

AKPAFU AND LOLOBI TRADITIONAL AREAS

Office Of The Joint Steering Committee (JSC)

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**The Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament,
Parliament House,
Accra**

Dear Sir,

**PETITION AGAINST COMMENTS MADE BY HON. DAN BOTWE ABOUT THE
PEOPLE OF SALL**

The attention of the undersigned, Nana Akoto Masakyi III, Paramount Chief of Lolobi Traditional Area, Nana Tetteh-Attu IV, Adontenhene and Acting Paramount Chief of Akpafu Traditional Area and other Chiefs, the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) of both Traditional Areas, has been drawn to a statement made on the floor of Parliament of Ghana, on Tuesday 29th June 2021, by Minister of Local Government, Hon Dan Botwe.

We promptly wish to exercise our right of rejoinder through this petition to the Hon Rt. Speaker of Parliament especially *as we have no representation in Parliament*, to correct this implicit falsehoods and inaccuracies and state the facts and truths on the grave issues that concern the stakeholders in a future Guan District.

Specifically, on Tuesday 29th June, 2021 on the Floor of Parliament in response to a question asked by Hon Kofi Adams. Hon. Dan Botwe, stated that the Chiefs and leadership of Akpafu and Lolobi people have also endorsed the creation of new district and there are ongoing consultations with us which is untrue.

The Hon Minister said, amongst others, *“Akpafu and Lolobi leadership are in consultation with the Ministry of Local Government and endorsed the creation of the Guan District”* which is factually inaccurate and calculated to mislead the general public. We as the Overlords and Chiefs of the two Traditional Areas have never engaged any official of his Ministry on any issue on the creation of the Guan District. We want to be emphatic here and state clearly that as Chiefs and Elders of Akpafu and Lolobi Traditional Areas, we are not in any consultation with the Ministry of Local Government.

For the avoidance of doubt, ongoing efforts to weld the peoples of Akpafu and Lolobi Traditional Areas to neighbouring communities in the Oti Region have been tried and proven unworkable for reasons of *history, values, language and mutual mistrust*. We are of the firm belief that attempts are being made by some persons to integrate historically incompatible communities into a new district/region which will certainly not succeed.

It is important to remind you of the facts culminating in the creation of the Oti region:

- a) The people of Akpafu and Lolobi Traditional Areas have always wanted to be part of the Hohoe Municipality which we formed in 1978. However, we were placed in the new Oti Region though on no occasion did we petition the Commission to join the Oti Region. This is a clear breach of Article 5 (2) of the 1992 Constitution.
- b) The people of Santrokofi and Likpe Traditional Areas of the SALL territory, however petitioned to join the new Oti Region if it came into existence.

We are therefore in all humility petitioning your good office to assist us address this delicate issues in respect of the unilateral decisions of the Local Government Ministry to use the backdoor approach to force Akpafu and Lolobi Traditional Areas into an unworkable marriage of "Guan District".

We believe the way forward is to:

- I. Ensure Akpafu and Lolobi Traditional Areas continue to be part of the Hohoe Constituency and same to remain in the Volta Region.
- II. Ensure Santrokofi and Likpe Traditional Areas to join the Oti Region since they have petitioned.

We would be grateful if you use your good offices to investigate these matters again and not allow a few individuals in and outside Parliament to twist the facts around the SALL issue at the risk of compromising the peace and security of the area.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

NANA TETTEY ATTU IV
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& HEAD CHIEF OF ODOMI
AKPAFU TRADITIONAL AREA
AKPAFU ODOMI

NANA AKOTO MASAKYI III
PARAMOUNT CHIEF
LOLOBI - TRADITIONAL AREA

SIGN.....

1. Nana Tetteh-Attu IV, Adontenhene
and Acting Paramount Chief,
Akpafu Traditional Area,

2. Nana Akoto Masakyi III,
Paramount Chief of Lolobi Traditional
Area,

3. Nana Aputu Kram I,
Chief of Akpafu Adorkor; (Nifahene).

4. Nana Agyimfra Asikiri II,
Chief of Akpafu Mempeasem; (Benkumhene)

5. Nana Kofi Adu II, Chief of Akpafu Todzi;

6. Nana Noamesi I, Chief of Akpafu Sokpo

7. Bosate Dan Kabe General Secretary JSC of Akpafu and Lolobi Citizens.

For and on behalf of the Chiefs and Peoples of Akpafu & Lolobi Traditional Areas.

cc.

1. The Chairman, Constitutional, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Parliament
2. Majority and Minority Leaders of Parliament,
3. Chairman, Volta/Oti Joint Caucus; Parliament House
4. Selected Media Houses.