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BORTIANOR POLICE OPERATIONS: DISTURBING CULTURE OF VIOLENCE EMERGING WITHIN THE POLICE SERVICE

The Bureau of Public Safety (BPS) has received with shock another police operation, this time at Bortianor a suburb in the Greater Accra region where five persons suspected to be armed robbers/land guards were killed in an alleged shootout with the police.

While the BPS is concerned about the activities of land guards and armed robbers, a subsequent press statement issued on June 10, 2023, by the police detailing accounts of events leading to the killing of five suspects has raised more questions than answers, casting doubt on the police's modus operandi under such circumstances, procedures, and use of force.

With great distress, we acknowledge the possibility that the five individuals may have fallen victim to what appears to be an unjustified use of force. This is deeply troubling and goes against our constitution's justice and fair treatment principles.

Consequently, the BPS calls for an immediate and independent investigation into the June 8, 2023 incident at Bortianor. The trust and confidence of the public in law enforcement are essential, and it is paramount that any concerns regarding police actions are thoroughly examined by a neutral and objective body. We are minded by outcomes of similar incidents in the recent past and fear that if this trend is not adequately addressed it might endanger innocent lives of citizens, lead to a loss of trust in the police and thus undermine their legitimacy. We are confident that a thorough investigation of this incident will shed light on the truth and enable necessary actions to be taken to prevent the further recurrence of such distressing events.

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