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PRESS RELEASE

The Mortuaries and Funeral Facilities Agency, an agency established by the Health Institutions and Facilities Act, 2011 (Act 829) under the Ministry of Health is mandated to license, control and regulate all facilities connected with the storage, transportation and disposal of human remains.

The Agency is dismayed by a video circulating on social media by some youth of Asante Akyem involving the inappropriate handling of a deceased during the performance of funeral rites and other videos in various parts of the country in recent times.

Indeed, the Agency is saddened by the lack of respect and dignity shown towards the deceased.

We condemn such despicable acts as it is against the solemnity and dignity that should be upheld during funeral ceremonies and strongly encourage the public to desist from such practices as it is in contravention with Public Health tenets and not in the best interest of public health and safety.

Section 285 of the Criminal and Other Offences Act, 1960, Act 29.

Hindering burial of the dead.

“A person who unlawfully hinders the burial of the dead body of a person or without lawful authority disinters, dissects or harms the dead body of a person, or being under a duty to cause the dead body of a person to be buried, fails to perform that duty commits a misdemeanor”. Punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

The Agency is committed to working closely with all stakeholders to promote responsible and dignifying funeral practices in Ghana.

We urge the public to report any such abhorrent acts to the Agency for immediate action and urge all to continue to uphold and cherish the memories of our departed loved ones.

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Signed
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