



Ghana: Safety campaign after Accra tragedy sees three gas stations closed down

Three gas stations have been shut down in Ghana over safety concerns as part of a nationwide government campaign, initiated after the tragic explosion which killed 150 people in Accra in June.

Two Total Ghana filling stations in Koforidua, and one Paradise Oil in Akyem Osino, both in the Eastern Region of Ghana, were shut down by authorities from the Environment Ministry due to failed safety standards, reported Ghanaian radio station StarrFM.

Government authorities have started a campaign to strengthen security and safety measures at gas stations across the country. The move comes after a Goil gas station explosion during the Accra flooding on June 3 killed at least 150 people who were taking shelter from the torrential rains.

Deputy Minister of Environment, Science and Technology Dr. Bernice Heloo said, in statements made to StarrFM, that the government would continue the strict examination of service station safety standards in the country in order to protect Ghanaians.

The flooding in Ghana's capital which led to the deadly explosion at a Goil gas station caused more than 150 casualties and over \$100 million in damages, said President John Dramani Mahama.

According to officials the explosion occurred after flood waters swept stored fuel into a nearby fire, igniting the rest of the station.