

Exhibition to celebrate contributions of market women held

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AN exhibition showcasing the role played by market women towards the attainment of independence has climaxed at the National Theatre in Accra.

On display at the event were the boxes and woven hats used by the market women. The boxes had different inscriptions on them.

Also on display were portraits of prominent women including Agnes Oforiwa

Tagoe-Quarcopome, the first market woman to open a bank account; Mary Ayele Laryea alias Akua Shorshorshor and Rebecca Naa Dedei Aryeetey alias Dedei Ashinkishan.

The exhibition was put together by educationist Gladys Adinyirah as part of her thesis for a doctorate.

Dubbed 'Monuments to the 'unsung'; memorialising the significant roles of market women in the Ghanaian independent story' Madam Adinyirah told *The Mirror* the event was to teach the youth the powerful role of market women

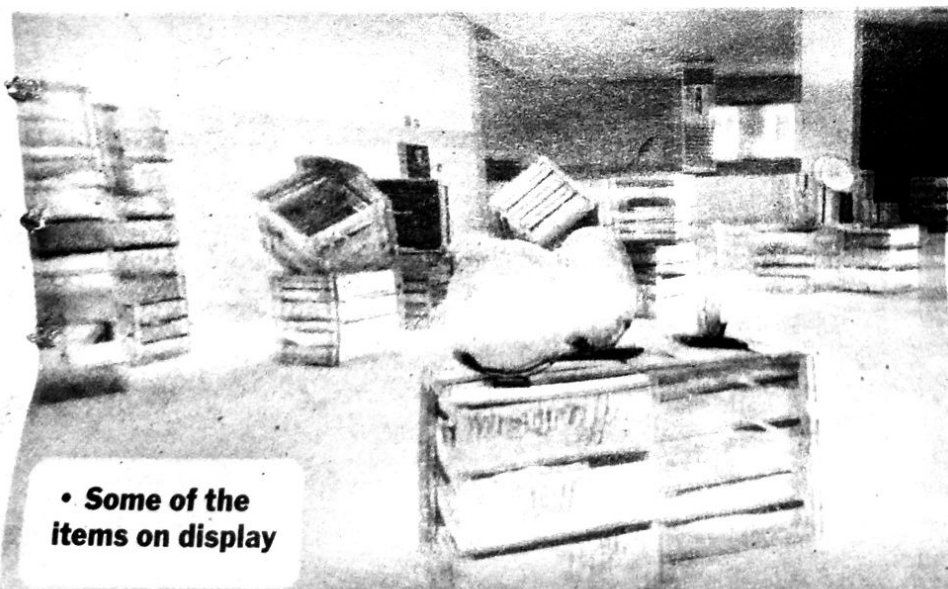
in the independence struggle.

"A lot has been said about our independence and those who contributed to it but the foundation and those who financed Kwame Nkrumah and fought for the struggle who are the market women have been forgotten," she noted.

She said many patrons were excited to learn about the contributions of the women.



• Madam Gladys Adinyirah



• Some of the items on display