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PRESS STATEMENT

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The Ashanti Regional Peace Council denounces the target killings of Kumasi Kusasi headman's chief linguist and a sub-chief in the Kusaasi Traditional Council, Abdul Malik Azenbe, at his residence in Asawasi F-line. In addition, three people have also lost their lives in the same manner. We express our sympathies to the communities and families and commend the Ghana Police Service's prompt response. Such prompt responses and continuity in building relationships with the public through proactive overt action will enhance public trust in the service.

For peace and calm to be established within the Asawasi community and the region at large, the Council urges the general public to remain calm and allow the security agencies to carry out thorough investigations into the unfortunate incident. Individuals are encouraged to make constructive use of the appropriate institutions in resolving their grievances rather than resorting to target killings and violence that calls for any reprisals. Additionally, the Council cautions against unguarded statements and conclusions to link the incidents to ethnic conflict, as there is no established evidence to support such claims. Migratory groups are on an economic mission that should serve as a point of agreement to forge harmonious relationships rather than a ripple effect on events in other contexts. We encourage citizens to continue maintaining peace and tranquility in the country by giving authorities early warning information to help fight impunity and rebuild confidence in the peacebuilding infrastructures.

Again, the Council is extremely concerned about the proliferation of illegal arms in the Ghanaian society and Ashanti Region in particular and therefore calls on all stakeholders, especially the security agencies, to support the ongoing community education program on illegal possession of arms and light weapons across the country.

In conclusion, the Council urges citizens to have an oversight responsibilities on the nation's security slogan, "If you see something, say something," and it must be action-related.

Long live Ghana, Long Live Ashanti Region

Signed

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