

Ghana's new President, John Dramani Mahama has appealed to all political actors to use the passing of President John Evans Atta Mills to effectively reshape Ghanaian politics and alter its tone forever.

"I believe there is space in the political arena to compete for political leadership in an atmosphere of decency and dignity, it is said politics is a dirty game, I dare say, it is us politicians who make it so," he added.

President Mahama made the appeal in a 15-minute maiden broadcast to the nation after his assumption to the highest position of the land on July 24, due to the demise of President Mills.

Thanking all Ghanaians for their tremendous contributions before, during and after the burial of late President Mills, he called for national unity that would propel national growth and development.

President Mahama further called on all politicians to tap all the rich and diverse talents and resources available to spur accelerated development and growth adding "although, together we have made great strides as a country over the past two decades, I am very much aware that, there are places within this country, where our people lack access to productive economic, health and social infrastructure".

He said his administration would continue with all the good projects that the late President had initiated and "the best tribute we can pay to the memory of our departed President will be to continue to keep the flame of peace burning"

President Mahama urged all Ghanaians to take ownership of the country by limiting the voices of pessimism that had the tendency of undermining national development and unity.

Our growing democracy deserves more from us, and our country, whose independence and stability has been hard-earned, deserves more from us and from its politics he said in part.



President of the Republic of Ghana

The new president added that the sterling performance of democratic institutions such as the Judiciary, the Legislature, Security Services and the Media were strong signals that the country has the potential to lead the continent as the beacon and hope of Africa.

He commended all Ghanaians for participating in the late President's funeral.

Source: GNA

President Mahama, s nominee for Vice President has been approved by Parliament. The Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Mr Paa Kwesi Amissah Arthur, appeared before the appointment committee of parliament for vetting before the approval of his nomination as the next Vice President of the Republic.

Paa Kwesi has since 1992 been one of the key loyal members of the Central Regional Caucus of the ruling party National Democratic Congress (NDC), contributing generously in ideas and in material forms.

He is considered to have in-depth experience working at the Ministry of Finance, Bank of Ghana and the University of Ghana. It is believed this will aid his ability to achieve results for the nation.

Mr Kwesi Amissah-Arthur promised when he appeared before the Appointment Committee of Parliament to be neutral in the discharge of his duties.

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