

NASSCORP Regional Director Dismissed Over US\$50K Pension Scam

The Verity Online Newspaper in its July 12, 2025 edition reported that, “a major scandal has rocked the National Social Security and Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP), as Gbeh Salinto Montgomery, the Regional Director for Grand Bassa and Rivercess, has been dismissed over serious allegations of corruption involving the pension funds of Equatorial Palm Oil (EPO) workers. Montgomery is accused of being at the center of a massive pension fraud scheme, in which over US\$50,000 in worker contributions mysteriously disappeared between 2021 and 2024.”

The investigation according to the Verity Newspaper was triggered after Representative Thomas Alexander Goshua of Grand Bassa District #5 raised the alarm, accusing EPO of illegally deducting NASSCORP contributions from employees and failing to remit the funds. *“Many of those workers aren’t even listed in the NASSCORP system,” Goshua said in a sharp rebuke. “Yet the company has been deducting money. This is criminal and I’ve told the Ministry of Labor I’m not taking it lightly.”*

Goshua’s pressure according to the paper led to a Ministry of Labor probe, which confirmed widespread irregularities and missing funds. Community-based advocate Gardea Fredrick Gunnue also confirmed that NASSCORP has now agreed to reimburse affected workers, based on receipts submitted by EPO employee representative Morris Biah. *“Our fight has paid off,” Gunnue wrote. “The deductions were real but the money never made it to NASSCORP. Fake receipts were being issued by Gbeh Salinto Montgomery himself.”* Gardea Frederick Gunnue further alleged that Biah and other collaborators were criminally deducting funds and pocketing the cash, all while giving workers fraudulent proof of payment.

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