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ATTACK ON ELECTORAL COMMISSION STAFF

Our attention was drawn by the media and eye-witnesses to the fact that, after the peaceful exercise of franchise of the people of Techiman South on Saturday, 7th December, 2024, violence erupted at the collation center at the Police Divisional Headquarters on Sunday morning, December 8th, 2024 and wish to state as follows:

1. Nananom were shocked at this news because most of us, in order to ensure peaceful elections, went round all polling stations in our divisional areas during the elections.

Upon hearing that violence had erupted at the collation center, an emergency meeting was held to ascertain the truth/otherwise of the matter. Nananom went round to verify and see the extent of damage to humans and property.

The Ghana Police conducted us round the Divisional Police Headquarters in Techiman as to the extent of damage. To our astonishment, some EC machines, ballot papers, motor bike and other related materials were destroyed and some of them burnt to ashes.

The worst of it all was the building and walls to the premises of the Divisional Police headquarters.

The hooligans broke the fence to the building itself with machetes, clubs and other offensive materials damaging all the glasses on the building and some of the burglar proof to enable them gain access to the Electoral Commission staff and the Police. Surprisingly, the hooligans were wielding guns and shot into the building of the Divisional Command headquarters and the Police never fired back all in the interest of professionalism and peaceful election.

Nananom were informed by the EC Returning officer that he was forced at gun point to declare the National Democratic Congress (NDC) Parliamentary candidate of Techiman South as the winner of the election.

It was reported that a group of NDC sympathizers numbering around five hundred who were aggrieved by the delay of announcing the results of the polls forced themselves illegally into the collation centre to do that act of indiscipline.

The newly constructed Urban Park, of which the first phase had been completed, was also not spared. Stands at the park were flipped over and an attempt to destroy the carpet grass however proved futile.

2. We suspect that no indigene of Techiman will dream of venturing into doing this and all those who took part in this barbaric acts are a disgrace to the Ghanaian community since even dogs protect their premises. The question is: Do we conduct general elections to achieve violence? What does a candidate achieve by getting hold of the election materials including Pink sheets, ballot papers etc. and burn them?

Nananom wish to state that the NDC and NPP have always gone through elections peacefully without violence since the inception of the fourth Republic until 2020 elections when people we believe do not have the interest of Techiman at heart, joined the race and violence started at almost all collation periods.

3. As we congratulate the security services especially the Ghana Police for risking their lives all in the interest of democracy and peaceful election, we wish to use this opportunity to CONDEMN SUCH ACTS OF INDISCIPLINE AND HOOLIGANISM INTOTO. That is, as much as such hooligans know and fight for their rights, they should as well know and respect their corresponding responsibility as citizens of Ghana.

4. We therefore call on the Ghana Police Service and other security agencies to intensify their investigation and do all they could to bring the perpetrators to book devoid of political spectacle unlike the violence that rocked Techiman South during collation on December 7th 2020 general elections which investigation has yielded no results as at now in spite of persistent follow ups by Nananom.

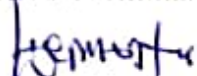
5. Also, it is believed that the hooligans who besieged the collation center are still in town fomenting trouble to innocent citizens. We wish to appeal to the security services to beef up security in town and apprehend anybody engaged in any act of indiscipline

6. Again, we should allow the EC to do its work as mandated by the 1992 Constitution or any law in Ghana.

We therefore appeal to the EC to continue the collation of the results in Techiman South Constituency and declare the results to bring to finality all uncertainties to forestall peace.

7. We therefore appeal to the Electoral Commission to kindly divide the Techiman South constituency in order to speed up the collation of votes in the near future because the constituency is too large.

Long Live Techiman, Long Live Ghana.



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