



Dennis Miracles Aboagye's latest response has done something no rebuttal should ever do: it has converted defence into confession.

Because once stripped of its adjectives, insults, and partisan theatrics, his argument now amounts to this:

Yes, COCOBOD was distressed. Yes, the NPP knew it. Yes, the NPP understood the structural weaknesses. Yes, the NPP inherited a fragile institution. But please do not blame them for what followed.

That is not vindication.

That is admission.

Because when a man says he knew the bridge was weak, knew the cracks were widening, knew the weight limits had been exceeded, and then drove heavier trucks across it for eight years, he is not describing innocence.

He is describing negligence with foreknowledge.

Dennis has, perhaps unwittingly, established the most devastating fact of all: the NPP did not worsen COCOBOD in ignorance. They did so with awareness. They knew the institution's vulnerabilities from the outset, documented them themselves, and yet governed as though knowledge alone were reform.

But awareness without correction is not competence.

Diagnosis without discipline is not management.

Warning about recklessness while repeating it at greater scale is not stewardship.

It is hypocrisy in spreadsheet form.

And let us be honest about what has happened here.

The NPP's communications machinery has quietly moved the goalposts.

Once upon a time, they claimed superior economic management. They claimed unmatched competence. They claimed they had come to rescue Ghana from amateurs.

Now listen carefully to what their defenders argue.

They no longer claim the NPP solved the problem. They no longer claim COCOBOD was repaired. They no longer claim the institution became healthier under their watch.

They now argue only that the NPP should not be blamed because the institution had problems before they arrived.

That is the rhetoric of a party that has run out of victories and is now negotiating for sympathy.

But Ghanaian voters did not elect a rescue team so that eight years later it could stand in the ruins and explain that the building had foundation issues before they arrived.

Leadership is not measured by how elegantly you describe inherited problems.

Leadership is measured by what remains after your tenure.

And if, after nearly a decade in office, your proudest defence is still that the previous administration left challenges behind, then you have abandoned the language of performance and entered the language of excuse.

History has little patience for governments that campaign as saviours and govern as narrators.

Because no electorate hands you power to write autopsies on inherited dysfunction.

They hand you power to fix it.

So if the best argument Dennis Miracles Aboagye can now produce is that the NPP inherited weakness and should therefore be excused for failing to cure it, worsening it, or restraining it—

Then he has answered the debate more honestly than he intended.

He has admitted that the miracle workers came.

They saw the problem.

They understood the problem.

And after eight years, the problem remained, expanded, and deepened.

That is not inheritance.

That is ownership.

And history, unlike miracle narratives, records ownership very carefully.

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