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### **MP FOR NKORANZA SOUTH, HON. EMMANUEL KWADWO AGYEKUM, SENDS THUGS TO ATTACK MRS. HARRIET KYEREMANTENG OPPONG AND HER TEAM AT THE EC OFFICE.**

Good day, ladies and gentlemen of the press. Thank you for honouring our invitation at such a short notice.

We bring you greetings from our Presidential Candidate, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, Parliamentary Candidate, Mrs. Harriet Kyeremanteng Oppong (Obaa noaa) and the entire leadership of the New Patriotic Party in Nkoranza South.

Ladies and gentlemen, Saturday 18th May, 2024 will go down as one of the saddest days in the history of Nkoranzaman. It was a day that the peace and tranquility of Nkoranza was attacked by hooligans contracted by the very person whom the people have entrusted to protect; it was the day where the unwavering love and unity of the people of Nkoranza was tested; it was a day that the long-held envious civility of Nkoranza was brought under attack by miscreants; it was a day that every well-mannered indigene of Nkoranza felt ashamed to be associated with.

On Saturday, the NDC Executives in Nkoranza led a group of thugs from within Nkoranza and Kintampo to attack innocent people of Nkoranza who had gathered at the premises of the Electoral Commission to undergo a peaceful civic exercise of having their names registered as first-time voters. Some of these youth who arrived at the Centre to go through the processes were battered mercilessly by these goons of the NDC.

On that said day, our Parliamentary Candidate, Madam Harriet, visited the EC premises to observe the ongoing exercise and offer support, and encouragement to these young people within the community who have decided to perform their civic responsibility of registering as voters. Upon her arrival, and as usual of her well-mannered personality, she went round to exchange pleasantries with all persons gathered at the vicinity. Not long after she had arrived at the canopy where the NPP team had gathered, some members of the NDC without any provocation started hurling abuses at her driver, and went further to threaten to beat him. Before one could asked what the issues were, the entire NDC team with their machet and axe-wielding hired thugs rushed to the NPP area, pushed the Candidate who almost fell but for the timely intervention of the people gathered, she was whisked away to safety. They then pounced on the Constituency Chairman, and some members of her team with the aim of harming them.

We wish to put on record that, what happened on Saturday is just one of several incidents that have happened since the registration exercise begun. There have been countless attacks on our people

and other innocent natives of Nkoranza who have showed up at the registration Centres to either register or observe activities. One of such barbaric incidents was an attack on a young lady (name withheld for security reasons) who had visited the Centre with her friends...she was slapped severally and kicked in the abdomen by these criminals in the presence of the Nkoranza Police. She reported the incident at the Police station and nothing has since been done about it. In fact, there has been no attempt to arrest anyone.

This tactic seems to be the stock in trade of our Member of Parliament, Mr. Emmanuel Kwadwo Agyekum as we witnessed same in 2016 during the voter registration exercise. Then MP and Parliamentary Candidate for the NDC in Nkoranza South, he deployed fully armed machomen to attack NPP agents at RC JHS Polling Stations and visited mayhem on Alhaji Issah Moro, alias Bayereko and Mr. Amo Johnson, alias Master Amo among others. It was during that same year that some members of our party including, Mr. Kofi Ohene-Sakyi, who was among the people assaulted Saturday, had to flee town for days to save their lives. We have always known that, the NDC being who they are will always resort to violence when the going gets tough.

This strategy of trying to create fear and panic among potential registrants and parents in order to discourage them from participating in the ongoing exercise will, and has indeed failed right from its incubation. In fact, we anticipated it because a bird whispered into our ears. We just didn't believe that the NDC would go to such length to destroy the image of Nkoranza. This alone calls for the total rejection of Mr. Kwadwo Agyekum and NDC in Nkoranza.

We, in the NPP have remained calm and law-abiding all through these shameless episodes because we have a country to govern, and we have a Parliamentary Candidate who has a story to tell.

She will not be distracted from telling the people of Nkoranza how she lobbied for the construction of the ultra-modern market as part of the secondary city project; she will not be distracted from telling the people how she lobbied for the Nkoranza town roads; she will not be distracted from telling the over 45 communities without light how she secured the solar-powered lights for them; she will not be distracted from telling the people of Nkwabeng and Donkro Nkwanta about how she managed to get their Secondary/Technical Schools absorbed by government; she will not be distracted from telling the people of Bonsu, Dandwa, Abuontem, Mpem, Asempaneye, Dimango, Dasagwa, Salamkrom, Nyamebekyere among others about how she rallied around her friends to support the construction of boreholes when the MP had ignored their plight; she will not be distracted from telling the story of how she managed to secure scholarships for the youth of Nkoranza to study in UK, USA, Turkey, China, Hungary, Morocco, and other tertiary institutions in Ghana; she will not be distracted from telling the people how she managed to assist indigenes secure jobs in the Security Services (Police, Fire, Military, Immigration & Prisons), COCOBOD, Ghana Ports and Harbour Authority (GPHA), SSNIT, Local Government Service, Youth Employment Agency (YEA), Forestry Commission, Ghana Publishing Co., etc.; she will not be distracted from telling the people how she managed to donate 800 chairs to support Nkoranza Secondary Technical; She will not be distracted from telling the people how she managed to provide Nkoranza Technical Institute (NTI) with a state-of-the-art Public Address system to generate funds to provide female students with sanitary pads; she will not be distracted from telling the people how she provided skills training in soap-making, tailoring, welding, beads-making, DSTV installation, among others; she will not be distracted from telling members of the GPRTU, PROTOA, Pragia Drivers, etc. about how she facilitated for the opening of a DVLA temporary office in Nkoranza; she will not be distracted from telling the people about how she assisted women and youth in Poultry farming with over 20,000 day old chicks and the provision of subsidized fertilizers and maize to farmers; she will not be distracted

from telling the Zongo community about how she managed to raise funds to renovate the Islamic School; she will not be distracted from telling the story of how she has supported the Christian, Muslim and Traditional communities.

In fact, Madam Harriet has a story to tell, and no amount of intimidation or distraction will stop her from letting the people know of how abysmal Mr. Agyekum has performed as a Member of Parliament. Definitely, Agyekum besi fam!!! Insha Allah!!!

Let us remind the NDC and their ilks that we are proud natives of Nkoranza who are clothed in the history of our community. We know that as part of Asanteman (Osa nti man), we came into existence as a result of war (osa), as such, we are not the least scared of it. Our candidate who is a true royal of Nkoranza is not oblivious of this history, and therefore, ever ready to lead the charge. Let them be warned that any further attempt on our people will be met and responded in threefold.

We, therefore, want to send a word of caution to Mr. Emmanuel Kwadwo Agyekum, and any other NDC member that, just as they will protect their wives, children and family, so will we. Any further attempt on Madam Harriet will lead to same attempt on their families wherever they may be. Even if she loses a breadth of hair on her head without her consent, threefold will happen to their household. Let them NOT say we did not warn them!!!

We, however, wish to say a very 'big thank you' to our esteemed supporters and the patriotic youth of Nkoranza who showed bravery by facing them squarely until our members were taken to safety. May God bless our hardworking agents and indigenes of Nkoranza for your act of volunteerism, loyalty and commitment to ensuring peace and development in our community. The Nkoranza Municipal Police Command, Regional Police Reinforcement Team and The National Security Operatives who have always intervened to ensure safety in the episodes of attacks by the NDC cannot be left out in our commendation.

We have a very firm conviction in our minds and souls that people of Nkoranza will stop at nothing to ensure that never again will we make a mistake of entrusting our destinies into the hands of this group of uncultured and uncivilized people. Never!

We are, therefore, sending a message to Hon. Agyekum and his NDC hoodlums that 'ntasu kɔkɔ wo obiara anum nanso ye gyae te fufuo'. No one holds a monopoly on violence, but we have decided to be law-abiding citizens. Let him never think he can get away with violence at all times; there will definitely be a day of accountability for him and his hooligans.

We hereby call on the Ghana Police Service to live up to their mandate of protecting lives and property before things get out of hand. They have to caution the Member of Parliament, Mr. Emmanuel Kwadwo Agyekum, a typical definition of a bloodthirsty politician, on whose behalf the thugs attacked our Parliamentary Candidate, Mrs. Harriet Kyeremanteng Oppong; Constituency Chairman and other members of the party and community who had visited the EC office to either observe the process or perform their civic right of registration. For the NDC Chairman of Nkoranza South Constituency and his Executives who led the thugs to the premises to attack our people, we expect nothing more than his arrest, and that of his thugs to ensure that the peace and unity being enjoyed by the people of Nkoranza is maintained and protected as we approach December 7, 2024.

For no one is above the law!

We have reported the incident to the Divisional Police Commander of Nkoranza South, and we expect nothing but the arrest of these thugs. We want to assure the NDC that the masses are poised

for development, and the youth of Nkoranza are united behind Madam Harriet who has already been ordained by God as His leader for the constituency. We will not sit idle for them to attempt to undermine the electoral process in the Constituency again. We will protect the rights of every Ghanaian citizen and ensure that our democracy is secured.

If the NDC thinks that the only way to retain the Nkoranza South parliamentary seat is to maim and kill again, then they should have a rethink because it will not happen. For them to think that the only way is to intimidate and attack innocent people, let them be rest assured that we will resist their orchestration with every force at our disposal.

We are law-abiding people and committed to upholding the law. We will not engage in any illegal activity; but we cannot stop the youth and people of Nkoranza from defending themselves against violence; we cannot stop them from protecting their lives and securing their ballot to ensure that their will is not subverted. The NDC is hereby warned!!!

Finally, we humbly appeal to Nananom of the Nkoranza Traditional Area, the Clergy, our Muslim leaders, and Civil societies as we always do, to call the MP to order and advise him and his NDC to refrain from politics of violence. Nkoranza has outgrown such backward politics and should not allow anyone to destroy the love and unity that binds us as a people just for a parochial selfish interest.

Ladies and gentlemen, We thank you for your time and support as partners in the development of our beloved community.

Long live Nkoranza!!!

Long live Ghana!!!

Long live Mrs. Harriet Kyeremanteng Oppong and the NPP!!!

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COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE

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