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LOCAL GOV'T MINISTER JOINS ACCRA MAYOR, CBD TRADERS TO MARK SEPTEMBER NATIONAL SANITATION DAY



The Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Hon. Mahama Ayariga, on Saturday, September 5, 2026 joined the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, and traders at Tudu to sweep the streets to mark the September edition of the National Sanitation Day (NSD) in the capital.

The exercise, which formed part of an inspection tour by the Minister and the Mayor to assess the level of participation and compliance among traders and businesses, began at the Kinbu Traffic Light and proceeded through Tudu and other principal streets within the metropolis.

During the inspection, Mayor Allotey briefed the Minister on the level of compliance recorded among traders. He explained measures being pursued by the Assembly to sustain cleanliness in the Central Business District beyond the monthly sanitation exercise.

At Tudu, Hon. Ayariga, who was encouraged by the level of participation, took a broom from one of the traders and personally swept a section of the street to demonstrate the level of cleanliness expected from residents and businesses.

The Minister and the Mayor also picked up pieces of litter they encountered along the route, underscoring their call for sanitation to be treated as a shared responsibility.

Addressing traders during the inspection, Mayor Allotey commended them for cleaning their surroundings but urged them to sustain the standard throughout the working day.

Mayor Allotey told the traders that the Minister had personally joined the exercise to observe how residents and businesses were taking responsibility for their surroundings and to encourage them to maintain the level of cleanliness exhibited during the exercise.

He said NSD had come to stay and encouraged traders to regularly sweep their immediate surroundings at least every hour to sustain the cleanliness.

The Mayor said maintaining clean trading spaces would help protect the health of both traders and customers, stressing that people should not have to spend the income they earned treating illnesses that could have been prevented through proper sanitation and good environmental practices.

He also disclosed that additional public waste bins were expected to be introduced in the city as part of measures to promote sustainable waste management and make it easier for residents and traders to dispose of refuse appropriately.

Hon. Ayariga later joined the Ayawaso East Municipal Assembly to observe the exercise in parts of Nima and Mamobi, where he interacted with residents and encouraged them to clean their surroundings regularly to sustain cleanliness.



SWEEP YOUR SURROUNDINGS EVERY HOUR TO KEEP ACCRA CLEAN – MAYOR ALLOTEY URGES TRADERS

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, has urged traders within the Central Business District to sweep their immediate surroundings every hour as part of efforts to sustain cleanliness in the capital beyond the monthly National Sanitation Day (NSD) exercise.

He gave the directive on Saturday, 5th September 2026, during an inspection of the September NSD exercise with the Minister for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Hon. Mahama Ayariga, through parts of the metropolis, including Tudu.

The inspection, which began from the Kinbu Traffic Light and continued through Tudu and other principal streets, was to assess the level of compliance by traders and businesses with the sanitation exercise and encourage them to maintain the standard of cleanliness achieved.

Addressing traders during the exercise, at Tudu, Mayor Allotey said NSD had come to stay but stressed that keeping Accra clean could not be limited to the first Saturday of every month.

He said traders must take responsibility for the areas in which they operate by regularly sweeping and removing litter throughout the day, adding that cleaning their immediate surroundings every hour would help prevent waste from accumulating in the busy commercial district.

The Mayor used the opportunity to commend traders for the level of cleanliness observed during the exercise and urged them to maintain the same standard on normal working days, stressing that sanitation should become part of their daily routine.

He noted that keeping markets and trading areas clean would also protect public health and reduce the risk of sanitation-related illnesses, noting that traders should not have to spend the income they earned on treating preventable diseases caused by poor environmental conditions.

During the inspection, Hon. Ayariga joined the Mayor and traders at Tudu to demonstrate the expected level of cleanliness by taking a broom from one of the traders and personally sweeping a section of the street.

The Minister and the Mayor also picked up pieces of litter they encountered along the route to reinforce the message that keeping the environment clean was the responsibility of everyone.

Speaking after the inspection, Hon. Ayariga said he was encouraged by the level of participation in the NSD exercise but stressed that environmental cleanliness must become a daily habit rather than an activity reserved for the first Saturday of every month.

He said residents should pick up waste whenever they see it and dispose of it properly.

The Minister also disclosed that the Ministry was developing a national sanitation strategy to address challenges in waste collection, including inadequate waste bins and difficulties in accessing some densely populated communities.

He said the strategy would guide the deployment of appropriate waste bins and collection systems across communities while commending the Mayor and traders for the level of compliance observed during the exercise.





MAYOR OF ACCRA JOINS NII ASHIE KOMOWUO II TO CELEBRATE HOMOWO

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, has joined the Kpatsakorle Mantse, Nii Ashie Komowuo II, Sub-Chief of the Nikoi Olai Stool/Family of Asere-Djorshie, to celebrate this year's Homowo Festival.

The celebration brought together traditional leaders, family members, residents, and guests to commemorate two decades of Nii Ashie Komowuo II's traditional leadership.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the celebration, the Mayor used the occasion to call for greater unity, brotherhood, and cooperation among the Ga people.

He stressed that unity among the people remained critical to accelerating development in the city, adding that Greater Accra had enormous potential as the capital region.

He said the Ga's were generally welcoming and supportive of others but needed to demonstrate the same level of appreciation, recognition, and solidarity towards one another.

He urged the people to use the Homowo season as an opportunity to put past disagreements behind them, strengthen family ties, and embrace a renewed spirit of togetherness for the development of Greater Accra.

Mayor Allotey also appealed to traditional leaders, particularly Nii Ashie Komowuo II, to continue praying for unity and peaceful coexistence among the Ga people, describing traditional authorities as important partners in promoting social cohesion and development.

According to him, families must strengthen relationships among themselves, with parents, children, and members of extended families recognising the need to remain connected and support one another.

Mayor Allotey maintained that the region could become one of the most developed in the country if its people remained united and worked collectively with traditional authorities, local government institutions, and other stakeholders.

Nii Ashie Komowuo II, for his part thanked the Mayor for joining the community to celebrate the Homowo Festival.

The Kpatsakorle Mantse expressed confidence in the Mayor's ability to represent the community and also appealed to Mayor Allotey to continue championing the interests of the traditional community and convey its concerns and development needs to President John Dramani Mahama.



TWO ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY IMPERSONATING AMA TASK FORCE DURING NATIONAL SANITATION DAY EXERCISE



Two young men have been arrested in Accra for allegedly impersonating members of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) Task Force and attempting to extort money from a woman during the National Sanitation Day exercise on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

The suspects, identified as Enoch Aseda and Johnson Odai Gyebi, were accused of posing as enforcement officers and using the name of the AMA and other security agencies to intimidate members of the public under the guise of enforcing sanitation regulations.

According to accounts surrounding the incident, the suspects allegedly approached a young girl who was selling items and attempted to seize some of her belongings while claiming to be carrying out official enforcement duties.

Narrating the incident, the young lady said that one of the suspects approached her while she was attending to items kept in a plastic bag and demanded that the items be handed over to him.

She said the suspect was subsequently heard making phone calls and indicating that the seized items were becoming numerous and that others should come to retrieve them, creating the impression that he was working with an official enforcement team.

Security personnel who became suspicious of the activities of the suspects intervened and arrested them.

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, who was informed about the incident, condemned the alleged conduct and warned that the Assembly would not tolerate individuals who used the name of the AMA, National Security or other state institutions to extort money from unsuspecting members of the public.

He expressed concern that such activities had the potential to damage the reputation of the Assembly and create the false impression that legitimate AMA officers were engaged in extortion.

The Mayor said it was particularly disturbing that young people would allegedly take advantage of the National Sanitation Day exercise, which was intended to mobilise residents and businesses to improve cleanliness, to exploit members of the public for personal gain.

He assured the victim and members of the public that the matter would be pursued through the appropriate legal processes, stressing that anyone found culpable would be made to face the law.

He also cautioned members of the public against making unofficial payments to individuals claiming to be enforcing AMA regulations, emphasising that enforcement exercises must be carried out by duly authorised personnel in accordance with established procedures.

The two suspects were subsequently handed over to the police to assist with investigations into the alleged impersonation and attempted extortion.

AMA TO COMMISSION NEW JAMESTOWN MULTI-PURPOSE ABATTOIR IN ACCRA



The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) is set to commission a new multi-purpose abattoir in the coming days as part of measures to improve hygienic meat processing, strengthen veterinary inspection and safeguard public health in the metropolis.

The facility, located in Accra, was developed to serve as a major centre for the slaughtering and preparation of animals for public consumption under improved sanitary and veterinary conditions.

The new abattoir comprises an offloading bay, a veterinary section, changing rooms, storage facilities, washrooms, freezing bays, slaughtering and slaughtering areas, an animal drinking pond and a cattle lairage for holding animals before slaughter.

The design is expected to ensure that animals brought to the facility were properly received, held and examined by veterinary officers before being approved for slaughter and processing for the market.

The facility is also expected to improve compliance with food safety and environmental health standards by providing designated areas for the various stages of animal handling, inspection, slaughtering, processing and storage.

The project formed part of efforts to ensure that meat supplied to residents of Accra was processed under conditions that protected consumers from health risks associated with unhygienic slaughtering and improper meat handling.

It is also expected to create economic opportunities for residents, particularly people within Jamestown and surrounding communities, as well as support the livelihoods of butchers, livestock traders and other businesses associated with the meat industry.



ACCRA MAYOR GIVES METRO MASS KANESHIE TERMINAL 24 HOURS TO CLEAN SURROUNDINGS OR FACE COURT ACTION

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey has led the enforcement of the Assembly's tricycle safety directive weeks after giving riders up to the end of August to comply with road safety measures aimed at reducing crashes in the metropolis.

The enforcement took place at Kaneshie First Light on Thursday, 3rd September, 2026, where the Mayor engaged tricycle riders and inspected their level of compliance with the Assembly's safety directive.

Hon. Allotey used the opportunity to caution riders operating in the area and reminded them that the grace period given by the Assembly for them to install reflective stickers, wear helmets and use other safety gear had elapsed.

He noted that the Assembly had earlier cautioned tricycle riders to install reflective stickers on the back and sides of their tricycles, while riders were also expected to wear helmets and reflective jackets to make them more visible to other road users.

The Mayor reiterated that the directive was not meant to punish tricycle riders but to protect them, their passengers and other road users from avoidable crashes, especially on busy roads and highways.

He explained that the reflective stickers would help improve visibility of tricycles at night, during rainfall and in other low-visibility conditions, adding that poorly marked tricycles posed a danger to motorists and pedestrians.

Hon. Allotey also cautioned the riders against using inner lanes on highways, stressing that tricycles must use the outer lanes to reduce the risk of collision with fast-moving vehicles.

He urged tricycle operators and rider unions to support the enforcement exercise by ensuring that their members complied fully with the directive.

Hon. Allotey said the Assembly would continue to work with relevant state agencies to improve road safety, restore discipline, and protect lives within the metropolis.



MAYOR OF ACCRA ENGAGES KANESHE TRADERS AS ROAD CLOSURES FOR GARID WORKS

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey has engaged traders at the Kaneshie Market on planned road closure arrangements ahead of the commencement of works under the Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development (GARID) project on September 7, 2026.

The engagement which took place on Thursday, September 3, 2026, formed part of efforts by the Accra Metropolitan Assembly to keep traders informed and ensure that affected persons understood the purpose of the project before the start of the works.

The Mayor who interacted with market women and other traders who were likely to be affected by the project, assured that any necessary information on the project, including road closure arrangements and possible effects on trading activities, would be duly communicated through the appropriate channels.

He said the Assembly was aware of concerns among some traders over possible relocation, eviction and disruption to business activities as a result of the planned works and urged the traders not to rely on rumours, but to wait for official communication from the Assembly and the relevant implementing agencies.

Hon. Allotey explained that the GARID project was intended to improve drainage, reduce flooding, and enhance resilience in flood-prone parts of the city.

He said the works were important because flooding continued to affect lives, businesses, roads, and public infrastructure in parts of Accra during heavy rains.

The Mayor noted that although the project might come with temporary inconvenience, its long-term benefits would support safer communities, improved mobility, and better protection for businesses operating around the project area.

Hon. Allotey said the Assembly would continue to engage affected stakeholders to reduce anxiety, promote understanding, and ensure a smooth implementation of the project.

He added that traders would not be left in the dark, stressing that any changes affecting their operations would be communicated in good time.

Hon. Allotey urged the traders to keep their surroundings clean, avoid dumping refuse into drains, and support the Assembly's sanitation and decongestion efforts.

The Mayor encouraged market leaders to help educate their members on the road closure arrangements and the need to comply with directives from city authorities.



**MAYOR OF ACCRA, KoKMA MCE
DISTRIBUTE 3,200 MEALS AND
DRINKS TO MARK BIRTHDAYS**

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, and the Korle Klottey Municipal Chief Executive, Hon. Alfred Allotey Gaisie have marked their birthdays by distributing 3,200 packs of food and drinks to traders, sanitation workers, security personnel and members of the public across parts of central Accra.

The distribution which took place on Monday, September 7, 2026 started from Kinbu Street and continued through the Aayalolo Bus Terminal, Tudu, the Motor Traffic and Transport Department (MTTD) Station, Railways and the Greater Accra Regional Police Headquarters before ending at COCOBOD.

Beneficiaries received packs of kenkey with fish and sardines, together with assorted drinks, as the two chief executives moved through the various locations interacting with traders and other commuters.

Addressing the market women during the distribution, Mayor Allotey said the gesture was aimed at encouraging traders to continue supporting the Assembly's sanitation drive, particularly during National Sanitation Day exercises. He stressed the need for city authorities to remain connected to residents and recognise the contributions of traders, sanitation workers and others to the daily life of Accra, saying, "We have to feed the streets."

Some beneficiaries who expressed appreciation to the Mayor and the KoKMA MCE said the gesture had turned what had been a difficult period into one of joy, adding that improved trading conditions had enabled them to earn enough to support their families without depending heavily on loans.

They prayed for long life, good health and strength for the two CEOs and urged them to continue supporting traders and other residents as part of efforts to improve livelihoods and conditions within the metropolis.

The exercise also provided the Mayor and the KoKMA MCE an opportunity to interact directly with residents and reinforce the importance of cooperation between city authorities and the public in efforts to improve sanitation and conditions within the capital.



MAYOR OF ACCRA LEADS ENFORCEMENT OF TRICYCLE SAFETY DIRECTIVE AT KANESHIE FIRST LIGHT



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Hon. Allotey said the Assembly would continue to work with relevant state agencies to improve road safety, restore discipline, and protect lives within the metropolis.



ACCRA MAYOR'S RELATIVE, FIVE FOOD VENDORS FINED GH¢1,100 FOR OPERATING DURING NATIONAL SANITATION DAY



The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has fined a relative of the Mayor, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey and five other food vendors a total of GH¢1,100 for operating during the September edition of the National Sanitation Day (NSD) exercise.

The six vendors, who were operating in Okaishie and in front of UTC, Makola Mall, were fined after officials found them conducting business instead of participating in the sanitation exercise last Saturday.

Among those sanctioned was a kenkey seller who is a relative of the Mayor, a development he said was intended to demonstrate the Assembly's resolve to enforce the sanitation directives without fear or favour.

Speaking during the exercise, Mayor Allotey said he had to use his relative as an example to show that nobody was above the law.

He said if the Mayor could sanction a member of his own family for breaching the sanitation directives, then residents with no relationship to him should equally expect to face the law when they failed to comply.

He noted that the action was meant to send a strong signal to traders, food vendors and residents to take the enforcement exercise seriously and desist from relying on personal relationships or connections to evade sanctions.

Mayor Allotey reiterated that the NSD exercise required the active participation of residents and businesses, adding that maintaining cleanliness in Accra was a shared responsibility.

He urged traders and food vendors to use the day to sweep and clean their immediate surroundings before commencing business.

He said the objective of the exercise was not only to sanction offenders but also to encourage behavioural change and make regular cleaning a responsibility of every resident and business operator.



ACCRA MAYOR PROMISES BOREHOLE, INTERIM WATER SUPPLY FOR CHORKOR ELECTORAL AREA



The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, has announced the provision of two boreholes for residents of the Chorkor Electoral Area in the Ablekuma South area to help address its water challenges.

The intervention, according to the Mayor, was expected to provide a more reliable source of water for residents, while the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) will arrange an interim water supply every two days to the communities in the area pending the completion of the boreholes.

The Mayor disclosed this during a Community Dialogue on Social Protection and Social Issues organised by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection at Saban Park, Chemuenaa Last Stop, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, after residents raised concerns over persistent challenges in accessing potable water.

The Mayor asked community members and local leaders to identify suitable locations where the boreholes could be drilled, assuring them that the Assembly was ready to move in once the sites had been agreed upon.

Hon. Allotey assured residents that, in the meantime, the Assembly would provide two water tanks to supply the community as a temporary measure while preparations for the boreholes were undertaken.

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey in a keynote address said the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme continued to provide direct financial support to extremely poor and vulnerable households to cushion them against poverty and help them meet their basic needs.

She said the government was expanding the programme from 350,000 households to 400,000 beneficiary households, adding that the ongoing onboarding of eligible households was supporting the expansion and the resumption of payments.

The Member of Parliament for Ablekuma South, Hon. Alfred Oko Vanderpuije, said he was committed to supporting the effective delivery of social protection programmes, particularly to vulnerable groups and people who needed them most.

According to him, interventions such as the Ghana School Feeding Programme for children and social protection support for the elderly must be implemented in a way that ensures the intended beneficiaries are reached.

The community dialogue brought together residents and officials from the Ministry and Assembly to discuss social protection programmes and social issues affecting vulnerable groups.

Free NHIS registration and renewal of cards were also provided as part of the community dialogue.





ACCRA, RUSSIA EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION TO DEEPEN BILATERAL TIES

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) and the Russian Embassy in Ghana have explored new areas of cooperation to deepen bilateral ties in education, investment, urban development, culture and people-to-people exchanges.

The discussions took place on Monday, September 7, 2026 when the Russian Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Anderi Ordash paid a courtesy call on the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, and both institutions expressed their commitment to strengthening relations and developing practical partnerships that could deliver mutual benefits.

Speaking during the meeting, Mayor Allotey said Accra had much to learn from the development experience of Russian cities, particularly in areas such as urban planning, infrastructure, technology and metropolitan administration.

The Mayor was hopeful that Accra could learn best practices and lessons from cities such as Moscow while also sharing its own experiences in local governance and city management.

The Mayor also proposed the establishment of city-to-city relations with selected Russian cities to deepen knowledge exchange, institutional collaboration and development cooperation.

The Russian Ambassador who expressed support for the discussion touched on Accra's administrative structure, including the creation of various municipalities from the former metropolitan area.

He disclosed that the Embassy was planning activities ahead of the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ghana and Russia in January 2028, including a proposed symbolic tree-planting exercise at the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park.

The Ambassador also highlighted Russia's annual Victory Day celebration on May 9 and proposed possible collaboration on commemorative activities to promote historical understanding and cultural exchange.

On education, the Ambassador disclosed that Russia had increased the number of scholarships offered to Ghanaian students from 120 to 240 this year, adding that out of the 900 applications received, 240 best candidates were selected.

He also encouraged Ghanaian students interested in studying in Russia to begin preparations early for the next scholarship cycle, announcing that a similar number of opportunities were expected to be made available.

The Ambassador also announced that the upcoming third Russia-Africa Summit in Moscow was expected to create additional opportunities for cooperation in education, trade, investment and other areas of development.

He encouraged direct engagement between Ghanaian and Russian businesses, stressing that Russia was interested in supporting African countries to strengthen their own production and operational value chains.





AMA SUPPLIES EMERGENCY WATER TO CHEMUENAA, PLANS TWO BOREHOLES

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has delivered an interim water supply to residents of Chemuenaa in the Ablekuma South Sub-Metropolitan District following concerns over persistent difficulties in accessing water.

The intervention, directed by the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey saw water supplied to the community as an immediate response to the challenge, while arrangements were made for the drilling of two boreholes to provide a more sustainable source of water for residents.

The supply followed an assurance by the Mayor during a Community Dialogue on Social Protection and Social Issues organised by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection at Saban Park, Chemuenaa Last Stop, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Interacting with residents during the dialogue, the Mayor asked residents and their leaders to identify suitable locations for the proposed boreholes to enable the Assembly to undertake the necessary assessment and commence the project, adding that the boreholes were expected to provide residents with a more reliable and sustainable source of water and reduce the difficulties associated with accessing water in the area.

The community dialogue formed part of the Ministry's National Social Protection programme and brought government officials and residents together to discuss social protection interventions and other challenges affecting people at the grassroots.

Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, in a keynote address, reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that social protection programmes reached poor and vulnerable people for whom they were intended.

She said government was expanding the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme from 350,000 to 400,000 beneficiary households as part of efforts to broaden support for extremely poor and vulnerable families.

Hon. Lartey also highlighted interventions under the Ghana School Feeding Programme, support for persons with disabilities, and child protection and social welfare services as part of the government's broader social protection agenda.

The programme also provided free National Health Insurance Scheme registration and renewal for eligible community members, alongside presentations on the NHIS, LEAP reassessment, child protection and other social protection issues.

The Member of Parliament for Ablekuma South, Hon. Alfred Oko Vanderpuije, reiterated his commitment to ensuring that government social intervention programmes reached people at the grassroots, particularly vulnerable residents who required such support most.

AMA DEMOLISHES UNAUTHORISED GOAT PEN AT BUKOM AFTER REPEATED WARNINGS



The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has demolished an unauthorised goat pen in Bukom after repeated warnings to the operator to comply with the AMA (Control of Animals) Bye-Law, 2017, which prohibits the keeping of goats, cattle and other specified animals within communities without a permit from the Assembly.

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, led the enforcement team to the area on Monday, September 14, 2026 as part of efforts to restore order, improve sanitation and address public safety concerns associated with the facility.

According to him, the Assembly had repeatedly engaged the owner over the rearing of animals within the densely populated community, but the activity continued despite the warnings and an ongoing court process.

He said concerns over the facility intensified after a 29-year-old resident was allegedly knocked down by one of the animals and sustained serious injuries, including a fracture to his back.

Mayor Allotey said the AMA and the Member of Parliament for the area, Hon. Alfred Kotey Ashie subsequently intervened to support the victim with medical expenses and other assistance, but the Assembly had recently been informed that he had died.

The Mayor said although the matter involving the owner was already before the court, the AMA still had a responsibility to enforce its by-laws within its mandate and take measures to protect public safety.

Mayor Allotey stressed that livestock could not be reared indiscriminately in residential areas without the necessary approval from the Assembly and rejected attempts to politicise the enforcement exercise, noting that human life and public safety must take precedence over partisan considerations.

The Mayor later warned against unauthorised kiosks, roadside trading, cooking along gutters and other activities contributing to congestion and poor sanitation in Bukom and neighbouring communities.

He disclosed that similar enforcement exercises would be extended to other parts of Odododiodio, including Gbagbasetey, as the AMA intensifies efforts to improve sanitation, safety and order in the metropolis.

"Nobody will come from somewhere else to fix Accra for us," he said, urging the youth of Ga Mashie to support efforts to transform their communities and desist from activities that undermine public safety and development.

Mayor Allotey also appealed to unemployed young people in Bukom and surrounding communities to take advantage of employment opportunities at the AMA, including positions in sanitation, revenue collection, town council operations and city enforcement.

Ghanaian boxer Braimah Kamoko, popularly known as Bukom Banku, who joined the exercise, pledged his support for the Mayor and urged him to continue enforcing the law without fear or favour.



AMA GIVES SQUATTERS AT DOGO BEACH ONE WEEK TO VACATE AHEAD OF DEMOLITION



The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has given occupants of Gbagbasetey in the Ashiedu Keteke Sub-Metropolitan District a one-week ultimatum to vacate the area ahead of a demolition exercise scheduled for next week.

The occupants were given the ultimatum on Monday, September 14, 2026 when the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey led an enforcement team to the area to write final warning inscriptions on structures earmarked for removal.

The area, also known as Dogo Beach and located opposite the Fire Service Training School, was originally designated as a temporary fishing bay and landing site for canoes.

Mayor Allotey explained that the one-week notice was intended to give occupants sufficient time to remove their belongings and vacate voluntarily before they moved in to clear the area.

The Mayor said the enforcement exercise formed part of a broader effort by the Assembly to restore order in communities within the metropolis and ensure that public and designated spaces were used for their approved purposes.

He stressed that the AMA preferred to give affected persons adequate notice before carrying out demolitions, adding that enforcement would only follow where occupants failed to comply voluntarily.

Mayor Allotey urged those affected to take the warning seriously and remove their structures and belongings within the stipulated period to avoid losses when the enforcement team returned.

He said the Assembly would not extend the deadline, stressing that the inscriptions placed on the structures were a clear indication that the planned demolition would go ahead next week.

He said the AMA remained committed to maintaining order, protecting public spaces and ensuring that development within Accra conformed to approved planning and land-use arrangements.

Mayor Allotey reiterated that the Assembly's objective was not to inconvenience residents but to enforce regulations and prevent temporary arrangements from being converted into permanent unauthorised settlements.





MAYOR OF ACCRA PRAISES GHANA-BUILT TEXTILE RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY AT THE OR FOUNDATION

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey has praised the locally designed recycling technology being used by The Or Foundation to transform discarded textiles into reusable materials.

According to him, the work at the facility was impressive, and commended the team for developing practical solutions to Accra's growing textile waste challenge using equipment largely designed and built in Ghana.

The Mayor made the commendation during a working visit to the Foundation's Material Technology and Transformation Lab behind Kantamanto Market, where he toured the textile recovery, sorting, shredding and processing lines used to turn discarded clothing into new materials and products.

Hon. Allotey said the innovation demonstrated the potential of locally developed technology to support waste reduction, environmental protection, skills development and job creation, and reaffirmed his commitment to returning to the facility for a more detailed assessment of its operations

Briefing the Mayor, Process Development Specialist at The Or Foundation, Kennie MacCarthy, explained that the facility was currently transforming textile waste through biological and mechanical processes, including the Cassava Board and T-shirt Yarn projects.

She disclosed that selected unwanted T-shirts were purchased directly from traders at Kantamanto to help them recover part of the losses incurred from unsold clothing before the materials were sorted according to colour, fibre content and garment construction for further processing.

Ms Mensah said materials meant for the Cassava Board project were packed in batches and passed through shredding and granulation processes, while suitable seamless T-shirts were separated for the production of continuous yarn.

She pointed out that one of the major shredders being used at the facility had been designed by Ghanaian engineers and built locally, with a significant proportion of its components recovered from discarded materials.

The Mayor was also shown products made from the transformed textile material as well as work by apprentices who had acquired skills in fabrication, carpentry, welding and other areas through the Foundation's activities.



The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, announced the recruitment drive during an engagement with residents and youth in Bukom on Monday, 14th September, 2026.

According to him, the Assembly needed more personnel to support its renewed drive to restore cleanliness, order and discipline in communities under its jurisdiction, adding that opportunities were available for revenue collectors, town council officers and city guards.

He noted that although the Assembly already had officers undertaking these responsibilities, their numbers were inadequate to effectively cover the metropolis, making the recruitment of additional personnel necessary.

"We need day and night revenue collectors as well as cleaners, town council officers, toll collectors and city guards," the Mayor said, stressing that the Assembly intended to rebuild a stronger town council system capable of maintaining order within communities.

Hon. Allotey pointed out that the recruitment formed part of the broader "Reset Accra" agenda aimed at changing attitudes, creating employment opportunities and involving residents, particularly young people, in the transformation of the capital.



AMA OPENS RECRUITMENT FOR REVENUE COLLECTORS, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has opened applications for additional revenue collectors and public health personnel to strengthen revenue mobilisation, sanitation and law enforcement across the metropolis.

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He said President John Dramani Mahama's reset agenda should not be viewed only from the national perspective but must also translate into improvements within local communities and changes in the mindset of residents.

He said the Assembly had for some time engaged the operator of an animal-rearing facility in Bukom over alleged breaches of regulations, with the matter eventually proceeding to court.

He said it did not matter whether affected persons belonged to the NDC, NPP, CPP or any other political group, because the responsibility of the Assembly was to protect all residents and enforce its by-laws fairly.

He appealed to the youth of Bukom, Odododiodio and adjoining communities to cooperate with the Assembly, stressing that the transformation of Accra could only succeed with the active involvement of residents themselves.

He said affected traders and occupants were being given adequate notice to relocate voluntarily before enforcement, explaining that his administration preferred engagement and reasonable notice before resorting to demolition.

Hon. Allotey assured residents that the Assembly would continue interventions aimed at improving Bukom, Odododiodio and neighbouring communities to provide a cleaner, safer

and more peaceful environment, particularly for young people.

He urged unemployed youth to approach the AMA for information on available employment opportunities and encouraged residents to become active participants in the drive to keep Accra clean, orderly and safe.



MAYOR OF ACCRA WELCOMES CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL, FUNDS BOOKS FOR 10 CHILDREN

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey has welcomed children back to school with financial support for 10 children to procure exercise books and textbooks as part of activities marking the "My First Day at School" initiative.

The intervention followed the Mayor's interaction with pupils from the Aayalolo Cluster of Schools, during which he identified some children who had reported to school without the basic learning materials required to participate fully in lessons.

He also provided a new pair of shoes to one of the children while promising to provide shoes for other children who were facing similar difficulties.

Addressing the media, Mayor Allotey said the intervention formed part of the Assembly's broader social support efforts and was consistent with the government's commitment to improving access to education and ensuring that vulnerable children were not left behind.

He noted that it was important for every child to begin the academic year on an equal footing, noting that allowing some pupils to learn with the required materials while others sat without books created an unfair gap from the outset.

He likened the situation to a race in which some participants were allowed to start ahead of others, stressing that every child deserved a fair and equal start in education.

The Mayor urged teachers to promptly draw the attention of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly to pupils facing similar challenges, assuring them that the Assembly was ready to intervene where necessary.

The Mayor emphasised that investments made in children today could have far-reaching benefits for the country, noting that any of the pupils could grow to become a future President, Mayor, Minister or leader in another field.

He later appealed to parents, teachers and other stakeholders to work together to ensure that no child was denied the opportunity to learn because of the inability to purchase books, school bags or other essential materials.

Mayor Allotey also encouraged the pupils during an engagement to take their education seriously, respect their teachers, and understand that achieving their ambitions in life starts with the discipline and lessons they received in the classroom.

"If you are going to become a Mayor, President or Minister, it starts from here," he told the children, urging them to listen attentively to their teachers, study hard and allow God to guide them in everything they did.





PRESIDENT MAHAMA CHARGES AMA, SISTER ASSEMBLIES TO INTENSIFY SANITATION ENFORCEMENT

President John Dramani Mahama has charged the Accra Metropolitan Assembly, the Ablekuma Central Municipal Assembly and other local authorities to intensify enforcement of sanitation and protect reclaimed lands from renewed indiscriminate dumping after the Agbogbloshie waste evacuation exercise.

According to the President, the success of the ongoing evacuation exercise would depend not only on the removal of the accumulated waste but also on the ability of the assemblies to prevent the area from reverting to an uncontrolled dumping site.

Speaking at the commencement of the National Emergency Waste Evacuation Exercise at Agbogbloshie on Friday, 18th September 2026, President Mahama directed the assemblies to work closely with traditional authorities, community leaders and security agencies to ensure that the reclaimed land was protected and sanitation rules were strictly enforced.

He stressed that enforcement must be firm, fair and sustained, adding that the necessary arrangements had to be put in place while the evacuation exercise was still ongoing.

He noted that the Agbogbloshie exercise formed part of a broader effort to restore

order, improve public health and reclaim degraded urban spaces for productive use.

He disclosed that the cleared site would support the proposed Agbogbloshie Urban Renewal Project, with plans to convert reclaimed portions of the land into an industrial area capable of supporting economic activity and employment.

He said government had mobilised heavy equipment, trucks, personnel and other resources for the exercise and expected the resulting sanitation gains to be protected through stronger local-level enforcement.

He announced that the District Roads Improvement Project (DRIP) equipment mobilised for the Agbogbloshie operation would subsequently be deployed to other districts and municipalities to support similar waste evacuation exercises where necessary.

President Mahama also touched on a broader national waste management programme which would involve the provision of household waste bins, additional transfer stations, engineered landfill facilities and expanded recycling infrastructure.

He called on residents, traders, businesses and transport operators to complement the enforcement efforts by disposing of waste responsibly and -protecting public spaces from filth.

The President said drains, rivers, lagoons, markets, roadsides and open spaces had to be kept clean if Ghana was to achieve healthier and more resilient communities.

He maintained that lasting improvements in sanitation would require strong institutions, consistent enforcement and responsible behaviour by citizens, stressing that the country could not afford to repeatedly clear the same refuse dumps with public funds.

