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Following its inauguration by the Honourable Minister for the Interior, Mohammed Mubarak Muntaka, on 8th September 2025, the Gbinyiri Mediation Committee promptly commenced work by formulating a roadmap and designed a process for an inclusive dialogue with the communities and stakeholders in Gbinyiri and surrounding conflict-affected areas. For the sake of clarity about roles and responsibilities, the Mediation Committee is not planning to invite parties to engage in negotiations on any matter, including land.

Rather, the body is actively engaging key actors, including chiefs, elders, community leaders, civil society organisations, religious leaders, women and youth associations as well as other influencing voices of reason in preparation for bilateral stakeholder dialogues and a collective intercommunal dialogue. Its focus remains on fostering healing and rebuilding intercommunal trust to enable the safe return of refugees from Ghana's borders with Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso, as well as internally displaced persons to their homes. The return of peace that is sustainable between people who have co-existed for more than a century is the main focus.

In this spirit, the Committee calls on all Ghanaians to embody national solidarity and extend support to the people of Gbinyiri and neighbouring communities. Everyone, whether individuals, organisations, or associations is urged to refrain from public statements and sharing content on social media that might escalate tensions or undermine ongoing peace efforts. All media houses, journalists, bloggers and online platforms are urged to exercise the highest standard of professionalism in reporting this matter and be guided by conflict sensitive journalism.

Deep appreciation is extended to Chiefs, Elders, Community leaders, and associations whose tolerance and leadership have contributed to the visible calm in the area. Gratitude is also expressed to the security operatives on the ground for their tireless commitment to maintaining law and order. Above all, tolerance must continue to guide our collective actions so that, together, we can achieve lasting peace in Gbinyiri and the surrounding areas through non-violent means.

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