

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## <u>Cyber Security Authority Cautions High School Graduates Against Indecent</u> <u>Social Media Statements</u>

**Accra, Ghana — September 25, 2025** — The Cyber Security Authority (CSA) has expressed concern over the increasing trend of inappropriate and irresponsible statements being shared on social media by some recent high school graduates.

The Authority has observed posts containing indecent language and troubling intentions, including remarks such as "we go scatter them" and declarations about "snatching people's husbands." These statements have been widely circulated and are attracting public attention.

The CSA reminds young people, especially recent graduates, that while social media is a powerful platform for expression and networking, it also carries significant responsibilities and long-term consequences.

What individuals post online becomes part of their permanent digital footprint. Universities, scholarship boards, and potential employers frequently review social media activity as part of their evaluation process. Irresponsible content can severely damage one's academic, career, and professional prospects.

Beyond reputational harm, such online behaviour can also lead to exposure to cyberbullying, harassment, grooming, and other forms of exploitation. In more serious cases, it may even violate Ghana's cybercrime laws, particularly under the Cybersecurity Act, 2020 (Act 1038) and the Electronic Communications Act.

The CSA urges all graduates to exercise caution and maintain decency and respect in their online interactions. Social media should be used as a tool for personal development, a place to showcase creativity, promote entrepreneurship, build meaningful networks, and access academic and professional opportunities.

As Ghana continues to progress in its digital transformation, the CSA emphasises the importance of promoting positive digital citizenship among the youth. Graduates are encouraged to think carefully before posting online, remain aware of the permanent nature of their digital activity, and avoid sharing content that is indecent, harmful, or insulting.

The Authority will continue collaborating with key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Education, civil society organisations, and community leaders, to raise awareness about safe and responsible online behaviour.

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