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RE: ILLEGAL FUEL STATION DISCOVERED IN FOREST RESERVE AS CHINESE NATIONALS ARRESTED IN GOLD MINING RAID

The attention of the Forestry Commission has been drawn to a story by JOYNEWS, a subsidiary of Multimedia Group Limited, regarding the above topic. The said story was also published on the Group's **YouTube** channel on 5th June, 2025.

The Forestry Commission wishes to inform the general public that the information contained in the story is false and a misrepresentation of the true picture.

A team was sent to the grounds to ascertain the veracity or otherwise of the story, and the Forestry Commission wishes to state as follows:

1. The fuel station is **NOT** located in the Jimira Forest Reserve as reported by JOYNEWS.
2. The fuel station is located at the outskirts of the Akomfere community and a little over 3.5km from the boundary of the Asenanyo River Forest Reserve.
4. The fuel station has been in operation since November 2024 under the name, Life Energy, owned by a certain Mr. Larry Musah.
5. The Jimira Forest Reserve is also located in the Atwima Mponua District of the Ashanti Region, but it is about 50km from the Asenanyo River Forest Reserve.
6. The Forestry Commission is committed in its efforts to ensuring that all reserves in the country are free from illegalities.

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