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PRESS RELEASE

**MAHAMA TOOK GH¢ 14M EX GRATIA IN 2013 AND HAS RECEIVED GH¢ 15.6M
SINCE 2017**

I have read a statement from Mr. John Mahama, former president and a member of the NDC denying among other things that he has not received an ex gratia of GH¢ 14M.

To start with, I will not sound fopdoodle like Mr Mahama sounded in his release; however, it is important to point out that, the press statement in its entirety is nothing but an empty and insulting release against my good-self and the government and further an intentional diversionary tactics to repress the statement made by the IMF emphasizing that, the current economic hardships in the country is not a creation of H.E President Akufo Addo.

Mr Mahama's press release sought to admit that he indeed received ex gratia but did not actually receive the stated GH¢14M as opined but unfortunately, Mr Mahama failed to tell Ghanaians what he received as ex gratia in 2013.

Let me reiterate my position that, Mr John Mahama indeed received GH¢ 14M as ex gratia in 2013 which was credited into his Agricultural Development Bank Account.

To add to that, Mr John Mahama is the only President in the Fourth Republic who has received the fattest ex gratia and as a matter of fact, he continues to receive an unprecedented end of service package which no former president of this country has ever enjoyed.

Mr Mahama retired on salary of GH¢22,809, up from the non-taxable salary of GH¢15,972 previously approved for presidents. However, he now receives GH¢ 35,000 monthly due to the recent increase in emoluments as recommended by the Presidential Emoluments Committee on the conditions of service of Article 71 office holders' report.

This means that, since former President Mahama was voted out of office he has received a non-taxable salary of GH¢ 1,934, 832. 00

Mr Mahama also receives GH¢ 9,123.00 monthly as rent. This means that since 2017, when Ghanaians voted against John Mahama, he has received an accommodation allowance totaling GH¢ 629,487.00

Again, Former President Mahama, while on retirement still receives benefits such as state-provided staff not exceeding four (4) including Joyce Bawa Mogtari and Felix Ofosu Kwakye who receive GH¢ 9,000 every month as allowances and a furnished and up-to-date office located

at Cantoment in Accra and communication equipment and staff support consisting of a cook, steward and gardener.

Salaries of Felix Ofori Kwakye, Joyce Bawa Mogtari and 2 other staffers to the former President amounts to GH¢ 2,484,000. 00 excluding salaries of cook and gardener.

For transport, President Mahama has been given two Toyota Land Cruiser V8 vehicles, a chauffeur, maintained and comprehensively insured by the State and changed every four years for life.

Each V8 cost GH¢ 800,000.00 therefore, for transportation the state spends over GH¢ 1.6M on Mr Mahama excluding salaries of drivers.

Also, the state fuels each vehicle weekly at a cost of GH¢ 2000 thereby amounting to GH¢ 324,000 since he was voted out of office in 2017

For overseas official travel, the state will fully pay for all such trips with his spouse and two security persons.

The state will however, sponsor only two of such travels per year and those not exceeding two weeks in duration. Each travel of the Former President cost Ghanaians \$80,000.00 therefore, since 2017, as required by law the state has funded 12 trips of the former president amounting to about \$960,000.00 equivalent to about GH¢ 8.6M

President Mahama and his wife are also entitled to free healthcare.

Since 2017, it is important to note that Mr. John Mahama has since received an end of service package of GH¢ 15,612,319. 00.

A breakdown of Mr. John Mahama's retirement package is provided below;

ITEM	TOTAL SINCE 2017 (GH¢)
SALARY	1,934,832.00
ACCOMODATION	629,487.00
STAFFERS	2,484,000.00
TRANSPORT (2 V8'S)	1,600,000.00
TRAVELS	8,640,000.00
FUEL	324,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	GH¢15,612,319. 00.

It is important to note that, this amount excludes salaries of 2 security personnel, gardener, drivers, and a cook for the former president who are all paid by the Government.

Clearly from the press statement signed by Mad Joyce Bawa who is being paid by the Government, I am convinced that Mr John Mahama is suffering from *hyperthymesia* and a delusion of self-grandeur because not too long ago, Mr Mahama while speaking at the 24th African Business Conference of Harvard Business School noted in his speech that, 'data from the

Economic Commission of Africa shows that, the Covid 19 pandemic created the continents worst recession in 50 years, with real GDP shrinking by an average of 3% in 2022....”

Again, Mr Mahama while addressing the African Economic Congress at Abuja in 2021 noted in paragraph 12 of his speech that, ‘revenues have been closely affected because the demand for African commodities has sharply declined due to Covid 19”.

Ghana is no exception from what the rest of the African counties are experiencing hence it is unintelligent and ignorant for Mr Mahama to suggest that the current economic hardship in Ghana is a creation of Nana Addo but the hardship in the rest of our neighboring African countries is because of Covid 19.

Additionally, Mr Mahama also at paragraph 7 of his release stated that, the current government is incompetent. This claim is extremely laughable and hot air as Mahama is seeking to give his world title of incompetence to President Akufo Addo.

Mr Mahama went to IMF in 2015 with the following reasons as stated at page 3 of the attachment of the letter of intent submitted to the IMF. The reasons included;

- * Shortage of electricity supply
- * Depreciation of the cedi
- * Ebola Outbreak

If Mahama is describing President Akufo Addo as incompetent for seeking for a bailout from IMF due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the Russian - Ukraine war which has deepened the disruption of world economies and has increased unemployment globally then how should we describe is Mr Mahama who went to IMF for a bailout due to Ebola which Ghana never recorded a case?

In paragraph 9, of the release, former President mentioned that in his next government he will reduce the size of ministers and run a lean government. It is important to point out that, Mahama made same promise in 2012 but ended up with over 86 ministers.

Let me state emphatically, Mr Mahama is a pathological promiser and suffering from *logorrhea* because in his 2012 manifesto he promised Ghanaians an energy for all program but we ended up witnessing the darkest moments in our country’s history with dumsor after he won power in 2012.

In furtherance of the above, Mr Mahama mentioned in the last paragraph of his statement that he will implement the constitutional review report of the 1992 constitution.

Same promise was made in the 2012 manifesto by John Mahama at page 11 under governance where he promised Ghanaians to implement the constitutional review report to involve Ghanaians in electing MMDCE’s.

However, in 2018 when Nana Addo proposed that MMDCE's be elected, we had minority MP's instigated by Mr Mahama to vehemently resist the proposal made by Nana Addo to elect MMDCE's.

Again, Mr. Mahama must understand that, no ex gratia of any former president has been captured in any of the Auditor General's report since 1992. Mr Mahama should bow down his head in deep shame as he still receives huge monies from the government as salaries and benefits even in a time of a pandemic where the President and all his appointees have cut their salaries by 30%.

I am therefore challenging the former President to as a matter of urgency refund all monies received from the State since 2019 to date if he truly feels Ghanaians are in difficult times and suffering hardships.

Signed: -

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