



**SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)**

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**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1966 COUP THAT OVERTHROW THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF  
GHANA KWAME NKRUMAH.**

**GHANA'S DAY OF SHAME**

Fifty-six years ago, some military CIA induced mercenaries aided by some disgruntled local politicians, reversed our country's developmental trajectory accelerated by the visionary leader the Osagyefo, when they overthrew the regime that set-in motion Ghana's path to posterity. A day many objective political watchers described as **GHANA'S DAY OF SHAME**.

The men who staged this treachery of overthrowing Kwame Nkrumah who was later proven to be the most effective leader Africa has ever had and has been acclaimed by the BBC as the African of the Millennium, did not really know what they were doing. They sold out Ghana to the reactionary forces and their local collaborators to continue the western exploitation and pillage of our country's resources as it was indeed a vicious pattern that we now find it difficult to recover from.

The vision of the greatest leader Africa has ever had was unforgivably in tatters by so called superpowers using self-centered Ghanaian conspirators.

In all this, the western superpowers knew what they were doing, they were plugging down the forces and systems that the Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was planting for the liberation of Ghana and Africa from the colonial yoke and setting the path for the African 'can do spirit' to empower Ghana and black people to be capable of managing our own affairs which is an eyesore to the colonialist.

History has shown us that, the coup d'état was so unnecessary and those who were the willing tools of American imperialism were so myopic, and all they cared for was to be heads of states, posing and claiming to be the natural leaders of the country – the unfortunate mindset of our own.

Some few proponents of the coup argued that the supposed liberators who staged the 1966 coup did so for their love for freedom and democracy albeit that was ironical as the declassified files of the Central Intelligence Agency, released by the U.S.A GOVERNMENT show that Afrifa, Harley and Kotoka were paid \$13,000,000 to stage the coup against Nkrumah and were promised more money if they could assassinate THE OSAGYEFO. if this is not a shame, we don't know what could pass as a shame!!!

The February, 1966 coup d'état truncated the development drive that was accelerated by the founder and first president of Ghana, the import substitution that saw Ghana on the path of industrialization and the completion of the Akosombo hydro-electrical power plant that was commissioned just a year before the overthrow which was supposed to power the over 600 industries established by Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. Notably among them were the Pwalu tomatoes factory, Kumasi shoe factory, matches factory, clinker cement factory, a nails factory, two cocoa mills, Kumasi jute factory, Sugar factory at Komenda which we are

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struggling to revive after 66years, rubber factory at Bonsasu, motor assembling plant and so many more.

We ask ourselves today, where are all these state enterprises after the shameful overthrow of NKRUMAH, and to our dismay they're defunct with their structures rotting away.

We in sub-Saharan Africa should wakeup to the reality that the Centre-right capitalist regimes have failed the masses and that they are exploitative in nature throughout the history of the human race and will continue to be, just as we are witnessing the exploitative regime of the so call NPP capitalist whose antecedents overthrew the visionary NKRUMAH.

We are seeing the wanton plunder of our state resources after they have been given so much resources more than any regime in the history of Ghana only to turn around and throw their arms in despair for a meagre GHC6.9 billion(E-levy) as the panacea to all our problems, alas they are simply wicked.

It therefore stands to reason that the socialist mass movements are the surest way for true political and economic freedom of the AFRICAN CONTINENT which is why the western imperialist do not want socialist movements to thrive.

And the reason is simply any time socialist have power, that will be the end of the capitalist imperialist exploitative regime. **ARISE SOCIALIST! ARISE WORKING CLASS!**

**VIVA TO SOCIALISM VIVA!**

**ABASH TO IMPERIALISM ABASH!**

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