



PRESS STATEMENT

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The NDC has noted with disgust the report of the Office of Special Prosecutor (OSP) on investigations into alleged commission of corruption and corruption-related offenses involving former Deputy Finance Minister, Charles Adu Boahen.

The conclusion by the OSP at paragraph 7.1 of the said report, that, “though the conduct of Mr. Adu Boahen amounts to trading in influence or influence peddling, which is closely associated with corruption, there is no actual criminal prohibition of his acts in respect of which the OSP has a mandate to further act” is totally flawed and misconceived.

Having forensically verified the audio-visual recording adduced by Tiger Eye P.I as a true reflection of the events represented thereon, and having conclusively established that Charles Adu Boahen indeed, demanded a bribe of 20% of the value of the initial investment or an upfront payment of 10% of the value of the proposed investment and a post-investment sharing of the proceeds of same from undercover agents of Tiger Eye P.I who were posing as businessmen interested in investing in Ghana, it is totally unacceptable for the OSP to have concluded that Charles Adu is not guilty of a crime.

For the avoidance of doubt, Charles Adu Boahen’s conduct as captured in the “Galamsey Economy” documentary of Tiger Eye P.I clearly amounts to the offense of Extortion as provided under section 247 of the Criminal and Other Offenses Act, 1960 (ACT 29), as amended, which provides as follows;

“Explanation as to Extortion.”

A public officer commits extortion who, under colour of office, demands or obtains from a person, whether for public purposes or for personal gain, or for any other person money or valuable consideration which the public officer knows is not lawfully authorised or at a time at which the public officer knows is not lawfully authorized to demand or to obtain that money or valuable consideration.”

The report smacks of a coverup and has the potential to dampen public confidence in the Office of Special Prosecutor if not reviewed immediately.

The conduct of Charles Adu Boahen constitutes corruption of monumental proportions and must not go unpunished.



We wish to serve notice, that the next NDC government shall institute criminal investigations into this matter with the objective of prosecuting all those found culpable.

Until then, we urge the Ghanaian public to treat this report with the contempt it deserves and demand a total reversal of this disappointing decision of the OSP.

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