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PRESS STATEMENT

SUSPENSION FROM THE PARTY - CONSTITUENCY COMMUNICATION OFFICER (MR. SAMUEL BAAH@Gosh) AND DEPUTY CONSTITUENCY NASSARA COORDINATOR (ALHAJI BALA ABUBAKAR)

The rank and file of the New Patriotic Party(NPP) in Suhum is hereby by informed that the Constituency Executive Committee (CEC) at an emergency Meeting held at the Party's Office, Suhum, dated 11th day of August, 2024 and by its own motion, reviewed the conducts of its two Officers, namely **Mr. Samuel Baah@Gosh**, the Constituency Communication Officer and **Alhaji Bala Abubakar**, Deputy Constituency Nassara Coordinator, after the Constituency Delegates' Conference which selected Hon. Frank Asiedu Bekoe@ Protozoa as the Parliamentary candidate of the Party, for the 2024 general elections.

The CEC after lengthy debates on the matter, came to an irresistible conclusion that the conducts of the officers in question are in breach of Article 3(9)(1) and Article 3(5)(a)(2) and (4) of the NPP Constitution(as amended in 2017) and so their **membership in the Party be forfeited.**

In view of the forfeiture, the respective positions of the two officers remain suspended forthwith.

The CEC was guided by article 3(9)(1) of NPP Constitution to come to this decision. Thus it's forbidden by the Party's Constitution for a member of the party to campaign publicly and/or declare support to an independent candidate when the Party has sponsored one. Member(s) who is in breach of this provision forfeits his/her membership from the party forthwith. The said provision states:

"A member of the Party, who stands as an independent candidate against the officially elected member of the party, or who joins or declare his or her support for another Political Party, or for an independent candidate, when the Party has sponsored a candidate in a general or by-elections, automatically forfeits his or her membership from the Party (emphasis provided)".

Also, according to article 3(5)(A)(4) of the NPP Constitution(as amended) it the right and duty of every member of the Party, **"at all times to abide by and publicly uphold the decisions of the Party"**.

The grounds for the CEC's decision are summarized below;

1. The CEC observed that after the Constituency Delegates' Conference which elected the Party's Parliamentary Candidate for the 2024 general elections, the Constituency's Communication Officer for instance, appeared not happy with the decision of the Party and so erected Public Address (PA) system on his car and started moving from community-to-community in the Constituency with song "Obofo aa na ye p3..."

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2. Indeed, the conduct of Mr. Baah was in an apparent move to advocate to the electorates in Suhum to disrespect and/or defy the Party's 27th January, 2024 decision that elected Hon. Frank Asiedu Bekoe and to urge the incumbent MP to contest as an independent candidate for the 2024 general elections.
3. The CEC also found out as a fact, that subsequent to the above, the two officers began organizing series of processions under the pretext of health walk in various communities such as Adarkwa, Omenako, Amanhyia, Akorabo and climaxed same in Suhum, holding placards with inscriptions ; *' No Obofo, No Vote, few delegates can't decide for Suhum, etc.*
4. What is more? On the 28th July, 2024, the duo in the company of some executives of the Party, organized another procession through some principal streets of Suhum township to present a petition to the incumbent member of Parliament (MP), Hon. Kwadjo Asante, to prevail upon him to contest as independent candidate contrary to article 3(5)(a)(4) of the NPP Constitution. At a point, the CEC had to remove them from all its whatsApp platforms to show its displeasure at the officers but they would not desist from their anti-party conducts.

The CEC therefore finds such conducts divisive, anti-party and above all misconducts of the highest order.

It must be noted that, this decision has been a difficult one for the Party to take at this crucial time, particularly so, at this time when we needed everyone onboard for a resounding victory in the upcoming 2024 elections. However, the CEC takes the view that much as the Party needs everyone onboard to canvass votes that necessity cannot be used to sacrifice the discipline that must exist to guard our collective values in the Party – hence our decision.

Finally, we are by this release sounding a note of caution to all the rank and file of the Party in Suhum to let this decision serves as a deterrent to any member/officer who may want to indulge in such anti-party conducts since the CEC will not relent on its quest to instill discipline in the Party by taking similar decision when called upon.

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Sincerely,


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