**VISIT TO KOMENDA SUGAR FACTORY**

I went to Central Region on the 3rd September to visit Komenda Sugar Factory. I visit the Komenda Sugar factory on the same day.

The factory was not operational and only the security man and his friend were there. I asked if there was anybody, I could speak to but no one was around. He called one Mr. Alex from Ministry of trade who is a representative at Cape coast and I spoke to him on the phone. I sent him our introductory letter and questionnaire and he said he does not have the answers to my questions and asked me to go talk to the PRO of ministry of trade.

At the factory site, I requested to take pictures but the security man decline because the factory was hotspot for Political tension and the factory have been in the news for various political reasons.

I was given the assemblyman’s contact which I follow up with him. According to the Assemblyman, the current Sugar factory is the new sugar factory which was built by former president John Mahama, there use to be an old sugar factory.

It was during the time of the old sugar factory that the land was acquired by the government. The current location of the new factory used to be a sugar cane farm for the old factory. The current land size is not well known. He believes the land belong to the government but compensation had not been properly paid because the land was acquired long time ago.

No additional land had been acquired but that the land is more than 50 acres. He said the actual size of the land can be confirmed from the ministry of trade Office.

Apart from the sugar factory, I could see sugar cane and pineapples are also being farm on the land.

Community members are not happy because the factory is not operational. People resign or left their jobs and join the sugar factory but since it was commissioned, they told them, they will begin work soon but it has been 3 years and nothing is happening. No salary has been paid. They feel the various political parties and their chiefs are just taking them for granted. This is about the future of their children.

**VISIT TO FORMAKO**

I couldn’t locate Formaka. I went to Awutu Senya Municipal assembly but they could not help me. The number I had from the internet was also wrong.

**VISIT TO AFRAM PLAINS**

We visited Afram Plains on Saturday July 25 to confirm Africa Atlantic in respect of its operations in the area. We observed that, the company is not located in Afram Plains.

When we visited Afram Plains, there was no one to speak to neither was there any contact to follow up. Our search at the Eastern Regional Lands Commission revealed that there are no such records of Africa Atlantic in their Register but someone mentioned that the land was acquired and trial farming started in 2012 but the operations stalled along the line. Currently the farm is not in operation and abandoned.

Our further enquiry with an officer from Afram Plains North District revealed that the company started trial farming somewhere 2012 but later abandoned the farm.

**VISIT TO GOLD COST FRUITS – NSAWAM**

We visited Nsawam on August 1, 2020 to confirm Gold Coast Fruit at Nsawam. Our visit revealed the company does not exist. Our further enquiry with the community indicated it was an expression of interest, however, we found out that Gold Coast Fruit have office located in Accra.

We visited the office location but was closed at the time of visit, follow-up with calls to the office yielded no results.

We therefore assume that the company expressed interest in establishing operations in Ghana but has not materialized yet.

**VISIT TO ABENESE**

At Abenese we also observed that Biotic Oil Company is not operational. We obtained contact of the company on the internet, but the number could not be reached upon calling. Our investigations with the locals indicated that, the land have been acquired for the purpose of producing palm oil and its associated products but the company has not started operations since the acquisition.

We were not able to obtain any documentation evidencing the acquisition and our search at the Lands Commission also showed no records of their acquisition.

We conclude then that, the local community can confirm the acquisition, but Lands Commission records proved otherwise. This can be the case that, the land might have been acquired but not registered yet and the company has not started operations.