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**PAN-AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE FRONT'S INDEPENDENCE DAY
MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF GHANA**

On this historic day, the Pan-African Progressive Front joins the people of Ghana, the African continent, and the global African diaspora in commemorating the anniversary of a moment that altered the course of modern history. On 6 March 1957, under the visionary leadership of Kwame Nkrumah, the Gold Coast became Ghana, one of the first among African nations to cast aside colonial domination and reclaim its sovereignty.

That moment was both the birth of a nation and the awakening of a continent.

When Nkrumah stood before the world on that unforgettable night and declared that *“the independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is linked with the total liberation of Africa,”* he articulated a principle that remains the moral and political compass of our era. Ghana’s independence was never intended as an isolated national triumph. It was conceived as the opening chapter in Africa’s collective march toward unity, dignity, and complete emancipation.

Indeed, Ghana’s freedom ignited a continental tide. Across Africa, from the forests of Central Africa to the plains of East Africa and the southern tip of the continent, movements for liberation drew courage from Accra. The victory of Ghana emboldened millions who believed that colonial rule was neither natural nor permanent. It announced to the world that Africa would determine its own destiny.

Yet the deeper meaning of independence, as Nkrumah warned, lies not simply in the removal of colonial administrators but in the transformation of the structures that sustained domination. Political independence without economic sovereignty, without control over resources, without technological capacity and continental unity, risks becoming a flag without power and a constitution without freedom.



Nearly seven decades later, Africa stands at a critical historical crossroads. The old architecture of colonialism has formally collapsed, but new forms of domination persist. Economic dependency, unequal trade systems, predatory financial arrangements, resource extraction without fair return, and the manipulation of global institutions continue to constrain the full expression of African sovereignty.

Imperialism today rarely marches under colonial banners. It advances through debt regimes, economic coercion, military interventions, and geopolitical rivalries that transform vulnerable regions into theatres of strategic competition. From conflicts that devastate civilian populations to sanctions regimes that suffocate national economies, the contemporary world continues to reflect patterns of domination that the architects of Pan-Africanism warned against decades ago.

The struggle against imperialism, therefore, remains unfinished.

For Africa, the lesson of Ghana's independence is clear, thus unity is not optional, it is essential. Fragmented states cannot exercise the full measure of sovereignty in a world organized by vast economic blocs and powerful geopolitical alliances. The vision of continental integration championed by Nkrumah and the early Pan-Africanists remains the most viable path toward genuine independence.

An Africa that speaks with one voice, trades within its own markets, builds its own industries, develops its scientific and technological capacity, and protects the dignity of its people will no longer be a passive arena of global competition. It will become a decisive actor in shaping the future of humanity.

Encouragingly, across the continent, new energies are emerging. A youthful population determined to innovate, expanding regional cooperation, the promise of the African Continental Free Trade Area, and renewed debates on economic sovereignty signal that the Pan-African project continues to evolve. Ghana itself remains a symbol of political resilience, intellectual leadership, and cultural vitality within this broader continental awakening.

But the work ahead is immense. Africa must move beyond the export of raw materials toward industrial transformation. It must harness its natural resources for



the prosperity of its own people. It must invest in education and technology, and cultivate institutions capable of defending its sovereignty in an increasingly turbulent world.

Above all, Africa must rediscover the spirit of solidarity that animated the independence era, the understanding that the destiny of each African nation is inseparable from the destiny of the continent as a whole.

As we commemorate Ghana's Independence Day, we therefore celebrate a past victory and a continuing responsibility. The torch first lit in Accra in 1957 still burns. It calls upon every generation to advance the unfinished work of liberation.

The Pan-African Progressive Front salutes the people of Ghana for their historic contribution to Africa's freedom and for their enduring role in keeping alive the dream of continental unity.

May the spirit of 6 March continue to inspire courage, clarity, and commitment across Africa and the diaspora.

For as long as Africa remains divided, the promise of independence remains incomplete. But united, the continent will fulfill the vision proclaimed by Nkrumah, that Africa shall stand free, dignified, and sovereign among the nations of the world.

IN SOLIDARITY,

PAN-AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE FRONT (PPF)