TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF MR. ADAMS MAHAMA,
NPP CHAIRMAN UPPER EAST REGION, MAY 27, 2015
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Rt. Hon. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to make this statement in
honour of Mr. Adams Mahama the Chairman of the New Patriotic Party NPP for
the Upper East Region whose unfortunate death happened last Thursday, May
21, 2015.

The Police have commenced investigations into the gruesome attack on the said
Chairman. Whilst it is premature to conclude on whoever might have
committed this heinous crime and the motive for it what can be ascertained,
without any shred of doubt, is the fact that a very strong corrosive chemical or
acid was splashed on Mr. Adams which led to his tragic demise. This is the
height of man's inhumanity against man. It is bestial, barbaric and
horrendous. It is satanic.

The use of acid to settle scores is assuming alarming proportions. It may be
employed where love goessour; to settle personal business or transaction
scores; to teach one person or the other a lesson; to settle political battles, etc.

None of these however justifies the resort to such devilish means.

Last week another deadly act allegedly involving one George Eni disballing his very beaurtiful
fimine, Henrietta Aweah with an acid splash occurred here in Accra. This is one too many

Question that must be asked include the following: an incident.

Where are those chemicals stored; how are these poisonous chemicals
procured into the country and for what purposes; how do the persons who
procure the chemicals for final use get to procure them and by what pretense
or for what reason; what quantities could an individual who has no business
related to the use of acid procure at a given time? What regulations exist to
guide the trade. It is unfortunate that it had to take the life of Mr. Adams
Mahama a self-made man, a man who has pulled himself up by his own
boots, a man of the people of Bolgatanga, a philanthropist, to awaken the
conscience of the nation to these unconscionable acts. Too late to bring the
late Adams Mahama back to life but not too late for the nation to attend to this
matter by fashioning out relevant piece of legislation to deal with this creeping
menace.

Last Saturday, at Bolgatanga, where his mortal remains were laid to rest one
witnessed a pitiful spectacle: a community that was grief-stricken, desolate
and shattered. The immediate family – wife and the children wore the faces of
broken dreams! Many dependents wailing and gnashing their teeth: they were
from various creed, religions, gender mix, ethnic origin, circumstances of birth
and class. Thousands gathered to mourn the person who rode an elephant
with an umbrella in his hands. That is why both the New Patriotic Party and
the National Democratic Congress were fully represented and indeed struggled
to be provided equal number of seats at the funeral grounds. After all,
recognizably, Adams as an elephant offered enough protection and meat which
everybody benefited from.

Mr. Adams was a man of courage who conquered death by embracing death.
May we encourage the Police to be very unrelenting in their pursuit of the
criminals and bring them to Justice. The 1992 constitution of the Republic provides in Article 125 (1): "Justice emanates from the people ...." The people of this country by our training, customs, traditions and usages know what truthfulness is. They know what justice is. The people are distressed because of these incidents. People are calling for justice. Let justice be administered as speedily as practicable to still the waters. That may be an appeasement of some sort at least.

Mr. Speaker, one can only pray that the Almighty God grants courage and strength to the wife and children and the many dependents that Mr. Adams Mahama has left behind and provide them with the fulfillment that they require today. For the soul of Mr. Adams Mahama the Good Lord should provide eternal rest far away from the tribulations and the acidic tongues and deeds of this world till we meet again.

Thank you once again, Mr. Speaker, for this space.