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## COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE OF WONTUMI CAMPAIGN RESPONDS TO PRESIDENTIAL STAFFER ROSEMOND OBENG'S RECKLESS AND HISTORICALLY SHALLOW STATEMENT

The Communication Directorate of the Wontumi Campaign has taken notice of the unfortunate and politically inexperienced statement allegedly made by Rosemond Obeng, a presidential staffer, and published by UTV Ghana concerning **Chairman Bernard Antwi-Boasiako (Chairman Wontumi)**.

Her statement that “no serious political party would allow someone with active court cases to contest for chairmanship” is not only politically immature but also exposes a worrying lack of historical understanding about leadership, democracy, sacrifice and political struggles across the world.

History is clear: many great leaders who later transformed nations passed through accusations, imprisonment, court trials, persecution and political intimidation before rising to greatness.

Rosemond Obeng must be reminded that the late Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah, the first President of Ghana and leader of Ghana’s independence struggle, was imprisoned by the colonial administration in 1950 during the Positive Action campaign. Yet, while in prison, his Convention People’s Party won the 1951 election overwhelmingly, forcing the British authorities to release him to become Leader of Government Business and later Prime Minister of the Gold Coast.

**As Dr Kwame Nkrumah famously stated:**

**“The independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is  
linked up with the total liberation of Africa.”**

That great man she enjoys reading about today was once called a criminal and jailed by the state.

The Directorate further reminds Rosemond Obeng that even the founder of the NDC tradition, Flight **Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings**, was arrested, court-martialed and imprisoned in May 1979 after his first attempted uprising against the Supreme Military Council. History later vindicated him, and he eventually became Head of State and later constitutional President of Ghana in 1993.

Even within the current NDC government, prominent personalities have faced legal battles and public trials.

Dr Cassiel Ato Forson, the current Finance Minister, stood trial in the famous ambulance procurement case before eventually being discharged and acquitted by the Court of Appeal in July 2024.

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Similarly, NDC General Secretary Fiifi Fiavi Kwetey have also faced intense political accusations and state scrutiny at different periods in Ghanaian politics. Yet today, they occupy strategic leadership positions within government and party structures.

### **International history equally exposes the weakness in Rosemond Obeng's argument.**

Former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, spent 27 years in prison after being sentenced during the Rivonia Trial in **1964**. From prison, he emerged to become President of South Africa in 1994 and became one of the greatest global symbols of reconciliation and leadership.

#### **MANDELA ONCE DECLARED:**

**“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”**

Former United States President Donald Trump contested elections and remained politically influential despite facing multiple criminal indictments in 2023 and 2024, including the widely publicized 34-count criminal trial in New York. Yet millions of Americans still rallied behind him because leadership is ultimately decided by the people, not by propaganda or politically motivated attacks.

Even former South African President Thabo Mbeki endured years of political persecution under apartheid before eventually rising to national leadership.

Biblical history also destroys the shallow political argument advanced by Rosemond Obeng.

Joseph, before becoming Prime Minister in Egypt, was falsely accused and imprisoned.

#### **Genesis 41:41 says:**

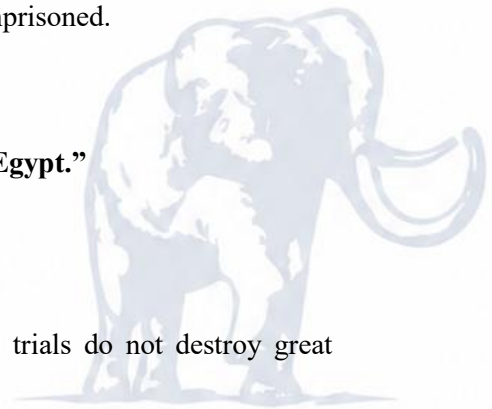
**“And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.”**

Before the palace came the prison.

David, before becoming king, was hunted and persecuted by King Saul.

**Jesus Christ Himself faced false accusations before Pontius Pilate.**

Therefore, history, politics and Scripture all confirm one undeniable truth: trials do not destroy great leaders; they often prepare them for greater responsibilities.



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The Communication Directorate wishes to state emphatically that Chairman Wontumi's legal battles do not disqualify him from leadership. Rather, they reveal the intensity of political resistance against influential and fearless political actors in Ghana's democratic space.

Leadership is not built on comfort. Leadership is built on sacrifice, resilience, endurance, strategy and courage under pressure.

Chairman Wontumi remains focused, determined and committed to reorganizing and strengthening the New Patriotic Party for victory in 2028 and working tirelessly to ensure that Dr Mahamudu Bawumia becomes the next President of the Republic of Ghana.

Rosemond Obeng and her likes must understand that political history is not written by those who mock people during difficult moments; it is written by those who survive the storms and rise beyond them.

Her comments were clearly made without deep historical, political and intellectual examination.

**HISTORY WILL ALWAYS HONOR FIGHTERS, NOT SPECTATORS.**

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