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SENIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION(SSA) NEDCO BRANCH

VRA DIVISIONAL UNION OF PUBLIC SERVICES
WORKERS UNION OF TUC GHANA

July 31, 2025

Managing Director NEDCo Tamale.

Dear Sir,

RESOLUTION BY VRA/NEDCO STAFF (TAMALE) TO WITHDRAW SERVICES IN THE TAMALE METROPOLIS AND ITS ENVIRONS

The Leadership of the VRA/NEDCo Staff Groups wishes to submit this resolution, which was passed at an emergency meeting by staff in the Northern Area in Tamale today, July 31, 2025, for the immediate withdrawal of all services in the Tamale Metropolis and its environs.

This resolution has become necessary following the attack on some VRA/NEDCo staff in Tamale yesterday, July 30, 2025. The staff driving VRA/NEDCo official vehicles were stopped and brought out of their cars, and assaulted by some youth. The life of VRA/NEDCo staff and properties of the company have become the target of the youth who carried out this barbaric act.

These innocent staff were beaten with clubs and sticks and were almost killed. The vehicles were then seized and parked at the Gukpena Palace.

It would be recalled that several of such attacks on staff and property of VRA/NEDCo have occurred within the Tamale Metropolis in the recent past. The following are a few examples:

- Assault on staff at Lamakara, a suburb of Tamale in 2016 whiles in the company
 of police personnel to invite customers who had reconnected themselves after
 being disconnected for illegal connection.
- Assault on staff and the deflation of company vehicle tyres at Dohinayilli, a suburb of Tamale in 2017 whiles in the company of police personnel to invite customers who had reconnected themselves after being arrested for illegal connection.
- Attack and vandalization of VRA/NEDCo office by some youth in Tamale in 2015
- Assault on VRA/NEDCo staff at Vittin, a suburb of Tamale while on official assignment to disconnect some street lights installed illegally in 2019 by the Assemblyman.

Staff in Tamale and its environs are traumatized by persistent attacks by some youth in Tamale and now fear for their dear lives. We are at a loss as to why innocent staff who were returning to the office after carrying out their legitimate duties were attacked, beaten to a pulp, and the vehicles seized.

We are therefore making the following demands:

- NEDCo Management, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, must ensure that the perpetrators of the assault are identified and brought to justice.
- We demand an explanation for why innocent staff of VRA/NEDCo were assaulted, beaten severely, and almost killed.
- There should be a firm commitment and assurance from all relevant stakeholders regarding the safety and protection of VRA/NEDCo staff and properties.
- The security agencies must immediately retrieve the seized NEDCo vehicles parked at Gukpena Palace.

We, the staff of VRA/NEDCo, believe our lives are under threat and we do not feel safe going out to work. However, we will continue to report to the office and perform our office duties. Our resolve will remain until further notice.

Submitted for your immediate action.

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FUSEINI ADJEI (VRA DIVISIONAL UNION CHAIRMAN)

Cc:

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