Translate economic gains into household relief

•Dr Bawumia to govt

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THE flag bearer of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, has challenged the government to translate its reported economic gains into tangible relief for households, accusing it of failing to fulfil key campaign promises.

He said the success of economic management should be measured not only by official statistics but also by the ability of ordinary Ghanaians to afford rent, fuel, electricity, water and transportation.

Dr Bawumia was speaking at the party's National Thanksgiving Service at the F. D. Walker Memorial Temple of the Church of Pentecost in Sunyani in the Bono Region last Sunday.

He questioned the government's claims of economic stability, insisting that improvements in economic indicators must translate into better living conditions for citizens.

"Where is the stability they are saying they have brought?" he asked, arguing that many households continued to struggle with the cost of basic necessities.

Thanksgiving service

The service formed part of a three-region thanksgiving programme organised by the party following its National Delegates Conference in Kumasi on October 3, 2026, at which new national officers were elected.

The programme began with a Muslim thanksgiving service at Kintampo in the Bono East Region on Friday, October 16, followed by a Christian service with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Goaso, the Ahafo Regional capital, on Saturday, October 17.

It culminated in Sunyani on Sunday, October 18, with party members seeking divine guidance for the new leadership ahead of the 2028 general election.

Dr Bawumia was joined by the newly elected National Chairman, John Boadu, and other national, regional and constituency executives.

Earlier, the delegation attended the consecration and episcopal ordination of the Very Reverend Martin Apraku Amankwah as Coadjutor Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Sunyani at the St Anselm's Cathedral.



• Dr Mahamudu Bawumia speaking during the thanksgiving service at the F. D. Walker Memorial Temple of the Church of Pentecost in Sunyani

Economic management

Dr Bawumia described the gap between favourable economic statistics and the financial difficulties confronting households as a "paper economy", calling instead for a "pocket economy" in which economic improvements were reflected in people's daily lives.

He said political leaders must be held accountable for their promises, stressing that the electorate would judge them by their performance rather than campaign rhetoric.

On the 24-hour economy policy, the former Vice-President questioned how the government intended to implement the initiative, describing the campaign promise as political propaganda intended to attract votes.

He argued that Ghanaians deserved clear explanations and measurable results rather than political assurances.

Illegal mining

Dr Bawumia also challenged the government over its pledge to end illegal mining, popularly known as "galamsey", within one month.

He questioned what had become of the commitment, alleging that galamsey had worsened under the current administration.

Dr Bawumia further criticised the government over projects under the Agenda 111 hospital initiative, questioning its commitment to completing the facilities.

He expressed concern over what he described as restrictions on freedom of expression, alleging that some Ghanaians were being arrested for criticising the government.

The Sunyani Area Head of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Abraham Swanzy, urged Members of Parliament (MPs) to maintain regular contact with their constituents and explain government policies, achievements and setbacks.

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150 MWp BUIPE SOLAR PV PROJECT IN THE CENTRAL GONJA DISTRICT, SAVANNAH REGION, GHANA

SCOPING NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Bui Power Authority (BPA) is developing a 150 MWp utility-scale Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power plant integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Buipe in the Central Gonja District of the Savannah Region. The project will occupy a land area of 162.0 Hectares, designed as a grid-connected system, together with associated electrical infrastructure, access roads, drainage, water supply, security and other ancillary facilities.

The project is titled ***"150 MWp Buipe Solar PV Project in the Central Gonja District, Savannah Region, Ghana"*** and is part of national efforts to enhance generation capacity, improve power system reliability, and strengthen energy security.

Notice of the proposed project is hereby served for public information, as required under the procedures for the conduct of an environmental impact assessment. Any person(s) who have an interest, concern, or special knowledge relating to potential environmental effects of the proposed undertaking may contact or submit such concerns, etc., to:

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150 MWp SAWLA SOLAR PV PROJECT IN THE SAWLA-TUNA-KALBA DISTRICT, SAVANNAH REGION, GHANA

SCOPING NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Bui Power Authority (BPA) is developing a 150 MWp utility scale Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power plant integrated with a 450 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Sawla, in the Sawla-Tuna-Kalba District of the Savannah Region. The project will occupy a land area of 396.30 Hectares is designed as a grid-connected system with a total installed capacity of 150 MWp.

The project is titled "150MWp Sawla Solar PV Project in the Sawla-Tuna-Kalba District, Savannah Region, Ghana" and is part of national efforts to enhance generation capacity, improve power system reliability, and strengthen energy security.

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250 MWp GBENJARI SOLAR PV PROJECT IN THE TOLON DISTRICT, NORTHERN REGION, GHANA

SCOPING NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Bui Power Authority (BPA) is developing a 250 MWp utility-scale Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power plant integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Gbenjari, in the Tolon District of the Northern Region. The project will occupy a land area of 283.20 Hectares is designed as a grid-connected system with a total installed capacity of 250 MWp.

The project is titled "*250 MWp Gbenjari Solar PV Project in the Tolon District, Northern Region, Ghana*" and is part of national efforts to enhance generation capacity, improve power system reliability, and strengthen energy security.

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Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital Upgraded Modular Operation Theater in Ghana

Accra, Ghana — July 24, 2026 Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital has unveiled a cutting-edge Modular Operation Theater (MOT) at its Accra facility, marking a significant milestone in the country's eye care infrastructure. The new theater is designed to deliver world-class surgical standards, particularly for delicate ophthalmic procedures such as cataract, corneal, and retinal surgeries.

The MOT features advanced laminar airflow systems, antimicrobial wall panels, and shadowless LED lighting to ensure maximum sterility and precision. Integrated with modern ophthalmic equipment, the theater provides surgeons with an optimised environment for performing complex microsurgeries while minimising infection risks.

Speaking at the launch, hospital representatives emphasised the importance of this development for Ghana's growing demand for specialized eye care. "Our modular theater brings international standards of safety and efficiency to patients here in Accra. It is a step forward in making advanced eye surgery accessible to more people in West Africa," said a senior consultant.

The facility is expected to reduce surgical turnaround times, improve patient safety, and support the hospital's mission of combating preventable blindness in the region. With this investment, Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital continues to expand its footprint across Africa, reinforcing its reputation as a leader in ophthalmology.

25TH CONGREGATION & 38TH MATRICULATION

It is announced for the information of students who successfully completed their Graduate and Postgraduate Programmes during the 2025/2026 Academic Year, and newly admitted students as well as the general public that, the **25th CONGREGATION & 38th MATRICULATION CEREMONIES** will be held as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 24th October, 2026.
TIME: 8.00am
VENUE: Fiapre Campus

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

All students who wish to be presented at the **25th Congregation** ceremony are required to first register their intent at:
https://cug.edu.gh/graduation/register
From 19th - 23rd October, 2026.

GRADUATION FEES (Non-Refundable)
POST GRADUATE GH¢850.00
UNDERGRADUATES GH¢800.00

Pay into CUG's Account **No.7011010023001** at any branch of **GCB Bank and** present the Pay-in Slip at their **Faculty/School** and collect their graduation gowns on **Friday 23rd October, 2026.**

All students who wish to be presented at the **24th Congregation** ceremony are required to have fully paid all their Academic Fees and register by **Friday, 23rd October, 2026.**

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Rehearsals will be held on **Friday, 23rd October 2026** at **3.00pm** at the Fiapre Campus, **Only** Graduands who have registered and attended the rehearsals will be presented on **Saturday, 24th October, 2026** at the ceremony.

Dress Code: Academic gown worn preferably over a **decent suit/jacket** with tie or other formal dress.

Graduands are to note that those who do not attend the Congregation ceremony will also have to pay the **Congregation Fee** before their certificates are released to them.

Failure to return academic gown after **one (1)week** will attract a penalty of **GH¢100.00.**

Certificates would be issued after Congregation. A penalty of **GH¢500.00** will be applied after **ONE YEAR** of non-picking of Certificate.

Graduands and **Matriculating** students are expected to be seated by **8.00 am** at the Congregation venue.

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