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CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA CONDEMNS THE ATTACK ON JOURNALIST ERASTUS ASARE DONKOR AND CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

The Christian Council of Ghana unequivocally condemns the violent assault on journalist Erastus Asare Donkor and his colleagues while they were performing their duties in the Amansie South District of the Ashanti Region. This brazen attack, which occurred in Asumenya during their coverage of illegal mining's devastating impact on the environment, represents a serious affront to press freedom, public safety, and the democratic principles that we uphold as a nation.

Journalists play a vital role in uncovering the truth and holding individuals and institutions accountable. The Council is therefore deeply disturbed by reports that armed thugs, allegedly acting under the orders of Edelmetallum Mining Resources Limited, carried out this heinous act to silence the voices exposing environmental damage. Such an attack not only endangers the lives of journalists but also threatens the public's right to information and the nation's fight against illegal mining.

We commend the swift action taken by the Ghana Police Service in arresting some suspects linked to the incident and urge a full and comprehensive investigation to ensure that all perpetrators and those behind the attack are brought to justice without delay. Justice must be served to affirm the protection of journalists and reinforce Ghana's commitment to upholding human rights and the rule of law.

The Christian Council also calls on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Minerals Commission (MC) to urgently assess the operations of Edelmetallum Mining Resources Limited. Given the serious allegations of environmental harm, an immediate suspension of the company's activities should be considered as a precautionary measure until the investigation is completed.

As we continue to advocate for peace, justice, and responsible governance, the Christian Council of Ghana stands firmly with the media and all those who strive to bring light to issues affecting our society. We urge all stakeholders to join in the effort to protect journalists, defend press freedom, and uphold the values that promote a just and democratic society.

We also offer our prayers for the speedy recovery of Erastus Asare Donkor and his colleagues and assure the Ghanaian media fraternity of our unwavering support during this challenging time.

Thank you

Signed

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