

## **I Know Batidam Too Well; Prez Mahama May Be Ignoring His Corruption Adviser - Minority Leader**

Minority leader in parliament, Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu says he has worked under the presidential advisor on governance and corruption, Daniel Batidam before and believes he has in mind a good conscience to work against corruption in the country, but President Mahama may be preventing him from doing his work or has been compromised.

The President of the Africa Parliamentarians' Network Against Corruption (APNAC), Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu in an interview on **NEAT FM's morning show 'Ghana Montie'** with host Kwasi Aboagye indicated that he know Daniel Batidam to be an expert and very transparent as far as issues on corruption are concerned.

"...In reality the fact is that the right things are not being done as far as this government is concerned," he lamented.

This appointment has happened the first time in Ghana and under President Dramani Mahama's administration.

Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu's comment comes after Ghana's fight against corruption was dealt another setback after the country was ranked as the second most corrupt African nation behind South Africa.

The corruption perception index by the Transparency International stated about 71 percent of people living in Ghana say corruption has increased over the last twelve months.

Mr. Daniel Batidam, the President's Advisor on Governance and Corruption is a veteran anti-corruption campaigner.

He has also been elected to the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AU-ABC).

He was the founding Executive Secretary of the Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII), and until his appointment had a continent-wide responsibility for mobilising parliamentarians across Africa to fight against corruption in their respective countries.

Mr. Batidam is a notable voice in the fight against corruption in Ghana. Until his appointment as President John Mahama's advisor on governance and corruption, he was the Executive Director at African Parliamentarians' Network Against Corruption (APNAC).

The African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption (APNAC), as it is popularly known aims at coordinating, involving and strengthening the capacity of African Parliamentarians to fight corruption and promote good governance.

It is one of the members of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC).

The network was formed in 1999 in Kampala, Uganda, with members of parliament drawn from 10 African countries i.e. Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Ghana, Uganda, South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Benin and Tanzania.

The presidential advisor on corruption is said to have made immense contribution not only to the work of APNAC, but also in the raising of awareness on the destructive nature of corruption and the need to

develop the right policy, legislative and institutional frameworks to counter it.

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