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JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IS A CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY, NOT A FOREIGN MANDATE – PUSAG REPLIES UK BAR & CLA.

The Private Universities Students' Association of Ghana (PUSAG) has noted the recent joint call by the Bar Council of England & Wales and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) urging the reinstatement of Ghana's suspended Chief Justice.

PUSAG firmly reaffirms that Ghana's 1992 Constitution, Article 146(10)(a), expressly empowers the President—acting on advice of the Council of State—to suspend the Chief Justice when a petition is referred to a committee of inquiry. This process has already been tested and upheld by Ghana's Supreme Court (3–2 decision, 6 May 2025), and the matter is further before the ECOWAS Court of Justice.

While we recognize the importance of judicial independence and share the commitment to the Latimer House Principles, external directives demanding “immediate reinstatement” undermine due process, the authority of our apex court, and ongoing regional judicial proceedings.

Rule of Law, Not Foreign Pressure, Guides Ghana's Judiciary, the UK Bar Council and Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) must respect Ghana's sovereignty and constitutional order. Advocacy is welcome; prescriptions are not.

PUSAG therefore calls for:

- 1. Respect for Ghana's Constitution and Courts:** Article 146 procedures must be allowed to run their course without foreign interference.
- 2. Fair and timely process:** The investigating committee must ensure due representation and expedition in line with constitutional safeguards.

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3. Constructive dialogue, not directives: International professional bodies should engage Ghana's Bar, the solicitors of the suspended CJ and Attorney-General office, rather than issuing demands that risk politicizing the matter.

Conclusion:

Ghana's commitment to the rule of law is not shown by bowing to external pressure but by upholding our Constitution, respecting judicial processes, and ensuring accountability through lawful channels.



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