

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (NACSA)



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GUN AMNESTY IS COMING!

The Government of Ghana and the Minister for the Interior is deeply concerned about the increasing proliferation of illicit firearms and the high incidence of gun related violence in the country. To fight this growing canker, the Minister for the Interior is considering a number of policy actions proposed by the National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons which includes the declaration of a gun amnesty in the coming days or weeks.

For some time now, illicit firearms have crept quietly into our homes, markets, streets, social gatherings and traditional celebrations. They have turned small quarrels into funerals, land disputes into wars, misunderstandings into gun fights, and traditional celebrations into mourning. These illicit firearms are gradually writing stories of fear, death, crime, sorrow and regret in our societies. It is therefore time for our collective action to end these sad stories.

Under the leadership of the Hon. Minister for the Interior, and with support from the Ghana Police Service, the National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons as well as the allied Security Agencies, the Government of Ghana will soon declare a Gun Amnesty Programme for any person in possession of an unregistered or illicit firearm to surrender it without facing arrest, interrogation, or prosecution. No questions will be asked, no charges will be pressed during the period; just freedom and peace offered to all.

This will be a chance for every citizen in possession of an unregistered or illicit firearm to surrender it, walk free, and help make Ghana safer for all. This is not a witch hunt, neither is it focused on prosecution. It is simply about saving lives, preventing tragedy, and giving every Ghanaian the chance to choose peace over violence.

We are, therefore, calling on all Ghanaians who have illicit firearms whether hidden at home, buried on a farm, or kept “just in case” to prepare now. Get ready to hand it in when the time comes. Each weapon surrendered will be one less instrument of fear, one less threat to our children’s safety, and one more step toward a peaceful Ghana.

When you surrender your gun, you are not giving up power; you are reclaiming peace. You are protecting lives, including your own. You are saying “No” to gun crime, “No” to gun violence, and “Yes” to Ghana.

Talk to your families, talk to your neighbours and tell your friends that a Gun Amnesty is coming. Let’s act together when the amnesty is finally declared. Let’s show the world that Ghana chooses peace, freedom, unity and hope over gun violence.

Gun amnesty is coming, so get ready to surrender your firearm to secure your own future!

For further enquiries, please call the Commission on 059 907 0944.

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