



makye Supt. Cephas Arthur conducting President Akufo-Addo round the photo exhibition. Those with **y Gibbah** them include Mr. Asante-Apeatu and Mr. Dominic Nitiwul, Minister of Defence.

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— Pres tells Police

law and order in the country. The Minister assured of government's commitment to provide the needed support to make the Police effective in the performance of its duties. He called on Ghanaians, development partners to support the security agencies in their activities.

The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr David Asante Apeatu said the Service had, over the years, worked hard to maintain law and order and provide security for the progressive development of the country.

"Our resolve to fight crimes in all facets, as a constitutional mandate has yielded positive results across the length and breadth of the country," he said.

To maintain law and order, Mr. Apeatu said the police would continue to be visible in the communities, cities, waterways and highways.

He said by dint of hard work and dedication the police and other security agencies policed the electoral process without any major incident which had added value to the country's democratic credentials.

Mr Apeatu assured the public that perpetrators of acts of lawlessness would face the full rigours of the law.

He said his administration would rolled out strategic plan to ensure that the Service became a world-class police service capable

of delivering planned democratic, protective and peaceful service up to standard of international best practices.

Mr Apeatu said the police would eschew all forms of negative practices, ensure discipline among other ranks and

remain resolute and focused to win absolute confidence of the people in the country.

As part of the occasion President Nana Akufo-Addo presented an amount of GH¢20,000 to the Service to support their activities.

Ghanaians are safe in South Africa

— Ayorkor Botchway assures

By Julius Yao Petetsi

GHANAIS in South Africa are safe and sound in the face of the xenophobic attacks that have reared its head in that part of the continent, Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration Minister, Ms. Shirley Ayorkor Botchway has assured.

Giving an update in Parliament yesterday on the state of events there as far as Ghanaians were concerned, Ms. Ayorkor Botchway said the Ghanaian mission in South Africa was keeping an eye on Ghanaian citizens there.

Her assurance follows attacks on some black immigrants, especially Nigerians in some suburbs in the capital, Pretoria last weekend.

This has led to mounting

tensions amidst the wave of attacks against businesses owned by immigrants, who some angry residents accuse of spreading crime.

This is not the first of such attacks as several low-income Pretoria neighborhoods have in the past witnessed such violent attacks some of which had resulted in death over the years.

South Africa last experienced xenophobic attacks in the Johannesburg suburb of Durban in 2015 attracting condemnation from across the globe.

According to South African Police, at least 30 shops and homes have been looted and some burned down in the latest attacks.

To ensure Ghanaians were untouched in the renewed racial hatred, which unfortunately targets black Africans, the Minister said Ghanaian businesses in the area that has come under attack have

'Lower the bar for varsity admissions'

By Raissa Sambou

PROFESSOR Joshua Alabi, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Professional Studies Accra (UPSA) has called for a review of the entry requirement of the universities in the country to enable more students gain admission.

He said a lot of qualified students could not access tertiary education due to the high standards of the entry requirement.

Prof Alabi, who stated this at a lecture in Accra on Thursday, said it was regrettable that applicants with grade 'D' could not enter public universities.

He said in the United Kingdom students with grade 'D' were given opportunity to access university education.

Prof Alabi opined that there was no evidence to suggest that students with grades 'D' could not do well at the tertiary level.

"Even countries like the United Kingdom (UK) who introduced Ghana to tertiary education accept Ghanaians with grade 'D'.

Education is a right so the Ministry of Education must ensure every qualified person, interested in tertiary institutions should be given equal opportunity as those with 'A' and 'B' grades especially when there is no substantial evidence that shows that persons with 'D' cannot do well at the tertiary level", he stressed.

The lecture, the third in the series organised by the Baraka Policy Institute (BPI) was under the theme "In quest of life opportunities for all-the key issues"

Touching on infrastructural

development of the universities in the country, Professor Alabi appealed to government to allocate more funding to finance the infrastructural project being executed by the various universities.

Prof Alabi expressed concern about the high cost of affiliation fees, and called on the Ministry of Education to intervene to check the practice.

In order to enhance the global ranking of smaller tertiary institutions in the country, he suggested that, smaller institutions like the Ghana Institute of Journalism, the Institute of Languages and the National Film and Television institute (NAFTI) should be merged to become one university.

The Executive Director of BPI, Mr. Zagoon Sayeed advocated a critical look into how education at the public universities would become better and accessible to all, especially the less endowed students.

He explained that there was the need for a national policy on key fundamentals that create equal opportunity for all irrespective of their gender, religion and social background.

Mr. Alhassan Andani, the Board Chairman of BPI stated that, BPI seeks to ensure equity within the context of Ghana's development through education.

He mentioned that, education and wellbeing holds the key to the socio-economic development of the nation adding that his outfit had outlined programmes that were focused on the education of the deprived especially the vulnerable and the general wellbeing of the citizenry.

apartheid days.

In protest against this conduct, the Asewase MP suggested that South African brands and businesses across the continent were shunned, urging the regional bodies, ECOWAS, AU, among other bodies, to take steps to ensure the wave of attacks were stopped before it escalated.

Majority Leader, Mr. Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu, on his part said the authorities on that country needed to do more as such attacks were affecting its image and viability of investment.

He said for aggrieved citizens to vent their spleens on innocent immigrants as a result of dwindling living standards among low income earners in the country, which used to be Africa's biggest economy, was unfortunate and needed to be checked.

been advised to shut down in the meantime as authorities brought the situation under control.

She said apart from visiting the Ghanaian shops in the Pretoria enclave, the Ghanaian mission in South Africa has also provided a toll free number at the High Commission to serve as a point of call to Ghanaians who may need assistance in any attack.

Ms. Ayorkor Bothway, MP for Anyaa Sowutuom, reiterated government's commitment to protecting every Ghanaian leaving anywhere across the globe, adding that it was closely monitoring the situation.

Minority Chief Whip, Alhaji Mohammed Muntaka Mubarak, fuming at the turn of events in South Africa noted that it was a breach of trust for citizens of that country to violently chase out their African 'brothers' when these same people stood by them during the