

**PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT BY NAGRAT ON THE ASSAULT OF A
TEACHER BY STUDENTS OF KADE SENIOR HIGH TECHNICAL SCHOOL**



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Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the media,

We have invited you here today to address a matter of grave concern that strikes at the very heart of our education system: ***the growing wave of assaults on teachers across Ghana.***

Our immediate concern arises from the recent viral video circulating in the media space, showing a group of students from Kade Senior High Technical School viciously assaulting a teacher on his way home. This barbaric and shameful act has shocked the entire teaching fraternity and the Ghanaian public.

Currently, The National Secretariat of NAGRAT and The Director General of Ghana Education Service have constituted independent committees to investigate and report same for necessary actions to be taken against the perpetrators.

Preliminary investigations conducted by our union reveal that, the assaulted teacher was simply ensuring discipline and upholding school rules when he became the target of a gang of unruly students. Our interactions with teachers at Kade SHTS

further disclosed, that the school staff had to intervene swiftly to prevent a retaliatory attack on the perpetrators. The situation was tense, and emotions among teachers remain understandably high.

Let it be clear: this incident is not isolated. It is part of a disturbing trend that has spread across our schools. In September 2025, a second-year student of Takoradi Technical Institute, identified as Emmanuel Sam, stabbed a teacher after the teacher attempted to stop him from entering the school through an unauthorized path. Earlier in 2025, during the WASSCE examination, a student of Christian Methodist Senior High School stabbed a teacher Walter Yesutor Adanunyo for preventing him from engaging in examination malpractice. In 2024, a teacher named Ishmael Famous of Asuoso SHS in the Offinso District of the Ashanti Region was brutally attacked and stabbed in the eye by a student after instructing students to return to class and study. In 2021, a final-year student of Three Town SHS in Denu stabbed a teacher who had intervened to stop him from manhandling a first-year student. That same year, in another disturbing incident, students at the Nungua Cluster of Schools led an attack on their teacher, Moses Onyameasem. These attacks are becoming alarmingly frequent.

As a union, NAGRAT condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the assault on the Kade SHTS teacher and all similar acts of brutality perpetrated against educators in Ghana.

Teachers are the backbone of our nation's development without their dedication, there is no education, no progress, and no future. It is therefore unacceptable and intolerable that they continue to work under threats, violence, and fear from the very students they strive to guide and educate.

The safety and dignity of teachers are non-negotiable. It is both a moral and legal obligation of the state, the Ghana Education Service (GES), and the Ministry of Education must guarantee the protection of every teacher in the line of duty. No teacher should face physical harm, verbal abuse, or psychological trauma simply for performing their professional responsibilities.

We are therefore calling on the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to immediately arrest and prosecute all students identified in the Kade SHTS video. Justice must be swift and uncompromising not only to serve as a deterrent but also to restore confidence among teachers nationwide.

Let us sound this note of warning:

If prompt action is not taken by the Ghana Police Service and the Ghana Education Service to prosecute the culprits(students) and give a **fair compensation** to the victim involved within **fourteen (14) working days**, teachers across the country may be forced to embark on a nationwide sit-down strike, a situation that will inevitably disrupt the 2026 academic calendar. The patience of teachers has reached its limit, and we will no longer tolerate a system that allows our members to be beaten, insulted, and humiliated without consequence.

We also call on the Ministry of Education, GES, and traditional authorities to work collaboratively with security agencies to enhance safety protocols in schools. Every teacher deserves a safe and secure working environment. Furthermore, NAGRAT is demanding that a risk allowance be instituted immediately for all teachers, recognizing the increasing dangers associated with their duties.

We urge the media to continue giving prominence to these issues, to amplify the voice of teachers, and to hold authorities accountable for the safety and welfare of educators.

In conclusion, the assault on our colleague at Kade Senior High Technical School is a national disgrace that must never be repeated. NAGRAT stands firm to defend the dignity, rights, and safety of every teacher in this country.

We demand justice, protection, and respect for the Ghanaian teacher now, not later. We also want to commend the Director General for the swift action to ensure the matter is thoroughly investigated to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Thank you for your attention and continued support in championing this critical cause.

Long live Ghana!

Long live NAGRAT !

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Awoonor-Yevu Godwin'.

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