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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **For Immediate Release:**

### **NDC STRONGLY CONDEMNS ATTACKS BY ATWIMA MPONUA NPP AND ASSAULT OF A BRANCH WOMEN ORGANIZER**

**Agogoso, Nyinahin, Ashanti Region, Ghana**— The National Democratic Congress (NDC) wishes to unequivocally condemn the recent unprovoked attack on our (NDC) member and supporters by members of the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) in Nyinahin, during an event organized by the District Assembly to officially outdoor the Atwima Mponua district's DRIP equipment.

1. The NDC and its Parliamentary Candidate who is a former DCE of the district, were officially invited to the function. Due to the nationalistic nature of the event, and given the fact that the NDC is a patriotic institution, the Parliamentary Candidate, Hon. Stephen Yeboah, along with some of the constituency executives and the Ashanti Regional Secretary of the party attended the event.
2. The NDC team arrived at the event when it was on the verge of commencement. While exchanging pleasantries with the dignitaries at the event, it would interest you to note that out of intolerance, Mr. Seth Akoto Osei, the NPP Parliamentary Candidate for the Atwima Constituency, declined to shake hands with Hon. Stephen Yeboah, when the latter offered to do so.
3. It is worthy of note that even though Hon. Stephen Yeboah is a former DCE, no room was made for him to make any speech per the program outline but room was made for both the NPP Parliamentary Candidate as well as the NPP Chairman for the Atwima Mponua Constituency. Despite the glaring bias and partisanship displayed by the organizers of the event, the NDC tolerated it and never complained.
4. The NPP Chairman, Mr. Collins Addai, rather used the platform offered to him to attack the person of the NDC Parliamentary Candidate as well as engage in the highest level of vile propaganda. He propagated palpable falsehood against Hon. Yeboah at the gathering, right in his presence, and without any provocation.
5. Since we, the NDC, were present at the event too, there was the need to offer a response to the allegations leveled against our Parliamentary Candidate and also offer some admonishment in furtherance of patriotic and nationalistic ideals needed to build the Ghana we want. To this end, the Ashanti Regional Secretary of the NDC used the platform to deliver an address where he admonished/cautioned the assembly and other attendees against using the DRIP equipment for illegal mining ('Galamsey'). He reminded them of the fact that the DRIP is being bankrolled by the Ghanaian taxpayer and must therefore be managed judiciously and fairly.

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6. Surprisingly, the intolerant NPP Parliamentary Candidate, Mr. Seth Akoto Osei, unleashed one of his thugs who pounced on the NDC Ashanti Regional Secretary in an attempt to abuse him physically, in a bid to stop him from completing his speech. This caused tensions to rise uncontrollably leading to the eruption of chaos. In the process, one of our Branch Women Organizers was attacked and injured. This caused the event to come to an abrupt end.
7. Both His Excellency John Dramani Mahama and Hon. Stephen Yeboah are renowned for their peace-loving and tolerant demeanor. The NDC stands firmly against all forms of political violence and will never perpetrate any form of it. However, we wish to emphasize that we will not refrain from mounting a defense whenever we are confronted by the NPP with hostilities like the one that happened on the 10th of September 2024.
8. In other words, we wish to send a strong warning to the NPP that their actions will not be left unchecked. The NDC believes in peaceful engagement and constructive dialogue, and we call on the relevant authorities to thoroughly investigate this incident and ensure that justice is served. No political party should be allowed to disrupt the peace in our communities or infringe on the rights of citizens.
9. The NDC remains committed to safeguarding Ghana's democracy and will continue to stand against political intolerance and violence, regardless of the source. We urge all our supporters to remain calm and steadfast, knowing that the law will take its course.

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