



EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Kwesi Pratt Jnr.
Founder of Pan African TV
Accra, Ghana

Dear Mr. Pratt,

A decade, in the reckoning of civilisations, is barely a breath. But there are decades that alter the landscape of a continent's conscience—not through the force of arms or the weight of capital, but through the far more dangerous act of telling the truth, consistently, to those who would rather not hear it. The first ten years of Pan African TV have been such a decade. On behalf of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, it is my honour to congratulate you on this milestone.

There is an old Persian word—*javānmardī*—that names a quality no single English word can hold: to stand with the powerless when it costs you everything, to speak when every incentive favours silence, and to let your deeds, not your claims, carry your name. We have known you long enough, Mr. Pratt, to say without flattery: you are a *javānmard*.

Pan African TV was built on a conviction: that Pan-Africanism deserves not merely a slogan on a banner, but a living editorial principle with a daily broadcast schedule. For ten years, your station has given that conviction a home—a platform for unfiltered debate, for stories that demand attention, and for voices that deserve to be heard far beyond the borders of Ghana. The result speaks for itself: a credibility earned not through the size of its signal, but through the weight of its word.



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Iran knows this terrain. Our nation has spent decades defending its right to narrate its own story—through sanctions aimed at silencing our media, through relentless information campaigns designed to replace our voice with a caricature. We have learned, at considerable cost, that the battle for truth is never won once; it is won every morning, on every broadcast, in every editorial decision to resist the convenient lie. Your unwavering solidarity with the oppressed people of Palestine—at a time when many find it easier to look away—has not gone unnoticed by our nation. When we watch Pan African TV, we recognise that same daily discipline, that same refusal to be silent where silence is complicity. We see not a foreign channel, but a comrade-in-arms in a struggle that belongs to every nation that refuses to have its story written by others.

We do not wish Pan African TV mere longevity. We wish it steadfastness—*istiqāmat*—which in our tradition is the highest form of courage: not the fire of a single act of bravery, but the quiet, unbroken flame that burns when no one is watching. And to you, Mr. Pratt, we offer the respect of a civilisation that has stood for seven millennia and knows, therefore, what it means to endure.

May God grant you strength in this path, and may He keep your voice among those that history will not forget.

With solidarity and highest regard,

Ali Ghomshi
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran