



CONVENTION PEOPLE'S PARTY

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**CONVENTION PEOPLE'S PARTY DEMANDS, WITHIN 24 HOURS,
THE RESIGNATION OF HONOURABLE DR. MATTHEW OPOKU
PREMPEH FROM ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL
POSITIONS, AND FOR RETRACTION AND APOLOGY TO ALL
GHANAIS, AFRICANS, AND NKRUMAISTS IN THE DIASPORA,
AND WORLDWIDE**

Fellow Countrymen and women, our brothers and sisters on the African continent, the Diaspora, well-meaning Nkrumaists and Socialists worldwide.

The attention of the Convention People's Party has been drawn to viral statements made in Kumasi on Tuesday 9th July 2024, by the Honourable Dr. Matthew Opopku Prempeh, who is the sitting Member of Parliament for Manhyia South, Minister for Energy, former Minister for Education, New Patriotic Party Vice Presidential Candidate, and a Medical Doctor and accomplished individual of many years.

The statement is so reprehensible and unbecoming of his stature that it is abhorrent to refer to it, or even publish it anywhere, whether print or electronic media, and deserves to be immediately deleted from all forums.

A questioning or comparison of the contribution of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah to Ghana, Africa, and Humanity as a whole, is a moot question, dead on arrival, outmoded at birth.

A man who, almost thirty years after his death in the year 2000, still won African of the Millennium, has a monument named after him in almost every country, and is a respected and recognisable name in every country and in every history book on modern Ghanaian, African and liberation politics on the planet.

A mention of Osagyefo's achievements, which includes the selfsame Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, where the Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh studied medicine, is a non-starter.

The CPP has also taken judicial notice of the wise admonition by His Royal Highness Otumfuo Nana Osei Tutu II to the Hon. Minister asking him to be wary of the perception of arrogance, and furthermore, not to make His Excellency Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia regret choosing him.

Unfortunately, the Hon. Minister did not heed this wise admonition, but lived up to the popular adage “my little finger is thicker than my Father's waist”, and rather proceeded to use unprintable invectives to denigrate the very same Osagyefo under whose Government, the Father of his Presidential Candidate, His Excellency Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, served.

This is a matter which should not be flogged like a dead horse, but rather immediate, swift and effective action be taken, to remedy an almost irremediable blunder, and attempt to restore what is left of an already terribly sullied national image.

The action of the Hon. Minister does not do justice to an already pre-existing national perception that the New Patriotic Party wants to rewrite the history of our dear Country, Africa, and CPP, through the abolition of the Republic day holiday, AU day, the renaming of Founder’s Day, and its replacement with a self serving

NPP holiday on 5th August, as well as the watering down of Osagyefo's relevance in the Country's educational curriculum, including during the tenure of the Hon. Minister as Education Minister.

The Convention People's Party calls on the Honourable Minister, within 24 hours, to do the 'Honourable' thing for the sake of the Country's image, and immediately resign from all Governmental and political positions, and issue an immediate apology and retraction.

Failing which the party calls on His Excellency President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, to withdraw the Hon. Minister from his position as Minister of Energy, and also calls on His Excellency Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia to withdraw him as his Vice Presidential candidate, for the sake of the Country's image, and its long term political and economic fortunes.

Ghanaians and Nkrumaist's worldwide, will have no choice but to hit the streets to register their displeasure if the above, or similar measures, are not immediately enforced within 24 hours.

As the popular saying goes, "one who puts on his armour should not boast like one who takes it off", there is an election to be fought, albeit at the ballot box, and it would serve the sitting Government well to heed the voice of the people, lest their imminent electoral defeat becomes even worse than it is predicted to be.

Long live Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Long live Ghana, Long live Africa.



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