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GAF CAUTIONS AGAINST UNAUTHORISED USE OF MILITARY-PATTERN UNIFORMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS

The attention of the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) has been drawn to the unauthorized and unlawful use of military-pattern uniforms and accoutrements by protesters during demonstrations, as well as by individuals providing security for some public figures. GAF has also noted with dismay similar illegal acts among persons operating in illegal mining areas (Galamsey sites) and some political activists. Despite ongoing education and warnings, this concerning trend appears to be increasing.

During recent demonstrations in Accra and Kumasi, it was observed that some protesters and individuals claiming to provide private security to dignitaries were dressed in military-pattern camouflage uniforms and other military-style gears. Similar instances were noted during anti-galamsey operations conducted by GAF. Such actions risk creating the false impression that these individuals are part of GAF, thereby tarnishing the reputation of the Armed Forces.

It is essential to highlight that these unauthorized acts contravene the National Liberation Council Decree (NLCD) 177 of 1967, which remains in effect. This decree explicitly states: "No person shall wear or use any military uniforms, equipment, or accoutrements or other material unless he or she is a member of the Armed Forces of Ghana." Moreover, the misuse of military attire can facilitate impersonation and enable criminal activities; posing a serious threat to public safety.

In light of the security implications of these illegal acts, GAF will henceforth take decisive actions, including, the arrest of persons who violate these regulations to face the full rigour of the law. We also urge the public to report any suspicious activities involving unauthorised military attire. GAF reassures the public of its unwavering commitment to protecting citizens and maintaining the territorial integrity of Ghana. As the country approaches the 2024 general elections, the cooperation of all citizens is essential in upholding peace and security.

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