



ENTRY OF NOLLE PROSEQUI THE REPUBLIC V. MAHAMA AYARIGA AND ANOTHER

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Following a thorough review of the available evidence, the OSP has entered a *nolle prosequi* in respect of all the charges and counts against both accused persons on the following grounds:

- a) Upon further scrutiny of the available evidence, the Republic would be unable to prove its case on the standard of proof required in criminal case, viz. beyond reasonable doubt.
- b) The present case appears certain to suffer the same fate as Case No. FT/012/2019, the *Republic v. Hajia Hawa Ninchema & Six Others*, which was dismissed on 7 May 2021 on a submission of no case to answer.

The OSP is a specialized prosecutorial anti-graft agency. We prevent, investigate, and prosecute cases involving corruption and corruption related offences. We also trace and recover the proceeds of crime. Under the leadership of the Special Prosecutor, Kissi Agyebeng, the OSP is poised to make corruption a costly venture in Ghana.

Notes to editors:

- Member of Parliament for Bawku Central had been facing two separate actions by the State. He was acquitted and discharged in the first case, Case No. FT/012/2019, *The Republic v. Hajia Hawa Ninchema & Six Others* in respect of alleged procurement breaches in the purchase of an ambulance for his constituency.
- First accused person in the second case, Mahama Ayariga, on 11 August 2019 was charged on five counts of using public office for private benefit, using public office in the purchase of brand new and second-hand Toyota Landcruiser vehicles.
- Second accused person, in the second case, Kenerick Akwasi Marfo, car rental dealer was charged with one count of collaboration with a public officer for the public officer's private profit.

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