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PRESS RELEASE

**RE: BETRAYAL BY PEACE COUNCIL, GUNSHOTS AT MAHAMA'S OFFICE -
ASIEDU NKETIA ON WHY NDC WON'T CONGRATULATE AKUFO-ADDO
FOR 2020 VICTORY**

The attention of the National Peace Council (NPC) has been drawn to publications in the media, specifically Ghanaweb on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, and the Daily Post of Wednesday, May 8, 2024, with the above caption. The NPC wants to state that the events and commentaries attributed to the chairman of the NDC, Hon. Asiedu Nketia, are different from what happened per our records.

As part of the NPC's 2020 election monitoring mechanism, the "Elections Situation Room" was set up at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra. The NPC embarked on strategic engagements with critical stakeholders including political parties, particularly, the NDC and NPP, the EC and the security services as and when necessary.

On the evening of 8th December 2020, the then General Secretary of the NDC in a press conference called on the Peace Council to intervene in certain grievances that he had put out in the public domain. In response to that call, the NPC attempted severally to reach the General Secretary for a possible meeting on their grievances. When it was not possible to reach him by phone, the council moved to the NDC head office later in the night for a possible meeting with the leadership of the NDC. However, the NPC was attacked by a mob at the NDC office and one of the vehicles of the Council was damaged.

Immediately after the members left the NDC office during the attack, they received a call from one of the leading members of the Party for the members to come to the former president's office the following day at 10am for the proposed meeting.

On 9th December 2020 the NPC had a meeting with the NDC at the Office of the Former President, H.E. John Mahama. The meeting was progressing peacefully, until about 40 minutes into the meeting a mob intruded the meeting to disrupt the meeting. After some intervention by the leadership of the NDC, the mob left the room and continued with gun shots within the compound of the office of H.E the former President. One of the vehicles conveying members of the NPC was also damaged on leaving the former President's office.

At the meeting, the NDC expressed some concerns and disagreements that they had with the election results being received at the EC Strong Room. They requested that the NPC should convey their concerns and disagreements to the EC.

For the avoidance of doubt, the meeting at the office of the former President, H.E John Mahama did not conclude with a decision or suggestion for the NPC to organize any meeting between the NDC, NPP, International Delegation and the Electoral Commission to check the pink sheets as has been purported in the news.

The Council would therefore like to correct the impression created because of the said publications.

The NPC wants to assure the peoples of Ghana that it remains committed to its mandate and calls on all citizens and stakeholders to support the work of the council in facilitating and developing mechanisms to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts in the country.

Thank you.

SIGNED

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