



## National anti-galamsey task force deployed



• Mrs Barbara Oteng Gyasi (right), a Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Mr Kenneth Ashigbey (left), the Managing Director of Graphic Communications Group Limited, at the launch of Operation Vanguard in Accra

**L**AST Tuesday, the national anti-galamsey task force that made up of 400 military and police officers were deployed at a ceremony held at the Burma Camp in Accra.

Dubbed: "Operation Vanguard," the task force has been divided into three groups to cover the Ashanti, Eastern and Western regions, considered to be the most

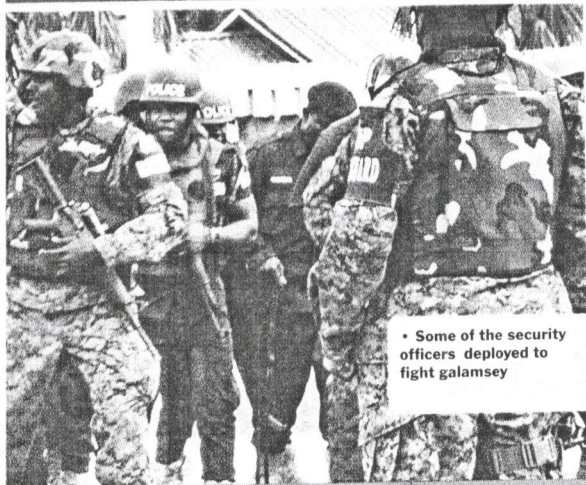
affected by the illegal mining operations.

The teams have been tasked to stay in their assigned regions until all forms of illegal mining, popularly known as galamsey, have been stopped and unauthorised mining pits permanently destroyed.

Trained at the Bundase Training Camp in the Ningo Prampram District in the Greater Accra Region, the task force members have

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The Minister of Defence, Mr Dominic Nitiwul warned galamsey operators and residents in communities ravaged by the menace not to dare the members because they do so at their peril.

Other speakers included the Interior Minister, Mr Ambrose Dery; the Inspector General of Police, Mr David Asante-Apeatu, and the Chief of the Defence Staff, Major General Obed Akwa.