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Disregard Deliberately Distorted Video Against Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh Titled "Bawumia's Running Mate says Bawumia is Useless"

Energy Minister and Member of Parliament for Manhyia South, Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh has been made aware of the circulation of an old 21-second video in which he expressed his views on the Ghanaian economy. The video has maliciously been captioned "Bawumia's running mate says Bawumia is useless"

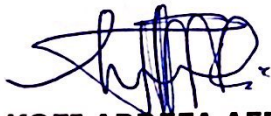
Whilst an objective analysis of the video will point to a complete mismatch between the interview granted by Dr. Prempeh and the caption, it is important to set the records straight in the following response:

1. The said the interview by Dr. Prempeh was in February, 2014, in reaction to the State of the Nation Address of then President John Mahama where he blamed the country's economic woes on external shocks. In fact, at the time, the Cedi was rated as the worst performing currency in the world.
2. Dr. Prempeh's view was that, the then President's assertion was inaccurate and had no basis in truth because, the fall of the cedi was largely due to fiscal irresponsibility on the part of government and not external shocks.
3. It is therefore unfathomable, how any reasonable person, after listening to this straight-forward interview, would nonetheless conclude that Dr. Prempeh was referring to His Excellency the Vice President. Indeed, in the said clip, Dr. Prempeh kept referring to "the President" and so that cannot possibly be in reference to Dr. Bawumia, who has never served as President of this republic.
4. We believe that, these are, once again, Machiavellian attempts by political detractors of Dr. Prempeh, intra and inter, to cause disaffection for him.

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5. The choice of running mate in the NPP is exclusively the preserve of the Flagbearer and the National Council, as stipulated in the party's constitution. Dr. Prempeh therefore finds the ascriptions to him as "Bawumia's running mate" wholly misleading and unnecessary.
6. Dr. Prempeh wishes to reiterate his absolute belief and confidence in the Flagbearer of the NPP, His Excellency, Dr. Mahamadu Bawumia as the most competent and credible candidate, with the proven incorruptibility, to beat the NDC Flagbearer in 2024, based on the NPP's superior record in government.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, the Energy Minister is of the firm view that, the people of Ghana on the balance of probabilities, will renew the NPP mandate with Dr. Bawumia because, even in the face of genuine global shocks, as attested to by former President Mahama in his foreign engagements, the government has remained resolute, steering the country out of the woods.
8. The general public is thus, kindly, requested to totally disregard the deliberate slant and distortions put on the video.

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