

# MEMORANDUM

TO: THE SPEAKER (RT. HON. ALBAN KINGSFORD SUMANA BAGBIN)

FROM: THE MINORITY CHIEF WHIP (HON. ANNOH-DOMPHEH)

DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2025.

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT OF DISREGARD FOR THE SPEAKER'S  
DIRECTIVES ON INVESTIGATIVE ENGAGEMENTS WITH MPs.

I write on behalf of the Minority Caucus Leadership to formally express concern over the failure of certain national security and intelligence agencies to respect the directives issued by your high office regarding the agreed procedure for engaging Honourable Members of Parliament in investigations or related matters.

Respectfully Sir, you will recall your clear and unequivocal guidance provided to ensure that MPs are approached through the established channels that respect the dignity of their office and the sanctity of parliamentary work. This is again recently evidenced by your letter addressed to the National Intelligence Bureau (NIB) on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, reiterating these established protocols that were grounded in Articles 117 and 118 of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic; as well as the prevailing protocols established with the national security and intelligence agencies to engage the Hon. Member for Yagaba-Kubori, Hon. Mustapha Ussif and the Hon. Member for Gomoa Central, Hon. Kwame Asare Obeng.

It is regrettable to note that recent events indicate a troubling pattern of non-compliance.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025, we witnessed another forceful attempt by the NIB to arrest Hon. Rev. John Ntim Fordjour, the Member of Parliament for Assin South and Ranking Member of the Defence and Interior Committee. This follows a recent press address held in Parliament by the Member, which was made for and on behalf of the Minority Caucus on a matter of national importance, in execution of his

parliamentary duties. The arrest attempt was made at his residence that afternoon, clearly disregarding these well intended protocols established in your able leadership and guarded by the Constitution to protect the mandate of Parliament.

Such actions not only undermine the authority of the Office of the Speaker but also directly violate the privileges and immunities of Members of Parliament established in the Constitution. They pose a serious threat to the separation of powers and the respect accorded to elected representatives in the performance of their constitutional duties.

I respectfully urge your office to take urgent steps to reaffirm the earlier directives and engage the relevant national security heads to ensure that such interactions with Honourable Members are conducted in conformance with the Constitution and with the decorum and procedure befitting their status as representatives of the people.

Respectfully submitted.