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KMA KICKS OFF 2026 WITH CLEANER KUMASI AGENDA

The Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly launched its city-wide clean-up exercise on January 10, 2026, from 6am to 12noon, targeting key areas including Otumfuo Round-About, MTN

Round-About, Zoo Round-About, Roman Hill Down, Aboabo Station Crossroads, and the entire Central Business District (CBD).

This move aims to promote sanitation and cleanliness across the metropolis. The exercise is part of the government's broader efforts to improve environmental management and restore Kumasi's status as the Garden City.

City authorities have emphasized stricter enforcement of sanitation laws and plans to keep the city cleaner.



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KUMASI GETS A BOOST: REX OMAR'S MISSION TO ELEVATE CITY'S ARTS AND CULTURE

Rex Omar, Presidential Staffer in charge of the Black Star Experience, together with the Mayor of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyemang Boadi, undertook a working tour that included engagements at the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA) and a site visit to Nhyeaso as part of a selection exercise for a proposed theatre complex with major ancillary facilities.

The exercise forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen cultural and creative infrastructure and to boost arts, tourism, and entertainment in the metropolis.



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KUMASI MAYOR SETS AGENDA FOR NEW YEAR: FOCUS ON SANITATION, WELFARE, AND DIGITAL SHIFT.

The Mayor of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyemang Boadi, together with the Metropolitan Coordinating Director, Mr. Francis Dwira Darko, on 12th January, 2026 held a New Year meeting with management to reiterate his vision and strategic priorities for the year ahead. The meeting focused on improving sanitation across the metropolis, enhancing staff welfare and motivation, and fully taking advantage of the digital space to improve service delivery and communication, while strategically marketing the many opportunities in Kumasi to attract investment.

In addition, the Mayor and the Director toured selected offices and departments under the Assembly to wish staff well for the new year, call for their support in moving the city forward, and assess the operational needs of the various departments. Heads of departments also presented brief outlines of their planned activities for the year, aligning them with the Assembly's overall development agenda.



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REPORT ON PRESS BRIEFING BY THE KUMASI METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (KMA)

The Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA), under the leadership of the Mayor of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyemang Boadi, held a press briefing with members of the media to share not just plans and policies, but a heartfelt vision for the future of Kumasi in 2026. The engagement was an opportunity for the Mayor to speak directly to the people of Kumasi through the media, outlining a clear roadmap towards a city that is vibrant, clean, and welcoming to all.

Beyond figures and projects, the briefing reflected a deep commitment to improving the everyday lives of residents—creating safer streets, cleaner neighbourhoods, better schools, reliable healthcare, and spaces where culture and creativity can thrive. The Mayor reaffirmed his belief in transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance, anchored on partnership with citizens and stakeholders.

In his address, the Mayor emphasized the critical role of the media as partners in development. He noted that effective communication and accurate dissemination of information are essential in building public trust and ensuring citizen participation in governance. The press briefing therefore served as an avenue to clearly outline priorities for 2026 while encouraging the media to support the Assembly's mandate through responsible reporting and public education.

The Mayor reiterated his vision of an open-door administration that values stakeholder engagement, constructive criticism, and collaboration in achieving sustainable urban development.

A major highlight of the briefing was the Mayor's candid discussion on the financial realities facing the Assembly. He announced decisive steps to clear all fuel debts owed by the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly dating back to 2013—a move aimed at restoring trust with service providers and ensuring smoother day-to-day operations.



The Mayor also outlined plans to restructure judgment debts inherited by the Assembly. He noted that these difficult but necessary decisions are about safeguarding the future of Kumasi, easing financial pressure, and freeing resources to invest directly into projects that benefit residents across the metropolis.

Sanitation featured prominently in the Mayor's vision, underscoring his belief that a clean city reflects dignity, discipline, and pride among its people. He announced the introduction of morning cleaning as a shift from the traditional night cleaning system, explaining that this approach will encourage visibility, shared responsibility, and community involvement.

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A VISIT TO THE TO THE PREMPEH I INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Metropolitan Chief Executive (Mayor) of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Kwasi Ofori Boadi Agyemang, on 16th January 2026 paid a working visit to the Prempeh I International Airport as part of efforts to strengthen collaboration with key stakeholders toward making Kumasi a vibrant and business-friendly city.

The Mayor, accompanied by officers of the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA), interacted with the airport's management led by the Regional Manager, Mr. Maxwell Yeboah. Discussions focused on safety and security issues, bird strikes, and sanitation challenges in some communities surrounding the airport.

Hon. Boadi reaffirmed KMA's commitment to unlocking Kumasi's full potential as Ghana's second-largest city, noting that the airport plays a critical role in the city's economic growth and investment drive. He further provided direction to management on the steps to follow to ensure that the identified concerns are fully addressed.



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KMA STARTS A PAEDIATRIC CENTRE AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA) handed over sites for the execution of major development projects at brief but separate ceremonies organized on Friday, January 16, 2026. The projects include a Pediatric Centre comprising staff accommodation and child-friendly auxiliary facilities at the KMA Clinic, Adum, to be constructed by M/S B-Molie Limited.

Four footbridges at Santasi, Ohwim, Amankwatia, and Kokoso, to be constructed by M/S D'Rigano Struct Limited, aimed at improving pedestrian safety are part of the projects.

Others are 6-unit classroom blocks at Santasi M/A and Krofrom Adabya Islamic School, to enhance learning environments, to be constructed by M/S Bema Global Group Limited.

These projects are being funded through the Assembly's share of the District Assembly Common Fund (DACF) and are expected to be completed within six months.

At the ceremonies to hand over sites to contractors, Mayor of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi, emphasized timely delivery, quality standards, and the real benefits these developments will bring to residents of Kumasi.

With him at the sites were technocrats and his staffers. Each of the contractors promised to execute their tasks timely and satisfactorily.



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EVACUATION OF REFUSE IN PARTS OF KUMASI

As part of ongoing efforts to improve sanitation across the Kumasi Metropolis, the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA) has undertaken a targeted refuse evacuation exercise in selected communities, including

Ohwim, Asem, and other affected areas. The exercise forms part of broader interventions aimed at promoting environmental cleanliness, public health, and community safety.

The evacuation was necessitated by persistent indiscriminate dumping at unauthorized locations, largely resulting from increased human activities within surrounding residential and commercial communities.

These practices led to the accumulation of refuse at open sites, creating unsanitary conditions and environmental risks. Upon receiving reports on the situation, management of KMA directed the immediate evacuation of refuse as a corrective measure.

One of the immediate effects of the exercise has been a visible improvement in sanitation conditions within the affected areas. The removal of refuse has reduced public health risks, improved environmental aesthetics, and discouraged further indiscriminate dumping. The intervention underscores KMA's commitment to proactive sanitation management.

In areas around the airport, the accumulation of refuse, driven mainly by activities from nearby communities, had attracted birds, particularly crows, due to improper waste disposal.

The presence of these birds poses a safety concern, as bird activity and aircraft operations do not coexist safely.



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KMA BOSS VISITS DAGOMBA LINE FIRE SCENE AND DONATES ITEMS TO VICTIMS

The Metropolitan Chief Executive (MCE) of the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA), Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi, donated items to victims of a recent fire outbreak at Dagomba Line in Kumasi on Tuesday, 20 January 2026, as part of efforts to support affected residents and restore hope to the community.

The mayor first toured the affected area to assess the extent of damage caused by the fire which occurred on Sunday, 18th January 2026, interacting with victims and community members to better understand their immediate needs.

He expressed sympathy to the victims and assured them of the Assembly's commitment to standing with them during this difficult period.

As part of the donation exercise, Hon. Boadi, on behalf of KMA, donated four (4) bales of clothes, 100 mattresses, 250 bags of 20kg rice, 10 mini bags of maize, 50 mosquito nets, 100 buckets, 100 basins, 100 plastic bowls, 100 plastic cups, and 100 plates to support the affected victims.



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KUMASI MAYOR INSPECTS RESUMED ROAD PROJECTS ACROSS KUMASI

The Mayor of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi, conducted an inspection of major road infrastructure projects across the metropolis, including the Santasi Roundabout to Bekwai Roundabout stretch and the Asokwa–Santasi interchange on Wednesday, 21st January, 2026, following the resumption of construction works.

During the visit to the Santasi–Bekwai stretch which had been abandoned for about six months, the mayor was informed by the Acting Resident Engineer, Francis Kofi Yankey that, construction resumed last Friday after the government released funds to the contractors.

The Resident Engineer, emphasized that both stretches, from Santasi Roundabout to Bekwai Roundabout, reciprocally, are expected to be completed by the end of July, with each stretch taking approximately three months to finish.

Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi commended the contractors for returning to site and urged them to adhere strictly to the project timeline, stressing that the completion of the road will ease traffic congestion and enhance economic activities.

Additionally, the completion of the project would improve swift movement of emergency patients to the Komfo Anokye Teaching hospital.

Also present was the Metro Engineer, Ing. Atta Poku, who encouraged the contractors to channel any challenges encountered directly to the mayor for timely intervention and support to ensure smooth execution.

At the Asokwa interchange-Ahodwo roundabout, construction has been ongoing since December 2025 after several notices were issued by the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA) to vendors along the stretch, requesting them to vacate the area voluntarily before 20th January, 2026.



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KMA BOSS INSPECTION TOUR UNCOVERS SANITATION BREACHES AT KROBO ODUMASE (K.O)

An inspection tour conducted on 21st January, 2026, by the Metropolitan Chief Executive (MCE) of the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA), Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi, at the Krobo Odumase (K.O) environs uncovered serious sanitation lapses that have contributed significantly to the persistent overflow of drains in the area.

On the tour, the mayor and his accompanying officials observed that large volumes of filth and liquid waste from daily activities were being discharged directly into the drains.

This situation was identified as a major cause of the blockage and overflow of the drains, resulting in unpleasant odor, environmental degradation, and potential health risks to residents and pedestrians.

Further inspections led to the discovery of an unapproved toilet facility operating directly behind a popular food joint, Alpha and Omega Chop Bar.

The facility was found to be improperly connected, allowing waste to flow into the drain, in clear violation of sanitation and public health regulations.



Following these findings, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi ordered the immediate closure of Alpha and Omega Chop Bar to prevent further contamination and to allow the Assembly take corrective measures. In addition, other shops and commercial operators located along the affected stretch of the drain have been summoned by the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly to explain their operations directly on the drains and to take steps to improve sanitation practices.



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KUMASI MAYOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH BAWA ROCK LIMITED, DONATES SUM OF MONEY TO KATH TO SUPPORT PATIENTS

The Metropolitan Chief Executive (MCE) of the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA), Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyeman Boadi, in collaboration with BAWA ROCK Limited, made a donation of two hundred thousand Ghana cedis (GH¢200,000) to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) to assist patients who are unable to settle their medical bills after discharge.

This donation exercise was done on Wednesday, 21st January, 2026 at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

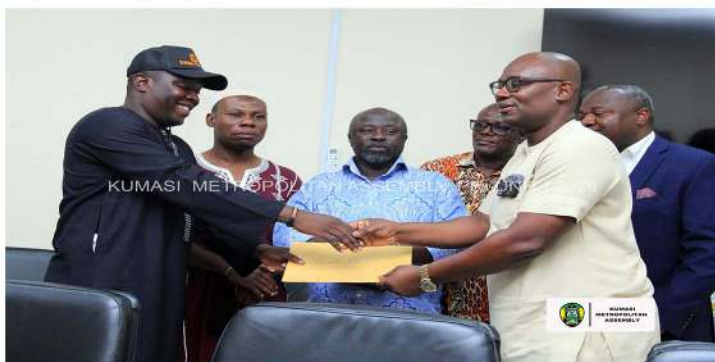
According to the mayor, the issue of unpaid patient bills and detained patients have persisted since December until recently, prompting him to make amendments to help settle some of the outstanding payments.

He emphasized that the donation is part of efforts to support the welfare of Ghanaians and ease the burden on families struggling with healthcare costs.

Eric Addai Boateng, Sustainability Officer for BAWA ROCK Limited, represented the company's CEO, Alhaji Rasheed BAWA Namoro, during the handover of the funds.

In response, the CEO of KATH, Dr. Med. Paa Kwesi Baidoo, expressed gratitude to the Mayor and the BAWA group for the support.

He pleaded the donation to become a regular initiative and appealed to the mayor to use his tenure in office to continue seeking assistance for the hospital, stressing the positive impact such contributions have on patients care.



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MAYOR OF KUMASI INSPECTS BROILER PRODUCTION AT DARKO FARMS UNDER “NKOKO NKITINKITI” INITIATIVE

The Metropolitan Chief Executive (MCE) of Kumasi, Hon. Richard Ofori-Agyemang Boadi (Mayor), accompanied by officials of the Assembly on Wednesday, January 21, 2025, paid a working visit to Darko Farms

The visit forms part of efforts by the Assembly to monitor, support, and ensure the successful implementation of the initiative within the metropolis, as well as to explore ways of sustaining it at the local level.

at Atwima Akropong to inspect the progress of broiler production under the government's flagship poultry initiative popularly known as “Nkoko Nkitinkiti.”

During the inspection, it was observed that the farm currently has about 13,400 broiler chickens, which are in good condition and responding well to management practices.

The Managing Director of Darko Farms, Mr. Kwabena Darko, who received the delegation, explained that the broilers have been successfully received and are being well taken care of in line with approved poultry standards to ensure optimal growth and quality.

He added that the farm is awaiting the Assembly's decision on the scheduled date for the collection of the broilers, and reaffirmed his readiness to continue supporting the programme.

The mayor expressed gratitude to the management of Darko Farms for their cooperation and commitment to the success of the initiative. He noted that the Assembly is making deliberate efforts to localize and oversee the implementation of “Nkoko Nkitinkiti” within the Assembly, in line with the broader vision of the current government.

According to the MCE, the initiative is aimed at boosting the local poultry industry, creating economic opportunities, and reducing overdependence on imported chicken. He further stressed that the programme is designed to encourage local participation in agriculture, inspire interest in farming, and empower residents to eventually own and manage their own poultry ventures.

Hon. Boadi assured stakeholders that the Assembly remains committed to supporting agricultural programmes that promote food security, job creation, and sustainable economic growth across the metropolis.



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ASHANTI REGIONAL MINISTER CONSOLES AMAKOM MARKET FIRE VICTIMS

Honourable Dr. Frank Amoakohene, the Ashanti Regional Minister, assured victims of the Amakom Market fire disaster of the government's readiness to relieve their plight. The market, popularly known as Anlo Market, was gutted by a fire around 9:30 pm on Monday, January 26.

While victims are counting their losses, the Ashanti Regional Minister led a delegation, including the Regional Coordinating Director, Mr. Michael Owusu Amoako, Kumasi Metro Coordinating Director, Mr. Francis Dwira Darko, and some security officers, to assess the damage and commiserate with victims.

The Minister was not told the cause of the fire when he visited the market on Tuesday, January 27.

An estimated 350 shops were razed by the fire.



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