TRADES UNION CONGRESS (GHANA)



ATTACKS ON PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) is profoundly saddened and outraged by unwarranted recent attacks being visited on some public sector workers, and the vicious destruction to state properties and manhandling of well-meaning Ghanaians in their offices and residences. These groups holding themselves out as supporters of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) have in recent times invaded state institutions and locking up offices. These groups and individuals are moving from one state institution to the other, causing mayhem, sometimes in the full glare of Ghana police personnel who have been assigned to protect state properties. The police appear incapable or unwilling to arrest these perpetrators to stop the vandalism. Many have criticized the Police Service for lack of action in such situations which is heralding lawlessness and disrespect to the rule of law on the part of the "party foot soldiers".

These acts of vandalism have stained an otherwise peaceful election and beautiful transfer of political power from one government to another, something which has earned Ghana praise from around the world. The TUC condemns these acts of molestation of innocent workers and needless destruction of state properties in no uncertain terms.

We again wish to remind the perpetrators of these acts that, government will have to find resources to fix the damage caused to state properties with tax payers' money, which could have been used to fix the economy. By this statement, we are calling on the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. John Dramani Mahama, to go beyond the condemnation of these violent acts

by empowering and directing the Ghana police Service to arrest and prosecute people who hide behind their party colours to destroy state properties and engage in unwarranted attacks on innocent Ghanaian Workers.

We also take this opportunity to appeal to all Ghanaians to refrain from such shameful behaviours that are tarnishing our hard-earned reputation as a beacon of democracy under the 4th Republic, especially after a peaceful transition which just took place on the 7th January, 2025.

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