

PRESS RELEASE

RELOCATION OF KWADASO ONION MARKET FROM KWADASO (NEAR THE SOFOLINE INTERCHANGE) TO ATWIMA TAKYIMAN

It has been observed that there has been recent increase in security challenges at the location of the Kwadaso Onion Market near the Sofoline interchange. Below are some of the challenges noted:

1. The parking of the heavy articulated trucks along the road sides causes unnecessary traffic in the area, especially during peak hours.
2. Secondly, it also imposes serious security risk for motorists, pedestrians and all other road users, including the traders themselves.
3. Last week there was an unfortunate incident but for the speedy intervention of the traders themselves who hired a crane to support an articulated truck loaded with onions, the vehicle would have turned over.
4. On the 1st of April 2024, a kia pregio mini bus with registration number AE 3207-13 run through some of the traders and one woman aged 45years lost her life and another man sustained serious injuries and he is currently receiving treatment at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

The Ashanti Regional Security Council (REGSEC) in collaboration with Kwadaso Municipal Security Committee (KMUSEC) have been in the process of relocating these traders but have faced several challenges. Considering the current occurrences of accidents, the REGSEC can no longer superintend over the ever increasing security risk in the area.

Consequently, all **TRADERS** are expected to relocate to the new site at Atwima Takyiman latest by the **MIDNIGHT OF 21ST APRIL 2024** after which nobody will be allowed to operate at the current site. Whoever fails to move by the given deadline will not be

allowed entry into the old market. Demolition of the old market will begin on 22nd April 2024.

Please, respectfully, all must comply with this directive.

Thank you.



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