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VOLTA YOUTH URGE UHAS AUTHORITIES TO CANCEL HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR PRESIDENT NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO

The Volta Regional Youth Wing of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) is totally disappointed by the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS)'s proposal to confer an honorary doctorate degree upon President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo. We demand the Vice Chancellor and the University Council cease all actions toward this undeserved conferment immediately.

It is infuriating and unacceptable that UHAS would even consider honoring a leader whose policies and actions have profoundly undermined the welfare and development of the Volta region and the nation. UHAS was established from scratch by the Mills-Mahama-led NDC administration, who provided the vision, resources, and initial development, making UHAS what it is today.

The claims by UHAS authorities that the NPP secured funding for the China Phase II project are misleading. The relationships for continuous funding through grants from the Chinese were laid down long ago by President Mills even before the first phase of the University Construction began. We challenge the current administration to demonstrate any significant contributions they have made to UHAS since President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo took office.

Where are the developments, funding, or support his administration provided to merit such an honor? The government has failed to provide the necessary financial clearance for employing lecturers and staff at the University and has abandoned the University roads started by the NDC before leaving power.

The Volta Region has faced systematic neglect under the current government. Critical infrastructure projects, including the Ho-Aflao roads, have stalled, and the region has not received its fair share of national development.

This honorary degree proposal is a blatantly partisan move. UHAS, as an esteemed academic institution, must remain neutral and avoid political controversies. This conferment not only tarnishes UHAS's reputation but also sends a dangerous message to the youth and future leaders of this country. It implies an endorsement of the numerous failings and misdeeds that have defined the current administration, including economic mismanagement, grand corruption, and the marginalization of the people of the Volta region.



We forcefully urge the Vice Chancellor and the UHAS Council to withdraw this proposed conferment immediately. We call upon the UHAS community, alumni, and stakeholders to stand with us against this misguided initiative. The legacy of UHAS should be one of excellence, integrity, and service to the people—values fundamentally incompatible with the current administration's track record.

Should our warning go unheeded, we will be compelled to explore all lawful and democratic means to ensure our voices are heard, including organizing massive and sustained demonstrations against the management until they are removed from our land.

We trust that the Vice Chancellor and Council will act in the best interests of the university and the nation by withdrawing this unmeritorious and undeserving honor.

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