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PRESS RELEASE

PROTEST AND CONDEMNATION OF A STATEMENT BY HON. MUBARAK MOHAMMED MUNTAKA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR

The attention of the Teacher Unions (GNAT, NAGRAT and PRETAG), has been drawn to a statement purportedly made by **Hon. Mubarak Mohammed Muntaka, Minister of Interior**, and member of Parliament for the Asawase Constituency, widely reported on electronic and social media.

Hon. Muntaka Mubarak, is said to have announced the dismissal and blacklisting of multiple security service recruits who used forged or doctored West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) results. In the said announcement, Hon. Muntaka, indicated that, the *Falsification of WASSCE Results should have been the GES and Teachers and not the Security Services*. Thereby *accusing the GES and the Teaching Profession and by extension indicting not only the Sector Minister, Hon. Haruna Iddrisu, the Director General, GES and but also her Excellency the current Vice President of Ghana, who is not only a Professional Teacher, but also was once upon a time, the Minister of Education*, by drawing comparison that the *GES and the Teaching Profession are NOT monitored* as heavily as the Security Agencies, prompting widespread public debates on the issue.

Hon. Mubarak Mohammed Muntaka, is said to have made this categorical statement on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, when speaking at a ceremony during the opening of classroom Facilities at Asokore Mampong Roman Catholic School, in the Ashanti Region.

The Teacher Unions hereby react to **Hon. Mubarak Mohammed Muntaka** as follows:

1. The Teacher Unions and the entire Teaching Profession condemn in no uncertain terms the unfortunate, offensive, misguided, vicious, derogatory, and irresponsible statement coming from a Minister who is expected to know better rather than *accusing and attributing forged and doctored WASSCE Certificates to the GES, Teachers* and by extension *indicting the Sector Minister, Hon. Haruna Iddrisu, the Director General, GES and also the current Vice President of Ghana, who is not only a Professional Teacher, but was once upon a time, the Minister of Education*.

2. For the information of the general public, we want to point out, that as Teachers, we are not above criticisms. However, when someone subjects us and our Profession to insults and ridicule, to berate and set us up for attacks and create disaffection for us, as does Hon. Muntaka, in the said video, then we have no option than to defend ourselves and safeguard our profession. We wish to state that we won't accept any repugnant and offensive expressions on our persons as teachers and our profession.
3. Let us make it clear to Hon. Muntaka that the Teacher Unions would not sit unconcerned for its members to be taken to the cleaners by people in positions of responsibility. Our teachers cannot be made scapegoats or guinea pigs by any government appointee.
4. It must be stated that to enter the Education Service, applicants must hold a relevant educational qualification such as a Bachelor's Degree in Education, a degree with a PGDE/PGCE, or a Diploma in Basic Education, and must have completed their National Service. Additionally, candidates must possess a valid National Teaching Council (NTC) Teaching License and be willing to accept postings to underserved areas. During the application process, candidates are required to submit digital copies of their academic certificates, National Service Certificate, NTC teaching license, Ghana Card, a passport-sized photograph, and active contact details. These personal records are subjected to *rigorous checks and audit* at the institutions that awarded the said certificate(s). It is therefore unfortunate that Hon. Muntaka is accusing and attributing forged and doctored WASSCE Certificates to the GES, Teachers and by extension *indicting the Sector Minister, Hon. Haruna Iddrisu, the Director General, GES and also the current Vice President of Ghana, who is not only a Professional Teacher, but was once upon a time, the Minister of Education.*
5. We therefore condemn in no uncertain terms the utterances of Hon. Muntaka and hereby remind all those who take delight in inflicting verbal and physical pain on teachers and the teaching profession to note that Ghanaian Teachers have at all material times being mindful of Article 41 of the 1992 Republican Constitution of Ghana, which enjoins Ghanaians to be each other's keeper. This, however, should not be misconstrued as weakness on the part of teachers.

We wish to remind all that: **IF YOU CAN READ THIS, THANK A TEACHER! TEACHERS SHOULD BE CELEBRATED AND NOT DENIGRATED.**

6. Flowing from the above, we wish to reemphasize that we are fed up with these scapegoating and blame games on our teachers. Enough is enough! We hereby give Hon. Muntaka, the benefit of hindsight to do the needful by retracting and apologizing to Teachers.

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