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NPP NATIONAL YOUTH WING REACTS TO DEMOCRACY HUB DEMO' – WE ARE FIXING GHANA!

1. I followed with keen interest a 3-Day demonstration organised by a group known as Democracy Hub. I want to firstly condemn the action of the police force on the first day of the demonstration. I thought that the barbaric act that was meted on us in September 2015, where we were brutalised, served as a lesson for the police to learn from and never to repeat again but alas.
2. For the records, the right to demonstrate is inalienable and guaranteed by the constitution. Citizens have the right to protest, albeit peacefully to drum home their demand(s).
3. I tried so hard in the 3 days of the protest to take home the most salient reason and demand for the protest, but nothing concrete. Except for the usual rhetoric of fix the road, motorway, cost of living and other tangentials, which borders on politics.
4. I am a patriot of this great country and also seek what's best for us all. We have all been affected by hardships brought upon us due to the economic crisis we have been through since 2021. It's imperative to point to the ravaging consequences of Covid-19 and the current supply chain disruptions caused by the war in Eastern Europe. This has dealt a significant blow to our economic outlook as a country, just as the entire global economy has been struck by these catastrophic events. For example, inflation rose to a 30-year high to 8% in the USA and, consequently, increasing the prices of fuel, food, mortgages, etc. The Biden administration is being criticised as well.
5. This government inherited an economy that was in tatters in 2017, GDP growth averaged 3.5%, significant job losses due to Dumsor, freeze on public sector employment, all statutory accounts were in arrears. Unemployment was high at 5.5%. This saw teacher and nurse trainees who had completed school sit at home for 4 years until this government came into office.
6. It is okay to criticise this government. We are human and have flaws, but in terms of infrastructural development, youth employment and support, and investment in the digital economy, no government comes near this Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government. Yet, I understand that the current economic difficulties make it difficult to appreciate the vast improvement we have witnessed in this country under the Akufo-Addo government.
7. This Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government is fixing the Ofankor-Nsawam dualisation of the Accra-Kumasi Highway, which the NDC couldn't do in 8 years. The Spintex-East Legon Bypass interchange is a critical project that will shape commuting in that part of the city, same as the interchange connecting Nungua to Tema. This government is building 5 interchanges at a go, including the one at PTC Takoradi. In terms of kilometres of roads done, we have constructed more roads in 7-years than the NDC did in 8-years.
8. This Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government has made the biggest investment in our educational sector. 10-state of the art STEM schools have been built. Several blocks of classrooms and dormitories in all other existing SHS, and colleges of education have received monumental infrastructural projects. Free TVET and SHS policies have been set in motion to improve access to education and its quality. Supplied unparallel teaching and learning materials; as well as logistics to the GES. This government has also borne the cost of registration for both BECE and WASSCE.

9. This Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government has made the biggest investment in our health sector. We completed and operationalised UGMC and completed Tepa Hospital, which was abandoned by the NDC. Bought 300 new, fit for purpose ambulances for Ghana. It's important to mention that Ghana had only 54 functional ambulances across the country until the NPP came into office. Agenda 111 is fully on course, and some of the hospitals will come on stream by December. Today, Ghana is the leader of the world in the medical drone delivery system thanks to this government, a system that is saving lives and making impact in health delivery.
10. The Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government has invested heavily in sports infrastructure. Ghana had only 3 AstroTurf facilities, but today, we have over 160. 10 new modern 5,000 seating capacity youth resource centres across the country have been constructed. We have completed the UGSC at Legon, while the construction of an ultramodern new track stadium at Borteyman is underway.
11. The Akufo-Addo/Bawumia government has done more in industrialisation. 5 new vehicle manufacturing plants within 7 years. Over 100 new factories under 1D1F. Business resource centres and support facilities. This government has helped youth startups through the innovative presidential pitch programme and GEA support programmes.
12. Currently, unemployment stands at 4.7%, which though is lower than what we inherited from the NDC, yet I concede that unemployment is still a big problem for us and a lot more needs to be done. This government has created over 2 million jobs and still counting. On the comparative record, I will trust the NPP more to be able to deal with the canker of unemployment than the NDC. Lest we forget, John Dramani Mahama, as president, told us that he's not a magician to create jobs. Akufo-Addo is not a magician too but he's creating jobs in exponential volumes.
13. From all accounts and comparative records, if not for debaucherous and uncanny politics, organising demonstrations with seeming mindset to cause chaos, then, it's not far to see the remarkable efforts of this government. It took this government to achieve the roll out of national identification, which is a critical element in the transformation of an economy. Today, we are in the era of Ghana Card and digitalisation, thanks to this government.
14. In conclusion, the gallant youth of this country deserve better. We are in difficulties, no doubt about it. But I can state unequivocally that all young people around the world share similar stories as we do here, though with varying degrees, but sufficiently, there's global stress on us all. I have absolute trust in this government and the efforts underway to get us out of the woods. Let's not forget that Ghana was the fastest growing economy in the world in 2018. This translated into jobs and reduction in some benchmark values, stable cost of living. This government has a track record of 'fixing' and will continue to do so.

We are working for you!

We are fixing Ghana!

God bless our homeland, Ghana!

End.

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