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STATUTORY HALF YEARLY PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 (3) OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ACT, 2017 (ACT 959) ACT 959

The Office of the Special Prosecutor is required by section 3 (3) of the Office of the Special Prosecutor Act, 2017 (Act 959) as part of its functions to "on a half yearly basis, publish the following information in at least two daily newspapers of national circulation and on the website of the Office:

- (a) the list of corruption cases investigated and prosecuted by the Office; and
- (b) the number of acquittals, convictions and cases pending in respect of the cases prosecuted under (a) and the value of proceeds recovered if any

This publication constitutes the second half yearly publication providing the statutory information stipulated in section 3 (3) (a) of Act 959 since the Office became functionally operational still with a small core of investigators by end of the year 2019:

Section 3 (3) (a) of Act 959

List of corruption cases investigated and accused charged for court:

- (I) The Republic v (I) Mahama Ayariga (2) Kenerick Akwasi Marfo (investigated jointly with EOCO)
- (2) The Republic v (1) Hajia Hawa Ninchema (2) Sumaila Ewuntomah Abudu (3) Alex Avade (4) Alhaji Abdul-Mumuni Jesewunde (5) Mary-Stella Adapesa (6) Mumuni Yakubu Nambe (7) Mahama Ayariga

List of corruption cases of accused persons arraigned and being prosecuted:

- (I) The Republic v Mahama Ayariga (2) Kenerick Akwasi Marfo
- (2) The Republic v (1) Hajia Hawa Ninchema (2) Sumaila Ewuntomah Abudu (3) Alex Avade (4) Alhaji Abdul-Mumuni Jesewunde (5) Mary-Stella Adapesa (6) Mumuni Yakubu Nambe (7) Mahama Ayariga

Section 3 (3) (b) of Act 959

There have been no acquittals, and convictions as the two cases listed above are pending as being prosecuted. Consequently no value of any assets have been recovered.

This half yearly report for this year, hearing in the case of the Republic v Hawa Ninchema & 6 ORS pending before the High Court, Accra (Financial Division) has begun. The prosecution has called its first witness who has since testified, been cross examined and discharged. Hearing of the case shall resume on 29th March 2021 for the prosecution to call its next witness.

In respect of the <u>Republic</u> v <u>Mahama Ayariga & Another</u> pending before the same court, the case is at the management stage.

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