

FISHERMEN UNAWARE OF CENSUS

SOME FISHERMEN in Cape Coast metropolis have stated that they are not aware of the population and housing census.

Six out of ten who were interviewed by *DAILY GUIDE* said they were not aware of any exercise and for that matter, they had not prepared for any question that would be posed to them by the enumerators.

Speaking to *DAILY GUIDE* on Tuesday, some of them claimed that although they had radio and television sets, they did not have time to watch and listen to any of the programmes on the census because of their work; hence their little knowledge about the exercise.

Others also said although their houses were marked, they thought government was going to demolish their buildings because of the frequent demolishing exercise that took place in Accra.

Some of them also stated that they thought government had marked their building so that new houses would be put up to replace the dilapidated structures they lived in.

The Central Region had a total number of 3,243 enumeration areas, and it was able to employ 3,373 enumerators and 47 senior field supervisors.

Some of the enumerators attributed the low patronage of the on-going census to low publicity.

According to some of them who claimed to have participated in the 2000 census, materials and other equipment were ready before the census night, adding that this helped them to achieve their target.

A chop bar operator who claimed she slept under a shed. Said she had not been counted yet, even though all those who sleep outdoors had been counted.

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