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Editorial



Why wait till accidents occur?

THE Mirror has on a number of occasions drawn the public's attention to the country's lack of proper safety measures in our homes, public spaces, facilities and institutions which has led to the loss of many lives and property.

In recent times, many lives have been lost in accidents on the Volta Lake due to overloading and the absence of life jackets.

On January 24, this year, eight schoolchildren from the Atikagome community in the Sene East District in the Bono East Region died when a boat which was transporting them to school capsized on the Volta Lake.

On March 19, six people died when their boat capsized on the same lake. Again, they were not wearing life jackets.

Last year, a number of lives were lost in similar incidents on the lake. For instance, in April, seven persons drowned in a boat accident.

In the most recent accident, some users of boats who were interviewed said they did not use life jackets but depended on God for protection.

The Mirror observes that our attitude towards safety precautions is a major problem, oftentimes leaving to God

what we as humans should do and the results of such attitude have been catastrophic.

Our page three story on the Fuller Waterfalls at Yabroso in the Bono East Region throws light on a disaster waiting to happen.

The caretaker of the site, Mr Adamu Amidu, who has been in charge for over three decades, is concerned about the safety of children who come to the site.

He said there were neither professional lifeguards nor security persons on site.

Seriously, children swimming without supervision and safety precautions is a very big danger.

Even though the caretaker, according to the report, said he had stopped rendering accounts to the district assembly, it is still the assembly's responsibility to ensure safety within its jurisdiction especially where minors are concerned.

The district assembly and other relevant authorities should act now before we wake up to the usual disasters of loss of lives due to the lack of safety precautions.

And if this is a tourist site, how can it be attractive to tourists when critical facilities and safety measures are absent?



Stop this entitlement attitude

WE must train our young ones not to feel entitled to other peoples hard earned money .

Our basic schools, churches, religious groups and other societies must take up this teaching because the level of entitlement among some young people is beyond ridiculous.

Teach them to accept that when they ask for a favour, mostly cash and the person says he or she cannot help or hasn't got enough cash on them there should be no argument or ill feeling when they see them out somewhere in pictures or video having a good time.

People plan their lives and requests are not captured in their plans unless their miscellaneous expenditures can

manage the situation of others. Stop tagging people as wicked or bad and stop destroying friendships and families over these things.

Teach the youth that they are only entitled to what they have personally worked for or what has been stated explicitly in a legal document as theirs. That is the only time they will be entitled to anything in life.

The earlier a lot of people stop feeling entitled to other people's things, be it their parents, siblings or close friends, the better for all of us. When people extend a helping hand in any form, they are only helping. Know this and you would live long and not have issues with people in your adult life.

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Accra.*

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From our Facebook wall

What's on your mind?

Davis Awuah

Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) is owed \$450million. How are they operating this firm? This is why the private sector thrives. Which investor will sit down for such a huge debt to accrue and still be in business?

What ECG is doing now to take their money is what they

should be doing on a monthly basis. Collect all your money, run efficient systems and that company will be making profit. Ghana Water Company should not wait, they should take up the challenge.

Isaac Okyere

Listening to a radio station and a discussion on the use of "Kaya Mata" also known as "sex

enhancers " to woo men sincerely makes me conclude that African men are an endangered species. Why are all these young girls looking for one medicine or the other to help them woo a man and spend his money? Why are they not looking for something to make their own money? Where are the women empowerment groups? They really need to change the mindset of our girls.

Leticia Amponsah

Apart from the salt content of "momone" it is better than the artificial additives such as monosodium we find in food seasoning.

There is a news item that says momone is bad for the kidney and I feel some of these statements denigrate our local food in order to promote foreign products. We refuse to buy into their plots.

Yacoba Aggrey

There is nothing wrong with nurses leaving Ghana for Europe. Are we not training more nurses than we can employ? Where should our

trained but unemployed nurses go? Those travelling abroad would make way for others who have been trained but are jobless to also get employed in order to build their resume for future departure.

Why are we talking as if those nurses leaving have no replacements? Let us stop blaming our nurses for the situation and put in place a system to regularise their departure so that the nation can benefit financially from their endeavours abroad.