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NPP UK Backs Minority's Call for Probe into Cocaine Cargo Plane and Condemns Government's Muddled Handling of the Matter

The New Patriotic Party UK expresses deep concern over the unfolding developments surrounding two foreign aircraft that recently landed at Kotoka International Airport: AirMed Flight N823AM and Cavok Air's Antonov An-12B under circumstances that continue to raise serious national security and governance questions.

We align fully with the Minority Caucus in Parliament in their demand for a full-scale, transparent investigation into the circumstances, cargo, and official clearances associated with these aircraft. The facts emerging around these flights are too concerning to ignore, and Ghanaians deserve full disclosure not silence, half-truths, or diversionary tactics.

The timeline alone raises red flags:

- AirMed Flight N823AM landed in Accra on March 20, 2025, and departed on March 25, 2025.
- Cavok Air Antonov An-12B landed earlier, on March 12, 2025, but also departed on March 25, 2025.

While each aircraft had separate arrival dates, they both departed Ghana on the same day, a highly suspicious coincidence that cannot be overlooked. Furthermore, both planes arrived from Gran Canaria, Spain, a location increasingly associated with transnational trafficking routes.

Equally troubling is the conflicting and incoherent account given by the government. According to statements made by government spokesperson Felix Kwakye Ofosu, the AirMed aircraft arrived from Luanda, Angola. However, flight tracking data contradicts this: the aircraft in question flew directly from Gran Canaria to Accra, with no record of passing through Luanda.

This glaring inconsistency only reinforces the public's doubts and gives the unfortunate impression that the government is either not being forthright or does not have control over the full picture. This is unacceptable. Matters of national security must be addressed with clarity, accuracy, and urgency, not confusion and contradiction.

Even more disturbing is the unwarranted attempted arrest and detention of Rev. John
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Ntim Fordjour, MP for Assin South, who simply sought to draw attention to this matter. His legitimate concerns raised in public interest should have been met with transparency, not intimidation. The high-handed approach taken by security agencies against a sitting Member of Parliament is not just disproportionate, it is a direct attack on free speech, parliamentary democracy, and political dissent.

We wish to state unequivocally: We stand with Rev. Ntim Fordjour. His courage in speaking truth to power in these trying times reflects the kind of leadership Ghana needs. The attempt to silence him is a dangerous precedent, and we urge all well-meaning Ghanaians regardless of political affiliation to speak out against this.

In view of all the above, we fully and firmly demand:

1. An independent and time-bound public inquiry into both aircraft, their cargo, origin, handlers, and purpose for being in Ghana.
2. Full publication of official records: landing permits, clearance documents, cargo manifests, and communications between aviation and national security agencies.
3. A correction and clarification from the government regarding the false Luanda route claim.
4. A formal apology and assurances of non-recurrence over the mistreatment of Rev. Ntim Fordjour.
5. An inter-agency national strategy to protect Ghana from becoming a safe haven for illicit transnational operations.

This matter is not a partisan issue it is a Ghana issue. It touches on our sovereignty, our safety, and our global reputation.

The NPP UK will continue to advocate for truth, accountability, and democratic freedoms, no matter who is in power.

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