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### Sack 63-year-old VRA CEO, Emmanuel Antwi-Darkwa, now – Ablakwa to Akufo-Addo

ember of Parliament for Tongu, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, has called for the immediate dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer of the Volta River Authority (VRA), Emmanuel Antwi-Darkwa.

Mr Ablakwa cited reasons for his call, stating that Mr Antwi-Darkwa is both incompetent and has reached the retirement age, thus should not continue in his role.

In a social media post, the MP accused the VRA boss of neglecting the victims of the Akosombo Dam spillage, an incident allegedly caused by the VRA.

He criticized Mr Antwi-Darkwa for prioritizing karaoke and jams over the construction of resettlement homes for the affected individuals.

"Ghanaians expect GRA boss Rev. Dr. Amishadai Owusu-Amoah to be prosecuted instead of a mere cozy send off so he can return to his favourite hide-out in São Tomé and Príncipe.

"Also, why is his 63-year-old counterpart at VRA, Mr. Emmanuel Antwi-Darkwa still at post as CEO? This VRA CEO after creating

the biggest man-made-disaster in September last year, had no difficulty with his conscience in organizing a VRA end-of-year carnival, karaoke and jams.

"6 months after his catastrophic spillage, the VRA CEO hasn't commenced the construction of resettlement homes neither has he compensated his victims most of whom are sheltering in tents."

He therefore said the "VRA CEO Mr. Emmanuel Antwi-Darkwa must be fired now!"

Mr Ablakwa opined that with no work to do at VRA, "he can organize more private carnivals as a retirement hobby."

He stressed that the way must be paved for responsible young citizens to take the many mantles to lead.

"Retirees, particularly the nonperforming ones, should stop desperately clinging on and give able young people a chance to move our nation forward.

"Leaders must have respect and empathy for the people they serve — it's the people's right."

His comment comes after the sacking of Rev. Dr. Amishaddai Owusu-Amoah, the Commissioner General of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) by President Akufo-Addo.

He had passed the retirement

age and per reports, his tenure officially ended on March 31, 2024. He hands over to his deputy, Ms Iulie Essiam.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Andy Ogbarmey-Tettey



Emmanuel Antwi-Darkwa, hief Executive Officer of the VRA

#### NLC secures injunction to halt teacher unions' strike

National Labour Commission (NLC) has secured an interim injunction to halt the strike action embarked by three teacher unions.

On March 20, 2024, the teacher unions withdrew their services. citing the poor working conditions.

There were meetings among the relevant stakeholders such as the Employment Ministry, NLC and teacher unions to come to a Middle ground, but those were unsuccessful.

This prompted the NLC to head to a High Court, which has barred the teachers from extending their strike any further.

"It is hereby ordered that the Respondents herein, whether by itself, its Executives, Officers, Members, Agents, Employees or other persons are restrained from further continuation of their strike action of 20th March, 2024."

On Tuesday, March 26, the teacher unions made some progress as the government agreed to address three of their grievances.

These include the full distribution of laptops to all teachers by the end of June, and the provision of a draft of the scheme of service to the unions for review by April 8.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Amanda Cartey



Teachers Union strike

# Mahama to establish Youth Ministry to focus on youth development

Democratic Congress, John Dramani Mahama, has announced plans to revamp the Youth and Sports Ministry for the betterment of Ghana's youth.

During the unveiling of the NDC's National Youth Wing Secretariat and Campaign on Friday, March 29, 2024, Mahama stressed the necessity of adopting a more holistic approach to youth development, stating that the restructured ministry would prioritize youth engagement across all sectors of the economy.

He highlighted the need to broaden the ministry's focus beyond sports, particularly football, to encompass other sports and opportunities essential for youth growth.

He said, "We are going to separate Youth and Sports because it's a

youth and sports ministry but over the years, what we do is that the concentration is on sports and even on sports, the concentration is on Black Stars at the expense of any other sports. So I'm going to set up a service for Youth development. It will focus primarily on Youth status in all sectors of the economy."

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As part of his vision for the restructured ministry, Mahama proposed the establishment of a youth development service aimed at creating job opportunities and supporting his 24-hour economy initiative.

"It will focus on mainstreaming youth interest in all sectors of the economy. And most of all, we will concentrate on bringing on strategies that will create jobs for young people and this Ministry will support the 24-hour economy."

The 24-hour economy initiative, he explained, is intended to spur economic growth and generate employment opportunities around the clock, underlining the crucial

role of youth participation and empowerment in Ghana's progress.

Source: The Independent Ghana



John Dramani Mahama, Flagbearer of the National Democratic Congress

# Provide dumsor timetable to aid delivery of healthcare service - GMA to ECG

Pressure is increasing on the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) to publish a load-shedding timetable, with the Ghana Medical Association (GMA) being the latest organization to join the call.

This comes after a video went viral on social media in which a woman alleged that her three-day-old baby died in an incubator at the Tema General Hospital due to erratic power outages.

However, the hospital has refuted these claims, stating that the power outage was not related to the infant's death.

Acting General Secretary of the GMA, Dr Richard Selormey, has explained that stable electricity is crucial for hospital administration, treatment, and overall functioning, while highlighting that erratic power supply could jeopardize patient care.

"And so, across the country, most of the hospitals the government has rolled out, what is called the links and electronic management system. And so power outages disrupt all these processes because, for example, patients need to be verified, those with NHIS and other private insurance need to be verified on the system before they start the journey through the hospital.

"When these systems are off, it disrupts this because they cannot be verified or it takes much, much longer to get this done for them to begin to procure services within the facility. Beyond this are those patients who may be on the theatre table who may be undergoing dialysis, and various forms of treatment that require power to power machines and equipment that serve these patients.

"And so it is very important that

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Dr Richard Selormey, Acting General Secretary of the GMA

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we put the issue into context. It's not about when only somebody dies, but people may even suffer irreparable damage just because the power has been broken. I'm sure you read the Tema General Hospital statement where they said it took two hours to solve the problem," he said.

Dr Selormey revealed the

challenges faced by health facilities, including the need to rely on torchlights during surgeries due to power outages.

He noted that the impact of erratic power outages extended beyond patient care to the financial burden of running generators. With escalating fuel prices, hospitals faced significant costs to maintain operations during outages, which could strain their budgets.

The GMA believes a load-shedding timetable would help mitigate the financial strain caused by the current energy crisis.

For months, Ghanaians have seen erratic power supply. Some Members of Parliament and stakeholders in the energy sector such as the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) have called on the ECG to provide a timetable.

In response, the ECG has noted that the disruption in power supply is a localised issue rather than a national concern.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Andy Ogbarmey-Tettey

### HIV Self Testing confirms 239 positive cases

total of 239 HIV-positive cases were recorded out of 140,000 kits distributed during the self-testing programme piloted in 50 districts across the country.

Out of that number, 202 persons representing 72 per cent were females and 28 per cent of males have been counselled and linked to care for treatment while 37 of them have not availed themselves of care due to denial.

These were findings from the HIV self-testing programme piloted by the Ghana HIV and AIDS Network (GHANET) in collaboration with the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).

The HIV Self-testing initiative was launched in July 2023 as part of efforts to achieve the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by the year 2030.

The initiative was to target persons who would not avail themselves at the health facilities at all for testing to know their status and it allows people to do the testing confidentially in the comfort of their homes.

According to the findings, more women were reached, representing 60 per cent with 40 per cent of them being men.

It said persons aged between 20 and 44 years accounted for a significant number of all confirmed positive cases while the highest age group linked to care was between 20 and 34 constituting 49 per cent.

President of GHANET, Mr Ernest Amoabeng Ortsin, who made this known during the dissemination of results on the HIV Self-Test project, said the key population targeted were students, petty traders, farmers, beauticians and seamstresses, fish farmers and fishmongers, among others.

He explained that the self-test process was supposed to be confidential and as such people were unwilling to confirm their test due to fear of stigmatisation.

"Positive persons who had not been linked to care for treatment are still in denial, ignorance, some have travelled, unwillingness to visit health facility and baseline cost of treatment. These are the biggest challenges to the pilot programme."

Mr Ortsin said despite the challenge the initiative had put 202 people who otherwise would not have known their status on treatment and was hopeful that many more would link themselves to health facilities.

The GHANET President called for more funds to significantly scale up the initiative nationwide.

"In Ghana, it is estimated that 100,000 people are living with HIV but are not aware so projects such as this are contributing towards finding that number. If we scale it up it means we will be getting more of such people, going forward we have to support these 202 people to achieve viral load suppression," Mr Ortsin added.

Programme Manager, NACP, Dr Stephen Ayisi-Addo, commended GHANET for the effort in getting 202 persons into care and treatment.

"We need to do more and let the people know that HIV is no more a death sentence and we need to run home that message so that people will be free to get to know their status and be on treatment like diabetes and hypertension."

He said: "We are going to scale up and I think they have done well because it was a hundred thousand (100,000) target, which means they can do more, it is left for us to get the commodities for them.

"If we have strong evidence of impact then programmatically we can continue to justify funding together with our partners so there will be money for that and given the results I am seeing, we are in a good position to make a case," he added.

Mr Ayisi-Addo said the next phase of the programme would identify

the male population, saying: "We know generally that the health-seeking behaviour of men is lower compared to females. The men will not come to the clinic at all, so we need to get into the communities and focus on them."

He encouraged GHANET and partners to begin looking at that aspect because the programme identified that men were being left behind.

He assured them of the NACP's readiness to partner with stakeholders in the HIV and AIDS response to achieve set targets.

The Programme Manager said to sustain the programme, several interventions would be put in place to ensure sustainability, adding that the programme would begin to focus on the District Assembly Common Fund allocation for HIV to support in that regard.

Source: GNA



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# NPP to organise Ejisu primary on April 13 ahead of by-election

he New Patriotic Party (NPP) has scheduled its Ejisu constituency primary for Saturday, April 13, 2024, following the passing of MP and Deputy Finance Minister, John Ampontuah Kumah on March 7.

Aspirants for the election have been given a three-day window, from Tuesday, April 2 to Thursday, April 4, 2024, to purchase and file nominations at the constituency party office.

A statement issued by the NPP's General Secretary, Justin Kodua Frimpong, outlined the timelines and guidelines for the by-election.

According to the statement, aspiring parliamentary candidates must procure nomination forms after paying a non-refundable application fee of GH¢3,000 in banker's draft payable to the

New Patriotic Party National Headquarters, Accra.

"To successfully file the nomination, an aspiring parliamentary candidate shall pay a non-refundable filing fee of GHC35,000.00 in Bankers Draft in favour of the New Patriotic Party National Headquarters, Accra."

The statement also highlighted that women, youth (individuals aged between 18 and 40 years), and persons with disabilities (PWDs) will receive a 50% rebate on the filing fees. As a result, they will only be required to pay a non-refundable filing fee of GHg17,500.

The NPP has also approved detailed rules and regulations to govern the conduct of the parliamentary primary, which will be made available to stakeholders.

The Electoral Commission is yet to announce a date for the by-election. So far, only Kwasi Nyantekyi, former Ghana Football Association president, has publicly declared an interest in seeking to replace the late John Kumah.

According to the 1992 Constitution of Ghana, the Clerk of Parliament

must alert the Electoral Commission of a vacancy within seven days.

After this notification, the EC has 30 days to conduct a by-election, or 60 days in the case of a vacancy caused by the death of an MP.

Source: The Independent Ghana



Justin Kodua Frimpong, NPP's General Secretary

# Monies meant for community development used by gov't to construct Astro Turf - Buila South MP

ember of Parliament representing the Builsa South Constituency in the Upper East Region, Dr Clement Abas Apaak, has expressed his dissent against the government's practice of diverting funds from the Assembly Common Fund, particularly in light of the pressing challenges faced by public basic education.

Dr Apaak voiced his reservations regarding the allocation of Common Fund resources towards projects such as AstroTurfs, questioning the prioritization of these initiatives over addressing the critical needs of public education.

He argued that while investments in infrastructure like AstroTurfs may have their benefits, they should not take precedence over the urgent requirement to allocate sufficient resources to enhance the quality of basic education.

"Mr Speaker while it is admirable

that some allocation has been made to support education. I wish to state emphatically that given the current challenges that we face, particularly in the rural parts of this country to do with inadequate and lack of educational infrastructure for basic schools, where we have several communities which have population sufficient to begin education. We ought to take another look of allocating monies for the construction of astro turfs.

"Why will we prioritize Astro turf over building kindergartens, prioritize Astro turf over procuring furniture for over 1.3 million Ghanaian students who have to sit on bare floor or stones to study, "he added.

The District Assemblies Common Fund (DACF) was established with the aim of channeling financial resources from the central government to local governments (MMDAs).

Meanwhile, the flagbearer of the opposition National Democratic Congress' (NDC), John Dramani Mahama, has pledged to increase the District Assembly Common

Fund (DACF) from the current 5% to 7% should he win the 2024 elections.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Phoebe Martekie Doku



Astro Turf

#### Minority calls for investigation into GH¢10 billion **ESLA funds**

Energy Minister, ormer ← Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah, is calling for a thorough examination of the GH¢10 billion gathered from the Energy Sector Levy (ESLA).

He claims that the Finance Ministry has mishandled these funds, leading to substantial debt in the energy sector and worsening recent power outages across the country.

Speaking to the media, the Ellembelle Member of Parliament expressed worry about government's financial limitations. impeding which are procurement and adding to the ongoing energy challenges.

Mr. Buah emphasized the pressing need to rectify the mishandling of the substantial revenue generated from energy sector levies.

He also identified immediate factors contributing to the crisis, such as a decline in generation capacity stemming from poor coordination and planning, along with financial constraints hampering fuel procurement.

"But more importantly, trying to make sure that the taxes that Ghanaians are paying, which is almost GH¢10 billion in the energy sector levies, which is being mismanaged at the Ministry of Finance, is addressed properly."

"Because the immediate cause of the crisis is, one, some generation capacity is lost because there is no coordination and planning. Two, because we don't have money to buy fuel. ECG is not able to pay the

power producers to buy fuel. That is why we are in this crisis" Mr. Buah stated.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Amanda Cartey



Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah, Former Energy Minister

### Your excavators will not be burnt when I become president - Bawumia tells galamseyers

residential candidate for the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, has announced a significant policy shift regarding the government's approach to combating illegal mining, commonly known as galamsey.

Addressing gathering enthusiastic NPP supporters during a health walk in Kwahu, Eastern Region, on Saturday, March 30, Dr Bawumia declared that confiscated excavators would no longer be destroyed under his administration.

While commending the NPP's efforts in tackling galamsey over the past seven years, Dr Bawumia recognized the necessity for a fresh strategy to effectively address the issue.

If elected, Dr. Bawumia has vowed to introduce a revamped approach aimed at curbing illegal mining preserving confiscated equipment, particularly excavators.

"We are going to help small-scale miners; we will introduce a mineral development bank to get money for them. There is a new regime

for small-scale miners, we will not burn your seized excavators.

In 2021, President Akufo-Addo gave his explicit support for the demolition of equipment, including excavators, employed in illegal mining activities.

He emphasized that the demolition equipment, which contributes to water pollution and deforestation, will continue until these unlawful practices are brought to a halt.

In a direct challenge to dissenting opinions, he urged individuals with contrary beliefs to seek recourse through legal channels, emphasizing the importance of upholding the law in addressing this issue.

"I say with all the emphasis at my command, that no rights can accrue to or flow from the criminal venture of galamsey. The equipment which is being used for an illegal or criminal purpose cannot confirm on the owner or any other person any rights whatsoever," he said.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Phoebe Martekie Doku



Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, Presidential candidate for the New Patriotic Party (NPP)

### **Upper East Region to start anthrax vaccination** in April

**T**he Upper East Regional Department of Agriculture undertake animal vaccination exercise against the anthrax disease across the 15 municipalities and districts of the region in April.

Anthrax is a zoonotic disease caused by bacteria called bacillus anthracis. The disease was endemic in some districts of the region in 2023.

The vaccination exercise would check any possible outbreak as was experienced last year, which led to loss of livestock and one recorded human death in the Binduri District.

The situation compelled the Regional Public Health Emergency Management Committee (PHEMC) to place a ban on the movement of animals, sales, consumption of meat and its products.

The ban applied to cattle, sheep, goats and donkeys.

Alhaji Zakaria Fuseini, the Regional Director of the Department, told journalists about the impending

exercise on the sidelines of the 2023 regional annual performance review meeting of the Department.

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The meeting brought together municipal and district directors of MoFA, coordinating directors, planners and other stakeholders across the region, to review the Department's performance for 2023, and strategise for 2024.

Alhaji Fuseini said: "Based on last year's experience, we have made adequate preparation for animal vaccination. We had a last dosage from Cow Right that we have not vet utilized."

April was the appropriate time to start with the vaccination exercise because "it is mostly the time grasses start shooting up, and that is the time we anticipate this outbreak," he said.

"We have adequate quantities to take care of any outbreak, whilst we wait for supplies from government."

Alhaji Fuseini advocated the need for conservation agriculture, which was a farming system that could

prevent loss of arable lands and regenerate degraded lands.

With conservation agriculture, crop residue was used to feed livestock, and livestock droppings were equally used to enrich the

"Conservation agriculture is the way to go because of climate change, and that is the surest way to address the issue of climate change. It is also more sustainable compared to the use of mineral fertilizer."

"We are constantly on the field sensitizing farmers on the need for them to move into conservation agriculture," the Regional Director said.

"However, we cannot do without the mineral fertilizers. Mineral fertilizers take relatively shorter time to release the plant nutrient element for plant uptake, whereas with organic, it releases it bit by bit," he explained.

Alhaji Fuseini projected increases in food and livestock production in 2024 if farmers received the right agricultural inputs.

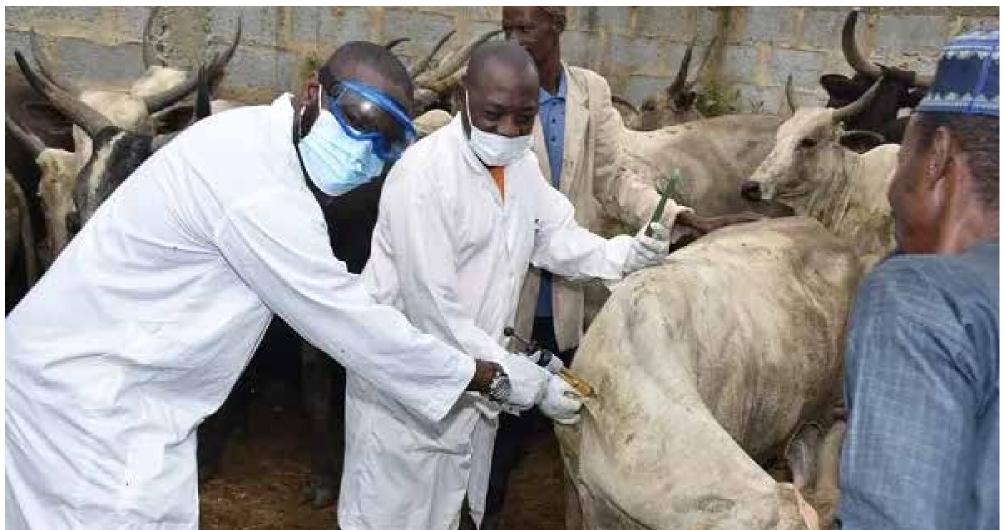
Mr Stephen Yakubu, the Regional Minister, congratulated Department for its achievements in the year under review, and urged the personnel to continue to work to improve agricultural outcomes in the region.

Reverend John Akaribo, Bolgatanga Municipal Chairman, Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana, in a separate interview, said if agriculture was considered as the engine of growth, there should be dedicated funding for it.

"Funding for agriculture is basically meant for emolument of staff. But when it comes to the actual work, there is no funding.

"With the 'Planting for Food and Jobs two', we were expecting to see a budget for irrigation. There is no mention of a single budget to rehabilitate even one existing dam," he said.

Source: GNA







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## Business

#### Ghana allocates GH¢11bn for oil imports annually

oordinator of the Anti-Smuggling Taskforce on Vegetable Oil ■ Imports, Dr. Paul Amaning, has disclosed that Ghana expends GH¢11 billion annually on oil imports due to low domestic demand for locally manufactured oil.

According to Dr. Amaning, Ghanaian consumers' lack of interest in locally produced oil compels manufacturers export their products to neighboring countries like Nigeria, where there is higher demand.

In an interview with the media. Dr. Amaning revealed that Ghana imports oil from countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia on a yearly basis.

"We have people who manufacture good oil in the country but because people do not have interest in the local oil, manufacturers are compelled to export to neighbouring countries like Nigeria where they have demand for their products"he stated.

He further stated that the total oil production and imports in the country amounted to 686,475 metric tonnes, with a corresponding value of GH¢20,520,000.

Dr Amaning highlighted concerns about the handling of oil in the market, resulting in contamination and rendering it unfit for consumption.

Consequently, he announced plans to ban oil sold in pans from entering the market after Easter to safeguard public health.

The Anti-Smuggling Taskforce, comprising the Crop Development Authority, the Oil Palm

Development Association of Ghana, the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority, and National Security, is intensifying efforts to curb the influx of smuggled vegetable oil into the Ghanaian market.

In recent weeks, the Taskforce has

conducted operations leading to the seizure of numerous smuggled vegetable oil products as part of its mission to sanitize the market and protect consumers.

Source: The Independent Ghana | Phoebe Martekie Doku



Vegetable Oil

#### Gov't suspends Price Stabilization Levy on petroleum products

overnment has instructed the National Petroleum Authority temporarily halt the enforcement of the Price Stabilization and Recovery Levy (PSRL) on petroleum products.

Effective from Monday, April 1, until June 30, 2024, this suspension encompasses the levy applied to petroleum products and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG).

The National Petroleum Authority communicated this suspension through a letter addressed to stakeholders in the oil marketing and distribution sector.

The letter underscored that both the Finance and Energy Ministries had

directed this suspension. This move is expected to potentially lower the price of petrol by 16 pesewas, diesel by 14 pesewas, and LPG by 14 pesewas per

It contradicts earlier forecasts indicating a potential increase in petroleum product prices from April 1, 2024. The letter announcing the Source: The Independent Ghana / suspension emphasized that the Amanda Cartey

decision aims to shield consumers from escalating global market prices.



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## International

#### South Africa: Girl, 8, only survivor as 45 killed in bus crash

**¬**orty-five people have died in **◀** South Africa after the bus they were in plunged some 50m (165ft) off a bridge into a ravine, authorities say.

An eight-year-old girl, the only survivor, sustained serious injuries but is now in a stable condition.

The bus crashed through a barrier and caught fire when it hit the ground in the north-eastern Limpopo province.

Thirty-four body bags have been taken from the scene but only nine bodies are identifiable, authorities say.

passengers were pilgrims travelling from Botswana's capital, Gaborone, to an Easter service in the town of Moria.

The vehicle lost control and went off a bridge on the Mmamatlakala mountain pass between Mokopane and Marken, around 300km (190 miles) north of Johannesburg, according to South African public broadcaster SABC.

Department of Transport spokesperson Colin Msibi told the BBC's Newsday programme that the girl who survived is currently "in hospital, I'm told in stable condition".

"What we suspect is that when the bus hit the barrier of the bridge, the child was ejected out of the bus, and that is how the child was able to survive," Mr Msibi said.

Rescue operations went on late into Thursday evening and continued the next morning.

Limpopo health official Phophi Ramathuba told South African broadcaster eNCA that body parts from separate crash victims may have fused together in the fire, which is why so far only nine bodies have been identified.

Sindisiwe Transport Minister Chikunga, who went to the scene of the incident, extended her "heartfelt condolences to the families affected by the tragic bus crash".

She said the South African government would help repatriate the bodies and hold a full inquiry into the cause of the crash.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time," she added. "We continue to urge responsible driving at all times with heightened alertness as more people are on our roads this Easter weekend."

South Africa has a poor road safety

Ms Chikunga told eNCA the road the bus fell from is "winding with sharp bends, hairpin bends, a road that I'd never advise any person who is driving a heavy vehicle such as a bus, such as a truck, to use".

Botswana's President Mokgweetsi Masisi offered his "deepest condolences" to the pilgrims' relatives, as well as the church they belonged to, following the "heartbreaking" crash, a

statement from his party said.

The office of South African President Cyril Ramaphosa also put out a statement on Thursday evening, saying the leader expressed sympathy for Botswana and the victims' loved ones.

In an Easter message released before the crash, Mr Ramaphosa had urged citizens to "do our best to make this a safe Easter".

It should "not be a time where we sit back and wait to see statistics on tragedy or injuries on our roads", he added.

Source: BBC



Scene of South Africa bus crash

### Ugandan president's son vows crackdown on graft after taking over military

The son of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has pledged to fight corruption in the military after taking over as its top commander, a move widely expected to accelerate his rise to eventually succeed his father.

Museveni, 79, who has led Uganda for 38 years, named 49-year-old son Muhoozi Kainerugaba as the East African country's new Chief of Defence Forces last week.

In a formal handover ceremony on Thursday, Kainerugaba "vowed to improve the welfare of soldiers by fighting the evil of corruption and mismanagement of resources", according to a statement released by the military.

Uganda's military plays a significant role in regional peace and has

contingents deployed in Somalia and Democratic Republic of Congo where troops are helping battle Islamist insurgents.

Uganda's opposition has accused Museveni of fast-tracking his son's military career to prepare him to take political power. Museveni has denied grooming him for the presidency.

Museveni 2022, removed Kainerugaba from his post as commander of Uganda's land forces after he made threats to invade neighbouring Kenya in posts on social media platform X.

Kainerugaba, who also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, later said the threats were a joke.

Source: Reuters



Muhoozi Kainerugaba

