

POLITICAL PARTIES LAW, 1992

The Political parties Law 1992, which sets out the regulations for the formation and conduct of political parties has been promulgated by the PNDC.

As part of the GRAPHIC's public education effort, we publish below the law with the hope that Ghanaians will know what is required of political parties when the ban on political activities is lifted on Monday, May 18.

IN pursuance of the Provisional National Defence Council (Establishment) Proclamation 1981, this Law is hereby made:

PART I — REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this law, political parties may be founded in Ghana to further purposes which are not contrary to the laws of Ghana.
- (2) Subject to this Law every citizen of Ghana of voting age has the right to form or join a political party.

PROHIBITION OF ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS PARTIES

- (1) No political party shall be formed —
 - (a) on ethnic, regional, professional or religious basis; or
 - (b) which uses words, slogans or symbols which could arouse ethnic, regional, professional or religious divisions.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, a political party is formed on ethnic, religious, regional or professional basis if its membership or leadership is restricted to members of any particular community, region, ethnic group, profession or religious faith or if its structure and mode of operation are not national in character.

REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

- (1) Every political party in Ghana shall be registered in accordance with this Law and shall pay in respect of the registration such fees as the Interim National Electoral Commission shall determine.
 - (A) A fee payable under subsection (1) of this section is not refundable.
 - (B) A political party registered under this Law shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

COMMISSION TO REGISTER POLITICAL PARTIES

- (1) The Interim National Electoral Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission" shall register all political parties under this Law.

NO CANVASSING UNLESS THE PARTY IS REGISTERED

- (1) No person shall —
 - (a) canvass for votes; or
 - (b) put forward a person for public election on behalf of or in the name of a political party unless the political party is registered under this Law.
- (2) No political party shall organise or hold public meeting unless it has been issued with a final certificate of registration by the Commission under subsection (7) of section 8 of this Law.

QUALIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE AND FOUNDING MEMBERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES

- (1) A political party shall not have as a leader of the party or a member of its executive a person who —
 - (a) is not qualified to be elected as a member of Parliament under the Constitution approved at the Referendum held on 28th April, 1992; or
 - (b) is not qualified to hold public office; or
 - (c) has not complied with the provisions of the Public Office Holders (Declaration of Assets And Eligibility) Law 1992 (PNDC L)
- (2) No political party shall have as a founding member of the party a person who

- (a) is not qualified to be elected as a member of Parliament under the Constitution approved at the Referendum held on 28th April, 1992; or
 - (b) is not qualified to hold public office.
- (3) A political party shall not be registered under this Law unless it has on its national executive committee or secretariat a member ordinarily resident or registered as a voter in each region.

PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law every citizen of voting age has the right to participate in political activity intended to influence the composition and policies of the Government.
 - (2) Any person who suppresses or attempts to suppress the lawful political activity of another person commits an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to a minimum fine of ₵50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

METHOD OF REGISTRATION OF A POLITICAL PARTY

- (1) An application to register a political party shall be made to the Commission and shall be accompanied with —
 - (a) two copies of the constitution and the rules of regulations, if any, of the political party duly signed by the interim national chairman or leader and by the interim national or general secretary of the party;
 - (b) a list of the full names and addresses of at least one founding member of the political party from each district and such other particulars as the Commission may reasonably require;
 - (c) a full description of the identifying symbols, slogans, and colours, (if any) of, the political party; and
 - (d) the registration fee specified in subsection (1) of section 3 of this Law.
- (2) The Commission shall, not later than seven days after the receipt of the application, issue the political party with a provisional certificate of registration and shall cause a notice of the application to be published in the Gazette as soon as practicable after receiving it, inviting objections from any person concerning the name, aim, objects, constitution, rules, symbols, slogans or colours of the party.
- (3) The Commission may in addition to inviting objections to the application under subsection (2) of this section, cause independent enquiries to be made so as to ascertain the truth or correctness of the particulars submitted with the application for registration.
- (4) On expiration of 30 days after the date of the publication of the Gazette notice the Commission shall, if satisfied that all the provisions of this Law with respect to registration have been complied with, register the political party.
- (5) Where within the 30-day period an objection has been brought to the notice of the Commission it shall not register the political party until the objection has been disposed of to the satisfaction of the Commission.
- (6) If the Commission upholds the objection or if enquiries made under subsection (3) of this section disclose that any of the particulars submitted with the application for registration are false, the Commission shall refuse to register the political party and cancel the provisional certificate issued to that political party under subsection (2) of this section.
- (7) The Commission upon registering a political party shall issue to that party a final certificate of registration which shall be evidence that the provisions of this Law with respect to registration have been complied with.

POWER OF COMMISSION TO REFUSE REGISTRATION

- (1) The Commission shall not register a political party under this law unless it is satisfied —
 - (a) that its constitution and any rules or regulations submitted to the Commission for registration conform with democratic principles as provided in the Constitution approved at the Referendum held on 28th April, 1992;
 - (b) that there is in each district of Ghana a founding member of the party who is ordinarily resident in the district or is a registered voter in the district;
 - (c) that the party has branches in all the regions of Ghana and is, in addition organised in not less than two-thirds of the districts in each region;
 - (d) that the party's name, emblem, colour, motto or any other symbol has no ethnic, regional, religious or other sectional connotation or gives the appearance that its activities are confined only to a part of Ghana;
 - (e) that the executive officers of the political party have been elected under the supervision of the Commission in accordance with section 17 of this Law;
 - (f) that it is not in breach of any of the provisions of this Law; and

- (g) that the purpose of the prospective political party is lawful.
- (2) The membership of the national executive committee of a political party shall reflect membership from all regions of Ghana.

PROSCRIBED POLITICAL PARTIES

- (1) The political parties specified in the First Schedule to this law shall remain proscribed notwithstanding the repeal of the Political Parties Decree 1979 (SMCD 229).
 - (2) The political parties specified in the Second Schedule to this Law are hereby proscribed.
 - (3) No person shall undertake any activity or action aimed at re-organising or bringing into being any of the parties.
 - (4) The Commission shall not register any political party —
 - (a) under a name that is proscribed;
 - (b) under a name the abbreviations of which are the same as those of a proscribed political party; or
 - (c) with symbol, slogan, colour or name that is so similar to those of a proscribed political party as to make reasonable persons come to the conclusion that it is the same as or a successor to a proscribed political party.

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PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN IDENTIFYING SYMBOLS ETC.

- (1) No political party shall submit to the Commission for the purpose of section 8 of this law, any identifying symbol, slogan, colour or name which is the same as the symbol, slogan, colour or name —
 - (a) of any other existing political party; or
 - (b) of the Republic; or
 - (c) of a proscribed political party; orwhich so closely resembles the symbol, slogan, colour or name of another political party, eh Republic or a proscribed political party, as the case may be, as to be likely to deceive the members of the public.

APPEAL ON REFUSAL OF REGISTRATION

- (1) Any political party whose application for registration is refused by the Commission under this Law, may at any time apply to the Commission for it to reconsider its decision not to register the political party.
 - (2) If within 14 days after an application has been made to it under subsection (1) of this section, the Commission refuses or fails to register the political party, the party may appeal to the Court of Appeal against the decision of the Commission and the decision of the Court shall be final.
 - (3) The appeal shall be on notice to the Commission and such other persons as the Court of Appeal may direct.

PART II — CONDUCT OF POLITICAL PARTIES

DECLARATION OF ASSETS AND EXPENDITURE BY POLITICAL PARTIES AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

- (1) Every political party shall within 60 days after the issue to it of a final certificate of registration under section 8 of this law or such longer period as the Commission may allow, submit to the Commission a written declaration giving details of all its assets and expenditure including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, all contributions, donations or pledges of contributions or donations whether in cash or in kind made or to be made to the initial assets of the party by its founding members in respect of the first year of its existence.
 - (2) A declaration submitted to the Commission under subsection (1) of this section shall state the sources of all funds and other assets of the political party.
 - (3) The declaration shall also contain such other particulars as the Commission may in writing direct.
 - (4) The declaration shall be supported by statutory declaration made by the National Treasurer and the National or General Secretary of the political party.
 - (5) The Commission shall, within 30 days after receipt of the declaration required by subsection (1) of this section cause it to be published in the Gazette.
 - (6) Without prejudice to any other penalty prescribed by this Law or any other enactment, where a political party —
 - (a) refuses or neglects to comply with this section; or
 - (b) submits a declaration which is false in any material particular,the Commission shall cancel the registration of that political party.

DECLARATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO ELECTIONS

- (1) Every political party shall, within 21 days before a public election, submit to the Commission, a statement in such form as the Commission may direct of its assets and liabilities.
 - (2) Every political party shall, within 40 days after a public election in which it has participated submit to the Commission a detailed statement in such form as the Commission may direct of all expenditure incurred in respect of each candidate put up or supported by that political party specifying the manner in which any money involved was spent.
 - (3) A statement required to be submitted under this section shall be supported by statutory declaration made by the General or National Secretary of the political party and the National Treasurer of that party.
 - (4) Without prejudice to any other penalty provided in this Law or any other enactment, where a political party —
 - (a) refuses or neglects to comply with this section; or
 - (b) submits a statement which is false in any material particular, the Commission shall cancel the registration of that political party.

PROVISION OF PARTICULARS OF NATIONAL, HEAD OR REGIONAL, DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY OFFICES AND OFFICERS

- (1) Within 60 days after the issue to it of a final certificate of registration, a political party shall furnish the Commission with evidence satisfactory to the Commission of the existence and location of its national, regional and district offices.
 - (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1) of this section, a political party shall for the purpose of that subsection indicate clearly the location of the office premises by naming the street, road or avenue and area where the relevant office is situated, the nature of ownership whether leasehold or freehold or otherwise and also the names and addresses and nationalities of the owners concerned.
 - (3) A political party shall also within the period specified in subsection (1) of this section, submit to the Commission —
 - (a) the names, titles and addresses of its officers at the national, regional, district and constituency levels and also at such other levels or organisation as the Commission may direct; and
 - (b) the name and address of the auditor of the political party approved by the Commission under subsection (3) of section 19 of this Law.
 - (4) Where —
 - (a) a political party refuses or neglects to comply with this section; or
 - (b) a political party makes a statement in a matter submitted to the Commission under this section which is false, or
 - (c) the Commission is at any time satisfied that a political party has refused, neglected or failed to establish or maintain a national office or to establish or maintain a regional office in every region of Ghana,the Commission shall cancel the registration of that political party.

APPEAL AGAINST CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

- (1) A political party whose registration is cancelled by the Commission under sections 13, 14 or 15 of this Law may appeal to the Court of Appeal against the cancellation.

INTERNAL ORGANISATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- (1) The internal organisation of a political party shall conform to democratic principles and its actions and purposes shall not contravene or be inconsistent with any other law.
 - (2) Every political party shall elect such persons as may be determined by the members of the party as executive officers of the party.
 - (3) The election of the regional and national executive officers of every political party shall be conducted under the supervision of the Commission.
 - (4) Pending the election of the executive officers of a political party under the supervision of the Commission, an application for registration of the political party under section

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tion 8 of this Law shall be submitted to the Commission by such interim executive officers as the members of the party shall determine.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN CONSTITUTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

18. (1) Where a political party registered under section 8 of this Law intends to change or alter —

- (a) its constitution;
- (b) its rules or regulations, if any;
- (c) the name or address of any of its founding members;
- (d) the title, name or address of any person or office submitted to the Commission under section 15 of this Law; or
- (e) its identifying symbol, slogan, emblem or name;

it shall notify the Commission of its intention and the Commission shall within 14 days after the receipt of the notification cause to be published in the Gazette a notice of the intended change or alteration.

(2) Every change or alteration shall come into effect —

- (a) if no objection is made to the change or alteration, one month after publication by the Commission of the notice under subsection (1) of this section; or
- (b) in any other case at such time as the Commission may determine.

19. (1) Every political party shall maintain at its head or national office an accurate and permanent record of the following —

- (a) a list of its members;

ship;

(b) any contribution, donation or pledge of contribution or donation whether in cash or in kind made by the founding members of the political party;

(c) a statement of its accounts, showing the sources of its funds and the name of any person who has contributed to the funds, membership dues paid, donations in cash or kind and of all the financial transactions of the political party which are conducted through, by or with the head or national office of the party;

(d) any property that belongs to the political party and the time and mode of acquisition of the property; and

(e) such other particulars as the Commission may require with respect to the foregoing or any other matters.

(2) Every political party shall maintain at each of its regional offices an accurate and permanent record in relation to the requirements under subsection (1) of this section of the matters relating to the region and the districts and constituencies comprised in the region.

(3) The accounts of every political party shall be audited and published once in every year in such manner as the Commission may direct, but not later than the 31st day of December, by an auditor approved by the Commission and a copy of the audited accounts shall be filed by the political party with the Commission as this section may specify.

(4) Every member of a political party and also, every member of the pub-

lic shall be entitled on payment of a fee prescribed by the Commission, to inspect or be given copies of the audited accounts of a political party filed with the Commission under this section.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commission may at any time order the accounts of a political party to be audited by an auditor appointed by it and also request the political party to file with it the audited accounts at a time to be specified by the Commission.

CITIZENS OF GHANA NOT TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN ₵200,000 PER ANNUM TO PARTY FUNDS.

20. (1) No citizen of Ghana shall contribute within any one year to the funds of a political party an amount whether in cash or in kind, exceeding ₵200,000 and in addition to any penalty that may be imposed under section 29 of this Law against a person who contravenes this section, any amount in excess of ₵200,000 or its equivalent value in kind contributed by that person shall be forfeited to the State and the political party to which it was paid shall pay it to the State.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any contribution, donation or pledge of contributions or donations whether in cash or in kind, made by any founding member of the political party as his contribution to the initial assets of the party within the first year of the existence of the party.

COMPANIES AND FIRMS NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUNDS OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

21. (1) No company, partnership or firm or business enterprise shall contribute any amount whether in cash or in kind to the funds of a political party, and in addition to any penalty that may be imposed under section 29 of this Law in respect of a contravention of this section, any amount paid in contravention of this section, any amount shall be forfeited to the State and the political party to which it was paid shall pay it to the State.

22. (1) No alien shall directly or indirectly make a contribution or donation or loan whether in cash or in kind to the funds held or to be held by or for the benefit of a political party and no political party or person shall demand or accept a contribution, donation or loan from an alien.

(2) No alien shall be appointed to any office or be a founding, ordinary or other member of a political party in Ghana.

(3) In addition to any other penalty imposed in relation to a contravention of a provision of this section —

- (a) any amount whether in cash or in kind paid contrary to subsection (1) of this section shall be forfeited to the State and the political party or any person in whose custody the amount is for the time being shall pay it to the State;

DUTY OF POLITICAL PARTIES TO INFORM COMMISSION

23. (1) The Commission may by writing request an officer to furnish for inspection by the Commission records required to be maintained under section 19 of this Law or such other information as is reasonably required by the Commission to enable it to ensure that the provisions of this Law are complied with.

(2) Every political party or officer shall comply with a request made to it or to him by the Commission under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Commission may make copies of or take extracts from records or other information furnished to it under this section.

NOTIFICATION OF POLITICAL MEETING

24. (1) Every political party intending to hold a public meeting in any area of Ghana shall notify the senior police officer in charge of that area not later than 48 hours before the day of the holding of the meeting.

(2) The organisers of the meeting shall give the police such information relating to the meeting as he may reasonably require.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not in any way derogate from the provisions of the Public Order Decree, 1972 (NRCD 68).

CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS NOT TO BE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF OR HOLD OFFICE IN POLITICAL PARTIES

25. A chief or a person who is a member of the Police Service, the Prisons Service, the Armed Forces, the Judicial Service, the Legal Service, the Civil Service, the Statistical Service, the Audit Service, the Parliamentary Service, the National Fire Service, the Customs Excise and Preventive Service, the Immigration Service or the Internal Revenue Service shall not —

- (a) be eligible to be a founding member of a political party; or
- (b) be eligible to hold office in a political party; or
- (c) speak in public or publish anything on matters of political party controversy; or
- (d) engage in canvassing in support of a political party or a candidate standing for public election.

PART III — GENERAL PROVISIONS POLITICAL PARTIES MAY BE DECLARED PROHIBITED ORGANISATIONS

26. (1) Without prejudice to the penalty provided for under section 29 of this Law where a political party contravenes any of the provisions of this Law, the Commission may declare the political party to be a prohibited organisation and if registered may cancel the registration of that political party.

(2) Where a political party is declared under subsection (1) of this section to be a prohibited organisation no person shall —

- (a) summon a meeting of members or officers of the political party;
- (b) attend or make a person attend a meeting in the capacity of a member or officer of the political party;
- (c) publish a notice or advertisement relating to a meeting;
- (d) invite persons to support the political party;
- (e) make a contribution or loan to funds held or to be held by or for the benefit of the political party or accept a contribution or loan; or
- (f) give a guarantee in respect of such funds.

GAZETTE NOTICES

27. Where a provision of this Law requires the Commission to publish anything in the Gazette, it may in addition to or in exceptional circumstances in lieu of the publication, cause it to be published in the national daily newspapers and on the radio and television and the provisions of this Law shall have effect accordingly.

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(2) Where a political party is declared under subsection (1) of this section to be a prohibited organisation no person shall —

- (a) summon a meeting of members or officers of the political party;
- (b) attend or make a person attend a meeting in the capacity of a member or officer of the political party;
- (c) publish a notice or advertisement relating to a meeting;
- (d) invite persons to support the political party;
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anything in the Gazette, it may in addition to or in exceptional circumstances in lieu of the publication, cause it to be published in the national daily newspapers and on the radio and television and the provisions of this Law shall have effect accordingly.

EXERCISE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSION

28. The exercise of the functions of the Commission under subsection (6) of section 13, subsection (4) of section 14, subsection (4) of section 15 and section 26 of this Law shall not be deemed to be exercisable only after a party or person has been tried under section 29 of this Law.

PENALTY

29. (1) Every political party or person which or who contravenes a provision of this Law commits an offence.
(2) Every person who in furnishing particulars or information required to be furnished by a political party or by him under this Law makes a statement which he knows to be false or which he has no reason to believe to be true or make a false statement reckless whether it is true or not commits an offence.
(3) An offence under this Law, unless otherwise

specifically provided for shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding two million cedis or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

(4) Where an offence under this section is committed by a political party, every officer of that party shall also be guilty of that offence.

(5) Where an offence under this section is committed by a body of persons other than a political party, then —

(a) in the case of a body corporate other than a partnership, every director and the secretary of the body corporate shall also be guilty of the offence; and

(b) in the case of a partnership, every partner shall also be guilty of the offence.

(6) No person shall be guilty of an offence by virtue of subsection (4) or (5) of this section if he proves to the satisfaction of the court or tribunal that the act in respect of which he is charged was committed by a person other than himself, and was without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all diligence to prevent the commission of that act as he ought to have exercised having regard to all the circumstances.

WINDING UP POLITICAL PARTIES

30. On an application made by the Attorney-General, the High Court may make such orders as appears to the Court just and equitable for the winding up and dissolution and disposition of the property, assets, rights and liabilities of a political party whose registration has been cancelled or which has been declared to be a prohibited organisation under this Law.

REGULATIONS

31. (1) The Commission may by legislative instrument make such regulations as may appear to it to be expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Law.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) of this section may prescribe for the contravention of any provision of the regulations a fine not exceeding one million cedis or a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year or both and may also prescribe in the case of a continuing offence, a fine not exceeding €10,000 for each day on which the offence continues and in addition require the forfeiture of any item employed in the commission of the offence.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO BE EXERCISED BY CHAIRMAN, ETC.

32. (1) The powers and functions of the Commission under this Law may be exercised and performed by the Executive Chairman and the two Deputy Chairmen for and on behalf of the Commission.

(2) The signature of the Executive Chairman of the Commission or in his absence of a Deputy Chairman shall be sufficient to authenticate any act or action by the Commission.

INTERPRETATION

33. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires —

"alien" has the meaning assigned to it in section 29 of the Aliens Act, 1963 (Act 160);

"commission" means the Interim National Electoral Commission

"district" means the area of authority of a District Assembly;

"executive offices of a political party" means the national chairman, the leader, the general secretary or equivalent designation, the national treasurer and the other members of the national executive committee of the political party;

"founding members of a political party" means the persons who are specified in the written declaration under section 13 to have contributed or offered to contribute either in cash or in kind to the initial assets of the party in respect of the first year of its

existence; "political party" includes any free association or organisation of persons (whether corporate or unincorporated) one of whose objects is to bring about the election of its candidates to public office or to strive for power by the electoral process and by this means to control or influence the actions of Government;

"symbol" include motto.

REPEAL

34. The Political Parties Decree 1979 (SMCD 229) and section 32(M) of the Provisional National Defence Council (Establishment) Proclamation, 1981 are hereby repealed.

COMMENCEMENT

35. This law shall come into force on 18th day of May 1992.

FIRST SCHEDULE

- (Proscribed Political Parties — Section 10(1))
- United Party (UP);
- Convention People's Party (CPP);
- Progress Party (PP);
- National Alliance of Liberals (NAL);
- People's Action Party (PAP);
- United National Party (UNP);
- All People's Republican Party (APRP);
- People's Popular Party (PPP);
- Republican Party (RP);
- All Peoples' Congress (APC);
- Ghana Democratic Party (GDP);
- Justice Party (JP);
- Labour Party (LP);
- Liberty Party (LP).

SECOND SCHEDULE

- (Proscribed Political Parties (Section 10(2))
- Popular Front Party (PFP);
- Social Democratic Front (SDF);
- Peoples' National Party (PNP);
- Third Force Party (TFP);
- Action Congress Party (ACP);
- United National Convention (UNC);
- All People's Party (APP).

Signed: Ft-Lt Jerry John Rawlings
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

OPERATION OF BANKER-TO-BANKER WEEKLY LOTTO IN THE KWAHU SOUTH DISTRICT

It has come to the notice of the KWAHU SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY that the under-listed Banker-to-Banker Operators in the District

**APOLLO CLUB
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and MOUNTAIN CLUB are operating illegally within the jurisdiction of the ASSEMBLY as (i) they have not renewed their licences for 1992 and have also defaulted in paying their Security Deposits of C2 million each.

2. In view of the foregoing, the Kwahu South District Assembly has withdrawn its recognition of the above-mentioned Banker-to-Banker Operators with effect from 1st January, 1992 until they make good whatever they owe.

3. Consequently, the general public is advised to refrain from staking Lotto with the said operators.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
KWAHU SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, MPRAESO.**

LET THE STARS BE YOUR GUIDE



By Dr Baldwin Nii Badoo

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 20): Pressure will be put on you from many sides for financial help and you will find it rather difficult to oblige. Don't quarrel over money with your loved one.

TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 20): Patience, tact and diplomacy will enable you to go through this rather difficult and depressing day. Prayer and meditation can lift some of the burden off your mind.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Careful driving is a must today and you have to be very careful about food poisoning by being particular about what you eat or drink. Avoid dangerous drugs.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 20): Watch some of your friends who may either dupe you or involve you in a scandal. Avoid quarrelling with your loved one over a financial issue.

LEO (JULY 21-AUGUST 22): This day calls for careful planning, diplomacy, tact and patience. Don't fly off at the handle at the least sign of provocation or you will strain relations.

VIRGO (AUGUST 23-SEPT 22): Drive very carefully if you are not to fall victim to the bad influences of the day. Some of you may be rushed to hospital as a result of a fall or injury.

LIBRA (SEPT 23-OCT 22): Unless you are vigilant, you will be put into heavy debt through a desire to please friends or a loved one. Watch out for moves by fraudulent persons posing as friends.

SCORPIO (OCT 23-NOV 21): Tension in domestic and family life as well as in your relations with others will make it very difficult for you to go ahead with your private plans. Keep cool.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22-DEC 21): Watch your health and avoid strain and stress. Although this is likely to be impossible, yet you are advised to find time by all means, to relax.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 19): Money matters are likely to make you tense and irritable. Friends can involve you in financial difficulties. Speculative ventures should be avoided today.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20-FEB 18): Tension in domestic and family life will prevent you from pushing ahead with a private plan. Keep cool or you may clash with an elder to your regret.

PISCES (FEB 19-MARCH 20): Drive very carefully today to avoid an accident. You are also to guard against food poisoning, dangerous drugs and bad food. A journey may have to be put off for health reasons.

LETTER

Abeka Footbridge Unusable?

DEAR Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned, the deplorable situation of the overhead pedestrian bridge at Abeka in Accra.

Though the bridge was recently constructed, due to the poor work by the contractor, the whole bridge now shakes when people use it, thereby making it dangerous and unsafe for use. It is unfortunate the supervising authorities failed to effectively supervise the contractor, hence the shoddy work.

To guarantee the full use of the bridge by pedestrians without crossing the road to disturb traffic flow, as it is the case now, the authorities responsible should compel the contractor to resume work on it immediately to make it strong and fit for use.

Let's not forget that a lot of money has gone into that project for which the authorities must ensure that it is usable to merit the cost.

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