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POLICE CAUTION AGAINST USE OF LIVE AMMUNITION DURING LIFTING OF BAN ON DRUMMING AND NOISE MAKING

1. The Accra Regional Police Command wishes to draw the attention of the public to safety and security concerns ahead of the official lifting of the customary ban on drumming and noise making, which takes place today, Thursday, 12th June 2025, at Gbese Blohum and Abola within the Ga State.
2. The lifting of the ban traditionally includes the firing of musketry as part of the celebration. However, it has come to the attention of the Police Command that in recent years, some participants, particularly sections of the youth, have resorted to firing live ammunition instead of using gunpowder or blank rounds.
3. The Police, in collaboration with the Gbese Mantse, are cautioning all celebrants to strictly refrain from the use of live ammunition during this year's ceremony. Any individual found engaging in such acts will be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with the law.
4. The Command is working closely with traditional authorities and event organizers to ensure a peaceful and incident-free celebration.
5. The Accra Regional Police Command encourages the public to comply with all safety directives, cooperate with Police personnel deployed for the event, and report any unlawful activities through the Police emergency numbers 18555 or 112.
6. The Command takes this opportunity to extend its best wishes to the people of the Ga State as they mark this significant cultural occasion.

Signed

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