

FORMER DCE IN TROUBLE

For impeding census

Twifo-Atta Morkwa constituency executives of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) have called for the immediate arrest and detention of the former District Chief Executive (DCE) of the area, Agyebi Kessie for instigation people not to entertain enumerators in their various houses.

According to them, the DCE has also threatened to chase out any enumerator who would visit his house to interview him and his family, adding that New Patriotic Party (NPP) members cannot guarantee the safety of enumerators who visit their homes.

At a press conference organized in Cape Coast on Wednesday to react to allegations that NPP members have been sidelined in the area, Constituency Secretary, Yakubu Salifu indicated that, the statement had caused panic and fear among enumerators and people of the Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira (THLD) District of the Central Region.

“The statement is unsavory, unguided, ridiculous and loose talk to have come from a former DCE, “he added.

Salifu noted that residents have a special interest in the population and housing census because they know their district could be divided into two after the census to enhance rapid socio-economic development.

He said the census would help private sectors to plan activities that will be beneficial to the development of the country.

He appealed to the District Statistician to offer the former DCE a job as a census filed officer since he has been making those ridiculous statement because he has nothing to do.

The Constituency Secretary expressed disappointment about the way the NPP Communication Director for the area, Yaw Obeng made a categorical statement

that some people who were not academically qualified had been selected for the program.

He therefore challenged him to produce the names of the people on the program who do not have the requisite qualification.

Salifu also disputed allegations that only NDC members were selected for the census program in the district.

The constituency secretary explained that out of 305 people who applied as enumerators, only 29 people were rejected. He mentioned some NPP members who were selected for the program as Kofi Sammy, a polling station chairman, Joseph Bofo, a defected constituency secretary at Hemang, Fobi Gyekye, Tescon Organizer and Bentum Blankson, polling station youth organizer.

The rest were Mathew Kessie, Samuel Sackey, Daniel Aborabora Kweku and Charlotte Kyei, all NPP activists.

He therefore pledged the constituency's support to make the program a success and called on everyone to fully participate.

It would be recalled that DAILY GUIDE in its Monday edition published a story with the headline "NPP member to boycott census at Twifo "in which it was alleged that only NDC members were selected for the census program in the area.

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