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**PRESS RELEASE BY YENDI CONSTITUENCY COMMUNICATION
DIRECTORATE OF THE NDC IN RESPONSE TO THE ARTICLE FROM THE
QUARTERS OF NPP.**

**RE: TWO YEARS STEWARDSHIP OF HON. FAROUK ALIU MAHAMA AS A
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR YENDI CONSTITUENCY.**

We have taken notice of the NPP constituency secretary's misleading article dated 7th January 2023 referenced NPP/NR/YC/074. It beats the imagination of every right-thinking person how a whole party will engage in such dubiousness just to throw dust into the eyes of the general public. But that is the modus operandi of the NPP. Indeed, for us in NDC and the larger majority of the constituents of Yendi, we are very much aware of these tricks of the MP and his cohorts, and the NDC communication directorate will never allow the NPP secretary and Hon. Farouk Aliu Mahama to deceive the good people of Yendi. We are by this presser, responding not just to the piquant statements made by the secretary but also provide evidence and the facts on the ground. It is shocking seeing on social media replete with achievements of the Hon. Member of parliament for Yendi constituency in two years. In fact, but for the authorship of this article this one too would have passed for another gossip if not propaganda shared by lame fanatics of the MP on social media. And if the secretary was so minded, gallivanting with such pittance in terms of development is a shame, giving the political goodwill the NPP continue to enjoy from the good people of Yendi. The NPP from Hon. Malik Alhassan Yakubu continue to rip the unsuspecting people politically. We find it absurd that the NPP will happily boast of this sham as achievements. The falsehood has been churned out for far too long and there is the need to bring you facts and reality on the ground contrary to what the secretary of the NPP catalogued in his article.

In the said article numerous achievements have been deliberately attributed to the MP in various sectors in flagrant disregard for due and proper diligence.

The NPP constituency secretary in his article is tragically revealed as captured below:

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

On health, the NPP has indicated that the construction of a clinic at Sunson is nearing completion. This is a half-baked truth and a rape of honesty to have come from the constituency secretary of a ruling party because a construction work at an estimated 40% level cannot be said to have gone

near completion. Again, it is purported that the Member of Parliament entered into a partnership agreement with Mission 318, a Ghanaian based American NGO. This is yet another attempt to blindfold the good people of Yendi constituency into believing such poking paltry as partnership.

For the avoidance of doubt, let's look at the definition of partnership by Carol M. Kopp (Prof) which says that: "partnership is a legal arrangement that allows two or more people to share responsibility for a business or development project". Outrightly, this definition does not incorporate paltry donations as partnership. It is on record that the member of parliament for Yendi only made a donation of Ghc50, 000 towards the construction of a \$400,000, a cedi equivalence of Ghc 5,000,000.00 Trauma Center by Mission 318 of USA and Global Resource Centre at Yendi Government Hospital. This donation in percentage wise is just 1.0% of the total cost of the project. What is indisputable is the fact that global Mission Resource Centre entered into partnership with Care Unit Ghana to construct \$200,000 ICU in Yendi government hospital. This story was published on www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/yendi-hospital-to-have-trauma-centre-july. It is convincing therefore to note that, this claim was cooked in a hasty attempt to brand the honorable member. Clearly, this is a dilution because a paltry GHS50, 000 donation towards a \$400,000 project can never be a partnership. We dare the NPP secretary or the MP himself to prove us otherwise by availing any proof of documentation to the said partnership agreement that spells out the MP's quota.

ELECTRICITY EXTENSION

On electricity extension, which is dear to the hearts of the constituents of Yendi, the secretary dastardly massaged and twisted facts to favor the MP. This is clearly unacceptable in all demonstrable ways.

First and foremost, the extension of electricity to Kushegu, Kpaku, Dagbanja, Oyomdo, Bago, Pansiya, Panduli craftly arrogated to the Member of Parliament under the cloak of lobbying is wholly untrue. Documentations available indicate that the former Member of Parliament in consultation with the Municipal Chief Executive lobbied for the said contract through the ministry of energy which was subsequently granted and awarded to Tropical Cables Company Limited.

The processes started in 2018 and got parliamentary approval in 2019. All things being equal, these communities were supposed to have been connected to the national grid before 2020 election. It is public knowledge that the sod-cutting was held in the company of the then member of parliament Hon. Mohammed Habib Tijani way back in 2019 in Tamale when the current Member of Parliament was only competing to become parliamentary candidate for the NPP. Therefore, it cannot be retrospectively true that he lobbied for the extension of electricity to these communities. The Member of Parliament in a political gimmick, only distributed electric poles allocated to the Yendi Municipal Assembly to some communities. It beats the imagination of right-thinking minds to construe distribution of 20 electric poles as connecting communities to the national grid.

SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

On sports infrastructure, the secretary again attributed the construction of the Yendi AstroTurf and the Sports Complex at Zang to the efforts of the current Member of Parliament. This is a greatest dishonesty of the highest order. It is trite knowledge that the sod-cutting ceremony for the Yendi Sports Complex was on 15th May, 2018. In fact, in attendance for the ceremony were the former Youth and Sports minister, Hon Isaac Asiamah, the then northern regional minister Hon. Salifu Saeed, and the Yendi municipal Chief Executive Hon Ahmed Yussif Abubakar Kooms. Indeed, the current Member of Parliament was a mere aspirant for parliamentary candidature. Therefore, the claim that it is his brain child is completely false. Factually, reliable source indicates that the AstroTurf came to Yendi constituency at the benevolence of an aid to the vice president through the former Member of Parliament for Yendi constituency. According to the source, the AstroTurf and the GNPC block in Yendi Senior High were twin projects from the same birth canal.

ROADS CONSTRUCTION

It is interesting to note that the NPP secretary has disingenuously credited the MP for lobbying for the construction of Tamale-Yendi-Tatale road as part of the achievements of Hon Farouk Aliu Mahama. A click of a button could have saved the secretariat from this monumental

embarrassment. It is worth noting that way back 26th August, 2016, the former president H.E John Dramani Mahama on a four-day visit to northern region, and at Tatale to be precise intimated that funding was availed by world bank to construct this road under its Africa Transport and ICT project.

Again, we cannot fathom how the construction of Yendi inner city roads which was a banter on social media between the office of the vice president and that of the Member of Parliament suddenly becomes the sole architecture of the MP. Indeed, a visit by His Royal Majesty Yaa Naa Abukari II to the Jubilee House on the 6th September, 2021, the Vice president upon the request of the overlord agreed to include Yendi inner city roads to the asphaltting of inner-city roads which were ongoing under the sino-hydro project. If indeed he is the chief lobbyist as he wants us to believe, then, he could have lobbied for the construction of the road linking to his family house situated at the heart of Yendi.

Unfortunately, the people of Kpalibilogni would be disappointed in the member of parliament after hearing that they can now transport their foodstuff smoothly to the municipal capital when in actual fact they have suffered during the rainy season with the purported bridge constructed according to the NPP constituency secretary as part of the 2-year achievement of the member of parliament. In fact, the construction of the bridge has stalled and the people of Kpalibilogni are still suffering with the said bridge as we speak.

WATER AND SANITATION

Interestingly, on water and sanitation, the almighty Yendi Water Project was conspicuously missing in their catalogue of measures to improve access to potable drinking water. The “chief lobbyist” has suddenly become aloof to the biggest and expectant news to the people of Yendi that is supposed to quench their long-parched throats as far as Yendi water project is concerned.

In fact, as Nana Akufo Addo government is well noted for, the president on July 29th, 2020 together with the member of parliament for Yendi constituency organized a jamboree ceremony for the sod-cutting of the \$ 30 million project that is supposed to serve the people of Yendi and its environs. Sadly, several timelines have elapsed since the sod cutting ceremony, yet our

member of parliament did not see the need to channel his lobbying skills and the so-called proven record of network to get Yendi out of the woes as far as the project is concerned. It is therefore shameful and a smack of mediocrity for the member of parliament to tout his network and lobbying achievements in water and sanitation without a word about the \$30 million Yendi Water Project.

DIPLOMATIC VISITS TO YENDI

The people of Yendi are yet to feel the impact of the diplomatic visits that the secretary touts the Member of Parliament for. It is laughable if not condemnable that as part of 2-year achievements of a member of parliament, common visits by diplomas formed part of his achievements without any tangible impact on the lives of the constituents.

Funny enough, the MP and his cohort continue to waste our ears with their so-called job creation mantra. It should interest the secretary and people like him to know that under the NDC government without NDC MP for Yendi, over 200 youth in Yendi were employed in decent jobs of Eastern Corridor Road Construction. Some of whom were NPP youth. The current chairman of NPP became fabulously rich under the NDC because his SACHET WATER company was the sole supplier of water to the over 500 employees of the construction firm. He must equally be aware that under the NDC, the MP was employed as assistant procurement officer at cocoa board. Similarly, many youths including diehard supporters of the NPP were employed to work in various modules of the YEA under the erstwhile NDC. Is the NPP secretary telling us that but for Hon. Farouk the NPP youth in Yendi would have been doomed or the people of Yendi would not have gotten any development?

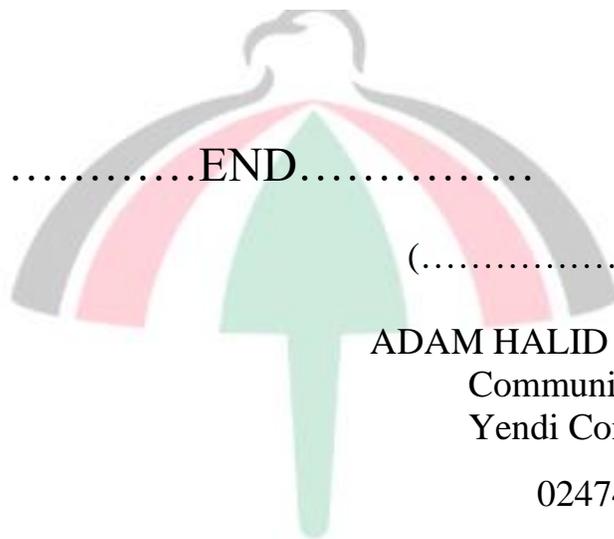
It was therefore expectant to see the MP's camp in a knee jerk reaction to the records which sort to put the MP as the best performing MP among his failed NPP MPs in the northern region but to spice it with falsehood and half-truth is completely repugnant.

In his so-called article, the secretary continues to emphasize that the MP uses his personal funds for the projects. The question then is, what does the MP use his MP's common fund for?

In conclusion, it is evident from the above that the constituency secretary of the New Patriotic Party has baptized himself in the gullible waters of ignorance, praise singing, and semantic dilutions in an attempt to brand the Member of Parliament for an undue advantage in his future internal elections.

Long live Ghana, long live the NDC, and long live Yendi.

Thank you.



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