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**PRESS RELEASE BY THE AGGRIEVED CANDIDATES IN THE YENDI
CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS OF THE NEW PATRIOTIC
PARTY (NPP) ON THE UNLAWFUL SUSPENSION OF THE YENDI
CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS**

The Aggrieved Candidates in the Yendi Constituency Executive Elections of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) wish to address the party, the media, and the general public on the continued suspension of the Yendi Constituency Executive Elections.

At the outset, we extend our deepest condolences to the entire Kingdom of Dagbon following the passing of the Overlord of Dagbon, Ya-Na Abukari II. We join the people of Dagbon and all Ghanaians in mourning this monumental loss and pray that Almighty Allah grants the late Ya-Na Aljannah Firdaus. May Allah comfort the Royal Family and the entire Kingdom during this difficult period.

The Yendi Constituency, like all other constituencies across the country, commenced the New Patriotic Party's internal reorganisation process several months ago. The process progressed successfully through nominations and filing of forms and had reached the final stage of vetting prospective constituency executive candidates.

During the vetting exercise, a group of party members petitioned the election committee over the alleged removal of their names from the constituency album, thereby denying them their status as polling station executives. Unfortunately, videos relating to the incident were circulated on social media, creating the impression that the process in Yendi had broken down completely. We believe these actions formed part of a calculated attempt by certain individuals to derail the electoral process and frustrate ongoing reconciliation efforts led by respected party elders.

It is our respectful view that the National Executive Council (NEC) acted prematurely by suspending the constituency elections without first obtaining a comprehensive briefing from its own national representative who was present and supervising the vetting process. To date, no formal investigation has been conducted, no official communication has been made to us as interested parties,

and we have not been afforded the opportunity to present our side of the matter before or after the suspension. This, in our view, falls short of the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness expected within a democratic political party.

Despite this setback, we have remained loyal to the party and have exhausted every available internal avenue for redress. We engaged the National Representative, the Constituency Chairman, and the Council of Elders in good faith before submitting a formal petition detailing the circumstances surrounding the suspension.

We acknowledge and commend the tireless efforts of the Council of Elders and other respected opinion leaders who have worked diligently to resolve this unfortunate matter. Their appeal to the National Executive Council, copied to all relevant stakeholders, including the Flagbearer of the Party, Dr. Alhaji Mahamudu Bawumia, called on the NEC to prioritise unity, justice, and fairness by lifting the suspension and allowing the democratic process to continue.

We are, however, deeply concerned by attempts by certain individuals to exercise powers not granted to them under the Constitution of the Party. Such actions undermine the democratic traditions, unity, and constitutional order of the New Patriotic Party. This is inconsistent with the ideals upon which our great party was founded by visionary leaders such as B. J. Da Rocha.

We wish to state unequivocally that we oppose any attempt to extend the mandate of the current Constituency Executives. The concerns that initially led to the suspension have since been addressed through the intervention of the Constituency Chairman and other stakeholders. Consequently, there is no lawful or justifiable basis for the continued suspension of the elections or any extension of the mandate of the current executives.

Accordingly, we respectfully call on the National Executive Council to:

1. Immediately reopen the party's electoral system to enable the Constituency Chairman to restore all names affected by the album discrepancies and ensure that a final and undisputed constituency album is completed by 21st July 2026.
2. Fix 31st July 2026 as the date for the Yendi Constituency Executive Elections to enable democratically elected constituency executives to

participate in the forthcoming Regional and National Delegates' Conferences and Elections.

3. Respect the democratic rights of delegates by ensuring that the Yendi Constituency Executive Elections are conducted without any further unnecessary delay.

Should these reasonable demands not be met, we shall have no option but to seek legal redress. Among the reliefs we intend to seek are orders compelling the Party to conduct the Yendi Constituency Executive Elections, restraining the current Constituency Executives from continuing in office beyond their mandate, preventing them from participating in Regional and National elections in that capacity, and taking all necessary legal steps to safeguard the democratic rights of the delegates of the Yendi Constituency.

Nevertheless, litigation remains our last resort. Our preferred path is an amicable internal resolution founded on justice, fairness, constitutionalism, and respect for the democratic will of the grassroots membership.

The continued suspension serves no useful purpose. It only prolongs uncertainty, weakens the confidence of the grassroots, and undermines the democratic principles upon which the New Patriotic Party was built.

The people of Yendi have waited long enough. Justice delayed is justice denied. The democratic will of the delegates must prevail, and the integrity of the Party's internal electoral processes must be protected.

May Almighty Allah grant eternal rest to the soul of the late Ya-Na Abukari II.

May Allah continue to bless the Kingdom of Dagbon.

May God bless the New Patriotic Party.

And may God bless our homeland Ghana.

Signed

Aggrieved Candidates

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