Ghana's economy.

*“When the president assumed office, he promised to*

*ensure the efficient and effective operations of the harbour to serve the sub-regions. This promise has been actualized, and through the dredging, the port is in a better place to receive bigger vessels, ease congestion, and boost the economy,”* the Minister stated.

The Minister and his delegation, joined by the Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development, Hon. Emelia Arthur, later visited the Jamestown Fishing Harbour, where they interacted with the harbour authority and fishermen to explore ways of maximizing the potential of the fishing harbour and coastal infrastructure to support employment creation, food security, and economic growth. The delegation toured the cold store facility, processing centres, block-making facility, Net mending centre, and the fish market, etc, to better understand the operations at the harbour.

Speaking after the tour, the Minister emphasised that the visit was to engage the harbour authority to address some of the challenges they faced since its operation. He added that for the harbour to function effectively and efficiently, maximising the facility, extending the brick water, and desilting the port was very necessary. He acknowledged that there had been some development, especially at the market, cold store, and block-making centres, but more was needed at the fishing harbour to make it more functional for the citizenry. According to him, the harbour would be

developed to meet the operationalisation of the 24-hour economy policy of the government.

*“With the government's 24-hour economy policy, I want to assure you that the president is committed to ensuring that the James Town Fishing Harbour becomes one of the best in the Sub-region and also serve citizens efficiently and effectively,”* Hon. Nikpe noted.

On her part, Hon. Emelia Arthur also stressed the strategic role of fishing harbours in sustaining livelihoods for thousands of fisherfolk across the country, stating that 60% of Ghanaian animal protein comes from fisheries. She reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the fisheries sector through improved infrastructure and sustainable fishing practices, especially at the James Town Harbour, which serves a dual purpose for fishing and harbour.

She added that the government's interest was to maximise the facilities at the Harbour for the benefit of artisanal fishers in the country because 75% - 80% of the 60% animal protein comes from artisanal fishers who need some of the facilities at the port to operate.

*“We are sitting together to see the arrangement to put in place so that this facility would be maximised to better serve the citizens, meet the president's reset agenda, and to improve fisheries in the country.”* Hon. Arthur emphasised.

The joint visit highlighted the importance of Inter-Ministerial collaboration in unlocking the full economic potential of Ghana's maritime and fisheries sectors. Both Ministers reiterated the government's determination to align maritime and fisheries infrastructure with the National Reset Agenda and the 24-Hour Economy policy, aimed at stimulating economic activity and expanding opportunities for businesses and coastal communities.

The Ministers' delegation consisted of the Deputy Minister for Transport, Hon. Dorcas Affo-Toffey, the Chief Director for the Ministry of Transport, Mr. William Kartey, the Director-General of Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority, Major General Paul Seidu Tanye-Kulono, the Manager of James Town fishing Harbour, Mr. Stephen Owia, and other Directors and officials from the Ministry and the Ghana Ports and Harbour Authority.



# TRANSPORT MINISTER INSPECTS ONGOING WORKS AT TERMINAL 2 OF ACCRA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



The Minister for Transport, Honourable Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has paid a working visit to the Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL) to inspect ongoing works at Terminal 2 of the Accra International Airport.

The visit forms part of the Ministry's continuous oversight of critical aviation infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening Ghana's position as a leading aviation hub in the West African sub-region.

During the visit, the Minister was briefed by the Managing Director of GACL, Mrs. Yvonne Nana Afriyie Opare, on the progress of the works to remodel and repurpose Terminal 2. The redevelopment project is designed to transform the facility into a modern terminal capable of serving both domestic and international airlines.

Mrs. Opare explained that the ongoing work was progressing steadily and expected to significantly enhance passenger handling capacity and operational efficiency at the airport. She further assured the Minister that the project was on schedule and expected to be fully completed and operational by the end of July this year.

*“The remodelling captures the floor, the walls, the ceiling, and the leakages of the facility. We want to make the terminal very modern so it would serve the airlines, passengers, and our citizens efficiently and effectively,”* she explained.

Following the briefing, the Hon. Nikpe toured the entire facility to assess the progress of construction and remodelling works firsthand. He interacted with contractors, engineers, and project officials to better understand the scope of the work and the expected benefits upon completion.

He expressed satisfaction with the progress made so far and reiterated the Government's commitment to supporting infrastructure development within the aviation sector. According to him, the redevelopment of Terminal 2 would modernise the facility, improve passenger experience, and position Ghana as a competitive gateway for international and regional air travel.

*“The government aims to make Accra International Airport one of the best in the sub-region and on the African continent. The government, through the Ministry, wants to make the airport function properly and connect the world at large,”* the Minister emphasised.

Hon. Nikpe commended the management and technical team of the GACL for the progress made and encouraged them to maintain the pace of work to ensure the timely completion of the project as stated in the contract.

*“We toured the place with all the airlines so they can also assess the quality and progress of work at the terminal. We aim to make it a dual-purpose terminal*

that can better serve our domestic and international airlines,” he added.

When completed, the remodeling Terminal 2 is expected to enhance operational efficiency at the Accra International Airport, improve service delivery to airlines and passengers, and contribute significantly to the growth and development of Ghana's aviation industry.



# MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT VISITS TRAFFITECH-GH TO EXPLORE TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE ROAD CRASHES



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has paid a working visit to TraffiTech-GH to assess the automated traffic enforcement systems and explore ways it could support the government's vision of reducing road crashes in Ghana.

Hon. Nikpe noted that innovation and collaboration with stakeholders in addressing the growing challenge of road crashes remain a key priority for the government. He added that the revised Road Safety Regulations bill has been laid before parliament, and when passed into law, the government's vision to use technology to reduce the road fatalities, enforce road safety and sanity through the National Road Safety Authority, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority, and the Ghana Police Service (TraffiTech-GH) would be actualised.

*“Our vision as a government is to ensure sanity and discipline on our roads to reduce the fatality rate, and with the interface our agencies have with TraffiTech-GH, we want to use technology to automate our roads so we can punish indiscipline drivers,”* Hon. Nikpe stated.

He added that through collaboration with TraffiTech-Gh, technology could help ensure compliance with traffic regulations and help reduce fatalities on Ghana's roads.

During the engagement, officials of TraffiTech-GH, led by Chief Superintendent Obeng, provided a demonstration of the system and stressed how

advanced cameras and digital monitoring tools were used to detect traffic offences such as speeding, red-light violations, and other dangerous driving behaviours.

*“TraffiTech-Gh, with support from the Ministry of Transport and Interior, is aimed at ensuring that road crashes and fatality rate in Ghana were reduced to its barest minimum. With the automated traffic enforcement, fixed cameras at hazardous junctions, in-vehicle cameras, handheld/tripod-mounted cameras, Personal Data Assistants (PDAs), and trained Motor Traffic and Transport Department (MTTD) Personnel, TraffiTech-Gh was ready to work to minimise indiscipline and maximise the efficient usage of roads in Ghana,”* Chief Superintendent Obeng explained.

The Minister also commended the Ministry of Interior, the Ghana Police Service and the National Road Safety Authority for their efforts in developing the technology-driven system that would improve traffic management and road safety in Ghana.

The visit formed part of the Ministry's ongoing efforts to leverage modern technology to strengthen road traffic law enforcement and enhance road safety across the country.

The Minister was accompanied by his Deputy, Hon. Dorcas Affo-Toffey, the Chief Director, Mr. William Kartey, the Director General of the National Road Safety Authority (NRSA), Mr. Abraham Amaliba Esq., Directors from the Ministry and the NRSA and other senior Police Officers.



# MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT LAUNCHES PASSENGER COMPLAINTS PORTAL TO ENHANCE PASSENGER PROTECTION



The Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, has launched the Passenger Complaints Portal (PCP) which is to provide passengers with a convenient and accessible channel to report, track, and resolve complaints related to air transport services during the commemoration of World Consumer Rights Day 2026 at the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) under the theme, “Safe Skies, Confident Passengers.”

The platform is designed to help passengers address challenges such as delayed or denied flights, flight cancellation, missing luggage, etc, during air travel. Passengers can access the portal on the GCAA website and the available Quick Response (QR) codes at terminals across the country. The portal requires a passenger to provide his or her name, an active phone number, email address, the ticket or luggage numbers, and the complaint, which would be used by the institution to address the passenger's issues. They are expected to receive an email and SMS indicating the acknowledgement of complaints immediately after they fill in the required information on the portal.

Speaking at the event, the Minister for Transport noted that as the government works to position Ghana as West Africa's preferred aviation hub under the

leadership of John Dramani Mahama, collaboration among regulators, airlines, and service providers would remain essential to ensuring safe skies, confident passengers, and improved service delivery

He added that the aviation sector is not only about infrastructure but also people, trust, and confidence, stating that when passengers feel protected and fairly treated, they travel more frequently, which in turn promotes tourism, investment, and job creation. He further indicated that the Passenger Complaints Portal demonstrates how institutions are leveraging on digital innovation to improve accountability and support the 24-hour economy agenda.

Hon. Nikpe commended the GCAA for the initiative and urged passengers to take advantage of the platform to report concerns and seek redress where necessary. He also called on all stakeholders, including regulators, airlines, airport operators, and consumer groups, to work together to ensure Ghana's skies remain safe and competitive, adding that this would position Ghana as a preferred destination for travelers.

The Director-General of the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority, Rev. Stephen Wilfred Arthur, explained

that the portal reflects the evolving priorities of modern aviation governance, where passenger confidence, transparency, and effective complaint resolution systems are critical. He added that the new portal would provide a user-friendly and a technology-driven platform that allows passengers anywhere in the world to lodge complaints while enabling the Authority to gather data to improve service delivery and regulatory oversight.

The launch of the Passenger Complaints Portal marks a significant step in strengthening consumer protection and enhancing passenger experience,

while reinforcing the government's commitment to building a modern, competitive, and passenger-focused aviation sector in Ghana.

The launch was attended by the Deputy Minister for Transport, Hon. Dorcas Affo-Toffey, the Chief Director for the Ministry, Mr. William Kartey, and officials from the Ministry. Also present were Representatives of Airlines, representatives of the Ghana Airport Company Limited, Security Agencies and other stakeholders.



### **What is the Passenger Complaints Portal (PCP)?**

- ✓ Online platform for air passengers to report issues
- ✓ Protects air passengers' rights and ensures airlines respond to complaints
- ✓ Launched by Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe at Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA)



### **What PCP does:**

1. Allows air passengers to lodge complaints online
2. Tracks complaints and their resolution
3. Ensures airlines respect air passenger rights
4. Educates air passengers about their rights



### **Issues you can report:**

- ✓ Flight delays or cancellations
- ✓ Lost or delayed baggage
- ✓ Denied boarding
- ✓ Poor customer service from airlines or airport operators

### **How it works:**

1. Complain to airline first
2. File complaint on PCP if unresolved
3. GCAA reviews and investigates
4. Receive feedback and resolution



### **Why PCP is important:**

- ✓ Protects air passenger rights
- ✓ Improves accountability among airlines and service providers
- ✓ Enhances service quality
- ✓ Builds air passenger confidence in Ghana's aviation industry
- ✓ Promotes transparency in complaint handling





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## Why PCP is important:

- ✓ Supports policy and regulation improvements
- ✓ Aligns with international standards for consumer protection

## Key Benefits:

- ✓ Air passengers have a formal channel to report grievances
- ✓ Airlines are held accountable for service issues



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## To Access PCP Portal

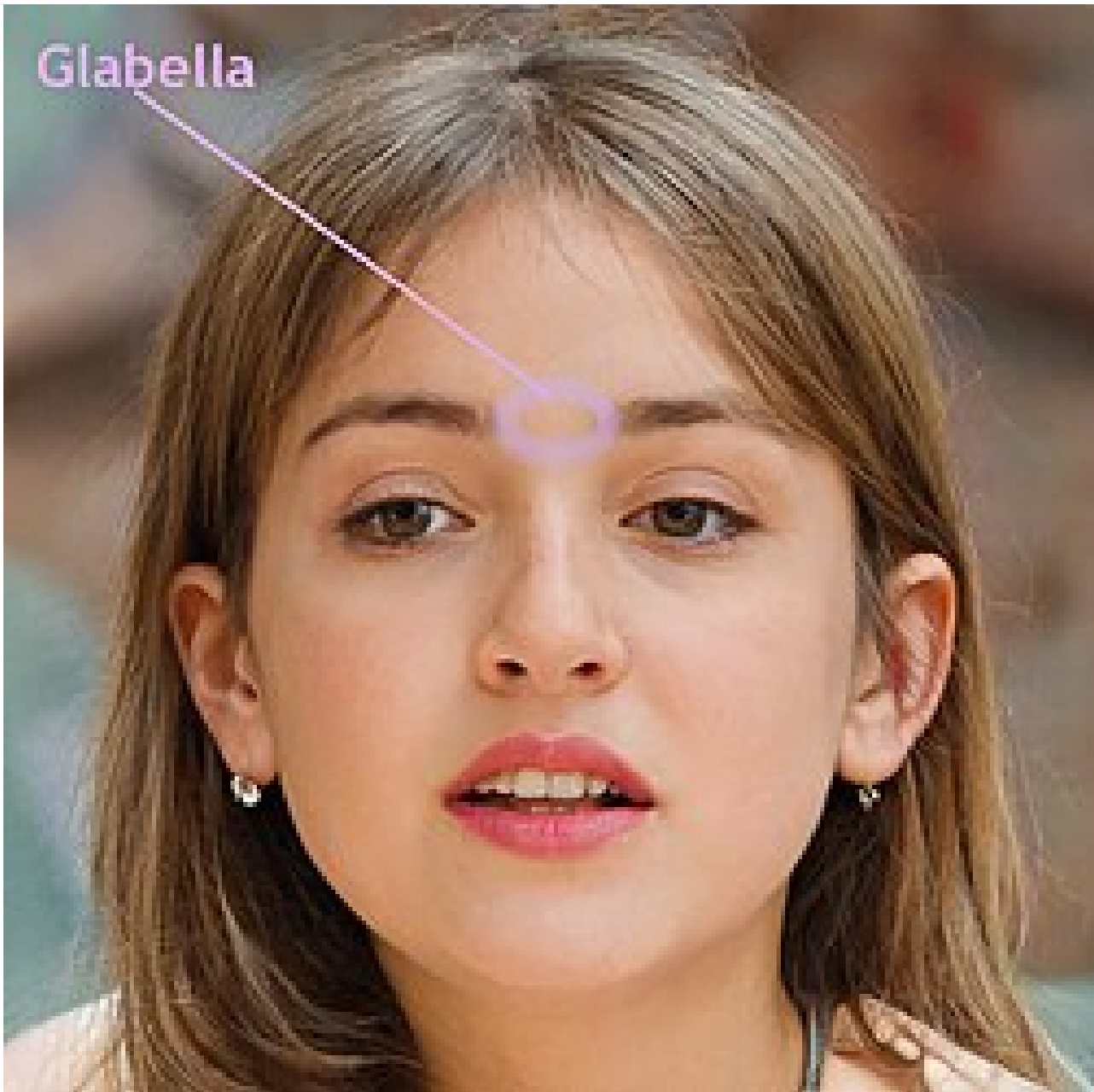
- ✓ Visit <https://www.gcaa.com.gh/pcp/>

OR

- ✓ Scan the QR codes available at the various Airport terminals across the country



## DID YOU KNOW



### **GLABELLA**

Pronunciation /glə'beɪlə/

**the smooth, hairless, slightly raised area of the frontal bone located on the forehead between the eyebrows and above the nose.**



## **POMEGRANATE**

**A pomegranate is a nutrient-dense, thick-skinned fruit (roughly the size of an apple) containing hundreds of edible, tart-sweet ruby-red seeds called arils**

### **Health Benefits of Pomegranate**

- 1. Heart protection**
- 2. Powerful antioxidants**
- 3. Boosts immunity**
- 4. Good for your skin**
- 5. Supports digestion**
- 6. Anti-inflammatory**



### **Easy ways to eat it**

**Eat the seeds directly (best option)**

**Add to yogurt or cereal**

**Blend into juice or smoothies**

## DID YOU KNOW



### **Dermatillomania**

**or skin-picking disorder, is an obsessive-compulsive spectrum condition characterized by repeated, compulsive picking of one's own skin, causing damage, shame, and distress**



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