



## Ousmane Sonko vows to raise peanut prices to empower Senegalese farmers

With early legislative elections scheduled for November 17, <u>Ousmane Sonko</u>, leader of the Pastef party and national list head of his coalition, has reaffirmed his commitment to support Senegalese farmers through a planned increase in the price of peanuts.

Sonko announced that this increase will take effect during the upcoming agricultural marketing campaign, set to begin in the coming weeks, and is intended to provide much-needed financial support to rural producers across the country.

During his campaign stop in Kaffrine, Sonko addressed rumors that the government was unprepared to purchase peanut seeds. "I've heard people in the shadows claiming that the government isn't ready to buy peanut seeds. I'm telling you here that this is false. This year, we will double the budget to restore dignity to our farmers, just as we did with the seed distribution campaign," he stated, drawing applause from the crowd of supporters gathered to hear him speak.

The Kaffrine region, known for its agricultural productivity, plays a strategic role in Sonko's campaign. Addressing the people of Ndoucoumane, a part of Kaffrine, the Pastef leader acknowledged the region's deep-rooted values of dignity, pride, courage, and loyalty.

He emphasized that his coalition is dedicated to restoring the place of Senegalese farmers in society and ensuring their economic security and prosperity.

According to Sonko, the proposed increase in peanut prices is a crucial step toward achieving these goals and supporting rural communities.

Sonko also spoke directly to the youth, reiterating the government's determination to address their concerns and challenges. He urged them to collect their voter cards and participate in the upcoming elections, stressing that their voices are essential for representation in the National Assembly.

By voting, he explained, they could help shape policies that prioritize the interests of young people and farmers.

Through this campaign initiative focused on supporting farmers and the anticipated peanut price increase, Ousmane Sonko aims to address the expectations and needs of rural populations, particularly in agricultural regions like Kaffrine.

He hopes this approach will strengthen his coalition's support base and demonstrate his dedication to improving the lives of local producers.

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