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**STATEMENT ON GHANA'S DAY OF SHAME BY THE HO COLLECTIVE OF THE
SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)**

Undoubtedly Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah was a major inspiration and trail blazer of the national liberation movement in Africa and the coup of February 24, 1966, was planned and instigated by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the United States of America (USA) as an attack on the African revolution.

It is not surprising that one of the most significant actions of the coup leaders was the arrest of fighters for national liberation from all over Africa who were receiving training in Ghana. They were promptly deported and some of them were captured by the colonial authorities, tortured, detained, or killed.

The puppets of the CIA who overthrew Nkrumah's popularly elected government also mounted a campaign of slander and vilification against the bold attempt of Nkrumah, Sekou Toure, Modibu Keita and others to promote the unification of Africa under the banner of scientific socialism.

Indeed, long before the coup, A.W. Snelling, the British High Commissioner in Africa, provided the justification for it, when he urged the British to remove Nkrumah from power on the grounds that he was making the African too politically conscious. Snelling believed that Nkrumah's continued stay in power would adversely affect British and western interests.

At home the coup brought about a level of repression which was shocking. Hundreds of activists of the Convention Peoples Party (CPP) were arrested and detained without charge or trial. Many more hundreds were dismissed from the public and civil service, and some suffered extra-judicial killings. The CPP and its activists were banned from participation in electoral contests.

Ghana's economic problems today have their roots in the 1966 coup which paved the way for the implementation of a draconian neo-liberal agenda. This involved the privatisation of state enterprises, the commercialisation of the social sector including education, health and housing.

The coup leaders and their civilian backers deliberately destroyed Nkrumah's policy of free and compulsory education and attempted to make education a privilege for the money bags in the Ghanaian society.

On the 56th anniversary of the reactionary coup of February 24 the Ho Collective of the SMG vehemently condemns the traitors who led it and declare our full commitment to the socialist revolution in Africa.

Viva Socialism!

Down with Imperialism!

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