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## **PRESS STATEMENT ON THE ARREST OF MR. OKATAKYIE AFRIFA MENSAH**

**12 July 2026**

The attention of the family, legal representatives and campaign team of Mr. Okatakyie Afrifa Mensah has been drawn to widespread public concern regarding his arrest by officers of the Ashanti North Regional Police Command in the early hours of Sunday, 12th July 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

We wish to present the facts as presently known and to assure the public that Mr. Afrifa Mensah remains committed to the rule of law and the democratic values of the New Patriotic Party (NPP).

### **| BACKGROUND**

On 6th July 2026, the National Steering Committee of the New Patriotic Party, acting through the Acting National Chairman, formally directed the immediate suspension of the Afigya Sekyere East Constituency Executive Committee Elections pending the determination of an ongoing court process. The memorandum specifically instructed that all activities relating to the elections be suspended until further notice in compliance with the orders of the court.

This directive followed an Order for Interim Injunction issued by the High Court, Kumasi, restraining the party and its officers from proceeding with aspects of the electoral process relating to the conduct of polling station and electoral area coordinators' elections, and subsequently constituency executive election in the Afigya Sekyere East Constituency pending the determination of the substantive application before the court.

Despite these clear directives from both the High Court and the National Steering Committee of the Party, Nana Nkansah Buadu, Chief of Agric Nzema and biological father of the sitting Member of Parliament Mavis Nkansah Buadu, together with a few selected constituency officials, and with the assistance of heavily armed police and constituency electoral commission printed their own ballot papers, manufactured constituency delegates album and proceeded with arrangements to conduct the suspended constituency elections on Sunday morning.

### **| CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE ARREST**

Upon receiving information that the suspended electoral process was being carried out contrary to the directives of the National Party and the subsisting court order, Mr. Okatakyie Afrifa Mensah, who has publicly declared his intention to contest the party's parliamentary primaries, proceeded to the election center solely to ascertain for himself firsthand information and to serve notice of the injunction and the National Party's directive on the electoral officials.

Regrettably, upon his arrival, he together with some of his sympathizers were subjected to physical maltreatment and attacks by the police officers at the venue on the instruction of Nana Nkansah Buadu, and were subsequently arrested and whisked away by the police. The people who had the injunction, had the suspension of party elections were arrested.



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Following his arrest at approximately 7:40 a.m., neither his family, lawyers nor members of his campaign team were informed of his whereabouts for several hours, creating tension and anxiety among his supporters and the general public. Mr. Afrifa was in the company of sympathizers who demonstrated no intention to cause harm and were without any weapons. It is accurate to state that Okatakyie Afrifa owns no vigilante group, and has never owned one in times past.

We can now confirm that at approximately 5:00 p.m. today, Mr. Okatakyie Afrifa Mensah was transferred to the Divisional Police Command at Asante Mampong, where he remains in police custody pending further lawful processes.

Okatakyie together with four other members of his team sustained severe gunshot injuries and are currently undergoing treatment.

## OUR POSITION

We therefore urge all party faithful, supporters and members of the public to remain calm, peaceful and law-abiding, and to refrain from any actions capable of undermining public order or interfering with ongoing legal processes.

Mr. Afrifa Mensah's commitment to the New Patriotic Party remains unwavering. His desire has always been to contribute meaningfully to the growth, unity and prosperity of the Party at every level through lawful, democratic and constitutional means.

We remain confident that the truth will prevail and that due process will ultimately vindicate his actions.

Further updates will be communicated through his legal representatives and authorized spokespersons as developments unfold.

### SIGNED

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