



# **MINORITY CAUCUS**

## **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

# **PARLIAMENT OF GHANA**

**Parliament House - Accra (Ghana)**

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### **APPEAL TO THE DOCTORS ASSOCIATION OF TAMALE TEACHING HOSPITAL (DATTH) TO CONSIDER THE IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF EMERGENCY AND OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

1. The Minority Caucus on Health has taken due notice of the press release issued by the Doctors Association of Tamale Teaching Hospital (DATTH), outlining the difficult decision to suspend emergency and outpatient services at the facility. We do not underestimate the gravity of such a resolution, and we fully recognise that it stems from a deep sense of frustration, indignity, and structural neglect which must not be ignored.
2. We wish, first and foremost, to express our utmost respect and appreciation for the selfless service and extraordinary professional commitment of the doctors and staff of the Tamale Teaching Hospital. In the face of constrained resources and immense professional pressures, you continue to uphold the sacred duty of care to the people of Northern Ghana and beyond. Your service is not only noble, but indispensable to the nation's healthcare system.
3. We are, however, deeply concerned about the immediate and long-term implications of the suspension of critical services, particularly for the most vulnerable members of society who depend on TTH for urgent care. While your concerns are valid and your demands legitimate, we respectfully appeal to the leadership and general membership of DATTH to consider, as a matter of urgency, the possibility of rescinding this decision in the supreme interest of public health.
4. We must also speak plainly: if the restoration of services is made contingent on an apology from the current Minister for Health, then regrettably, we fear that more lives may be lost before such a gesture is made. It is our considered view that the focus must remain on the immediate resumption of lifesaving services, while we in Parliament pursue appropriate institutional remedies and accountability measures through legitimate oversight channels.
5. To this end, we assure the entire medical fraternity at TTH that the Minority Caucus on Health stands firmly with you. We shall continue to amplify your concerns and ensure that the critical logistical, infrastructural, and administrative challenges you face receive the attention they deserve at the highest levels of public governance. Your welfare, dignity, and working conditions will form a central part of our oversight priorities in the coming months.

6. In these trying times, we call on all parties to prioritise constructive dialogue, mutual respect, and the paramount interest of the patients whose lives depend on a functioning health system. We remain open to facilitating any process that will bring about healing, restoration, and progress.

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