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# Invest in cinema industry

— Chief Dr Andani to African govts

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**F**OUNDER and Executive Chairman of LVSAfrica Limited, Chief Dr Alhassan Andani, is challenging African governments to invest in cinema infrastructure since the sector has huge

untapped financial prospects. He indicated that just as African governments recognise and give attention to the agriculture industry and other sectors, the cinema industry equally

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# Time to revamp Ghana's cinema culture is now

IN bygone times, before Ghana became synonymous with independence, cinemas were central to entertainment in the country.

They showed major film productions from the US, India and other parts of the world. These cinemas were popular from the start and continued to thrive for at least, the first few decades in which they operated.

Moving about in Ghana's capital, cinema halls such as Opera, Palladium in Accra Central; Orion at the Kwame Nkrumah Circle; Roxy, Royal and Globe cinemas at Adabraka; Regal on the Osu-La road, and the Rex Cinema opposite the Accra hockey pitch were common sights.

Interestingly, while cinemas have long been revered as the heart and soul of the global film industry which offer a unique way for audiences to

connect with stories on the big screen, Ghana continues to wallow in the lost pride of its once vibrant culture.

It's quite frustrating noting the poor state of Ghana's cinema sector, with many old and dilapidated cinema houses being used now as church halls or night clubs.

Graphic Showbiz is certain that with state-of-the-art technology, comfortable seating and high-quality sound systems, audiences can truly immerse themselves in the magic of cinema.

This experience will equally enhance the appeal of Ghanaian films, making them more competitive on the global stage.

Additionally, modern cinemas provide a platform for local filmmakers to showcase their work to a wider audience.

This is particularly crucial for aspiring directors and

producers who have struggled to find the right outlet to push their works. The cinema experience allows them to tell their stories on a grand scale, increasing their chances of recognition and success.

Also, transforming cinemas in Ghana has the potential to breathe new life into the slopping movie industry and the utmost reason for which the upcoming Africa Cinema Summit hosted by the National Film Authority (NFA) and scheduled for November 14-16 at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra, should be a clarion call for industry players to take significant measures to revamp the sector.

The Africa Cinema Summit is expected to bring together major players and decision-makers such as government officials, film authorities and commissions from various African countries to explore ways to address challenges in the industry.

This is certainly a good platform for Ghanaian movie players to acquire the requisite knowledge and Graphic Showbiz urges our industry players to actively participate in the summit.

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## Salma Mumin

WHEN will the constant trolling of actress Salma Mumin end? Ever since she went under the knife to enhance her body, it seems she can't find peace.

People need to understand it's her life, her body and her choice and she doesn't require anyone's permission to do what makes her happy.

Salma is financially independent and should be free to live on her terms, hence Ghanaians should focus on their lives and let her be.

Salma should remain true to herself and not allow the hate comments on social media get to her because in the end, it's her happiness and well-being that matter most.

Emmanuel, Haatsso



## Samini

INDEED, Samini has no challenger when it comes to stage craft and his solid performance at *Tidal Rave* concert recently gives credence to that assertion.

I was not at the festival but videos I have seen and online commentaries by those who attended the show proved that the 'Akye saa man' is still on top of his game.

To the young guys who want to remain relevant on the music scene for a long time, learn from Samini on how to be a showstopper. He is the ish on stage.

JessLove, Haatsso

## Gyakie

GYAKIE'S music keeps getting world-wide attention and her latest song, *Something had French footballer, Aurelien Tchouameni dancing, confirming her global appeal.*

I believe Gyakie has the potential for international stardom, similar to Beyoncé and

Rihanna and will not be out of place for Ghanaians to firmly throw their support behind her.

Gyakie has got what it takes to raise the flag of Ghana high on the global stage and Ghanaians cannot fail her by not giving her massive support.

JannyNash, Takeoradi

