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'SHE HASN'T GOT AIDS'

— And court dismisses C100m suit

STORY: KWESI KOOMSON

A CAPE Coast High Court has dismissed a claim for C100 million as damages by two members of the Odumna Family of Ekumfi Narkwa in the Central Region from the Gyasehene of the town for allegedly saying that Esi Swedru, an 18-year-old member of the family was a victim of the dreaded Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) disease.

Ebusuapanyin Kwaa Kwandze and Esi who were first and second plaintiffs respectively were claiming C50 million for the second plaintiff and the remaining for the Odumna

Family from the Gyasehene J. H. Williams, the defendant.

In a 22-point statement of claim the plaintiffs said in February, 1989, Esi returned to Ekumfi Narkwa from a trip to Half Assini where she assigned an uncle fisherman in a fishing expedition.

A few days after her return, the Gyasehene caused a gong-gong to be beaten in the town warning the inhabitants that some girls who had returned from Half Assini were suffering from AIDS. After this, the Gyasehene summoned the mother of the second plaintiff and ordered her to bring Esi before him and his elders.

In the subsequent interrogation during which Esi was intensively quizzed on her activities at Half Assini, the Gyasehene, in the presence of the elders, said he had information

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NAM Confab — A Dream Fulfilled

By Ransford Tetteh

THIS afternoon, when the curtain is drawn to signify the end of the 10th Ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Accra, Ghanaians would have been left with a sense of fulfilment for their contribution towards one of the largest and successful gatherings of the Movement.

The Accra meeting has been described as historic because apart from being the first in Ghana it is also the first in the post-cold war era.

Especially the opening ceremony was reminiscent of the 1965 OAU Summit which was hosted at the Kwame Nkrumah Conference Centre. Few comments gathered from some Ghanaians indicate that the initial uncertainties that many people held towards the confere

rence has changed because, according to them, if nothing at all NAM has brought in its wake a serious face-lift of Accra.

Even though they acknowledge that facilities are not perfectly in place, the general face-lift when completed will give Accra a new look. For that they are grateful to the PNDC.

The Accra conference which also co-incided with the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Movement was formally opened last Wednesday by Flt.-Lt. J. J. Rawlings, Chairman of the PNDC.

For two days earlier, senior officials of the Movement met to draw the agenda for the ministerial meeting.

Before the Leader of the Revolution arrived at the conference centre to open the epoch-making event, 15 cultural groups had staged a

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NANA-NOM DANCE ENSEMBLE

• One of the 15 cultural troupes performing at the forecourt of the conference centre before the opening ceremony by Flt.-Lt. Rawlings. (See centre pages). Picture by Narteh Shaidah.



Starlets Conquer The World

Here it is, the fruit of the struggle in Italy... smiling Black Starlets' skipper Alex Opoku seems to say as he cuddles the FIFA-JVC World Under-17 Cup.

Alex, the first Ghanaian to kiss a World Cup, led the Black Starlets to a historic triumph in the two-week soccer fiesta by beating Spain 1-0 in the final match exactly a week ago today in Florence.

The Starlets, who were voted the best side of the 16-nation tournament, won the hearts of soccer followers with their soccer artistry. They arrived home last Tuesday to receive a tumultuous welcome from Ghanaians, who have shown their appreciation by donating in cash and in kind to them. See pages 8/9 for more pictures.

Picture by Emmanuel Quaye.

