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PRESS STATEMENT BY ORGANIZED LABOUR

Organized Labour conveyed a meeting at the Teachers' Hall on Wednesday 16th October, 2013 to appraise developments on its engagement on the astronomical Utility Tariff increase, payment of 2013 public sector pay arrears and nomination of the chairperson of the National Tripartite Committee.

The meeting discussed President Mahama's appeal for withdrawal of the 10 working day ultimatum and invitation to Organized Labour to serve on a Technical Working Group on Utility Tariffs.

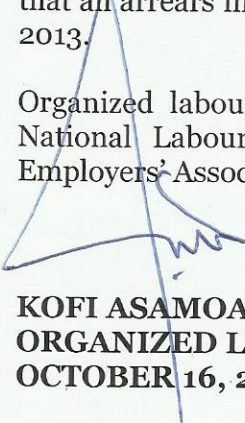
The meeting deplored the impression being created by government machinery that a technical committee is already working on the utility tariff increases when in fact, the letter purporting to formally constitute and announce the membership of the Working Committee was only received today, October 16, 2013.

While Organized Labour agreed in principle to participate in the Technical Working Group on Utility Tariffs, it calls on government to prevail on the PURC to suspend the implementation of the announced tariff increases in order to create a level playing ground for effective dialogue on the way forward.

The meeting further decided that the 10 working day ultimatum issued by Organized Labour should remain.

Considering the hardships that public sector workers and their families are facing as a result of the current general price hikes, the meeting also agreed that all arrears in respect of 2013 public sector pay must be paid by the end of 2013.

Organized labour also agreed on the nomination of a chairperson of the National Labour Commission for further consultations with the Ghana Employers' Association.


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