

**CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA (CCG)**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ENSURE JUSTICE FOR MURDERED 90 YEAR OLD WOMAN**

The Christian Council of Ghana is saddened by the murder of Madam Akua Denteh, a 90-year-old woman accused of witchcraft by a traditional priest in Kafaba in the Savannah Region. The Council condemns the act in no uncertain terms and calls on the security agencies to swiftly investigate the matter and ensure that both those who were directly involved and those who aided the act face the full rigors of the law. The gruesome act is an affront to human dignity and the only way to ensure justice for Madam Denteh is to bring all the culprits to book.

The Council is concerned about the practice of labelling poor old women and young girls from poor families as witches. The only way to end this inhumane practice is to punish perpetrators to serve as deterrent to others. It is unfortunate that some pastors and other religious leaders are involved in labelling women and girls as witches and bringing them into public disgrace. The Council wants to state emphatically that such labels and public disgrace of women and girls are against their rights and dignity as persons created in the image and likeness of God.

We therefore caution persons who in the name of spirituality and deliverance label people as witches to desist from such acts, as they have negative effects on the victims and community as a whole. We pray and hope that no blood will be shed in the future in such barbaric manner. All lives in Ghana matter and we need everybody to build our nation.

We, the leadership of the CCG urge all Ghanaians to report persons known to be involved in such cruel acts to the police for swift actions to be taken. We pledge our prayer support to the family of Madam Denteh and express our deepest condolence to them.

God bless you.

**Rev. Dr. Cyril G. K. Fayose**

**General Secretary**