

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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SEEKING JUSTICE FOR NANA AGYEI AHYIA

ACCRA, 2ND FEBRUARY, 2026 – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has taken note of a video circulating on social media purporting to address Ghana's efforts to seek justice for the late Nana Agyei Ahya, a Ghanaian student who tragically lost his life under unusual circumstances while studying at Riga Technical University in Latvia.

The Ministry wishes to categorically reject and correct the false, misleading and unfounded assertions contained in the said video, in which a woman purporting to be a sister of the deceased alleges, among other things, that the deceased's mother was required to make payments to facilitate her travel, that government officials travelled to Latvia without any family member, and that a fake airline ticket was issued to the deceased's mother.

The Ministry states emphatically that it has remained in constant and transparent engagement with the family of the deceased to facilitate the travel of two duly nominated family members and a pathologist to Latvia. At no time has the Ministry, or any government official acting on its behalf, demanded or received any form of payment from the family. For the avoidance of doubt, the Government of Ghana is fully bearing the cost of all travel arrangements.

In furtherance of this commitment, the Ministry actively facilitated the visa application process for the nominated family members, who were initially scheduled to travel by 31st January 2026. This travel did not materialise due to delays in visa issuance by the relevant authorities. It must be clearly stated that, at the time of their visa appointments, the family members failed to present all the requisite documentation. Upon receipt of the outstanding documents, the Ministry promptly facilitated their submission to the concerned Embassy.

The Ministry formally notified the mother of the deceased on Friday evening and again on Saturday that travel could not proceed as scheduled, as the visas had not yet been issued and the passports remained in the custody of the Embassy.

Notwithstanding these clear communications, the mother subsequently indicated on Saturday evening that she was at the airport in the company of bloggers and intended to approach the airline counter for what she described as evidentiary purposes. She was expressly informed by the Ministry's official in contact with her that the document in her possession was not a confirmed airline ticket, but merely an itinerary generated exclusively to support the visa application process, and that travel was not possible in the absence of her passport.

The Ministry remains actively engaged with the relevant authorities to secure the outstanding visas. It must be firmly stated that the deliberate distortion of facts and the circulation of misinformation on a matter of this gravity are deeply regrettable and will not be countenanced, as such actions mislead the public, undermine confidence in state institutions, and detract from the collective effort to establish the truth surrounding the tragic death of a Ghanaian citizen.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterates its unwavering commitment to the protection and welfare of Ghanaians abroad and to the pursuit of justice for the late Nana Agyei Ahya.

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