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HON. SAMUEL A. JINAPOR, MP

**MINISTER FOR LANDS AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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LANDS MINISTER ASSURES PUBLIC OF RESOLUTE ACTION AGAINST GALAMSEY

Amid heightened fears about the devastating impact of illegal mining, the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor, MP, has assured of immediate actions by government to tackle the menace.

Whiles downplaying suggestions that the government had taken its foot off the pedal in galamsey fight, the Minister disclosed that the government will hold an emergency meeting on the matter.

He added that the security forces will be immediately deployed to areas affected by the canker and deal vigorously with the situation.

Speaking on Joy FM's Super Morning Show, the Minister expressed conviction that the new moves by government will culminate in a total remediation of the situation and restore the country's water and forest Resources.

"We are going to have the review today, and I'm 1,000% certain that we are going to deploy. We are going to ramp up our enforcement measures. So all these places you are talking about, we are going to have a clean up there.

"We are going to have a complete swoop. We are going to send law enforcement agencies to take a swoop of that whole stretch, particularly the Central Region. You can be rest assured of that, and you can monitor that," he said.

"So we're going to do the conduct the review today, and within the next 24 hours. We're going to find the resources and move them," he said.

The assurance comes on the back of recent calls by the public for the government to step the anti-galamsey following a statement by the Ghana Water Company Limited that it has been forced to ration water supply to parts of Cape Coast, Winneba and Mankessim due to activities of illegal mining on it water sources.



ADDRESS DATA COLLECTION GAPS TO ENSURE FOREST SECTOR REPRESENTATION - PROF. AGBESINYALE

The Chief Director for the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Prof. Patrick Agbesinyale has called on experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from various sectors to address the gaps in data collection and reporting, in ensuring that Forest Sector is accurately represented in Ghana's economic assessments.

Prof. Agbesinyale made this statement on behalf of the Sector Minister, Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor at a Policy Dialogue on Economic Contribution and Sectoral Linkages of the Forestry Sector to the National Economy. Speaking on the theme "Promoting Sustainable Forest-Based Industries In Ghana" at the forum, Prof. Agbesinyale highlighted on the numerous benefits of forest to the nation's economy and societal wellbeing.

The Chief Director noted that in spite of all the economic gains from forests, the lack of formal recognition and the challenges in quantifying the sector's contributions have led to its marginalization in national accounting and policy frameworks. "The forest sector is often overshadowed by other industries when discussing national economic performance, yet its impact is profound and far-reaching."

He urged all stakeholders to focus on actionable recommendations that will not only strengthen the forest sector but also contribute to broader goals such as climate resilience, poverty reduction, food security, equitable sharing of forest benefits and addressing the major drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

Addressing participants virtually, Ms. Thais Linhares Juvenal, Senior Forestry Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) asserted that there is an urgent need to fight the climate emergency by mitigating efforts to removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and income distribution of carbon emissions. Ms. Juvenal stated that improving data collection and analysis to better explore opportunities created by economic linkages



APPIATSE RESIDENTS RELOCATE TO NEW APARTMENTS

Some residents of Appiatse near Bogoso in the Western Region who were to benefit from the reconstruction housing scheme in the area have started moving into their new homes.

This was after the Vice President, Dr. Mahamoudu Bawumia officially inaugurated the first phase of the community's reconstruction some months ago.

Government promised to ensure the reconstruction of about 124 housing units that were destroyed in the community. Subsequently, the government honoured its promise and constructed a befitting housing project for the resettlement of the victims.

In all 124 new housing units, ranging from one bedroom to seven bedrooms were built with first class sanitary and other facilities.

The Assembly Member for Bepoh- Appiatse Electoral area, Mr. Thomas Yaw Enyam indicated that currently about 70% of those expected to move into the new apartments have done so.

" Yes it's true the beneficiaries started moving in about two weeks ago. The Municipal Chief Executive, Dr. Isaac Dasmani provided a vehicle to help convey the beneficiaries from their various lodging places to the new building", he added. He, therefore, appealed to the rest who are yet to benefit from the new housing units to be patient as plans were afoot to ensure that all of them would be relocated smoothly.

SECTOR MINISTER & HIS DEPUTIES



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