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THE BEGINNING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF GHANA: 24th FEBRUARY 1966 - THE UNWARRANTED COUP D'ETAT

The day 24th February 1966 saw the actualisation of the overthrow of Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah through a Coup D'état which was orchestrated by opposition forces who were outside of the Government of the Convention Peoples Party (CPP).

At the time of the coup d'état Ghana was on the road to Economic transformation and development and this event brought doom and calamity to the nation which culminated in underdevelopment and socio-economic stagnation.

Through a quickened industrialisation drive by the CPP under the leadership of Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah, a lot of factories were built to produce for export to feed the domestic market and also to create jobs for the youth. Some of the factories were the Pencil, Meat, Sugar, Leather, Shoe, Cocoa Processing factories etc.

There was also a Vehicle Assembling Plant that assembled cars locally for domestic use (Tata, Osa Buses etc). Unfortunately, most of these factories were sold to cronies after the Coup and later on others were sold under a Divestiture Implementation Programme by subsequent governments.

Unfortunately, today we import all our consumption needs especially poultry, protein needs and even tooth picks.

A lot of infrastructural projects like roads, bridges, Sea Ports, affordable housing, schools, hospitals, domestic public transport (trains and buses) for the transportation of both goods and human beings were put in place by the CPP government for the benefit of Ghanaians.

The CPP government at the time under the Leadership of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame built the Tema Oil Refinery with the vision that Ghana will discover oil in

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Commercial quantities and thus the need to refine the crude oil for domestic use and exports but today the Refinery is a shadow of itself and we are unable to benefit directly from our Oil Find.

There was a boost in Agriculture through the concept of the State farms model where government was the one directly in charge of the factors of production. To boost Trade and Industry the CPP government built the Akosombo Hydro Electric Power Plant on the Volta Lake, not to talk about the Volta Lake Transport Authority which was responsible for the safe transportation of humans, goods, and services across the Volta Lake (All these life changing projects were opposed by the then members of the United Party (UP) who belonged to Danquah-Busia Tradition the current rulers of this nation called Ghana).

Today 57 years after the unfortunate 24th February Coup D'état that ousted the CPP government which was led by Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana has stopped working and the Nation is at a standstill and nothing is being done to salvage the socio-economic problems we find ourselves.

Whilst the CPP was doing everything possible to lay the foundation for a prosperous and an economic independent nation, the local imperialists were busy with their foreign counterparts to stake a coup to oust the CPP out of government.

The Country is bleeding and being woefully mis-managed, we are broke and have to resort to taking money from the vulnerable in society to be able to even qualify to participate in an IMF program because our debt portfolio is scary to look at and very unsustainable

We have a burden hanging on our neck, and saddled with a very unsympathetic government which does not care about the well-being of the Ghanaian.

It is sad that today, we as a country are going to ask for a debt cancellation from China, a Country that was our protégé 57 years ago, what went wrong, and whatever did go wrong must be corrected by the people of Ghana in due course

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by voting the CPP back into power to continue with the good works for the Country.

How on earth can a government borrow so much money but there is not much to commensurate and show as an exhibit to Ghanaians. A total waste of resources and a load of unacceptable debt levels on the head of every Ghanaian, certainly this is not what we bargained for after 57 years of the overthrow of the CPP.

After 57 years the oppressor that we must resist is disease, poverty, poor health care, infrastructure deficit in education, housing, roads, etc.

It is time for Ghanaians to make the NPP government accountable, we the people should demand answers to how our resources are dissipated. It is unfortunate that all this while after the overthrow of Kwame Nkrumah we as Ghanaians/Leaders cannot manage our own affairs but have to depend on our foreign partners for a lifeline to survive. Indeed, we are in a sorry state.

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LONG LIVE GHANA LONG LIVE CPP

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