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Ofori Panin Fie has noted with concern the many publications regarding statements made by the Akyem Tafohene, Osabarima Adusei Peasah IV, when His Excellency Prof J E A Mills visited Abuakwa State College as part of his recent tour of the Eastern Region. We refer particularly to the statements which appeared to endorse the candidature of the President in his bid for re-election. Ofori Panin Fie wishes to state emphatically that the Tafohene did not speak for the Okyenhene or the Okyeman Council as sections of the Press have reported and any statements made by him by way of endorsement could only have been his personal comments.

Indeed, the said statements directly contradict the policy of the Okyeman Council to which requires that chiefs do not make political statements of the kind attributed to the Tafohene. Ofori Panin Fie has taken steps to address the Tafohene's indiscretion and clear breach of protocol which tends to have the effect of unjustifiably and needlessly dragging the exalted office of the Okyenhene as well as the Okyeman Council into a political quagmire.

Ofori Panin Fie wishes to encourage all chiefs in the country to be mindful of the broad purpose of Article 276 (1) of the 1992 Constitution which requires that chiefs do not get involved in partisan politics for obvious and good reasons.

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