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PRESS STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS ON THE GREATER ACCRA REGIONAL HOSPITAL (RIDGE HOSPITAL) CASE

Having followed, monitored and evaluated the aftermath of happenings at the Greater Accra Regional hospital (Ridge Hospital) in relation to the discourse with stakeholders, our employers and the general fraternity of nurses and midwives, the National Executive Committee held a meeting on 21st August 2025 and discussed same.

Considering that some initial arrest has been made by the Police and the fact that there is palpable commitment on the part of our employers and other security agencies to follow the matter to its logical conclusion, the leadership of GRNMA wishes to state as follows:

- 1. The Ghana Police Service must intensify their efforts in getting Ralph Saint Williams and his accomplices arrested as soon as practically possible. This will serve as a deterrent and assure nurses and other health workers at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital (Ridge Hospital) of their security and mitigate the impact of the trauma in terms of their mental health.
- 2. We hold dear, our nurses and midwives and respect the mandate they have entrusted us with. We therefore take this opportunity to assure every nurse and midwife out there that the leadership of the Association will continue to serve your interest and protect you with all we have within the confines of the Constitution of Ghana, the Labour Act 2003 (Act 651) and the GRNMA Constitution.
- 3. Our in-patients and Out-Patient Department patients are important to us and as their advocates, we will continue to campaign for a more resilient health system that guarantees quality and safe services. We assure our patients at Ridge hospital of the continuous provision of nursing and midwifery services and that we will not allow them to suffer unduly for the total disregard of law and order by Ralph Saint Williams and his associates.
- 4. We further call on our employers to strengthen security at all our health facilities and assure them of our partnership to improve the health system of Ghana. We entreat the management of Ridge Hospital to provide psychological support for the nurse who sustained injuries from the attack and enhance general training of staff on coping mechanisms in managing the stress of their daily work schedules.
- 5. We continue to call on the public to respect nurses and midwives and all health workers for that matter and respect the health space where we work. There is need for the public to understand that our public health facilities are seriously challenged with health workforce gaps, inadequate logistics, inefficient equipment, lack of life saving modern equipment amongst other challenges and therefore there is always the need for them to be cooperative with health workers when they visit any health facility in Ghana.

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