

COALITION FOR RESTORATION (CFR)

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Nana Addo and Bawumia caught in a massive web of political deception as NaBCo now remains an albatross on their head

The Coalition for Restoration (CFR) is alarmed and saddened at the nonchalant attitude of government towards the plight of young men and women of the Nation's Builders Corps (NABCo) who have been stranded and left on their own some five months ago.

It is still fresh in our minds, the fun fair, the razzmatazz that heralded the launch of NABCo in 2018 and the false impression that was put in the public domain to mislead unsuspecting Ghanaians that, the problem of unemployment had been resolved for good.

The case of these NABCo beneficiaries is beginning to sound like those days when Dr Bawumia was the economic advisor for the government of Zimbabwe. It was the practice that, each election year, government would employ all Zimbabweans but immediately after the elections, they would retrench all of them.

Many right thinking Ghanaians suspected that, NABCo was a clear attempt to replicate the Zimbabwean trick under President Nana Addo in Ghana. In other words, there was no sincerity in providing employment to the youths, except to exploit them for electoral purposes and to hoodwink unsuspecting Ghanaians for their votes.

However, the treatment being meted out these young lads after the elections is callous, cruel and the manifestation of evil heart.

These beneficiaries are currently owed over five (5) months of their meager allowances and no one seems care. Not even the Government officials who used them for their political objectives care anymore.

It is the height of insensitivity not pay these youngsters for five (5) months in these hard times when the president and all his appointees have been drawing their monthly salaries without fail.

There is incontrovertible evidence where the president himself is on record to have said that the beneficiaries would be mainstreamed in public sector upon completion. It therefore came to us as a shock to see directives requesting that all NaBCo beneficiaries vacate their post on grounds that the program has ended, a decision which was reversed by government against the public backlash from the citizenry.

The elections have ended and there is probably no need for NaBCo so we are not surprised that government seems to be discordant, flip-flopping over the issue and not being able to take a decision.

What is even more disturbing is the fact that, both the President and his Vice are sitting unconcerned when some of these NABCO people are being humiliated and chased out by heads of agencies where they are serving.

Obviously, the claim that NaBCo beneficiaries were either going to be mainstreamed with an exit plan was just a palpable lie.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NaBCo is still at post and drawing salaries. The question is, will this CEO's office be dissolved now that there seem to be an end to the program?

CFR is by this release calling on government to be certain on the fate of these young men and women and treat them fairly.

To this end, we demand that:

1. The NaBCo beneficiaries are given permanent placements as promised.
2. Secondly, their arrears should be paid to them as quickly as possible to relieve them from the excruciating hardships daily humiliation that they are currently going through for owing people to enable transport themselves to work.
3. In the event that government is unable to satisfy the above, it should pay them a handsome termination package for their time.

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