



Ghana celebrates 60 years of independence

On March 6, 1957, Ghana became the first Sub-Saharan African country to gain its independence from colonial rule.

The celebration will be marked with a traditional march past and parade at the iconic Black Star Square. The march will feature the usual active participation of school children alongside security personnel.

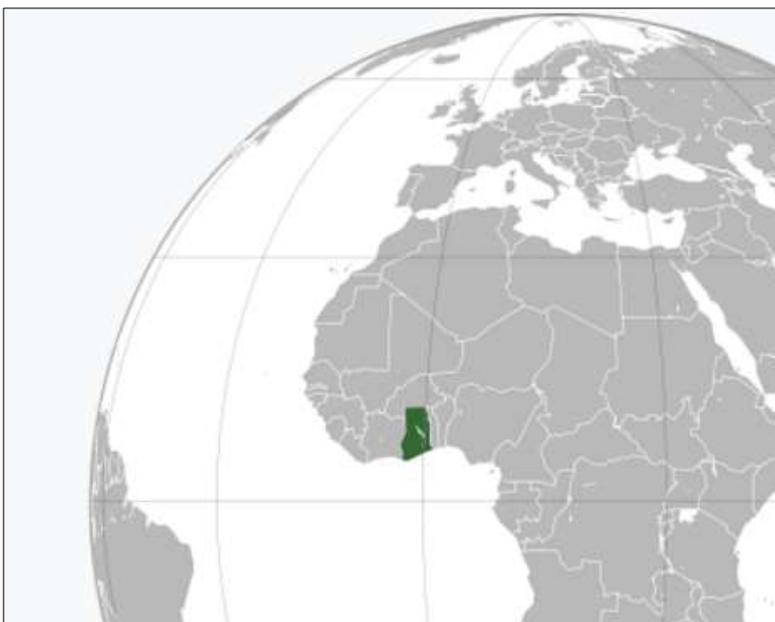
Parades will also be held at the same time across all the regional and district capitals across the country.

President Nana Akufo-Addo will take the national salute, deliver a speech of solidarity to Ghanaians and light the perpetual flame. This torch will embark on a relay throughout the whole of Ghana, as one of the key activities of the celebration, and return to its starting point on March 6, 2018.

Where is Ghana?

Located in the continent of Africa, Ghana covers 227,533 square kilometers of land and 11,000 square kilometers of water, making it the 82nd largest nation in the world.

Distance from Ghana to UK is: 6609 km.



Ghana is highlighted in green.

Facts about Ghana:

-  Ghana is the home to Lake Volta which is the largest artificial lake in the world. It extends for over 320 miles and can even be seen from space!
-  Ghana is the world's second largest producer of cocoa beans.
-  Ghana has a very hot climate as it is near to the equator.
-  The capital is Accra, it is a large city with a population of 4.1 million.
-  It was once known as the Gold Coast, as the country is the second largest producer of gold in Africa.
-  Ghana means "Warrior King" in the Soninke language.



Kuwait cracks down on absent workers



Picture: EasySentry Sentry

Kuwait is to prosecute 38 employees who work for the state for not attending work and having fellow workers use plastic fingertips to fake their presence on a fingerprint attendance system.

The government in Middle Eastern country, Kuwait has been trying to reform work in the state sector, where employees not turning up to work has been a big issue. An official report in 2011 found only half of all state employees were showing up at work.

As part of a crackdown last year, the government stopped the salaries of 900 employees over absenteeism. In one case, an employee had been receiving a salary despite not showing up for work for more than 10 years.

Would you like to register in school using this technology? Do you think it's important to register in person? Would it work?

Hope for Australian animal following fires

A baby quokka found in an area in Western Australia savaged by a bush fire in 2015 has given hope to conservationists.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) conducted a survey 12 months after the blaze and estimated there were only 39 quokkas left in the fire zone area in Northcliffe. A recent inspection of remote sensor cameras picked up multiple sightings of a young quokka baby along

with its mother and another adult. The Northcliffe fire burned some 98,000 hectares, making it the biggest bushfire in Western Australia since 1960.



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Quokka pictured in Australia.

Quokkas are small marsupials native to a small corner of south-western Australia and considered endangered.

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