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GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTES 20,000 BIRDS TO BOOST POULTRY PRODUCTION

More than **400 beneficiaries** in the Effia-Kwesimintsim Municipality have received **20,000 live birds** under Government's **Nkoko Nkitinkiti** initiative, aimed at strengthening household livelihoods, enhancing food security and expanding local poultry production.

The distribution exercise was attended by the **Western Regional Minister**, Hon. Joseph Nelson, alongside the **Member of Parliament for Kwesimintsim**, Hon. Fiifi Buckman, and the **Municipal Chief Executive**, Hon. Abdul Majeed Dokurugu Nassam.



Addressing beneficiaries, the Regional Minister encouraged them to treat the birds not as a one-time gift, but as productive assets capable of growing into sustainable poultry enterprises. He stressed that with proper care and good management, the initiative has the potential to improve household incomes, create jobs and contribute significantly to the local economy and Ghana's drive towards greater food security.



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REGIONAL MINISTER BACKS GJA-WR MEDIA & CSI AWARDS

The Western Regional Minister, **Hon. Joseph Nelson**, has commended the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA), Western Region, for instituting the **GJA-WR Media & CSI Awards 2026**, describing the initiative as a timely platform to recognise excellence in journalism and corporate social investment.



He noted that journalists play a vital role in informing, educating and shaping public discourse, while corporate institutions continue to make significant contributions to community development through their Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives. Recognising these efforts, he said, reinforces the values of professionalism, innovation and service.

The Minister further observed that celebrating excellence inspires higher standards, strengthens partnerships and enhances the Western Region's reputation as a destination for investment, growth and shared prosperity. He reaffirmed the Regional Coordinating Council's commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen institutions and promote the sustainable development of the region.

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AIR FORCE BASE TAKORADI WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

The Western Regional Minister, **Hon. Joseph Nelson**, joined military officers and distinguished guests at the Handing-and-Taking-Over Parade of the **Air Force Base Takoradi**, marking the transition from the outgoing Base Commander, **Air Commodore Eric Yirenkyi**, to the incoming Commander, **Group Captain Isaac Kwabena Krampah Antwi**.



The ceremony underscored the enduring strength of institutions, reaffirming that while leadership changes, the Ghana Air Force's mission of safeguarding peace, security and stability remains steadfast.

The Minister congratulated Air Commodore Yirenkyi for his dedicated service and wished Group Captain Antwi every success as he assumes command, expressing confidence that the transition will further strengthen the Air Force's contribution to national and regional security.

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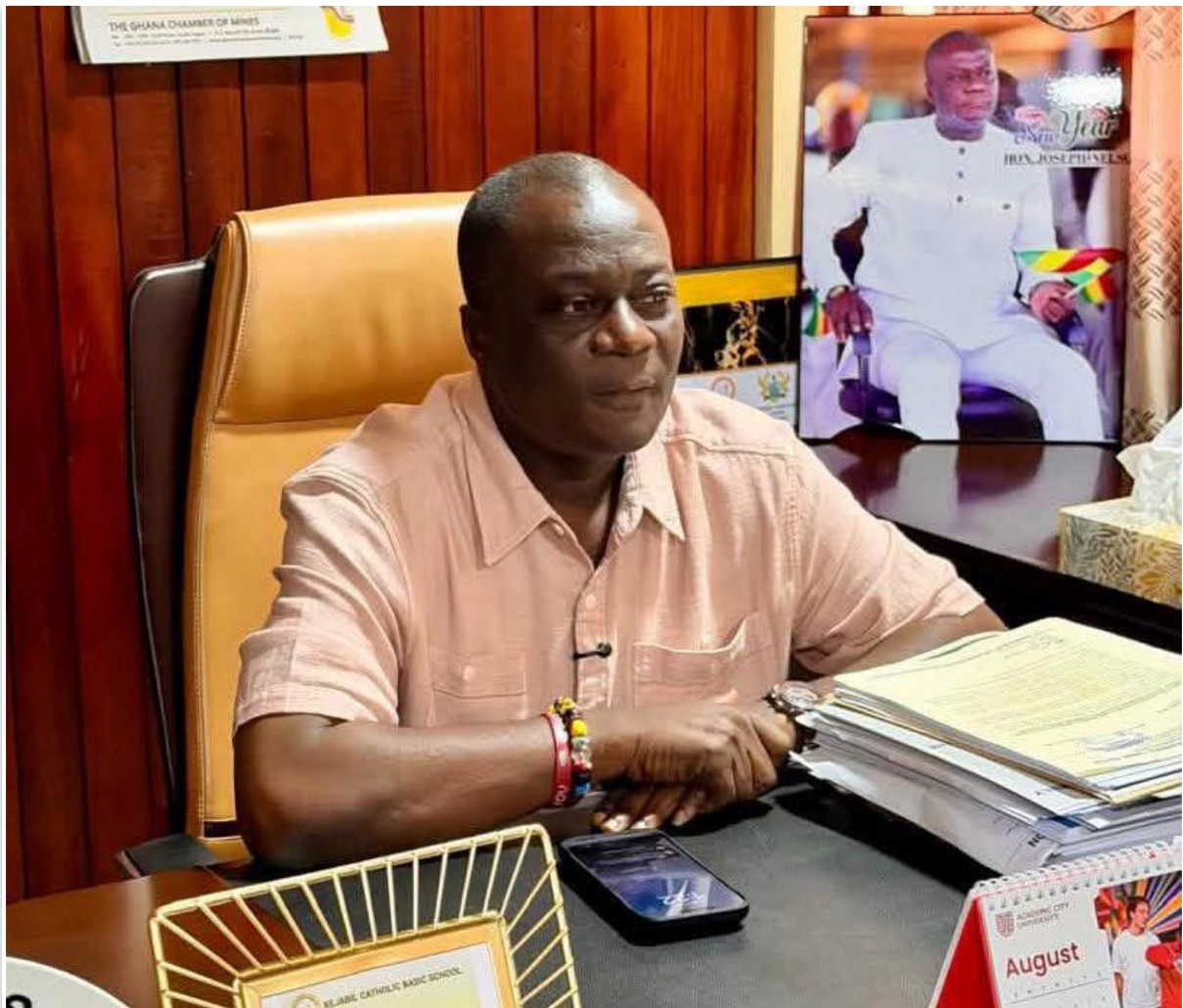
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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT NDC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Western Regional Minister, **Hon. Joseph Nelson**, welcomed the **Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Employment Agency (YEA)**, **Malik Basintale**, to the Western Region during the Youth/TEIN Retreat for MMDCEs, CEOs and Directors organised by the NDC Western Regional Youth Wing in Takoradi.



Reflecting on his own experience as a former Western Regional Director of YEA, the Minister described the Agency as a critical platform for youth empowerment, expressing confidently that ongoing government investments will expand opportunities for skills development, employment and entrepreneurship

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The Minister also received the **Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Hon. Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah**, who reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering young people through leadership opportunities, job creation and skills development. Together, the engagements reinforced the government's vision of investing in Ghana's youth as a catalyst for sustainable national development



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WESTERN NDC YOUTH CONFERENCE CALLS FOR PATIENCE, PREPARATION AND LEADERSHIP

The message was clear as young people gathered in Takoradi for the **two-day Western Regional Quadrennial Youth Conference of the National Democratic Congress (NDC)**: patience, resilience and preparation are essential to building a meaningful future.

Addressing participants, the Western Regional Minister, **Hon. Joseph Nelson**, urged the youth to remain committed to their growth, reminding them that opportunities may not always come when expected. He encouraged them to keep learning, building their capacity and serving until their moment arrives.



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The Minister for Lands and Natural Resources and Patron of the Regional NDC Youth Wing, **Hon. Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah**, called for sustained investment in the youth, describing them as central to the future of both the NDC and Ghana.

National Youth Organizer **George Opare Addo** similarly urged the youth to remain relevant and united, while former Local Government Minister **Akwesi Oppong Fosu** highlighted the NDC's tradition of nurturing young people into leadership.

The conference ultimately left participants with a simple charge: **keep working, keep learning and keep preparing**—because when the opportunity comes, they must be ready.

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MINISTER CALLS FOR UNITY AMONG TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES TO DRIVE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Western Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Nelson, has called for greater peace, cohesion and collaboration among traditional authorities in the Western Region, describing unity as essential to unlocking the region's full development potential.

The Minister made the call when he and the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Hon. Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah, paid a courtesy call on the Omanhen of Eastern Nzema, Awulae Blay IX.

He stressed that a united traditional authority would strengthen the region's voice in attracting investment, advancing development and advocating for its fair share of national opportunities.

According to the Minister, the region's collective identity and economic significance can be better leveraged when traditional leaders work together and eschew divisive tendencies. He noted that beyond promoting peace, traditional unity could boost investor confidence, strengthen development partnerships and advance the interests of a region that contributes significantly to Ghana's economic fortunes.

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WRCC, GEPA PUSH STRONGER COORDINATION TO UNLOCK WESTERN REGION'S EXPORT

Western Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Nelson, has called for stronger collaboration among agencies responsible for investment and export promotion to unlock the Western Region's vast economic potential.

The Minister made the call when he hosted the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Export Promotion Authority (GEPA), Francis Kojo Kwarteng Arthur, during his working visit to the region.

The discussions focused on ensuring that investments entering the region are properly captured, supported and aligned with the region's development priorities.

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Hon. Nelson stressed the need for closer collaboration between the WRCC, GEPA, GIPC and other relevant institutions to create jobs, expand exports and maximise the benefits of investment for the people.

He said breaking institutional silos and building stronger partnerships would position the Western Region as a stronger engine of Ghana's economic transformation.



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BAWIA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GAINS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AS TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP PLEDGES COMMITMENT

The Divisional Chief of Bawia, Nana Blawei Kandango III, has expressed appreciation to the Western Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Nelson, following the government's absorption of the Bawia Technical Institute into the 2026/2027 academic year.

The institution, formerly known as the Nzema Manle Youth Mechanical Training Centre, is expected to strengthen access to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and equip young people with practical skills for employment and entrepreneurship.

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Nana Blawei Kandango III made the remarks when he paid a courtesy call on the Minister, who assured him of his commitment to working with relevant authorities to address the institute's immediate needs and create a conducive environment for effective teaching and learning.

The Minister described Bawia Technical Institute as an investment in the productive capacity and economic future of the community, stressing the importance of moving from certificates to practical skills as Ghana pursues industrial transformation.

The Chief's strong personal commitment to the institution also stood out, as he pledged to do whatever was necessary to ensure Bawia Technical Institute becomes fully operational and successful.



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WESTERN REGION MMDCES COMMIT TO PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS AND MEASURABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Western Regional Coordinating Council (WRCC) and Metropolitan, Municipal and District Chief Executives (MMDCEs) have renewed their commitment to working as one regional team to address the development challenges confronting communities across the Western Region.

The commitment emerged at the close of a three-day Executive Retreat for MMDCEs held at Maaha Beach Resort in the Ellembelle District. The retreat provided a platform for frank discussions, performance appraisals, presentations and one-on-one engagements focused on improving service delivery across the 14 Assemblies.

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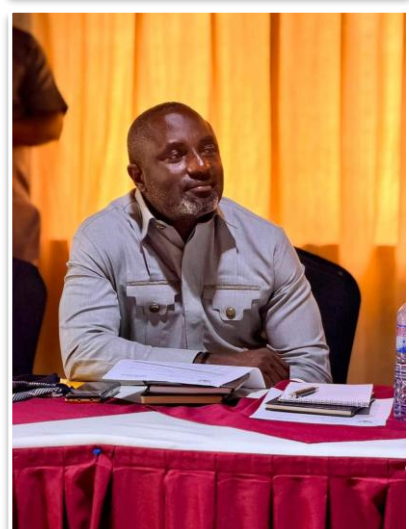
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Regional leadership stressed that while the Assemblies face different challenges, the progress of each district contributes to the overall development of the region. The retreat therefore enabled MMDCEs to share experiences, assess their performance honestly, identify gaps and develop practical solutions tailored to their respective communities.

Key issues considered included sanitation, environmental degradation, revenue mobilisation, youth unemployment, flooding, infrastructure deficits and community engagement.

The MMDCEs pledged to return to their respective Assemblies with renewed energy, clearer priorities and a stronger determination to confront difficult challenges—not simply with promises, but with action and measurable results.

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The WRCC reaffirmed its readiness to support the Assemblies, strengthen coordination and mobilise partnerships to deliver practical solutions and improve the lives of residents across the region.

The retreat closed with a shared commitment: **One Region. One Team. One Commitment, better service, practical solutions and measurable development.**

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WESTERN NAVAL COMMAND REINFORCES MARITIME SECURITY AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

The Western Naval Command has reaffirmed its role in protecting Ghana's maritime interests as leadership changed hands at a ceremony in Sekondi.

At the Change of Command Parade, Western Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Nelson, joined the Ghana Navy to honour outgoing Flag Officer Commanding, Commodore Samuel Ayelazono, and welcome his successor, Commodore Stephen Nyam.

The Minister noted that while leadership may change, the Command's mission of safeguarding Ghana's coastline, fishing communities, ports, offshore oil and gas infrastructure and other maritime resources must endure.

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He also flagged off **GNS ACHIMOTA** for the 4th Edition of **Operation ANOUANZE**, a multinational maritime security operation involving Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia within the Zone F maritime domain.

With piracy, sea robbery, trafficking and other illicit activities threatening the Gulf of Guinea, the Minister stressed that regional cooperation remains critical to protecting trade, investment, livelihoods and the region's blue economy.

He commended the Ghana Navy for its vigilance and contribution to Ghana's peace, security and economic prosperity, stressing: **"Command may change. The mission endures."**



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MINISTER CLEARS GH¢39,110 MEDICAL BILL FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM AT EFFIA NKWANTA HOSPITAL

A social media appeal by a public health nurse has sparked a life-changing intervention for a road accident victim who had been bedridden at Effia Nkwanta Regional Hospital for six months.

Western Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Nelson, stepped in to support Emmanuel Etro after seeing a video shared by Linda Otoo, a public health nurse at the hospital, highlighting his plight.

Etro, who sustained injuries in a tragic accident on the Takoradi-Agona road, had accumulated medical bills amounting to **GH¢39,110**, placing significant financial pressure on his family.

During a visit to the hospital on Sunday evening, the Minister settled the outstanding bill, secured **GH¢11,000** towards Etro's next surgery and provided additional financial support to aid his recovery.

The Minister also extended support to other patients in the male surgical ward, reinforcing the importance of compassion and collective responsibility in supporting people facing difficult circumstances.

The intervention demonstrates how individual advocacy, institutional responsibility and simple acts of kindness can combine to make a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable people.

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EDUCATION MUST DEVELOP SKILLS, CHARACTER AND VALUES FOR A CHANGING WORLD

The 2026 Annual General Meeting, Workshop and Conference of Managers of Education Units has called for an education system that combines technological competence with strong character, values and emotional intelligence.

The conference provided a platform for reflection on the future of education and the role of faith-based institutions in preparing young people for a rapidly changing world shaped by Artificial Intelligence, smartphones, social media and other emerging technologies.



Director-General of the Ghana Education Service, Prof. Ernest Kofi Davis, stressed that education must go beyond knowledge acquisition to develop the skills, attitudes and values needed to produce responsible and productive citizens.



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Provost of Takoradi Technical University, Ing. Prof. Ebenezer Boakye, similarly challenged education managers to pursue learning that transforms rather than merely informs, emphasising character, discipline, integrity, compassion, service and responsibility.

The discussions underscored the need to see technology and human development as complementary rather than competing priorities. While learners must acquire the technological skills required to thrive in the 21st century, those skills must be anchored in ethics and sound values.

The conference also highlighted the unique contribution of faith-based institutions to Ghana's education system, particularly their longstanding emphasis on moral formation, discipline and character development.

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Participants stressed that preserving these values should not mean resisting innovation, but rather using them as a foundation for responsible technological advancement.

The overarching message was clear: **education must develop the head, build skills, shape character and prepare the whole person for life.**

Ultimately, the success of education should be measured not only by the certificates produced, but by the quality of people those certificates produce, and their capacity to contribute meaningfully to Ghana's development.



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OLAM FOOD INGREDIENTS SUPPORTS EGYAM CHILDREN'S HOME

A donation by Olam Food Ingredients Ghana Limited to the Egyam Children's Home has highlighted the importance of corporate citizenship and collective responsibility in supporting vulnerable children.

Western Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Nelson, who witnessed the presentation, commended the company for extending its support beyond business to touch lives and strengthen communities.

He stressed that the true measure of development extends beyond infrastructure, investments and economic activity to include how society protects vulnerable people, safeguards the dignity of children and creates opportunities for them to thrive.

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The Minister also commended the Catholic Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi, management and staff of the Home, caregivers, volunteers and other benefactors for their continued commitment to the welfare of the children.

He called for stronger partnerships among government, the private sector, faith-based organisations, traditional authorities and communities to ensure that vulnerable people are not left behind.

He noted that supporting a child is ultimately an investment in society's future and expressed hope that the gesture by Olam Food Ingredients would inspire more acts of kindness and corporate social responsibility across the Western Region.



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