

(Uberu) Thank you very much. (Dagbani translation) Ehhh I think we have all heard and filled our ears. All our panelists have mentioned their names and where they are coming from. I think the one who spoke first said her name is Rebbeka and she is from a school called Bryn Mawr College and it is located within America. It is in the Capital of America that Bryn Mawr College is located. And our uncle who is next is called Brandon that he is from America and from the same school which is Bryn Mawr College located within the Capital of America. And finally our aunty who said her name is Alizeh. She is from Pakistan but attending that school which is Bryn Mawr college but she said she can speak a bit about development in America. That it is not her home but when she got there she has stayed there for long so she can speak about it a little bit.

(uberu) (Dagbani Tranlation) Alright -I think what she said.. that if you come and look, that they are so happy with the question that I asked them especially in relation to America and Ghana. That before you speak of how a nation started or a nation developed it is appropriate to remember back how it started before you can speak. If you have spoken about that, then you can now speak of its present development. So that is what our aunty said. Ok.

(Rebekka's speech)

Ok. What she said, that how she is going to start it is, the school she attended, she is studying about the Africa or she is learning about its work (Africa) in the school. And that the little she has studied so far is, she knows that their land (talking about America) that they used to live in a desert which was a plain land. They did not know what to decide. And that if you take look at Africa we were living with a lot of wealth. We had Gold and lot of things in addition to Cocoa. All these we had in Africa. But because the white were stronger than us, because of that the whites travelled here and captured us like slaves and owned us doing whatever they liked with us in the rest of Africa. And took away all that we had back home. That once they took all that we had back home, it is obvious that their home will be more developed than ours. Because it is from us that all the wealth is coming from and they did not leave it here in Africa but taking it to Europe. Once they took to the whites, definitely, they took there to put it into good use for themselves so that their land will develop. And that they also captured so many of our people. That if you take a look at parts of their home like Brazil, all of them were living in Africa. But because they were stronger than blacks, tormenting them and then brought them to their homeland, which is the reason that has led to blacks living in the land of the whites and it has also become their homes. And so, that is how they started their development. They started their development in Africa by taking our wealth back their home and developing it. Ok.

Ok. I think what she has added again is, that we all bear witness that a country called Britain (am talking about England), that they were those who captured Ghana as slaves. That this slavery, how it started was that, the whites sat together. Leaders from their capital cities sat together- in a meeting then every

leader chose-if we come to Africa I will own this country and that country and that country so that is why the president of England or Britain at that time-the one who was powerful in the land had to choose Ghana. That at that time, Ghana was not called Ghana it was called Gold Coast. The Gold Coast was... Everybody know that Gold is "Salma". So it indicated that Gold was in abundance in Ghana. Because of that, the leader of England or Britain chose Ghana. That if we take a look, there was Senegal and another country also chose them. **(Translator: I think am going to talk about..... because they are many and they are all going to talk.)**

That some also chose Senegal and the people of England said no- that once they have chosen it, they also need the same place. Because of that they dipped inside that land and chose... ehh in Senegal they all selected a portion of the land which is Senega....eehhh am talking about Gambia. That is why there is Gambia today. Because if you take a look, Gambia is, if look for in a Map and see Gambia I think you will be surprised how.....they are just in Senegal. I think they and Senegal are competing. And their reason was that, these whites were more enlightened than one another. And they knew that where this person has chosen if I don't also choose the same place it looks as if the wealth I am looking for is also found there. Due to that you see him go and find another land in the same place and cut it for his ownership. Ehh this ownership is what the white people call colonization. Like if someone takes you for a slave, he owns you, he raises you or is responsible for you, he oppressed you. And all this did not come about but as a result of, the whites were stronger than we blacks and they manufactured Guns and brought it and owned us and we were in slavery and they oppressed us until they carried away all our wealth to the Whiteman's land.

Ok. I think what she said eehh finally is, that if you come and look, eehh how it started it again-that they made every nation or knew every nation eeh this is the crop they grow or this is the kind of crop that is grown in the land which is important. And that if take a look at Ghana, that is was Cocoa that was seen as important. And that in Senegal it was Tea that was seen to be important. Every nation-every African nation had a particular crop they used to grow a lot and which was so important to them. So when they got into these countries it was those crops that they spread in the land and cultivated these crops and made the slaves to take care of these farms until the those crops yield well . After it yield well, they will then take to back home-Europe and process into chocolate (the white people call something chocolate) and process it into those sweets, this sweet sweet foods and sell at a high price over there. And that they did not sell it over there alone but brought back some to Africa like Ghana and also sold at high prices to Ghanaians and so it isn't that they brought it back for free. It was in Ghana they cultivated those crops, sent it to their land and processed it there and then brought it back and sold at high prices to us Ghanaians. And said there again that, if you come and look, it was so pathetic or there was no fairness there because of the work they used to do. Because of this, their land started to develop and develop until it got to a point where they are more developed than we in Africa today.

Ok. Very well. I think what she said again is that, what they did again was that, or the kind of authority they exhibited was, they allowed some of us to have formal education but they did not allow many to have this formal education in Ghana. They selected a few people and made them attend school. And because of that we suffered a lot. They knew that if they had allowed so many people to attend school, then Ghana would have been enlightened so that we could fight for our independence earlier. That

because of this, our tradition culture overrode this education so much because not so many people attended school that would make life better for us and so this was a big problem for us in Ghana. And culture was superior everywhere. And eerr, what brought about some relief was when we had independence in Ghana. That is when Ghana had independence. That was in 1957 eerr and our first president who is Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and he came out and fought and chased the white people away and got independence. And that, after he had it, truly, the president provided good hospitals, provided schools buildings which would lead to Ghana been enlightened. And so, when they built all that and schools and hospitals started well, it led to a situation where Ghana's currency depreciated. Because we wanted to gain knowledge that will empower us in the future like it is better today, that is why Ghana did not do that well by then. Because anytime we got money, they used it in all that we were doing.

Ok. Good, eehh I think what she said is.....this is her final speech that she has made. She mentioned that what is more is, the problems that persisted were, after Kwame Nkrumah gained independence, things were better. But after that, we encountered some little problems because it used to be coup' d'états. This person wanted win and another person wanted to win. All the presidents that won after Kwame Nkrumah was really a problem for Ghana and our economy did not do well which was due to coup' d'états. This continued until things got better. So it is now satisfactory, and she believes that now Ghana is developing all the time. And there is peace in Ghana especially considering our last elections that we held which went to court. That a lot of people thought it was going to be a problem but it not become a problem. So this is an indication that Ghana is still prepared for more development that will continue to push the nation forward all the time. So they are also helping us with prayer. She lasted by saying that she has spoken about Ghana and Africa and so Brandon will speak to us about America.

Brandon's speech

Ok. Good. I think what our brother Brandon just said is, he wants to talk a bit about eerr America. That England-Britain (**Translator: I think this Nation is so enlightened**) eerr that it was them who colonized America. (**Translator: can you imagine that with America as enlightened as it is, some people could enslave them as they enslaved Ghana some time ago?**). Because of that, it was the same England-Britain who colonized America like slaves and exploited them for everything. But how America was fortunate is that, sometimes when they captured these slaves, they sent them to America and taught them vocations. Teaching them traditional plays, and taught them a lot of necessary things. That is why America is so diverse. You will see black people, and then you will see white people, and also see people from somewhere. That is why America is so large. If they captured some place-they could come to Africa and capture slaves and send them to America and use them as labor or keep them there and using them to work. It continued like that till America became serious and got their independence. That it was in the 1970s that America struggled for their independence and started developing themselves. So that is why America is so developed today.

Ok. Errr what he said again is, when this whites came to Africa and captured slaves, they will send them to 'Africa' and use them as labor force over there. That is how they continued to be used as labor force

until they became citizens of that place. That, if you take a look at present time, there are some black people living in America who do not know again where they came from. Because they were kids or they captured them as slaves and sent them there, used them as labor force until they also got married and produced kids or they could capture someone and his wife as slaves and send them there and they could also work and at a point give birth. So after America had her independence, they also settled there and produced kids. So it is inevitable that when these kids grow up and their parents are no more or if they also produce kids, it will come to a time where these people will not know where they came from. They will know that they are Africans but they do not know where they are coming from. That development is a must and everybody is supposed to think about development. That the American people have thought about development so well. So that is why America is standing like this today. That if they should tell you that America have been colonized before, I think you may not want to believe it. But because the Americans seem to be quick thinking that is why America is so well developed today.

Ok, what he adds again is, if you take a look at a today, Ghana and America has a lot of friendship and this friendship is always strengthening. That, it is in the spirit of such friendship that they (the fellows) have also travelled here. And that again, if you take a look, Ghana is developing so well and America is helping Ghana with a lot of things so that our lives will also improve. If you look at present time, Ghana has oil and this oil can help Ghana to develop so well. The little problem there is about processing this oil. Ghana is not capable of processing or we do not have the kind of machines that can process and so it is the whites who do come and take the oil away to process. That, what we own in the deal is not much. And it is only this that seems a problem but they are also praying for us. And have the intent that Ghana will develop well once we have oil in our land.

Ok, I think what he said finally, his final speech is, it is a delight that Ghana was the first in Africa to gain independence and eerrr this is delightful and so they are foreseeing that once it was Ghana who got her independence first, this means that Ghana is really standing firm like they America is standing. And that if you take a look, Ghana had its independence in 1957 and America gained theirs in the 1970s (Rebekka chips in 1776. 181 years old) ook. Hahahaha 1776. Ok. That, America had its independence in 1776. **(transator-Errrr I think they had their independence so early)** and because of that, (gaining their independence early,) their land developed. **(Translator: because I think if somebody is 'sitting on your nose' and you overpower that person, then it is inevitable that whatever you desire will be achieved at all times)**. Because of that, they believe Ghana was the first nation in Africa to gain its independence. And so it will help Ghana a lot and they are praying to God for Ghana to develop quickly like America has developed.

Alizeh's speech

Ok. Ehrrr I think what our (sister) said, she said that it is delightful. That, before a nation develops, **(translator: I think that all know what we are supposed to in order to make the nation develop)**. And that before you develop you must ask how will I develop, and if I develop how I will look like or what am my supposed to do and develop and be better. I think, that if you look all that, I think it will be better for you. That, if you look at America they are so developed. Because of that, we Africa or nations that are still not developed as they are like Ghana –if we are to develop, we must ask ourselves how we can

develop like America. Or how do I develop like England?, or how do I develop like Japan. Those are the countries that are so developed. That, if you look at that, and ask yourself a question, then you will gather that kind of idea that you will use to develop. And think again-now can develop to the stage where they are? I think, that if you ask yourself that it will give the urge or the wisdom to develop so well in order to get to that status.

Ehrr I think what she said again finally is, if you look at developed countries like America, Japan or England. Those countries she mentioned. That, it is not as if they do not have problems. Presently, they do also have problems but their problems are minimal. That, there is no nation free from problems in everything. That, if you look, before a nation develops, there should more jobs. Many people should be employed. And business should always be alive. And a lot of things should be flourishing there. That, when we say this nation is developed, it does not mean they are free from all problems and that everyone living there is satisfied. There are bound to be problems but theirs will be minimal. That, what will make every nation develop or prosper is when we link up or communicate like between America and Ghana. If are able to share ideas. And share our cultures all that will make our lives better. That, a nation's development is how you can sit down and think of ways that the other person followed to develop. I think, that, those are the kind of things the developing nations need to be thinking about. If you have friendship with them and you continue to go them for ideas. Or if there is the need, then you can go and ask them concerning problems that they can help you to solve. If you are able to do that, then (I think,) in a short while you will also develop like that country. I think that is the little she said.

Ehrrr I think this round we are going to invite calls from (listeners) ehrrr I think, and see what everyone has to add to this program. So right now you can call us on 0543115919 so that we see what you have to add to that problem or that challenge. Ok. Call us for us to see what you have to add. Let us sip a little water and come back to continue. (background music playing-notorious)

Ok. Good. Right now you can call us on 0543115919 so that we will see what you have to add to the development or if you also want to thank or greet our panelists, you can call in and thank or greet them. Ehrrrr I think one brother sent a text and said we should ask them about ehrrr Israel-their position on Israel-Gaza conflict. Ok. I think they appreciate it but for now they want to concentrate more on development. Ehrrr that, they want to delve more on development. Ok. So you can call in on 0543115919. If you call in you can speak Dagbanli. If you want to greet them, ok. then you call in and greet them very well. Or if it is a question or an addition you want make, there an opportunity for you o call in and do that. (Background music continues) Music stops.

Ok. I think we have a little problem with our (studio) phone but all the same you can call in on 0543115919 for us to see what you have to add. They (the fellows) talked much on ehrr Ghana and the west how their development is going and much more. So you can also call in on 0543115919. (background music continues).

Ok. I think, we are still here. There is a problem with our phone all the same you can call in for us to see what you have to contribute. If you also have a question you can call in and ask. Ehrr you can speak Dagbani and it will be translated into English to them. So please call in on 0543115919. Ok. I have my

first call on the phone. Hello... please what is your name and where are you calling from? (caller) I just want to thank them very much for this program.

Ok. you can also call in for us to see what you have. Ehrrr 0543115919 you can also call in ehrrrr so that we see what you have to add. If just want to thank, its ok. you can do that. Ahhh 0543115919. Ahhhh 0543115919 you can call that line and we see what you have. (Background music).

Ok. I think we have a call on our phone. Hello... please, your name and where you are calling from? (caller) my name is Abdul-Rahaman from Daboya. Host: ok. Abdul-Rahaman we are listening. (caller) I just want to thank you for that program and say God bless you. Host: Amen. OK. We also greet you. Bye.

Hello.... Please your name and where you are calling us from. (caller) my name is yussif-Kumbungu. Host: Yussif-Kumbungu ok. We are listening. (Caller) ehrr I also wish to greet the leaders and say God bless them for what they said. Host: ok. ok. we also greet you.

You can also call in. Hello.... (Caller) hello... good afternoon. Host: good afternoon. Please your name and where you are calling from. (Caller) my name is Ahmed-Zugu Lun-naayili. I want to greet and thank all of you. Host: ok. We are also grateful.

Ok. you can also call in on 0543115919 so that we see what you have to add. If you just want to greet them you can call in and do that. 0543115919. So please call in for us to see what you have to add.

Hello... (Caller) hello... good afternoon. Host: good afternoon. Please your name and where you are calling from. (Caller) oh. Dalun-Chilbli lana. Host: ok. We are listening. (Caller) I also want to greet and thank them for the program and say God bless them. Host: Amen.

Ok. you can also call in. Hello... (Caller) hello.... Host: your name and where you are calling from. (Caller) my name is peter. Host: who....(caller) Peter from Kasuliyili. I just want to thank them for the program. I also think we should all thank them for the knowledge they have shared with us. There is a local adage that says 'if someone goes to sleep before you, he will surely wake up before you again'. Knowledge has never been small so for them to share it with us like this, we are grateful to them.

You can also call in ehrrrr hello..... (Caller) good afternoon. Host: good afternoon. Your name and where you are calling from. (Caller) from Zugu. Afa Awal. Host: ok. We are listening. (Caller) I just want to greet all of you. God will bless you all. Host: Amen, Amen. (Caller) God will guide your work to flourish. Host: Amen, Amen, Amen. (Caller) God will protect you from the enemies of your progress. Host: Amen, Amen, Amen. (Caller) God should guide you to enhance our culture for us: Host: Amen Amen. Ok. (Caller) the appeal I want to make is that, if you are going to mention your studio line please do it slowly so that we all can get right. Host: ok. I also thank you.

Ok. I think we want to apologize-we cannot pick more calls. That, this time they thank everyone and that they want to play some foreign tunes before the time runs out. They will also say thank you again to everyone especially the callers and believe Ghana is also striving for better development. And so everyone who called in this is your special thanks. So I think we cannot pick any more calls so please don't call in again. Our time is up. (music starts)

