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PETITION TO CONTRACTA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO REMOVE BARRICADES AROUND CENTRAL MARKET PHASE TWO

We, the entirety of traders in the Kumasi and its environs, especially the second-hand cloth sellers Association and Central Market Traders Association are on this letter petitioning the management of Contracta construction firm to remove all the barricades around the uncompleted Kumasi Central Market phase for we the traders to trade there.

We have jointly decided to initiate a protest against the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) and Contracta Construction limited for failing to complete the second phase of Kumasi Central market project.

Over the past one and half year, progress on the market has come to a halt due to the renegotiation of a loan agreement following the country's decision to opt for a financial bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

We, traders within the Ashanti Region, have continuously voiced our concerns regarding the challenges we face in conducting business at our current locations.

The government's failure to meet completion targets has left us disheartened and frustrated. We fail to comprehend why a project would be initiated only to be abandoned, leaving our fellow traders to sell their goods in unsuitable conditions.

The Ashanti Region, a stronghold of the NPP, rightfully expects swift development, especially in Kumasi. However, the lack of progress on these crucial projects has left us deeply disappointed.

We patiently waited and despite the first and the second tranches hitting the government account, work has still not resumed, leaving the project to the mercy of the weather.

We feel utterly disappointed in the NPP government for ignoring and neglecting such a huge market complex and we also disappointed in Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly including local government ministry for failing to give us the actual reason the project is halted.

We have, therefore, exhausted our patience and have resolved to embark on five days of continued demonstrations to press home our demand for work to resume on the project.

In view of that, we are cautioning contracta company limited to remove all the barricades on the project within seven days or else, we will storm the incomplete market site with our goods and commodities to trade and nothing can stop us.

It is worthy to note that we are currently in talks with the Ghana Police Service, to secure permission to embark on the demonstration as permitted by Article 21(1d) of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.

We are, therefore, sending a signal to contracta construction company limited that we, the traders in the Ashanti region are very serious this time round, and they cannot stop us from moving in into the uncompleted facility.

The Contracta company limited must better do the needful by removing all the barricades around the market before 19 May, 2024.

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