



IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE HOMICIDE OF PHARMACIST MOHAMMED ZIA-ULHAK ZIBRIM, CEO OF ZIMAX PHARMACY, BOLGATANGA

The Community Practice Pharmacists Association (CPPA) hereby issues this formal statement condemning unequivocally the heinous and tragic murder of our esteemed colleague, Pharmacist Mohammed Zia-UlHak Zibrim, Chief Executive Officer of Zimax Pharmacy, Bolgatanga.

It is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the untimely demise of Pharmacist Zibrim, who was fatally shot in his vehicle on the evening of Thursday, 5th June 2025, in front of his residence, shortly after completing his professional duties.

As practitioners in community pharmacy, our role is instrumental in the primary healthcare delivery system of the nation. We are committed to serving our communities diligently, often beyond standard hours, to ensure the well-being and survival of those reliant upon our services. Regrettably, our dedication is being met with hostility in the form of violence, including burglary and now, murder.

In response to this tragic event, ***from Thursday, 12th June 2025, the CPPA being the largest practice group within the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH) will observe a period of mourning for seven (7) days nationwide.*** This act constitutes our initial line of action.

All pharmacists engaged in community practice across Ghana are hereby encouraged to participate by wearing red arm bands or red headgear, and to drape their pharmacies with red cloths, bands, or flags as a symbol of solidarity and mourning.

Pharmacist Zibrim dedicated his professional efforts tirelessly, providing essential health services to his community day and night. His life was taken in cold blood after fulfilling his duties, merely steps from his home.

In collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH), the CPPA demands that the Inspector General of Police (IGP) immediately acts to arrest and prosecute the person or persons responsible for this heinous act. Any delay or inaction will only serve to intimidate pharmacies, pharmacists across all ethnicities, forcing them to limit their services to daytime hours and jeopardize public health. Enough is enough; swift justice must be served now. We further urge the relevant authorities to implement robust protective measures for pharmacies, pharmacists, and other essential healthcare providers throughout the Upper East Region and across the nation.

The CPPA remains resolute in its commitment to delivering high-quality clinical pharmacy services and safeguarding the safety of all professionals in the field. We trust that all stakeholders will prioritize the protection of human life and uphold justice.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of our esteemed colleague.

Long live the CPPA.

Long live the PSGH.

Long live Ghana.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel Kwaku Ireland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**DR. EMMANUEL KWAKU IRELAND, PHARM D
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, CPPA**

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