

ECUMENICAL CHURCH LEADERS PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Press Houses

We, the heads of Churches and Ecumenical bodies, have noted in recent news reports, the attacks purported to have been carried out by secessionists in the Volta Region. The aggressors are alleged to belong to the Homeland Study Group Foundation, a group pushing for independence in and around the Volta Region. The acts the group have perpetuated recently include attacking Police Stations and seizing among others, armaments and ammunitions, blocking highways and assaulting individuals. These acts are of great concern and call for national attention.

As always, we are on the side of peace, and condemn the use of violence in pursuance of any goals. We call on these and any groups to raise any grievances they have through the many civil institutions that are available to all Ghanaians to further their interests, and have any grievances addressed.

We would at this time humbly make these three critical points.

First, the security breaches that these acts have occasioned have become too common in Ghana, and it is time they are stamped out. Some Police Stations have been attacked recently, and many innocent Ghanaians are killed, maimed and assaulted. We would like to call on the Government to as a matter of urgency get all the security services to declare a war on violent crimes, especially armed robberies, and to eradicate this from our society.

Secondly, the present matter of the call for secession in the Volta Region is substantially a political matter. Security operations alone will be insufficient to address it adequately. We pledge our readiness to support government to address the issue amicably. In this regard, we will support government in engaging the chiefs and people of the region to achieve national cohesion.

Thirdly, we would like to appeal to all Ghanaians, especially the chiefs, youth and people of the eastern corridor communities of the country, to remain calm in the face of provocation, to desist from being used to perpetrate the evil intentions of others, and to safeguard the fledgling peace we enjoy in Ghana. As the good book reminds us, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

We will continue to engage with all stakeholders at this time and remain open to working with all to ensure that the peace that Ghana has enjoyed all these years is maintained. We will continue to pray for the peace and security of our dear nation Ghana, and we wish to express our deepest condolences to the families and communities that lost loved ones in these tense moments. May the departed one’s rest in peace.

God bless our homeland Ghana and make her great and strong!

Signed by

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On behalf of all the Ecumenical Church Leaders in Ghana.

Ghana Catholic Bishops Conference

Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council

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