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**CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE COMMENDS GOVERNMENT FOR PROMPT
EVACUATION OF GHANAIS FROM SOUTH AFRICA**

The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament, Hon. Alfred Okoe Vanderpuije, has commended the Government of Ghana for its prompt and proactive intervention in evacuating Ghanaian citizens from South Africa following the recent wave of xenophobic attacks targeting foreign African nationals.

Hon. Vanderpuije noted with deep concern the disturbing reports of violence, intimidation and harassment directed at African migrants in parts of South Africa. According to him, the unfortunate development has affected many Ghanaians and other African nationals residing and working in the country.

The Chairman particularly applauded the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, under the leadership of the Honorable Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, for demonstrating decisive leadership and compassion in coordinating the evacuation exercise in collaboration with Ghana's Ambassador to South Africa, H.E. Benjamin Quarshie, and officials of the Ghana High Commission in Pretoria.

"I am encouraged by the strong assurance given by Government that no Ghanaian citizen would be abandoned in moments of distress regardless of where they may find themselves across the globe. This assurance reflects the true spirit of responsible governance and national solidarity," Hon. Vanderpuije stated.



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He further commended the efforts made to provide emergency travel documentation, consular assistance and reintegration support for the returning citizens, stressing that such interventions demonstrate Ghana's unwavering commitment to the protection, dignity and welfare of its people.

As Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament, Hon. Vanderpuije assured the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Committee's fullest support in all efforts aimed at safeguarding Ghanaian citizens abroad and strengthening the country's diplomatic engagements.

He stated that Parliament of Ghana stands in solidarity with all victims of the unfortunate xenophobic attacks and extends heartfelt sympathy to affected families during these difficult moments.

Hon. Vanderpuije also called on African leaders, the African Union and all relevant stakeholders to intensify efforts toward promoting African unity, tolerance, peaceful coexistence and the protection of human rights across the continent.

"Africa's strength lies in unity, brotherhood and mutual respect. There is therefore no place for xenophobia, intolerance and violence against fellow Africans anywhere on the continent," he emphasized.

The Chairman further urged all Ghanaians currently residing in South Africa to remain law-abiding, stay in close contact with Ghana's diplomatic mission, and adhere to all safety advisories issued by authorities.

Signed,

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