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John Boadu sets the record straight on “No NPP Varsity Certificate, No Appointment” Comment Attributed To Him

The General Secretary of the NPP, John Boadu, has denied making comments to the effect that future appointments in an NPP government shall be based on certification acquired from ‘NPP Varsity’. He was responding to comments attributed to him and widely reported in some media portals suggesting that he [John Boadu] had said that if one does not attend the NPP Varsity, he/she would not be considered for appointment to serve in an NPP government.

But, speaking to the media on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, the NPP Chief Scribe set the records straight on the matter, describing the story as misleading and a misreportage. He stated categorically that, the NPP has, at no point, decided to set up a Party University, and so, he certainly couldn’t have said that persons who do not attend the so called “NPP University” and obtain qualifying certificates, will not be considered for political appointment, now or in the future.

He said, for the avoidance of doubt that, the NPP was rather putting up a Party Training Institute to among other things, educate its members on the party’s philosophy, values, history, political strategy and communications with the view to imbuing in them the very tenets of democratic governance and practice from the perspective of centre-right ideals, which underpin the founding of the NPP tradition. The NPP is thus only setting up a Training Institute, and NOT a Party University properly so called, as reported, he stressed.

The decision to set up an NPP Training Institute, according to the Party General Secretary, was taken by the party’s highest decision-making body, the National Delegates Conference during the 2018 National Conference in Kumasi. This is in

line with the spirit of the 1992 Constitution particularly Article 55, which guarantees the right for the formation of political parties to participate in shaping the political will of the people, and to provide public education based on its ideals. “All that I said was that, the party is now ready to fully implement the decision of our highest decision making [national delegates conference]. The technical committee that we formed to workout the mechanics for the setting up of the Training Institute, which includes the Concept Paper and Implementation Roadmap have finished and submitted their Report to the party, awaiting final approval from NEC, which is expected to meet soon. Details of the implementation modalities will thereafter be made public.

The Institute is expected to offer training and public education to party office holders and NPP government appointees as well as ordinary party members in line with its founding principles. It is envisaged that in the medium to long term, appointees and potential appointees in an NPP government, as well as officers and potential officers of the party at the national, regional, constituency, electoral area and polling station levels would have received some training at the Institute.

And so, contrary to what has been attributed to me in the media, I never categorically said, and couldn’t have said that there will be no appointment or positions for members of the party who fail to attend the NPP Varsity, because there is no such thing like NPP Varsity, to start with”, John Boadu emphasized.

peacefmonline.com



DANKWAH-DOMBO-BUSIA: Is NOT for Ethnic Based rotation of Candidates

Political enthusiasts never stop talking about 2024 and what it holds for the New Patriotic Party. The battle for who succeeds H.E. Akufo-Addo as the leader of the NPP has obviously begun, with several groups being formed by party faithfuls in support of their favorite potential candidate. These candidates may not be aware of these groups but the battle for the numbers has clearly begun on social media and sooner than later, the potential candidates' attention will be drawn to the activities of these groups.

I have followed the arguments put forward by the opposing groups and to be fair, both sides have some very good arguments. In spite of that, I have found one particular argument to be threatening to the future of our party.

In an attempt to tie the hands of the party, so to speak, one side has advanced very strongly a tribal/ethno-geographic argument that suggests that the NPP will surely lose the 2024 elections unless their preferred candidate is elected as the flagbearer of the party.

That agenda began right after the 2016 elections and it appears that it has gained some support among party faithfuls and sympathizers. They say that the NPP is a Danquah-Dombo-Busia tradition and that looking at the Presidential candidates we have had and where (ethnicity/region) they came from, this should be Dombo's time.

By "Dombo's Time", they mean that the flagbearership must be given to someone who comes from the North. That agenda has gained some grounds in our party but there are some very important issues that have been ignored by party faithfuls and sympathizer

If the party is to elect presidential candidates on a tacit rotational basis, fueled by ethno-geographical politics, among some three so-called factions, then would it be right for people to say that if the self-named Dombo faction gets their preferred candidate elected on the argument that they must come after the Danquahs, then the next candidate after him should come from self-named Busia faction and after them the self-named Danquah faction?

Does that mean that promising men and women in our party who do not belong to any of these ethno-geographical factions stand no chance of becoming presidential candidates for our party?

If this must be Dombo's time and the next one Busia's time and then Danquah's time, the party will find itself in a vicious cycle that would be unfair to potential leaders who are Guan, Fante, Ga, Ewe, Nzema etc that do not have any ethnic or regional connection whatsoever to Danquah, Dombo or Busia.

I am a Guan from Okere and coming from a minority ethnic group, I abhor tribal politics with all my heart. Those who seek to gain an undue advantage by pulling a tribal card on their own party and creating the impression that if one of theirs is not elected as the next flagbearer of the party, the party is going to lose should know that what they're doing is dangerous for the future of the party and will come back one day to haunt them. In conclusion, the NPP has its own way of rewarding candidates and everyone must respect that. Political parties make politicians who they are. Political parties make people presidents.

I am of the view that no man is all-important to the NPP and that party and government officials should have the humility to listen to the real concerns of party people and stop the blatant imposition of candidates on the party. When the time comes and party faithfuls reward the man that must be rewarded, we will all support him to become President.

After all, truly NPP supporters will always vote NPP and floating voters will look at important issues, the demeanour and the character of the person before voting and not trivial matters like who comes from where and who belongs to what faction. We are all Danquahs, Dombos and Busias. Factionalism will do us no good.

Long live the NPP.

Source: Gyansah Henry henrygyansah@yahoo.com



Energy Minister clarifies Ghana's current power challenges in a press briefing

Minister of Energy, Dr. Mathew Opoku Prempeh said the current power challenges experienced by the country is due to technical challenges, but not shortages of fuel or power generation.

The Minister Made the revelation during a press briefing by the Ghana Grid Company (GRIDCo) at the Ministry of Information on the recent power situation in the country.

According to the Minister, the situation at hand is far from speculations of government owing some entities.

“Ghana has put in place mechanisms where every generator, transmitter, and distributor of electricity is paid something regularly.” He stated.

available to the supplier of fuel for the generators.



Dr. Napo also used the opportunity to assured Ghanaians that the current difficulties are in short term whilst they work hard to ensure a reliable power supply.

Source: peoplesmother.org



He added that the Ministry is introducing a Gas clearinghouse where funds will be made



President Akuffo-Addo present 40 armoured personnel carriers to Armed Forces

The President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo-Addo, has presented forty (40) armoured personnel carriers to the Ghana Armed Forces, as part of Government's efforts to retool and equip the military.

Addressing a ceremony at Burma Camp on Wednesday, 31st March 2021, President Akuffo-Addo stated that since taking office in 2017, his Government has been working to satisfy the logistical and personnel needs of the Armed Forces.

Indeed, on Thursday, 5th December 2019, at Burma Camp, the President presented thirty-three (33) Armoured Personnel Carriers, forty-one (41) assorted Toyota vehicles, three (3) water tankers, one (1) self-loading recovery truck, one (1) refrigeration van, and five (5) utility vehicles for waste disposal and management.

"I did indicate in my address on that day that there was more to come. As you know by now, a Government of the New Patriotic Party is a promise-keeping one, and I am here to redeem that pledge," he said.

The President continued, "Today, I am here to present forty (40) Cobra II Armoured Personnel Carriers, which, according to military standards, are very strong and versatile armoured vehicles, and which will help us contain even better the security threats posed at our northern borders, as well as provide the necessary protection for our western and eastern frontiers."

He commended the Armed Forces for their continued commitment to the on-going Operations CONQUERED FIST and MOTHERLAND, which is intended to create a secure, peaceful atmosphere at the northwestern, northern and northeastern borders of the country.

President Akuffo-Addo urged the Armed Forces to continue to collaborate with the Ministries of National Security, Interior, Foreign Affairs and the Ghana Revenue Authority, as well as all relevant ministries and agencies, to ensure that the country maintains a robust disposition that will deter potential aggressors, who may attempt to derail the political and socio-economic gains chalked so far.

"We all know that the rapid economic transformation and accelerated growth that we seek can only be realized in an atmosphere of peace, tranquility and security. I assure you that Government will continue to address your logistical needs, and we will work to provide resources through our re-equipment programme, and help ensure that you are properly equipped to perform your roles effectively and efficiently," he added.



As an institution noted for its discipline, the President urged them to pay particular attention to the maintenance of the vehicles, "and to use them for the benefit of our country and its people."

Source: preidency.gov.gh



Your Hard Work Is Commendable But Don't be Complacent - Dr Asah Asante to Finance Minister

Senior Political Science Lecturer at the University of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Asah Asante has commended Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta on his approval by the Appointments Committee in Parliament.

Ken Ofori-Atta appeared before the Appointments Committee to answer questions on his conduct in President Nana Akufo-Addo's first term.

The vetting of the Finance Minister gave Ghanaians and the Committee the opportunity to assess his competence and whether he deserves to serve as Minister in the President's second term.

Following the vetting, Mr. Ofori-Atta has been approved.

Speaking on Peace FM's "Kokrokoo", Dr. Asah Asante believed Ken Ofori-Atta was approved by the Committee on merit for his competence but advised him not to be complacent.

He noted that complacency has caused some people to fail in executing their duties, hence writing off their hard work.

"He shouldn't be complacent because, in politics, when someone becomes complacent; the person isn't able to work effectively . . . He will continue his good works and remain humble. He will work hard to leave a good legacy for posterity."

Source: peacefmonline.com

Outstanding negotiations on AfCFTA to conclude before end of the year

Work is going on assiduously to finalize all outstanding negotiations on the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement before the end of the year.

These negotiations which are part of necessary conditions to ensure the success of the programme has been facing challenges from member countries despite commencement of the agreement.

Director of Services at the African Continental Free Trade Secretariat, Emily Mboru-Ndoria assured that the outstanding rules which includes protocol on trade in goods and services will be completed this year.

“Differences in interests for various member countries of the African Union has been a major challenge for the finalization of outstanding rules and negotiations for the continental free trade agreement.

The development, although under control, can push back the objective of having a common Customs Union as Africa”, she disclosed at the Graphic Stanbic breakfast meeting in Accra under the theme, Leveraging AfCFTA, the critical success factors.

“You know the size of an SME in

South Africa may not be the same as Niger or Ghana so everyone is trying to fight their interest to ensure that they get the best”, she added.

“We are however working with every member country so that we get everyone on the same level” she noted.

Technical Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Anthony Nyame Baafi assured the business community that Ghana is working together with the African Union to use all channels available to address their concerns.

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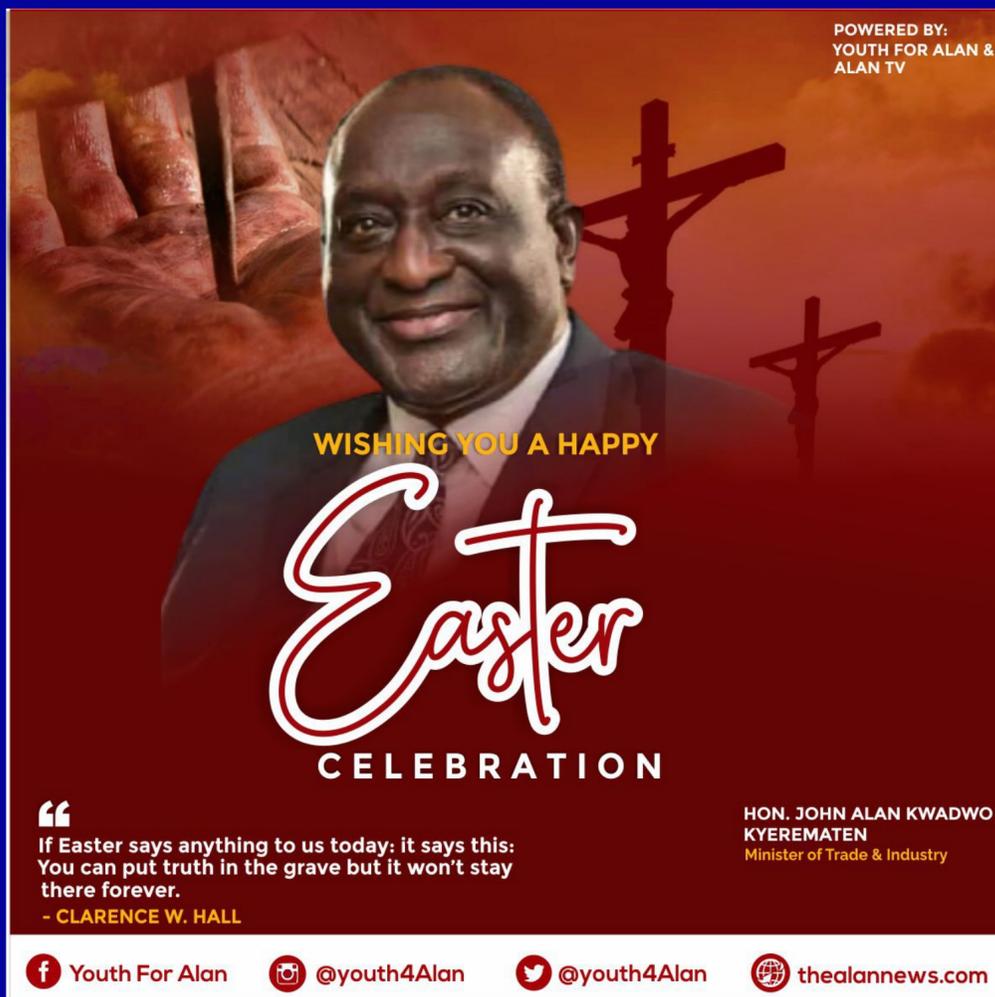


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If Easter says anything to us today; it says this:
You can put truth in the grave but it won't stay
there forever.
- CLARENCE W. HALL

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