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NATIONAL CHIEF IMAM & MUFTI OF REP. OF GHANA



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

**STATEMENT OF THE EMINENT NATIONAL CHIEF IMAM ON THE CONFUSION AMONG  
THE AHLUSSUNNAH WAL JAMAAH (ASWAJ) ON THE DAY OF EID-AL-ADHA 2026**

His Eminence the National Chief Imam, Shaikh Dr Osman Nuhu Sharubutu, expresses discomfort with the confusion that erupted among members of Ahlussunnah Wal Jamaah (ASWAJ) on the day of Eid-Al-Adha 2026.

The intra-sectarian dispute is broadly related to leadership legitimacy, constitutional validity, and financial accountability. But the Eid-day commotion was specifically about which of the two Deputy National Imams of Ahlussunnah was authorized to lead the festive prayer at the forecourt of Parliament, Accra.

His Eminence describes the incident as a painful irony that defeats the fundamental purposes of the sacred day: celebration and reflection. He, therefore, calls on the factions involved to allow peace and reconciliation to prevail.

The Grand Imam contends that in a country defined by interfaith harmony of global repute, intra-faith cordiality should be a celebrated norm. He advises the Ahlussunnah fraternity, particularly the youth, to respect leadership.

In the wisdom of His Eminence, Islam endorses criticism, but Muslims are obliged to criticize within the confines of decency, rationality, humility, and legality. "Indeed, language vulgarism in the name of leadership criticism is incompatible with Islamic moralism", he emphasizes.

In a balanced tone, His Eminence appeals to the leadership too to prioritize patience, tolerance, and forgiveness in handling the followship. He contends that the failure of Ahlussunnah will not be judged by the possibility of conflicts among them, but by the impossibility of solutions to the conflicts.

His Eminence declares his readiness to leverage an amalgamation of religious and secular mechanisms in search for solution to the dispute. He, however, reminds the Ahlussunnah fraternity that an amicable solution is a collective responsibility and a civic duty.

In conclusion, His Eminence admonishes the Ahlussunnah membership to be guided by the following words of Allah:

- **"The believers are but brothers, so make reconciliation between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy." (Quran 49: 10)**

May Allah Unify and Bless the Ummah. Ameen

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