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Why Alan Cash will win the NPP Flagbearer race and defeat John Mahama

The President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, in 2024 will be retiring and be succeeded by either his Vice Dr. Bawumia or his Minister of Trade and Industry John Alan Kyerematen.

Looking at the situations in the National Democratic Congress (NDC), it is obvious, that the former president John Dramani Mahama, who was also the 2020 flagbearer, will be maintained for the 2024 presidential elections.

The New Patriotic Party (NPP) is currently in a decision making time...the time to making a decision that is best for the future of the party and one that is best for the unity of the founding factions of the political party. With a good number of people suggesting vice president Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia while others suggest honourable Alan Kyeremanten, it is only right for the party to make critical considerations before concluding on who to present.

Following the December 2020 election outcome, many Ghanaians and some experts have warned the National Democratic Congress (NDC) not to try presenting John Mahama as the flagbearer for election 2024. According t them, no other NDC candidate can beat Bawumia or Alan come 2024.

In this article, we try to answer the most controversial question: Alan Cash verses Dr.

Bawunia, who best qualifies to lead the NPP and come December 2024.

In short, I will say Alan Kyeremanten is the best choice to lead the NPP, against John Mahama 2024. Alan Kyeremanten; is popularly known, and is seen by many as a forbearer of the NPP's torch of leadership. His decision to concede defeat on several occasions to allow Akufo-Addo lead even when others expected tensions to be high is an absolute confirmation of this assertion.

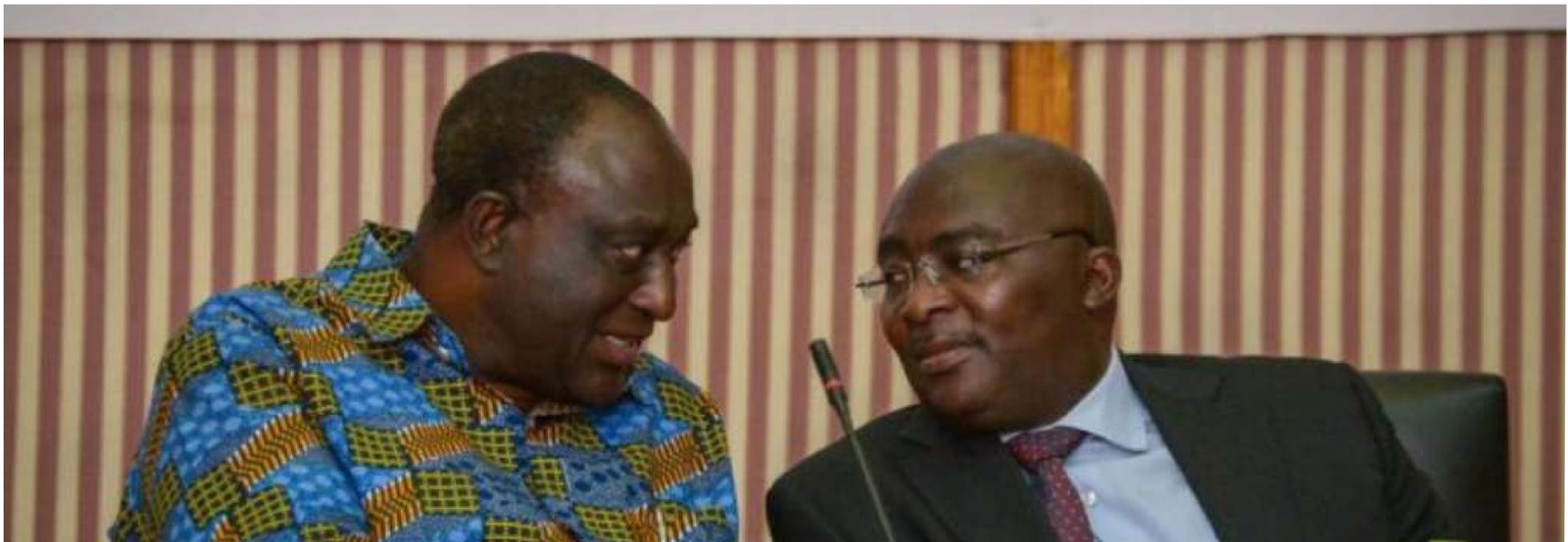
Alan Cash's untainted dignity is another big reason why; if the NPP present him as their flag bearer, he will defeat John Mahama in 2024 elections.

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) may be electing a flagbearer next year, 2022, and John Mahama looks the obvious choice. Mr. Mahama has, since taking over from late President John Evans Atta Mills, led the party to one victory – 2012 – and two defeats – 2016 and 2020.

Who is your preferred candidate to lead the NPP, and defeat John Mahama in December 2024?

Vice president Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia or honourable Alan Kyeremanten

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Alan Kyerematen is competent, Dr. Bawumia is not a disaster, NPP has the men

My attention has been drawn to a publication on Modern Ghana website in which the Member of Parliament for Tamale Central Constituency, Hon. Mutala Mohammed, is reported to have claimed that “Alan is the most incompetent” and “Dr Bawumia will be declared Burkinabe by NPP”. Hon. Mutala again referred to our Vice President, Dr. Bawumia, as “a disaster”. This spurious and unguarded claim comes as no surprise to discerning Ghanaians who are very much aware of the NDC’s aggressive quest to wrestle power from the New Patriotic Party come 2024. I think we can only expect worse form of such baseless and unprovoked attacks.

I am however worried that a law maker of the stature of my brother Hon Mutala could slip so comfortably into mischievous mudslinging and tribal bigotry with no regard, whatsoever, to verification.

I believe in our national discourse and campaigning towards election 2024, even at this early stage, principles must be preferable to propaganda, national interest to sectorial/personal interest, honesty to dishonesty and, political correctness must supersede loose talk.

Hon Mutala must hear and keep forever that Dr Bawumia is our cherished Vice President who the NPP has honored as a running mate into major general elections on four consecutive occasions. In the process, Dr Bawumia has risen to the second most important and powerful office of the land and our party has supported our Veep all the way. He is NOT a disaster! He has in fact proven his worth.

Out of eight general elections since 1992, seven of the presidential tickets of the New Patriotic Party have featured non-Akans particularly patriots from the northern part of Ghana, where Mutala hails from as running mates. These are; Hon R.I Alhassan, H.E Alhaji Aliu Mahama and H.E Dr Alhaji Mahamadu Bawumia. Unlike the NDC, we have and continue to hold the position of the Vice President in high esteem and forever relish these stalwarts.

Hon. Mutala must up his game if he wants to be accorded seriousness. What absurd thinking could make him conclude that Dr. Bawumia would be declared a Burkinabe because he is a non-Akan? This is ridiculous and not befitting of his status as member of the August House of Parliament. Such tribalistic comment should never be attributed to a person of the caliber of Hon. Mutala.

For his copious attention, Mutala must be told that the NPP is all-embracing party as reflected at all times and at all levels of the party structure. Mutala must abreast himself with the tradition and history of the party instead of engaging in groundless and hollow claims as attributed to him in his latest tirade.

In selecting our national executives over the years, the NPP have happily selected and/or elected countless non-Akans who incidentally contested Akan candidates and won. Clearly, consciously or unconsciously, the good Patriots of our party have preferred non-Akans to Akans based on considerations that are superior to tribal and ethnic factors. Just to refresh the memory of Hon Mutala on non-Akans who have held various national executive positions in NPP, I wish to mention few among the many as follows; Hon Mustapha Hamid, Alhaji Bambah, Hon Anthony Karbo, Hon Otiko Djaba, Paul Afoko and Madam Rita Asobayere.

Hon Mutala’s comments on the Trade and Industry minister, Hon Alan Kyerematen is a weird misfire. Hon Alan from all past and present indications and by all local and international standards is a leader of unquestionable Competence and Character. His works speak evidently from EMPRETEC Ghana, Enterprise Africa, District Industrialization Project, Presidential Special Initiative, One District One Factory, Africa Continental Free Trade Area, Automobile revolution in Ghana, etc.

I am pretty sure that my brother Mutala will intentionally wink over all the marvelous achievements associated with Hon Alan Kyerematen for obvious reasons. But I am not sure what Hon Mutala makes of the fact that the man he describes as incompetent was actually endorsed and supported by H.E Prof Mills (late), H.E President John Mahama and the entire Africa Union as competent enough to contest for the international position of Director General of World Trade Organization(WTO). The archaic gimmick of engaging in “child’s play” of a so called dossier is just a non-starter.

The Nana Akufo-Addo administration remain focused to deliver on its promise and is on course to leave a legacy that would break the eight year jinx. We have the men!

It is quite obvious that Hon Mutala has misfired without due consideration for the choice of propaganda. May he do it right next time.

By: Barima Sarpong Kumankuma

Government Authorizes the Ghana Armed Forces to stop all illegal mining activities across the nation

In furtherance of the resolutions of the final communique, of the Stakeholder Dialogue on Small Scale Mining on April 14-15, 2021 and to ensure that mining within water bodies is immediately stopped; the President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, has authorized the Ghana Armed Forces, to commence an operation, to remove all persons and logistics involved in mining from Ghana's water bodies.

The operation commenced at 0600 hours on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 on the River Pra in the Central and Western regions of Ghana.

Two Hundred (200) officers of the Ghana Armed Forces are involved in the operation. The Ministry of Defence and the Ghana Armed forces will provide a detailed brief of developments and sustainability efforts at 1200 hours on Friday 30th April 2021.



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Alan Kyerematen: A long Serving Patriot



The New Patriotic Party has had its fair share of ups and downs, satisfaction and disappointment, glory and shame, joy and pain. After the ban on political parties was lifted as the country was preparing to go back to democracy and establish the Fourth Republic, like-minded people who shared the same political philosophy gathered to form political parties. Jerry John Rawlings, the military ruler of Ghana at the time founded the National Democratic Congress, some Nkrumaists founded the People's National Convention, others formed the National Convention Party while those who shared the same liberal economic principles as J. B. Danquah and K.A. Busia re-united (having been split into the United National Convention and the Popular Front Party in the 1979 elections) to form the New Patriotic Party.

It must be pointed out that forming a party to compete with Jerry Rawlings' NDC was not a task for faint-hearted men. Many people who were members of some of the antecedents of the NPP joined Rawlings' NDC. Perhaps, joining the party founded by the most powerful man in the country was the easier option. In spite of that, there were brave men who chose to stand up to Jerry Rawlings and speak truth to power. Some of these bold men are : Professor Albert Adu Boahen, Peter Ala Adjetey, Bernard Jao Da Rocha, John Agyekum Kuffuor, Nana Addo Danquah Akufo-Addo and Alan John Kyerematen.

Today, the NPP is the largest political party in the Republic of Ghana. By some distance, it is the most attractive party in Ghana. The party did not achieve that feat overnight. The men and women whose blood, sweat, tears and money contributed immensely to the making of the NPP and to the successes that the party enjoys today must be idolized. It is in this regard that I shine the spotlight on Alan John Kyerematen.

Alan Kyerematen was a highly successful young man at the time the NPP was founded. He had been a junior executive at a subsidiary of Unilever International in Ghana at the age of 22 and had also worked with the United Nations to establish EMPRETEC Ghana, becoming its founding Chief Executive at the age of 35 in 1990. As a result of his vast experience in management and entrepreneurial leadership, Alan Kyerematen became the chairman of the Young Executive Forum of the New Patriotic Party, a position he occupied for nine years. The Young Executive Forum was formed by highly successful young men who had achieved huge successes in their private lives. This powerful group of young executives used their power and influence to entice other successful businessmen to join the NPP and provide financial support to enhance the development of the NPP. It is therefore not surprising that Alan Kyerematen, Peter Mac-Manu, Albert Kan Dapaah and other founding members of the Young Executive Forum of the NPP continue to inspire the youth in the party to give their all to the party as we try to consolidate our gains

Again, Alan Kyerematen's exceptional leadership qualities ensured that he served on the National Executive Committee of the NPP for over a decade, serving under legendary National Chairmen B. J. Da Rocha and Peter Ala Adjetey. During this period, he also served on the Economic Management Team and Finance Committee of the party to bring his renowned financial expertise on board as the party sought to wrestle power from Jerry Rawlings' NDC.

In fact, one of Alan Kyerematen's most outstanding contributions to the NPP was his serving on the NPP's negotiating team for the Great Alliance between the NPP and the National Convention Party prior to the 1996 elections. The effect of the Great Alliance on the growth of the NPP was evident in the party's performance in the 1996 elections. J. A. Kuffuor, the leader of the NPP got an impressive 39.7% of the votes. Impressive; because in 1992, the NPP got less than 35% of the votes. From humble beginnings, the NPP had made a giant stride towards capturing power. Winning the hearts of Ghanaians through alliances proved to be vital in the 2000 elections when J. A. Kuffuor got the crucial support of the CPP and other parties in the run-off. Kudos to Alan Kyerematen and the others whose smart negotiating skills made these alliances possible and by extension made the party's first electoral victory in the year 2000 possible.

Alan Kyerematen's competence, character and commitment to the the NPP earned him the appointment as Ghana's Ambassador to the United States of America in 2001. While he was away, Alan never lost touch with the party. Indeed, he supported NPP USA in various ways and till date, members of the NPP USA branch remember fondly his contributions to that branch.

In 2003, President Kuffuor appointed Alan Kyerematen to take charge of the Trade Ministry. Alan continued to serve the NPP in various ways and in 2007 when the party was looking for a new leader, a very significant section of the party saw him as the man to take over as the leader of the party. In that year's NPP primaries, Alan Kyerematen pulled 32.3% of the votes. As no candidate secured, the required 50% + 1 vote, a run-off, a run-off was, therefore, on the cards. For the sake of the party's unity and having been told that his time will surely come, Alan Kyerematen rejected the chance of contesting in the run-off and threw his support behind Nana Akufo-Addo, who had obtained 47.9% of the votes. Having contested Nana Addo on two other occasions, Alan Kyerematen always campaigned for Akufo-Addo to be elected President.

In view of Alan Kyerematen's significant dedication to the NPP from its founding till date and his loyalty to President Akufo-Addo, he has once again been appointed Minister for Trade and Industry. In fact, Alan Kyerematen was the first to be named minister after Nana Addo was sworn in on 7th January, 2021.

To conclude, Alan Kyerematen has served the New Patriotic Party very well as a founding member, as a chairman of the Young Executives Forum, as a member of the NPP's negotiating team for the Great Alliance, as Ambassador to the USA, as a Trade Minister, as a member of the National Executives Committee, as a member of the Economic Management Team of the party, as a member of the Finance Committee of the party and in many other roles that cannot be fully listed here. His experience, character, and competence has helped the party greatly in so many ways. Join me as I doff my hat to celebrate an inspiring long-serving Patriot, Alan John Kyerematen.

AfCFTA is a fantastic tool for driving SMEs to global inspirations

-MTN C.E.O



The Chief Executive Officer of MTN Ghana Limited, Selorm Adadevoh, has noted that with the new normal created in a pandemic era, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) must re-strategise to penetrate global markets – starting with the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as a tool for skills acquisition.

SMEs account for around 80 percent of businesses, and most usually struggle to penetrate more advanced overseas markets. However, with AfCFTA, the SMEs are well-positioned to tap into regional export destinations and can use regional markets as stepping-stones for expanding into overseas markets with the right skills and resources, he stressed.

Speaking as the guest at UBA Africa’s Business Session on the theme ‘Restrategising business post COVID-19 to remain competitive’, he reiterated that most SMEs are very limited in terms of skills and resources; therefore, the products developed are country-specific and do not qualify for the global market in terms of quality and packaging – a reason for low exports in the country. Therefore, SMEs must strive to acquire the requisite skills that enable them to play in the global space.

“If I look at what is happening in our space today – specifically, the coming into being of the AfCFTA to facilitate trade across the continent, I think it is a fantastic tool that can drive our SMEs to begin aspiring for the global market. Our SMEs must start thinking globally; the focus must change from being just a local or community player to more of a regional, pan-African and global player, then they can attract investments into their businesses,” he said.

He emphasised that the SME space represents the hope and future for Africa; and with counterparts in Nigeria already reaching global markets because of their favourable market size and thinking, the business mentality and culture of SMEs in Ghana must also begin to change from being content with

being a local champion to focusing on going global.

AfCFTA will cover a market of about 1.3 billion people with a gross domestic product (GDP) of US\$2.5trillion across all 55 member states of the African Union, and will be the world’s largest free trade area. This, he said, presents an opportunity that SMEs cannot afford to miss out on.

Touching on the impact of COVID-19 on the global supply chain and its effect on Ghanaian businesses, he stated that the pandemic exposed our heavy dependence on imported resourcing for manufacturing and production industries – adding that the lessons learnt mean the country must begin focusing on creating a local base of these materials to enable local sourcing

“The pandemic exposed a dependence on a supply chain that is out of our control, and going forward we need to think about moving from global to local sourcing of raw materials. Manufacturing and production must be aggressive in trying to source locally to supply the local market, because sourcing globally is getting to be expensive and unsustainable,” he expressed.

Furthermore, Mr. Adadevoh added, one important lesson learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic is that businesses must be ready for any kind of shock; and being able to develop a business model that will be ready for different kinds of shocks is the difficult task most businesses are considering going forward.

He also emphasised that going digital has a role to play in building a business that is resilient to any type of shock; therefore, businesses must have a consistent digital transformation strategy on both the operations and channel/circulation sides.

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Trade Minister commends 1D1F beneficiary, Zonda Tech Ghana for opening sales point

Mr Alan Kyeremanten, the Minister for Trade and Industry, has commended Zonda Tech Ghana Limited, a vehicle assembly plant at Tema, for opening a sales and after sales service point at Dzorwulu, in Accra to create job for the locals.

The Company, which is operating under Government's One District, One Factory programme, deals in assembling of light commercial vehicles, heavy machinery and equipment.

The Dzorwulu and other future branches will serve as sales and after sales service points for top vehicle manufacturers in China.

Mr. Kyerematen said the opening of the sales points was in line with Government's industrialization agenda and said it would create jobs for young people in the catchment area and grow the local economy.

“Industrialisation is the key to job creation that's why the government is focusing on the automotive and vehicle assembly industry.

"The government has taken a good step. This is the time for us to convert our natural resources into value added products and the development of the auto industry is going to be a major part of this process.

“When finally we are able to produce steel from iron and manganese in Ghana, it's

going to be the part of the component that we will use for our vehicle assembly and automotive industry in our country to create more jobs for our youth, the Minister said.

He applauded Zonda Tech Ghana Limited for offering opportunity to young people in the country and restated the commitment of government to industrialisation and job creation through private sector empowerment.

Madam Yang Yang, Managing Director of Zonda Tech Ghana Limited, told the Ghana News Agency that the establishment of branches for sales and after sale services was necessary in getting the Company closer to its customers.

“Since the vehicles are sold to people in different parts of the Country, we want to establish sales and service centres across to draw closer to our customers to provide them with the best of service and also create jobs in Ghana. This is why Zonda is always regarded as the best," she said.



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TIMELINES FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

As part of preparation towards the reorganization of our great party, please find below schedule dates for key activities within the party

1. JULY 2021
CONSTITUENCY ANNUAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

2. AUGUST 2021
ANNUAL REGIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

3. NOVEMBER 2021
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

4. JANUARY 2022
POLLING STATION ELECTIONS

5. FEBRUARY, 2022
ELECTORAL AREA COORDINATORS ELECTIONS

6. MARCH, 2022
CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVES ELECTIONS

7. APRIL, 2022
REGIONAL EXECUTIVES ELECTIONS

8. JUNE, 2022
NATIONAL EXECUTIVES ELECTIONS

Constituency chairpersons are expected to further share this important information with their colleague executives and give the utmost support towards the successful execution of all the above party activities.

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JOHN ALAN KYEREMATEN WRITES:

I joined Evangelist Bishop Dag Heward-Mills last Saturday, 24th April, for a spiritually uplifting breakfast meeting at his sprawling Anagkazo Campus Campus at Akwapim-Mampong in the Eastern Region.

The inspiring session held at the God's Banquet Hall, was also attended by other politicians, members of the Judiciary, Corporate and industrial captains, who all joined in prayer for the peace of the country.

I was later conducted round the magnificent campus as well as the Center for Historical Research into word Evangelism and Global Mission.



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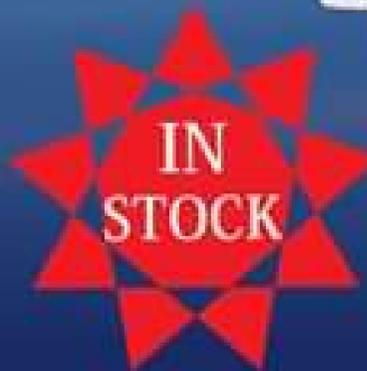


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As we celebrate International labour day today, I congratulate the very hard working Ghanaians for their efforts at contributing to the success of the nation.

I urge that we work even harder for the development and well-being in all facets of national life.

Ayekoo!!

Alan Kyerematen
MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY



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