

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (NACSA)



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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR EXTENDS GUN AMNESTY PROGRAMME TO 30TH JANUARY, 2026

The National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons (NACSA) welcomes the decision by the Hon. Minister for the Interior to extend the Gun Amnesty Programme (GAP) for an additional two weeks.

The extension, which runs from 16th to 30th January, 2026, follows encouraging public response to the initial Gun Amnesty period, which commenced on 1st December, 2025 and was due to end on 15th January, 2026. This will provide further opportunity for individuals, especially in hard-to-reach communities, to voluntarily surrender or register their unlicensed or illicit firearms without fear of interrogation, arrest, or prosecution.

NACSA wishes to emphasise that after 30th January, 2026, security agencies will intensify enforcement operations, and any person found in possession of an unregistered or illicit firearm will be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with the law.

The Commission urges chiefs, traditional authorities, religious leaders, opinion leaders, community groups, and the media to continue supporting the Gun Amnesty Programme (GAP) by encouraging full participation within their communities.

The Gun Amnesty Programme provides Ghana a choice to reduce the proliferation of illicit firearms and the high incidence of gun-related violence and deaths. The time is now, let us silence the guns for our own safety.

Guns down, Ghana up!

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