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**Happy Eid-ul-Fitr**

• Children were not left out of the Eid-ul-Fitr celebration held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Black Star Square in Accra. Picture: ESTHER ADJORKOR ADJEI

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# Change mindset to eliminate malaria

By Rebecca Kwel

Young people have been urged to stand up for their future by playing

crucial roles towards malaria elimination because of the impact of the disease on their overall health.

According to the Programme

Manager of the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP), Dr Keziah Malm, young people

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# The next Einsteins

## 6 Female students excel in science

By Donald Ato Dapatem

Six female students of Uaddara Junior High School in Kumasi, who won the overall best award at the Ghana Science and Technology Explorer Prize (G-STEP) held in Accra, have been commended by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo for their exploits and determination.

He described the girls as the next Einsteins and that the work they had done was an inspiration to others in their generation and hope for the future of the country.

Stunned by the invention, an electronic road safety device, “Illuminated Child Safety Device”, President Akufo-Addo suggested that the Ministries of Roads and Highways and Transport should look at the possibility of perfecting the work for national use.

The device, about eight feet high with other accessories such as a switch, alarm and panels that reduce accidents on roads also has a dust bin that encourages people to responsibly dispose of their waste.

He said his administration was investing in education especially Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education

to boost the country’s determination to use science and technology to advance its developmental process.

President Akufo-Addo also announced an undisclosed cash donation for them.

Led by Priscilla Appiah, the rest are Akua Acheampomaa Appau, Comfort Boampomaa Essel, Priscilla Osei Tutu, Princess Helen Korankye Agyemang and Persis Oppong Agyemang.

According to Ms Appiah, they invented the device to solve the

problem of incessant knocking down of pupils of their school by speeding vehicles that were on their way to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

For their award, Uaddara JHS took home a plaque and Ghc 80,000 to be used for STEM equipment and materials.

The competition, which was put together by G-STEP, Dream OVAL Foundation, Foundrive, DEXT Technology and MEST Africa attracted 622 entries from basic schools in the Greater Accra and the Ashanti regions was aimed at solving societal problems.



The winners with President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (fourth left) and Akosua Frema Osei-Opare (fourth right), the Chief of Staff.



Priscilla Osei Tutu (right) with Comfort Boampomaa Essel showing how the Illuminated Child Safety Device works.



### Letters

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## Flood early warning system laudable

Dear Editor, Floods usually cause harm and damage to the inhabitants of a community.

This is because choked gutters prevent the rainwater from flowing, thereby causing floods which destroy people’s properties or even worse, some people lose their lives through it.

I, therefore, want to commend the government for the early flood warning system for the Greater

Accra Region.

This initiative is essential because people living in flood-prone communities will have the benefit of advance notice of flooding to enable them to take steps to protect their lives and properties.

According to reports, the system will work such that an installed radar will receive information on incoming rains from the Ghana Meteorological Authority and it will be able to predict where there will be flooding.

Furthermore, there will be a centre where information will be put together and communicated through traditional and social media to communities at risk of floods.

In order not to turn this initiative into another lip service, I would like to urge the government to fast-track the process of getting a service provider for the initiative before the major rainy season sets in.

Jessica Abanga, Accra.



Floods cause damage to communities.