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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **MELPWU DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF LAB SCIENTIST WRONGFULLY ARRESTED IN MILITARY/POLICE SWOOP**

The Medical Laboratory Professional Workers' Union (MELPWU) has learned with deep concern the wrongful arrest and detention of our member, Mr. Isaac Sakyi, a Medical Laboratory Scientist at St. Elizabeth Catholic Hospital, Hwidiem, during a joint military-police operation in the area in the early hours of today, Wednesday, 12th November 2025.

According to verified reports, Mr. Sakyi, who was just about closing from his night shift was making a phone call at the entrance of the hospital premises, was pounced upon by military personnel, assaulted, and subsequently taken away without explanation. A follow-up by colleagues and MELPWU representatives to the Hwidiem Police Station revealed that he had been moved to Tepa under unclear circumstances.

MELPWU views this action as an abuse of power, a violation of Mr. Sakyi's rights, and an affront to the dignity of all law-abiding professionals who continue to serve their communities with dedication. We demand his immediate and unconditional release, as no justification exists for his unlawful arrest and detention.

While the Union acknowledges the importance of the ongoing joint security anti-galamsey operations by the Ghana Armed Forces and the Ghana Police Service in parts of the Ashanti, Ahafo, and Volta Regions, we firmly insist that law enforcement must be done within the confines of the law and respect the right of innocent citizens. We caution that such acts of arbitrary arrest and intimidation erode public trust in the security agencies and risk undermining legitimate national security efforts.

MELPWU calls on the Ag. Minister for Defence, the Minister for the Interior, and the Inspector-General of Police to urgently intervene to secure the release of Mr. Sakyi and to ensure that those responsible for his assault and unlawful detention are held accountable.

We further urge the Ghana Armed Forces and the Police Service to adopt a more professional and intelligence-driven approach in their operations to avoid punishing innocent citizens who have no involvement in illegal activities.

Should our member not be released within the shortest possible time, MELPWU will be left with no choice but to advise itself on the next line of action in defense of our members' rights and safety.

We reiterate our commitment to the rule of law, justice, and civility in national security operations and call on all stakeholders to ensure that innocent professionals are not made victims of systemic overreach.

Thank you.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cephas Kofi Akortor', with a stylized, cursive script.

**DR. CEPHAS KOFI AKORTOR**

(General Secretary)

*For and on behalf of MELPWU*